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1964

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of the

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G. WINN EVERETT, M.B., B.S., D.R.C.O.G.

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STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Council Office, State House, Boston, Massachusetts

To the Chairman and Members of the
Elstree Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADAM AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting my 24th Annual Report on the health of the district for the year 1964. It has been compiled in accordance with Circular 1/65 issued by the Minister of Health.

The state of general health of the district continues to be good. There have been no epidemic diseases of significance, even measles shows a very low incidence, this disease tends to vary considerably from year to year. The number of new cases of tuberculosis notified was 9 compared with 6,12,14,17 and 22 respectively in the years 1963 to 1959. The figures exclude cases occurring at Shenley Hospital.

The causes of deaths have been set out in greater detail in this report and the approximate ages at which deaths occurred are also given.

It gives me pleasure to record my thanks to the Council for their support, to my fellow officers for their co-operation and to the staff of the Health Department for their work during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

G. WINN EVERETT,

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Munroe Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADM AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting to you Annual
Report on the health of the district for the year 1964.
It has been compiled in accordance with Circular VGS
issued by the Minister of Health.

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continues to be good. There have been no epidemic
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Council for their support, to my fellow officers for
their co-operation and to the staff of the Health
Department for their work during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

G. WIMB EBBETT,

Medical Officer of Health.

Section A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Area | 8,339 acres |
| Population (mid 1964 - Registrar General's Estimate) | 30,040 |
| Total Number of inhabited houses - 7678. | |
| Elstree | 7112 |
| Shenley | 489 |
| Ridge | 77 |
| Rateable Value (1st April 1965) | £1,890,752 |
| Estimate product of a penny rate (1st April 1965) | £7,780 |

VITAL STATISTICS

| <u>Births</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> |
|--|--------------|----------|----------|
| Live births | 437 | 209 | 228 |
| Live birth rate per 1,000 population | 14.5 | | |
| Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births | 8.2 | | |
| Still-births | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still-births | 4.6 | | |
| Total live and still-births | 439 | 210 | 229 |
| <u>Infant deaths</u> (Deaths under 1 year) | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births | 20.6 | | |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (Legitimate) | 22.4 | | |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (Illegitimate) | Nil | | |
| Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) | 11.4 | | |
| Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) | 9.2 | | |
| Perinatal mortality rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and still births) | 13.7 | | |
| <u>Maternal deaths</u> (including abortion) | | | |
| Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 | Nil | | |
| Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births | Nil | | |

| | E L S T R E E R.D.C. | | Hertford County | England & Wales |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>*Standardised</u> | | |
| Birth rate | 14.5 | 15.3 | 18.29 | 18.4 |
| Death rate | 8.7 | 9.2 | 8.89 | 11.30 |

* Actual rate x Comparability Factor to give Standardised Rate.

| Cause of Death | Sex | Total All Ages |
|---|--------|-------------------|
| Tuberculosis, Respiratory | M F | 1 - |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach | M F | 2 4 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus | M F | 6 2 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Breast | M F | - 4 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus | F | 2 |
| Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms | M F | 6 14 |
| Diabetes | M F | - 1 |
| Vascular Lesions of Nervous System | M F | 12 17 |
| Coronary Disease, Angina | M F | 23 19 |
| Hypertension with Heart Disease | M F | 2 9 |
| Other Heart Disease | M F | 7 19 |
| Other Circulatory Disease | M F | 8 7 |
| Pneumonia | M F | 15 37 |
| Bronchitis | M F | 4 7 |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System | M F | 2 - |
| Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum | M F | 1 - |
| Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea | M F | 1 1 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | M F | - 2 |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate | M | 1 |
| Congenital Malformations | M F | 2 3 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | M F | 5 7 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | M F | 2 - |
| All other accidents | M F | 3 1 |
| Suicide | M F | 2 - |
| Total all Causes | | M 105 F 156 |

| Under 4 weeks | 4 weeks to 1 yr. | A G E I N YEARS. | | | | | | | 75 & over |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | | 1-14 | 15- | 25- | 35- | 45- | 55- | 65- | |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 10 | 5 | 4 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 7 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 5 | 12 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 22 |
| - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 4 | 3 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| 2 3 | 1 3 | - | 1 1 | 1 1 | 1 3 | 12 3 | 29 17 | 27 42 | 31 83 |

Section B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

One part-time Medical Officer of Health
One Chief and two District Public Health Inspectors
(All whole-time, qualified Public Health Inspectors
and Meat and Food Inspectors).

The General Purposes Committee deals with all matters relating to Public Health. They meet at six-weekly intervals and receive the reports of the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public Health Inspector.

2. (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES

Samples of water, milk and ice-cream are examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Peace Memorial Hospital, Watford.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Cases of infectious disease are conveyed to the Coppetts Wood Isolation Hospital, Muswell Hill and the West Hendon Hospital. The ambulance for non-infectious cases, provided by the Herts County Council, is stationed at the Fire Station Elstree Way and is manned by the Herts Ambulance Brigade Staff. If this service is not available, ambulances are on call from a pool controlled by the West Herts Divisional Control, St. Albans.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME

The area has five whole-time Health Visitors, one part-time Health Visitor, four District Nurses employed on general nursing, two midwives and two District Nurse Midwives.

(d) TREATMENT CENTRES AND MATERNITY AND
CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

(i) Elstree Way, Borehamwood

| | |
|--|---|
| Ante-Natal Clinic | Mondays 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. |
| Ante-Natal Clinic | Wednesdays at 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4 p.m. |
| Infant Welfare: | Thursday 2 - 4 p.m. |
| Family Planning: | Fridays 2.15 - 3.15 p.m. and Tuesdays 6.15 - 7 p.m. |
| Speech Therapy: | Tuesdays 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4.30 p.m. |
| Orthoptic: | Wednesdays 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon |
| Ophthalmic: | Wednesdays 1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m. |
| Diphtheria & Whooping Cough Immunisation: | Fridays 9.30 - 11 a.m. |
| School Dental Clinic: | 9 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4 p.m. |
| Orthodontic: | Tuesdays 1.30 - 4 p.m. (Tuesday a.m. by appointment only). Alternative Saturday mornings. |
| Mothers Club: | 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 2 p.m. |

(ii) Health Annexe, Greenacres School, Borehamwood.

Infant Welfare: Tuesdays 2 - 4 p.m.

*Speech Therapy:

School Dental Clinic: Friday a.m. and p.m.

(iii) Health Annexe, Saffron Green School, Borehamwood.

Infant Welfare: Tuesdays 2 - 4 p.m.

School Dental Clinic: Monday & Wednesday a.m. & p.m.

*Speech Therapy:

(iv) Church Hall, Shenley

Infant Welfare & Immunisation:

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month 2 - 4 p.m.

*Treatment by appointment only.

(e) HOSPITALS

The Rural District of Elstree is covered by the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. Individual hospitals are managed by Hospital Management Committee Groups.

Barnet General Hospital

General Hospital with complement of 471 beds with the usual medical and surgical facilities. Regular consultative clinics are as follows:-

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Ante-Natal | Gynaecological | Physical medicine |
| Dental | Medical | Plastic Surgery |
| Dermatological | Neurology | Post-Natal |
| Chiropody | Ophthalmic | Psychiatric |
| Ear, nose & throat | Orthopaedic | Radiotherapy |
| Geriatric | Paediatric | Sub-Fertility (Males) |
| | | Surgical |
| | | Tuberculosis |

St. Stephens Hospital

Small general hospital with complement of 88 beds.

Victoria Hospital, Wood Street, Barnet

Maternity Hospital with complement of 48 maternity beds and 48 cots.

Clare Hall Hospital, South Mimms

Chest Hospital with complement of 334 beds

Child Guidance Clinic, Orchard Gate, Hill End, St.Albans

Child Guidance service: Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(Patients seen by appointment only).

St.Albans City Hospital, Normandy Road, St.Albans

Venereal Diseases: Tuesdays 5 to 6.30 p.m.
Thursdays 1 to 2 p.m.

Shrodells Hospital, Watford

Venereal Diseases: Mondays 4 to 6 p.m.
Wednesdays 4 to 6 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bushey & District Hospital, Bushey

General Hospital with complement of 37 beds.

Coppetts Wood Hospital, London, N.20 (Telephone TUD 9792).

Cases of infectious Diseases (excluding Smallpox) are taken to this hospital. Bed complement 144.

Section C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The Rural District has 3 parishes, Elstree, Shenley and Ridge.

The parish of Ridge and a small part of Elstree parish is supplied with water by the Lee Valley Water Company.

The parish of Shenley and the rest of Elstree parish is supplied with water by the Colne Valley Water Company.

I am indebted to the above-mentioned companies for the following information regarding the water supplied to the district.

1. The water supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.
2. 950 samples of raw water were submitted to bacteriological examination. The results were variable.
2952 samples of supply water were submitted to bacteriological examination. The results were very satisfactory.
467 samples of raw water were examined chemically. The results were variable.
585 samples of supply water were examined chemically. The results were very satisfactory.
3. Before distribution the supply water is chlorinated and partially dechlorinated. Part of the supply water is also filtered and most of it is submitted to softening.
4. The water is not likely to be plumbo-solvent.
5. All the houses in the district are supplied from public water mains direct to the houses with the exception of one isolated house in the parish of Ridge which has a water supply from a private well. The water from the well was submitted to bacteriological examination. The result was satisfactory.
6. The fluoride content of the water supply is less than 0.1 part per million. The Council has asked the Minister of Health to require the addition of fluoride to drinking water throughout the country where the naturally occurring amount is insufficient.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The main centres of population in the district are served by drains connected to the trunk sewer of the South-West Herts Main Drainage Authority, the sewage being treated at Rickmansworth. There are small treatment works within the district at Catherine Bourne and Bell Lane, Shenley and at Watford Road, Elstree.

75 private septic tank disposal units at farms and isolated dwellings were desludged twice during the year. The work is carried out by arrangement with the St. Albans Rural District Council.

The number of houses in the district without waterclosets has now been reduced to 9. Some of these dwellings are unfit but efforts are continuing to persuade the owners of the other properties to provide improved sanitary facilities.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected weekly from the whole of the District by the Council's own staff (under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor), and disposed of by controlled tipping on the site of the disused sewage works at Medburn Farm, Elstree and at Moor Mills, Park Street, Nr. St. Albans.

The use of paper sacks instead of dustbins is now the policy of the Council and steady progress is being made in the extension of this improved hygienic method to the whole of the district.

SWIMMING POOLS

There are no public swimming pools in the Elstree Rural District, but the Council have plans for the provision of an indoor pool at Borehamwood.

CLEAN AIR

The area between the Barnet By-Pass and Furzehill Road, from Shenley Road and Elstree Way southwards to the district boundary is now subject to Smoke Control and the Council intend to extend the area by further Smoke Control Orders until the whole of Borehamwood is included.

Unfortunately this work was temporarily slowed down because of the uncertainty of smokeless solid fuel supplies to domestic users.

RODENT CONTROL

During the year investigation and treatment for rats and mice was carried out at 424 premises. 75 buildings were treated for various insect infestations.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 -

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections.

| TOTALS | REGISTERED. | | Inspections made |
|---|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | During the year | At end of year | |
| Offices | 30 | 30 | 13 |
| Retail shops | 116 | 113 | 49 |
| Wholesale shops, warehouses. | 2 | 2 | - |
| Catering establishments open to the public, canteens. | 14 | 14 | 4 |
| Fuel storage depots. | 2 | 2 | - |

Table B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises 90.

Table C - Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

| Class of Workplace | No. of Persons employed. |
|---|--------------------------|
| Offices | 329 |
| Retail shops | 731 |
| Wholesale departments, warehouses | 160 |
| Catering establishments open to the public. | 127 |
| Canteens. | 18 |
| Fuel storage depots. | 4 |
| Total | 1369 |
| Total Males | 601 |
| Total Females | 768 |

Table D - Exemptions

No applications have been received or exemptions granted in respect of any requirement of the Act.

Table E - Prosecutions - Nil

Table F - No. of Inspectors - 3.

The Act required employers to register their premises between the 1st May and 31st July, 1964. It will be noted that 164 premises were registered. Sixty-six premises were inspected, of this number 16 had not previously registered, 6 were found to comply in all respects with the requirements of the Act. Fifty-four verbal notices were issued and 7 written notices have been sent.

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year 8 applications were received for Standard Grants, all were approved.

Of these houses six were occupied by the owners.

No applications were received for Discretionary Improvement Grants.

There are known to be at least a hundred houses in the district which need improvement, efforts have been made to interest the owners in carrying out the improvements but with little result. Many of the houses are let to elderly people who do not wish to have improvements effected because of the burden of an increase in rent.

RENT ACT 1957. CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received during the year but the work was carried out without official action.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 and 1951

It was necessary to use the power given in the National Assistance Act to enable an old lady of 80 years who was living alone and in very ill health to receive treatment in hospital.

She was unwilling to go to hospital voluntarily so her general practitioner and the Medical Officer of Health obtained an emergency order for her removal to hospital for a period of three weeks. Her general condition improved slowly, she remained in hospital for many weeks of her own free will and later returned to her home. With help from friendly neighbours she now leads a happier life.

TUBERCULOSIS - New cases and mortality during 1964.

| Age Group | New cases | | | | Deaths | | | |
|-------------|-----------|---|---------------|---|-----------|---|---------------|---|
| | Pulmonary | | Non Pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non Pulmonary | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Under 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 2 - 4 | | | | | | | | |
| 5 - 9 | | | | | | | | |
| 10 - 14 | | | | | | | | |
| 15 - 19 | | | | | | | | |
| 20 - 24 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 25 - 34 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 35 - 44 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 45 - 54 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 55 - 64 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 65 - 74 | | | | | | | | |
| 75 & over | | | | | | | | |
| Age unknown | | | | | | | | |
| * Totals | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |

* Not including patients resident in Shenley Mental Hospital.

Section D

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table gives the incidence of notifiable diseases during the year:

| Disease | Total Notified | | Total cases admitted to Hospital | | | | | | | Total deaths | |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|----------------------------------|---|--------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 to 9 | 10 to 14 | 15 to 24 | 25 & over | Age Unknown | Totals | |
| Scarlet Fever | 27 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whooping Cough | 19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Poliomyelitis | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Measles | 53 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diphtheria | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dysentery | 18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meningococcal infection | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Pneumonia | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Erysipelas | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food Poisoning | 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Age Group | Under 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 to 9 | 10 to 14 | 15 to 24 | 25 & over | Age Unknown | Totals |
| Scarlet Fever | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 2 | | | 27 |
| Whooping Cough | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 1 | | 1 | | 19 |
| Poliomyelitis | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Measles | 5 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 18 | | 1 | 3 | | 53 |
| Diphtheria | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Dysentery | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 4 | | 18 |
| Meningococcal infection | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Pneumonia | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Erysipelas | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Food Poisoning | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | 7 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | | | | | | | | | | | - |

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC
HEALTH INSPECTOR

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADAM AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1964. The various routine duties carried out by the staff of the department is set out in the report but behind the statistics there is much of interest.

New legislation has added to the work of the department, the Housing Act 1964 has given new impetus to the grant-aided improvement of houses which lack modern amenities and the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act which became operative during the year has increased the administrative and inspection duties of the department.

There have been several changes in the staff during the year. Mr. K. E. Evans, District Public Health Inspector left in March to take up a new appointment, after four years service with the Council. He was succeeded in May by Mr. A. Norton. Mrs. J. Kemp, our shorthand typist for over ten years left in October and in November Mr. P. Keogh, Rodent Operative died. We are sorry to have lost their services, each worked conscientiously, but we have been fortunate in filling each of the vacancies which have arisen.

It is my pleasure to thank you for your support and encouragement during the year and I also thank the members of the staff of the Health Department for their excellent service.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

G. E. MALE

Chief Public Health Inspector.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF BUREAU

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INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR

A total of 2,903 visits and inspections to all types of premises was made during the year. 367 inspections of food handling premises were carried out.

53 Informal Notices requiring the remedy of defects in dwelling houses were served during the year. The works required were carried out without the use of Statutory powers.

REGISTERED COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no registered common lodging houses in the area.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

11 visits were made to agricultural holdings during the year for the purposes of the Act. No statutory action was required.

NOISE

Four complaints were received during the year regarding noise nuisances. At one large industrial premises extensive works were carried out, resulting in the abatement of noise and vibration which had previously been caused. The other complaints related to intermittent noises from factories.

CARAVANS

There are three privately owned multiple caravan sites in the district, accommodating 100 caravans. In addition the municipal caravan site has 10 caravans and there are 6 caravans on individual licensed sites. Continual vigilance is necessary to prevent unlicensed land from being used by caravan dwellers and in one instance it was necessary to take legal action.

FOOD PREMISES

There are 171 premises in the district where food is prepared for sale, or sold, or offered or exposed for sale to the public.

The following table gives a summary of the types of food premises in the area.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|------------------|----|
| General provision shops | 28 | Butchers shops | 12 |
| Confectioners (Sweets etc.) | 16 | Greengrocers | 14 |
| Confectioners (Bakers) | 8 | Fishmongers | 5 |
| Ice Cream manufacturers | 6 | Bakehouses | 4 |
| Cafes and Restaurants | 9 | Factory Canteens | 21 |
| Licensed premises | 19 | School Canteens | 16 |
| Chemists | 6 | | |
| Off Licences | | 7 | |

All the above-mentioned premises were inspected during the year.

5 notices were served requiring necessary works to be carried out in food premises.

FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION

The Hertfordshire County Council are responsible for sampling food and drugs in this district and I am indebted to Mr. E. H. Griffiths, Divisional Inspector, Weights & Measures Department for the following information regarding samples taken in the Elstree Rural District during 1964.

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Milk Samples | Genuine 45 |
| | Not Genuine ... 5 |
| Samples other than milk | |
| | Genuine 15 |
| | Not Genuine ... Nil. |

Details of Not-Genuine Milk Samples

| <u>Report</u> | <u>Action taken</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3% added water (at least) | Legal proceedings; convicted. |
| Dirt in bottle, school milk | Letter of caution |
| Blue pigment in school milk | Legal proceedings; convicted. |
| Fruit Fly Pupae Cases in school milk | ditto. |
| Second instance of above | ditto. |

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955
Milk and Dairies Regulations.

The following table gives particulars of milk samples taken during the year from purveyors within the district. All samples satisfied the prescribed tests as required by the Milk and Dairies Regulations.

| Total No. of Samples | Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised | Pasteurised |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 14 | 14 | - |

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT)
REGULATIONS 1959.

Under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955, there are five registrations in the district of premises used for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream, and 51 premises registered for the sale of ice cream.

37 samples were taken during the year. The results of the bacteriological examinations are as follows:-

| Grade I | Grade II | Grade III | Grade IV |
|---------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 19 | 13 | 2 | 3 |

Provisional Grades 1 and 2 are regarded as satisfactory. Grades 3 and 4 are unsatisfactory.

ICE CREAM

In my report last year I referred to the increase in the number of ice cream samples which failed to reach the required bacteriological standard. There has been an improvement this year, but the use of machines for making soft ice cream in shops and on motor vehicles has necessitated continued vigilance and the instruction of the persons responsible for the machines in the thorough cleansing and sterilization which is essential in order to achieve the required bacteriological standard.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AND INSPECTED AND PARTICULARS
OF CONDEMNATIONS

| | Cattle ex Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|--|----------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|--------|
| Number killed | | | | 21 | 353 | |
| Number inspected | | | | 21 | 353 | |
| ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI: | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | | | | - | 1 | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | | | | 3 | 56 | |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci | | | | 14.3 | 16.1 | |
| TUBERCULOSIS ONLY: | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | | | | - | - | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | | | | - | 5 | |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis | | | | - | 1.4 | |
| CYSTICERCOSIS: | | | | | | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | | | | | | |
| Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration | | | | | | |
| Generalised and totally condemned | | | | | | |

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

During the year legal action was taken in the following instances.

Food and Drugs Act 1955 - Section 2.

A meat pasty was found to contain particles of glass which appeared to have been parts of a broken electric light bulb. The manufacturers of the pasty pleaded guilty at the Magistrates' Court and were fined five pounds.

A loaf of bread which had a wasp embedded in the crust was the subject of proceedings in the Magistrates' Court. The proprietor stated that chemical apparatus was used at the bakery to kill flying insects. An absolute discharge was given in this case.

Noise Abatement Act 1960

Proceedings were taken against the driver of a vehicle for sounding musical chimes while selling ice cream after the permitted time of 7 p.m. A fine of ten pounds was imposed in this instance.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

An occupier of land was charged for stationing a caravan on the land and permitting it to be used for human habitation without a licence. A fine of fifteen pounds was imposed. The Council was able to avoid hardship to the occupier of the caravan and his family by providing them with a site for the caravan.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

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Part 1 of the Act

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of | | Occupiers Prosecuted |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | Inspections | Written Notices | |
| Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 6 | 6 | | |
| Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 99 | 95 | 3 | |
| Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) | | | | |
| Total | 105 | 101 | 3 | |

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

| | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted |
|---|---|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred | | |
| | | | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) | | | | | |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | | | | | |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) | | | | | |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) | | | | | |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | | | | | |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | | | | | |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 2 | 2 | | | |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | | | | | |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | | | | | |
| Total | 2 | 2 | Nil | Nil | Nil |

Outworkers: Number of Outworkers in the district during the year was 20
 Nature of Work: Making of wearing apparel.

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Total

| Description of work | Number of cases in which defects were found | | Number of cases in which defects were not found | | Total |
|---|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|-------|
| | Number of cases | Percentage of total | Number of cases | Percentage of total | |
| (a) Total number of cases | 100 | 100% | 100 | 100% | 200 |
| (b) Number of cases in which defects were found | 10 | 10% | 90 | 90% | 100 |
| (c) Number of cases in which defects were not found | 90 | 90% | 10 | 10% | 100 |
| (d) Total number of cases in which defects were found | 10 | 10% | 10 | 10% | 20 |
| (e) Total number of cases in which defects were not found | 90 | 90% | 90 | 90% | 180 |

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