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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:
HAYDOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I have the honour of presenting for your consideration, the Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Urban District of Haydock for the year ending 31st December, 1969.

The number of births in 1969 was 241, an increase of 6 on the figure for 1968 giving an adjusted birth rate of 17.6 per 1,000 population; the figure for England and Wales was 16.3.

There were three deaths of infants under one year of age, one less than the average figure for the previous 5 years.

There were no maternal deaths.

Total deaths numbered 161, 18 more than in 1968. The three main causes of death were:- Diseases of heart and circulation 62. "Strokes" - 27, and Cancer 19. Of these deaths, 50 occurred in persons between the ages of 65 and 74, and 55 at 75 years and over. Lung cancer accounted for three deaths, all male.

The adjusted death rate for Haydock was 13.1; the rate for England and Wales 11.9.

Infectious disease cases notified numbered 66 and, of these only 6 were of measles, by far the lowest annual figure for this disease recorded in the past 30 years.

At the time of publication of this report I shall have relinquished my appointment with this Authority after nearly 9 years of service. It gives me pleasure to record my thanks to all present and past members of the Council for their interest in all matters relating to the 'Public Health' during my term of office, also to Mr. R. V. Watkin, Public Health Inspector, and all other officials of the Council for their helpful and friendly co-operation at all times.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. ELLIS JONES.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION 1

GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area (acres)	2,395
Population (Census 1961)	12,074
Population (Registrar General's estimate for mid-1969)	13,010
Number of inhabited houses (Census 1961)	3,700
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1969 according to Rate books	4,385
Rateable Value	£481,959
Sum represented by 1d rate	£ 1,975

The Township of Haydock extends from St. Helens C. B. in the west to the Urban District of Golborne in the east, a distance of approximately $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles. It is bounded on the north side by the Urban District of Ashton-in-Makerfield and on the south side by the Urban District of Newton-le-Willows.

The district is without any marked undulation of surface, the height above mean sea-level varying from 65 feet at the bottom of West End Road to 200 feet at the top of Millfield Lane.

The sub-soil consists of clay and marl with occasional beds of sand. Surface water gravitates via the various brooks and streams in the district to Sankey Brook.

The occupations of the working population are principally coal mining, engineering in connection with the Collieries and general light engineering.

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SECTION 2

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS:

Legitimate -	127 Male:	103 Female:	...	...	Total	230
Illegitimate -	7 Male:	4 Female:	...	...	Total	11
Total Live Births	...	...	...	...		241
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...			18.5
Adjusted Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...			17.6
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births						5%

STILLBIRTHS:

0 Male:	2 Female:	...	...	...	...	...	Total	2
Rate per 1,000 TOTAL Births	...	...	...	...	...	...		8

DEATHS:

91 Male:	70 Female:	...	...	...	...	...	Total	161
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...					12.4
Adjusted Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...					13.1

Maternal Mortality:

Rate per 1,000 TOTAL Births	...	...	...	...	...		NIL
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Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age:

Rate per 1,000 LIVE Births	...	...	...	...	...		12
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Neo-Natal Mortality:

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	...	...					1
Mortality Rate per 1,000 LIVE Births	...	...					4

Early Neo-Natal Mortality:

Rate per 1,000 LIVE Births	...	...	...	...	...		4
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Perinatal Mortality:

Rate per 1,000 TOTAL Births	...	...	...	...	...		12
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POPULATION: At the Census in 1961 the population enumerated was 12,074. The Registrar General's estimate for mid-1969 was 13,010 and this figure has been used in calculations of statistics in this report.

BIRTHS: During the year there were registered 241 live births, being 134 males and 107 females, to Haydock parents, representing a crude birth rate of 18.5 per 1,000 of the population and an adjusted birth rate of 17.6, the birth rate for England and Wales was 16.3.

There were 2 stillbirths giving a rate per thousand TOTAL Births of 8; the rate for England and Wales was 13.

DEATHS : The total number of deaths of Haydock residents whether within or without the district was 161 comprising 91 males and 70 females. The crude death-rate for 1969 was therefore 12.4 per 1,000 of the population and the adjusted rate 13.1 as compared with a death rate of 11.9 per 1,000 for England and Wales as a whole.

It will be noticed that the increase of births over deaths - the "natural increase" - for Haydock during the year was 80.

Of the 161 deaths, 16 were of patients in Haydock Lodge Hospital, now closed.

INFANT MORTALITY : Deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 3 giving a rate per 1,000 LIVE Births of 12. The rate for England and Wales was 18.

There were no deaths from Measles or Whooping Cough.

MATERNAL MORTALITY : There was no "Maternal death" i.e. death due to or associated with pregnancy or parturition.

COMPARABILITY OF CRUDE LIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES : If the populations of all areas were similarly constituted as regards the proportions of their sex and age groups, their crude rates for live births and deaths (per 1,000 population) could be accepted as valid for purposes of comparison with other areas and with the country as a whole.

As the population of the areas are not thus similarly constituted the Registrar General supplies "comparability factors" to each area, by which the crude live birth and death rates of the area are "weighted" to give the "adjusted" rates, which are truly comparable with the adjusted rates of other areas.

For this area the Live Birth rate comparability factor is 0.95 and the adjusted Live Birth-rate becomes 17.6 per 1,000. The Death-rate comparability factor is 1.06 and the adjusted Death-rate is therefore 13.1 per 1,000.

COMPARISONS OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, ETC : The tables on the following pages give comparisons of the Births, Deaths, etc., for the year 1969 and for the preceding 5 years; also the causes of death in the Haydock Urban District for the year 1969.

VITAL STATISTICS - COMPARATIVE TABLE

	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		INFANT MORTALITY		
	No: regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No: regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No: regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No: of deaths- regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No: of deaths- regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	Neo-Natal
HAYDOCK U.D.C.											
Year 1969	241	*18.5	161	*12.4	2	8	Nil	Nil	3	12	1 4
Year 1968	235	18.4	143	11.2	2	8	Nil	Nil	3	13	1 4
Year 1967	215	17.1	172	13.7	3	14	Nil	Nil	4	19	4 19
Year 1966	199	15.9	174	13.9	3	14.9	Nil	Nil	5	25.1	2 10.1
Year 1965	231	18.6	150	12.1	4	17.0	Nil	Nil	3	13.0	3 13.0
Year 1964	214	17.3	136	11.0	6	27.3	Nil	Nil	4	18.7	3 14.0
Average 5 years 1964-1968	-	17.5	-	12.4	-	16.2	-	-	-	17.8	- 12.0

* Adjusted (live-birth rate comparability factor - 0.95 = 17.6 per 1,000
(Death-rate comparability factor - 1.06 = 13.1 per 1,000

COMPARATIVE TABLES
GENERAL VITAL STATISTICS

	Haydock Urban District	England and Wales
Live Births adjusted	17.6	16.3
Stillbirth Rate	8 (a)	13 (a)
Infant Mortality (Deaths under 1 year of age)	12 (b)	18 (b)
Neonatal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks of age)	4 (b)	12 (b)
Early Neonatal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week of age)	4 (b)	10 (b)
Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week of age)	12 (a)	23 (a)
Total Death Rate, adjusted	13.1	11.9
(a) Per 1,000 TOTAL BIRTHS		(b) Per 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS

NOTIFICATION RATES & DEATH RATES OF THE PRINCIPAL NOTIFIABLE
- AND OTHER IMPORTANT DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

All rates are shown per 1,000 population

	HAYDOCK U.D.		England & Wales	
	Notific- ations	Deaths	Notific- ations	Deaths
Typhoid Fever	0.000		0.003	
Para-Typhoid Fever	0.000		0.004	
Dysentery	0.000		0.453	
Food Poisoning	0.000		0.151	
Diphtheria	0.000		0.000	
Scarlet Fever	1.844		0.329	
Whooping Cough	0.231		0.102	
Measles	0.461		2.909	
Acute Meningitis	0.000		0.025	
Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic	0.000		0.000	
Acute Encephalitis Infective	0.000		0.003	
Infective Jaundice	2.458		0.483	
Tetanus	0.000		0.000	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0.000		0.009	
Leptospirosis	0.000		0.001	
Smallpox	0.000		0.000	
Tuberculosis:				
(Respiratory)	0.000	0.000	0.198	0.022
(Non-Respiratory)	0.077	0.077	0.050	0.015
Total	0.077	0.077	0.248	0.038
<u>CANCER:</u>				
Lungs and Bronchus		0.23		0.61
Other		1.23		1.74
Total - All Forms		1.46		2.35
<u>VIOLENCE:</u>				
Accidents (Motor Vehicle)		0.46		
(Other)		0.46		
Total		0.92		

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE
DURING 1969 IN THE HAYDOCK URBAN DISTRICT

Cause of Death.	Age in Years																TOTALS						
	Under 4 wks		4 wks - 1yr		1 - 5		5 - 15		15 - 25		25 - 35		35 - 45		45 - 55		55 - 65		65 & over		M	F	Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					
																			75 & over				
Other Tuberculosis, Incl Late Effects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4
Leukaemia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Other malignant Neoplasms.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	5
Diabetes Mellitus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Hypertensive Disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Other Forms of Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Other Disease of Circulatory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Influenza.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	19	41
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	11	18
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	10	18
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	9
Appendicitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	9	16
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	11	24
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	6
All Other Accidents.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	6
TOTALS ALL CAUSES.	1.	2.	2.	4.	3.	2.	3.	10.	5.	16.	8.	29.	21.	23.	32.	91.	70.	161					

SECTION 3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES - PREVENTION AND CONTROL

66 cases of Infectious disease were notified in 1969, 85 fewer than the previous year; all but 10 were of Infective Jaundice (32) and Scarlet Fever (24)

ISOLATION & DISINFECTION

The Infectious Diseases Hospital at Peasley Cross, St. Helens, is available for the treatment of Haydock cases.

The use of the steam disinfecter at the hospital is also available for the disinfection of bedding and clothing as and when required.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1969
IN THE HAYDOCK URBAN DISTRICT

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HAYDOCK URBAN DISTRICT
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - COMPARATIVE TABLES

Disease	1969		1968		1967		1966		1965		1964		Quinquennial Mean 1964 - 1968	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	24	-	8	-	8	-	15	-	26	-	25	-	16	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	6	-	127	-	28	-	223	-	87	-	205	-	134	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	7	-	8	-	4	-	12	-	2	-	7	-
Enteric Group Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	32	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-

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HAYDOCK URBAN DISTRICT
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - COMPARATIVE TABLES

Disease	1969		1968		1967		1966		1965		1964		Quinquennial Mean 1964 - 1968	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio-Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis - Post-Infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary and Influenzal Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	0.6
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis-Respiratory	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	3	1	4	3	2	1.2
Tuberculosis - Non- Respiratory	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	66	1	151	-	46	1	243	1	130	1	237	6	161	1.8

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY:

The supply of water to the district is the responsibility of the St. Helens Corporation who, by agreement with the Council, assumed control of the undertaking in April, 1958.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

The number of types of food premises in the area at the end of 1969 were as hereunder:-

Grocers and Provision Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Bakers and/or Confectioners...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Shops, selling mainly Sweets, Minerals, Ice-Cream, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Licensed Premises, Clubs, Canteens, Restaurants, Snack-Bars and similar Catering Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Others	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

All were inspected systematically during the year, in addition to special visits.

The following foodstuffs were inspected and condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Bacon	1,839 lbs.
Canned Meat	541 lbs.
Other canned foods	45 lbs.

No cases of food poisoning have occurred.

31 shops and one ice-cream Storage and Distribution Depot in the district are registered under the Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Act, 1938, for the sale of ice-cream. In each shop a refrigerator is installed and the ice-cream is sold wrapped as delivered to the shop.

There are no ice-cream manufacturers in the district.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS:

There are no slaughter-houses in operation in the area.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE:

With the exception of a few out-lying premises all property is connected to the public sewers.

The western part of the district is served by the Parr Sewage Works, St. Helens, which is situated partly in the Haydock district and which came into operation early in 1958.

The sewerage scheme for the eastern portion of the district, - part of the Sankey Valley Sewerage Scheme, came into operation in November, 1959.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION (HOUSES AND SCHOOLS):

The number of the various types of conservancy measures in the district at the end of 1969 are as follows:-

Privy Middins	1
Pail Closets	1
Trough Closets	Nil
Waste-water closets	Nil
Fresh-water closets	4,781
Dry Ashpits	Nil
Ashbins	4,526

All the schools in the district now have reasonably satisfactory sanitary accommodation and are connected to the public mains for water supply and to the public sewers for sewage disposal.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE:

The collection of refuse is carried out under the control of the Council's Surveyor. Three motor vehicles are in operation and the majority of dustbins are emptied weekly. Refuse is disposed of by means of tipping. Paper, cardboard etc. is collected separately and sold as salvage.

RODENT CONTROL:

Although infestations of rats and mice in the district are generally of a minor nature, the sewers and refuse tips are subject to constant observation and treatment in accordance with the methods recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Infestation Control Division.

Annual contracts were entered into for rodent destruction at three farms and ~~for~~ warehouses in the district.

Occupiers of dwellinghouses are encouraged to report infestations of rats and mice, no charge being made for disinfestation work carried out by the local authority at this type of property.

One rodent operative is employed part-time.

Total inspections (including reinspections) carried out, and number of infestations found and treated were as follows:-

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	4929	17
(b) Total No. of properties inspected following notifications	501	3
(c) No. of (b) infested by Rats	157	3
Mice	96	3
(d) Total No. of properties inspected for rats or mice for reasons other than notification	253	14
(e) No. of (d) infested by Rats	11	4
Mice	7	2

DISINFESTATION:

Infestations of houses with insect pests were dealt with by the use of D.D.T. insecticide and powder, with good results.

The number and types of infestations of houses dealt with during the year were as follows:

Ants	- 179	houses	Crickets	- 1	house
Cockroaches	- 20	"	Fleas	- 1	"
Bluebottles & flies	- 4	"	Silverfish	- 1	"
Bedbugs	- 2	"	Caterpillars	- 1	"

Insect pests were also dealt with at 6 other premises.

SHOPS ACT, 1950:

The Shops Authority in this area is the Lancashire County Council, but inspectorial duties are carried out by the Public Health Inspector who, for that purpose, has been appointed Shops Inspector by the County Council.

There are 183 premises classified as shops under this Act, in the district, and inspections during the year numbered 357.

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACT, 1928 AND 1936:

17 premises were licenced to keep petroleum spirit and four to keep petroleum mixtures. Visits of inspection to new and existing installations numbered 27.

Income from licence fees amounted to £100-0-0.

The new Shell-B.P. Hydrocarbon Oil Terminal, claimed to be the largest of its particular type in Europe, came into operation during 1968.

SECTION 5.

HOUSING

At the end of 1969, according to the Rate Books, the total number of houses in the area was 4,385

Of these, 1,509 are Council houses and some 900 have been built in the post-war period by private enterprise. The majority of the remainder are of terrace type, 60 years of age and upwards, whose general standard may be described as "fair". Little overcrowding exists.

During 1969, 118 traditional permanent houses were erected by private enterprise and 65 by the local authority.

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total No. of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 323

(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose 776

(c) No. of dwelling-houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit 139

(2) Total No. of dwelling-houses existing at the end of the year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit, and in respect of which:-

(a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made 18

(b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made 274

2. Houses Demolished:-

(1) In Clearance Areas:

Houses unfit for habitation NIL

(2) Not in Clearance Areas:

As result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or Section 17 (i) Housing Act, 1957 2

3. Unfit Houses Closed:-

Under Section 17 (i) Housing Act, 1957 NIL

(1) After informal action by Local Authority	90
(2) After formal notice under Public Health Act:	NIL
by owner	NIL
by Local Authority	NIL

By Discretionary Grant:

(1)	Applications submitted	NIL
(2)	Applications approved	NIL
(3)	Work completed	NIL

(1) Applications submitted	(a) to full standard	17
	(b) to reduced standard	NIL
(2) Applications approved	(a) to full standard	16
	(b) to reduced standard	NIL
(3) Work completed		18

Bath in Bathroom		16
Washbasin		16
Inside Water Closet		18
Hot & cold Water Supply	- at three points	13
	- at one or two points	3
Ventilated Food-Store		16
Sink		-

Standard Grants paid during the year in respect of 17 houses improved amounted to £3,116. 0. Od.

SECTION 6.

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL HYGIENE

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

There are 46 registered factories in the district comprising 44 factories in which mechanical power is used, and 2 without mechanical power.

The types of factory are:-

Engineering	8
Bakehouses	2
Motor Vehicle Manufacture...	2
Joinery... ..	2
Pre-Cast Concrete Goods ...	2
Laundry... ..	2
Hinge-Making and Electro-Plating	1
Scrap-Yard	1
Fuel Injector Maintenance...	1
Road Roller Repairs...	1
Motor Vehicle Repairs ...	12
Agricultural Machinery Repairs	1
Cement Mixing... ..	1
Radio & T.V. Valve Assembly	1
Scrap Metal Recovery ...	1
Fork Lift Repairs	1
Compressed Air Tool Repairs	1
Heating Engineers	1
Office Machinery Repairs ...	1
Assembly and Packaging of Toys	1
Mineral Water Manufacture...	1
Vehicle Washing	1
Tyre Repairs	1

Seven sites of building operations were registered under Section 127 of the Factories Act, 1961.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961
PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	2	4	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	44	47	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	7	6	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	53	57	NIL	NIL

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	NIL	NIL	NIL

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

	Class of Premises				
	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops, Ware-Houses	Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens	Fuel Storage Depots
No. of registered premises at end of year	22	36	18	8	1
No. of premises receiving a general inspection during year	6	13	14	2	-
No. of exemptions current at end of year:					
Space	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Temperature	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sanitary Conveniences	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Washing Facilities	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Visits of all kinds to registered premises numbered 109

SECTION 7.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS, VISITS, ETC.

Dwellinghouses (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	373
Re-inspections and re-visits to above... ..	403
Housing conditions and overcrowding	146
Applications for Improvement Grants (Inspections and visits)... ..	58
Water Supply (Inspections and re-inspections)	9
Drainage (Inspections and re-inspections)	160
Ditches and Water Courses (Inspections and re-inspections)	2
Accumulations of refuse	23
Movable dwellings	16
Rodent Control (Inspections, re-inspections and treatments)	1,537
Disinfestations of Premises	230
Food shops and premises	209
Other shops	210
Factories	57
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, (total visits)	109
Interviews with Owners, Contractors, etc.	14
Petroleum	27
Miscellaneous	69
	<u>3,652</u>

Number of Nuisances or Defects discovered	359
Number of Informal Notices served	38
Verbal Notices and/or letters	215
Number of Statutory Notices served	-
Number of Notices complied with (including Verbal Notices)	216
Number of Nuisances or defects abated... ..	365

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS

Type of Defect					No. Discovered	No. Remedied
Water Closets	...	...	...	...	31	21
Drains	...	...	...	...	39	38
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	6	6
Sinks	...	...	...	...	2	1
Waste Pipes	...	...	...	...	2	2
Dustbins	...	...	...	...	137	146
Washboilers	...	...	...	...	-	-
Roofs	...	...	...	...	7	5
Chimneys and Flues	...	...	...	...	3	3
Eavesgutters	...	...	...	...	16	13
Downspouts	...	...	...	...	7	6
Brickwork/Pointing	...	...	...	...	9	8
Plastering	...	...	...	...	7	10
Floors	...	...	...	...	8	4
Windows	...	...	...	...	15	15
Doors	...	...	...	...	7	8
Firegrates	...	...	...	...	2	1
Dampness	...	...	...	...	10	14
Yard Paving	...	...	...	...	3	5
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	48	59
TOTAL :					359	365

SECTION 8.

PROVISION OF GENERAL HEALTH AND ANCILLARY
SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT

(1) LABORATORY ARRANGEMENTS:

(Public Health Laboratory Service, and County Analyst's Department)

Pathological specimens, samples of milk, foodstuffs, "swabs", etc. for bacteriological investigation are dealt with by the Public Health Laboratory Service either at the Public Health Laboratory, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, or at the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Green, Monsall, Manchester. The chemical analysis of water samples, and of samples of food and drugs, is undertaken at the County Analyst's Department, County Offices, Preston.

(2) HOSPITAL ARRANGEMENTS:

(Liverpool Regional Hospital Board, St. Helens and District
Hospital Management Committee, and Warrington and District
Hospital Management Committee)

The Haydock Cottage Hospital is the only hospital situated in the district; it is a General Hospital with a nominal establishment of 13 beds, but in view of its small size it is not equipped to deal with major surgical cases. The district is mainly served, for general cases by the St. Helens Hospital, and also by the Providence Hospital, St. Helens. Maternity cases requiring hospital treatment are admitted either to the County Hospital, Whiston, the St. Helens Maternity Hospital, the General Hospital, Warrington, or to the Warrington Maternity Home, Victoria Park, Latchford, Warrington. Cases requiring isolation on account of Infectious Disease are normally admitted to the Peasley Cross Isolation Hospital, St. Helens.

In addition to the above, cases requiring highly specialised treatment for pediatric, orthopaedic, ophthalmic, ear, nose, throat, and gynaecological disabilities may be admitted, by arrangement, to any of the "teaching hospitals" attached to the Universities of Liverpool or Manchester, and situated within, or in close proximity to those cities. ...

(3) AMBULANCE ARRANGEMENTS:

Full responsibility for the Ambulance Service (provided under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946) rests with the Lancashire County Council - the "Local Health Authority" - under the Act, and the Urban District is serviced by staff and vehicles maintained at the County Ambulance Station, Silverdale Road, Newton-le-Willows.

All vehicles in the Lancashire County Council ambulance service are under radio control, and all services in the Division are controlled by staff at the area ambulance headquarters at Whiston. Vehicles from other stations can be brought in easily because of the radio contact when necessary.

This service deals with all types of cases where such transport is required by reason of illness (including mental illness or mental subnormality), whether accident, other emergency, general illness or infectious disease. In cases of emergency any person having reason to do so may summon an ambulance, and the emergency service number "999" should be used. In other cases the calls for this service are made either by a doctor, dentist, midwife, nurse or other duly qualified persons who can call Whiston Headquarters, telephone number Prescott 5222.

Five stretcher-carrying ambulance vehicles and three "Sitting case" cars are stationed at the Newton-le-Willows Depot, and manned by an appropriate staff, all qualified in First Aid.

(4) TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS:

- (i) SCHOOL HEALTH - School Clinic, Station Road, Haydock.
Assistant Divisional Medical Officer, Doctor A. M. Kelly,
School Nurse/Health Visitors. Mrs. A. Boyes, Mrs. K. Smith.

Sessions - Minor Ailments and Medical Inspection.

Doctors Sessions - Weekly - Tuesday a.m. (during School Term).

Nurses Re-Dressing Sessions - Weekly - Thursday a.m. (during School Term).

Ophthalmic

Ophthalmic Surgeon - Mr. Barker.

School Nurse in Charge - Mrs. A. M. Tarbuck.

Sessions - Weekly - Tuesday p.m. (by appointment only).

Orthopaedic

Orthopaedic Surgeon - Mr. Almond.

Orthopaedic Physiotherapist - Mrs. Garrett.

Sessions - Surgeon's sessions - Monthly, morning of the first Monday (by appointment only).

Dental

Mr. A. C. Crawford, ably assisted by Mrs. Twigg, the Dental Attendant, has continued the periodic inspection and treatment of school children, the treatment of expectant and nursing mothers and of children of "pre-school" ages.

- (ii) ANTE-NATAL CLINIC (held at School Clinic, Station Road, Haydock)
Obstetrician - Mr. H. V. Corbett, Mr. C. I. Moss (alternate fortnights).
Health Visitor - Mrs. A. Boyes.
Sessions - Fortnightly - alternate Thursday afternoons.
These sessions are attended whenever possible by the local County Midwives, who assist at the examination of their patients. Where hospital confinement is advisable, either on obstetric or social grounds, the necessary arrangements are made for admission. During the current year a total of 253 expectant mothers made 465 attendances at the Clinic.

- (iii) MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CLINIC (Held at the School Clinic, Station Road, Haydock)
Assistant Divisional Medical Officer - Doctor A. M. Kelly,
Health Visitors - Mrs. A. Boyes and Mrs. H. Evans.
Sessions - Weekly - each Wednesday - morning and afternoon.
The purpose of these Clinics is to facilitate the medical examination and general supervision of infants and small children up to the age of 5 years, and to advise the mothers regarding their nurture and welfare. As an ancillary service, in order to help the parent to implement the advice received regarding feeding methods, a number of artificial infant foods and of vitamin preparations etc., are available at cost price to those regularly attending, and Ministry of Health "Welfare Foods", i.e. cod liver oil, orange juice and vitamin tablets are also dispensed at these sessions. In addition, expectant mothers who attend with infants or other young children are advised regarding the maintenance of their general health, and on other problems connected with their pregnancy; and are of course referred for special obstetrical advice to the Ante-Natal Clinic.

The following figures show the use made of the Child Welfare Centre during the year:-

<u>Number of individual children</u> <u>in attendance</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>attendances</u>
Born in 1960	203
Born in 1962	151
Born in 1967/64	279
	<u>572</u>
	2,846
	481
	<u>152</u>
	<u>3,479</u>

(5) MIDWIFERY ARRANGEMENTS:

Two whole-time salaried Midwives are employed by the County Council - the "Local Health Authority" and "Local Supervising Authority" - for the purpose of conducting domiciliary confinements, either as midwives, (when assuming sole responsibility for the delivery, etc.), or as maternity-nurse, (when assisting at delivery in conjunction with a Doctor). The general policy is that each midwife should use a car, in order to enable her to respond speedily to urgent calls, and to transport analgesia apparatus.

The names and addresses of these Midwives are:-

Mrs. W. Burns, 2 Folds Road, Haydock - Telephone St. Helens 27135,
and Mrs. M. A. McGhee, 31 Pimblett Road, Haydock - Telephone
Ashton-in-Makerfield 77477.

No private midwife practises within the district, nor is there any private Maternity Home so situated. These ladies were therefore responsible, either as midwives or maternity-nurses, for the 34 domiciliary confinements which took place during the year.

(6) HEALTH VISITING ARRANGEMENTS:

The scope of this work is steadily expanding, the responsibility now rests on Health visitors to advise on general health matters relating to the family as a whole, also on the welfare of the aged and handicapped, and not solely in relation to infants, young children, and school children. Furthermore, they have a specific responsibility to advise on immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough, and on the importance of vaccination.

These domiciliary visits, so necessary as regards not only supervision but also health education, are complementary so far as pre-school children are concerned, to the work carried out at the Child Welfare Centre.

During the year this area has been covered by two Health Visitors, Mrs. A. Boyes and Mrs. K. Smith.

(7) MENTAL HEALTH ARRANGEMENTS:

The district is covered for this purpose by four Mental Welfare Officers of the Local Health Authority, No.10 Health Division. These officers deal with all aspects of mental health, including cases for which investigation, supervision and appropriate action is required under the Mental Health Act, 1959.

The names and addresses of these officers are:-

Miss C. V. Horrocks, Mr. J. Baldwin, Mr. B. Sumner,
Mrs. K. Meeks.

No. 10 Divisional Health Office, Winwick, Nr. Warrington.

The services of a Mental Welfare Officer may be obtained in emergency at any time; during normal office hours, by communicating with the Divisional Health Office - Telephone No. Warrington 37444, outside these hours, and at week-end, by telephone to the Area Ambulance Headquarters - Telephone No. Prescott 5222.

(8) HOME HELP ARRANGEMENTS:

This is a permissory service provided by the County Council through its Divisional Health Scheme. (No. 10 Divisional Health Committee), and is one which is not necessarily provided free of cost to the public. It aims to provide domestic help where required by reason of the presence in a household of sickness, pregnancy, a parturient woman, children under compulsory school age or a mentally subnormal person. A steadily increasing demand for such help has been satisfied during the current year, most of the help being given in the homes of the aged and disabled. In some cases also "night helps" are made available to meet the urgent need for night attendance of people seriously ill.

The "Home Helps" engaged are all part-time workers; none is full time, but all must undertake a minimum of 22 hours per week if required.

During the current year 192 cases in the district have been helped by a staff of 42 part-time home-helps.

(9) HOME NURSING ARRANGEMENTS:

Nursing help in the home is now provided by the Local Health Authority, which employs fully trained and registered Home Nurses for this purpose. The public demand for this onerous work has grown considerably, and in view of this, a State Enrolled Nurse was appointed in June, 1962 to assist.

The "Home Nurse" for the District is:

Miss V. M. Dunn, 9 Greenwell Road, Haydock - Telephone No. St. Helens 27302, and the State-Enrolled Nurse, Mrs. A. Robinson, 498 Fleet Lane, Parr, St. Helens - Telephone No. St. Helens 27939.

(10) ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER CARE OF SICK PERSONS, (INCLUDING THOSE SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS), THE PROVISION OF CONVALESCENT ACCOMMODATION, AND OF EXTRA NOURISHMENT WERE RECOMMENDED

Responsibility for the above rests with the Local Health Authority partly on an obligatory, and partly on a permissive basis; "illness" also includes mental defectiveness. The scope of such arrangements is very wide, and includes all the methods of "Health Education" and propaganda relating to health matters, health-visiting in the homes, (including those of persons suffering from Tuberculosis) the provision of ancillary nursing equipment, the after-care of patients who have suffered from illness, whether at home or in hospital, and the provision of convalescent accommodation and rehabilitation measures where these are required to enable those recently sick to regain full health and strength. Extra nourishment may also be provided where necessary for cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, on the recommendation of the Chest Physician.

The Tuberculosis Health Visitor for the District is Mrs. H. Evans. She maintains supervision of patients in their homes, and arranges for their examination and re-examination, also for that of "contacts" (including X-ray investigation), at the Chest Clinic at St. Helens, administered by the St. Helens and District Hospital Management Committee of the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.

As regards Health Education - a very important and essential factor in the prevention of illness - it is emphasised that although some responsibility for this side of preventive medicine is accepted by the County Council as Local Health Authority, the permissive powers of the District Council (as a Local Sanitary Authority), to carry out measures of health education under Section 179 of the Public Health Act, 1936, are still extant, particularly in respect of the dissemination of information relating to the control of infectious diseases.

(11) VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION ARRANGEMENTS:

Vaccination, and immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus, are available free of cost to all who desire it, either through the family doctor, who carries it out as part of his duty to his patients, or by attendance at one of the Immunisation Sessions held at approximately monthly intervals at the School Clinic, Station Road, where the work is carried out either by one of the local doctors or by the Assistant Divisional Medical Officer. Infants and young children may also be immunised at the normal Child Welfare sessions on Wednesdays.

During the year a total of 161 children under 15 years of age completed the full course of immunisation against diphtheria of which 141 were under 5 years. In addition, 360 children received re-inforcement or booster injections.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 27/62 issued in November, 1962, routine smallpox vaccination is recommended during the first two years of life, preferably during the second year of life instead of during the first few months as in previous practice. The number of children under two vaccinated during 1969 was 105 and the percentage based on the number of live births during 1968 and 1969 is 22.

During the year 172 persons up to the age of 16 received primary vaccination against poliomyelitis. In addition 436 re-inforcement doses were given.

(12) THE CHILDREN ACT, 1948, THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1953. THE ADOPTION ACT, 1950.

In the main, the Children Act of 1948 provides for the care and welfare of children and young persons up to the age of 18 years who

for one reason or another are deprived of a normal home life, and it thus has an important bearing on the mental and physical health and development of such children.

The County Council, which is the Local Authority for the purposes of this Act, exercises its functions through its Children's Committee and the Children's Officer, who is responsible to the Committee for the efficient administration and day to day operation of the Service which is carried out on a regional area basis.

The Haydock Urban District lies administratively within the preview of the Area Children's Officer of the Leigh Area, who is assisted by Child Care Officers, and is responsible for all matters relating to "deprived" children, e.g. the provision of accommodation, the inspection of and report on prospective foster homes, infant life protection, supervision of adopted children during the probationary period, and the care and conveyance to suitable "places of safety" of children committed by the Courts to the care of the Authority as a "fit person", under the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, and so on.

The Area Children's Officer and his visitors work in close liaison with the Divisional Medical Officers and their staffs, and I am happy to say that in this district (included in No. 10 Health Division) the co-operation is excellent.

The Area Children's Officer is:-

Mr. W. N. Ritchie, Area Office, Williams Deacon's Bank Chambers, Market Street, Leigh, and the Child Care Officer for the Urban District is Miss N. Walsh, Area Offices as above.

(13) NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 (AND 1951):

The Local Authority carrying responsibility for the implementations of Parts III and IV of this Act is the County Council, and the administrative machinery, in this case also, is on the divisional basis. The main provisions of Part III relate to residential accommodation for the disabled and aged, to temporary accommodation for persons who, by virtue of circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen, are without lodging, and to welfare services in general, for persons handicapped by infirmities such as blindness, deafness, dumbness, crippling physical defects and other disabilities of a permanently handicapping character.

The approved scheme of the County Council in regard to Welfare utilises very fully the services rendered by various voluntary agencies already in existence prior to this legislation. The scheme opens up a tremendous field of activity for all, both voluntary and salaried workers.

Section 47 of this 1948 Act prescribes the procedure whereby aged or infirm persons, if not receiving adequate care and attention in their homes may, by Court Order, be removed to a suitable hospital following a hearing by the Court of evidence in support of a certificate issued by the Medical Officer of Health, after due consideration of all the circumstances of the case; the 1951 Act prescribes emergency procedures on similar lines. No cases were admitted to hospital under this section during the year.

Section 50 of the Act places on each County District Authority the duty of arranging for the burial or cremation of the body of any person who has died or been found dead within the district, when it appears to the Authority that no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body have been or are being made otherwise than by the Authority. No action under this section was required during the year.

