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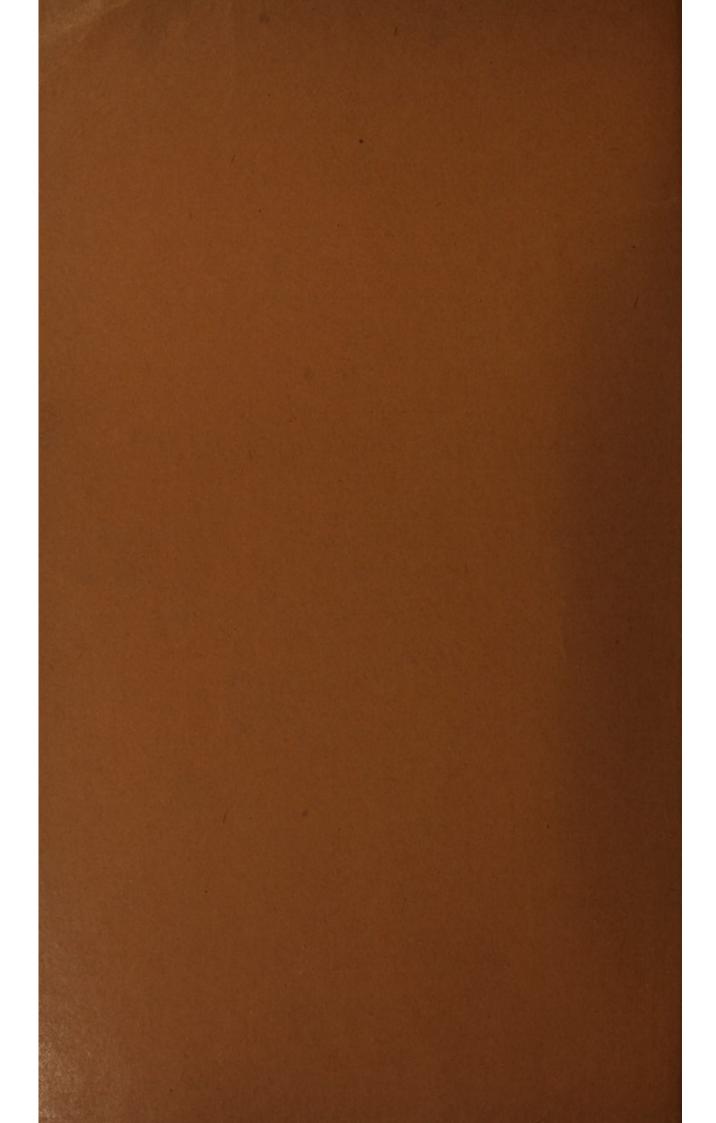
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THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GODSTONE. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1952.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District of Godstone in the year 1952. The Report is drawn up generally in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health, as indicated in Circular 42/51, and follows the same arrangement as earlier issues in the same series. For ease of reference, the required information is presented as far as possible in tabular form.

The population of the Rural District, as estimated by the Registrar-General at mid-year, 1952, was 33,290, which includes members of the armed forces stationed in the area. The estimated increment in the preceding twelve months was 320, of which 133 is attributable to natural increase, or excess of live births over deaths, and 187 to migration. There was no abnormal movement of population during the year that would appreciably affect the gain by migration. The Registrar-General's estimate approximates closely to the population figure supplied by the Food Executive Officer, after due allowance for inmates of residential institutions, and may be accepted as accurate; accordingly, the various statistical rates which are calculated upon it may be taken to represent fairly the sickness and mortality actually experienced in the area.

There was no cause of sickness or invalidity that was especially noteworthy. The incidence of the various notifiable infectious diseases was, on the whole, lower than that usually recorded in the Rural District and was, in most instances, appreciably below that for the country as a whole. This was particularly so as regards measles, which has only once exhibited a lower rate of prevalence since 1940, when the disease became

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compulsorily notifiable. The relative freedom from this infection is explained by the extensive outbreak in the previous year, which resulted in the natural immunisation of a very considerable section of the child population.

The occurrence of three cases of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) is an unwelcome feature, though the rate of prevalence was not greater than that observed in other areas. This infection is assuming greater importance in view of its rising prevalence in this country, the serious disability and mortality that may result from it and the absence of any simple and easily applied clinical or laboratory test for the prompt detection of mild cases and carriers, who are mainly responsible for the spread of the disease. There was an advance in the number of reported cases of tuberculosis of the lungs, but this was due to the larger number of affected persons taking up residence in the district; an examination of the records for the past few years does not disclose an upward trend in the prevalence of respiratory tuberculosis amongst local inhabitants, nor significant association with special conditions of occupation or environment.

are generally in accord with those for recent years. The birth rate of 13.6 is a further decline from the high levels reached during the war, but slightly exceeds the average rate for the immediate pre-war years. When adjusted to make allowance for differences in the sex and age group distribution of the local population as compared with that of England and Wales, the rate is advanced to 14.0, as compared with 15.3 for the country as a whole. The decline in the birth rate was accompanied by a substantial reduction in the proportion of infants registered as still-born, though there was slightly higher mortality amongst infants under the age of one year. Such fluctuations in statistical rates are, however, to be expected when calculations are based on a relatively small series, as in the present instance.

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The recorded death rate of 9.6 per 1,000 of the population is the lowest experienced in the district since 1930, when the rate was 9.3. When adjusted to compensate for the adverse influence of unfavourable age and sex distribution on the mortality experienced in the area, the rate is reduced to 8.3, as compared with 11.3 for the country as a whole and 11.2 for districts with a resident population of 25,000 to 50,000. The decline in the death rate in the year under review was entirely attributable to the lower mortality from influenza, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases. It is especially noteworthy that, for the first time on record, no death in the Rural District was ascribed to tuberculosis of the lungs. The numbers of deaths assigned to other specified causes do not exceed the average for the district and do not indicate unusual or excessive mortality from any particular cause. The fact that two thirds of the total deaths were of persons of advanced age, including eleven of ninety years and upwards, is not of unfavourable significance.

The general state of health and well-being of the inhabitants of the district cannot be assessed entirely on statistical findings, which take little account of ill-health and disabilities of one kind or another that are not officially notifiable or are not usually reflected in the returns of deaths. A great deal of information concerning illness of this nature is obtained from the certificates issued by medical practitioners in support of applications for Council housing accommodation. One of the disabilities most frequently mentioned in this connection is neurosis and other forms of psychological disturbance, more particularly affecting married women who are obliged to share accommodation with their parents or in-laws. This is induced in the majority of cases by uncongenial domestic relationships, divided loyalties or a sense of frustration and, while acutely distressing to the woman herself, cannot fail to have far-reaching effect on her husband and children.

Another useful source of information with regard to non-notifiable

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illness is the reporting of persons, usually aged and infirm, who are suffering from chronic disease, living in insanitary circumstances and unable to devote to themselves and not receiving from others the care and attention they require. The appropriate remedy in many of these cases admission to hospital - is not readily applied, partly because of the pressure on hospital beds for the chronic sick and partly because the persons concerned are, in most instances, unwilling to leave their own homes, however unsatisfactory they may be, even if hospital accommodation is available to them. Several such cases were investigated during the year with a view to compulsory removal to hospital, under the powers conferred by Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948. In the few instances in which action on these lines could be justified, it was not necessary to resort to it, either because the persons affected were persuaded to enter hospital voluntarily or, as an alternative, it was found possible, with the assistance of the Home Help Scheme and other local authority and voluntary services, to arrange for them to have adequate and proper attention at home.

The general standard of health and physical development of the infant and child population of the district may fairly be judged on the results of medical examination of infants attending the Child Welfare Centres, the information gained by the Health Visitors in the course of their domiciliary visiting and the findings of routine and special medical examination of school children. The information obtained from all these sources does not disclose any evidence of deterioration from the standard attained in the past.

I gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for the consideration they have shown to me throughout the year. My sincere thanks are due also to Mr.A.H.Sewell, Chief Sanitary Inspector, and to the medical practitioners in the area for their willing assistance and close co-operation in all matters of mutual concern.

I am, Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant, T. H. BINGHAM.

16th July, 1953.

5 Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area (Land and Inland Water) in acres	52,507
Population at Census, 1951 (Provisional)	32,815
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population at Mid-year, 1952.	33,290
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1952, according to the Rate Books	9,389
Rateable Value (1952)	£340,177
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,372

TABLE I

The area and population at the 1931 Census of the various Parishes comprising the Rural District, and the rateable value of each Parish at the end of 1952, are as follows:-

PARISHES	AREA IN ACRES	RATEABLE VALUE AT END OF 1952	CENSUS POPULATION OF PARISHES - 1931
Bletchingley	5,813	29,412	2,461
Burstow	4,750	24,651	1,905
Chelsham	2,703	10,622	1,209
Crowhurst	2,119	2,159	303
Godstone	5,670	40,105	3,102
Horne	3,932	9,794	852
Limpsfield	4,673	50,730	3,167
Lingfield	9,239	57,420	5,214
Nutfield	3,390	25,496	2,030
Oxted	3,658	70,268	3,799
Tandridge	3,267	7,874	736
Tatsfield	1,304	8,538	925
Titsey	1,989	3,108	163
TOTALS	52,507	340,177	25,866

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TABLE II

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births:-						
Legitimate	Males	227	Females	211	Total	438
Illegitimate	"	10	"	7	"	17
Birth Rate per 1,000 of th	e estimate	ed re	sident por	pulatio	<u>n</u> :-	13.6
Do. 1951						13.9
Do. for the five years 194	7 to 1951					15.0
Still Births:-						
Legitimate	Males	5	Females	3	Total	8
Illegitimate	п	0	"	0	"	0
Rate per 1,000 total birth	<u>s:-</u>					17.2
Do. 1951						25.4
Deaths (Nett) :-						
	Males	140	Females	182	Total	322
Do. 1951	"	174	"	176	n	350
Death Rate per 1,000 popul	ation:-					9.6
Do. 1951						10.6
Do. for the five years 194	7 to 1951					11.0
Percentage of total deaths	occurring	gin	public in	stituti	ons:-	41.2
Deaths of Infants under th	e age of	one y	ear:-			
Legitimate	Males	4	Females	6	Total	10
Illegitimate	11	1	11	0	"	1
Death Rate of infants unde	r one year	r:-				
All infants per 1,000 1	ive birth	3				24.1
Legitimate infants per	1,000 leg	itima	te live b	irths		22.8
Illegitimate infants pe	r 1,000 i	llegi	timate li	ve birt	hs	58.8
Deaths from:-						
Cancer						56
Measles						Nil
Whooping Cough						Nil
Diarrhoea (under 2 years o	f age)					1

Birth rates, Death rates and Analysis
of Mortality in the year 1952.

	England and Wales	160 C.Bs. & Great Towns, including London.	160 Smaller Towns (resident population 25,000 - 50,000 at 1951 Census)	London Administrative County.	Godstone Rural District.
Rate per 1,000 population					
Births:-					
Live Births	15.3	16.9	15.5	17.6	13.6₩
Still Births	0.35	0.43	0.36	0.34	0.24
Deaths:-					
All causes	11.3	12.1	11.2	12.6	9.6*
Typhoid & Para-typhoid fevers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.24	0.28	0.22	0.31	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Influenza	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.09
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Pneumonia	0.47	0.52	0.43	0.58	0.42
Rate per 1,000 Live Births					
Total Deaths under 1 year	27.6	31.2	25.8	23.8	24.1
Deaths from Diarrhoea and enteritis under 2 years	1.1	1.3	0.5	0.7	2.19

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TABLE IV

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE GODSTONE RURAL DISTRICT DURING 1952.

	M.	P.	Total.
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other forms	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease		-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7, Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1	2
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	1	5
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	2	8
12: Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	9	9
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	16	32
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2	-	2
16. Diabetes	2	1	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	16	28	44
18. Coronary disease, angina	25	21	46
19. Hypertension with heart disease	5	4	9
20. Other heart disease	15	39	54
21. Other circulatory disease	4	8	12
22. Influenza	2	1	3
23. Pneumonia	3	11	14
24. Bronchitis	10	4	14
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	2	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1	3
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	2	4
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	2	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-	3
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	3	3
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	10	21	31
33. Motor vehicle accidents	4	-	4
34. All other accidents	7	1	8
35. Suicide	-	2	2
36. Homicide and operations of war	1	-	1
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Provision of Isolation Hospital Accommodation.

The provision of hospital accommodation for the isolation and treatment of cases of infectious illness is the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board. Cases occurring in the Godstone Rural District are admitted to the isolation hospitals at Bletchingley and Westcott, if the required accommodation is available; otherwise, they are sent to isolation hospitals elsewhere in the Hospital Region.

There were no complaints of dissatisfaction with the operation of the scheme, with the arrangements for ambulance transport or with the quality of the hospital services given. One or two reported instances of difficulty or delay in securing the admission of infectious persons to hospital could have been avoided if the medical practitioners concerned had made application direct to the Hospital Bed Service, in accordance with present procedure, instead of approaching individual hospitals, as they have been accustomed to do in the past. Uncomplicated cases of the commoner infections, such as measles, whooping cough, chicken-pox, etc., are not usually accepted, unless recommended by the Medical Officer of Health on the grounds that the patient cannot be isolated and treated satisfactorily in his own home. Several such cases were admitted to hospital during the year.

Reference has been made in recent Annual Reports to the failure on the part of certain isolation hospital authorities to inform the Medical Officer of Health of the admission and discharge of all patients from his area, and of the ultimate diagnosis made in cases admitted to hospital on suspicion. This necessitates repeated telephone enquiries to the hospitals concerned, to obtain information which is essential for the application of precautionary measures in the interests of the general public. A personal approach to local hospitals has

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produced some improvement in these respects, and further improvement is likely to result from the recent issue of a Ministry of Health circular on the subject to Regional Hospital Boards.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

Table V shows the numbers of the various notifiable infectious diseases, other than tuberculosis, recorded in the area during the calendar year, classified according to the age of the patient, together with the numbers of cases removed to hospital and the total deaths from each disease. Comparative statistics are given in Table VI.

On the whole, the prevalence and mortality rates for the various infectious diseases notified in the Godstone Rural District in 1952 were very much lower than usual.

Possibly the most noteworthy epidemiological event of the year was the occurrence of three confirmed cases of acute anterior poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis, of which two were of the paralytic type. The cases had no known connection with each other, and the dates of onset and the localities from which they were reported were so widely separated that it is extremely unlikely that the infection was derived from a common source. All were treated in hospital and recovered without serious residual disability.

The notification of diphtheria - the first in three years related to an elderly person who was admitted to hospital with a skin
complaint which was subsequently found to be caused by the diphtheria
organism. The case, though strictly notifiable, was not one of diphtheria
as generally understood. The circumstances were somewhat similar as
regards the one case of dysentery and the one of food poisoning reported
during the year; in both these cases, the presence of the infecting
organism had hitherto been unsuspected, and was discovered in the course
of investigation of unrelated conditions for which the patients had been
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Scarlet fever was less prevalent than it has been for the past three years, though it is probable that, because of the exceptional mildness of the prevailing type of infection, a considerable number of transient and abortive cases escaped detection. There were fairly localised outbreaks of the disease in the Lingfield district in January and December, but the remaining cases were more or less evenly distributed, without significant concentration in any particular district, school or period of the year.

The case rates for other infectious diseases were very much below the average for the Rural District and were, in general, lower than those experienced in other areas. This applies more particularly to measles, which has only once before exhibited a lower rate of prevalence, and to pneumonia. With regard to the latter, it may be observed that the number of deaths ascribed to the disease greatly exceeds the number of cases notified; the explanation is that the recorded deaths from pneumonia include many due to non-notifiable forms of the disease. The low incidence of puerperal pyrexia and the complete absence of cases of enteric fever are especially noteworthy.

Non-notifiable Infectious Diseases.

Information concerning the non-notifiable infectious and contagious diseases is less complete than in the case of notifiable infections, and is obtained mainly from school attendance records and the Registrar's returns of deaths. According to the former, a considerable amount of absence was attributed to chicken-pox, which was concentrated mainly in Lingfield, Nutfield and Bletchingley schools, though most of the other schools were affected to some extent. There were also 163 cases of mumps, most of which were reported from Lingfield, Chelsham and Limpsfield. Deaths from non-notifiable infections were confined to influenza, chiefly amongst elderly persons. The death rate from this cause was appreciably higher than that for England and Wales, but did not exceed the average for the Godstone Rural District.

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TABLE V

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) NOTIFIED IN THE GODSTONE RURAL DISTRICT

DURING THE YEAR 1952.

			C	ASES	NOT.	IFIE) IN A	AGE PE	RIODS				18	es re-	aths.
	Under 1 Year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Totals	Total cases moved to hos	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	- 1	2	1	2	3	28	5	-	-	-	1	100	42	25	- 1
Whooping Cough	3	6	6	5	12	16	2	1	1	1	1	-	54	2	-
Measles	-	2	2	2	3	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	18	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	1	-	8	2	14 [*]
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
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Acute Polio- myelitis (a) Paralytic	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
(b) Non- Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
TOTALS	3	10	9	9	19	54	9	2	5	5	4	1	130	35	14
TOTALS 1951	31	49	77	73	83	411	63	15	23	17	10	2	854	74	23

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TABLE VI

CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1952.

Rates per 1,000 Total (1.e. Live & Still) Births.	Ruerperal Pyrexia	17.87	23.94	40 %	70.77	2.15
	Food Poofa-	0.13	0.16	0.41	0.18	0.03
-	Pheu- monia	0.72	0.80	0.62	0.57	0.24
/ 100	Measles	8,86	10.11	8,49	9.23	45.0
ULATION	Acute Poliomyelitis & Polioencephalitis Faralytic Non Paralytic	0.03	0.03	0,02	0.03	0.03
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RATES PER	Thooping Cough	2,61	2.74	2.57	1.66	1.62
	Scarlet	1.53	1.75	1.58	1.56	1.23
	Meningo- coccal Infection	0.03	0.03	0.03	0,02	0.00
	Para Typhoid Fever	0,02	0,02	0.03	о.0	8.
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VACCINATION AGAINST SMALL-POX.

Vaccination against small-pox is not at present undertaken at the County Council's Clinics in the area. The numbers of vaccinations performed by private medical practitioners during the year are as follows:-

		The second second	7,000,000	Over 15 years	Total
Primary Vaccination	126	151	12	11	300
Re-vaccination	-	3	22	137	162

The total number of primary vaccinations and of re-vaccinations is very much less than in 1951. The figures for that year were, however, exceptionally high, due to the occurrence of a fairly extensive outbreak of virulent small-pox in a neighbouring County and the consequent demand for vaccination or re-vaccination by persons having direct or indirect contact with the infected locality.

It is estimated that not more than 30.0 per cent of the infants born in 1952 were vaccinated against small-pox, though there was a marked increase in the number of primary vaccinations of infants between the ages of one and two years, which would suggest that, in many cases, the procedure is postponed until the second year.

Attention has previously been drawn to the decline in the acceptance of infant vaccination since it was placed on a voluntary basis under the National Health Service Act. In consequence, the proportion of the child population now adequately protected against small-pox is much too small to offer an effective barrier against widespread dissemination of the disease should it, unfortunately, be introduced into the area in virulent form. The medical and health visiting staff take advantage of every favourable opportunity to impress upon parents the advisability and importance of securing protection for their children, but propaganda of this nature is largely ineffective in the absence of actual cases of the disease or appreciable risk of coming in contact with it.

A considerable number of the re-vaccinations were of persons who were required to produce a certificate of recent vaccination to enable them to travel abroad. Such certificates must be authenticated by the Medical Officer of Health of the district in which the person resides.

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IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Immunisation against diphtheria is available through general medical practitioners and at the County Council's Clinics in the area. The total numbers of children artificially immunised during the year are as follows:-

Under 5 years 292. 5 to 15 years 84.

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In addition, re-inforcing doses of diphtheria prophylactic were given to 113 persons, most of whom were school entrants who had completed a course of immunisation three or four years previously.

The numbers immunised are somewhat smaller than in 1951, though the facilities available for the purpose have not been curtailed, nor has there been any relaxation of the efforts made to secure the immunisation of all infants under the age of twelve months. It is estimated that roughly 50.0 per cent. of children under the age of five years, and rather more than 65.0 per cent. of those between the ages of five and fifteen years, have been artificially immunised against diphtheria. Both figures fall short of the 70.0 per cent. which is generally considered to be the minimum necessary for the adequate protection of the child population. The records are incomplete, however, in as far as they relate to children immunised by their own doctors prior to 5th July, 1948, and it is probable, therefore, that the proportion of immunised children in the older age groups is somewhat greater than that estimated.

As in many other districts, there has been a gradual decline in the rate of acceptance, probably because actual cases of the disease are now comparatively rare, and the risk of contracting it, with its attendant dangers, has practically ceased to have much value as a propaganda weapon. There is also a tendency on the part of parents to postpone acceptance, in the mistaken belief that it will be soon enough to have their children protected against diphtheria when there is reason to think that they have been in contact with it; no opportunity is lost to impress upon them that protective inoculation does not immediately confer a high degree of immunity and cannot usefully be employed to prevent or control epidemic prevalence. It is expected that the recent introduction of whooping cough vaccination, with which diphtheria immunisation can conveniently and with advantage be combined, will tend in time to raise the proportion of young infants immunised against the latter disease.

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IMMUNISATION AGAINST OTHER DISEASES.

MEASLES.

Measles serum was not extensively used for the prevention or attenuation of measles. No request was made to the Public Health Department for the supply of immune serum for the total or partial immunisation of susceptible measles contacts.

WHOOPING COUGH.

With the recent introduction of whooping cough vaccines which have been proved, after extensive trial, to have a very high immunising value, the Surrey County Council decided to provide facilities for whooping cough vaccination, either alone or in combination with diphtheria prophylaxis. This is available through general medical practitioners, at fixed immunisation clinics and at infant welfare sessions at which diphtheria immunisation is at present undertaken, and is directed mainly to infants under the age of twelve months. It is not intended, at present, to take any special or organised measures for pressing the general acceptance of immunisation against whooping cough, though the advisability of doing so will be considered later in the light of experience.

The extended arrangements came into force on 1st August, 1952, and were made known to parents through the medium of the Infant Welfare Clinics and by the Health Visitors in the course of their domiciliary visiting. Twenty-eight infants completed the full course before the end of the year, while a few others, who had been vaccinated previously, were given re-inforcing injections. The demand will undoubtedly increase very considerably as the existing facilities become more generally known.

OTHER DISEASES.

Prophylactic inoculation against other infectious diseases, such as enteric fever, cholera, yellow fever, etc., is necessary in the case of persons proposing to visit foreign countries where these diseases are endemic, and is generally undertaken at specified centres. The International Certificate required in such cases has to be authenticated by the Medical Officer of Health of the district in which the person resides.

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TUBERCULOSIS

Particulars of cases of tuberculosis which came to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the year are set out in Table VII, together with an analysis of the deaths in the area from the disease during the same period. The former include 25 cases notified for the first time and 18 reported on transference from other areas in which they had already been notified. One of the primary notifications was subsequently withdrawn, on a report from the Chest Physician that the person concerned was not suffering from tuberculosis.

The number of new cases of tuberculosis of the lungs, including those coming into the area after notification elsewhere, represents an advance of nine on the corresponding figure for the previous year and is equivalent to a case rate of 1.11 per 1,000 of the population; this is somewhat above the average rate for the district. The increase is entirely confined to males in the younger age groups, the number of new cases amongst females being precisely the same as in 1951 and with very similar age group distribution.

Comparison of prevalence rates in this connection is, however, misleading. During recent years, the district has attracted an increasing number of previously known and convalescent cases from other areas; if these are disregarded, the statistical evidence points to a decline rather than an increase in the prevalence of tuberculosis of the lungs amongst the normal inhabitants of the district. It is worthy of special note that, for the first time on record, no mortality was ascribed to this form of the disease.

There were 7 reported cases of other forms of tuberculosis, as compared with 16 in 1951 and 24 in 1950. In 5 the infection was confined to the glands of the neck, the remaining two being cases of bone and joint tuberculosis. An unusual feature of the former was that the persons affected, with one exception, were adolescent or adult, though this form of the disease is most frequently found in infants and young children. For the second year in succession, there were no deaths from non-respiratory tuberculosis.

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TABLE VII

NEW CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS, AND ALL DEATHS FROM THE DISEASE IN THE AREA DURING 1952, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE, SEX AND TYPE OF DISEASE.

District Services		NEW CASES				DEA	ATHS	- 11	
Age periods	Respire	Respiratory		Non- Respiratory		Respiratory		Non- Respiratory	
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Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	
1 - 5 years	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
5 - 15 years	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
15 - 25 years	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	
25 - 35 years	6	8	-	3	-	-	-	-	
35 - 45 years	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
45 - 55 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
55 - 65 years	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
65 and upwards	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<u>Totals</u>	23	14	2	5	-	-	-	-	
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WATER SUPPLY.

With the exception of the Parish of Tatsfield, which obtains its supply mainly from the Metropolitan Water Board, the whole of the Rural District is supplied by the East Surrey Water Company. In parts of the Parish of Oxted, the Parish of Limpsfield and the parts of Tatsfield supplied by the Company, the water is derived from the lower greensand, and elsewhere from deep borings in the chalk; the water from both sources is chlorinated and de-chlorinated before distribution to consumers.

The supplies from the public water mains were adequate in quantity throughout the year. The quality, as revealed by chemical and bacteriological examination at regular intervals, was invariably reported to be satisfactory.

No action was necessary in respect of any form of contamination.

Samples of the water before and after treatment are submitted monthly for bacteriological examination, under private arrangements made by the East Surrey Water Company. In addition, samples of the treated water are examined chemically and bacteriologically about forty times a year, under a rota system arranged by the Medical Officers of Health of the districts supplied by the Company; samples are taken in each district at stated times and copies of the Analyst's reports are circulated to all the districts concerned.

The estimated number of dwelling-houses in each parish supplied from the public water mains (direct to houses and by means of stand-pipes), wells and rain-water tanks are set out in Table VIII. The population supplied under each heading is shown in brackets. Supplies from rain-water tanks are confined to outlying dwellings in the Parish of Tatsfield and not infrequently fail completely after prolonged periods of dry weather. In such circumstances, the supplies have been replenished in the past through the co-operation of the Surrey Fire Service, who intimated during the year that they could no longer render assistance of this nature. A suitable tank was borrowed, free of charge, from the East Surrey Water Company and used on six occasions for the conveyance of water by local authority transport to replenish the supplies to the dwellings affected.

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TABLE VIII

inspection with a	DIRECT TO HOUSES	STAND PIPES	WELLS	RAIN WATER TANKS
Bletchingley	851 (2778)	16 (64)	6 (24)	
Burstow	796 (2600)		7 (28)	
Chelsham	77 (269)	1 (4)		
Crowhurst	95 (332)	(16)		
Godstone	1280 (4702)	12 (48)	11 (44)	
Horne	389 (1255)	6 (24)	6 (24)	
Limpsfield	1040 (3778)		2 (8)	
Lingfield	1813 (6775)	10 (40)	7 (28)	
Nutfield	570 (1967)	17 (68)		
Oxted	1701 (6197)		(12)	
Tandridge	256 (866)	(16)	2 (5)	
Tatsfield	291 (880)			70 (280)
Titsey	(150)		(8)	
TOTALS	9203 (32 , 549)	70 (280)	46 (181)	70 (280)

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

During 1952 the main sewer was extended to the following districts:

Greenhurst Estate, Oxted. Quarry Farm Estate, Godstone.

The total number of houses connected thereto was 70.

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SECTION II

(SANITARY INSPECTION)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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Nuisance Inspections	296
Re-inspections	216
Inspections under Housing Acts	212
Re-inspections	424
Drainage surveys	111
Visits to Slaughter Houses	32
Visits to Dairies and Cowsheds	90
Inspection of Food - number of visits	38
Milk Samples (Farms)	
(a) No. of samples satisfied Meth. Blue and Phosphatase exam. 3 (b) " " " failed " " " " " Nil (c) " " passed biological exam. 55 (d) " " failed " " 1	
Total number of farm milk samples taken.	59
Milk Samples (Dairies) (a) No. of samples satisfied Meth. Blue and Phosphatase exam. Nil (b) " " " failed " " " " " Nil (c) " " passed biological exam. 30 (d) " " failed " " Nil	
Total number of dairy milk samples taken.	30
Milk Samples (Schools) (a) No. of samples satisfied Meth.Blue and Phosphatase exam. 50 (b) " " " failed " " " " " Nil (c) " " " passed biological exam. 5 (d) " " " failed " " Nil	
Total number of school milk samples taken.	55
Milk Samples (Pasteurising Establishments) (a) No. of samples satisfied Meth.Blue and Phosphatase exam. 90 (b) " " " failed " " " " Nil	
Total number of samples taken.	90
Ice Cream Samples (satisfactory)	8
Inspection of ice cream premises	16
Inspections of Food Premises	90
Inspections of Factories and Workshops	42
Inspections of Tents, Vans etc.	80
Inspections under Petroleum Acts and Regulations	27
Drains Water tested.	27
Inspection of drainage work in progress	137
Notices served:- (a) Informal (b) Statutory	195 10
Complaints investigated	230
Infectious disease enquiries	70
Inspection of refuse tips	41
Samples of drinking water submitted for Bacterial and/or Chemical	Analysis. 35
Number of Cesspools cleansed	1525
Number of loads removed from cesspools	2359
Disinfection of premises	29
Disinfestation of premises	75
Complaints of Rat infestations received and investigated	438
Rat Infestations dealt with by Public Health Department	319

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SUMMARY OF REPAIRS.

Carried out under the supervision of the Public Health Department during the year 1952 as a result of notices served.

TABLE IX

Internal repairs to plaster etc. carried out	49
Window arches repaired	1
Dampness in walls remedied	59 2
Dampness in solid floors remedied Defective roofs repaired/renewed	1.10
Light and ventilation improved	144
Fire grates repaired/or renewed	11
Cooking ranges repaired/renewed	12
Sinks repaired or renewed	8
Sink waste pipes repaired	5
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	5 25
Rain water downspouts repaired or renewed	27
Wooden floors repaired/renewed	26
Dry rot remedied	1
Staircases repaired	1
Defective chimneys repaired	17
Defective doors repaired or renewed	13
Walls and ceilings redecorated	29
Sashcords renewed	14
Window frames repaired or renewed	30
Glazing made good	1 6 1 9 6
Window putties renewed	6
Fire bricks fitted	1
Ventilated foodstores provided	2
Defective coppers repaired Flushing cisterns to W.C.'s repaired	
Ventilation to W.C.'s	7 7
W.C. pans provided	5
W.C. structures repaired	11 3 5 8
Pail closet structures repaired	6
W.C. seats provided	10
Water service pipes repaired	
Water service laid on	1
Defective external walls repaired	
Draining boards provided	18 2 6
Yard paving repaired	
Dustbins provided	4
Drains cleared or repaired	18 3 2
Connections to main sewer	3
Filter beds repaired or overhauled	2
Inspection covers provided	3
Overflow from cesspools cut off	3 6 3 4 6
Cesspools provided	3
F.A.I's provided	4
Gully surrounds repaired	38
Miscellaneous nuisances abated	
Cesspools cleansed Cesspools repaired	48
Construction of new solid floors	
Provision of new bathroom	9
Septic tanks and filter beds provided	4
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Dairies and cowsheds.	
Floors repaired	1
Yards improved	1
Drainage improved	1
Cold store renovated	1
Piggeries.	
New and improved drainage	1
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Accumulations of manure removed	1
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SECTION III

HOUSING

TABLE X

1.	Insp	ectio	on of Dwellinghouses during the year 1952.	
	(i)	(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	105
		(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	277
	(ii)	(a)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (i) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932).	62
		(b)	Number of inspections made for this purpose	124
	(iii		Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	7
	(iv)		Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	91
2.			defects during the year without Service of otices.	
			Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its Officers.	56
3.	Acti	on ur	nder Statutory Powers during the year.	
	A.	Proce	eedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the ing Act, 1936:	
		(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	7
		(11)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
			(a) by owners (b) by Local Authority in default of owners	7 Nil
	В.	Proce	eedings under Public Health Act:	
		(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	2
		(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
			(a) by owners (b) by Local Authority in default of owners	1

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c.	Proce	edings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing			
	(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	4		
		Nos. 1 and 2, Isley Cottages, Bowerlands Lane, Lingfield. (2) Ivy Cottages, Station Road, Dormansland. (2)			
	(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	4		
		Woodcot, Felbridge. (1) 1, 2 & 3 Church Walk, Bletchingley. (3)			
	(iii)	Number of undertakings not to re-let.	4		
		8, Brewer Street, Bletchingley. Brook Farm Cottage, Tandridge. Puckhaw Cottage, Nutfield Marsh. Clive Cottage, Bletchingley.			
D.	Proce	edings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.			
	(i)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	Nil		
	(ii)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	, Nil		
E.	Abate	ment of Overcrowding.			
		Number of dwellinghouses found to be statutorily overcrowded as defined by Section 58, Housing Act, 1936	1		
F.	Proce	edings under Section 25, Housing Act, 1936.			
	(i)	Number of dwellinghouses included in clearance areas confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government	10		
		Nos. 1 to 10 Plaistow Street Cottages, Lingfield.			
Houses erected by Private Engerprise.					
		Number of houses completed in 1952.	52		

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SECTION IV.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The factories on the Register of the Local Authority are as follows:-

TABLE XI.

	Mechanical Power	Non-Mechan- ical Power	Total
Aeronautical Research	1	0	1
Aerial Photography	1	0	1
Agricultural Engineers	2	0	2
Aircraft Repairs	1	0	1
Bakeries	13	3	16
Bandage Manufacturers	1	0	1
Boot Repairing	1	1	2
Brass Finishing	1	0	1
Brick Making	6	0	6
Builders	1	10	11
Cabinet Makers	1	1	2
Chemical Manufacturers	1	0	1
Cigarette Factory	1	0	1
Cleaners and Dyers	1	0	1
Coach Builders	0	1	1
Corn Provenders	1	0	1
Cycle Repairers	1	1	2
Dairies	1	0	1
Dressmaking	0	2	2
Electrical Engineering	0	2	2
Fire Extinguishers	1	0	
Flour Milling	3	0	1 3 2
Fullers Earth Works	3 2	o	5
French Chalk Grinders	1	0	1
Gas Works	3	0	3
Grass Drying	3	o	3 3 2
Jewellers	ó	2	2
Joinery	7	2	
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Light Engineering Works	9	o	9
Motor Repairers	22	1070	
Photographic	0	3	25
Plumbers	100	250	1
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Printers	2	0	2
Projection Room	1	0	1
Rodent destruction	0	1	1
Saddlery	0	2	2
Sawmills	4	0	4
Scrap Metal and Breakers Yard	1	0	1
Stonemason	0	1	1
Smithies	1	0	1
Tile and Concrete	1	0	1
Tailoring	0	4	4
Upholstery	1	0	1
Wax Modelling	1	0	1
Wheelwrights	1	0	1
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The following Table indicating the work carried out during the year 1952 in connection with the inspection of Factories, is submitted in accordance with Section 128 of the Act:-

INSPECTIONS.

	Number		Number of	
Premises	on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities. 2. Factories not included in (1), to which Section 7 applies (a) subject to the	61	42	7	Nil
Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement Order 1938) (b) Others. 3. Other premises under the	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Act (excluding outworkers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	61	42	7	Nil

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

	Number	of cases were	in which	defects	Number of cases in	
Particulars	Found	Remedied	refer To H.M. Inspec- tor	Ву Н. М.	which prosecu- tions were instituted	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	Nil	2	Nil	
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
(a) Insufficient	1	1	Nil	1	Nil	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	Nil	2	Nil	
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	
Other offences (not including bffences relating to Outwork)	1	1	Nil	1	Nil	
TOTAL	7	6	Nil	7	Nil	

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OUTWORK (Section 110 and 111)

Three lists of outworkers were received during the year and referred to eight premises situated within the Godstone Rural District.

On inspection it was found that the occupants were engaged on the following work:-

Preparation and manufacture of electric lamp shades ... 6
Finishing of wearing apparel 1
Specialised work on regalia 1

The home conditions in each case were found to be quite satisfactory and no action by the Local Authority was necessary.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS (SECTION 34)

During the year visits of inspection were made to those factories holding Certificates as to the adequacy of their means of escape in case of fire, and no adverse circumstances were noted.

SHOPS ACT, 1934

Routine visits to shop premises were carried out and where necessary attention was drawn to any matter affecting the condition or adequacy of the sanitary accommodation and washing facilities.

The Public Health Committee considered the advisability of a suitable notice for display in food shops requesting that dogs be kept outside in the interests of food hygiene. A notice worded as follows was agreed upon on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health.

Distribution of the notices commenced towards the end of the year.

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THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GODSTONE.

FUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FOOD HYGIENE

In the interests of public health and to prevent contamination of food by dogs,

YOU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO BRING YOUR DOG INTO THIS SHOP.

T. H. BINGHAM, M.D., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

During the course of the year some 120 additional new houses were occupied and have been included in the collection of refuse. The removal of refuse is made weekly in the more built up areas of the district and fortnightly in other parts with the exception of some comparatively small areas where a monthly collection is in operation. It is hoped that eventually no one will have more than a two-weekly interval between collections.

The disposal of refuse is carried out by controlled tipping and a mechanical shovel and spreader is used for this purpose. This system has proved to be very efficient and the wear and tear on vehicles has been very considerably reduced. The surface of the refuse tip being better consolidated and much improved for unloading operations. Another source of satisfaction not quite so obvious is the improvement in the general condition of the tip, and to the almost complete elimination of serious fly and other insect pests. Rat infestation as such does not exist on the tip and it is only the occasional odd one or two probably brought in by the

pleasurages on a fe relations are calls story actional granulation and the officer based one with Keep on relativistic day (strong fromal units has refuse lorries that have to be dealt with. In addition to the advantages obtained in using mechanization on the tip, the routine use of insecticide powders and the regular test baiting for rat infestation have played their part in eliminating the serious difficulties and troubles which were often experienced in the past.

The collection and disposal of waste paper continues, and some 140 tons of baled waste paper was despatched to the paper mills during the year. A chart is attached showing the monthly collection of salvage.

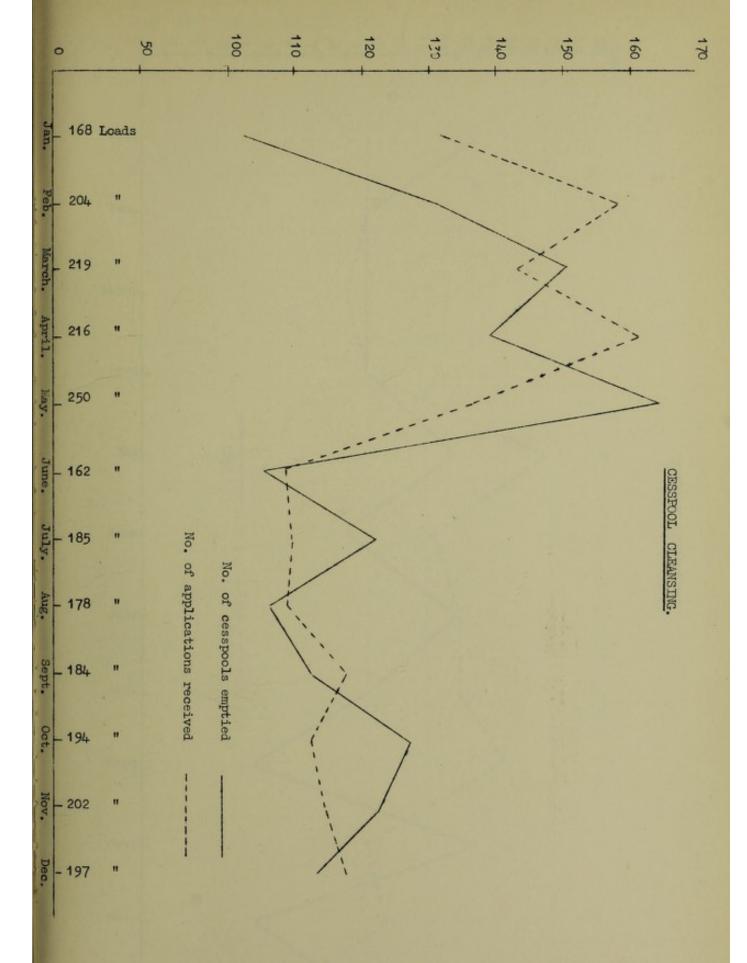
CESSPOOL CLEANSING.

The Public Health Department received 1,525 applications for cesspool cleansing, an increase of 187 over the previous year, and 2,359 loads representing 1,769,250 gallons were dealt with by the two cesspool cleansing vehicles. A chart is attached showing the number of applications received and loads removed month by month.

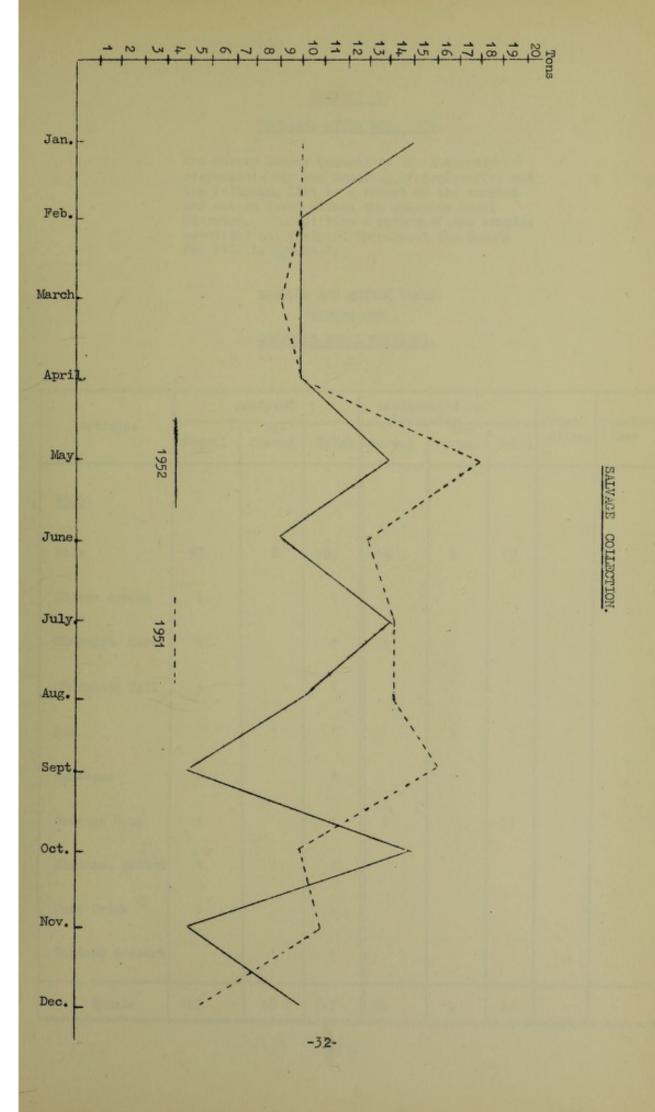
MORTUARIES.

There is only one mortuary within the Godstone Rural District and this also serves Caterham and Warlingham. It is situated at Oxted and had considerable modifications carried out during the year. Strip lighting has been installed and has given greatly improved illumination in the post mortem room. Also certain alterations to the building have enabled the available space to be more effectively utilised. The building has also been completely redecorated throughout and is now in very good condition.

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SECTION V.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

The Surrey County Council is the Authority responsible for the sampling of foodstuffs, and the following list is a record of the samples and action taken within the Godstone Rural District. In addition a return of the samples submitted and analysed throughout the County for 1952 is appended.

SAMPLES AND ACTION TAKEN WITHIN THE GODSTONE RURAL DISTRICT.

	A	nalysed		Adulter	ated or		Prose-	Convic-
Articles	Formal	In- formal	Total	Formal	formal Total		cutions	
FOOD:								
Milk	93	8	101	18	1	19		
Cheese spread	1		1					
Chocolate Cake	1		1	1		1		
Chocolate Roll	1		1					
Jam		1	1		1	1		
Sausages	8		8					
Sausage Meat	1		1	1		1		
Shrimps, potted	1		1					
Soft Drink	1		1					
Tapioca dessert		1	1					
Totals	107	10	117	20	2	22		

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FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS, 1938-50

Return of Samples analysed during Year 1952

Articles		Samples		Adulterated or Irregular			Prose-
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total	cutions
FOOD:							
Milk	1,103	161	1,264	86	14	100	2*
Almond essence	1,105	-	1				
Almond mixture	1	-	1	1 ^H	-	1	
Almond substitute,							
ground	1	-	1				
Almonds, ground	10	2	12				
Bacon Baland Bacons		4	4.				
Baked Beans Beer	2	6	8				
Biscuits	-	1	1	-	1	1	
Blackcurrants in syrup	1	-	1		The state of	1	
Broth	-	2	2				
Butter	3	4	7				
Cake	-	1			100		
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Cake mixture	7	1	1				A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR
Cereal food	1	4	1 4	ħ.			
Cheese Spread	1	-	1		33000		
Chicken, tinned	-	1	1				
Chocolate Cake	2	-		2	-	2	
Chocolate Roll	3	-	2 3 1		1		
Citric Acid	-	1	0.00				
Coffee	-	1	1		-		1833
Coffee and Chicory							
Condensed Milk	2	2	2 2				
Confectionery	3	1	7	1	2	3	
Cooking Fat	-	4	14		-	1	
Cornish Pasties	1	-	1	1			
Crab, dressed	-	1	1	1			
Cream, synthetic	-	1	1				
Curry powder	1	1	2	1		3	
Eggs	-	1				100000	
Fish cakes	8	2 6	10	1			MI TO THE REAL PROPERTY.
Fish paste Fish pie	1	-	7				
Flour		2	2				
Fruit Lollies	1	-	1				
Gin	1	-	1 1			-	
Ginger, crystallised	-	1	1		September 1	1 1 1	
Gooseberries in syrup	-	2	2	1			
Herbal tablets	1		1				The state of
Honey	-	2	2	1			
Horseradish Relish Ice-Cream	19	9	- 28	4		14	1+
Ice-Cream mixture	1	-	1	"		4	
Carried Forward	1,169	231	1,400	94	18	112	3

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Articles	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total	cutions
Brought forward	1,169	231	1,400	94	18	112	3
FOOD (continued)						- 40	
Jam Jelly	1 4	2 2	3 6	3	1	1 3	1+
Lemon Curd	1	-	1				
Lemon Marmalade Lemonade powder	2	1	1 3		1×	1	
Lobster, tinned	-	1	1				
Loganberries in syrup	-	3	3				
Malt extract with Cod Liver Oil	-	2	2	-	1	1	
Margarine	-	3	3 3				
Marzipan Meat	3 -	1	1				
Meat, cooked and							
prepared Meat paste	3 2	2	5 3 2				
Meat pie	1	1	10000				
Meat pudding	-	1	1 1		1*	1	
Meringue powder Mincemeat	8	-	8	-			
Molasses	-	2	2				
Mustard Orange Curd	1	1	1				
Pastry and Pastry							
Pepper mixture	3	3	3 4				
Pilchards, tinned	1	-	1	1	-	1	
Plums in syrup	7	1	1	- 11			
Protein food Prunes	-	2	2				
Raspberries in syrup	1	-	1 1	1 [*]	-	1	
Rice, creamed	1		1			1-8	
Salad Cream	-	1	1				
Sardines, tinned Sausage Meat	6	2	2 6	1	_	1	
Sausages	48	9	57	5	3	8	1+
Sherbet Shrimps, potted	1	1 -	1				
Soft Drinks	3 2	3	6				
Soya Flour	2	1 1	3		1000		
Spaghetti Suet	1	-	1				
Sugar	-	1 1	1				
Tapioca dessert Tea	-	1	1				
· Tiger Nuts	-	1	1	-	1 ³⁶	1	
Tomato Juice Cocktail Tomato Ketchup	1	1	2				
Tomato Puree	-	1 1	1			1	
Tomatoes, tinned	1	1	. 2			-	
Carried Forward	1,269	286	1,555	105	26	131	5
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Brought forward	1,269	286	1,555	105	26	131	5	
FOOD (continued)								
Vegetable Fat Vinegar Whisky Wine Yoghourt	1 - 13 7 -	- 2 - 5 1	1 2 13 12 1	1	-	1	1+	
DRUGS:								
Aspirin tablets Bicarbonate of Soda Bismuth Carbonate Blood purifying mixture Digestive tablets Essence of Cinnamon Glycerin of Thymol	1	4 3 1 1 1 1 1 2	4 3 1 2 1 1 2	1	1	2		
Halibut Liver Oil capsules Liver Salts Olive Oil Peppermint tablets Peppermint and Liquoric	7	1 1 1 -	1 1 1 7	- 2	1 ³⁶	1 2		
pellets Saccharin tablets Tincture of Quinine Tonic syrup Uricure tablets Vitamin supplements Yeast tablets	1 2 - 1 - 4 -	1 2 - 1 6 1	1 3 2 1 1 10 1	1	- 26	1 3	1 ⁺ 2 ^{HH}	
Totals	1,306	321	1,627	111	30	141	9	

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One conviction, one case dismissed

Labelling offence in respect of one sample

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SECTION VI

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) MIIK SUPPLY.

There were 13 dairy premises and 5 milk distributors registered with the Local Authority at the end of the year. In addition 7 milk distributors registered in adjoining districts delivered milk supplies within the Godstone Rural District. These 7 distributors all held supplementary licences to sell graded milks. There are also two licensed pasteurising plants within this Local Authority's area, one at Bletchingley and the other at Outwood.

Details of the number of milk samples taken is given in

Section II of this report. Attention is drawn however to the sampling

of raw milk supplies at producers premises for biological examination. Some

86 such samples were taken and only one was found to be positive. The

Medical Officer of Health took appropriate action in this particular case.

(b) FOOD INSPECTION.

The following is a list of foodstuffs examined and found to be unfit for human consumption during the year 1952.

Meat	1017를	lbs.	Fish	81/2	stones
Offal	13류	lbs.	Cod roe	7	lbs.
Sausage Meat	143	lbs.	Cheese	31/2	lbs.
Ham (tinned)	942	lbs.	Porridge Oats	5	pkts.
Australian Rabbits	50	lbs.	Flour	2	pkts.
Luncheon Meat	80	lbs.	Cake mixture	2	pkts.
Bacon	61/2	lbs.	Dried fruit	41/2	lbs.
Jellied Veal	6	lbs.	Fruit pie	1	
Eggs (shell)	237				
		Tinned Foods	tuffs.		
Meat	7	tins	Vegetables	13	tins
Sausages	7	tins	Fruit	43	tins
Fish	1	tin	Milk	19	tins
Soup	3	tins	Jam	1	tin

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In the course of the year 90 visits of inspection were made to food premises. The need for the proper washing of hands with soap and hot water before handling foodstuffs was stressed and a gradual improvement in the provision of suitable and adequate facilities for food handling staff is steadily gaining momentum.

The Byelaws which were adopted by the Council in 1950 and which were made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 deal mainly with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food, the sale and exposure of food in the open air, and with certain other matters affecting the way in which foodstuffs are displayed for sale. No serious offence against these Byelaws was observed during the course of inspections of food premises, but a number of minor offences were noted and in each case matters were put right after verbal attention had been drawn to the contravention.

School canteens have been inspected and preventive action taken to ensure that insect pests are dealt with effectively. The Surrey County Council Education Department are very co-operative in this work.

ICE-CREAM.

72 premises registered for the sale of ice-cream, were on the register of such premises kept by the Public Health Department. Most of the ice-cream sold was of the pre-wrapped variety and supplied by well known manufacturers.

One establishment is registered for the manufacture of ice-cream.

Samples of ice-cream taken during the year gave the following satisfactory results:-

Grade 1 - 4 samples Grade 2 - 2 samples Grade 3 - 1 sample

One chocolate ice-cream was also examined and found to be quite satisfactory.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There were 15 private slaughterhouses licensed in 1952 and one knackers yard licence was renewed.

Six of the slaughterhouses are listed by the Ministry of Food for the benefit of pig clubs and private individuals in an effort to encourage the humane slaughter of privately owned animals and casualties. Fairly frequent visits are made to the knackers yard although the amount of slaughtering taking place is not so great as heretofore. In the main this establishment is run satisfactorily.

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SECTION VII

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PASTS ACT, 1949.

Table XII gives a summary of the year's work carried out by the Public Health Department insofar as rat and mice destruction is concerned. This summary is in fact a copy of the annual return submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Infestation Control Division).

upon to increase the inspection of farm land and buildings for the purposes of detecting and dealing with rat and mice infestations. At the present time the County Agricultural Committees are doing most of this work, but under the provisions of the Damage by Pests Act, the Local Authority is vested with the statutory powers needed forenforcing compliance with the Act and are therefore under obligation to carry out surveys and inspections. It seems unfortunate that an existing organisation such as the County Agricultural Committee who have carried out the agricultural side of the work in the past, could not have been incorporated in the scheme in order to avoid unnessary duplication of visits.

The Local Authority's sewers were tested and apart from some minor infestation which was quickly dealt with, were found to be reasonably clear of rat infestation.

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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER,

(COUNTY) NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY: GODSTONE R.D.C.

	Type of Property						
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agri- cultural	All other (including business	Total		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	premises) (4)	(5)		
I. Total number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 and 2)	9	8566	483	1011	10,069		
II. Number of properties in- spected by the Local Authority during 1952 as a result of (a) notification	(a) Nil	277	6	30	313		
(b) survey or otherwise (Notes 1, 2 and 3)	(b) 9	10	125	294	438		
III. Number of properties in- spected (see Section II) which were found to be	Major 4	4	Nil	Nil	8		
infested by rats (Notes 1, 2 and 3)	Minor 5	259	6	33	303		
IV. Number of properties in- spected (see Section II) which were found to be seriously infested by mice (Notes 1, 2 and 3)	Nil	8	Nil	Nil	8		
V. Number of infested pro- perties (see Sections III and IV) treated by the Local Authority (Notes 1, 2 and 3)	9	271	6	33	319		
VI. Number of notices served under Section 4: (1) Treatment	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
(2) Structural Works (i.e. Proofing)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
VII. Number of cases in which default action was taken by the Local Authority following the issue of a notice under Section 4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
VIII. Legal Proceedings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		

schemes carried out

NOTES Note 1(a) With the exception of agricultural properties, a property means one which is entered separately in the Valuation Roll for the area. (b) Only properties

devoted to agricultural or horticultural production, in respect of which returns are made under the Agriculture Act, 1947, should be entered as agricultural properties

Note 2(a) Council houses should be entered in Column (2).

(b) Premises used by the Local Authority for the purposes of trade should be entered in Column (4)

(c) Sewers should not be included.
(d) Combined dwelling and business premises, where occupied by the same person, should be regarded as business premises and should be entered in Column (4). Where the dwelling and business parts of the premises are in separate

occupation, separate entries should be made in Columns (2) and (4). For the purpose of completing Sections II, III, IV and V, each property should Note 3 be entered once only in respect of inspections, infestations or treatments.

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