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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE [from June 1970]

Chairman: Councillor J.G. Lawrence

Vice-Chairman: Councillor F. Ash

Councillor R.M. Baddiley

Councillor W.R. Bowness

Councillor G.P. Brooke

Councillor E.E. Crookes

Councillor J.R. Dewsbury

Councillor K.R. Fielding

Councillor J.W. Healey

Councillor M.W. Horrocks

Councillor H.E. Horton

Councillor H.C. Jackson

Councillor C.H. Johnson

Councillor A.W. Leckenby

Councillor A.J. McLean

Councillor D.M. Minnitt

Councillor F.W. Poole

Councillor P. Priest

Councillor C.D. Robinson

Councillor W.A. Robinson

Councillor G.E. Woodward

Councillor F. Wright

Councillor R.O. Wright

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Medical Officer of Health Dr G. Tattersall

Deputy Medical Officer of Health Dr H. Redfern

Chief Public Health Inspector F.E. Storr, M.A.P.H.I. and C.R.S.I.

(Meat and Other Foods)

Additional Public Health Inspector M.F. Swingler, M.A.P.H.I and C.R.S.I

(Meat & Other Foods), A.M.INST.P.C.

(Resigned 12/10/71)

R.M. Chapman, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

(Commenced 3/1/72)

CLERICAL STAFF

Medical Officer's Dept: Mrs P. Mabbott (Resigned 22/1/71)

Miss A. Hocknell (Commenced 3/1/71)

Public Health Inspector's Dept:

Chief Clerk: Mr S.E. Watson (part-time)

Miss S. Macham (part-time)

Public Health Department Chancery Lane Retford

January 1973

To The Chairman and Members of the East Retford Rural District Council:

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In 1971 the population of the Rural District is given as 23,700 which is 170 more than last year.

The number of live births increased by 58 to 377.

The natural increase of births over deaths is 126 compared with 89 in 1970.

The number of deaths in 1971 is 251 which is 21 more than last year. The death rate is below the average for England and Wales.

The number of deaths from cancer of the lung and bronchus was 11, which is less than in 1970.

There were fewer cases of notifiable infectious disease.

The number of cases of measles was 69 in contrast to 105 in 1970, which was the epidemic year for measles. There is a good routine response for vaccination against measles following other routine immunisation procedures. I hope we shall see the benefit of this in future years

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Facilities

Mr Roberts has kindly given me this report concerning progress in the

sewerage and sewage disposal facilities during the year 1971.

At the beginning of the year work was in progress on the provision of mains drainage facilities for the villages of Gringley-on-the-Hill and Clayworth. The contract which had been awarded in July to Lindum Construction Co Ltd envisaged the construction of a sewage disposal works at Middlebridge Road, Gringley-on-the-Hill and the provision of three sewage pumping stations in Clayworth and one at Mill Hill, Gringley-on-the-Hill together with the installation of the necessary gravity sewers and pumping mains for the effective sewering of these two villages; the total cost of the contract amounted to £221123.00 and work on this contract had commenced on 1st October 1970. During the year good progress was made by the contractors and it is pleasing to report that by the end of the year the sewage disposal works whilst not entirely completed, was in operation and in fact some 40 properties in Gringley-on-the-Hill had been connected to the new sewers.

At East Markham sewage disposal works – work had commenced in December 1970 on a contract valued at £10331.00 for the modification of the existing works so as to cater for additional flows; the work on this contract progressed slowly and it was not until October 1971 that

the modifications were completed.

In January tenders were received for the provision of mains drainage facilities in the villages of Misson and Scrooby. At Misson the scheme envisaged the construction of a sewage disposal works and a sewage pumping station together with gravity sewers and pumping mains; at Scrooby it was proposed to provide gravity sewers and a pumping station and pumping mains to discharge sewage to the existing Mattersey Thorpe disposal works, which was to be enlarged and modernised to accept the additional flow not only from Scrooby but also from the villages of Mattersey and Everton which already discharge their sewage to the works. The contract for this work was awarded to Broad-more Contractors Ltd, the value of the contract being £229281.00, and work on the contract was commenced on 1 September. Once the work had commenced very good progress was made and at the end of the year between 15% and 20% of the work had been completed. Sewer laying was being carried out in both villages and constructional work was proceeding at a good pace on the sewage treatment works at Misson.

Towards the end of the year work was commenced on the extension of the Sturton-le-Steeple sewerage system to serve the 11 properties on Wheatley Road; the contractors for this work were Welbourne Construction Ltd, and the value of the contract was £11842.00. Ground conditions at the commencement of the work were poor and as a result little

progress was achieved before the end of the year.

In accordance with the programme adopted by the Public Health and Planning Committee for providing sewerage facilities in the remaining populated areas of the Rural District preparation work was commenced during the year for provision of mains drainage facilities in the village of West Stockwith and the Canal Lane area of Misterton together with the enlargement and upgrading of the existing partial treatment works at Walkeringham. Preliminary reports were also prepared on the feasibility of a comprehensive scheme to provide sewerage and sewage disposal facilities for the parishes of Grove, Hayton, Askham, Eaton, Gamston, West Drayton and West Markham; it was evident following the presentation of the initial report to the Committee that this scheme would be the most expensive that the Council had ever embarked upon. It was however considered essential that these villages should be provided with the appropriate facilities and more detailed reports were being prepared at the end of the year. Good progress was made during the year on the preparation of the Bothamsall Sewerage Scheme which entailed the provision of gravity sewers in this village together with one sewage pumping station and pumping mains which would discharge sewage to the existing Elkesley sewage disposal works, and it was anticipated that the Council would be able to invite tenders for this work in the early part of 1972

In conclusion I wish to thank you for your support during the year, and for the help and co-operation of Dr Redfern, and the Rural District Officers and Staff.

I am,

Your obedient servant,
G. TATTERSALL
Medical Officer of Health

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area								111,024 acres
Regist	rar Ge	neral's	estima	ted po	pulation	n, mid-	year	
1971								23,700
Numb	er of in	habited	d house	es at 31	lst Mar	ch 197	2	8,113
Rateal	ole Valu	ie, 31st	March	, 1972				(1,951,148
Sum r	epreser	nted by	penny	rate at	31st Ma	arch, 19	72	£18,863

Vital Statistics are calculated on the estimated population given by the Registrar General, i.e. 23,700.

		England & Wales
Live Births T 377 M 183 F 194		
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	15.9	16.0
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	9.02	
Stillbirths T4 M4 F0		
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	10.0	12.0
Total live and still births T 381		
Infant deaths (under 1 year) T 4 M 2 F 2		
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	11.0	18.0
Legitimate mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	12.0	17.0
Illegitimate mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil	24.0
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	5.0	12.0
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	3.0	10.0
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	13.0	22.0
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	Nil	
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil	
Deaths from all causes T 251 M 142 F 109		
Death rate per 1,000 population	10.6	11.6

CAUSES OF DEATH 1971

Late effects of Respiratory T.B.		 1
Malignant Neoplasm – Oesophagus		 1
Malignant Neoplasm – Stomach		 5
Malignant Neoplasm – Intestine		 15
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronch	us	 11
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast		 1
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus		 2
Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate		 4
Leukaemia		 1
Other Malignant Neoplasms		 15
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms		 1
Diabetes Mellitus		 3
Anaemias		 1
Mental Disorders		 1
Meningitis		1
Other Diseases of Nervous System		 4
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease		 1
Hypertensive Disease	• •	 6
Ischaemic Heart Disease		48
Osh F CH Di		 13
C		 32
		 9
Other Diseases of Circulatory System		
Preumonia		 16
Bronchitis and Emphysema		 16
Asthma		 1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System		 4
Appendicitis		 1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia		 1
Other Diseases of Digestive System		 5
Hyperplasia of Prostate		 3
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary Syste	m	 3 2 2 1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System		 2
Congenital Anomalies		 2
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality		 1
Symtoms and Ill Defined Conditions		 2
Motor Vehicle Accidents		 10
All Other Accidents		 6
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries		 2
		251

CAUSES OF DEATH IN CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR

Cause	Under 24 hrs	Under 1week	Under 1 mth	1-3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	Total
Angioma of Liver	_	1	_	_	_	_	_	1
Meningitis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Bronchopneumonia	-	-	-	1		-	-	1
Acute Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total	_	1	1	1	-	1	-	4

Causes of death in Children 1-15 years

Cause	Pre-School	School-children	Total
Acute Laryngo-			
Tracheo Bronchitis	1	-	1
Acute Leukaemia	-	1	1
Asphyxia by			
drowning	_	1	1
Bronchopneumonia	_	1	1
Multiple Injuries			_
(Accident)	1		1
Peritonitis	_	1	1
Total	2	4	6

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

	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
No. of deaths	4	10	9	3	8

Table showing Vital Statistics 1967-1971 (inclusive)

	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Population (mid-year population as estimated by the Registrar General)	23,700	23,530	23,780	23,860	23,980
		7804 81300			
BIRTHS: Live Births — legitimate	343				
- illegitimate Still Births - legitimate	34	22 6		33	25 5
— illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-
DEATHS:		-			200
All causes	251	230	245	207	244
Maternal Deaths	-	-	-	-	-
Infantile deaths (i.e. under 1 year)	4	10	9	3	8
Neonatal deaths (i.e. under 4 weeks) Early neonatal deaths (i.e. under 1	2	6	6	2	5
week)	1	5	5	2	3
Perinatal deaths (i.e. still-births and deaths under 1 week combined)	5	11	5	8	8

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	11	44
Average Age	61.1 years	68.3 years

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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

Acute Encephalitis Ophthalmia Neonatorum

Acute Meningitis Paratyphoid Fever

Acute Poliomyelitis Plague

Anthrax Relapsing Fever
Cholera Scarlet Fever
Diphtheria Smallpox
Food Poisoning or suspected Tetanus

Food Poisoning Tuberculosis
Infective Jaundice Typhoid Fever

Leprosy Typhus

Leptospirosis Whooping Cough Malaria Yellow Fever

Measles

The number of infectious diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) notified during 1971 was 107. Details of these are as follows:

Diseases	No. of Cases
Dysentery	11
Infective Jaundice	5
Measles	69
Salmonella Infection	4
Scarlet Fever	7
Whooping Cough	11

Tables showing various details about notifiable infectious diseases during 1971 are given on pages 9 and 10.

Tuberculosis

There were 3 cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year, all of which were primary notifications, i.e. related to persons who had not previously been notified in the area of any authority.

A table giving details of new cases and deaths from Tuberculosis is given on page 11.

Nov. Dec. 5 Oct. Infectious Diseases (Excluding Tuberculosis) Notified Month by Month - 1971 Sept. June July Aug. 13 1-121111-4 19 28 29 Mar. Apr. May 11101 3 00 11111111111 11611111111 Feb. 00 1-121111111 Total Jan. 107 Salmonella Infection.... Whooping Cough Paratyphoid Fever Typhoid Fever Food Poisoning Suspected Food Poisoning MeningitisOphthalmia Neonatorum Scarlet Fever Malaria Infective Jaundice..... Non-paralytic Poliomyelitis TOTALS Diphtheria Paralytic Poliomyelitis Encephalitis DISEASES Dysentery Measles

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Deaths 1 11111111111111 Infectious Diseases (Excluding Tuberculosis) Notified in Age Groups - Admitted to Hospital, and Deaths, 1971 Age |Admitted years years years years years years over known Hospital 3 5-10 10-15 15-20 20-35 35-45 45-65 65 & 1 3 1 3 3 11111101 S 11111111 47 4-5 00 100 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ages 1 year years years years # 11 2-3 12 At all Under 1-2 6 4 69 107 Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Suspected Food Poisoning... Typhoid Fever..... Salmonella Infection MeningitisOphthalmia Neonatorum .. Infective Jaundice Paratyphoid Fever Non-paralytic Poliomyelitis TOTALS Paralytic Poliomyelitis DISEASES Food Poisoning Encephalitis Diphtheria Dysentery Malaria Measles

TUBERCULOSIS 1971

New Cases and Deaths

		New	Cases			Dea	aths	
	Pulm	onary		on- onary	Pulm	onary	No Pulm	on- onary
Age Periods	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F
Under 1 year	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
1-2 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-3 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4-5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-10 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-35 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
35-45 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-65 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	-	_	1	-	_	-	_

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Deaths - 1961-70 inclusive

	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
New cases	3	4	9	5	4	2	8	7	7	8
Deaths	0	0		0	0	0	3	1	1	1

NEW CASES

1971	Annual Average over previous ten years
3	5.7

DEATHS

1971	Annual Average over previous ten years
0	0.6

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations were carried out at the Public Health Laboratories at Lincoln and Sheffield. 60 medical specimens and 46 water samples 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, Poliomyelitis, Measles and Rubella.

Prophylactic Measure		By P.H. Dept	By P.P.
Diphtheria Immunisati	on		
Primary Immunisation		149	184
Reinforcing dose		192	158
Whooping Cough Immu	unisation	1	
Primary Immunisation		146	182
Reinforcing dose		2	72
Tetanus Immunisation			
Primary Immunisation		148	190
Reinforcing dose		192	217
Vaccination against Sm	allpox		
Primary Vaccination		64	67
Re-vaccination		78	18
Vaccination against Pol	liomyelit	tis	
Oral (three doses)		154	185
Reinforcing doses		225	148
Vaccination against Me	asles	208	205
Vaccination against Ru	bella	59	15

P.H. Dept.—Public Health Department

P.P.—Private Medical Practitioner

Protection against Tuberculosis

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

The 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 1971 are given below:

No. of children offered vacc	inatio	n		 199
No. of children whose paren	its acc	epted		 173
Rate of acceptance				 86.88
No. of children skin-tested				 161
No. found to be positive and	l refer	red for	X-ray	 20
No. found to be negative				 134
No. of children vaccinated				 131
No. re-tested after previous	vacci	nation		 _
No. re-vaccinated				

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 Districts through a Hospital Management Committee. There are four hospitals:

Victoria Hospital, Worksop Kilton Hospital, Worksop

Carlton Hospital, near Worksop

Retford and District Hospital, Retford

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 H.I. Lockett County Medical Officer 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

Care of Mothers and Young Children

(a) There are nine villages in which Ante-natal and Child Welfare Clinics are held. A list of these clinics can be seen on page 18. The Medical Officer of Health attends some of these clinics.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at the Notts. County Council Clinic and Offices, Chancery Lane, Retford, is available to those parents living in nearby villages.

(b) Cervical Cytology

A Cervical Cytology Clinic is held at the County Council Health Centre, Chancery Lane, Retford. All women are invited to attend. This clinic, which takes place very other Wednesday afternoon from 2.0 to 4.0 pm, is intended to provide early diagnosis of cervical cancer, and is therefore a most important preventive measure.

I give below numbers of attendances for 1971:

Borough	Rural	Other Parts	Total
278	223	31	532

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 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 less serious forms of acute illness where the family doctor requests it.

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 four ambulances and three dual-purpose vehicles which will carry either sitting or stretcher cases.

Ambulances are normally only available on the request of doctors and other authorised persons however, members of the public should use the emergency telephone system in the event of an emergency arising in the home or public place necessitating ambulance provision.

[c] Welfare Services provided by Local Authorities

Home Help

The office is situated in the Nottinghamshire County Council Clinic and Offices, Chancery Lane, Retford. This most useful service provides domestic help, where, on account of illness, age or other domestic reasons, it is required. The home Help Supervisor is Miss Turner; telephone Retford 2681.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

The County Council provides a welfare service for the aged and physically and mentally handicapped persons. The Welfare Office is at the Retford County Council Offices, Chancery Lane; telephone Retford 2681.

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 Authority is responsible for the School Health Service

Details of Attendance at the Maternity & Child Welfare Centres during 1971

Village	Children	Expectant Mothers	Post-Natal Cases	Medical Consultations
Dunham-on-Trent	344	_	_	100
Elkesley	323	_	_	25
Gringley-on-the-Hill	512	_	_	68
Mattersey	474	_	_	102
Misterton	1640	_	_	217
Ranskill	505	_	_	80
South Leverton	948	_	_	315
Tuxford	1417	_	_	48
Woodbeck	680	_	_	197

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD & FOOD PREMISES

Food & Drugs Act 1955

Details of 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 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.

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.

THE MILK [SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS] [PASTEURISED & STERILISED] MILK REGULATIONS

	Untreated	Pasteurised	Ultra Heat Treated	Sterilised
Samples obtained & submitted to prescribed tests	3	24	1	8
Samples unsatisfactory		2	_	_

Bacteriological Examination of Milk Bottles:

Examined	Nil
Satisfactory	Nil
Unsatisfactory	Nil

FOOD & 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 East Retford during the year ended 31st December 1971.

	Numl	per of Sar	mples	Adulter Sub-standar	ated and d Samples
ARTICLE	Obtained	Genuine	Adult'd or Sub- Standard	Result of Examination and/or Analysis	Remarks
Alcoholic beverage Apples Batter mix Biscuits Blancmange powder Brandy Buttermilk Coffee, instant Coleslaw salad Cream Custard pie Dessert Fruit juice Gin Ice cream Infant food Lemon curd Meat & vegetable extract Milk Mint jelly Peaches Pickle	1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 5 1	1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 5 0	1	Sample failed to satisfy the Phosphatase Test for pasteurised milk	Dairy Company cautioned
Pie filling, savoury Potato powder Ready meal Sandwich spread Sauce Sausage, pork Spaghetti, canned Steak, stewed, canned Sweets	2 2 2 1 3 1 1 3	1 2 2 2 2 2 1 1	1 2	1 sample deficient in meat. Formal sample obtained – also deficient in meat. Sample deficient in meat. Sample deficient in meat. 1 sample deficient in butter fat.	Manufacturers fined £28 & £8 costs Taken up with Manufacturers Formal sample obtained – satisfactory Informal sample
Trifle Vitamin capsules Vitamin compound Whisky Yoghurt	1 1 1 2 1	1 1 1 2 1			
Totals	100	93	7		

MISCELLANEOUS FOOD & DRUGS INVESTIGATIONS

Selling apple pie contaminated with mould — Bakers cautioned Selling packet of crisps containing silica — Manufacturers cautioned

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Dr Tattersall,

I beg to submit this my eleventh annual report for the year 1971, somewhat belated for which my sincere apologies.

The year saw the complete change over to a sack system of refuse collection, an end to the majority of complaints about the service, and an established, unchanged staff with little absenteeism.

Mr Swingler who had been with the Council a number of years (10) left in October to take up an appointment as Director of Cleansing with the City of Northampton, and I would wish him well, and offer my thanks for the valuable aid and assistance he gave me over the years.

In conclusion my thanks are due to your good self for continued guidance and help during the year, to my colleagues on the staff of the East Retford Rural District Council for help and assistance in all matters, and finally my appreciation of the support and interest in the work of the Department from the Chairman and members of the Health Committee.

Yours sincerely,

F. E. STORR

Chief Public Health Inspector

WATER SAMPLES

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

Regular sampling of water was undertaken as follows:

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

No. of Samples Taken	Mains Supply	Private Supply
46	45	1
Satisfactory:	45	1
Unsatisfactory:	Nil	Nil

The forty-five samples taken from mains supply were from twenty-six parishes.

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

1	Estimated population of East Retford Ru	ıral I	District		25,570
2	Estimated number of dwellinghouses				8,113
3	Estimated number of houses and popula supplied with piped water supply:	ition	already		
	Number of houses				8,038
	Population				25,370
4	Estimated number of houses and popular supplied with piped water supply:	tion	not at p	resent	
	Number of houses				75
	Population				200

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The improvement in the service was continued during the year when in mid-summer the remainder of the District was converted to tub/polythene sack collection of refuse. This meant that all parts were now served in like manner, and a clean efficient and weekly collection maintained.

This with the combined use of the bonus incentive scheme gave a trouble free service, a minimum number of complaints, and absenteeism became a thing of the past.

Collection of litter from lay-bys continued as before with the Authority acting as agents of the County Council. At the end of the year 1032 single bins and 605 double bins had been emptied.

Three vehicles were abandoned on the highways in the District and towed away for disposal. In no case was the owner traced.

Bulky refuse was collected on request wherever possible or alternatively tipping facilities were provided.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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

A number of cases of Salmonella in calves were investigated at various farms during the year, with advice given re personal hygiene and

human protection.

CLEAN AIR - SMOKE ABATEMENT

The ring of volumetric stations and deposit gauges designed and so placed to monitor fall-out from all three power stations remained operational throughout the year, and results from them were forthcoming via

the good offices of the County Health Inspector.

The situation of these control stations and deposit gauges, along with those operated by local authorities were given six years ago. They are so dispersed as to give a good idea of fall-out over a wide area and covering all points of the compass. In addition to SO₂ and grit fall-out figures, the Central Electricity Generating Board also supply charts giving wind

directions and velocity day by day.

Comparison figures with Staythorpe and Radcliffe Power Stations were also provided and would tend to show that results from the three power stations in this District are beginning to show an upward trend. This is also suggested by the increase in the number of complaints received. A review of the situation was undertaken between interested parties in September at a meeting arranged between representatives of the Central Electricity Generating Board and the Public Health Inspectors from surrounding Districts. Details of works of improvement already undertaken, or proposed were given, upon completion of which it was hoped the situation would improve. Figures for the latter end of the year tended to support these hopes.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are two poultry dressing and packing plants in the District, one at Misterton and the other at East Markham.

Numbers of poultry vary according to season but on average the following is the normal output:

Misterton: 800-1,000 per week;

East Markham: 10,000-12,000 per week.

Rejects and/or condemned birds also vary according to supply source but average 1 .0-1 .50%.

Regular visits were made to these premises, particularly that at Misterton which required constant supervision. This is still necessary to keep the premises in order, the occupier does not seem to have much idea of food hygiene and clean food handling.

HOUSING

Housing Act 1957 — Section 16

1	No. of dwellings represented prior to 1st January 1971 upon which no formal action had been concluded							
2								
3	No. of Undertakings to reconstruct acc dwellings included in (1) above	epted	in resp	ect of	16			
4	No. of Undertakings included in (3) ab (conversion of two dwellings into one)	ove co	omplied	l with	_			
5	No. of Undertakings not to use for huma ed in respect of dwellings included in (1	n habi	tation a	accept-	_			
6	No. of dwellings included in (1) above are negotiating to purchase	which	the C	ouncil	_			
7	No. of dwellings included in (1) above whas not been concluded	which f	formal	action	_			
8	No. of dwellings represented as unfit t 1st January 1971 and 31st December 19				7			
9	No. of Demolition Orders made in resp cluded in (8) above				7			
10								
11								
12	No. of dwellings included in (8) above are negotiating to purchase	which	the C	ouncil	_			
13	No. of dwellings included in (8) above up tion has been deferred	on wh	ich con	sidera-	_			
14	No. of houses demolished as a result of and representations				9			
Sh	ım Clearance Summary							
	timate of Number of Unfit Dwellings							
Pr	oposals submitted to Minister in 196							
		1970	1971	1972	1973			
1	Part III a) Houses in areas to be declared b) Houses to be cleared	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil			
2	Part II Houses likely to be subject to demolition or closing orders	80	75	75	74			

3 This four year programme will bring slum clearance work up to date in this District.

A large number of these properties are however likely to be occupied by old people and it is certain that a fair percentage of them will have no desire to be re-housed, particularly if this means moving from their respective villages.

It is reasonable to assume that a number of houses will remain

occupied for a long time after 1974.

Number of houses already dealt with up to December 1971

	C	onfirmed	Awaiting Confirmation
(a)	As Clearance Areas	Nil	Nil
	As individual unfit houses	575	Nil
	o. of familes re-housed during 1970 f	rom Slum-Clear	ance
	operties		
Н	ousing Act 1957 — Section 9		
N	o. of houses dealt with by informal	action	12
D	ISCRETIONARY GRANTS		
1	No. of applications for Grants rece	ived	115
2	No. of applications approved on or	riginal submissio	n 82
3	No. of applications rejected		9
4	No. of applications referred for rev	ision	12
5	No. of applications approved after		
	above		
6	Total value of Grants approved . (£37,420. 0. 0 in 1970)		£80,775.00
7	Average Grant per dwelling (£613. 11. 9 in 1970)		£859.30
8	No of schemes certified complete.		47
9	Average Grant in respect of schem (£306.15.2 in 1970)	es completed	£749.91

Of the 94 grants approved during the year 34 (36.17%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

Of the 47 schemes which were certified as complete during the year 16 (34.05%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

STANDARD GRANTS

1	No. of applications for grant received		 		45
2	No. of applications approved		 		41
3	No. of applications rejected		 		2
4	No. of applications referred back for i	revision			2
5	No. of Schemes certified complete		 		36
6	Average grant in respect of Schemes completed in (5) above (£136.9.11 in 1970)		 · · ·	£125	.69

Of the 41 grants approved during the year 11 (26.83%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

Of the 36 Schemes which were completed during the year, 8 (22.22%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

The Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960

The Council had up to the end of the year issued the following licences subject to compliance with the required standards:

Permanent residential: 21 providing accommodation for

292 caravans

Holiday: 5 – providing accommodation for

225 caravans

Individual: 70

Licensed sites are for the most part well maintained and kept in good order by the respective licensees. One site, sub-standard to the others, houses a number of families, who are not in themselves all they might be. The condition of the site continues to cause concern to this Department, and the conditions of the occupiers concern to the Health Visitor, and various Welfare Departments. The application of the Owner for renewal of his site licence was refused by the Planning Authority towards the end of 1970, and enforcement action taken to close down the site. This action continued throughout the year.

Gypsies and other itinerant travellers come into the District occasionally, leaving behind them the usual mess to be cleaned up. On the whole however the problem is only a minor one to date. It may be that some time in the future a site will have to be provided onto which this class of caravan dweller can be directed.

Two Owners had their sites registered by the British Travel Association, and in due time signs directing touring caravanners and campers were erected on the various highways relative to the sites. Many tourists both from the Home Countries and Overseas used the sites during the summer months.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

		Typ	es of Pro	perty
	Non			Agricultural
1 No. of properties in the District			7930	676
2 (a) Total number of properties (inclu- nearby farms) inspected following no		ions	154	_
(b) Number infested by: (i) rats			112	_
(ii) mice			35	_
3 Total number of properties inspected		ts and/	or	
mice for reasons other than notification	on		35	_
Number infested by: (i) rats			22	_
(ii) mice			-	_

Test baiting of sewers was carried out during March/April and apart from short lengths at Ranskill and Misterton were found to be clear. The sewers at Ranskill and Misterton were baited and quickly cleared of infestation.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

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

Grocers and General Shops	71
Bakehouses	1
Butchers	14
Fried Fish and Chips	6
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	4
Sweets and Minerals etc	8
Private Hotels, Guest Houses	1
Clubs and Institutes	4
Cafes, Tearooms	9
Works Canteens	11
H.M. Canteens	1
School Meals Service	25
Private Schools	3
Hotels, Public Houses, Inns	70

TOTAL 228

Of these premises 81 were registered for the retail sale of wrapped ice cream.

172 inspections and/or 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 affected:

Informal Notices requiring	Outstanding from last	Served during	Complied
attention to:	year	year	with
Provision of hot/cold water		1	1
Unclean premises (re-decoration, hand			
lers, untidy conditions)		1	-
Provision of wash-hand basin/sink	. –	1	-
Insufficient lighting and ventilation	. 1	1	_
Defective sanitary accommodation	. 2	-	2
Provision of impervious surfaces to			
walls/ceiling	. 1	_	1
Misc. others		3	3
TOTA	L 4	7	8

Unsound Food - Surrendered/Condemned

	tons	cvvt	lbs
MeatOther foods (peas and beans)		5	5 44
TOTAL		5	49

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections by the Public Health Inspectors).

Numbe of	er.	Written	Occupier
	er Inspections	Notices	Prosecuted
nforced	_	_	_
on 7 is	24	2	_
d by ' kers'			_
TOTAL 74	24	2	
	of Register Sections Inforced 24 uded in on 7 is	Register Inspections Sections Inforced 24 — uded in on 7 is Authority 50 24 which d by kers' — —	of Register Inspections Notices Sections Inforced Inforce

Outwork - Section 110	No. of out- workers in August list required by	in sending	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists
Nature of Work	Sec.110(1)(c)		supply uses
Wearing aparel; making &c,			
cleaning and washing	2	-	-
Household linen			-
Lace, lace curtains and nets Curtains and furniture	_	_	_
hangings	THE HOLING	4201 700 4	ntestrollare
Furniture and upholstery	-	-	-
Electro-plate		-	-
File making	-	- M-	-
Brass and brass articles		-	-
Fur Pulling	-	-	-
Iron and steel cables and			
Iron and steel anchors and		_	_
grapnels	M 6921 = 110	ne remain	_
Cart gear	-	_	_
Locks, latches and keys	_	-	-
Umbrellas etc	-	-	_
Artificial flowers	77-77-7	-	
Nets, other than wire nets	-	-	-
Tents	-	-	-
Sacks		7	-
Racquet and tennis balls	_	_	
Paper Bags	_	_	_
receptacles or parts thereof			
made wholly or partially of			
paper	-	-	-
Brush making	-	-	-
Pea picking	-	-	-
Feather sorting	-	_	-
Carding, etc., of buttons etc		-	- 700
Stuffed toys	-	_	_
Basket making	_	_	_
Cosaques, Christmas		_	
stockings etc	_	_	
Textile weaving		_	_
Lampshades		_	
TOTA	AL 2	-	ortoni-

Public Health Act, 1936 [Sec. 92/93] - May

Housing Repairs - Grovewood Road, Misterton: following service of Statutory Notice necessary work carried out.

Public Health Act 1936 Section 92/93 - October

Housing Repairs - Fox Covert Rise, Misterton: following service of Statutory Notice necessary work carried out.

Public Health Act 1936 Section 92/93 - October

Nuisance arising through the keeping of moribund and decaying carcases of animals, accumulation of manure and inadequate drainage system – Debdhill Road, Misterton: following service of Statutory Notice the nuisances were abated.

SANITARY & HOUSING REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS

Housing Defects	Notices Served	Complied with
Structural repairs to roofs, walls etc	1	1
Defective eavespouts and fallpipes	2	2
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	1	1
Defective windows	2	1
Drainage		
Defective drains repaired	4	4
Leaking or overflowing cesspools and Septic Tanks	1	1
Sanitary Conveniences		
Pan closets converted to water closets	1	1
Privies converted to water closets	5	
Sanitary conveniences repaired/cleansed	3	3
Miscellaneous		
Unauthorised tipping	1	1
Offensive accumulation removed	3	3
Others	2	1
Noise nuisance	1	_

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Inspections	o of premises registered during year	Total No of registered premises at	No of regist- ered premises receiving
Class of Premises		end of year	general insp.
Offices	. 3	17	17
Retail shops		18	18
Wholesale shops, warehouses .		-	_
Catering establishments		11	11
Fuel storage depots		-	-

No. of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises: 57

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by workplace

	No of	persons em	ployed
Class of Workplace		Female	
Offices	56	34	90
Retail shops	8	31	39
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments	65	73	138
Canteens	-	2	2
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTAL	129	140	269

No accident was reported during the year.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

This Act which came into force on the 1st January 1964 aimed at ensuring that suitable accommodation is provided and proper care given to pets whilst in the care of boarding establishments.

Such premises are licensed annually, and twenty visits were made

during the year to the nine licensed premises.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences were issued under the Act, and the premises visited to ensure suitability.

PETROLEUM [REGULATIONS] ACT 1928–1936

All new tank installations are tested under pressure (10lb per square inch for 24 hours) in liaison with a representative of the company concerned.

Number of renewal licences	152
Number of new licences issued	. 5

SUMMARY

Inspection and Visits

Houses (Public Health Acts)	151
Houses (Housing Act, 1957 - Repair and Demolition)	321
Houses (Housing Act, 1957 - Improvement Grants)	47
Temporary Moveable Dwellings	104
Food Premises	172
Complaints and Nuisances Investigated	135
Unsound Food	21
Knackers Yards	18
Animal Boarding Establishments	20
Offensive Trades	18
Factories and Workshops	24
Refuse Collection and Disposal	202
Infectious Diseases	34
Infestation (Including Rodent Operator)	410
Atmospheric Pollution	42
Water, watercourse (including samples)	52
Drainage	34
Interviews on sites: Housing	29
Food Premises	23
Others	17
Petrol Regulations	37
Attendance at Court, Inquiries, &c	38
Miscellaneous	16
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	57
Abandoned Vehicles/litter on lay-bys	22
TOTAL	2044





