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BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for

1969

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for

1909

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BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM

Municipal Offices,
Faversham.

October 1970

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Borough for 1969 including a report on the Port Health Area.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population was 14,610 being an increase of 240 over the preceding year.

The birth rate of 19.3 and death rate of 9.7 are to be compared with that of England and Wales which were 16.3 and 11.9.

There were five infant deaths of which 4 occurred in the first week of independent existence and were from causes associated with prematurity and birth risks.

The incidence of infectious diseases was low and all were relatively mild. Infective Hepatitis was made notifiable during the year and three cases were reported to the Department.

The routine work of the Health Department keeps increasing with still a disproportionate amount of lengthy visits to the offensive trade factories where the problems causing nuisances are so varied in extent.

I wish to express my thanks to Mr. Bampton your Senior Public Health Inspector who is responsible for the daily work of the Department and also to the other officers of the Council for their assistance and co-operation.

I also wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their courtesy and support throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J.T.MURPHY

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION I

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

CLIMATOLOGY

The total rainfall during the year was 27.23 inches as compared with 31.93 inches in 1968 and 25.75 inches in 1967.

Maximum and Minimum temperatures, together with the rainfall recorded each month, are shown in Appendix "A"

AREA

The Borough of Faversham covers an area of 3,070 acres, and includes the villages of Davington and Preston.

POPULATION

The Registrar General estimated the mid-year population for 1969 as 14,610 an increase of 240 from the estimated population for the previous year i.e. 14,370.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES

The number of inhabited houses and flats at the end of 1969 was 5547 as compared with 5438 at the end of 1968. Towards this increase 14 houses were provided by the Council and 103 constructed privately. During the year 8 were demolished. The net increase in habitable houses was therefore 109.

RATEABLE VALUE

£556,736 compared with £554,525 at the 31st December, 1968.

SUM REPRESENTED BY THE PENNY RATE

£2,274 compared with £2,223. 15s. 9d for the financial year 1968/69.

SECTION II

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	131(127)	106(111)	237(238)
Illegitimate	8(11)	11(12)	19(23)
	139(138)	117(123)	256(261)

BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate per 1,000 population	17.5(18.2)
The corrected birth rate	19.3(20.0)
Rate for England and Wales	16.3(16.9)

STILL BIRTHS

Number of still births	6(2)
Number of live and still births	262(263)
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	23.0(7.6)
Rate for England and Wales	13.0(14.0)

INFANT DEATHS

Number of infant deaths (under one year)	5(2)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	20.0(7.6)
Rate for England and Wales	18.0(18.0)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	21.0(7.6)
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-(-)
Number of early neo-natal deaths (first week)	4(-)
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	16(-)
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births)..	38.0(7.6)

SECTION II

STATISTICS

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

Number of illegitimate live births 19(23)
This is 7.8% of the total live births.

MATERNAL DEATHS

Number of maternal deaths (including abortion) Nil(nil)

DEATHS

Number of deaths assignable to Faversham	228(228)
The crude death rate per 1,000 population	15.6(15.9)
The corrected death rate	9.7(9.9)
Rate for England and Wales	11.9(11.9)
Average age at death	73.3(74.6)
Average age at death for males	70.8(71.9)
Average age at death for females	75.9(77.9)
Oldest death - female	101(97)
Number of deaths at Bensted House assignable to Borough ...	66(77)

The following tables shows the age groups in which deaths occurred.

TABLE I

SEX	Und 1	1+	5+	15+	25+	35+	45+	55+	65+	Over 75	TOTALS
Males	3	-	-	1	1	-	7	14	33	59	118
Females	2	1	-	1	-	1	3	7	17	78	110

Table II shows the number of deaths, births and infant mortality rates since 1960 and Table III the causes of deaths during 1969 classified by the Registrar General under 36 heading on the abbreviated list of International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death.

TABLE II

Year	BIRTHS			DEATHS		INFANT MORTALITY	
	Illegitimate births	Total live births	Crude birth rate	No. of deaths	Crude death rate	Total infant deaths	Infant mortality rate
1960	8	236	18.9	233	18.9	6	25.4
1961	8	213	16.4	253	19.7	8	37.5
1962	13	215	16.4	237	18.0	4	18.6
1963	11	253	18.9	239	17.9	6	23.7
1964	17	226	16.7	188	10.2	4	17.7
1965	10	239	17.6	210	15.5	4	16.7
1966	15	262	18.7	195	13.9	3	11.4
1967	13	230	16.1	213	14.9	2	8.7
1968	23	261	18.2	228	15.9	2	7.6
1969	19	256	17.5	228	15.6	5	20.0

TABLE III

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
2. Tuberculosis, other	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
3. Syphilitic disease	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
4. Diphtheria	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
5. Whooping Cough	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
6. Meningococcal infections	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
8. Measles	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
9. Other infective and parasitic dis.	-(1)	-(1)	-(2)
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2(3)	4(1)	6(4)
11. Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1(-)	3(-)	4(-)
12. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6(8)	2(1)	8(9)
13. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-(-)	2(5)	2(5)
14. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-(-)	1(1)	1(1)
15. Leukaemia	1(-)	1(-)	2(-)
16. Other Malignant neoplasms	8(15)	5(10)	13(25)
17. Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1(1)	-(-)	1(1)
18. Other endocrine etc. diseases	-(-)	1(1)	1(1)
19. Anaemias	-(-)	1(-)	1(-)
20. Other diseases of the blood	-(-)	-(1)	-(1)
21. Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1(2)	1(-)	2(2)
22. Other diseases of nervous system	-(1)	-(-)	-(1)
23. Hypertensive Disease	3(1)	6(2)	9(3)
24. Ischaemic heart disease	26(27)	17(22)	43(49)
25. Other forms of heart disease	11(11)	9(15)	20(26)
26. Cerebrovascular disease	24(23)	34(34)	58(57)
27. Other diseases of circulatory system	6(5)	7(4)	13(9)
28. Influenza	5(-)	-(-)	5(-)
29. Pneumonia	5(7)	5(3)	10(10)
30. Bronchitis and Emphysema	8(4)	2(2)	10(6)
31. Asthma	1(1)	1(1)	2(2)
32. Other diseases of respiratory system	2(1)	-(-)	2(1)
33. Peptic ulcer	1(1)	-(-)	1(1)
34. Intestinal obstruction and Hernia	-(-)	-(1)	-(1)
35. Other disease of digestive system	-(-)	2(2)	2(2)
36. Nephrosis and Nephritis	-(-)	1(1)	1(1)
37. Hyperplasia of Prostate	1(4)	-(-)	1(4)
38. Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1(2)	2(-)	3(2)
39. Congenital anomalies	-(-)	1(-)	1(-)
40. Birth injury, difficult labour etc.	2(-)	-(-)	2(-)
41. Other causes of perinatal mortality	-(-)	1(-)	1(-)
42. Motor vehicle accidents	1(1)	-(-)	1(1)
43. All other accidents	1(-)	1(-)	2(-)
44. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-(1)	-(-)	-(1)
TOTALS	118(120)	110(108)	228(228)

Particulars in regard to infant deaths occurring during the year are as follows:-

TABLE IV

CAUSES OF DEATH	SEX	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
Cerebral laceration	M	4 months	Hospital
la Prematurity	F	4 days	"
la Respiratory distress syndrome	M	3 days	"
la Broncho pneumonia	F	2 days	"
la Pulmonary atelectasis	M	1 minute	"

Scarlet fever	1	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	4	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
Measles	6	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-
Food poisoning	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Tuberculosis	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

Scarlet fever	15	10	8	3	3	2	4	4	1	11
Whooping cough	29	-	-	3	36	-	25	1	12	-
Measles	12	526	76	118	18	575	140	115	5	6
Acute Polyomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Food poisoning	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	3	11	2	-	2	-	4
Infective hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

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SECTION III

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFICATION

The number of infectious disease cases notified during 1969 was 29 being 1 less than in the previous year, i.e. 30 cases in 1968.

GENERAL

The age distribution of cases occurring is shown in Table V and total number of infectious diseases occurring and the number admitted to hospital and total deaths from diseases are shown in Table VI.

TABLE V

DISEASE	-1	-5	-15	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	Over 60	TOTAL
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	3
Scarlet Fever	-	2	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	11
Dysentery	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
Measles	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Tuberculosis Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

TABLE VI

Disease	No. of Cases		Admission to Hospital or Sanatorium	Deaths
	1969	1968		
Scarlet Fever	11	1	-	-
Measles	6	3	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	3	-	-	-
Dysentery	4	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	12	-	-
* Pneumonia	-	8	-	-
* Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	-	-
Food Poisoning	3	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	1	4	-	-
Tuberculosis Non-Pulmonary	1	1	-	-
TOTAL	29	30	-	-

* No longer notifiable.

TABLE VII

DISEASE	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69
Scarlet Fever	15	10	8	3	3	2	4	4	1	11
Whooping Cough	29	-	-	3	36	-	15	1	12	-
Measles	12	526	76	118	81	576	140	115	3	6
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	3
Dysentery	-	-	-	3	11	2	-	1	-	4
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

TUBERCULOSIS

TABLE VIII

Year	No. of Primary notifications received		DEATHS		Death rate per 10,000 population	
	Pul.	Non-Pul	Pul	Non-Pul	Pul	Non-Pul
1959	8	1	-	-	-	-
1960	5	-	-	-	-	-
1961	3	1	-	-	-	-
1962	5	3	1	1	0.8	0.8
1963	6	2	1	-	0.75	-
1964	4	1	1	-	0.74	-
1965	1	1	-	-	-	-
1966	4	1	-	-	-	-
1967	4	3	1	-	0.7	-
1968	4	1	-	-	-	-
1969	1	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE VII

Disease	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	4	-	1	-	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Food Poisoning	3	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	6	3	12	12	26	81	76	118	128	128	128
Whooping Cough	-	12	1	12	-	3	36	-	-	2	12
Scarlet Fever	11	1	4	4	2	3	3	8	10	12	12

Tuberculosis Register

The number of types of cases at present in the Borough and on the Tuberculosis Register are shown in Table IX

TABLE IX

	PULMONARY		NON-PUL		TOTALS
	M	F	M	F	
On Tuberculosis Register 1/1/69	41	14	8	3	66
Notified in Borough	1	-	-	-	1
Transf. to Borough	-	-	-	1	1
Transf. from Borough	-	-	-	-	-
* Deaths	1	-	-	-	1
Recovered	2	-	-	1	3
Balance remaining on Register 31/12/69	39	14	8	3	64

* These deaths occurred from causes other than Tuberculosis.

Chest Clinic, South Road

Set out below are details of cases of tuberculosis under treatment or supervision of the above clinic, at the 31st December, 1969.

(a) Number of cases of tuberculosis (whether notified or not)

RESPIRATORY				NON-RESPIRATORY			
Men	Women	Children	Total	Men	Women	Children	Total
61	38	1	100	4	6	-	10

(b) Number of cases of respiratory tuberculosis (whether notified or not) included in (a) new to the clinic (but excluding transfer from other clinics).

Total area of disease not exceeding	NOT BACTERIOLOGICALLY CONFIRMED				BACTERIOLOGICALLY CONFIRMED			
	Men	Women	Children	Total	Men	Women	Children	Total
$\frac{1}{3}$ lung	2	2	-	4	-	-	-	-
$\frac{2}{3}$ lung	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
exceeding $\frac{2}{3}$ lung	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	2	-	5	-	-	-	-

(c) Number of cases of non-respiratory tuberculosis (whether notified or not included in (a) new to the clinic (but excluding transfers from other clinics during the year ended 31st December, 1969. 1

(d) Number of cases included in (a) whose broncho pulmonary secretion was positive during the year 0

The County Medical Officer reports that during the period the following have received vaccinations:-

Mass Radiography Unit

After a report of Tuberculosis in a patient a special Mass Radiography Unit was set up at Bensted House and the results were as follows:-

	Male	Female	Total
Staff	17	64	81
Patients	11	1	12
	28	65	93

Clinic Attendance

I am indebted to Dr. C.W.E. Smith for the following particulars regarding patients from the Borough.

(a)	Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who attended any of the Chest Clinics during 1969 (this includes contacts, etc.) 278
(b)	Total number of attendances during the year by the above patients 415
(c)	Number of patients from the Borough who received treatment at Keycol Hospital 2

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The County Medical Officer reports that during the period the following have received vaccinations:-

TABLE X

Primary						
YEAR OF BIRTH	Triple Antigen	Diphtheria Tetanus	Small-pox	Tetanus	Measles	Poliomyelitis
1969	14	-	-	-	-	15
1968	115	-	156	-	33	164
1967	9	-	-	1	85	60
1966	3	-	-	-	48	8
1965	2	1	-	-	35	4
1962-1963	2	2	-	-	19	-
1964	-	2	-	1	27	-
1953-1961	-	1	-	12	2	-
	145	6	156	14	249	251

TABLE XI

Reinforcing						
YEAR OF BIRTH	Triple Antigen	Diphtheria Tetanus	Small-pox	Tetanus	Measles	Poliomyelitis
1969	-	1	-	-	-	-
1968	20	3	-	-	-	-
1967	183	10	-	-	-	-
1966	21	2	-	-	-	-
1965	3	12	-	-	-	13
1962-1963	14	39	-	1	-	50
1964	16	101	-	1	-	128
1953-1961	2	7	3	5	-	7
	259	175	3	7	-	198

SECTION IV

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council. These services include the Care of Mother and Young Children, the provision of Midwives, Health Visiting and Home Nursing, Vaccination and Immunisation, Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, and Domestic Health Services.

Chest Clinics and the care of Tuberculosis patients are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, as also is Mental Welfare. Various Clinics in connection with these Services are held as follows:-

CLINICS AND SESSIONS

(a) Queen's Hall

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Child Welfare	Tuesday & Friday	2 - 4 p.m.

(Immunisation and Vaccination are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, if required).

(b) School Clinic

Soloman's Lane

Ante-Natal Clinic Friday afternoon 2 - 4 p.m.

Relaxation and

Mothercraft classes .. Friday morning 10 - 12 noon

Minor Ailment Clinic ...	(Wednesday 2nd & 4th Wednesday in month	3.30 - 4.30 p.m.
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Dental Gas Clinic	Tuesday	10.30 - 12 noon.
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Dental	(Tuesday	1.30 - 4 p.m.
	(Thursday	9.30 - 12 noon
		1.30 - 4 p.m.

(c) Chest Clinic

South Road Thursday (by appointment)

Cases for X-ray are referred to Canterbury Chest Clinic as and when required

(d) Domestic Help

Application can be made at the Kent County Welfare Office at
44 East Street, Faversham - Monday to Friday.

(e) Psychiatric Clinic

This Clinic is held every Thursday at 5 p.m. at 13 South Road. Appointments
are made through St. Augustine's Hospital.

School Health

Based on the report of the Principal School Medical Officer for the
the year 1969.

The following is a summary of the returns for 1969 for the area
comprising the Borough of Faversham and Queenborough, the Urban Districts of
Sheerness and Sittingbourne and Milton Regis and the Rural Districts of
Sheppey and Swale.

TABLE XII

Routine School Medical Inspections				
No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
	No.	% of Col. 1	No.	% of Col. 1
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
2,230	2,185	97.98	45	2.02

TABLE XVI

Treatment of Pupils	
Group I - Minor Ailments (Excluding Uncleanliness)	
	<u>Number of Cases treated</u>
Skin Diseases	Nil
Minor eye defects	1
Minor ear defects	3
Miscellaneous (e.g. minor injuries, bruises sores etc.)	5
Total	<u>9</u>
Group II - Defective Vision and Squint	
1. Errors of Refraction (including squint) ...	861
2. Other defects or diseases of the eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I) ..	<u>1</u>
	<u>862</u>
3. Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	363

TABLE XVII

Dental Inspection and Treatment

1.	Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers	3,361
2.	Number found to require treatment	2,215
3.	Number offered treatment	2,212
4.	Number actually treated	2,165
5.	Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment	7,668
6.	Half days devoted to:	
	A. Periodic (School) Inspections	9
	B. Treatment	1,207
	Total (6)	<u>1,216</u>
7.	<u>Fillings</u>	
	A. Permanent teeth	2,840
	B. Temporary teeth	1,326
	Total (7)	<u>4,166</u>
8.	<u>Number of teeth filled</u>	
	A. Permanent teeth	2,672
	B. Temporary teeth	1,271
	Total (8)	<u>3,943</u>
9.	<u>Extractions</u>	
	A. Permanent teeth	422
	B. Temporary teeth	1,099
	Total (9)	<u>1,521</u>
10.	Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	800
11.	<u>Other Operations</u>	
	Permanent and temporary teeth	1,601

SECTION V

REMOVAL OF AGED PERSONS

National Assistance Act, 1948

Section 47

National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

No aged persons removed under the provisions of the above acts during 1969.

SECTION VI

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Staff

An Additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. A.J. Longley, was appointed on the 1st January, 1969. The Department then operated throughout the year with a Senior Public Health Inspector, an Additional Public Health Inspector, a part time clerk and a part time rodent operator.

Water Supply

The responsibility for mains water supply to the Borough rests with the Mid-Kent Water Company. The local office remains at 41 Stone Street.

No major work to the mains was carried out during the year.

During 1969 the following samples were taken in the Faversham area for examination.

	<u>Bact.</u>	<u>Chem.</u>
From consumers taps within the area	20	1
From pumping stations supply the area		
raw	110	6
Treated	56	4

All samples were reported as satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage

The outline scheme for the modernisation of the sewage works has received Ministry approval and detailed schedules are being prepared by the consultants for sending out to tender.

The scheme for the drainage of Love Lane and Macknade area received Ministry approval and the contract has now been completed.

The relief sewage scheme for the Brents sewer also received Ministry approval and has been completed.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

During 1969 a further three hundred houses in the Borough were brought into the paper sack scheme.

The Borough refuse continued to be tipped in to the disused workings of the Ace, Sand and Gravel Company at Ham Road.

Public Conveniences

The public conveniences within the Borough are maintained and supervised by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department and the arrangements which existed in 1968 have continued. Up to now the conveniences have been unattended but arrangements are now being made for the main block in the car park to be supervised by an attendant.

Public Swimming Bath

During 1969 season 69,792 people paid for admission to the pool as compared with 59,117 in 1968. 488 season and weekly season tickets were issued as compared with 518 in 1968. 10,914 spectators paid admission.

The pool is regularly used for swimming instruction purposes by school pupils, club members and police cadets.

Regular routine testing and sampling of both the main and learners pool water was carried out by the Public Health Department and the Public Health Laboratory.

Hop Picking

With the advent of machine picking, camps, which in the past have housed many pickers from outside the area, are rapidly disappearing. Any labour which is required is recruited locally.

Mortuary Accommodation

Mortuary facilities are provided at the Faversham Cottage Hospital.

SECTION VII

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk

The premises registered as a dairy continued to be used in 1969, it is anticipated that further re-organisation of the Company will take place in 1970 which will result in the closure of these premises.

Ice Cream

Fifty four premises are now registered for the sale of ice cream.

Bakehouses

The four small bakehouses in the Borough continued in use in 1969, no complaints were received about the products from these premises.

Market Stalls

The number of stalls using the Market Place on Fridays and Saturdays remain constant. The washing and sanitary facilities provided by the Council continue in use as for last year.

FOOD PREMISESTABLE XVIII

PREMISES	NUMBER
Butchers	12
Grocers	14
Fishmongers	3
Fish Fryers	5
Bakers and Confectioners	14
Greengrocers	8
Dairies	1
Cafe and Teashops	7
Hotels	3
General Shops	34
Premises where ice cream is sold	54
Preserved Foods	30
Supermarkets	4
TOTAL	189
	189

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following details of samples taken in the District under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 are supplied by courtesy of the Chief Inspector Weights and Measures Department, Kent County Council.

ARTICLES	NUMBER
Milk	10
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes .	2
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery chocolate products, cereals	6
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials	15
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies	7
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables	5
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments	3
Drugs, medicines	5
Ice Cream	2
Beer, wines, spirits	8
Miscellaneous	1
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UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

Pasteurised Channel Islands Milk

Slight deficiency in fat. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Pasteurised Milk (3 samples)

Bottles contaminated with iron particles, paper and plant debris.
Dairy cautioned.

Bacon Joint

Contaminated with strip of rayon material (salt bag). Packer cautioned.

Bread

Contained small piece of cardboard. Baker cautioned.

Cornish Pasty

Contained cockroach. A.E. Gray and N.I. Gray, trading as Kingsnorth Bakeries, 3 The Limes, Preston Street, Faversham, fined £10 and £3 3s Od costs, at Faversham Magistrates' Court on the 14th January, 1970.

Dairy Cream Sponge

Contained a cigarette filter tip. F. Bourne & Son Limited, 40 Berkeley Square, London, W.1., fined £30 and £22 7s 6d costs, at Faversham Magistrates' Court on the 3rd December, 1969.

UNSOUND FOOD

The various foodstuffs condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption were as follows:-

- (a) 332 lbs of assorted frozen foodstuffs;
210 packs of ice cream and frozen foods;
- (b) 6 tins of corned beef;
372 cans of sliced peaches;
340 assorted packets and tins of foodstuffs;
21 tins of black cherries;
212 cases apricot pulp;
2,880 cans of Swedish potatoes;
- (c) 516 lbs of beef;
108 lbs hogmeat;
103 lbs lamb;
40 lbs sheeps livers;
- (d) 124 nets carrots;
84 trays coco beans;
637 lbs of apples;
6,720 cartons Dutch carrots;
1,330 cartons of cucumbers;
1,240 cases of Spanish celery;
32 boxes sweet potatoes ;
7,163 trays of Spanish melons;
687 boxes of Dutch cucumbers;
53 trays of Italian grapes;
671 boxes of Canary Island cucumbers;
241 sacks Spanish onions;
130 boxes of Dutch lettuce;
16 trays Spanish grapes;
30 cartons of Dutch tomatoes;
2 cartons of chicory;
6,888 cartons of Spanish melons;
612 boxes melons;
2,151 cartons of oranges and grapefruit;
174 boxes of Canary Island tomatoes;
44 trays Dutch pears;
39 lbs biscuits;
38½ lbs butter;
- (e) 4 lbs skate wings;
1 stone of fresh herrings.

SECTION VIII

GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS

Infectious Diseases

The number of infectious disease cases during 1969 was 29 which is a decrease of 1 over the previous year .

23 visits were made to make enquiries and to give advice on control.

Offensive Trades

The two bone boiling and one hoof and horn cooking factories continued to operate during the year.

In the case of the hoof and horn premises agreement was reached with the Alkali Inspectorate that this factory should be registered under the provisions of the Alkali Act and inspection is now the responsibility of those inspectors.

Legal proceedings in respect of one of the offensive trade factories resulted in undertakings being given by the Company to provide additional equipment and staff.

386 visits were made to the factories during 1969.

Licensed Premises

48 visits were made to the licensed premises during the year only minor matters were found to need attention.

Petroleum

All the premises for which applications for the renewal of the annual licences were received were inspected during the year. A number of notices were served for the contraventions of "conditions of licence" as imposed by this Authority.

Fireworks

31 visits were made to premises where fireworks were being sold, improvement in storage conditions were brought about in three instances following these visits.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During 1969 seven additional premises were registered under the provisions of the above Act.

The following table indicates the overall position of premises which are at present registered in the Borough.

TABLE XIX

	Premises Reg. during year	Total reg. at end of year	No. receiving general insp.	No. of persons employed
Offices	4	42	13	301
Retail Shops	2	116	25	496
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	8	4	53
Catering Establishments	1	5	5	19
Canteens	-	-	-	1
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	171	47	870
		TOTAL	MALES	350
		TOTAL	FEMALES	520

In all some 47 visits were made to registered premises for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Act.

Owners and occupiers have again responded in an encouraging way to notices requiring work to be carried out.

SECTION II
RODENT AND INFESTATION CONTROL

The services of a part time rodent operator were used during the year to carry out treatments and surveys. Complaints were dealt with on a day to day basis.

The disinfection services of the Department were used to treat minor infestation of insects such as fleas, cockroaches, silver fish and bed bugs.

TABLE XX

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
(1) Properties other than sewers No. of properties in District	6212	17
(2) A. total No. of Properties (and nearby premises) inspected following notification	185	8
B. No. infested by (1) rats (2) mice	114 35	5 3
(3) A. Total no. of properties for rats and mice, for reasons other than notification	71	7
B. No. infested by (1) rats (2) mice	24 9	2 -

SECTION IX

HOUSING

1. THE following is a summary of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year.

(a)	Inspections of dwelling houses for housing defects	172
(b)	Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation	42
(c)	Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense	3
(d)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied by informal action	27
(e)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal orders	8
(f)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	8
(g)	Number of houses demolished by formal action	8
(h)	Number of houses closed under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) and 26 Housing Act 1961	1
(i)	Number of houses closed under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-
(j)	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957 ...	-

2. APPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSION GRANTS

41 schemes were submitted and approved, for which £16,874 (£11,910) was approved for grant under the discretionary scheme.

18 Standard grant schemes were approved to a total cost of £2,965 (£1,960).

3. DISPLACEMENT

During the year 4 families (10 people) were displaced as a result of formal action under the Housing Acts.

PROVISION OF HOUSES

The following table shows the number of houses built each year since 1950.

TABLE XXI

YEAR	COUNCIL HOUSES Permanent	POLICE HOUSES	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	TOTAL
1950	61	-	11	72
1951	80	2	8	90
1952	66	-	7	73
1953	60	-	10	70
1954	72	5	3	80
1955	80	-	8	88
1956	52	-	5	57
1957	62	-	24	86
1958	42	-	26	68
1959	52	-	11	63
1960	38	-	41	79
1961	26	-	76	102
1962	14	-	102	116
1963	22	-	61	83
1964	31	-	35	66
1965	-	-	135	135
1966	20	-	148	168
1967	10	-	94	104
1968	23	-	114	137
1969	14	-	103	117
TOTALS	825	7	1022	1854

SECTION X

FACTORY ADMINISTRATION

PROVISION OF HOUSES

Particulars in respect of Factory administration are shown in the form prescribed by the Minister, as follows:-

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTION for the purpose of provision as to health.

PREMISES	Number on Register	NUMBER OF		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	1	1	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	89	25	1	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (including out-workers premises)	3	1	-	-
TOTALS	93	27	1	-

2. CASES in which defects were found:

PARTICULARS	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To H.M. Inspector	by H.M.
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of Floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-

PART VII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Nature of work	Nos of workers in August list	No of cases of default in sending list	Nos of prosecutions for failing to supply list	No of instances work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel Making etc.	3	-	-	-	-	-
All others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION XI

FAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

There has been no alteration during the year in the area of the port which for the sanitary administration is divided into two sections, viz, (a) the Eastern Section (Faversham Creek) and (b) the Western Section (Milton Creek).

Section I

No change.

Section II

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED		Number of Ships reported as having had during the voyage infectious disease aboard
			M. O. H.	P. H. I.	
(1) EASTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b) Foreign	37	9654	NIL	7	NIL
(c) Lighters and Barges.	398	38867	NIL	1	NIL
(2) WESTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	348	23271	NIL	6	NIL
(b) Foreign	1	134	NIL	NIL	NIL
(c) Lighters and Barges	39	3549	NIL	6	NIL
TOTALS	823	75475	NIL	20	NIL

SECTION III
CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

(1) Passenger Traffic Nil

(2) Cargo traffic:

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Principal Imports Petrol, Crude Oil,
Grain, Timber and
Fertilisers

Principal Exports Nil

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Principal Imports Sand, China Clay
and Paper

Principal Exports Nil

(3) Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Coastwise Thames Estuary

Foreign Rotterdam, Antwerp
Ymiden, Bremen,
Vlaardingen and
Sweden

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Coastwise London & Brightlingsea

Foreign Nil

Section IV - Inland Traffic

Nil

Section V - Water Supply

No change.

Section VI - Public Health (Ships Regulations) 1952

No change

Section VII - Smallpox

No change

Section VIII - Venereal Diseases

No change

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases dealt with during the year

Nil

Section X - Malaria

Nil

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

Nil

Section XII - Measures against rodents on ships from foreign ports

Nil

Section XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

No nuisances were found on ships during the year.

Section XIV - Public Health (Shellfish Regulations)

No change

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change

Section XVI - Arrangements for burial on shore of persons who have died on board from infectious disease

No change

APPENDIX "A"

Readings recorded at the Borough Sewerage Works
for 1969

	Rainfall (inches)		Temperatures (degrees F.)			
	1969	1968	Maximum		Minimum	
			1969	1968	1969	1968
January	2.81	1.66	54	53	28	16
February	1.66	2.68	50	48	18	26
March	2.04	.93	58	69	23	31
April	.78	1.95	75	80	23	25
May	2.41	1.56	85	72	37	36
June	1.14	1.52	82	83	37	42
July	4.31	2.7	90	90	42	45
August	4.46	4.33	88	79	44	43
September	.56	8.	81	77	36	44
October	.22	2.78	74	70	36	41
November	4.73	1.70	63	60	21	26
December	2.11.	2.12	50	50	26	18
	<u>27.23</u>	<u>31.93</u>				

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - VISITSPUBLIC HEALTH

Complaints re houses	98
Other complaints	130
Re-visits following complaints	118
Port Health	8
Offensive trades	368
Tents, vans and sheds	5
Hop Pickers' Camp and Farms	5
Atmospheric Pollution	48
Schools	5
Places of Entertainment	5
Outworkers	2
Water Supply	19
Drainage	212
Shops (non food)	30
Infectious Disease	23
Miscellaneous	49

HOUSING

Housing Acts	74
Re-visits	72
Verminous Premises	18
Rent Act, 1957	-
Miscellaneous	16

FOOD PREMISES

Bakers and Confectioners	27
Butchers	48
Canteens	15
Dairies and Milk Distributors	16
Fishmongers and Poulterers	19
Fried Fish Shops	15
Food Preparation Premises	26
Grocers	47
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	33
Market Stalls	42
Hotels, Restaurants, Snack Bars	21
Licensed Premises	48
Clubs	5
School Kitchens	1
Wholesalers	22

Food Factories	14
Miscellaneous Food Premises	65

FACTORIES

With Power	25
Non-power	1
Workplaces	1

GENERAL

Fireworks	31
Rat, mouse and insect complaints	183
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	47
Petroleum Inspections	98
Interviews	490

SAMPLES

Milk	6
Water (including swimming baths)	9

	O.S. & R Act	Public Health Act	Housing Acts	Shops Act	Fact- ories Act	Food Hyg. Regs.	Pet. Act.
Informal Notices served	7	30	19	3	1	16	29
Informal Notices Complied with	6	25	4	3	1	15	32
Statutory Notices served	-	1	8	-	-	-	-
Statutory Notices Complied with	-	1	7	-	-	-	-



