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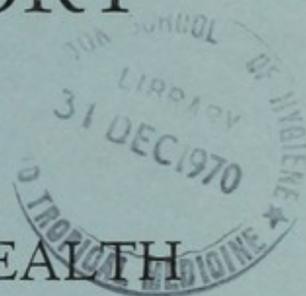
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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1968

INCORPORATING THE REPORTS OF THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AND

FOREIGN ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION

REPORT

ON THE

PRODUCTION

OF

WHEAT IN THE UNITED STATES

AND

THE EFFECTS OF THE

WORLD WIDE SHORTAGE

OF WHEAT IN THE UNITED STATES

AND

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as at 31st December, 1968

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EPPING AND ONGAR RURAL DISTRICT

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EPPING AND ONGAR RURAL DISTRICT

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- (5) Royal Society of Health Certificate in Tropical Hygiene

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Epping Urban and the Epping and Ongar  
Rural District Councils

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since 1956 my Annual Report has always been compiled in the same form i.e. containing a narrative and a statistical section.

In the absence of epidemic outbreaks or other dramatic events I found it increasingly difficult to comment year after year on the services provided without repeating myself or dwelling on rather trivial matters. As to statistics, because the numbers of births, deaths, communicative diseases etc. are relatively small, particularly in Epping Urban District, they are likely to be affected by chance when viewed over the short period of 12 months, and any conclusions drawn from them may therefore be wrong.

For these reasons I have now decided to compile shortened reports to comply with the requirements of paragraph 15(5) of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959, and to present a full report comprising a narrative section only every five years. Over this longer period statistical trends will be better discernable and my comments will therefore be more appropriate and accurate. Meanwhile, in the shortened reports, I shall draw your attention in the preface to anything meriting special consideration, and shall also include such information as the Secretary for Health and Social Security may request from time to time.

In 1968 the health of the people in the two districts was quite satisfactory and further progress was made in improving the environment in which they live. The statistics do not show anything untoward and the figures in parentheses are those for the previous year and serve as comparison.

Early in the year I took up the appointment of short-term consultant in the Western Pacific Area at the invitation of the World Health Organisation. This entailed an absence from my post of just over three months and I am grateful to the Councils of Epping Urban District and Epping & Ongar Rural District for granting me leave for this purpose.

Finally, as usual, I should like to express my thanks to all those who co-operated with me during the year under review and helped me in my task, particularly by providing some of the material for this report.

I. ASH, MD, DPH

Medical Officer of Health

E P P I N G   U R B A N   D I S T R I C T

General Data

Area (in acres).....	1,488	(1,488)
Number of houses (mid-year).....	3,632	(3,524)
Number of houses per acre (average).....	2.4	( 2.4)
Number of persons per acre (average).....	7.6	( 7.4)
Number of persons per house (average).....	3.1	( 3.1)
Rateable value (mid-year).....	£571,600	(£541,840)
Product of a penny rate (financial year 1968-69).....	£2,225	(£2,103)
The rate in the pound (financial year 1968-69)	13/8d	(13/1d)

Population

Resident population (Registrar General's mid-year estimate).....	11,280	(11,020)
Increase over the previous year.....	260	( 330)
Natural increase (excess of births over deaths).....	91	( 95)
Increase due to immigration.....	169	( 235)

BIRTHS

(a) Live Births		<u>M</u>		<u>F</u>
Legitimate	96	(105)	88	( 87)
Illegitimate	7	( 4)	6	( 4)
Total	<u>103</u>	<u>(109)</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>( 91)</u>

Crude rate	per 1,000 population	17.5	(18.1)
Adjusted rate	" " "	15.4	(15.9)
England and Wales	" " "	16.9	(17.2)

(b) <u>Illegitimate Live Births - per cent</u>			
<u>of total live births</u>	6.6	( 4.0)	
" " " " England and Wales	8.4	( 8.4)	

(c) Still Births

Legitimate	2	( 1)	-	( 1)
Illegitimate	-	( -)	-	( -)
Total	<u>2</u>	<u>( 1)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>( 1)</u>

Rate per 1,000 total live and still			
" " " " births	10.1	( 9.9)	
" " " " England and Wales	14.3	(14.8)	

(d) Total Births (live and still)

Legitimate	98	(106)	88	( 88)
Illegitimate	7	( 4)	6	( 4)
Total	<u>105</u>	<u>(110)</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>( 92)</u>

DEATHSMF

(a) All ages 55 (52) 51 (53)

Crude rate	per 1,000 population	9.4	{ 9.5}
Adjusted rate	" " "	10.2	{ 10.3}
England and Wales	" " "	11.9	{ 11.2}

(b) Infants under 1 year of age

Legitimate	1	{ -}	3	{ 2}
Illegitimate	-	{ 1}	-	{ -}
Total	1	{ 1}	3	{ 2}

Legitimate infant mortality rate per			
1,000 legitimate live births	21.7	{ 10.4}	
" " England and Wales	*	{ 17.8}	

Illegitimate infant mortality rate per			
1,000 illegitimate births	-	{ 125.0}	
" " England and Wales	*	{ 23.7}	

Total infant mortality rate per 1,000			
live births	20.3	{ 15.0}	
" " England and Wales	18.3	{ 18.3}	

(c) Neonatal Deaths (infants under 4 weeks of age)

Legitimate	1	{ -}	3	{ 2}
Illegitimate	-	{ 1}	-	{ -}
Total	1	{ 1}	3	{ 2}

Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live			
births	20.3	{ 15.0}	
" " England and Wales	12.3	{ 12.5}	

\* Figures not available

DEATHS (CONTINUED)

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
(d) <u>Early Neonatal Deaths</u> <u>(Infants under 1 week</u> <u>of age)</u>		
Legitimate .....	1    (-)	3    (2)
Illegitimate .....	-    (1)	-    (-)
	-----	-----
Total .....	1    (1)	3    (2)
	-----	-----

Early neonatal mortality rate per  
1,000 live births ..... 20.3    (15.0)  
"    "    England and Wales ..... 10.5    (12.5)

(e) Perinatal Mortality (still  
births and deaths under 1  
week combined, per 1,000  
live and still births) ..... 30.2    (24.8)  
"    "    England and Wales ..... 24.7    (25.4)

(f) Maternal Deaths (including  
abortion) ..... -    (-)

Maternal mortality rate per  
1,000 live and still  
births ..... -    (-)  
"    "    England and Wales ..... 0.2    (0.2)

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis of respiratory system .....	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach .....	3	3	6
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus .....	6	1	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast .....	-	2	2
Other malignant neoplasms .....	6	5	11
Benign and unspecified neoplasms .....	1	-	1
Diabetes mellitus .....	1	-	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease .....	-	2	2
Ischaemic heart disease .....	11	12	23
Other forms of heart disease .....	3	4	7
Cerebrovascular disease .....	4	8	12
Other diseases of circulatory system .....	1	-	1
Pneumonia .....	6	7	13
Bronchitis and emphysema .....	3	-	3
Intestinal obstruction and hernia .....	-	1	1
Other diseases of digestive system .....	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis .....	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate .....	1	-	1
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue .....	-	1	1
Congenital anomalies .....	3	1	4
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc .....	-	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents .....	2	-	2
All other accidents .....	-	1	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries .....	2	-	2
All causes .....	55	51	106

Note: As a result of a change in the Classification of Diseases, it is not possible to give comparative figures for 1967.



COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS)

	Notifications according to age groups												Incidence rate per 10,000 population		
	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-	Age un-known	Total	Epping	England and Wales
Scarlet fever	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	2 (4)	- (2)	9 (8)	2 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	14 (15)	12.4 (13.6)	3.0 (4.0)
Whooping Cough	- (-)	- (-)	3 (-)	- (1)	1 (1)	5 (4)	- (1)	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	10 (9)	8.9 (8.2)	3.5 (6.3)
Measles	1 (-)	1 (9)	2 (12)	3 (10)	2 (18)	1 (29)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	10 (79)	8.9 (71.7)	48.7 (95.1)
Dysentery	- (2)	- (4)	- (3)	- (2)	- (4)	- (18)	- (5)	- (2)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (40)	0 (36.3)	4.0 (4.5)
Food Poisoning	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	0 (0)	1.2 (1.0)
Infectious hepatitis	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	0 (0)	*

\* Figures not available



COMMUNICABLE DISEASES - TUBERCULOSIS

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	
Number of cases on the register as at 1.1.68	48 (47)	40 (39)	10 (7)	2 (2)	100 (95)
Number of cases added to the register during 1968:-					
New cases	1 (1)	- (2)	1 (3)	- (-)	2 (6)
Inward transfers	- (1)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (1)
Number of cases removed from the register during 1968:-					
Deaths	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Outward transfers	1 (1)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (2)
Patients cured	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Diagnosis amended	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Number of cases remaining on the register at 31.12.68	47 (48)	41 (40)	11 (10)	2 (2)	101 (100)
Incidence rate of new cases per 1,000 population					0.2 (0.5)
" " " " " " " " England and Wales					0.2 (0.2)

Incidence according to age

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Under 5 years	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
5 - 14 "	- (1)	- (-)	- (2)	- (-)
15 - 24 "	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)
25 - 44 "	- (-)	- (1)	1 (-)	- (-)
45 - 64 "	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
65 and over	1 (-)	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND INSPECTIONS

HOUSING

General

Number of houses as at 31.12.68	3,760	(3,699)
" " " completed by local authority in 1968	Nil	( 58)
" " " completed by private enterprise in 1968	61	( 98)
" " inspections	20	( 44)
" " re-inspections	25	( 45)
" " intimation notices served	3	( 7)
" " statutory notices served	Nil	( Nil)

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

Improvement Grants

(a) Discretionary

Applications considered and approved ..... 2 ( 14)

(b) Standard

Applications considered and approved ..... 4 ( 15)

All applicants were owner-occupiers

Visits in connexion with improvement grants ..... 11 ( 27)

Rent Act, 1957

Number of applications for certificates of disrepair ..... 1 ( Nil)

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Visits in connexion with refuse disposal	19	( 12)
" " " with drainage	5	( 2)
" " " with infectious diseases	7	(174)
Miscellaneous visits	168	(202)

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Visits to industrial premises and schools	6	( 7)
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FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Type and number of shops and other food premises in the district and number of inspections carried out

	<u>Number of premises</u>	<u>Number of inspections</u>
Grocery and provisions	15 (18)	15 (31)
Confectioners	9 ( 8)	14 (10)
Canteens (including school canteens)	8 ( 8)	5 ( 2)
Greengrocers	7 ( 6)	7 (11)
Licensed premises	14 (14)	12 ( 6)
Restaurants and cafés	8 ( 7)	11 (17)
Bakers and confectioners	3 ( 4)	4 (10)
Fried fish shops	2 ( 3)	2 ( 3)
Butchers	6 ( 8)	4 ( 4)
Milk suppliers	5 ( 4)	3 ( 4)
Miscellaneous visits	- ( -)	35 (46)

Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Fried fish shops	2	( 2)
Manufacture of ice-cream	1	( -)
Preparation and sale of preserved meats	2	( 2)
Sale of ice-cream	21	(20)
Visits in connexion with ice-cream and sampling	38	(31)
Samples of ice-cream and ice lollies	116	(103)

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Continued)

Details of food premises subject to the  
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

	<u>Number of premises</u>	<u>Number fitted to comply with Regulation 16</u>	<u>Number to which Regulation 19 applies</u>	<u>Number fitted to comply with Regulation 19</u>
Grocery and provisions	15 (18)	15 (18)	15 (18)	15 (18)
Confectioners	9 (8)	9 (8)	9 (8)	9 (8)
Canteens (including school canteens)	8 (8)	8 (8)	8 (8)	8 (8)
Greengrocers	7 (6)	7 (6)	7 (6)	7 (6)
Licensed premises	14 (14)	14 (14)	14 (14)	14 (14)
Restaurants and cafés	8 (7)	8 (7)	8 (7)	8 (7)
Bakers and confectioners	3 (4)	3 (4)	3 (4)	3 (4)
Fried fish shops	2 (3)	2 (3)	2 (3)	2 (3)
Butchers	6 (8)	6 (8)	6 (8)	6 (8)
Milk suppliers	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)

Foodstuffs condemned as unfit for human consumption

	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Meat at retail shops	2 (2)	50 (61)
Cooked meats and meat products	2 (2)	93 (23)
Canned and frozen fish	3 (2)	101 (71)
Canned and frozen fruit and vegetables	4 (3)	15 (80)
Other foodstuffs	3 (4)	33 (78)
Total	<u>16 (15)</u>	<u>68 (89)</u>

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Number of licences issued .....	2 (2)
Number of inspections .....	4 (3)

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Number of licences issued .....	2 (2)
Number of inspections .....	3 (2)

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

Number of inspections .....	1 (2)
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NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Number of complaints .....	4 (3)
Number of inspections .....	6 (5)

SEWAGE WORKS

Samples were taken as follows:-

Northern Outfall - by the Lee Conservancy  
Catchment Board

Satisfactory effluent and fit for discharge .....	5 (6)
Just suitable for discharge .....	1 (1)
Unsatisfactory effluent and unfit for discharge .....	1 (2)

Southern Outfall - by the  
Essex River Board

Discharges of very good quality .....	3 (3)
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FACTORIES

Factories Act, 1961

Part I

(a) Inspections

	<u>No. on register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written notices</u>	<u>Occupiers prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	2 ( 2 )	2 ( 2 )	- (-)	- (-)
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority	37 ( 37 )	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	7 ( 7 )	4 ( 2 )	- (-)	- (-)
Total	<u>46 ( 46 )</u>	<u>6 ( 4 )</u>	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>

(b) Cases in which defects were found

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>No. of cases in which defects were found</u>		<u>Referred</u>		<u>No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</u>
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>	
Want of cleanliness	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Overcrowding	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Unreasonable temperature	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Inadequate ventilation	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Ineffective drainage of floors	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) insufficient	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
(b) unsuitable or defective	2 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
(c) not separate for sexes	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Other offences against Act (not relating to outwork)	2 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total	<u>4 (2)</u>	<u>1 (1)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>1 (-)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>

(c) Outwork - Sections 133 and 134:- Nil (Nil)

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registration and General Inspections

<u>Class of premises</u>	<u>No. of premises registered during the year</u>	<u>No. of registered premises at end of year</u>	<u>No. of premises receiving a general inspection</u>
Offices .....	10 (4)	41 (38)	12 (3)
Retail shops .....	13 (9)	96 (89)	13 (7)
Wholesale shops, warehouses .....	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Catering establishments open to public and canteens .....	2 (-)	14 (13)	2 (-)
Fuel storage depots .....	1 (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
Total: .....	<u>26 (13)</u>	<u>152 (140)</u>	<u>28 (10)</u>

Total number of visits of all kinds by inspectors:- 70 (60)

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

<u>Class of workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>	
Offices .....	297	(267)
Shops .....	467	(445)
Wholesale shops, warehouses .....	-	(-)
Catering establishments .....	135	(133)
Fuel storage depots .....	4	(-)
Total .....	<u>903</u>	<u>(845)</u>
Total males: .....	371	(334)
Total females: .....	532	(511)

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 (Continued)

Exemptions:

Section 5 (2)	- ( - )	Section 9	- ( - )
Section 6	- ( - )	Section 10	- ( - )

Prosecutions:

- ( 1 )

Inspectors:

- Number appointed under Section 52 (1) or Section 5 of the Act	2 ( 2 )
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Accidents:

Non-fatal ..... 2 ( 3 )

Analysis of Contraventions

<u>Section</u>	<u>Number</u>
Section 4 - Cleanliness	- (1)
Section 6 - Temperature	12 (2)
Section 7 - Ventilation	4 (2)
Section 9 - Sanitary conveniences	1 (1)
Section 10 - Washing facilities	- (1)
Section 13 - Sitting facilities	- (1)
Section 16 - Floors, passages and stairs	3 (1)
Section 17 - Fencing - machinery	2 (1)
Section 24 - First aid	11 (4)
Other Matters	12 (20)
Total:	<u>45 (34)</u>

RODENT CONTROL (PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949)

	<u>Type of Property</u>				<u>Total</u>
	<u>Local authority other than dwellings</u>	<u>All dwelling houses</u>	<u>Business and other premises</u>	<u>Agri-cult-ural</u>	
Number of properties inspected as a result of:-					
(a) Notification	- ( - )	186 (180)	14 (24)	3 ( - )	203 (204)
(b) Survey	10 (10)	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )	10 ( 10 )
(c) Other	- ( - )	20 ( 36 )	6 ( 3 )	- ( - )	26 ( 39 )
Number of properties found to be infested by:-					
(a) Rats	1 ( 2 )	89 (160)	5 (11)	- ( - )	95 (173)
(b) Mice	- ( - )	15 ( 6 )	- ( - )	- ( - )	15 ( 6 )
Number of infested properties treated:-	2 ( 2 )	149 (190)	11 (25)	- ( - )	162 (217)
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act (structural):-					- ( - )
Total number of visits:-					541 (577)

PETROLEUM ACTS AND ORDERS

Number of operative licences	18 ( 18 )
Number of visits in connexion with petroleum installations	29 ( 7 )

# EPPING AND ONGAR RURAL DISTRICT

## General Data

Area (in acres)	76,007	(76,007)
Number of houses (mid-year)	13,990	(13,670)
Number of houses per acre (average)	0.2	( 0.2)
Number of persons per acre (average)	0.6	( 0.6)
Number of persons per house (average)	3.1	( 3.1)
Rateable value (mid-year)	£1,596,936	(£1,533,586)
Product of a penny rate (financial year 1968/69)	£6,600	(£6,240)
The rate in the pound (financial year 1968/69)	11/10d	( 11/-d)

## Population

Resident population (Registrar General's mid-year estimate)	43,560	(42,010)
Increase over the previous year	1,550	( 650)
Natural increase (excess of births over deaths)	396	( 409)
Increase due to immigration	1,154	( 241)

BIRTHS

(a) <u>Live Births</u>	M	F
Legitimate	361 (348)	346 (344)
Illegitimate	15 (18)	14 (15)
Total	376 (366)	360 (359)

Crude rate	per 1,000 population	16.9 (17.3)
Adjusted rate	" " "	15.7 (16.1)
England and Wales	" " "	16.9 (17.2)

(b) <u>Illegitimate Live Births - per cent</u>		
of total live births	3.9 (4.6)	
" " " England and Wales	8.4 (8.4)	

(c) <u>Still Births</u>	M	F
Legitimate	1 (7)	5 (2)
Illegitimate	- (-)	2 (-)
Total	1 (7)	7 (2)

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	10.8 (12.3)
" " " " " England and Wales	14.3 (14.8)

(d) <u>Total Births (live and still)</u>	M	F
Legitimate	362 (355)	351 (346)
Illegitimate	15 (18)	16 (15)
Total	377 (373)	367 (361)

DEATHS

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
(a) All ages	177 (186)	163 (130)

Crude rate per 1,000 population	7.8	( 7.5)
Adjusted rate " " "	9.2	( 8.8)
England and Wales " " "	11.9	(11.2)

(b) Infants under 1 year of age

Legitimate	4 ( 5)	4 ( 1)
Illegitimate	1 ( 1)	- ( -)
Total	<u>5 ( 6)</u>	<u>4 ( 1)</u>

Legitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	11.3	( 8.7)
" " England and Wales	*	(17.8)

Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate births	31.0	(30.3)
" " England and Wales	*	(23.7)

Total infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	12.2	( 9.7)
" " England and Wales	18.0	(18.3)

(c) Neonatal Deaths (infants under 4 weeks of age)

Legitimate	3 ( 4)	3 ( 1)
Illegitimate	1 ( 1)	- ( -)
Total	<u>4 ( 5)</u>	<u>3 ( 1)</u>

Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	9.5	( 8.3)
" " England and Wales	12.3	(12.5)

\* Figures not available

DEATHS (CONTINUED)

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
(d) <u>Early Neonatal Deaths</u> ( <u>Infants under 1 week</u> <u>of age</u> )		
Legitimate .....	2 (2)	2 (1)
Illegitimate .....	- (1)	- (-)
Total .....	<u>2 (3)</u>	<u>2 (1)</u>

Early neonatal mortality rate per  
1,000 live births ..... 5.4 ( 5.5)  
" " England and Wales ..... 10.5 (12.5)

(e) Perinatal Mortality (still  
births and deaths under 1  
week combined, per 1,000  
live and still births) ..... 16.1 (17.7)  
" " England and Wales ..... 24.7 (25.4)

(f) Maternal Deaths (including  
abortion) ..... - (-)

Maternal mortality rate per  
1,000 live and still  
births ..... - (-)  
" " " England and Wales ..... 0.2 ( 0.2)

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	2	6
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	19	3	22
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	7	7
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
Leukaemia	2	-	2
Other malignant neoplasms	19	18	37
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	1	2
Other endocrine etc. diseases	-	1	1
Meningitis	1	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system	3	1	4
Active rheumatic fever	1	-	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	2	1	3
Hypertensive disease	-	2	2
Ischaemic heart disease	35	28	63
Other forms of heart disease	15	11	26
Cerebrovascular disease	16	34	50
Other diseases of circulatory system	6	5	11
Influenza	2	3	5
Pneumonia	15	24	39
Bronchitis and emphysema	15	6	21
Asthma	1	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Peptic ulcer	2	1	3
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	1	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	2	2	4
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	2	3
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	1	-	1
Congenital anomalies	4	3	7
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	1	2
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	2	1	3
Motor vehicle accidents	1	2	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	1	2
All causes	177	163	340

Note. As a result of a change in the Classification of Diseases, it is not possible to give comparative figures for 1967.



COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS)

	Notifications according to age groups												Incidence rate per 10,000 population		
	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-	Age un-known	Total	Epping and Ongar	England and Wales
Scarlet fever	- (-)	1 (1)	1 (-)	1 (3)	2 (2)	9 (16)	- (2)	2 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	16 (26)	3.7 (6.2)	3.0 (4.0)
Whooping cough	4 (1)	4 (3)	2 (3)	5 (4)	7 (6)	9 (17)	2 (3)	1 (1)	3 (1)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	37 (40)	8.5 (9.5)	3.5 (6.3)
Measles	5 (10)	10 (35)	8 (55)	7 (47)	6 (56)	18 (144)	- (5)	- (-)	1 (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (3)	55 (356)	12.6 (84.7)	48.7 (95.1)
Dysentery	- (-)	- (-)	- (3)	- (1)	- (-)	- (2)	- (2)	- (1)	- (4)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (13)	0 (3.1)	4.0 (4.5)
Food poisoning	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (4)	0 (1.0)	1.2 (1.0)
Infectious hepatitis	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (8)	4 (2)	1 (1)	1 (2)	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)	6 (15)	1.4 (3.6)	*
Paratyphoid fever	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (-)	0.2 (0)	0.02 (0.02)

\* Figures not available



COMMUNICABLE DISEASES - TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	
Number of cases on the register as at 1.1.68	134 (132)	107 (106)	15 (14)	19 (19)	275 (271)

Number of cases added to the register during 1968:-

New cases	2 ( 6)	2 ( 2)	- ( 1)	2 ( 1)	6 ( 10)
Inward transfers	2 ( 1)	1 ( 2)	- ( -)	- ( -)	3 ( 3)

Number of cases removed from the register during 1968:-

Deaths	- ( 1)	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( 1)
Outward transfers	1 ( 4)	1 ( 3)	- ( -)	- ( 1)	2 ( 8)
Patients cured	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Diagnosis amended	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)

Number of cases remaining on the register at 31.12.68	137 (134)	109 (107)	15 (15)	21 (19)	282 (275)
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Incidence rate of new cases per 1,000 population	0.1 (0.2)
" " " " " " " England and Wales	0.2 (0.2)

Incidence according to age

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Under 5 years	- ( -)	1 (1)	- ( -)	- (1)
5 - 14 "	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)
15 - 24 "	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)
25 - 44 "	1 ( -)	- ( -)	- ( -)	1 ( -)
45 - 64 "	- ( 3)	1 ( -)	- ( -)	1 ( -)
65 and over	1 ( 3)	- ( -)	- ( 1)	- ( -)

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND INSPECTIONS

WATER

Extension of mains and connexions carried out

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Mains laid (yards)</u>	<u>No. of connexions made</u>
Abbess, Berners and Beauchamp		
Roding	499	1
Blackmore	321	190
Doddinghurst	68	85
Epping Upland	-	3
Fyfield	-	18
High Laver	-	6
High Ongar	-	3
Kelvedon Hatch	200	14
Lambourne	-	19
Little Laver	-	1
Navestock	37	1
Nazeing	114	24
North Weald	1,028	81
Ongar	-	37
Roydon	56	12
Sheering	-	15
Stanford Rivers	-	5
Stapleford Abbotts	507	6
Stapleford Tawney	-	2
Stondon Massey	670	-
Theydon Bois	-	16
Theydon Garnon	-	1
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>540</u>

Number of Dwelling-houses and Number of Population  
Supplied from Public Water Mains

(Figures are approximate)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Direct to house</u>	<u>Popula- tion served</u>	<u>By Stand- pipe</u>	<u>Popula- tion served</u>
Abbess, Berners and Beauchamp Roding	174 ( 174)	324 ( 324)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Blackmore	959 ( 847)	3079 ( 2603)	2 ( 2)	5 ( 5)
Bobbingworth	139 ( 138)	343 ( 340)	1 ( 2)	2 ( 5)
Doddinghurst	1134 (11082)	3690 ( 3434)	4 ( 4)	12 ( 12)
Epping Upland	243 ( 242)	668 ( 666)	1 ( 1)	3 ( 3)
Fyfield	203 ( 203)	559 ( 559)	- ( -)	- ( -)
High Laver	130 ( 123)	325 ( 307)	2 ( 2)	6 ( 6)
High Ongar	415 ( 407)	1099 ( 1072)	1 ( 1)	3 ( 3)
Kelvedon	226 ( 214)	710 ( 691)	2 ( 2)	5 ( 5)
Lambourne	667 ( 638)	2068 ( 1965)	4 ( 4)	11 ( 11)
Little Laver	28 ( 28)	63 ( 63)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Magdalen Laver	92 ( 90)	260 ( 256)	1 ( 1)	3 ( 3)
Matching	295 ( 293)	820 ( 815)	1 ( 1)	3 ( 3)
Moreton	131 ( 132)	386 ( 389)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Navestock	148 ( 146)	543 ( 537)	2 ( 6)	5 ( 16)
Nazeing	1427 ( 1411)	4511 ( 4463)	1 ( 1)	3 ( 3)
North Weald	1469 ( 1404)	4615 ( 4435)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Ongar	1862 ( 1823)	5982 ( 5809)	1 ( 1)	2 ( 2)
Roydon	902 ( 861)	3015 ( 2895)	10 ( 10)	29 ( 29)
Sheering	623 ( 608)	1998 ( 1960)	1 ( 1)	3 ( 3)
Stanford Rivers	260 ( 256)	772 ( 763)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Stapleford Abbotts	301 ( 297)	953 ( 943)	17 ( 17)	49 ( 49)
Stapleford Tawney	41 ( 40)	84 ( 80)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Stondon Massey	189 ( 187)	564 ( 557)	1 ( 1)	2 ( 2)
Theydon Bois	1385 ( 1377)	4429 ( 4405)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Theydon Mount	52 ( 52)	120 ( 120)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Theydon Garnon	51 ( 51)	102 ( 102)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Willingale	166 ( 166)	495 ( 495)	2 ( 2)	5 ( 5)
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,712 (13,290)</b>	<b>42,577 (41,048)</b>	<b>54 (59)</b>	<b>151 (165)</b>

## HOUSING

### General

Number of houses as on 31.12.68	14,324	(13,902)
" " " completed by local authority in 1968	104	( 51)
" " " completed by private enterprise in 1968	333	( 200)
Number of housing inspections and re-inspections	784	( 669)
" " intimation notices served	61	( 50)
" " statutory notices served	5	( 2)
" " housing defects remedied	53	( 57)

### Housing Act, 1957

Houses demolished	15	( 34)
Undertakings not to use for human habitation	10	( 6)
Closing orders made	20	( 32)
Houses in clearance areas confirmed during the year	-	( -)
Demolition orders made	-	( 2)
Undertakings cancelled and demolition orders revoked	5	( 12)

### Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

### House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

### Improvement Grants

Applications approved - discretionary grants	2	( 2)
" " " - standard grants	56	( 57)

### Rent Act, 1957

No action taken under the provisions of this Act

CARAVANS AND CAMPING

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
Number of site licences operating as at 31.12.68		
(a) Individual .....	30 ( 30)	2 ( -)
(b) Multiple (more than 3) .....	4 ( 4)	4 ( 4)
Total number of caravans .....	158 (158)	236 (234)
<u>Tented camping sites</u>		
Number of licensed sites .....	4 ( 4)	
Number of tent pitches .....	70 (70)	
Number of sites having satisfactory		
(a) Water supply .....	4 ( 4)	
(b) Sanitary accommodation .....	4 ( 4)	
(c) Washing facilities .....	4 ( 4)	
(d) Refuse facilities .....	4 ( 4)	

FOOD

Type and number of food shops and other food premises in the district

Grocers, provisions and general stores	104	(106)
Restaurants and cafés	23	(24)
Bakers and confectioners	6	(7)
Greengrocers	12	(14)
Fishmongers	4	(4)
Butchers	20	(20)
Dairies	2	(3)
Licensed premises	81	(81)
	<u>252</u>	<u>(259)</u>

Details of food premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

	<u>Number of Premises</u>	<u>Number fitted to comply with Regulation 16</u>	<u>Number to which Regulation 19 applies</u>	<u>Number fitted to comply with Regulation 19</u>
Grocers, provisions and general stores	104(106)	104(106)	104(106)	104(106)
Restaurants and cafés	23(24)	23(24)	23(24)	23(24)
Bakers and confectioners	6(7)	6(7)	6(7)	6(7)
Greengrocers	12(14)	12(14)	12(14)	12(14)
Fishmongers	4(4)	4(4)	4(4)	4(4)
Butchers	20(20)	20(20)	20(20)	20(20)
Dairies	2(3)	2(3)	2(3)	2(3)
Licensed premises	81(81)	81(81)	81(81)	81(81)
	<u>252(259)</u>	<u>252(259)</u>	<u>252(259)</u>	<u>252(259)</u>

Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and number of inspections carried out

	<u>No. of premises registered</u>	<u>No. of inspections</u>
Storage and sale of ice-cream	181 (180)	161 (158)
Preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food	21 (21)	29 (36)

Sampling of ice-cream, ice lolly and cooked meat products

		<u>Result</u>
Ice-cream	13 (19)	Grade I 13 (19) samples
Ice lolly	8 (5)	Satisfactory 8 (5) "
Cooked meats	19 (25)	Satisfactory 19 (25) "

Milk Supply

Number of dairies registered ..... 2 (3)

Number of inspections carried out ..... 5 (4)

Foodstuffs condemned as unfit for human consumption

	<u>Lbs.</u>	<u>Ozs.</u>
Canned vegetables .....	31 (10)	12 ( - )
Canned meat .....	102 (68)	12 (14)
Fresh meat .....	48 ( - )	- ( - )
Fish .....	28 ( - )	- ( - )
Miscellaneous frozen food .....	81 (480)	- ( - )
Total: .....	<u>291 (602)</u>	<u>8 ( 4)</u>

Slaughtering and meat inspection

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>Excluding</u> <u>Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>and</u> <u>Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed	567 (451)	- (-)	4 (2)	477 (482)	214 (150)
Number inspected	567 (451)	- (-)	4 (2)	477 (482)	214 (150)

All diseases except  
tuberculosis and  
cysticercosis

Whole carcasses condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	89 (166)	- (-)	- (-)	- ( 3)	10 ( 11)
Percentage of carcasses affected with disease	15.7 (36.8)	- (-)	- (-)	- (0.6)	4.7 (7.3)

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcasses condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Percentage of carcasses affected with tuberculosis	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Cysticercosis

Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1 ( 1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
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Total weight of meat condemned: 10 cwt. 1 qtr. 19 lbs.  
(18 cwt. 3 qtrs. 4 lbs.)

FACTORIES  
Prevention Act, 1947

RODENT CONTROL (PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949)

	<u>Non-Agricultural Property</u>
Number of properties in district.....	15,374 (15,024)
Number of properties inspected following notification.....	638 ( 685)
Number infested by (a) rats.....	599 ( 638)
(b) mice.....	39 ( 47)
Number of properties treated.....	638 ( 685)

PETROLEUM ACTS AND ORDERS

Number of operative licences.....	162 ( 165)
Number of visits in connexion with petroleum installations.....	152 ( 218)

FACTORIES

Factories Act, 1961

(a) Inspections

	<u>No. on register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written notices</u>	<u>Occupiers prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	4 ( 4)	4 ( 4)	- (-)	- (-)
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority	106 (102)	135 (123)	- (-)	- (-)
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	6 ( 5)	6 ( 6)	- (-)	- (-)
<b>Total</b>	<u>116 (111)</u>	<u>145 (133)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>

(b) Outworkers

Forty-one (31) outworkers were on the register at the end of the year and were engaged on work connected with wearing apparel.

## ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Details of average monthly concentrations of smoke and sulphur dioxide at Kelvedon Hatch, in microgrammes per cubic metre.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Smoke</u>	<u>Sulphur dioxide</u>
January.....	32 (37)	87 (93)
February.....	28 (34)	74 (84)
March.....	15 (14)	52 (63)
April.....	16 (15)	60 (46)
May.....	11 (12)	50 (57)
June.....	8 (7)	40 (29)
July.....	8 (9)	41 (38)
August.....	8 (12)	37 (47)
September.....	12 (17)	40 (50)
October.....	21 (15)	53 (64)
November.....	71 (35)	52 (93)
December.....	31 (43)	74 (114)
Mean average for year.....	22 (21)	55 (65)

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registrations and General Inspections

<u>Class of premises</u>	<u>No. of premises registered during the year</u>	<u>No. of registered premises at end of year</u>	<u>No. of premises receiving a general inspection</u>
Offices .....	2 (1)	63 ( 62)	20 ( 10)
Retail shops .....	2 (6)	129 (128)	101 (108)
Wholesale shops, warehouses .....	- (-)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Catering establishments .....	- (1)	34 ( 34)	62 ( 85)
Fuel storage depots .....	- (-)	- ( -)	- ( -)
Total .....	<u>4 (7)</u>	<u>226 (224)</u>	<u>183 (203)</u>

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

<u>Class of workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices .....	265 (254)
Retail shops .....	385 (377)
Wholesale departments, warehouses .....	30 ( 30)
Catering establishments .....	123 (123)
Canteens .....	5 ( 5)
Fuel storage depots .....	4 ( 4)
Total .....	<u>812 (793)</u>
Total males .....	317 (307)
Total females .....	495 (486)

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

### Public Health Act, 1936

Water supplies	98	( 15)
Sewerage and drainage	396	(378)
Piggeries	119	(128)
Offensive trades	93	(112)
Nuisances	322	(295)
Re-inspections to secure abatement of nuisances	210	(230)
Enquiries in cases of infectious disease	102	(204)

### Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Slaughterhouses	255	(290)
Bakehouses	16	( 16)
Fish shops	30	( 32)
Ice-cream premises	161	(158)
Milk depots	5	( 3)
Butchers' shops	172	(118)
Grocers and general provisions	248	(281)
Restaurants and cafés	66	( 67)
Canteens (including school canteens)	25	( 39)
Licensed premises	55	( 49)
Hawkers of food	28	( 51)

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS (Continued)

Housing

Number of inspections under the Public Health Act, 1936	211 (101)
Number of re-inspections under the Public Health Act, 1936	127 ( 81)
Number of inspections under the Housing Act, 1957	149 (240)
Number of re-inspections under the Housing Act, 1957	152 ( 92)
Number of visits in connexion with improvement grants	145 (155)
Number of visits under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960	93 (103)

Miscellaneous

Atmospheric pollution	188 (168)
Factories	145 (133)
Noise Abatement Act, 1960	34 ( 97)
Swimming pools	36 ( 19)
Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957	108 (120)
Animal Boarding Establishment Act, 1963	19 ( 13)
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	304 (293)
Insect control	61 ( 77)
Unclassified	70 ( 65)



