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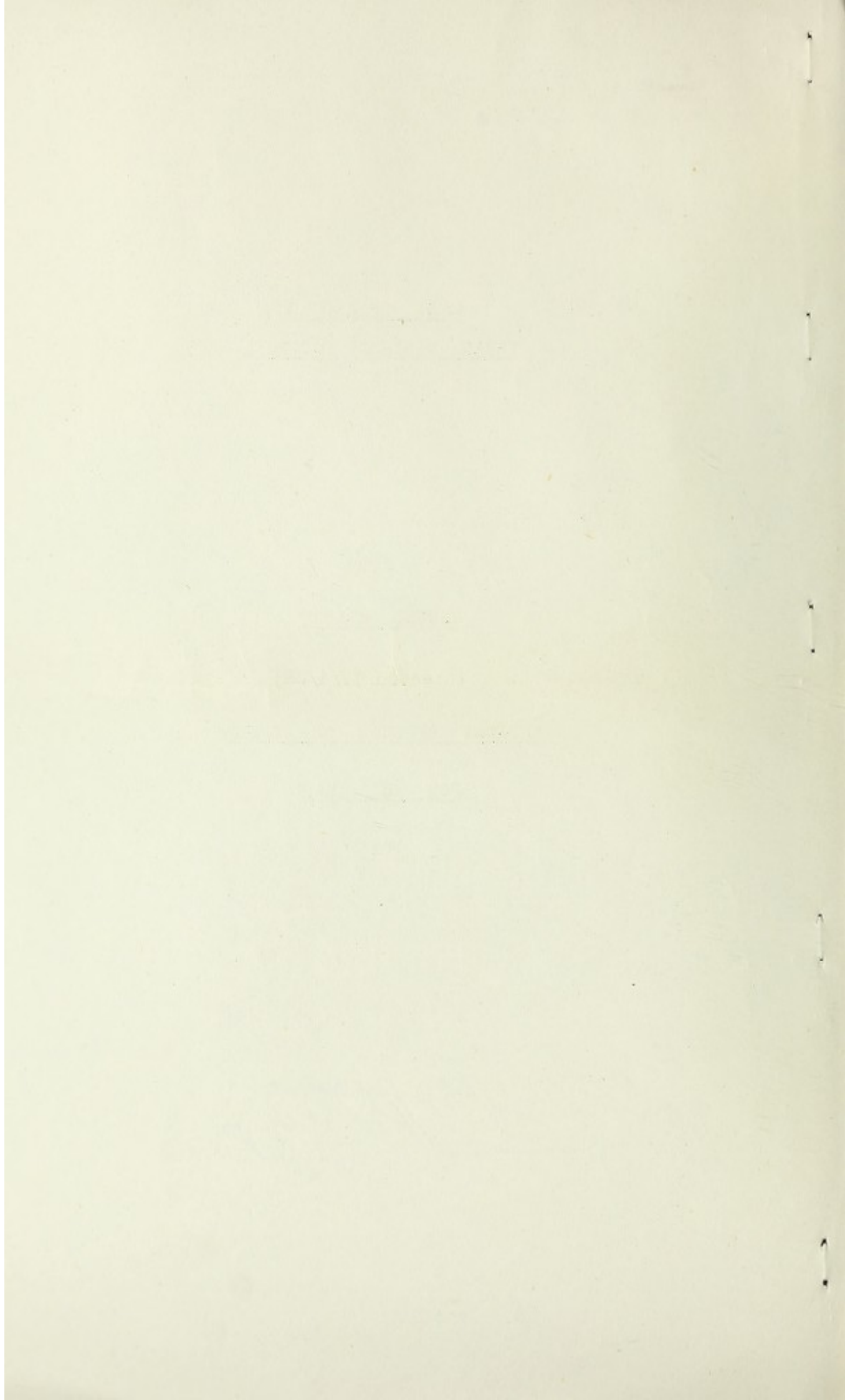
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EAST GRINSTEAD
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1938



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,597 acres
Population							
Registrar General's estimate, mid 1938	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,655
Density of Population							
Persons per acre	..	...	...	...	...	...	1.46
Number of Inhabited Houses							
Per Rate Book, 31/12/1938	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,802
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers							
Old East Grinstead Urban District - 1931 Census	1,999						
Rateable Value, 31/12/1938	...	...	...	...	...	...	£91,213
Sum Represented by 1d Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£358

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

There has been an increase of 136 persons in the population of the town.

The figures for unemployment are given below, those in brackets being the figures for the previous year.

<u>Unemployed</u>			
<u>Period</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
March Quarter	103 (110)	19 (13)	122 (123)
June Quarter	123 (33)	10 (11)	133 (44)
September Quarter	126 (52)	24 (13)	150 (65)
December Quarter	239 (112)	25 (13)	264 (128)
Average	148 (77)	20 (12)	167 (90)

The highest figures recorded during the year were for the week ended 31st December, when 374 men and 26 women, a total of 400, were without work. This was due to the severe weather.

The week ended 12th July gave the lowest unemployment figures, when 107 persons, 91 men and 16 women, were unemployed.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>						<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	59	47	106
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
						<u>62</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>111</u>

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population ... 11.50

<u>Still Births</u>						<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
						<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

Rate per 1,000 pf the estimated population ... 0.62

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ... 51.28

Deaths

Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>67</u>
								<u>128</u>

Crude Death Rate ... 13.26

Death Rate (corrected for comparison with that of Country
as a whole) 10.61

Deaths from Puerperal Causes ... 1

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births ... 45.05

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 47.17

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ... 18

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... Nil

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .. Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years) ... 1

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUPS			Number of Persons Dying		
			M.	F.	Total
0	...	...	5	-	5
1	...	...	-	2	2
5	...	...	-	-	-
15	...	...	3	2	5
25	...	...	1	2	3
35	...	...	2	2	4
45	...	...	3	4	7
55	...	...	15	6	21
65	...	...	16	16	32
75 and over	...	...	16	33	49
TOTALS	...	...	61	67	128

The general health of the district is reflected in the low Death Rate, which still remains below that for the Country as a whole. The Birth Rate, too, remains low, and this year again the total deaths exceed the total live births.

Of the total deaths, 63.3 per cent. occurred in persons 65 years of age and over.

There were seven deaths due to notifiable infectious diseases, all cases of pneumonia. Two deaths were transferred in from other districts, one being from cerebro-spinal fever and the other from puerperal sepsis.

There were five deaths in children under one year, and one death due to childbirth. A table showing the causes of the infantile deaths is given hereunder:-

Cause of Death	Age at Death	
	Male	Female
Tuberculous Meningitis	7 months	-
Broncho Pneumonia	10 months	-
Cerebral Haemorrhage - Instrumental Delivery	2 days	-
Heart Failure - Prematurity	3 weeks	-
Intra Cranial Injury - Difficult Labour	22 hours	-

DISTRICTS	Rate per 1,000 Population		Annual Death Rate per 1,000 Population	Rate per 1,000 Live Births
	Live Births	Still Births	All Causes	Total Deaths Under 1 year
ENGLAND AND WALES	15.1	.60	11.6	53
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	15.0	.65	11.7	57
148 Smaller Towns (Estimated population 25,000 to 50,000 at Census 1931)	15.4	.60	11.0	51
EAST GRINSTEAD	11.50	.62	10.61	45.05

CAUSES OF DEATH

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	. . .	1	-	1
Influenza	. . .	1	1	2
Tuberculosis: Respiratory	. . .	2	3	5
Tuberculosis: Other	. . .	1	1	2
Cancer	. . .	7	11	18
Diabetes	. . .	1	1	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage	. . .	3	2	5
Heart Disease	. . .	17	22	39
Other Circulatory Diseases	. . .	2	5	7
Bronchitis	. . .	1	2	3
Pneumonia	. . .	6	1	7
Other Respiratory Diseases	. . .	-	2	2
Peptic Ulcer	. . .	1	-	1
Appendicitis	. . .	1	-	1
Other Digestive Diseases	. . .	2	3	5
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	. . .	2	3	5
Congenital Debility: Premature Birth, etc.		4	-	4
Senility	. . .	1	2	3
Suicide	. . .	-	1	1
Other Violence	. . .	1	1	2
Puerperal Sepsis	. . .	-	1	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	. . .	-	1	1
Other Defined Causes	. . .	7	4	11
		<u>61</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>128</u>

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

These remain as in the previous year. The Queen Victoria Cottage Hospital, which was opened in January 1936, continues to serve the Town and surrounding district.

Clinics were held in the Town, as follows:-

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | Chest (Tuberculosis) Clinic | First Monday in every month at 2.30 p.m. |
| 2 | Orthopaedic Clinic | Monday mornings at 10.30, and Thursday afternoons at 2.15. |
| 3 | Minor Ailment School Clinics | Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. |
| 4 | Maternity and Child Welfare Centre | Second, third and fourth Wednesdays in each month at 2.30 p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic - first Wednesday in each month at 2.30 p.m. |
| 5 | Dental Clinics for infants, school children, expectant and nursing mothers | as arranged. |

Ambulance Facilities

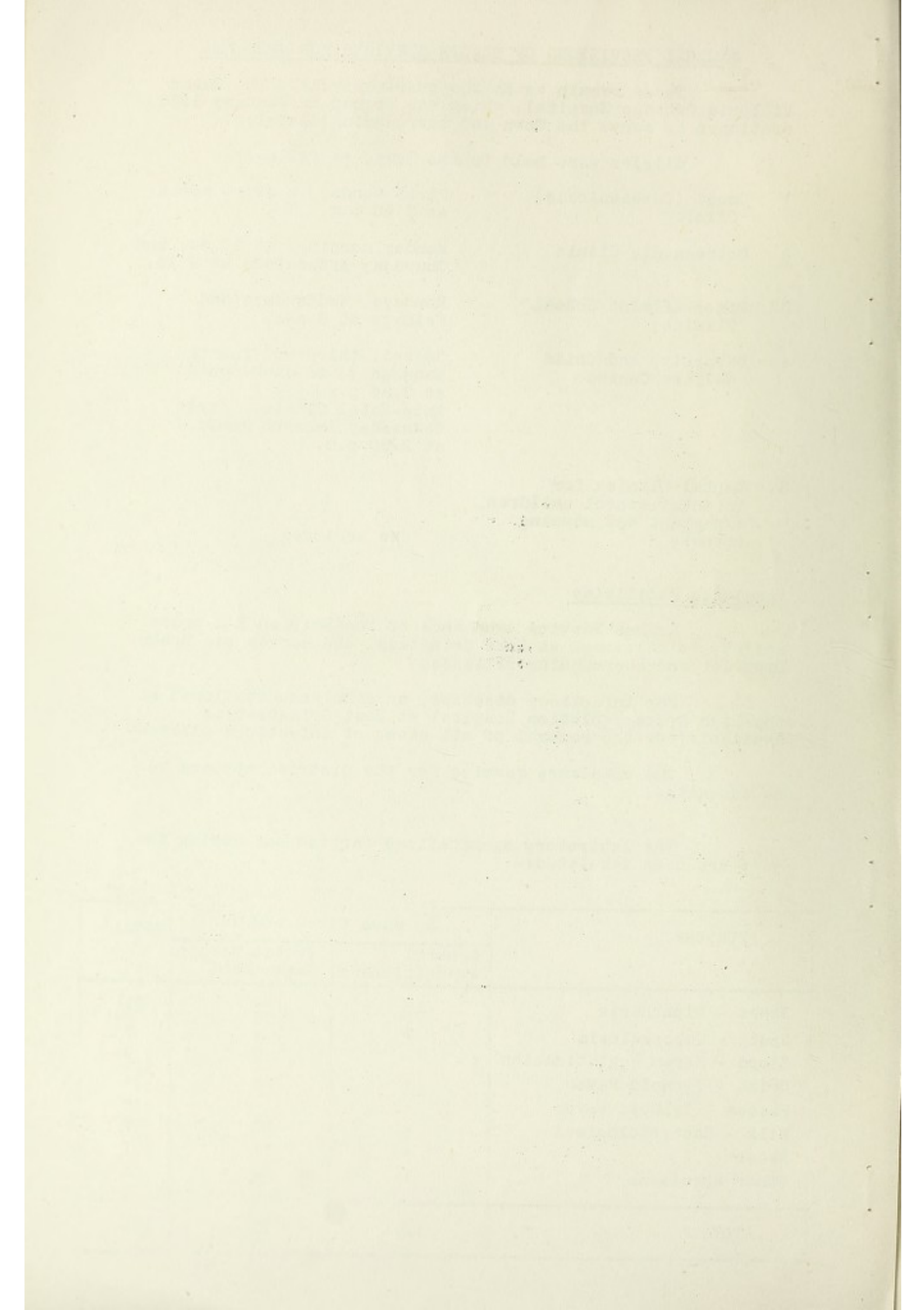
A Home Service Ambulance of the British Red Cross Society is stationed at East Grinstead, and serves the Urban District and surrounding villages.

For infectious diseases, an ambulance stationed at the High Grove Isolation Hospital at East Grinstead is available for the removal of all cases of infectious disease.

The ambulance service for the district appears to be adequate.

The laboratory examinations carried out during the year are here tabulated:-

PURPOSE	By whom taken and sent		TOTAL
	General Practitioners	Public Health Department	
Swabs - Diphtheria	45	6	51
Sputa - Tuberculosis	7	-	7
Blood - Serum Agglutination	-	9	9
Urine - Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Faeces - Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Milk - Bacteriological	-	53	53
Water	-	1	1
Other Specimens	1	2	3
TOTALS	53	71	124



LEGISLATION

The following Acts of Parliament, Local Government Orders, Memoranda and Circular Letters issued by Government Departments in regard to Public Health were received by the Public Health Department during the year 1938.

Factories Act, 1937.

Memorandum as to Duties of Local Authorities under the Factories Act, 1937.

Factories Act, 1937, Means of Escape in the case of Fire.

Circular 1684 of the Minister of Health - Water Supplies.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

White Fish Commission, Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938, Explanatory Note on Forms of Application.

Circular 1697 of the Minister of Health - Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1938.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1938.

Circular 1724 of the Minister of Health - Smallpox.

Circular 1728 of the Minister of Health, as to the contents and arrangement of the Annual Reports of the Medical Officers of Health, 1938.

Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Act, 1938.

The Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order, 1938.

The Milk and Dairies Amendment Order, 1938.

Circular 1685 of the Minister of Health - Agriculture Act, 1937, Milk & Dairies Acts & Orders, Tuberculosis Order, 1938.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water.

During the year, 73 new houses were erected, all of which were afforded main water supply, 70 by the East Grinstead Gas & Water Company, 2 by the Placeland Pure Water Supply, and 1 by the East Surrey Water Company.

The East Grinstead Gas & Water Company draws its water from two wells, one at Hackenden and the other at Forest Row. The water is chemically treated, limed and aerated to reduce the iron content, and lightly chlorinated as a precautionary measure. This treatment is automatically controlled.

Weekly tests, chemical and bacteriological, are made from each well in the Company's own laboratory. Confirmatory tests are made monthly at the Royal Institute of Public Health, each water being tested bi-monthly. Copies of these confirmatory reports are sent to the Public Health Department of the Urban District Council.

A typical specimen of these reports follows overleaf.

The Royal Institute of Public Health,
23 Queen Square,
LONDON, W. C. 1.

Examination of a sample of water - Hackenden Pumping Station.

Report from the Bacteriological Laboratories

Quantitative Enumeration of Bacteria:

On Agar Plates, kept for two days at 37°C., 1 colony per one c.c. developed.

On Gelatine Plates, kept for four days at 20°- 22°C., 1 colony per one c.c. developed.

Examination for Special Bacteria:

E. Coli: Absent in 100 c.c.

Result of Examination:

From a consideration of the data, no exception can be taken to the use of this water for domestic purposes, upon bacteriological grounds.

(Signed) "E. Goodwin Rawlinson",
Director.

Report from the Chemical Laboratories

Physical Characters:

Reaction: Neutral
Colour in 2 ft. stratum: Clear Pale Blue
Suspended matters: Nil
Odour when warmed to 37°C. Nil

Chemical Characters:

	Parts per 100,000	Grains per gallon
Total solids dried at 100°C	20.5	14.35
Loss on ignition (after re-carbonating)	6.0	4.20
Chlorine	2.10	1.47
Chlorine x 1.647 = Sodium Chloride	3.45	2.41
Nitrites	nil	
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.30	0.21
Saline Ammonia	nil	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0024	0.0016
Oxygen absorbed in 3 hours at 37°C.	0.032	0.022
Hardness - total	10.0	7.0
Hardness - temporary	3.0	2.1
Hardness - permanent	7.0	4.9
Poisonous metals - lead)	nil	
Poisonous metals - copper)		

Remarks:

From a consideration of the above data, no exception can be taken to the use of this water for domestic purposes, upon chemical grounds.

(Signed) "Alan W. Stewart",
Director.

All employees engaged on work at the wells have been medically examined and found to be free from enteric fever. Each individual has had a letter from the Managing Director, pointing out the necessity for personal cleanliness and the reporting of illnesses in his family.

The Placeland Pure Water Supply is not treated, and no periodical analysis of the water is made. The following is the result of the analysis of a sample of water taken by the Sanitary Inspector of water from a tap from this supply:-

The Public Analyst's Laboratory,
Mountfield House,
LEWES, Sussex.

Report upon a sample of water - taken from tap supplied by Placeland Pure Water Supply.

Colour:	Very slightly yellowish
Smell:	None
Sediment:	Trace of organic matter

Chemical Analysis:	Grains per gallon	Parts per Million
Total solids (dried at 100°C.)	28.1	
Solids (after ignition)	25.0	
Chlorine	1.4	
Ammonia (free)		.006
Ammonia (albuminoid)		.018
Oxygen taken from permanganate in $\frac{1}{4}$ hour	nil	
Oxygen taken from permanganate in 4 hours	.01	
Nitrogen as Nitrates and Nitrites	.01	
Nitrites	nil	
Hardness (total)	1.0	
Hardness (after boiling)	1.0	
Phosphates	nil	
Metallic Impurity	Trace of iron	
Ph.	8.3	

Result:

Chemically this water is highly satisfactory, and in that respect it is perfectly safe for drinking purposes.

(Signed) "S. Allinson Woodhead".

Drainage and Sewerage

Of the 73 new houses erected during the year, 6 were afforded cesspool drainage in the absence of available main sewerage.

The extension of main drainage to other parts of the Urban District, in particular the Felbridge end of the town, is still long overdue. It is believed that this northern boundary of the town will be on main drainage when the adjacent Rural Council's scheme is completed.

Rivers and Streams

It is anticipated that main drainage will ultimately be available in the adjoining rural area, which will incorporate the drainage from this northern part of the town. Such a scheme holds the only radical cure for the present pollution of the Felbridge stream.

Public Cleansing

The dry refuse from private houses is collected by the Council and disposed of partly at the Council's incinerator at East Grinstead, and partly by controlled tipping at the Eden Vale Sewage Disposal Works. Trade refuse is removed and similarly disposed of at a charge to the trader.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

(W. H. Dunham, Sanitary Inspector)

Housing Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	162
Re-visits in connection with above	..	...	...	...	...	328
House Letting Sub-Committee	...	...	...	...	...	28
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	158
Rivers and Streams	...	...	...	...	...	11
In connection with water supplies	...	...	...	...	...	5
Drain tests	...	...	...	...	...	16
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	27
Other disinfections and disinfestations	...	...	...	...	...	17
Petroleum Stores	..	...	...	...	...	29
Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act	...	...	...	...	...	15
Shops Act	.	...	...	...	...	22
Meatshops and Slaughterhouses	.	...	...	...	...	369
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	80
Fishshops	.	...	...	...	...	16
Other Foods	.	...	...	...	...	17
Bakehouses	.	...	...	...	...	13
Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	50
Smoke Abatement	...	...	...	...	...	14
Air Raid Precautions	...	...	...	...	...	37
Camping Licences	..	...	...	...	...	3
Government Evacuation Scheme	..	...	...	...	...	156
Total Visits and Re-visits						1,573

Premises in respect of which Complaints were received

Number of Complaints Received	...	...	...	45
Substantiated	...	...	...	26
Abated	...	...	...	26
Outstanding	...	...	...	7

Summary of Main Defects Abated

Premises in which	Roofs were made good	...	...	...	18
	Floors were made good	...	...	...	15
	Other causes of dampness	...	...	...	32
	Rooms were cleansed	...	...	...	108
	Windows were made good or amended	...	...	...	9
	Chimneys were made good or amended	...	...	...	7
	Disinfestation was carried out	...	...	...	3
Drains reconstructed, provided or amended	.	...	...	...	29
Water closets	do.	...	...	...	29
Eaves, Gutters and Downspouts	...	...	...	...	13
Cesspools reconstructed, amended or cleansed	...	...	...	...	3
Other Major Defects	...	...	...	...	14
Sanitary Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	59
Water supplies	...	...	...	...	4

Shops Act, 1934

Inspections as enumerated above have been made, but formal action has not been necessary in any instance.

Swimming Baths and Pools

The Council's Swimming Pool is open during the Summer from May to September, and is available for schools during the morning at a special reduced charge per head.

The Pool is capable of giving a complete change of chlorine treated water every six hours, and has a capacity of 150,000 gallons.

The popularity of the Pool continues, as shown by the comparative figures following:-

	1938	1937
Total attendance for Season	23,556	28,259
Average attendance per week	1,308	1,487
Maximum attendance in any week	3,486	3,223

Eradication of Bed Bugs

Number of Houses found to be infested:-

(a) Council Houses	1
(b) Other Houses	2

Number of Houses Disinfested:-

(a) Council Houses	1
(b) Other Houses	2

Disinfestation is carried out mainly by fumigation with Sulphur Dioxide by burning ordinary sulphur candles. The use of proprietary compounds has been discontinued.

In each case treated during the year, the first disinfestation has been over the whole house, and in any subsequent treatment it has been found sufficient to operate on individual rooms.

Houses under treatment are sealed externally, the rooms darkened by hanging blankets over the windows, and also heated with primus stoves prior to lighting the lamps. Bedding is removed and disinfested by steam.

The homes of persons granted the tenancy of a Council house are inspected prior to their removal, and if traces of infestation are found, disinfestation is carried out by the Council free of charge.

All work of disinfestation has been carried out by the Local Authority, but a charge may be made on the tenants or landlords in the case of houses the rateable value of which exceeds £20 per annum.

Owners and tenants of infested houses are informed of their responsibilities, and re-inspections of cleansed houses are made.

The two houses in the West Street Clearance Area were disinfested prior to their demolition. The effects of one family re-housed under this Order were treated with HCN during removal, the work being done by contract. The bedding was treated by steam.

School Hygiene

The periodic inspection of schools has been carried out and details sent to the School Medical Officer.

Electric lighting has been installed during the year at East Grinstead Junior and Senior Schools and at Ashurst Wood Council School.

Unsatisfactory playground conditions have been remedied at East Grinstead Junior and Senior Schools and at North End Church of England School.

On no occasion was school closure for the control of infectious disease found to be necessary during the year.

HOUSING

1 Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:-

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	162
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose, 162/328	490
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 & 1932	134
	(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose	134
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	119

2 Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	67
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Work in progress but not completed at 31st December 1938, in 36 dwelling houses.

3 Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-	
(a)	By owners	1
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	nil

3	(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
	(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	nil
	(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By owners	nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	nil
	(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-	
	(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	6
	(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	6
	(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-	
	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	nil
	(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	nil
4	Housing Act, 1935 - Overcrowding.	
	(a) (I) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	1
	(II) Number of families dwelling therein	1
	(III) Number of persons dwelling therein	7
	(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	nil
	(c) (I) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	2
	(II) Number of persons concerned in such cases	11
	(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	nil
5	Number of New Houses erected during the year 1938:-	
	(a) State aided:-	
	(I) By Local Authority	nil
	(II) By private enterprise (Public Utility Societies, etc.)	nil
	(b) Without State aid	73
	Total	73

CLEARANCE AREA No. 1 - College Lane

On 16th September 1937, the Medical Officer of Health represented to the Public Health and Housing Committee that the dwelling houses, Nos. 19, 21, 23, and 25 College Lane were, by reason of disrepair or sanitary defects, unfit for human habitation and should be dealt with as a Clearance Area.

This representation was submitted by the Council to the Ministry of Health, and the approval of the Minister having been obtained, a Clearance Order under the Housing Act, 1936 was made on 17th February 1938. An enquiry was held on 8th June 1938, when the Order was confirmed without alteration. The demolition of the houses was completed on 13th December 1938.

The fourteen occupants of the houses were re-housed by the Council on its Sackville No. 3 Housing Scheme.

CLEARANCE AREA No. 2 - West Street

On 16th September 1937, the Medical Officer of Health represented to the Public Health and Housing Committee that the dwelling houses, Nos. 46a, 48a, West Street were, by reason of disrepair or sanitary defects unfit for human habitation, and should be dealt with as a Clearance Area.

This representation was submitted by the Council to the Ministry of Health, and the approval of the Minister having been obtained, a Clearance Order under the Housing Act, 1936 was made on 17th February 1938. An enquiry was held on 8th June 1938, when the Order was confirmed without alteration. The demolition of the houses was completed on 13th December 1938.

The eight occupants of the houses were re-housed by the Council on its Sackville No. 3 Housing Scheme.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

There are on the Register of the Council:-

Retail Purveyors	36
Registered Producers	23
Wholesale Traders	17
Registered Premises	35

MILK SAMPLES - RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

(a) Designated Milks

No. of Samples Taken	Methylene Blue Test		Coliform Test	
	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
8	7	1	6	2

(b) Non-designated Milks

No. of Samples Taken	Plate Count		Coliform Test	
	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
45	29	16	30	15

Meat and Other Foods

No formal action has been necessary with regard to foodstuffs, but the following has been voluntarily surrendered and destroyed:-

Beef	12½ lbs. Fore-rib	Abscess
	1 Head and tongue	Tuberculosis
	1½ lbs. Liver	Abscess
	1 Liver (14½ lbs.)	Tuberculosis
	1 Set of lungs	Tuberculosis
Sheep & Lamb	1 Lamb (37 lbs.)	Uraemia
	1 Liver	Necrosis
	1 Liver	Distomatosis
Pork	9 Heads, tongues & collars	Tuberculosis
	1 Carcase and offal	Tuberculosis
	1 Liver	Milkspot
	1 Head and tongue	Wound and abscess

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	117	nil	51	482	442
Number inspected	117	nil	51	482	442
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	nil	nil	nil	1	nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	nil	nil	2	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.45
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	nil	nil	nil	nil	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	nil	nil	nil	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.26

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

There were 27 cases of infectious disease notified during the year. The diphtheria notifications amounted to 4, and of this number 2 were children under ten years of age.

One application was made for Diphtheria Immunisation during the year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1938

AGE GROUPS	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Dysentery	Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	TOTALS
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
3	-	1	-	3	-	-	4
4	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
5	3	-	-	3	1	-	7
10	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	1	1	3	-	1	6
35	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
45	-	1	-	3	-	-	4
65 and upwards . . .	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total notifications	3	4	1	16	1	2	27
Total admissions to Hospital	3	4	-	9	-	1	17
Total Deaths	-	-	-	7	-	-	7

Cancer

There were recorded during the year 18 deaths (7 male and 11 female) due to cancer, a rate per 1,000 estimated population of 1.86.

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
35	-	1	1
45	-	3	3
55	2	2	4
65	1	3	4
75	4	2	6
85 and upwards	-	-	-
Totals	7	11	18

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Prevention of Blindness

No action has been necessary during the year under Section 66 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

Tuberculosis

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1938

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
Totals ...	4	-	1	1	2	3	1	1

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

Government Evacuation Scheme

In September of this year, two parties of Nursery School children were evacuated from London to this town. The parties were 215 children and 21 adults from the MacMillan Nursery School of Deptford, and 35 children and 9 adults from the Balham Nursery School. The parties arrived by London County Council ambulances, and were accommodated at the Parish Hall and Salvation Army Hall, at which centres they were fed and rested. Two of the children were found to be suffering from Scarlet Fever, and one from Conjunctivitis.

The townspeople gave every assistance in providing billets for the children, and they were all housed by noon on the day after reception. The Schools remained here only one week, and were then returned to London.

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