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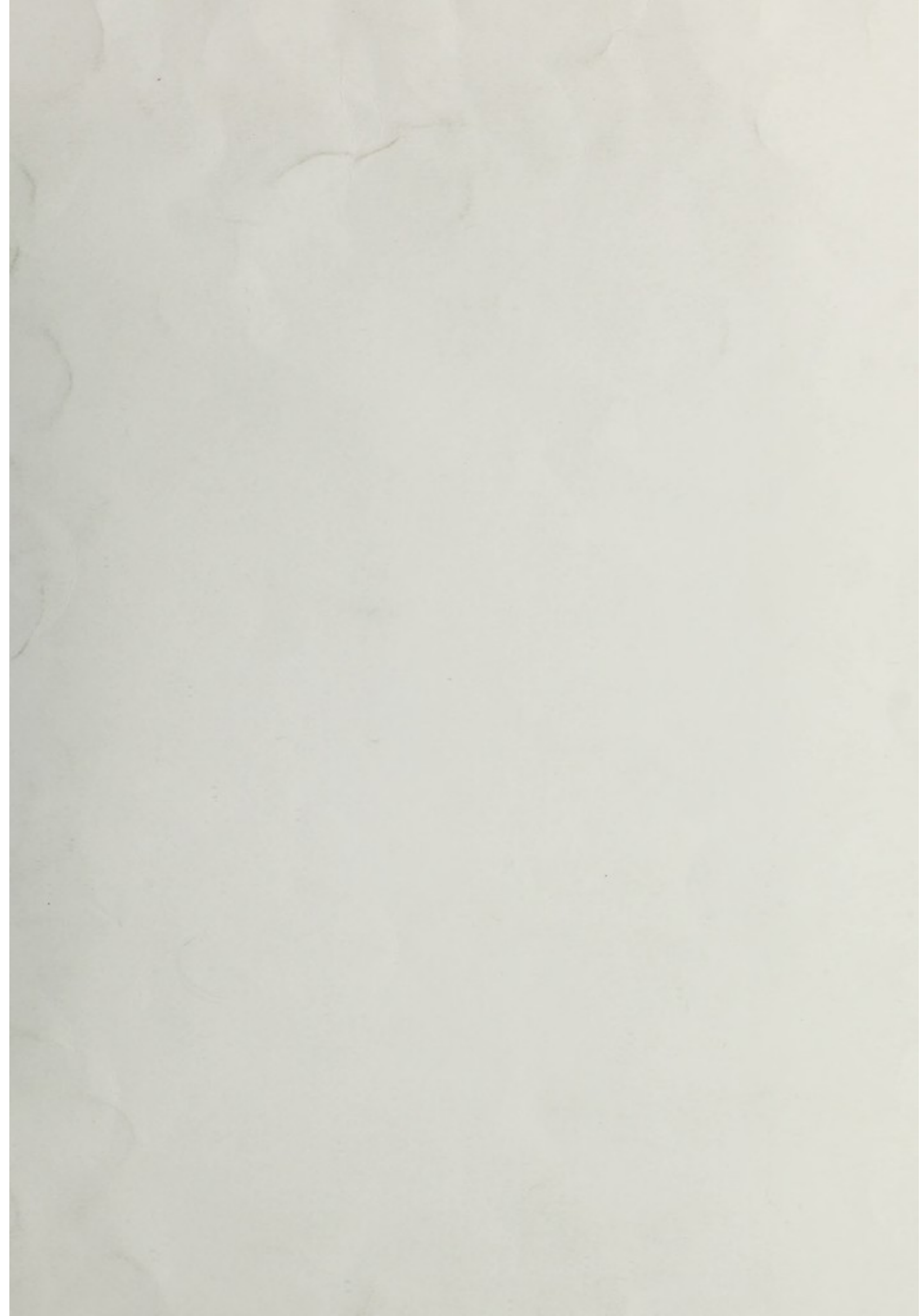
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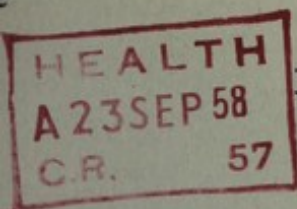
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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED SANITARY DISTRICTS

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On the Health of

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For the Year 1957



Report presented by

The Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Inspector

Borough of Hertford

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BOROUGH OF HERTFORDAnnual Report of the Health of the District for the Year 1957.

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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED SANITARY DISTRICTS

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR 1957.

BOROUGH OF HERTFORD

P R E F A C E

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Borough of Hertford.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health of the Borough of Hertford for the year ending 31st December, 1957.

On that date, your Medical Officer of Health, Dr John Wildman, resigned in order to take up a public health appointment in Devon. I was invited by the Committee of the East Herts Combined Sanitary District to act as Locum M. O. H. until a successor has been appointed.

The Vital Statistics for the year are favourable and reflect a high standard of health of the inhabitants.

The birthrate was 15.70 per thousand of population (an increase from 13.95 in 1956).

The death rate was 9.59 per thousand.

The increase in population during the year was 130 persons.

Inspection of substandard dwellings has progressed, and during 1957 your Council considered six Official Representations with regard to individual dwellings unfit for human habitation, in addition to which, towards the end of the year, Representations were considered with regard to five areas which were reported upon in detail. These areas included six properties already subject to Closing Orders, together with eighteen occupied dwellings. The details of the above are set out later in the Report.

The new scheme whereby the Council workmen are interviewed as to their medical fitness by the Medical Officer of Health is working smoothly - between February 1957 when the scheme first came into operation, and the end of 1957, 11 workmen had been interviewed. Nine of these were passed as fit for admission into the Sickness Pay Scheme.

Dr. Wildman has asked me to express on his behalf his sincere thanks for the consideration and support he has always enjoyed from the staff of the Health Department, from his colleagues in other departments, and from the Health Committee during the nine years he was your Medical Officer of Health.

At the same time I wish to record my appreciation of the invariable kindness and courtesy I have met while acting as Locum M. O. H.

I have the honour to be

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. P. Garrow

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTMEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

John H. Wildman, M.R.C.S., (Eng), L.R.C.P., (Lond), D.P.H.  
(until 31st December 1957).

Robert P. Garrow, M.D., D.P.H.  
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Deputy (Part-time) Medical Officer of Health

Peter de Bee Turtle, V.R.D., M.A., B.M., B.Ch., D.P.H.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

B.W. Peck. Certificate of the R.S.I. and S.I.E.J. Board.

Pupil Assistant to J.E. Stacey  
Public Health Inspector (Qualified by Examination  
July 1957.  
Commenced National Service with  
H.M. Armed Forces 21.11.1957).

Clerk to the Department

Mrs. V. P. Kirby

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Telephone:- Hertford 3070

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Public Health and Town Planning Committee for the  
Session 1957/1958 comprised the following Members:-

Councillor F. L. Patmore (Chairman)  
Councillor G. W. Dale (Vice-Chairman)

His Worship The Mayor (Councillor W. E. Davey)  
Alderman C. Vance Packman, Councillors E.A. Bennett,  
H.S.D. Bryant, J.J. Forester, H.E. Gilby and F. Herniman.

S E C T I O N . A .

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1957.

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1956 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population Borough of Hertford:

14,960                      (14,830)

Natural increase or decrease	...	+	97
Migration in or out	...	±	33
Total increase or decrease	...	+	130

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres                      ...                      ...                      3,882

Number of Inhabited Dwellings according to Rate Books  
(from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis)

4,772

Number of Houses per acre	1.2
Number of Persons per acre	3.8
Number of Persons per house	3.1

Rateable Value of District                      ...                      £216,176

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate                      £840

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1957.

( Table 2 )

( Figures for 1956 are shown in brackets )

BIRTHS

Standardised Live Birth Rate  
per 1,000 population: 15.70 (13.95)

Area Comparability Factor  
 for Births 0.99 ( 0.99 )

Number of Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Total</u>	116	119	235
Legitimate:	111	111	222
Illegitimate:	5	8	13

Number of Still Births 1 5 6

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DEATHS

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population 9.59 (8.80)

Area Comparability Factor for Deaths 1.04 (1.04)

Number of Deaths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
All Ages - Total	72	66	138
<u>Deaths of infants under 1 year</u>	0	2	2
<u>No. under 4 weeks of age</u>	0	0	0

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Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 related Live Births: 8.51

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COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

BIRTH RATE: 15.5 (15.7) DEATH RATE: 9.5 (11.7)

Infantile Mortality Rate: 14.49 (23.8)

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)  
Notified during the Year:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>all</u> <u>Ages</u>	<u>Age Group in Years</u>						<u>Over Age</u> <u>65</u> <u>Unknown</u>
		<u>Under</u> <u>1</u>	<u>1-</u> <u>5-</u>	<u>5-</u> <u>15-</u>	<u>15-</u> <u>25-</u>	<u>25-</u> <u>65</u>		
Scarlet Fever	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	17	1	7	9	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis(Paralytic (Acute)	4	-	-	2	-	2	-	-
(Non-Paralytic	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	318	4	123	180	2	1	-	8
Acute Pneumonia	4	-	1	2	-	1	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Infective Jaundice	10	-	-	8	-	2	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Incidence of Disease during the different Months.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Month and Number of Cases.</u>
Scarlet Fever	January (2), February (2),
Whooping Cough	February (2), March (5), April (6), May (1), June (2), December (1).
Acute Poliomyelitis (P)	August (4).
Measles	January (1), February (1), April (2), May (54), June (193), July (38), August (28), September (1).
Acute Pneumonia	January (1), June (1), September (1), October (1).
Dysentery	March (1).
Infective Jaundice	January (5), February (2), March (2), May (1).

Prevalence of, and control over Infectious Diseases (Con)INFECTIOUS DISEASES - Comment

There was a prevalence of measles - 318 cases being notified between May and August - but the disease was mild and there was no death from measles. Indeed there was no death recorded from any of the common acute specific infectious diseases (Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis, Enteric).

During the year the revised Memorandum on the Closure of Schools and Exclusion from School on account of Infectious Illness was issued by the Ministries of Education and of Health, and the revised chart issued by the County Council now recommends that except for special cases agreed by the Medical Officer, child contacts of Scarlet Fever need no longer be excluded from School.

FOOD POISONING.

Annual Return of Food Poisoning Notifications  
(in accordance with Memo 188/Med)

Nil.

POLIOMYELITIS INNOCULATIONS

The Hertfordshire County Council carried out a series of inoculations against poliomyelitis during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS - VISIT OF MASS X-RAY UNIT

A Mass Radiography Unit visited Hertford in June and assistance was given by the Borough Public Health Departments in the arrangements for local advertising etc.

The survey included residential schools, factories, and sessions for the general public. In the Borough a total of 3,341 persons (1,740 men and 1,601 women) volunteered for X-Ray examination on miniature films. Only 65 were recalled for further examination on large films. Of these, 20 persons showed signs of having an infection with pulmonary tuberculosis, but the disease was inactive or presumed healed in 10 of this number. A further 25 persons showed interesting abnormalities of either the heart, lungs or the ribs.

Prevalence of, and control over Infectious Diseases (con)TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis Notifications etc. during 1957:-

The year commenced with 92 names on the Register:-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
<u>Males:</u>	41	7
<u>Females:</u>	33	11

Seven new cases were notified for the first time.

<u>Males:</u>	5	0
<u>Females:</u>	2	0

There were 7 inward transfers, from other areas.

<u>Males:</u>	3	0
<u>Females:</u>	3	1

Five patients left the District (Outward Transfers)

<u>Males:</u>	1	0
<u>Females:</u>	3	1

Four patients were pronounced CURED.

<u>Males:</u>	1	0
<u>Females:</u>	1	2

The year therefore ended with 97 cases on the Register:-

<u>Males:</u>	47	7
<u>Females:</u>	34	9

Tuberculosis Prevention

The County Council started B.C.G. Innoculations in Hertford in 1957.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1957.

Line No.		M.	F.
	ALL CAUSES ... ..	72	66
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other ... ..	0	1
3	Syphilitic disease ... ..	0	0
4	Diphtheria ... ..	0	0
5	Whooping Cough ... ..	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections ... ..	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	0	0
8	Measles ... ..	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease ... ..	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..	3	1
11	" " lung, bronchus ... ..	5	1
12	" " breast ... ..	0	0
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	0	0
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... ..	10	7
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..	0	0
16	Diabetes ... ..	0	0
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system ... ..	13	7
18	Coronary disease, angina ... ..	10	15
19	Hypertension with heart disease ... ..	0	1
20	Other heart disease ... ..	5	8
21	Other circulatory disease ... ..	3	4
22	Influenza ... ..	0	0
23	Pneumonia ... ..	4	4
24	Bronchitis ... ..	3	2
25	Other diseases of respiratory system ... ..	0	0
26	Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum ... ..	2	2
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ... ..	1	1
28	Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	0	0
29	Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	1	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..	0	0
31	Congenital malformations ... ..	0	0
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... ..	7	10
33	Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	2	0
34	All other accidents ... ..	3	1
35	Suicide ... ..	0	1
36	Homicide and operations of war ... ..	0	0

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## CAUSES OF DEATH - Comment

As will be seen from the Chart, almost half the total number of deaths arose from diseases of the Heart and Circulation, a fifth were caused by Cancer, and a further tenth due to diseases of the Lungs and Air Passages.

Of the total of 138 deaths, 78 or just over 56 per. cent. were of people of the age of seventy and over. During the year there were no deaths of infants under four weeks of age, but there were two deaths of infants between one and twelve months of age. The number of still births during this same period was six.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951.

### Persons in Need of Care and Attention.

Arising from information received, visits were made in two instances in connection with the welfare of two elderly ladies each living alone. No immediate action was required under Section 47 of the Act in either case for the removal of the persons to an Institution, both the County Council Nursing and Home Help Services being in regular attendance.

## INTERNATIONAL SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1952.

In accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, the signatures of Local Practitioners were authenticated by the Borough Health Department on 105 International Certificates for vaccination against small-pox during the year.

S E C T I O N    BGENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR HERTFORDLABORATORY SERVICE

Facilities for the examination of public health specimens and samples are offered by the Public Health Laboratory at Cambridge.

In emergency, certain (medical) specimens can be examined at the Laboratory of the Hertford County Hospital, Hertford.

No progress has been made with the construction of a Public Health Laboratory in Hertford, on a site already 'earmarked' for that purpose.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The following County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946, are available in the District. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres.

Hertford Borough is served by the equivalent of 5 full time Nurses.

There is 1 Welfare Centre, at Bull Plain.

Vaccinations, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisations.

Medical Officers at the Welfare Centre will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents. Family Doctors will also provide this prophylaxis free of charge.

Home and Domestic Help.

Applications for this Service should be addressed to the Local Organiser at 27, Bull Plain, Hertford (Telephone: Hertford 3232). A charge may be made for this Service, in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

Care and After-Care

Applications for recuperative holidays, if recommended by the Medical Attendant, should be made to the County Medical Officer.

Equipment can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home. A Medical Loan Depot has been established at The Durrant Hall, Mill Bridge, Hertford.

A charge may be made for both the above Services.

### Ambulance Service

Except in emergency an Ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner. The Ambulance Station telephone number is HERTFORD 3013.

### Mental Health

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Duly Authorised Officer, Mr. J. H. Webster, Collett Road, Ware (Telephone: WARE 541.

Help in respect of Mentally Defective persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

An Occupation Centre for defective children is established in Hertford.

### HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hertford is served chiefly by the Hertford County Hospital as well as by other hospitals within the Area of the Hertford Group Hospital Management Committee.

### General Practitioner Medical Services.

There are 6 General Medical Practices in Hertford ( 8 Doctors )

### DENTAL SERVICE

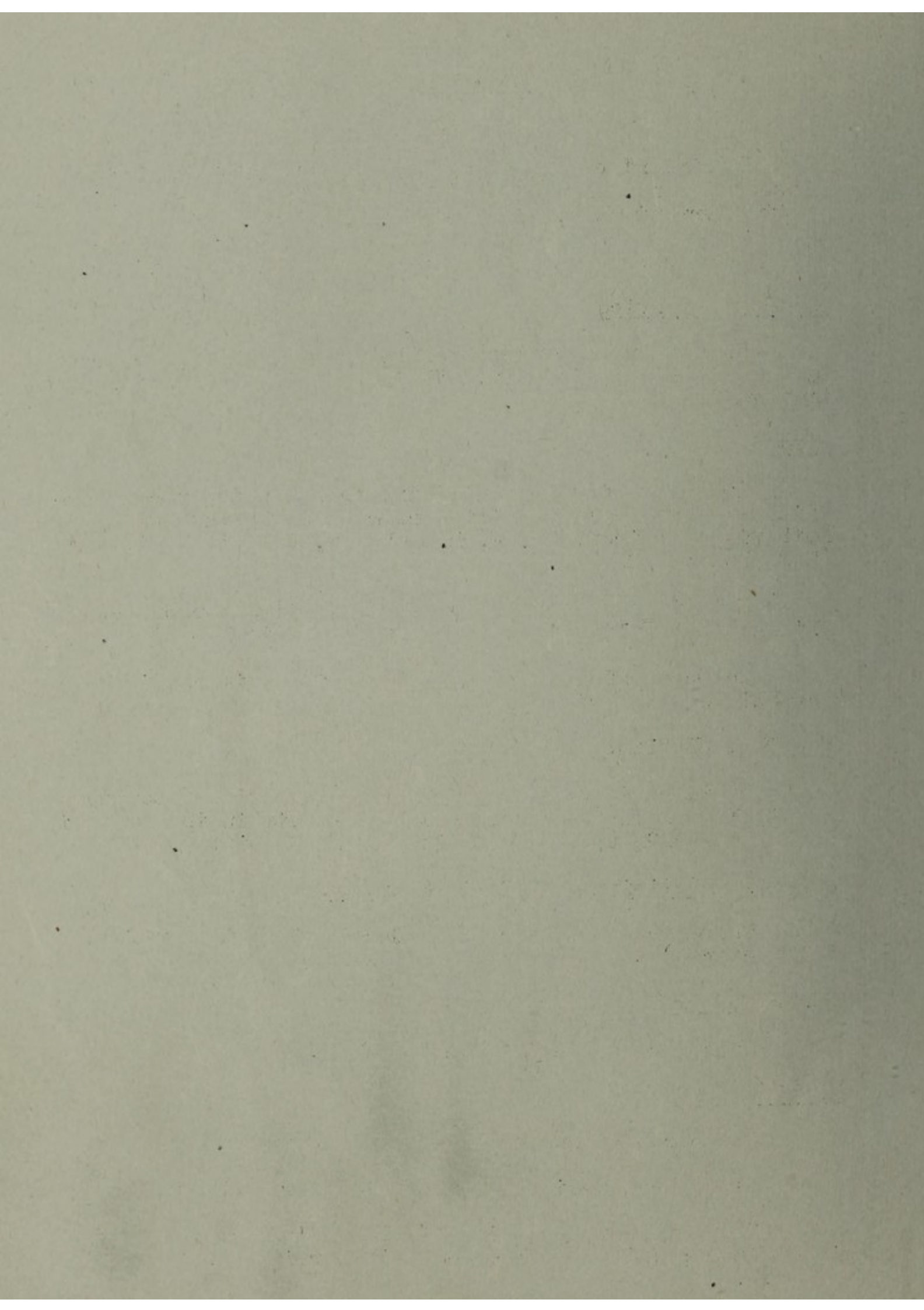
There are 8 Dentists in Hertford.

### OTHER SERVICES

The Borough owns and manages a Mortuary,

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions are held in Hertford.

There is a very active Old People's Welfare Service in Hertford; with a Meals-on-Wheels Service managed by the W.V.S.



SECTION CSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA -  
REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORFor the Year 1957.28, Chambers Street,  
Hertford, Herts.

July, 1958.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Borough of Hertford.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in presenting my Annual Report  
for the year 1957.

The Department, having moved from The Castle during the  
Autumn of 1956, has now completed its first calendar year in  
its present offices at Chambers Street. This change of address  
from the main Council Offices appears to be "established" in  
the minds of the Public and for many is more convenient than  
on the third floor at the Castle.

It is with pleasure I record that in July, Mr. J. Stacey,  
the Pupil Assistant in the Department, qualified by examination  
for his Public Health Inspectors Certificate. Mr. Stacey's  
National Service with H.M. Armed Forces, deferred to allow him  
to complete his training for this Certificate, commenced in  
November.

I am indebted to the Council's other Officers, both for  
the additional information supplied by them and included in  
the Report and for their co-operation during the year, and  
it is with pleasure I record my appreciation of the work and  
loyalty of the staff of my own Department as well as a sincere  
acknowledgement for the work and help of our Medical Officer  
of Health, Dr. J. Wildman. I would also like to express my  
thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health  
Committee for their continued support and for their personal  
interest in the work of the Department.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

B. W. PECK

Public Health Inspector.

WATER SUPPLYSource

All the Water is obtained from five Boreholes sunk in the chalk, at Molewood Road, Wadesmill Road(2), Hartham Lane and Port Hill. From these boreholes sufficient water can be obtained to meet the needs of the Borough for many years.

Distribution

During the year the distribution system has been further extended at the Sele Farm Estate on the West side of Thieves Lane, and Services laid at 102 New Houses, Flats and Bungalows, 53 Garages and 1 Community Centre. In other parts of the Borough, 17 Houses and Flats, 1 Garage, 1 Factory, 1 Shop, 1 Scrap Metal Yard, 1 Cattle Market and 2 Sprinkler Installations have been connected to the mains.

With reference to the proposed improvement scheme, preparations are still proceeding and negotiations are in progress for the acquisition of a plot of land at Hertford Heath on which to erect a reservoir.

Quality

Bacteriological - Samples of the Mains Water from all four pumping stations, were submitted to bacteriological examination each month. B.Coli were absent from 100ml. in each case and the water was passed as satisfactory for drinking purposes.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Council Sele Farm Housing Estate has continued to develop throughout the year, all properties being connected to the sewer system.

The existing sewers have been maintained with very little difficulty except for a serious stoppage which occurred in North Road which necessitated over pumping the sewage between manholes. The cause of this stoppage was eventually found to be a large sheet of tarpaulin which had entered the sewer by some means which was not traceable.

The Activated Sludge Treatment Works at Mead Lane continued to produce a satisfactory effluent until towards the end of the year when owing to a breakdown in machinery, one or two effluent analyses were not up to standard. A new blower has since been installed and satisfactory analyses are now being received.

Maintenance works at the Sewage works have continued throughout the year including replacement of machinery parts which had become worn out.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The Corporation has continued to use the Foxholes Farm Refuse Tip without difficulty for the control tipping of domestic refuse. The weekly collection of refuse has continued and also the Corporation's policy of disposing of salvage at the best price, although the monthly output of waste paper has to be limited by agreement with the merchants. The volume of refuse to be collected continues to increase both as regards the number of bins to be emptied and the volume of the contents.

STATISTICAL RECORDS

1957

SUMMARY OF VISITS etc.Public Health etc. Acts

Dwelling Houses, Inspections and revisits.	143
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Sanitary Accommodation and fittings	72
Infectious Diseases, Contacts and Disinfections	28
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Disposal of Bedding, etc.	5
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Hairdressers and Barbers	4
Schools, Sanitary Accommodation	11
Smoke observations, and visits	32
Offensive accumulations	12
Fly and other insect nuisances	9
Keeping of Animals	5
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Common Lodging House	22
Moveable Dwellings	21
Employment Agencies	3
Refuse Tips	11
National Assistance Act (Sections 47 and 50)	8
Other general Public Health visits	42

Housing

Recorded Inspections	127
Reinspections and interviews	86
Certificates of Disrepair	9
General enquiries re. Certificates of Disrepair	55
Overcrowding	6

Factories

Factories with Mechanical Power	61
Factories without Mechanical Power	47
Other Premises under Factories Acts	8
Outworkers	21

Food Premises and Food Hygiene

Food Premises	
Retail Premises	228
Food preparation premises (Canteens, Kitchens)	37
Bakehouses	17
Dairies and Milk Shops	14
Food Stalls and Vehicles	23
Miscellaneous visits	9
Registered premises, Section 16.	
Ice Cream retail premises	47
Preserved Food premises	38
Food Inspections and Revisits	86

Rodent Control

Private Dwellings	17
Business Premises	30
Corporation Properties	5
Agricultural Properties	11

Miscellaneous

Road Traffic Act, 1956. Section 42	3
Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations	1
Pet Animals Act, Pet Shops	3
Miscellaneous Visits and Inspections	108

<u>Complaints</u> received during year	99
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## PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Normal work of the Department under the Public Health Acts was carried out during the year, this including a considerable amount of minor repairs to property and works of drainage maintenance and cleansing, which, together with the majority of complaints which required action under the above Acts, were dealt with informally. There were no special problems of note which required to be dealt with during the year.

The periodic cleansing of the remaining pail closets from Hertingfordbury and from the few more scattered premises within the Borough boundary was undertaken by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

Following original measures taken in 1955 to ensure proper supervision of an asphalt plant situate on the boundary of the district, a nuisance from smoke re-occurred during the year. The nuisance arose from incorrect control of the manually operated firing system and new equipment which had proved effective on test elsewhere was installed by the owners to provide additional air intake in order to overcome as far as possible the human element involved in the running of the plant.

### Common Lodging Houses.

There is only one Registered Common Lodging House within the Borough. The White House, Railway Street, capable of providing nightly accommodation for 32 men. The number of accommodations during the year was 3588, the average number using the premises nightly being 9 men.

The number of lodgers accommodated nightly started to decrease prior to the last war and by the end of the war had dropped to 19 nightly, and for 1957 down to 9 nightly. Although accommodation is available for 32 men, practically no casual lodgers are now received, those now using the premises are all elderly and have used the premises for many years. The decrease is now mainly due to deaths or removal to institutions or hospitals of these semi-permanent lodgers.

The premises have been kept under observation and the house is generally well conducted. No case of infectious disease was notified at the house.

Vernin

Disinfestation was carried out at six premises during the year, D.D.T. or B.H.C. preparations being used in each case. Pressure sprays are held by the department for loan where liquid preparations are to be used. At all of these premises the infestation was light.

At one of the above premises, the evidence of vernin having been found by the Home Help and Nursing Services in a house regularly visited by them, in co-operation with the County Welfare Services, the premises were disinfested by the Borough Health Department. It being impractical to carry out this work satisfactorily whilst the premises were occupied, the tenant, an elderly lady living alone and partly bed-ridden, voluntarily entered Part III accommodation for a few days. This short period was also used by the Home Help Service to carry out additional cleaning etc., not normally possible whilst the premises were occupied.

Infectious Diseases and Disinfections

In one case during the year, following disinfection of premises, it was necessary to require the cleansing and redecoration of rooms. Two disinfections were also carried out on request following the death of aged persons; and in each case, after receipt of formal application, a small quantity of bedding and clothing was removed and destroyed.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ACT, 1935.Refuse Dumps (Section 26)

In addition to the Corporation's refuse tip, there is only one other refuse dump in the Borough, this being situate in the Old Clay Pits, Hertingfordbury, consents for its use being given to the Southgate Borough Council in 1947.

Although since 1947 some regular tipping of non-putrescible matter in accordance with the conditions of consent has been undertaken, for the majority of this time the use of the area has been spasmodic. During 1957, the use of the pit was restricted to the occasional load of refuse during the first few months of the year.

### Employment Agencies (Section 74)

The conduct and management of the two Employment Agencies in the Borough, a Domestic Agency and an Agency for Office and Shop Workers, have been in accordance with Part V of the above Act.

### Movable Dwellings (Section 93)

There is one camping-caravan site within the Borough, this site belonging to and controlled by an organisation holding a certificate of the Ministry of Health, and who, by reason of their own camping rules, are exempt from the similar provisions of the Hertfordshire County Council Act.

There is only one consent under the Act operative at the present time within the Borough, this being granted during the year under review in respect of one site for a single moveable dwelling, the occupation of which is concerned with that of a dwelling house on the adjoining site.

Occasional parking of caravans for a 2 - 3 day stay was discovered, these being made on the Corporation's own land under development at the Sele Farm Estate, and appropriate action was taken in conjunction with the Clerk of Works. One other small encampment was however found to have been made on farmland in an isolated part of the Borough, the occupants temporarily working for the farmer concerned. These caravans were moved and the site was cleared within the permissive period of the Act.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951

Together with the Medical Officer of Health, visits were made in two instances in connection with the welfare of elderly persons living alone. (Section 47).

In only one instance was action necessary by this Authority under Section 50 of the Act in respect to the burial of a dead person, no other suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body having been made.

### PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

The two existing licences were renewed at the beginning of the year, but in both cases were discontinued before the end of the year.

HERTFORDSHIRE (MUSIC & DANCING) REGULATIONS, 1955.

Existing licences in respect of 17 premises were renewed by the County Council for the year 1957. No objections were raised by the Borough Council to these renewals, the first since the coming into operation of the 1955 Regulations, though in several instances, the applicants were informed of various works which the Borough Council would require to have completed during the year in order to comply with the accepted "Code of Practice" and in order to satisfy the Corporation in respect of renewals for licences for 1958. These required works were all put in hand and completed during the year.

The number of new licences issued during the year was 4, no objections being made under Regulation 5 by the Borough Council on sanitary grounds to their being licensed.

Forty-eight visits to these twenty-one premises were made during the year, the types of premises being,-

Halls	12
Cinemas	2
Licensed Premises	7

HOUSINGHousing Act, 1957From Ministry of Housing and  
Local Government Form P.13

<u>Houses Demolished</u>	Demol- ished	Displaced Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
Local Authority owned houses	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
<u>Unfit Houses Closed</u>	Closed		
(Sections 16 (4), 17 (1), & 35 (1))	7	9	3
Parts of buildings closed	-	-	-

HOUSING ACT PROCEDURE ANALYSIS - - 1957

12, Brewhouse Lane	Representation	Nov.1957	
	(Closing Order	Feb.1958)	
41, Castle Street	Closing Order	Dec.1955	
14, Castle Street	Closing Order	Oct.1956	) Area under consideration
16, 18a, Castle Street	Occupied		
2, Dimsdale Street	Closing Order	Feb.1957.	Used for storage.
40, Hertingfordbury	Closing Order	Mar.1956	) Area under consideration.
44, .. Road	Closing Order	Dec.1956	
46, .. ..	Closing Order	Jul.1957	)(Area declared January 1958)
38, 42, 48, 48a, ..	Occupied		
9, 13, 23, 25, 27, Maidenhead Yard.	Empty		Council
5, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, Maidenhead Yard	Occupied		controlled
31, 33, Molewood Road.	Undertakings accepted that properties not to be used for human habitation Feb. 1955.		
18, North Road	Closing Order	May 1956	) Area under consideration
18a, 18b, North Road	Occupied		
30, 32, 34, Parliament Sq.	Occupied	Area under consideration.	
71, Port Hill	Closing Order	Jul.1956	) Area under consideration
73 to 83, Port Hill	Occupied		
	(Clearance Area Declared January 1958.)		
4, Port Hill	Closing Order - part of premises, May 1955		
77d, Railway Street	Closing Order	Dec.1956	
81, Railway Street	Closing Order - part of premises, May 1956.		
63, St. Andrew Str.	Closing Order, part of premises, June 1938.		
46, 48, St. Andrew St.	Occupied	Area under consideration.	
15a, Talbot Street	Closing Order	May 1957.	
15b, Talbot Street	Closing Order	Jun.1955.	
15a, Talbot Street	Closing Order	Jul.1957.	
13a, Ware Road(Flat)	Closing Order	Jan.1953	- Part of premises.

Housing Analysis Continued

1, 3, Water Lane	Undertakings accepted that properties not to be used for human habitation	Feb.1935	
24b, Ivy Passage,	Closing Order	Feb.1957	Area under consideration
24f .. West St.	Closing Order	Jul.1957	
24g, .. ..	Closing Order	Apr.1956	
24a, 24c, 24d, 24e, 24h,	Occupied		
26, West Street	Empty		
28, West Street	Closing Order	Mar.1957	
East Lodge, West Street Council controlled - agreed as unfit. (Demolition commenced January 1958.)			

HOUSING PROGRESS

<u>Progress during 1957</u>	<u>New Dwellings erected</u>	
	<u>During 1957</u>	<u>Since 1945</u>
Private Enterprise,		
New Dwellings erected during 1957 (total since 1945 includes war destroyed or damaged rebuilt or repaired)	9	(233)
.. .. under construction at end of year		30
Borough Council		
New Dwellings erected by Council	81	(851)
.. ..(Temporary prefabricated bungalows)	-	( 50)
.. .. under construction at end of year		74
Other Authorities (County Council, Military, etc)		
New Dwellings erected during year	4	( 37)
.. .. under construction at end of year		4
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Total new dwellings erected during 1957	<u>94</u>	
.. .. under construction at end of year		<u>108</u>
.. .. completed between 1945 and 31.12.57		<u>1,216</u>

Total Properties Controlled by the Borough Council

Council Houses	1,487
Temporary Prefabricated Bungalows	50
Sundry Cottages (including seven shops)	45.

RENT ACT, 1957Particulars relating to the calendar year 1957  
(in the form as set out by Circular 32/1957)PART I - Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

(1) Number of applications for certificates ...	4.
(2) Number of decisions not to issue certificates	nil.
(3) Number of decisions to issue certificates ..	4.
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	3.
(b) in respect of all defects . . . . .	1
(4) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	4
(5) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	nil
(6) Number of Certificates issued ... ..	nil

PART II - Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

(7) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	nil
(8) Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	nil
(9) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection	nil
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	nil

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Total number of Certificates of Disrepair  
    outstanding at the 31st December, 1957. nil

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.Food Premises

The total number of food shops and other premises dealing with foodstuffs is 220. This number is made up as follows, the separate premises being included under the main trade being carried on.

Grocers and Provision Merchants (including small general shops retailing groceries)	41
Bakehouses	6
Bakers and cake shops	8
Fish shops (including Fried Fish Shops)	7
Butchers Shops	15
Sweet Shops	18
Greengrocers (including 1 wholesalers premises)	14
Dairies and Milk Shops	4
Cafes and Restaurants	14
Hotels and Licensed Premises serving meals	7
Public Houses	43
Wine Shops and Off Licences	4
Residential Institutional Kitchens	9
School and Industrial Canteens	18
Clubs	6
Vegetarian Foodshop	1
Chemists, pharmaceutical	<u>5</u>

Further inspections of food premises in accordance with the Food Hygiene Regulations were made during the year. It is pleasing to record that no special difficulties have been experienced and the administration of the Regulations is being assisted by the co-operation of the trades-people themselves.

The various works which have been necessary have been mainly to provide the additional requirements of these new regulations. In several of these, the completion has been slow, being dependent on the availability of the local builders to carry them out.

The personal requirements of the Regulations relating to the food handlers themselves are generally being observed, and only in isolated instances has it been necessary to draw attention to these. On one occasion it was necessary to send a warning letter with regard to smoking, and in another case to require the use of sufficient wrapping for foodstuffs.

#### Registered Food Premises

Sale and storage for sale of Ice Cream	50
Manufacture and sale of Ice Cream	4

The above 50 registered premises includes five new registrations during the year together with four notifications of change in the occupation of registered premises. A total of 47 visits were made in connection with these registered premises.

Preparation or manufacture of sausages	13
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Preparation or manufacture of preserved food	4
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These premises are generally well conducted, a total of 38 visits being made during the year.

#### Milk and Dairies.

Number of retail purveyors of milk	4
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Designated Milk Licences	Dealers.	Supple- mentary
Tuberculin Tested	4	1
Pasteurised	3	1
Sterilised	6	1

Of the 67 samples of pasteurised milk taken by the County Council Sampling Officers from the pasteurising plant within the Borough, all but one was satisfactory. The unsatisfactory sample was due to a temporary fault in the plant which was rectified, a second sample of the same date being satisfactory.

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods.

The amount of foodstuffs surrendered as unfit was disposed of by burial at the Corporation's refuse tip at Foxholes. The unsound foodstuffs dealt with during the year are as follows,-

## Canned Foodstuffs

Corned Beef, Ham and other meats.	85 containers	107 lbs
Pulses and Vegetables	74 ..	74 ..
Fruit	155 ..	196 $\frac{1}{4}$ ..
Milk	33 ..	22 $\frac{1}{4}$ ..
Miscellaneous (Soups, Jam and Fish)	133 ..	130 $\frac{3}{4}$ ..

## Fish

Coleys	112 lbs
Crabs	44 ..
Prawns	7
Roes	14

## Miscellaneous

Beef, Imported Frozen	Internal Decomposition	12 lbs
Lambs livers, Imported Frozen	Decomposition	20 ..
Bacon. (Back & Collar)	Internal Decomposition	18 $\frac{1}{2}$ ..
Ham (Shoulder) Imported, Irish.	Decomposition	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ..
Total weight of foodstuffs		<u>6 cwt 94<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> lbs</u>

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

In view of the advantages and convenience for use, practically all treatments for surface infestations continued to be carried out with the use of Warfarin bait. Treatment of private dwellings continues without charge in order to encourage occupiers to give early notifications of infestations. With regard to Business premises, agreements are in operation whereby eighteen properties are treated as required, these, together with other business premises treated, are charged for on a time and materials basis.

A 16 per cent test baiting of the Corporation sewers was carried out during the year as well as the normal two treatments. The gradual decrease of infestation during the past few years has been maintained, slight infestation being found in only two areas.

The summary of information already supplied to the ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, as set out below, is in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1958.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Report for 12 months ended 31st March, 1958	T Y P E O F P R O P E R T Y				
	Non-Agricultural				AGRI- CULTURAL
	LOCAL AUTHORITY	DWELLING HOUSES (including Council Houses)	ALL OTHER (including Business Premises)	TOTAL of Columns (1) (2) & (3)	
I No. of Properties in Local Authority's Area	14	4606	811	5472	41
II No. of properties insp- ected as a result of					
(a) Notification	-	74	4	78	-
(b) Survey under the Act	14	1678	137	1829	20
(c) Otherwise	-	351	315	666	7
III Total Inspections carried out, including re-inspections	45	3026	956	3927	30
IV No. of properties found to be infested by					
(a) Rats					
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	5	105	16	126	-
(b) Mice					
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	33	5	38	-
V Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	5	138	21	164	-
VI Total treatments carried out, including retreatmts.	10	161	35	206	-
VII, VIII & IX. Number of Notices served under S.4; Number of cases in which default action was taken; Legal proceedings.					nil
X Number of "Block" control schemes carried out					3

NOTE - Number of properties taken from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis, a property being one which is entered separately in the Valuation Roll. Column 3, ALL OTHER, includes combined dwelling/business premises.

SECTION DFACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948

The following is a summary of information already supplied in detail to the Ministry of Labour and National Service on Form 572 (Revised), in respect of the Year 1957.

Part I of the Act.1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Factories without Mechanical Power	...	...	19
Inspections	...	...	47
Written Notices	...	...	1
Factories with Mechanical Power	...	...	96
Inspections	...	...	61
Written Notices	...	...	1
Other Premises under the Act (Electrical Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworkers Premises)	...	...	5
Inspections	...	...	8

<u>2. Cases in which defects were found</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Want of Cleanliness (S.I) ...	2	2
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
Unsuitable or Defective ...	1	1
Total Defects referred to H.M. Inspector	...	nil
"                    "                    "                    "                    "	...	nil

Part VIII of the Act3. Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

(i) Making of Wearing Apparel	...	...	170
(ii) Brush Making and Packing	...	...	19

Of the above 189 outworkers, 51 only are resident within the Borough, the remaining 138 being in the areas of 49 other Local Authorities - these Authorities all being notified in accordance with the provisions of the Act.



