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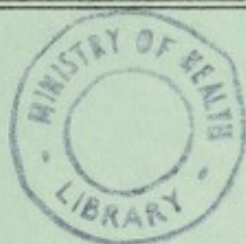


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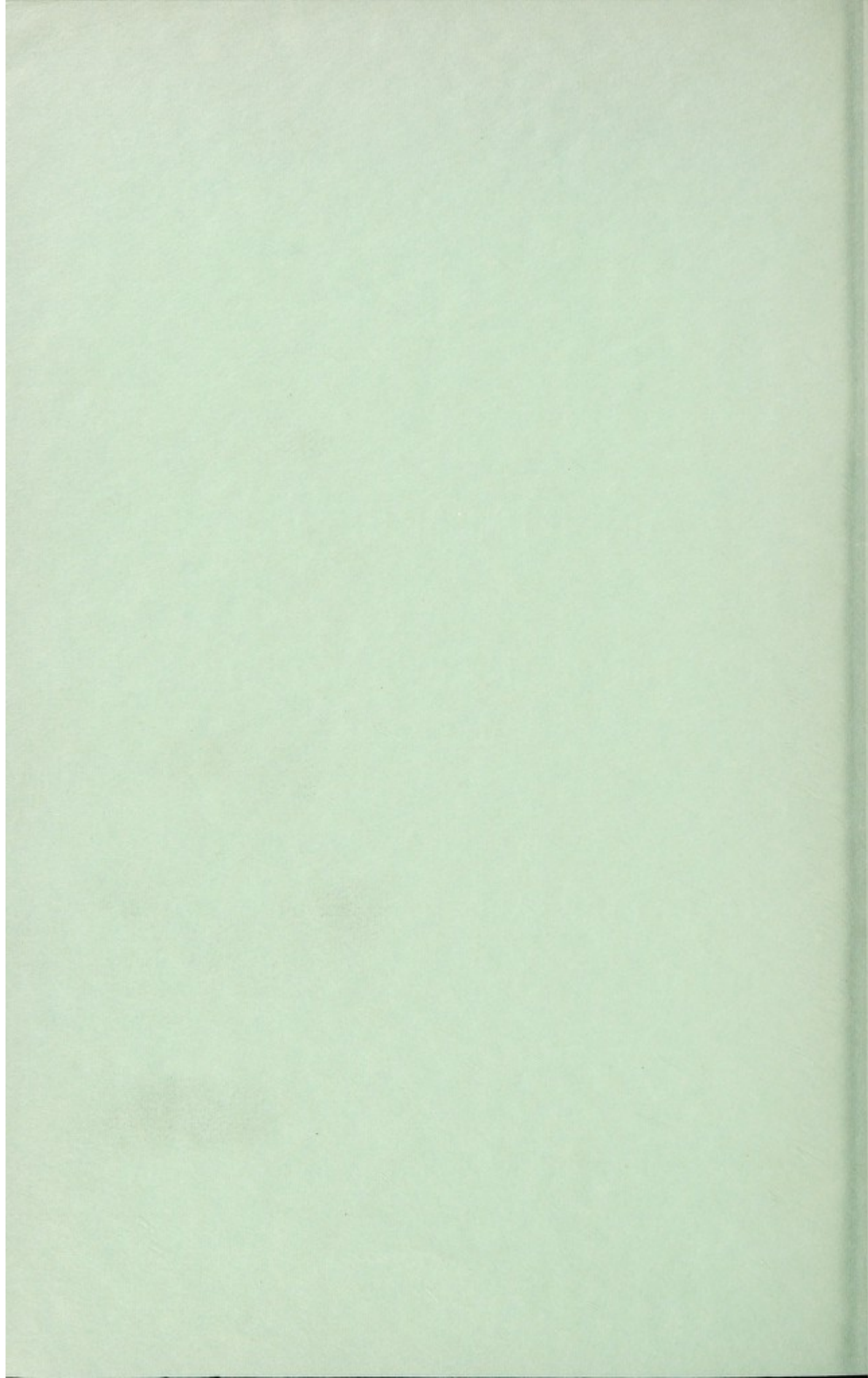
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Chief Public Health Inspector : F.E. Storr, C.R.S.I. (Meat & Other Foods)

Additional Public Health Inspector : M. Swingler, C.R.S.I.
(Meat & Other Foods)

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Medical Officer's Dept.

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Mrs. J. Thorlby (commenced 28.10.63)
Miss H. Walker
Miss J. Meachen

Public Health Inspector's Dept.

Chief Clerk : Mr. S. Watson (part-time)
Miss J. Walker (part-time)
(resigned 22.10.63)
Miss J. Easom (part-time)
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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
CHANCERY LANE,
RET FORD

July, 1964

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
EAST RET FORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1963, on the health and sanitary circumstances of the East Retford Rural District compiled in accordance with the instructions of the Minister of Health.

The mid-year population of the Rural District has increased by 290 to 23,010.

The number of births in 1963 is 401, an increase of 42 on the previous year.

There has been a natural increase of births over deaths of 168 compared with 129 in 1962 and 84 in 1961.

Although there has been a buoyant increase in births, the death rate was similar to 1962.

The infant death rate is very low this year at 7.48.

The number of notifiable infectious diseases in 1963 was 482, measles accounting for 359 of these. It is noteworthy that 92 cases of whooping cough occurred.

The primary notifications of Tuberculosis was as for 1962.

During 1963, the rate of acceptance for prophylactic immunisation against Tuberculosis remained as for 1962 at 65% for pupils in the senior schools.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Mr. D. Roberts, Surveyor to the East Retford R.D.C., has been kind enough to supply me with the information that follows.

The Council continued during 1963 in its efforts to provide main drainage facilities in the more populous parishes of the district. At the year end three of the schemes in hand had been completed and a new scheme had been commenced.

The Misterton, Walkeringham and Beckingham scheme after many delays was finally completed during the year and the majority of the people showed their appreciation of it by having pails and privies replaced with water closets. Following the completion of this scheme the open sewer dykes in this part of the district were thoroughly cleansed with one notable exception – the weir dyke at Misterton which has in the past been the joint responsibility of the Docks and Inland Waterways and this Council, but at the year end negotiations were in hand with the Waterways Board for a joint scheme to clean this dyke out.

The Ranskill and Torworth Scheme was completed within the time set out in the original programme and the old works at Ranskill was cleared and the site levelled. It has been noticeable that the effluent discharging into the Common Lane dyke has been much improved since the new works has been in operation. It was on this scheme that plastic pumping mains were used for the first time by the Council and they appear to be functioning extremely satisfactorily.

The re-construction of the Elkesley works and its enlargement so as to cater for the old village of Elkesley together with the sewerage of the old village was completed during the year together with two new pumping stations.

After many setbacks over a long number of years the Clarbrough and Hayton scheme was eventually put in hand in the late summer and whilst workmanship has been satisfactory, the progress on the scheme has been slow, due mainly to the inability of the Contractors to engage and retain the necessary number of skilled workmen.

Progress on the proposed schemes for Lound, Sutton and Barnby Moor, Treswell, Rampton, Laneham, Dunham and Ragnall, and North and South Wheatley has not been so good as had been hoped. The delays being encountered in persuading certain owners to negotiate with the Council for the sale of land for Disposal Works and Pumping Station sites. However it is hoped that next year better progress will be made.

With regard to the Finningley scheme the Council on the advice of its Consultant Engineers decided not to participate in the joint scheme with the Doncaster Rural District Council envisaging Finningley being sewerage in conjunction with certain parishes in the Doncaster area. The Council, after considering all points of view, decided that it would be more economical for Finningley to be dealt with as a separate entity and the Consultant Engineers were instructed to prepare a scheme accordingly.

During the year consideration was given to the provision of mains drainage in the hamlet of Ranby with disposal to the existing works at the W.D. Camp in that area, and good progress was made in negotiations with the War Department for the acquisition of this sewage disposal works.

The population now served by main sewers in the area is approximately ten thousand and the schemes in hand and in the pipe line will provide this much needed amenity to a further three thousand.

During the year the Council authorised an increase in the Maintenance Staff on Sewage Disposal Works and created four small mobile squads to maintain the works already provided. This has been a big step forward and will without doubt greatly improve the general maintenance work.

The disposal of sewage sludge has been for the most part satisfactory during the year but the sludge from the East Markham Works still presents a problem as very few farmers in that area appear to be interested in using it as a fertiliser.

Regular maintenance has been carried out throughout the year on the Council House plants in various parts of the district and minor replacements of equipment have been carried out where necessary.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for your support during the year, and thank the officers of my department and of other departments of the Rural District for their help.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

G. TATTERSALL,

Medical Officer of Health

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area	111,024 acres
Registrar Generals estimated population, mid year 1963	23,010
Number of inhabited houses at 31st March, 1964 ..	7,009
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1964.	£857,719
Sum represented by the Penny Rate at 31st March, 1964	£3,486 6d

Vital Statistics are calculated on the estimated population given by the
Registrar General, i.e. 23,010.

		England & Wales
Live Births	T 401 M 210 F 191	
Live Birth-rate per 1,000 population	17.42	18.20
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	3.90	
Still births	T 9 M 4 F 5	
Still birth-rate per 1,000 live and still births	21.95	17.30
Total live and still births .. .	T 410	
Infant deaths (under 1 year) .. .	T 3 M 1 F 2	
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	7.48	20.90
Legitimate mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	7.78	
Illegitimate mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil	
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	4.99	14.20
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	4.99	
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	26.83	
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	T 1	
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	2.44	
Deaths from all causes .. .	T 233 M 125 F 108	
Death rate per 1,000 population	10.13	12.20

CAUSES OF DEATH — 1963

Tuberculosis, respiratory	1
Tuberculosis, other	0
Syphilitic disease	1
Diphtheria	0
Whooping Cough	0
Meningococcal infections	0
Acute poliomyelitis	0
Measles	0
Other infective and parasitic disease	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	9
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	22
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	3
Diabetes	0
Vascular lesions of nervous system	37
Coronary disease angina	33
Hypertension with heart disease	9
Other heart disease	28
Other circulatory disease	9
Influenza	1
Pneumonia	11
Bronchitis	14
Other diseases of respiratory system	0
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1
Gastiritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	1
Congenital malformations	0
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	18
Motor vehicle accidents	9
All other accidents	8
Suicide	0
Homicide and operations of war	0
Total ..	233

Causes of Death in Children under 1 year

Cause	Under 24 hrs.	Under 1 week	Under 1 mnth	1-3 mnths	3-6 mnths.	6-9 mnths.	9-12 mnths.	Total
Prematurity	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Accidental (burning)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTAL	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	3

Causes of Death in Children aged 1-15 years

Cause	Pre-school	School-children	Total
Accidental	2	-	2
Acute oedema of the larynx	1	-	1
Perulent meningitis	1	-	1
TOTAL	4	-	4

Table showing deaths of children under 1 year over the last five years

Year	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
No. of deaths	3	9	5	10	5

Table Showing Vital Statistics 1959-1963 (inclusive)

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Population (mid-year population as estimated by the Registrar General)	23,010	22,720	23,540	23,790	23,240
BIRTHS :					
Live Births — legitimate	385	344	322	344	288
— illegitimate	16	15	22	18	16
Still Births .. legitimate	9	3	5	7	2
— illegitimate	—	—	2	—	—
DEATHS :					
All causes	233	230	260	229	238
Maternal deaths	1	1	—	—	—
Infantile deaths (i.e. under 1 year) ..	3	9	5	10	5
Neonatal deaths (i.e. under 4 weeks)	2	7	4	6	3
Early neonatal deaths (i.e. under 1 week)	2	7	2	5	—
Perinatal deaths (i.e. still-births and deaths under 1 week combined) ..	11	10	9	12	—

**DEATHS FROM CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS
COMPARED WITH ALL OTHER DEATHS FROM CANCER
(EXCEPT LEUKAEMIA)**

	Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	All other Cancer deaths (except Leukaemia)
Number	7	37
Average age	70 years	68 years

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following diseases are notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health :

Anthrax	Plague
Cholera	Pneumonia, Acute Primary
Diphtheria	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal
Dysentery	Poliomyelitis
Encephalitis (Acute)	Puerperal Pyrexia
Enteric, Typhoid or Paratyphoid	Relapsing Fever
Fever	Scarlet Fever
Erysipelas	Smallpox
Malaria	Tuberculosis
Measles	Typhus
Membranous Croup	Whooping Cough
Meningococcal Infection	Food Poisoning or suspected
Ophthalmic Neonatorum	Food Poisoning

The number of infectious diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) notified during 1963 was 482. Details of these are as follows :

<i>Diseases</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>
Dysentery	15
Encephalitis	1
Measles	359
Meningococcal Infection	1
Acute Pneumonia	3
Scarlet Fever	11
Whooping Cough	92

Tuberculosis

There were 11 cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year, of these 7 were primary notifications, i.e. related to persons who had not previously been notified in the area of any authority, and 4 were non-primary notifications, these being transfers from other areas.

A table giving details of new cases and deaths from Tuberculosis is given on page 16.

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations were carried on at the Public Health Laboratories at Lincoln and Sheffield. 103 specimens were submitted for examination.

Vaccination and Immunisation

This is a Personal Health Service and is the responsibility of the County Council. This work is organised by the District Medical Officer of Health for the County Council. Protective injections are given against Smallpox, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis.

Prophylactic Measure			By P.H. Dept	By P.P.
Diphtheria Immunisation				
Primary Immunisation	..	..	99	149
Reinforcing doses	..	..	212	30
Whooping Cough Immunisation				
Primary immunisation	..	..	97	143
Reinforcing doses	..	..	28	24
Tetanus Immunisation				
Primary immunisation	..	..	120	152
Reinforcing doses	..	..	37	23
Vaccination against Smallpox				
Primary vaccination	..	..	26	84
Re-vaccination	..	..	0	2
Vaccination against Poliomyelitis				
Salk (1st and 2nd injections)	..	..	0	4
Oral (three doses)	..	..	173	163
Reinforcing doses (Salk or Oral)	..	..	171	65

P.H. Dept. — Public Health Department

P.P. — Private Medical Practitioner

Protection against Tuberculosis

A scheme for protection of adolescents against Tuberculosis has been in progress since 1957.

This scheme involves the skin testing and B.C.G. vaccination of all children of secondary school age, and of students.

The work is organised by the District Medical Officer of Health as agent for the County Council.

The figures for 1963 are given below

VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

No. of children offered vaccination	..	..	..	150
No. of children whose parents accepted	..	..	..	101
Rate of acceptance	..	..	..	67.3
No. of children skin tested	..	..	..	141
No. found positive and referred for x-ray	..	..	..	50
No. Found to be negative	..	..	..	89
No. of children vaccinated	..	..	..	89
No. re-tested after previous vaccination	..	..	..	0
No. re-vaccinated	..	..	..	0

IMMUNISATION STATE OF CHILDREN IN THE RURAL DISTRICT

Column	1	2
Age Group	Percent. protected against Diphtheria or Diphtheria and Whooping Cough	Percent. protected against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and/or Tetanus
Under 1 year	—	17.4
1-4 years	33.1	44.1
5-14 years	91.4	5.4

Column 1 shows the children who are immunised against Diphtheria or Diphtheria/Whooping Cough, but not Tetanus.

Column 2 shows the children who are immunised against Tetanus, whether it be Tetanus only, Diphtheria/Tetanus or Triple Antigen (which includes Whooping Cough vaccine).

This table will show in subsequent years the changeover to Triple Antigen as an immunising agent.

Infectious Diseases (Excluding Tuberculosis) Notified Month by Month — 1963

DISEASES	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	15	4	-	-	1	-	3	2	4	-	-	-	1
Encephalitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	359	30	42	37	85	20	11	83	46	5	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	11	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	1
Whooping Cough	92	-	-	-	1	-	5	4	1	29	24	18	10
TOTALS ..	482	38	44	39	87	20	19	89	52	37	27	18	12

Infectious Diseases (Excluding Tuberculosis) Notified in Age Groups — Admitted to Hospital, and Deaths, 1963

	At all ages	Under 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	5-10 years	10-15 years	15-20 years	20-35 years	35-45 years	45-65 years	65 & over	Age un- known	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	15	1	1	2	-	-	2	1	3	1	2	1	-	1	-	-
Encephalitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	359	6	28	35	56	44	171	13	2	-	1	-	-	3	-	-
Meningococcal Infection ..	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	11	-	-	-	2	1	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	92	6	7	6	9	12	31	13	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	482	14	36	43	67	57	210	29	8	5	4	3	2	4	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS 1963

New Cases and Deaths

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2-3 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3-4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4-5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-10 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-15 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-20 years	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-35 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-45 years	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
45-65 years	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Totals	3	2	1	1	1	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and Deaths – 1953-1962 inclusive

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953
New cases	7	8	5	12	10	16	12	10	15	24
Deaths	1	1	2	0	1	5	1	1	4	2

NEW CASES

1963	Annual Average over previous ten years
7	11.9

DEATHS

1963	Annual Average over previous ten years
1	1.80

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Details of the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Food and Drugs Act, 1955, provides for the sampling of food and drugs for analysis or for bacteriological or other examinations. The Notts. County Council is the authority responsible for these duties and I am grateful to Mr. Gregory, Chief Inspector, Food and Drugs, for a report of the Public Analyst upon articles analysed during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The tables on pages ¹⁸ 18 and ¹⁹ 19 give a summary of the work with respect to matters under Part I and Part VIII of the Factories Act, 1961.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT (1948) AND NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

These Acts provide for the removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention. No action was necessary under the Acts during the year though assistance in getting persons into hospital on a voluntary basis was given.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

1 - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)	No. of Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	24	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	55	29	4	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	79	29	4	-

OUTWORK — SECTION 110

NATURE OF WORK	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec.110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists
Wearing apparel — Making, etc, cleaning and washing	1	—	—
Household linen	—	—	—
Lace, lace curtains and nets	—	—	—
Curtains and furniture hangings	—	—	—
Furniture and upholstery	—	—	—
Electro-plate	—	—	—
File making	—	—	—
Brass and brass articles	—	—	—
Fur pulling	—	—	—
Iron and steel cables and chains	—	—	—
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels	—	—	—
Cart gear	—	—	—
Locks, latches and keys	—	—	—
Umbrellas, etc.	—	—	—
Artificial flowers	—	—	—
Nets, other than wire nets	—	—	—
Tents	—	—	—
Sacks	—	—	—
Racquets and tennis balls	—	—	—
Paper bags	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or part thereof made wholly or partially of paper	—	—	—
Brush making	—	—	—
Pea picking	—	—	—
Feather sorting	—	—	—
Carding, etc. of buttons, etc.	—	—	—
Stuffed toys	—	—	—
Basket making	—	—	—
Chocolates and sweetmeats	—	—	—
Cosaques, Christmas stockings	—	—	—
Textile weaving	—	—	—
Lampshades	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	1	—	—

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Particulars of samples obtained by Officers of the Department and examined and/or analysed under the above Act in the Rural District of Retford during the Year ending 31st December, 1963

Article	Number of Samples			Adulterated or Sub-Standard Samples	
	Obtained	Genuine	Adult'd or Sub-Standard	Result of Examination and/or Analysis	Remarks
Cherries Glace	1	1	—		
Chocolate Sponge Mix	1	1	—		
Fish paste salmon	1	1	—		
Lard	1	1	—		
Meat paste	1	1	—	(1 sample of milk contained green mould)	Seller fined £7. 7. 0. <i>plus</i>
Milks	99	91	8	(3 contained small portion added water)	£8. 10. 0. Producers cautioned
				(3 slightly deficient in milk solids.)	
				(1 sample of milk contaminated with Sod. Chloride (common salt))	Producer Cautioned
Mushrooms creamed	1	1	—		
Nut rings roasted	1	1	—		
Rum truffles	1	1	—		
Yeastvite	1	1	—		
TOTALS . .	108	100	8		

Miscellaneous Food and Drugs Investigations:

1. Bottle-cap found in bottle of milk — Seller cautioned.
2. Bottle of milk contained a piece of glass — Seller cautioned.
3. Chocolate eclair contained mould — Seller fined £5. 5. 0. *plus* £4. 4. 0. costs.

ANNUAL REPORT 1963

Dear Dr. Tattersall,

I beg to submit this my report for the year 1963, a year which has seen a great variety of work carried out by the Department.

Those fields of activity which have taken up the most time and towards which the greatest number of visits have been made include; Housing and Slum Clearance, Moveable Dwellings, Food Premises, Refuse Collection and Disposal, and Infectious Diseases.

During the year five (5) Statutory Notices were served, all of which were duly complied with.

It is disappointing to once again report that Slum Clearance, particularly re-housing progressed at snails pace. Out of a total of 94 houses/bungalows available for letting and re-letting to slum clearance occupiers only 14 were allocated for such purposes.

This very low allocation can be attributed to several reasons such as, lack of desire of tenants to move, wrong type of accommodation available, local outlook in letting and accepting tenancies.

There is still a great need in practically all parishes for one- or two-bedroomed bungalows, and I feel that this need should be satisfied whether deep sewers are available or not.

The above is a small extract from the report, more details are given under the respective sections.

Your obedient servant,

F. E. STORR,

Chief Public Health Inspector

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HOUSING

Inspections, etc. were carried out under the Housing Acts for the following purposes :

1. Repair and demolition of houses	392
2. Improvement Grants	15
3. Application for Council Houses	4
4. Interviews with owners other than at office	57
5. Inspections in connection with Certificates of Disrepair	1

Housing Act, 1957 — Section 9

No houses were dealt with formally under Section 9	—
No. of houses dealt with by informal action	7

Housing Act, 1957 — Section 16

The work of slum clearance continued during the year, but the end of the year found us way behind in our target of dealing with 981 houses in 12-14 years from 1955.

A general review of the picture shows re-housing to be far too slow; by the end of the year 71 houses with confirmed Demolition Orders on them were still occupied and indeed some of them have been for a number of years.

A further picture emerging from the review shows the vast majority of the slum clearance properties to be occupied by elderly people or problem families. The demand for one- and two-bedroom bungalows is still great.

1. No. of dwellings represented prior to 1st January, 1963, upon which no formal action had been concluded	15
2. No. of Demolition Orders made in respect of dwellings included in (1) above	9
3. No. of Undertakings to reconstruct accepted in respect of dwellings included in (1) above	—
4. No. of Undertakings included in (3) above complied with (conversion of two dwellings into one)	—
5. No. of Undertakings not to use for human habitation accepted in respect of dwellings included in (1) above	—
6. No. of dwellings included in (1) above which the Council are negotiating to purchase	1
7. No. of dwellings included in (1) above on which formal action has not been concluded	5
8. No. of dwellings represented as unfit to Council between 1st January, 1963, and 31st December, 1963	18
9. No. of Demolition Orders made in respect of dwellings included in (8) above	16
10. No. of Undertakings to reconstruct accepted in respect of dwellings included in (8) above	1
11. No. of Undertakings not to use for human habitation accepted in respect of dwellings included in (8) above	1
12. No. of dwellings included in (8) above which the Council are negotiating to purchase	—
13. No. of dwellings included in (8) above upon which consideration has been deferred	—
14. No. of houses demolished as a result of Demolition Orders and representations	22

Slum-Clearance Summary

Estimate of Number of Unfit Dwellings

Proposals submitted to Minister in 1955:

No. of unfit houses to be dealt with	981	205 first
Period of time	12-14 years	five years

Number of houses already dealt with up to December, 1963:

	<i>Confirmed</i>	<i>Awaiting Confirmation</i>
(a) As clearance areas	Nil	Nil
(b) As individual unfit houses	352	Nil

Number of houses remaining to be dealt with:

568, less 5 voluntarily reconstructed during year with assistance of Improvement Grants	563
No. of houses still occupied with confirmed Demolition Orders	71
No. of families re-housed during 1963 from Slum Clearance properties	14

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

1. No. of applications for Grants received	36
2. No. of applications approved on original submission	26
3. No. of applications rejected	2
4. No. of applications referred back for revision	6
5. No. of applications approved after re-submission extra to (2) above	2
6. Total value of Grants approved	£7,931. 10s. 0d. (£9,935. 0s. 0d. in 1962)
7. Average grant per dwelling	£ 283. 5s. 4d. (£294. 4s. 1d. in 1962)
8. No. of Schemes certified complete	29
9. Average Grant in respect of Schemes completed in (8) above	£ 278. 9s. 2d. (£292. 13s. 9d. in 1962)

Of the 28 Grants approved during the year, nine (32.14%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

Of the 29 Schemes which were certified as completed during the year, 18 (62.07%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

STANDARD GRANTS

1. No. of applications for grants received.....	81
2. No. of applications approved.....	80
3. No. of applications rejected	—
4. No. of applications referred back for revision.....	1
5. No. of applications approved after re-submission included in (2) above	—
6. No. of Schemes certified complete	56
7. Average grant in respect of Schemes com- pleted in (6) above	£87. 14s. 11d. (£84. 0s. 2d. in 1962)

Of the 80 grants approved during the year, 21 (26.25%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

Of the 56 schemes which were completed during the year, 16 (28.57%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

The Schemes approved during the period envisaged the provision of the following amenities :

<i>Water Closets</i>	75	<i>Lavatory Basins</i>	56
<i>Larders</i>	17	<i>Hot water systems</i>	56
<i>Baths</i>	53		

The following amenities were provided during 1963 :

<i>Water Closets</i>	54	<i>Lavatory basins</i>	40
<i>Larders</i>	15	<i>Hot water systems</i>	32
<i>Baths</i>	37		

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act

Three applications for subsidy in respect of agricultural workers' dwellings have been approved. Four applications for loans to build new houses or acquire existing houses were also approved.

NEW HOUSES

The following additional units of housing accommodation were completed during the year :

1. Council houses	22
2. Private enterprise houses including provision with subsidy	76
3. Units by conversion schemes	1
4. Housing associations.....	—
5. Government Departments	—

At the end of the year 34 Council Houses and/or bungalows were under construction, and 66 Private Enterprise houses or bungalows.

THE CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

The Council adopted standards under the above Act for Permanent Residential, Holiday and Individual sites, and up to the end of the year had issued the following licences subject to compliance with these same standards :

Permanent Residential	12	providing accommodation for 173 caravans
Holiday.....	5	providing accommodation for 190 caravans
Individual.....	24	

Work on the various sites to provide the necessary amenities has been slow, but by the end of the year they were all more or less in compliance with the standards.

To achieve this end it was necessary to take proceedings against one site owner for non-compliance with the standards. A conviction was obtained, the owner being fined £10. 0. 0. plus £5. 5. 0. costs. He later sold, and the new owner brought the site up to the required standards.

In spite of an increase on the previous year in the number of licensed sites, the caravan problem in the District remains acute, particularly in siting the vans used by migrant workmen converging on the area around West Burton. Many of them are of a type who would sooner pay a nominal rent and site their vans in any old corner without convenience of any sort. This of course leads to discontent among site owners who in bringing their sites up to the required standards spend considerable sums of money and need of necessity charge an economic rent.

With a further power station proposed at Cottam this problem will become even more acute and a general tightening up will have to be effected. As to ways and means it is difficult to see with the present staff of the department.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

The following is a summary of the various food premises in the Rural District :

Grocers and General shops	..	..	85
Bakehouses	..	..	2
Butchers	..	..	15
Fried Fish and Chips	..	..	9
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	..	..	3
Sweets and Minerals, etc. ..	..	..	11
Ice-Cream Roundsmen	..	..	1
Private Hotels, Guest Houses	..	..	2
Clubs and Institutes	..	..	3
Cafes, Tearooms	..	..	11
H.M. Forces Canteens	..	..	2
Works Canteens	..	..	7
School Meals Service	..	..	34
Private Schools	..	..	2
Hotels, Public Houses, Inns, etc. . .	..	..	72
TOTAL			<u>259</u>

Of these premises 81 were registered for the retail sale of wrapped ice-cream, compared with 81 in 1962.

Sixty-eight inspections and 182 re-inspections were made of food premises.

The following table summarises the progress with this work and also indicates an overall picture of the improvements effected :

Informal Notices requiring attention to:	<i>Outstanding from last year</i>	<i>Served during year</i>	<i>Complied with</i>
Provision of impervious surfaces to walls and/or ceilings	2	2	1
Provision of light and ventilation . .	1	1	1
Provision of sinks and drainage . .	8	3	4
Provision of hot and/or cold water . .	9	2	5
Provision of impervious work tables . .	2	—	1
Provision of sanitary accommodation . .	1	2	1
Provision of <i>Wash Your Hands</i> notices	2	—	—
Provision of clothes lockers	1	—	—
Provision of soap, towels, etc.	—	2	2
Provision of covered display cabinets . .	3	—	1
Provision of storage containers (inedible offal, etc.)	4	1	2
Provision of sanitary accommodation to licensed premises	3	—	1
Cleansing choked drains	—	—	—
Clearing accumulation of refuse	—	—	—
Exclusion of domestic animals	—	—	—
Ratproofing food rooms	—	—	—
Adequate canteen facilities	—	—	—
Smoking in food room	—	—	—
Provision of first-aid equipment	—	—	—
Unclean premises	1	—	1
Unclean equipment	1	—	1
Disposal of steam or effluvia	—	—	—
Defective cooking range	—	—	—
Structural repairs	1	—	1
Damp/defective wall plaster	2	—	1
Defective floors	3	—	1
TOTALS . .	44	13	24

Excluding village public houses, school premises and canteens, there are only 144 food premises in the District, including small one-man village shops; visits have been made to these, and in almost every case appropriate advice has been given regarding the clean and safe handling of food.

Public Health Act, 1936 — Section 93

During the year three notices were served under the above Section as follows :

1. Defective floors, brickwork and internal plaster.
2. Defective floors, brickwork and internal plaster.
3. Defective and leaking tile roof, ceiling plaster.

Public Health Act, 1936 — Section 45

During the year two notices were served under the above Section as follows :

1. Provision of bucket to pail-closet.
2. Provision of bucket to pail-closet.

Sanitary and Housing Repairs and Improvements Effected

				<i>Notices Served</i>	<i>Complied with</i>
Housing Defects					
Structural repairs to roofs, walls, etc.	..	..	..	2	1
Defective eavespouts and fallpipes	..	..	..	1	1
Defective chimney-stacks	..	..	..	1	—
Floors repaired or renewed	..	..	..	12	12
Defective roofs	..	..	..	5	2
Cooking ranges and fireplaces renewed or repaired				3	2
Defective outbuildings	..	..	..	1	1
Pointing to external brickwork	..	..	..	1	2
Windows repaired, renewed or made to open	..	..	..	22	21
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	..	..	..	2	1
Doors and staircases repaired	..	..	..	11	11
Drainage					
Obstructed drains liberated	..	..	..	7	7
Defective drains repaired	..	..	..	2	2
Leaking or overflowing cesspools and septic tanks				4	2
Sanitary Conveniences					
Pan closets converted to water closets	..	..	..	116	116
Privies converted to water closets	..	..	..	12	12
Water					
Water services repaired	..	..	..	6	5
Miscellaneous					
Offensive accumulations removed	..	..	..	4	2
Verminous premises disinfected	..	..	..	2	2
Smoke nuisance abated	..	..	..	2	2
Unauthorised caravan sites	..	..	..	4	1
Offensive effluvia	..	..	..	3	3
Keeping of animals	..	..	..	2	3

MEAT

The arrangements made between the Council and the East Retford Corporation for the management and maintenance of the Retford Grove Lane Abattoir continued to operate satisfactorily during the year.

Slaughtering is carried out by a Company formed by the Retford and District Butchers' Association. Meat inspection is the responsibility of the Borough Public Health Inspector to whom assistance is given. One hundred per cent meat inspection is carried out and for the most part carcasses and offal intended for human consumption are inspected immediately after slaughter.

Two hundred and fifty-one visits were made by the Council's Inspectors in connection with meat inspection at the slaughterhouse in Retford Borough.

The following food was condemned as being unfit for human consumption :

Meat 88 lb. 11 oz.

Other foods – as per list below :

38 packets frozen peas	7 packets frozen beans
6 packets frozen broad beans	3 packets frozen cod fillets
1 packet frozen skinless cod	4 pkts frozen quarter chickens
8 pkts frozen plaice fillets	13 pkts frozen fish fingers
2 pkts frozen kipper fillets	4 pkts frozen fish-cakes
5 pkts frozen fried potato chips	7 pkts dairy mousse
3 pkts frozen fish portions	2 pkts skinless pork sausages
1 dairy cream sponge	7 pkts puff pastry
3 pkts beefburgers	61 ice lollipops
2 pkts sweet corn	96 ice-cream brickettes
20 tubs ice-cream	103 small ice lollipops
43 chocolate ice-cream brickettes	5 raspberry ripple ice-cream tubs
3 family ice-cream blocks	
21 vanilla ice-cream bricks	

Details of stock slaughtered at the central slaughterhouse in Retford, together with details of meat condemned are recorded in the report of the Public Health Inspector for the Borough of East Retford.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Number of properties inspected as a result of :

	<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Dwelling Houses</i>	<i>Business Premises</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a) Notification and/or complaint	–	36	19	55
(b) Survey under Act	40	33	9	82
(c) Otherwise (when visited primarily for other purposes) . .	31	68	54	153
Total inspections and re-inspections *	96	248	78	422

*This number includes inspections of part-time rodent officer in addition to those by Public Health Inspectors.

No. of infested properties	40	95	19	154
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A charge of 12s.6d. per hour to include cost of labour, materials and travelling is made in respect of business premises.

Infectious Diseases

All houses at which cases of notifiable infectious diseases requiring investigation have occurred have been visited, and advice re disinfection given in appropriate cases.

The number of visits and re-visits (140) necessary in connection with this work was slightly less than last year (156), but no major outbreak occurred during the year. The number is boosted by the re-visits necessary to collect specimens.

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply of the area and of its several parts has on the whole been satisfactory in quality.

Complaints have, however, continued throughout the year from various parts of the area of "brown, tarry and smelly" water. These complaints were generally from those parts served by 'dead-end' mains, particularly in and around the High Marnham area. Flushing of the mains by the Water Board staff clears the mains, and one wonders why this could not be done as routine instead of waiting for complaints which are known to be inevitable.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

No. of samples taken	40
Satisfactory	40
Unsatisfactory	Nil

There are no public standpipes in the Rural District, and the following tables give details of houses and populations supplied and not supplied from the public water supply :

1. Estimated population East Retford Rural District	23,010
2. Estimated number of dwellinghouses *	6,939
3. Estimated number of houses and population already supplied with piped water supply :	
No. of houses	6,694
Population	22,124
4. Estimated number of houses and population NOT at present supplied with piped water supply	
No. of houses	245
Population	846

*This total includes houses on Crown Property at Rampton State Institution, and Daneshill R.O.F.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

This is one of the few services provided by a Local Authority which effects and is seen in action by almost every ratepayer. He expects rightly so to be able to dispose of his household refuse with a minimum of bother and inconvenience to himself. It is a service which if working smoothly receives little praise, but if collection is delayed a couple of days then the telephone is never silent. Thus it can be said that one of the ways by which a ratepayer judges as value for his rates is the efficiency of the Local Authorities refuse collection service.

The ideal collection is a weekly one, and this is the target aimed at during the year, and for the most part maintained. The few exceptions being due to illness, mechanical breakdowns and holiday periods. One must in passing say that for some a twice weekly collection would not be enough, the prime thought being to fill the dustbin.

Collection of refuse is made using direct labour with four vehicles and using five refuse tips for disposal. The four vehicles are the 18 cubic yard fore and aft tippers with a fifth vehicle a 10 cubic yard side loader kept in reserve. In all fifteen men are employed on the vehicles.

Tips in use are at Walkeringham, Torworth, Finningley, Haughton and East Markham. They are semi-controlled by the collection personnel, that is the men are expected to level the loads of refuse as they are tipped. Occasionally a private firm is brought in to level and cover over a tip. The scattered nature and the intermittent use of the tips causes some difficulty in proper maintenance and supervision. The biggest source of nuisance being paper and this particularly in windy weather. The changing character of refuse is one of the most discussed subjects in the cleansing world, and one which will have to be considered carefully when choosing refuse containers, system of collection, type of vehicle and means of disposal. Will the provision of incinerators along with housing development be required in the future? In these days of bigger newspapers, more and more pre-packaging of goods and labelling, the paper content of a load of refuse becomes higher and higher.

The approximate total quantity of refuse collected and disposed of on tips during the year was 6100 tons. Some unit costs in connection with this work are as follows :

	£	s	d
Gross cost per ton - Labour	34	1	
Gross cost per ton - transport	15	2	
Net cost (all expenditure) per ton	50	11	
Net cost per 1000 population	675	0	0
Net cost per 1000 premises	2333	0	0

The Council continued to supply dustbins as a general charge on the rates and during the year 469 were issued either to new premises or as replacements.

SUMMARY

Inspection and Visits

Houses (Public Health Acts)	194
Houses (Housing Act, 1956 – Repair and Demolition)	392
Houses (Housing Act, 1956 – Improvement Grants)	15
Houses (Applications for tenancies)	4
Houses (Housing Act, 1957 – Certificate of Disrepair)	1
Temporary Moveable Dwellings	235
Food Premises	250
Complaints and Nuisances investigated	81
Unsound Food	15
Knackers Yards	9
Meat Inspection	251
Offensive Trades	12
Factories and workshops	29
Refuse Collection and Disposal	281
Infectious Diseases	140
Infestation	44
Atmospheric Pollution	10
Water, watercourses (including samples)	80
Drainage (including drain tests)	75
Interviews on sites : Housing	57
Food Premises	10
Others	32
Petrol regulations	14
Attendance at Court, Inquiries &c	2
Miscellaneous	30
Council House repairs	4
TOTAL	2,267

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SMOKE ABATEMENT

The Central Electricity Generating Board have during the year operated and maintained monitoring stations around the Power Station at High Marnham, and around the proposed Power Station in the course of erection at West Burton. The results from these monitoring stations have been made available along with those from Staythorpe Power Station for comparison.

The stations as they exist consist of deposit gauges and lead-peroxide candles situated in a rough circle around the Power Stations. Representations have been made to the Central Electricity Generating Board that these stations are too close to the respective Power Stations and that the equipment is obsolete. It is hoped eventually to set up a ring of volumetric control stations which will serve the two aforementioned Power Stations along with the new one proposed at Cottam.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER AUTHORITIES

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

(a) Hospital and Specialist Services (Part II National Health Service Act, 1946)

The Sheffield Regional Hospital Board is responsible for the hospitals serving East Retford Borough and Rural District through a Hospital Management Committee. There are four hospitals:

Victoria Hospital, Worksop ;
Kilton Hospital, Worksop ;
Carlton Hospital, Near Worksop ;
Retford and District Hospital.

and the Worksop and Retford Hospital Management Committee carries out the day-to-day administration of these hospitals.

(b) Health Services provided by Local Health Authorities

The Nottinghamshire County Council provides the following services under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946 (Dr. A. R. Margetts, County Medical Officer of Health and Principal School Medical Officer).

1. Care of mothers and young children.
2. Domiciliary Midwifery.
3. Home Nursing.
4. Health Visiting.
5. Vaccination and Immunisation.
6. Ambulance Service.
7. Prevention of illness, care and after-care of persons suffering from illness.
8. Home Help.
9. Mental Health.

Care of Mothers and Young Children

Antenatal and Child Welfare clinics are held in seven villages.

A list of the villages at which clinics are held can be seen on page 9. 36

The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre in the Market Square, Retford, is available to those parents living in nearby villages.

Your Medical Officer of Health attends some of the centres.

Domiciliary Midwifery

Mothers may have their babies at home or in hospital, this depending on various factors, medical and social. If the mother has her baby at home, then she is usually attended by a midwife who will call in a doctor if required, this usually being the family doctor.

Home Nursing

This is a service which provides for the nursing at home of chronic patients, and of the less serious forms of acute illness where the family doctor requests it. It is carried out by the Retford and District Nursing Association.

Health Visiting

Health Visitors are State Registered Nurses with knowledge of midwifery, who have attended a whole-time course in Public Health work and received the Health Visitor's certificate. Their duties are in respect of the Personal Health Services. They work in the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics and do routine visiting of their districts, advising on prevention of illness and maintenance of health.

Vaccination and Immunisation

The vaccination and immunisation service is administered for the County Council by the District Medical Officer of Health, acting as the agent for the County Council.

Ambulance Service

The main Ambulance Station is situated in the Retford Borough and the vehicles comprise three ambulances and three dual-purpose vehicles, which will carry either sitting cases or stretcher cases, and also a four-berth Civil Defence training vehicle.

The Station Supervisor is Mr. E. J. Parker. Office : North Road, Retford. Telephone No. Retford 2303.

Home Help

The office is in Chancery Lane, Retford. This most useful service provides domestic help where, on account of illness, age, or other domestic reasons, it is required.

(c) **Provision of General Medical and Dental Services, Pharmaceutical Services and Supplementary Ophthalmic Services (Part IV National Health Services Act, 1946)**

THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

The School Health Service (known as the School Medical Service until 1945) started officially in 1908, but its growth was greatly increased by the Education Act of 1944 and the National Health Service Act of 1946.

The County Council as the Local Education Authority is responsible for the School Health Service.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

The County Council provides a welfare service for the aged and handicapped persons. The District Welfare Officer is Mr. J. Barrow, 3, Overend Road, Worksop. Telephone No. 2600.

MENTAL HEALTH ACT, 1959

The County Council provides a welfare service for the mentally handicapped. The District Officer for this purpose is Mr R.J. McClean, who has a call office at the Retford Child Welfare Centre, 22, Market Square, Telephone No. Retford 2926, between 11-12 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Details of Attendances at the Maternity and Child Welfare Centres during 1963

Village	Attendances			Medical Consultations
	Children	Expectant Mothers	Post-Natal Cases	
Dunham-on-Trent	616	Nil	Nil	158
Gringley-on-the-Hill	416	Nil	Nil	99
Mattersey	299	Nil	Nil	119
Misterton	1,376	Nil	Nil	386
Ranskill	158	Nil	Nil	52
South Leverton	1,232	Nil	Nil	364
Tuxford	1,421	Nil	Nil	162

