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DARLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the 69th annual report upon the vital statistics and sanitary circumstances of your district for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

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Infantile Mortality.

I regret to report that the Infantile Mortality Rate has not followed the trend of the Country as a whole but has shown an increase.

10 deaths occurred in 1950 as against 7 in 1949.

7 of the 10 deaths were neonatal.

Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age.

2 deaths occurred from this cause which gave a rate much above that for England and Wales — 10.88 as against 1.9.

Maternal Mortality.

The maternal mortality was Nil.

Tuberculosis.

The number of new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during 1950 was half that for 1949.

Deaths due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis decreased from 5 in 1949 to 4 in 1950.

There were no notifications and no deaths for the non-pulmonary form of the disease.

Infectious Disease.

The notifications of these diseases are set out in a separate table in the report.

The increase in the number of notifications as compared with 1949 is largely to be accounted for by an increased incidence of Whooping Cough and to a lesser extent by an increase in the number of cases of measles.

Poliomyelitis.

2 cases were notified (1 confirmed). No notifications were received for this disease during 1949.

Typhoid and Para-Typhoid.

No case of Typhoid or Para-Typhoid occurred in the district during the year.

Food Poisoning.

One case was notified but was found on investigation to be a case of Dysentery.

Dysentery.

2 cases of Dysentery were notified during the year but Dysentery of the Sonne type was probably much more prevalent than is indicated by the number of notifications.

When the first notification was received investigations were made and it was discovered that Gastro Enteritis of a mild type was and had been prevalent in your district and in adjoining districts for some time.

Specimens were sent for Bacteriological examination from all known cases of Enteritis. Some were negative but a certain number were positive for Sonne Dysentery and were followed up until the results of Bacteriological examination became negative.

Because of the mild nature of the illness and the wide spread prevalence of Gastro Enteritis for some time before the first notification was received, it was impossible to discover the source of the outbreak.

Housing.

There is still a need for more new houses throughout your district. I am pleased to note however that there is a reduction in the number of applications in the 1950 list as compared with the list given in the 1949 report.

Water.

Considering the rural nature of your district it is with a few exceptions, well served with public water mains. During 1950 a main was laid to Great Stainton which previously had been served by a public well.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

I am pleased that some progress was made during the year with the preparation of schemes for Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

I wish to express to the Council my appreciation for their continued support and to convey my grateful thanks to the Clerk to the Council, the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector and his staff and other officials of the Council for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

M. W. RODGERS,

M.B., CH.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

**PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE
LOCAL AUTHORITY.**

Medical Officer of Health	...	M. W. Rodgers, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.
Sanitary Inspector and Sur- veyor		J. D. Collins, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Certified Meat and Food Inspector.
Additional Sanitary Inspector	J. Fall, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A. Certified Meat and Food Inspector.	
Engineering Assistants	...	J. Cuthbertson. E. Steele.
Sewage Works Manager	...	J. Black (appointed 1st May, 1950).
Building Inspector	...	A. G. Oxborough
Chief Clerk and General Assistant		F. H. Hurworth.
Pupil Assistant		J. Clough (called for Nation- al Service August, 1950). P. J. Jemmeson (appointed 22nd October, 1950).
Shorthand Typists		Mrs. P. Lambell. Miss M. H. Harrison.

SECTION B.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of Rural District in Acres.	45,064
Population	10,650
Number of Inhabited Houses (including 15 Squatters and 88 Married Quarters) ...	3,042
Sum represented by a penny rate at 1st August, 1950	£357/16/2.
Rateable value at 1st April, 1950 ...	£65,874

Social Conditions and Employment.

The area is primarily an agricultural one, with scattered sand and gravel quarries. In the Northern part of the district a Trading Estate is established and a new town is being built. A Royal Air Force School is stationed at Goosepool Aerodrome and new Brickworks are operating at Hurworth and Neasham.

Newton Aycliffe.

Shortage of building and civil engineering labour, due to the isolated situation of the New Town is still an obstacle against progress in carrying out development. Priority in the tenancy of certain of the houses is being given to building and civil engineering craftsmen although the proposed hostel mentioned in last years report has not materialised.

At the end of the year the population of the designated area was approximately 624 and the total number of houses completed was 141 as against 232 population and 43 houses for 1949. There are a further 323 houses in course of erection, comprising :—

A. LOWER INCOME GROUP.

65	two bedroomed houses
183	three bedroomed houses
32	four bedroomed houses
6	five bedroomed houses
2	one bedroomed houses
10	two bedroomed houses
3	aged persons homes.

B. MIDDLE INCOME GROUP.

5	two bedroomed houses
9	three bedroomed houses
8	four bedroomed houses

The housing allocation for 1951 has been received from the Ministry of Health and is for 511 houses which it is hoped to complete next year (as against 375 houses for 1950).

Work on the erection of a three form entry infants school and a three form entry junior school has commenced on the Sugar Hill Site. However, as it will be some time before the school is ready for use the children are using the schools at Aycliffe, Ferryhill and Shildon.

Pending the erection of a Health Centre, temporary surgery facilities have been provided for the Medical Practitioners serving the area.

The Council considered a proposal from the Ministry of Town and Country Planning regarding a suggestion for increasing the size of Newton Aycliffe from the present maximum of 10,000 to 20,000 population. The Council decided to strongly oppose any suggestion to increase the size of Newton Aycliffe. No further information has been received with regard to any decision made in the matter after the meeting had been held at Newcastle at which interested Local Authorities attended and gave their observations.

The County Council propose establishing a hostel for deaf and dumb people in accordance with their powers under the National Assistance Act, 1948 and site particulars have been submitted.

Agreement has been reached with the Railway Executive regarding the site of a Railway Station on the Darlington/Bishop Auckland branch line at Simpasture Junction in a position approved by the Local Authorities. Construction on part of the tunnel road has been completed and a scheme has been prepared for the construction of a bridge to carry the railway over the second section of the road. Work in connection with the first section of the ring road has been completed and work on the second section is in progress.

Site development works to cost £105,633 are in progress in connection with the construction of main sewers and surface water sewers, estate roads and sewers, piped water supply and tennis courts..

It is interesting to note that applications have been received for the purchase of selected building sites for the erection of private houses.

Proposals for eleven shops with flats have been approved and submitted to the Ministry, tenders are to be invited for the work and it is hoped that progress will be made on this during the coming year.

For sometime past consideration has been given by the Corporation to the need for the designated site to be placed in the area of one of the three Local Authorities concerned (Darlington Rural, Sedgfield Rural and Shildon Urban) and it is hoped that this matter will be settled during the coming year.

The Clarence Farm Community Association is flourishing. Their activities include classes for dressmaking, country folk dancing, weekly whist drives and picture shows. An approach is being made to the County Council with a view to the use of this centre for distribution of Welfare foods and the establishment of a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

Aycliffe Trading Estate.

During the year employment on the estate was afforded for approximately 3,100 people, about 2,000 of this number being males and 1,100 females. The figures of course take no account of the Durham County Police who are stationed on the estate.

The total number of lettings for factory stores etc., at the 31st December, 194³⁰ was 92 including 8 premises let to various Government Departments, an increase of 15 during the year.

The Estate Company has been engaged on the widening of main roads on the estate. General cleaning up of the estate and improvement is most noticeable. A programme for levelling, reseeding and planting is being finalised with a view to further progress being made during next summer.

No. 2 Air Navigation School, Middleton-St.-George.

In connection with the Aerodrome at Goosepool, the position on the 31st December was as follows :—

Houses completed and occupied.	Number of houses in course of erection.
66 permanent Airmens married quarters.	20 permanent Airmens married quarters.
5 Junior Officers/Warrant Officers type married quarters.	
4 Group VI Officers married quarters.	
13 temporary Officers married quarters.	

Employment.

Employment in the area has continued on a high level, most of the work people who became unemployed were quickly placed in other work by Local Officers of the Ministry of Labour and National Service except in a few cases where ~~persons of~~ disability or advancing years made re-employment difficult. There is no serious unemployment problem in the area either in agriculture or otherwise and there is a demand for women workers for factory work in Darlington.

Re-Employ Limited who cater for registered disabled persons continue to provide employment for some of these people.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births and Birth Rate.

The number of live births in the district was 184 as against 186 the previous year.

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	106	74	180
Illegitimate	2	2	4
			184

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population — 17.28.

The rate for England and Wales was 15.8.

Still Births.

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	3	1	4
Illegitimate	...	...	—	—	—
					4

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population — 0.375.

The Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population for England and Wales was 0.37.

The Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total birth (live and still) 21.28.

The total Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population is 17.65.

Maternal Mortality.

Nil.

Infantile Mortality.

Deaths of infants under 1 year — 10.

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	5	5	10
Illegitimate	...	...	—	—	—
					10

Infantile Mortality Rate.

Death rate of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births — 55.5.

Death rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births — 0.00.

Death rate of all infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births — 54.35.

Analysis of Causes of Death in two age groups, under 1 month (neo-natal deaths) and 1 month to 1 year.

Neo-Natal Deaths			Age Group 1 month to 1 year.		
Congenital Defect	...	3	Gastro Enteritis	...	1
Gastro Enteritis	...	1	Pyloric Stenosis	...	1
Atelectasis	...	1	Heart failure & congenital debility	...	1
Haemorrhagic Disease & Prematurity	...	1			—
Acute Nephritis	...	1			3
		7			—

7 of the 10 deaths (70%) were neo-natal.

Deaths and Death Rate.

Male	Female	Total
77	69	146

Death rate per 1,000 of the population — 13.7.

Rate for England and Wales — 11.6.

Table Showing Causes of Death.

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	3	1
Tuberculosis (Other)	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	1
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	—
Acute, Poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other Infective and parasitic disease	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	3	2
Malignant Neoplasm Lung	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	—	6
Malignant Neoplasm Utrus	—	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	6
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	—	1
Diabetes....	—	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	14
Coronary disease, Angina	9	5
Hypertension with heart disease	2	3
Other heart diseases	8	8
Other circulatory disease	3	3
Influenza	—	1
Pneumonia	2	2
Bronchitis	4	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	—	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	—	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	—
Pregnancy, Child Birth and Abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	1	3
Other defined and ill defined diseases	6	2
Motor vehicle accidents	2	—
All other accidents	7	1
Suicide	1	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—
All causes	77	69

Age G'ps	Under 1	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90
Deaths	10	2	—	11	3	7	11	31	49	22

Cancer.

The following table gives the deaths from cancer in age groups and localisation.

Localisation	Age in years					
	1-25	26-45	46-65	66-75	76 upw'ds	Totals
Stomach	—	—	—	3	2	5
Lung	—	—	—	1	—	1
Bladder	—	—	1	—	—	1
Uterus	—	—	1	—	—	1
Breast	—	1	—	4	1	6
Oesophagus	—	—	—	—	2	2
Bowels	—	—	2	1	3	6
Other Sites	—	1	2	1	—	4
	—	2	6	10	8	26

Table of Birth and Death Rates for recent years as compared with England and Wales.

Years	General Death Rate		Infantile Mort. Rate		Live Birth Rate	
	D'ton R.D.C.	Eng & Wales	D'ton R.D.C.	Eng & Wales	D'ton R.D.C.	Eng & Wales
1940	13.08	14.3	73.77	55	15.92	14.6
1941	11.07	12.9	76.2	59	14.9	14.2
1942	10.06	11.6	12.9	49	16.32	14
1943	12.07	12.1	51.84	49	16.75	16.5
1944	12.04	11.6	45	46	12.26	17.6
1945	13.69	11.4	45	46	17.39	16.1
1946	12.15	11.5	46	43	16.20	19.1
1947	12.09	12	41.88	41	20.08	20.5
1948	9.47	10.8	34.48	34	17.35	17.9
1949	9.5	11.7	37.6	32	18.1	16.7
1950	13.7	11.6	54.35	29.8	17.28	15.8

Birth Rates, Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case Rates for infectious Diseases 1950.

	Darlington R.D.C.	England & Wales
	Rate per 1,000 Home pop.	
Births :—		
Live	17.28	15.8
Still	0.375	0.37
Deaths :—		
All Causes	13.7	11.6
Typhoid and Para Typhoid	—	0.00
Whooping Cough	—	0.01
Diphtheria	—	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.37	0.36
Influenza	0.094	0.10
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio Encephalitis	—	0.02
Small Pox	—	—
Pneumonia	0.37	0.46
Notifications (corrected)—		
Typhoid Fever	—	0.00
Para-Typhoid Fever	—	0.01
Meningococcal Infection	—	0.03
Scarlet Fever	0.19	1.50
Whooping Cough	2.065	3.60
Diphtheria	—	0.02
Erysipelas	0.094	0.17
Small Pox	—	0.00
Measles	5.73	8.39
Pneumonia	0.37	0.70
Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)—		
Paralytic	0.094	0.13
Non-Paralytic	0.00	0.05
Food Poisoning	0.00	0.17
	Rate per 1,000 live births	
Death under 1 year of age	54.35	29.8
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years	10.88	1.9
	Rate per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. live & still)	
Maternal Mortality :—		
Abortion with Sepsis	—	0.09
Other Abortion	—	0.05
Complication of Pregnancy and Delivery	—	0.54
Sepsis of Childbirth & Puerperium	—	0.03
Other complications	—	0.15

A dash (—) signifies that there were no deaths.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Table of cases as notified set out in age groups.

	At all ages	Under 1		1—2		3—4		5—9		10—14		15—24		25 and over		Total Deaths	Hospital	Home
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
Scarlet Fever	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Diphtheria	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis :																		
(a) Paralytic	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
(b) Non-Paralytic	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (Primary & Infl.)	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	3
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	61	4	1	3	5	10	4	15	16	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	61
Whooping Cough	22	—	—	4	3	1	2	3	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
Food Poisoning	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	95	4	1	9	8	11	7	18	24	3	2	—	1	6	1	—	6	89

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Table of cases after correction set out in age groups.

	At all ages	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Total Deaths	Hospital	Home
		M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F			
Scarlet Fever	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Diphtheria	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis:											
(a) Paralytic	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
(b) Non-Paralytic	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (Primary & Infl.)	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	3
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	61	4	3	10	15	1	1	—	—	—	61
Whooping Cough	22	—	4	1	3	2	—	—	—	—	22
Food Poisoning	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	93	4	9	11	18	3	1	5	—	5	88

95 cases of infectious diseases were notified (93 confirmed) as against 70 notifications in 1949.

Total number of cases admitted to Isolation Hospital — 5 as against 12 for 1949.

Infectious Diseases.		Suspected	Confirmed
Scarlet Fever	...	2	2
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	...	2	1
Erysipelis	...	1	1

Laboratory Work.

Bacteriological Examinations.

FAECES

Enteric		Dysentery		Food Poisoning		Other Organisms		Totals	
Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Neg.
—	26	12	27	—	26	—	2	12	81

SWABS (Throat, Nasal etc.)

SPUTUM

CULTURES

Diphtheria		Haemolytic Strep.		Other Organisms		Tuberculosis		Miscellaneous		Totals.	
Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	Neg.
—	2	4	2	—	2	4	5	3	10	11	21

DIPHTHERIA.

Return for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

Number of Children who had completed a full course of Primary Immunisation in the Authorities Area.			Number of Children who were given a reinforcing injection.	
Age at date of final injection.		Total.		
Under 5		5 - 14		
83		14	97	18

Diphtheria Notifications and Deaths, 1950.

No notifications were received during the year. The figures for 1949 were 7 notifications and no deaths.

Tuberculosis.

New cases and Mortality during 1950 :—

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory male	female	Non-Respira'y male	female	Respiratory male	female	Non-Respira'y male	female
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6-10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11-15	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
16-20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21-25	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
26-35	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
36-45	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
46-55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56-65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
66 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Total	1	2	—	—	3	1	—	—
	3		0		4		0	

The total number of new cases for 1950 was 3 (all pulmonary) against a total of 6 cases of Tuberculosis (pulmonary) for the year 1949.

Four deaths occurred during 1950 (all pulmonary) against 5 deaths registered the year previous (4 pulmonary and 1 non-pulmonary).

Number of cases on register.

Year	Pulmonary			Non Pulmonary		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1949	13	9	22	6	4	10
1950	11	9	20	6	4	10

Food Poisoning.

1 notification of Food Poisoning was received during the year but the diagnosis was not confirmed.

National Assistance Act, 1948. Section 47.

No action was taken under this section.

HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL) IN YOUR AREA.

Residential Hostel Accommodation — The County Council provide hostel accommodation for aged, infirm and handicapped persons, but the accommodation at present is limited. Application for assistance should be made to the County Medical Officer, Health Department, Shire Hall, Durham, Telephone No. Durham 980, Extension 133.

Home Nursing—A Home Nursing Service is provided by the County Council, and any requests for a district nurse should be made to the nurses in your area or to the Superintendent of the County Nursing Association, 30 New Elvet, Durham, Telephone No. Durham 1640, Extension 4.

Vaccination and Immunisation:—

- (a) Vaccination against smallpox may be obtained free of charge on application to any medical practitioner who has agreed to give service within the National Health Service Scheme.
- (b) Immunisation against diphtheria may be carried out on application to maternity and child welfare centres or to any general practitioner operating under the National Health Service Act, free of charge.

Domiciliary Midwifery Service — Names and address of the Midwives available can be obtained from the child welfare centres or medical practitioners.

Domestic Help — Domestic helps are provided by the County Council where necessary in cases of sickness, child-birth infirmity or other household emergencies. A charge for the service is made in accordance with income scales. Application should be made through the district health visitors or the County Medical Officer, Health Department, Shire Hall, Durham, Telephone No. Durham 1616.

Health Visitors — This service is maintained by the County Council and the health visitor is the connecting link between the home and the health activities of the County Council. Details of the health visitors serving the area may be obtained from the County Medical Officer, Shire Hall, Durham, Telephone No. Durham 980, Extension 305.

Ambulance Service — Ambulance transport may be obtained on application to the nearest control, telephone No. Darlington 3333. Except in cases of emergency applications should be made by medical practitioners, hospitals, midwives, or dentists. Ambulances can be booked in advance on the production of a certificate from a medical practitioner certifying the need for transport.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care — Facilities are available for the assistance of sick persons in any manner which may be necessary, e. g. the provision of extra nourishment, sick room requisites, invalid chairs etc. Advice may be obtained on application to the County Medical Officer, Health Department, Shire Hall, Durham. Telephone No. Durham 980, Extension 35. A charge may be made for this service under certain circumstances according to income scale.

Mental Health Services — A comprehensive scheme is provided by the County Council. Details and assistance can be obtained on application to the County Medical Officer, Shire Hall, Durham, telephone No. Durham 980, Extension 237 or to the Duly Authorised Officer, telephone No. Stockton 66911.

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Arrangements exist for Mothers and children under 5 years to attend Darlington Borough Clinics where this is more convenient. County clinics to serve certain areas of the Rural District are held as shown in the following table. Advice can also be obtained on application to the County Medical Officer, 42 Old Elvet, Durham, Telephone No. Durham 980, Extension 301.

Address of Centre	Sessions
Sedgefield.	
Surveyor's Office.	Ante-natal clinic —Alternate Child Welfare Centre Tuesdays.
Shildon.	
Friends Meeting House Byerley Road.	Ante-natal clinic —Alternate Wednesday mornings. Tuesday mornings weekly Child Welfare Centre —Alternate Wednesdays. Ultra-Violet Ray Clinic —Monday & Friday afternoons.
Chilton.	
Red Cross Station	Ante-natal clinic —Alternate Wednesday afternoons. Child Welfare Centre —Alternate Wednesday mornings

(A Centre was opened at Middleton-St.-George on June 18th 1951 — Alternate Monday afternoons).

Maternity Homes and Hospitals — These are controlled by the Regional Hospital Board but applications for admission should be made to the Medical Officers at the maternity and Child Welfare Centres shown in the previous table.

Accommodation for unmarried Mothers is available at Maternity Homes provided by the Regional Hospital Board and the Durham Diocesan Moral Welfare Association also maintain homes for unmarried Mothers and Babies. Application for admission should be made to the Medical Officers at the Child Welfare Centres.

Homeless children can be admitted to residential nurseries or cottage homes administered by the County Council of Durham.

Convalescent Home — The E. F. Peile County Convalescent Home, Shotley Bridge (Tel. No. Shotley Bridge 27) is controlled by the County Council of Durham and admits Nursing Mothers with their Babies and Children under five years of age. Applications for admission should be made at the child welfare centres.

Clinics and Welfare Centres held in the County Borough of Darlington which are attended by Mothers from the Rural District.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.

Corporation Road Methodist Schoolroom	— Monday 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Thompson Street Methodist Schoolroom, North Road.	— Monday 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Albert Road Schoolhouse, Albert Road.	— Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Eastbourne Nursery School, Belgrave Street.	— Tuesday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wed. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Coniscliffe Road Methodist Schoolroom, Coniscliffe Road.	— Thursday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Cockerton Methodist Schoolroom, The Green, Cockerton.	— Friday 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Haughton-le-Skerne Church Hall.	— Friday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Ante Natal Clinics.

Eastbourne Nursery School, Belgrave Street.	— Thursday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Albert Road Schoolhouse, Albert Road.	— Friday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Services administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

Tuberculosis Services.

Clinics are held at Greenbank Maternity Hospital as follows:—

MALE & FEMALE. Monday morning, 9.30a.m. to 11a.m.

MALE. Wednesday mornings: 9.30 a.m.—11 a.m.

FEMALE. Friday mornings: 9.30 a.m.—11 a.m.

There are In-patient beds at Darlington Memorial Hospital (Hundens Unit) available but most cases requiring remedial sanatorium treatment are sent to Poole Sanatorium, or other Sanatoria in the County.

Venereal Disease.

Clinics are held at Greenbank Maternity Hospital as follows:—

MALE. Tuesday morning—10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tuesday evening—5.30 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Thursday evening—5.30 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Friday evening—5.30 p.m. — 7 p.m.

FEMALE: Monday afternoon—2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Friday afternoon—2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Hospitalisation of Infectious Disease. — There are 40 beds and cots available for this purpose at Darlington Memorial Hospital (Hundens Unit), in Cubicle Block accommodation.

General Hospital Accommodation. — Emergency work and general medical and surgical cases are provided for at Darlington Memorial Hospital (210 beds). Beds are available for cases of chronic sick at East Haven, Darlington (Hospital section) and Cambridge House (Hospital section), Barnard Castle.

Maternity Services. — There are 53 beds provided at Greenbank Maternity Hospital, Darlington. Cases may be sent to the Consultative Clinics at the Hospital.

Sanatoria. — There are no Sanatoria in the Darlington Group, but all cases requiring treatment will be dealt with in allocated beds as is possible, through the Chest Clinics detailed previously.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES, WATER SUPPLY, SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Water.

1. There is a piped water supply to the major part of the Rural District by public mains owned by the following statutory undertakers:—

Tees Valley Water Board.

Durham County Water Board.

Darlington Corporation.

Darlington Rural District Council.

The Council obtains bulk supplies from the Tees Valley Water Board and Darlington Corporation, water from the former authority being distributed through the Darlington Rural District Council mains in the Parishes of Brafferton, Coatham Mundeville, part of Aycliffe and Whessoe and from the latter in part of the parish of Barmpton.

All these supplies are satisfactory both in quantity and quality except at Sadberge where the quantity of water available is rather limited owing to the size of mains and lack of pressure therein.

Although the Council do not take regular samples except in special circumstances we are assured by the three suppliers mentioned above that they regularly sample the water.

In the parishes of Aycliffe, Brafferton, Middleton-St.-George and Neasham the pressure of water and the size of mains are, I understand, such that it is not practical to make extensions which are needed either in the parish or to adjacent parishes.

The majority of the houses not connected to the public mains are isolated premises and are served by private sources of supply (i.e. springs or wells). The hamlet of Low Dinsdale is served by private wells and springs. The parish of Walworth and the parish of Denton ~~is~~ are served by private supplies, wells and springs. The supply in the former parish is not entirely satisfactory in respect of quantity and quality.

2. Samples of water for chemical or bacteriological examination have been taken by the Council as follows :—

No.	Date	Place	Supply.	Reason taken	Observations.
1	17/1/50	Thornton Hall, High Coniscliffe	Well	Request from Owner application for grant from Ministry of Agriculture	Minor Contamination
2	9/8/50	3 White Houses, Sockburn	Well	In connection with proposed extension to water main	Evidence of Surface Contamination
3	9/8/50	Neasham Hill Farm, Neasham	Well	In connection with proposed extension to water main	Evidence of Surface Contamination
4	9/8/50	Brass Castle Farm, Middleton-St.-George	Well	In connection with proposed extension to water main	Evidence of Surface Contamination
5	3/10/50	The Ashes Cottage, Neasham	Spring	In connection with a case of gastro enteritis	Evidence of Surface Contamination
6	7/11/50	Neasham Grange Cottage	Well	In connection with proposed extension to water main	Evidence of Surface Contamination
7	7/11/50	Neasham Grange Farm	Well	In connection with proposed extension to water main	Evidence of Surface Contamination
8	8/11/50	Low Middleton Hall Cottage	Well	In connection with proposed extension to water mains	Evidence of Surface Contamination
9	16/11/50	The Rectory Low Dinsdale	Well	In connection with proposed conversion of Rectory to Flats	Evidence of Surface Contamination

With regard to samples Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8, these were taken to support a claim for an extension of water main in that part of the area.

In the case of sample No. 1 minor adjustments were made to the well on the advice of the Public Analyst.

The occupiers of the cottage concerned with sample No. 5 were immediately advised to boil all water from the spring and contact was made with the owner regarding the execution of repairs to prevent pollution.

With regard to samples No. 9 another well which was sampled last year and proved satisfactory was opened up for use.

The following is a list giving degrees of hardness for each supply :—

	Temporary	Permanent
Durham County Water Board ...	1.60	2.90
Tees Valley Water Board ...	3.1	.91
Darlington Corporation ...	3.70	4.90

3. No. waters in the area are known to have plumbo-solvent action.

5. The proportion of dwelling houses and the proportion of the population supplied from the public mains is as follows:—

PARISH	No. of Houses in Parish	Approx. Population	Water Authority Supplying	Direct to the house		By means of stand pipe	Total houses supplied	% of houses supplied	pop. supplied direct	pop. supplied by stand pipe
				Open	Meter					
Archdeacon Newton...	17	61	Church Commissioners	—	10	—	10	58.8%	36	—
Aycliffe ...	363	1,309	Bulk from T.V.W.B.	253	12	67	332	91.4%	1,093	241
Barmpton ...	28	101	D.R.D.C. and D.C.W.B.	11	5	—	16	57%	60	—
Blackwell ...	147	531	D.R.D.C. Bulk Supply from D'ton Corporation	121	20	—	141	95.9%	507	—
Brafferton ...	52	188	D.R.D.C.	37	4	—	41	78.8%	147	—
Great Burdon ...	22	79	T.V.W.B.	17	3	—	20	90.9%	73	—
Goatham Mundeville...	46	166	D.R.D.C. and D.C.W.B.	28	7	—	35	76.0%	126	—
High Coniscliffe ...	87	314	T.V.W.B.	65	14	—	79	90.8%	286	—
Low Coniscliffe ...	89	321	T.V.W.B.	78	9	—	87	97.8%	313	—
Denton ...	22	79	Raby Estates	20	—	—	20	90.9%	73	—
Low Dinsdale ...	112	404	Private Supply	99	4	—	103	91.9%	373	—
East & West Newbigen ...	9	32	T.V.W.B.	—	3	—	3	33.3%	11	—
Bishopton ...	98	354	T.V.W.B.	80	11	—	91	93.8%	328	—
Heighington ...	308	1,110	D.C.W.F.	176	46	36	258	84.02%	929	129
Houghton-le-Side ...	23	83	D.C.W.B.	3	8	—	11	47.8%	40	—
Hurworth ...	497	1,791	T.V.W.B.	446	22	—	468	94.16%	1,684	—
Killierby ...	23	83	T.V.W.B.	18	3	—	21	91.3%	76	—
Middleton-St.-George ...	442	1,590	T.V.W.B.	410	13	—	423	95.4%	1,523	—
Great Stainton ...	21	76	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Morton Palms ...	15	54	T.V.W.P.	9	3	—	12	80%	44	—
Neasham ...	92	332	T.V.W.B.	74	5	—	79	85.8%	284	—
Piercelbridge ...	55	199	T.V.W.B.	43	4	—	47	85.4%	170	—
Little Stainton ...	15	54	T.V.W.B.	8	6	—	14	93.3%	52	—
Sadberge ...	165	595	T.V.W.B.	146	14	—	160	96.9%	578	—
Sockburn ...	8	29	Sockburn Estate	5	—	—	5	62%	18	—
Summerhouse ...	28	101	T.V.W.F.	26	2	—	28	100%	101	—
Walworth ...	30	109	Walworth Estate	12	—	—	12	40%	44	—
Whessoe ...	140	505	D.R.D.C. & D'ton Copr.	124	8	—	132	94.3%	476	—
	2,954	10,650		2,309	236	103	2,648	89.6%	9,162	370

Improvements.

Great Stainton.

A scheme estimated to cost £1,216 for the laying of 1,500 yards of 3" main from Elstob Cottage to Great Stainton was approved by the Ministry. This scheme is to be carried out in conjunction with an approved scheme for Sedgfield Rural District for that part of their area immediately adjacent to Great Stainton. This work was completed on the 29th December, 1950 at an approximate cost of £1,292 (total length of main 1,622 yards).

Proposed.

Walworth.

A scheme estimated to cost £3,200 providing for the laying of approximately 4,700 yards of 4" and 400 yards of 3" water main from Heighington via Cross Lane and West Gate to Walworth was approved by the Ministry. The Durham County Water Board are to lay the main on behalf of the Council and hope to start early next year.

Water and Sewage Act, 1944.

Low Middleton, Neasham, Sockburn, and Low Dinsdale.

The Council had before them for consideration the following schemes :—

(a) A proposal to lay a 4" water main from St. Lawrence's Church at Middleton-St.-George to Low Middleton at an estimated cost of £6,540.

(b) A scheme to lay a 6" water main from Fighting Cocks Reservoir to Neasham with 4" branches to Low Dinsdale and Sockburn at an estimated cost of £24,010.

The Council were rather surprised that in Scheme A they would have to bear the cost of laying that portion of the main in Middleton-one-Row where they felt it would be replacing a defective main in the ownership of the Tees Valley Water Board.

With regard to the other proposal the Council had thought that they would be able to extend from the existing 3" main at Neasham to the aforementioned Parishes and were concerned at the high cost resulting from the relaying of the 6" main to Neasham to augment that supply, and the reluctance of the Board to make any contribution towards it

General.

Negotiations are pending with the Durham County Water Board and the Tees Valley Water Board to enlarge their areas of supply to take in most of the Council's area of statutory supply. It is considered that in all parts of the Council's area water could be better supplied by the larger statutory undertakers.

During the year fire hydrant indication plates were fixed near all fire hydrants on those mains under the Council's control by co-operation with the County Fire Brigade Service.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

As indicated in previous reports the arrangement for Sewerage and Sewage Disposal in the major part of the district is not entirely in accordance with modern standards, new works or extensions being required in the following parishes:—

Aycliffe, Bishopton, Blackwell, Brafferton, Coatham Mundeville, Transport Cafe Area, Great Burdon, Great Stainton, High Coniscliffe, Hurworth, Low Coniscliffe, Merrybent Estate, Middleton-St-George, Neasham, Piercebridge, Sadberge, Summerhouse and Whessoe.

The villages of Redworth, Heighington and Sadberge are served by fairly modern schemes although some improvements are required, particularly at Sadberge where part of the village is still drained into an old type of septic tank. In the remaining villages and hamlets in the district, sewage is conveyed along with surface water to septic tanks, some with old type filters or land irrigation. Many houses of pre-war construction have their own cesspools, where they have been sited away from sewer lines, but for the past five years we have insisted that in place of cess-pools small sewage disposal works should be constructed.

Improvements.

Aycliffe Sewage Disposal Works.

On June 1st the Council took over a Sewage Works at Aycliffe erected during the war when the North East Trading Estate was a Royal Ordnance Factory.

The Works were erected at an approximate cost of £60,000 and are being purchased for £33,000.

The main foul sewer from the New Town is now connected to the works and it is proposed that the scheme dealing with the old village will also cause sewage to be discharged into these works.

The Sewage Works is a modern one capable of treating 500,000 gallons per day and is complete with sedimentation tanks, four rotary filters, humus tanks, sludge lagoons and pumping^{equipment}. The effluent from the works is discharged into Demons Beck and thence into the River Skerne.

During the year the Council agreed to replace the existing cinder paths round the works by concrete. Approximately 4 acres of the derelict land near the works ^{are} to be levelled and brought back into agriculture. Instructions have been given for the purchase of two recorders for erection at the works, one to be placed on the main sewer from the Trading Estate and the other on the main sewer from the New Town Site. The works are operated by a Sewage Works Manager and two labourers.

Neasham — Overflow to Sewage Tank to Council Houses.

Serious nuisance has from time to time occurred due to the failure of the soak-away dealing with the sewage from the four Council Houses at Neasham.

It was decided to convert the cesspool into a septic tank

and carry an overflow sewer for a distance of 166 yards to a new temporary soak-away on some waste ground near the river. The work was completed during the year at a cost of £682.

Most of the overflow sewer will eventually form part of the general sewerage scheme for the village.

Hurworth — Defective Sewer, Low Hail Bridge.

Due to the deterioration of the wooden trough forming the main sewer across the bridge prior to its discharge into the Sewage Works considerable leakage ^{was} ~~is~~ causing pollution of the River Tees. A new 12 inch diameter steel tube sewer has been completed at a cost of £667.

Middleton-St.-George.

During the year approximately 20 yards of defective sewer ^{were} ~~was~~ relayed at Middleton-St.-George. The existing sewer was found to be almost completely choked with tree roots.

Proposals.

Heighington Sewage Disposal Works.

The sedimentation tanks at these works are bulging and fractured in places and the Council accepted a tender for their repair. It is expected that the work will be carried out next year.

Aycliffe and Middleton-St-George Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Schemes.

The outlying schemes referred to in previous reports regarding the above were passed on to the Council's Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Brooksbank of Bradford, and during the year a preliminary report was submitted and approved by the County Council and the Ministry for the Aycliffe scheme, the estimated cost being £14,850.

Maintenance of Council Sewage Works.

The Council carry out the maintenance, repair and cleansing of all sewers, and sewage disposal works in the district. The tanks at the sewage works are emptied periodically, filters attended to regularly and a careful check kept on the type of effluent discharged from the works. The ditches in which the effluent is discharged are cleansed and trimmed once a year.

Sewers are flushed and scraped as necessary and man-holes examined.

The Council are responsible for the maintenance, repair and emptying of certain cesspools at Piercebridge, Whessoe, Middleton-St-George, Aycliffe, Beacon Hill, Sadberge and Great Burdon.

All this work is done by direct labour, the Council employing five men for the purpose. The cost of this service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1951, was £4,625, which represents approximately 1/1½d. rate.

Rivers and Streams (River Pollution Prevention).

Tees.

The County Medical Officer's quarterly reports indicate that routine samples were taken during the year and apart from pollution from the sand and gravel quarry at Piercebridge due to the settling tanks requiring cleansing no other complaints were received.

Skerne.

In the early part of the year the improvement observed in previous months was maintained but later samples showed that although there still was an improvement in the figures for solids in suspension that for oxygen absorbed was unsatisfactory, owing to the effluents from the various by-product works. The principal pollution being from the collieries and by-product works (outside of the district) although sand and gravel works continue to cause on occasion a certain amount of trouble.

Demons Beck.

No pollution troubles occurred from the North East Trading Estate factories although at the Council's Sewage Works trouble was experienced in dealing with the Sewage effluent due to paints and distempers. However, with double filtration a reasonable effluent was discharged into the beck.

Legislation.

On 1st October, 1950, the River Board Act, 1948, came into operation. This Act rescinded the previous legislation by which authority was vested in County and County Districts Councils and in this area the Wear and Tees River Board were constituted for the administration of the Act.

Public Scavenging.

Public scavenging is carried out throughout the whole of the district except for a few isolated farms and premises which make their own arrangements. The following shows the district that each of the vehicles serve and the frequency of collection:—

1. **Bedford Vehicle No. 1.** (first registered 3rd November, 1946). Operated by Driver and two men in the parishes of Bishopton, Great Stainton, Little Stainton, Great Burdon, Barmpton, Whessoe, Coatham Mundeville, Brafferton, Aycliffe, Newton Aycliffe.

Collection — Once every two weeks (approx.).

2. **Bedford Vehicle No. 2.** (first registered 1st September, 1948). Operated by Driver and two men in the parishes of Low Coniscliffe, High Coniscliffe, Piercebridge, Summerhouse, Killerby, Denton, Walworth, Houghton-le-Side, Heighington, Aycliffe and Newton Aycliffe.

Collection — Once every two weeks (approx.).

3. **Bedford Vehicle No. 3.** (first registered 15th December, 1948). Operated by Driver and two men in the parishes of Middleton-St-George, Morton Palms, part of Low Dinsdale and Sadberge.

Collection — Once every two weeks (approx.).

4. **Bedford Vehicle No. 4.** (first registered 22nd April, 1949). Operated by a Driver and three men in the parishes of Hurworth, Neasham, part of Low Dinsdale, Sockburn and Blackwell.

Collection — Once every two weeks (approx.).

This vehicle (4) is also utilised by Croft Rural District Council for the collection of refuse in the parish of Croft once a month.

Vehicles Nos. 1 and 2 are garaged on the Aycliffe Trading Estate and Vehicles Nos. 3 and 4 operate from a Depot at Middleton-St-George. The two former vehicles scavenge the northern part of the area and the latter the southern portion. The wet refuse from privy middens, etc., is collected separately and tipped on various farm lands throughout the district and used as a fertilizer. The dry refuse, including tins and glass are disposed of on one of the Council's tips. The Council have tips at Heighington, Piercebridge, Blackwell and Summerhouse and as far as possible every effort is made to carry out controlled tipping in the best possible manner.

The cost of this service during the financial year ending 31st March, 1951, was £5,600 representing approx. a rate of 1/4d. in the £.

Cesspool Emptying.

The Council do not empty private cesspools in their area except in special circumstances when the cost is charged out to the persons concerned.

Public Conveniences.

Heighington.

Tenders have been received in connection with the erection of a Public Convenience at the rear of the Heighington Church of England School and it is hoped that they will be completed next year at a cost of £639.

Middleton-St-George.

Progress has been made in connection with the siting of a Public Convenience at Middleton-St-George and it is hoped that the work will be commenced next year. The site of the public conveniences is in the river bank four or five feet below road level at Middleton-one-Row.

General.

No further progress has been made in connection with the selection of sites for public conveniences at Hurworth and the proposal for Aycliffe cannot be considered until the Sewerage scheme for that village has been completed.

Closet Accommodation.

During the year 7 ash closets and 8 privy middens were converted into water closets under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936. The owners of the property concerned received a grant of half of the cost, the maximum grant paid being £12 10s. 0d. for each conversion.

During the year the Council paid £187 10s. 0d. in grants which was the same amount as the previous year, when 8 ash closets and 7 privy middens were converted into water closets.

Sanitary Inspection.

Summary of Inspections and Re-inspections under the Public Health Acts.	No. of Visits.	No. of informal notices served.	No. of informal notices remedied.
Water Supplies ...	21	1	1
Housing Inspections ...	40	18	14
Ash Pits and Privy ...	5	2	2
Water Closets ...	19	—	—
Drainage ...	45	3	3
Dangerous Buildings ...	—	—	—
Moveable Dwellings ...	34	—	—
Animal Nuisances ...	11	—	—
Other Nuisances ...	12	2	2
Totals ...	187	26	22

No. of General Inspections and Visits.

Dairies ...	7
Sewage ...	145
Water Supplies ...	19
Foundations ...	40
Buildings in Course of Erection ...	74
Drains Inspected and tested ...	259
Completed Properties ...	56
Council houses—repairs, etc. ...	129
Food Inspection ...	23
Miscellaneous (Building Licences etc.) ...	279
Infectious Diseases ...	22
Total ...	1053

Disinfestation.

Disinfestation was carried out in one verminous dwelling house during the year, and one church was fumigated against an infestation of flies.

Plans under the Council's Building Byelaws.

The following is a list of plans submitted and approved under the Byelaws during the year :—

1. New houses, bungalows and shops	35
2. Alterations, additions and conversion to houses	45
3. Garages, sheds, etc.	26
4. Agricultural buildings	28
5. Drainage	27
6. Factories	11
7. Roads and Sewers	4
8. Others	7
Total ...	183

Inspections under Housing Acts.

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected in detail	122
(b) Number of visits made for the purpose	135

Category of Houses Inspected

No. of dwelling houses fit in all respects ...	51
No. of dwelling houses requiring minor repairs	6
No. of dwelling houses requiring structural alterations or repairs	43
No. of dwelling houses unfit for human habitation	22

Housing Act, 1949 — Improvement Grants.

In accordance with the above Act grants are payable for improvement works where the cost is neither less than £100 nor more than £600. The amount of grant may not exceed more than half of the approved expense and there are special conditions attached.

Although the Act received Royal Consent on the 30th July, 1949, at the 31st December, 1950, no applications were received although the Department dealt with several enquiries.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

1. General Information.

New Dwellings by Private Enterprise.

Building licences for the erection of 7 houses at a cost of £11,385 were issued on behalf of the Council during the year making a total of 48 building licences issued at a total cost of £165,560 since 1945.

Erection of New Houses.

9 houses were completed by private enterprise during the year, compared with 14 during 1949, making a total of 43 since 1945.

A building licence for the erection of one house at a cost of £2,650 was issued by the Ministry of Works during the year; making a total of 14 houses since 1945, of these 13 have been completed to date.

Civil Building Licences.

The Council as Licensing Authority issued 16 licences in connection with repairs and maintenance of houses, etc., amounting to £6,317.

Police Houses.

During the year 10 houses were erected and occupied at Aycliffe.

Council Houses.

During the year a total of 5 houses were completed and occupied compared with 52 during 1949, making a total of 150 since 1944. All 5 of these were of traditional brick

Parish	Situation	Type of House	Number erected
Middleton-St-George	Thorntree Gardens	Trad. Brick	5
Total			5

Plans were approved for new houses as follows :—

10 houses at Sadberge.

Work was commenced on :—

2 houses at Summerhouse.

12 houses at Hurworth-on-Tees.

9 houses at Heighington.

Applications for Council Houses.

At the 31st December, 1950, the total number of applications received for Council Houses from residents of the rural district was 217 of which 116 were from families without homes of their own. This can be compared with a total of 327 in February, 1949, of which 173 were from families without homes of their own.

The total number of applications from families living outside the rural district was 126 as compared with 101 in February, 1949.

APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES

APPLICANTS RESIDING IN THE RURAL AREA

Village where house is required	No. with home of their own.	No. without home of their own.	Agricultural workers		With Homes		Without Homes	
			No. with home of their own.	No. without home of their own.	Bedrooms required	2	Bedrooms required	3
Anywhere in District	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Aycliffe	24	19	—	—	13	17	—	—
Bishopston	4	2	2	1	2	2	2	—
Heighington	16	17	—	1	6	12	5	—
High Coniscliffe	7	2	3	1	2	9	—	—
Hurworth	13	24	2	1	8	3	2	—
Middleton-St-George	24	41	—	1	12	18	4	2
Sadberge	8	4	4	1	5	34	6	1
Summerhouse	1	1	1	—	1	4	—	—
Whessoe	3	6	—	—	1	1	—	—
Totals	101	116	12	6	50	81	15	3

APPLICANTS RESIDING OUTSIDE THE RURAL AREA

Village where house is required	No. with home of their own.	No. without home of their own.	Agricultural Workers		With Homes		Without Homes	
			No. with home of their own.	No. without home of their own.	Bedrooms required	2	Bedrooms required	3
Anywhere in District	8	4	—	—	7	3	—	—
Aycliffe	6	5	—	—	6	5	1	—
Bishopston	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
Heighington	3	6	1	1	3	6	—	—
High Coniscliffe	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Hurworth	5	17	1	2	4	14	2	—
Middleton-St-George	18	3	—	2	11	28	4	1
Sadberge	6	4	—	—	4	3	1	—
Summerhouse	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
Whessoe	2	3	—	1	1	2	1	—
Totals	54	72	4	6	42	61	9	2

(Note: All Agricultural Workers are included in the first two Columns).

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

(a) Licensed Sites.

There is only one licensed site for six moveable dwellings in the area at Burtree Filling Station. The site has been run in a satisfactory manner, refuse being regularly removed from the site by the Council's Service and there is a mains water supply available.

(b) Moveable Dwelling Licences.

The number of licences issued in the area at the end of the year was ten, this being an increase of six since the end of 1949.

During the year a survey of the whole of the district was made in connection with the siting of caravans and at the end of the year twenty-one moveable dwellings were found, eleven of which licences had not been granted.

It is hoped that during the coming year these will be dealt with.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for securing the observance of Sanitary and cleanly conditions and practices in connection with the handling wrapping and delivering of food sold or intended for sale for human consumption, and in connection with the sale or exposure for sale in the open air of food intended for human consumption, were confirmed by the Minister of Food on the 4th of April, 1950, and a copy of these Byelaws was forwarded to every food trader in the District.

Subsequent to the survey of food premises carried out during 1949 informal notices were served on the owners of all licenced premises found to be below the required standard. During the year two of these premises were brought up to standard, work was commenced on two others and in the remaining 22 cases plans were being prepared. All the owners expressed their willingness to improve their premises and the delay is due mainly to their Architects being engaged with other work.

Later in the year, letters were written to the occupiers of all other substandard food premises drawing their attention to the improvements required.

Condemnation of Food.

The following foodstuffs were examined and found to be unfit for human consumption.

- 5 — 12 oz. tins Galantine of Pork and Beef.
- 1 — 12 oz. tin of Corned Beef.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Section 14.

Preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale.

During the year one application was received for registration of premises for the above purpose. The premises were inspected and found to be suitable and duly registered. The total number of registered premises is now three.

Ice Cream.

Three applications were received for registration of premises for the storage and sale of ice cream. The premises were inspected, found to be suitable and registered. The total number of registered premises is now 18.

Slaughter Houses — Slaughtering.

The Government scheme of Centralised Slaughter-houses was continued during the year and all slaughtering for the area was carried out at the Park Lane Slaughter-house in Darlington.

The six slaughterhouses in the area were used occasionally for the slaughter of "Cottagers' Pigs."

Two new and 20 renewal licences to slaughter animals were granted during the year.

SECTION F.

FACTORIES ACT 1937 and 1948.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1.—**Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises. (1)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occu.'s Prose- cuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	30	49	Nil.	Nil.
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	101	58	Nil.	Nil.
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Totals ...	131	107	Nil.	Nil.

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecution were instit'd (7)
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—

There is one outworker in the district making wearing apparel and there have been no notices served on him.

SECTION G.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The above Act operated from 31st March, 1950, and emphasises the primary obligation as being upon the Local Authority to ensure that as far as practicable, its area is kept free from rats and mice.

During the year test baiting was carried out in the Council's sewers but this suggested such a small and scattered rat population that no special maintenance treatment was carried out.

One sewage disposal works, two refuse tips and six business premises were found to be infested and these were successfully treated.

Petroleum (Regulation) Act, 1928-36.

Five new and 48 renewal of application for licences to keep petroleum spirit were received during the year and all licences were granted.

Byelaws in Force in District.

New Streets	...	...	9th May, 1938.
Building Byelaws	...	...	9th May, 1938.
Slaughter Houses	...	...	1st June, 1938.
Food Handling	...	...	8th May, 1950.

Schools.

Sadberge School.

The whole of the work of converting the sanitary arrangements to water carriage system was completed during the year.

Aycliffe Diamond Jubilee School.

Owing to difficulties in obtaining way-leave and delay in the re-organisation of this school, no progress was made towards the conversion of the sanitary arrangements. It is almost certain, however, that plans will be completed and the work will be carried out in 1951.

Aycliffe C. of E. School.

This school was closed on 31st May, 1950.

Neasham.

Owing to the continued serious difficulties in arranging disposal of sewage no improvement has been made.

SECTION 2

MISCELLANEOUS

Prevention of Damage by Frost and Ice

The above Act passed from the State, 1930, and emphasizes the primary obligation as being upon the Local Authority to ensure that as far as practicable the area is kept free from frost and ice.

During the year last past, no serious damage was done to the Council's property, but this suggested such a small and scattered ice problem that no special maintenance treatment was carried out.

One serious danger was two serious and six business premises were found to be infested and these were successfully treated.

Petroleum (Regulation) Act, 1928-30

Five new and 48 renewal of applications for licenses to keep petroleum spirit were received during the year and all licenses were granted.

Byelaws in Force in District

New Streets	3rd May 1930
Building Byelaws	3rd May 1930
Shanty Houses	1st June 1930
Food Handling	3rd May 1930

Schools

Sadberge School

The whole of the work of carrying out the arrangements for water carriage of the school was completed during the year.

Agatha Diamond Jubilee School

During the year in obtaining new premises and in the re-organization of this school, no progress was made towards the completion of the necessary arrangements. It is almost certain, however, that plans will be completed and the work will be carried out in 1931.

Agatha C. of E. School

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Neasden

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