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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTS

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1960.

B O R O U G H O F H E R T F O R D

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 upon the health of the Borough of Hertford for the year ending 31st December 1960.

This Report has been prepared in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular letter 1/61 of 31st January 1961 and its format will be similar to that of the report for 1959.

It is a pleasure to state that the health of the Borough has continued to be excellent. The total population has increased from 15,210 to 15,340.

The number of live births increased from 215 in 1959 to 222 in 1960 while the still births rose from 2 to 3. There has been an increase in the number of infant deaths under 1 year of age, the 1960 figure being 9 as compared with 3 in 1959. The maternal deaths have been nil for the last 20 years in succession. The deaths from all ages fell from 154 to 133.

As regards infectious diseases, 1960 was again a good year, there being no notifications of Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis or Food Poisoning during the year.

During the year 112 new houses were built, of which 44 were erected by the Borough Council.

It is regrettable that though the position of Additional Public Health Inspector has been advertised several times in the past two years no suitable applicant has come forward. This lack of assistance throws a great burden upon Mr. Peck who has to cope with all the work of the Borough singlehanded. This he does admirably, but there remain many details which cannot be dealt with owing to pressure of work.

I wish to thank the Council and in particular the Public Health Committee for the generous and friendly consideration they have shown me during the past year.

I must also thank Dr. Turtle for his help and should like to congratulate him upon his appointment as Honorary Surgeon to Her Majesty The Queen.

I cannot speak too highly of the support I have received from Mr. Peck and Mrs. Kirby not only throughout the year but also in the compilation of this report. I am also happy to record the excellent relationship which exists with other Chief Officers and their staffs.

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Mayor, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

GORDON M. FRIZELLIE,

Medical Officer of Health.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

The Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1900 is contained in a joint report for the Combined Districts of East Herts. and Essex. At that date the Combined Districts were as follows:-

Borough of Hertford.

Urban District of Ware.

Bishop's Stortford Urban District Council.

Hoddesdon Urban District Council.

Ware Rural District Council.

Hertford Rural District Council.

Hadham Rural District Council.

Stanstead Rural District Council.

Buntingford Rural District Council.

The present constitution of the East Herts. Combined Districts is :-

Borough of Hertford.

Urban District of Hoddesdon.

Urban District of Ware.

Urban District of Sawbridgeworth.

Rural District of Braughing.

Rural District of Ware.

The Medical Officer of Health in 1900 was Dr. Andrew Turner and the Sanitary Inspector was Mr. J. H. Jevons.

In that year the estimated population of the Borough was 9393 and the number of registered deaths was 165.

The following figures were given:-

Corrected Death Rate	15.3	per	1,000	of	the	population.
Birth Rate	24.8	..	..	..	..
Zymotic Death Rate	1.5	..	..	..	..
Diarrhoea	0.6	..	..	..	..
Phthisis	0.9	..	..	..	..
Cancer	1.4	..	..	..	..
Infant Mortality	133	per	1,000	of	Births.	

Though Statistical returns were not as comprehensive in those days as they are at present, some interesting comparisons can be made.

The death rate was 6.63 higher than the death rate for 1960 and this obviously is largely due to the higher infant mortality rate.

The birth rate is approximately double the present day live birth rate. This is in keeping with the general trend in the fall of the birth rate over a long period of time. For example in the period 1871 - 1880, the birth rate for England and Wales was 35.4. In the period 1891 - 1900 this figure fell to 29.9, while the 1956 figure was 15.0.

The Zymotic death rate was 1.5. "Zymotic" is a word originally used by Dr. William Farr who lived from 1807 - 1883 and who was the first Medical Statistician to the General Register Office.

Zymotic, an archaic word, is derived from the Greek word meaning "ferment". It was intended to describe diseases which were "Epidemic, Endemic and contagious" and which owed their origin to the presence of some principle resembling fermentation. It was largely applied to Typhoid, Typhus and Scarlet Fevers, Smallpox, Cholera, Diphtheria, Erysipelas and Measles.

The deaths from tuberculosis or phthisis as it was then called have fallen from 0.9 per thousand to nil, but the death rate from cancer has shown a very considerable rise

It is in the sphere of infant mortality however, that we see the most startling change. A drop in the infant mortality rate from 133 in 1900 to an average of 18 for the past five years speaks volumes for the advances made by medical science over this period.

There follow some comments on the statistics for 1900 made by the Medical Officer of Health in his Report:-

"In 1899 and 1900 Gastro - Enteritis is the name given to a form of disease which appeared during the hot summer and autumn months and caused many deaths of infants. The disease is no doubt caused by polluted milk and infant food which soon becomes contaminated in hot weather unless strict cleanliness is observed, the milk boiled and the utensils sterilised before and after use.

"The public have heard so much lately with regard to tuberculosis as being an infectious disease that the Medical Officer of Health trusts a more strict supervision of our milk and meat supplies and the isolation of persons suffering from tuberculosis be enforced

"It is now well known by everyone that persons suffering from Tuberculosis of the Lung, commonly known as Phthisis or Consumption should not sleep in the same room with healthy persons; persons suffering from the disease should not be allowed to milk cows or perform any duties by which they are liable to transmit the germ of the disease directly or indirectly to others.

"I would urge upon the Corporation the necessity for adopting some form of notification of phthisis"

Such comments show that the Borough had an enlightened Medical Officer. It was not, however, until 1908 that regulations were made requiring cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurring in poor law practice to be notified. Notification of all forms of tuberculosis whether occurring in public or in private practice was made compulsory in 1912.

Recommendations made by the Medical Officer of Health included the provision of public abattoirs, more inspections of dairies and cowsheds and he commented upon the scarcity of houses for the working classes and the lack of water supply to W.Cs.

This report for 1900 is the last to be made by Dr. Turner. His successor in his report for 1901 makes no reference to Dr. Turner so one does not know whether he died or retired. It is interesting to learn from the 1901 report that in addition to being Medical Officer of Health for the Combined Districts of East Herts. and Essex, Dr. Turner was also the Medical Officer of Health for the County. This dual appointment was, however, frowned upon by the Local Government Board and though his successor, Dr. Dunn, held both posts for a short time, he had to resign from the County appointment after holding it for only a few months.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Public Health and Town Planning Committee for the Session 1960/1961 comprised the following Members:-

Alderman C. Vance Packman	(Chairman)
Councillor G. W. Dale	(Vice-Chairman)

His Worship The Mayor (Councillor F. Herniman)
Aldermen G.C. Mansfield and Mrs M.H. Purkiss-Ginn,
Councillors J.J. Forrester, H.E. Gilby, R.J. Kiln and
H.P. Mills.

SECTION A.GENERAL STATISTICS 1960.

(Table I)

(Figures for 1959 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population Borough of Hertford:

15,340

(15,210)

Natural increase or decrease ... + 89

Migration in or out ... + 41

Total increase or decrease ... + 130

GENERAL STATISTICSArea in acres ... 3,882Number of inhabited Dwellings according to Rate Books
(from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis -
as at 1st April 1960)

4,882

Number of Houses per acre 1.3

Number of Persons per acre 3.9

Number of Persons per dwelling 3.1

Rateable Value of District (31.3.60) £247,639

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate
for year to 31st March, 1960 £990

VITAL STATISTICS

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1959 are shown in brackets)

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	112 (101)	101 (108)	213 (209)
Illegitimate	5 (3)	4 (3)	9 (6)
Total Live Births	117 (104)	105 (111)	222 (215)
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		14.47	(14.14)
Area Comparability Factor for Births		0.99	(0.99)
Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		14.33	(13.99)
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births		4.05	(2.79)
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Total Still Births	2 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)
Still Births Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		13.33	(9.22)
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	114 (102)	102 (109)	216 (211)
Illegitimate	5 (3)	4 (3)	9 (6)
Total Live and Still Births	119 (105)	106 (112)	225 (217)
<u>COMPARISON RATES</u>	<u>Hertford Borough</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Live Birth Rate	14.47	18.13	
Area Comparability Factor	0.99	0.92	
Standardised Birth Rate	14.33	17.74	17.1
Still Births Rate	13.33	17.48	19.7

Vital Statistics
Table 2 Continued

<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Infants under one week, total	4 (1)	0 (1)	4 (2)
Legitimate	4 (1)	0 (1)	4 (2)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Infants under four weeks, total	4 (1)	0 (1)	4 (2)
Legitimate	4 (1)	0 (1)	4 (2)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Infants under one year, total	5 (2)	4 (1)	9 (3)
Legitimate	5 (2)	4 (1)	9 (3)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births, Total	40.54	(13.95)
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	42.25	(14.35)
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	(0)
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	18.02	(9.30)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under one week per 1,000 total live births)	18.02	(9.30)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths of infants under one week combined - per 1,000 total live and still births)	31.11	(18.43)

Vital Statistics
Table 2 continued

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Deaths, including abortion	0	(0)
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still-births	0	(0)

DEATHS (total)

Deaths of all ages	Males	67	(65)
	Females	66	(89)
	Total	133	(154)
Death Rate per 1,000 population		8.67	(10.12)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths		1.04	(1.04)
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population		9.02	(10.53)

COMPARISON RATES

	<u>Hertford Borough</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	40.54	17.58	21.7
Legitimate	42.25	16.84	
Illegitimate	0	36.83	
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	18.02	12.27	
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate	18.02	10.60	
Perinatal Mortality Rate	31.11	27.90	
Maternal Mortality Rate	0	0.27	0.3
Death Rate	8.67	9.27	
Area Comparability Factor	1.04	1.12	
Standardised Death Rate	9.02	10.47	11.5

Vital Statistics - Comparison of figures for 1960 with those
of the previous four years. 1956 . 1957 . 1958 . 1959 . Average 1956/59 . 1960

LIVE BIRTHS

Legitimate Male	98	111	121	101	108	112
Female	101	111	89	108	102	101
Illegitimate Male	6	5	5	3	5	5
Female	4	8	4	5	5	4
	<u>209</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>222</u>
Live Birth Rate	14.09	15.71	14.51	14.14	14.61	14.47
Area Comp. Factor	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
Standardised Rate	13.95	15.55	14.36	13.99	14.46	14.33

STILL BIRTHS

Total Still Births	4	6	2	2	3.5	3
Still Births Rate	18.78	24.90	9.05	9.22	15.49	13.33

INFANT DEATHS

First four weeks	2	0	1	2	1.25	4
4 weeks to 1 year	1	2	2	1	1.5	5
Inf. Mortality Rate	14.35	8.51	13.70	13.95	12.63	40.54

MATERNAL DEATHS

	0	0	0	0	0	0
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DEATHS (all) Males	55	72	59	65	63	67
Females	71	66	73	89	75	66
	<u>126</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>133</u>

Death Rate	8.49	9.22	8.75	10.12	9.14	8.67
Area Comp. Factor	1.04	1.04	1.03	1.04	1.04	1.04
Standardised Rate	8.80	9.59	9.01	10.53	9.48	9.02

POPULATION

Natural increase or decrease						
Males	+ 49	+ 44	+ 67	+ 39	+ 50	+ 50
Females	+ 34	+ 53	+ 20	+ 22	+ 32	+ 39
	<u>+ 83</u>	<u>+ 97</u>	<u>+ 87</u>	<u>+ 61</u>	<u>+ 82</u>	<u>+ 89</u>

Migration in or out	- 53	+ 33	+ 43	+ 59	+ 21	+ 41
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Total difference	+ 30	+ 130	+ 130	+ 120	+ 103	+ 130
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Estimated Mid-Year Population	14,830	14,960	15,090	15,210		15,340
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PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(Table 3)

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</u> <u>65</u>	<u>Age</u> <u>Unknown</u>
		<u>Under</u> <u>1</u>	<u>1-</u>	<u>5-</u>	<u>15-</u>	<u>25-</u>		
Scarlet Fever	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Non-Paralytic)	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	8	-	1	7	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	4	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

Incidence of Disease during the different Months

Scarlet Fever	January (1)	March (1)
Measles	March (5)	April (3)
Whooping Cough	June (3)	July (4)
Acute Pneumonia	April (1)	
Dysentery	April (1)	July (1)
Infective Jaundice	March (3)	April (1)
Enteric Fever	January (1)	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES - Comment

The incidence of infectious diseases was very small during 1960. This was not a year in which an epidemic of measles was anticipated and in the event only 8 cases of measles were notified.

For the second year in succession there were no cases of Poliomyelitis. With the increasing tempo of protective inoculations there is now reason to believe that this dreaded disease is beginning to be checked, not only in the United Kingdom, but elsewhere in the world. It is imperative, however, that the older age groups should avail themselves of the protection which is now available.

One case of Typhoid Fever was reported, but this was not an inhabitant of Hertford. A lady, travelling from Johannesburg to South Shields took ill on arrival in Hertford and was admitted to the County Hospital where investigation proved her to be suffering from Typhoid Fever. On her discharge from hospital she resumed her journey to South Shields whose Medical Officer of Health was informed of her impending arrival.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Thirteen cases were added to the Tuberculosis Register and two removed, giving a net increase of two, both of which were pulmonary in origin.

In June of 1960 the Mass X-Ray Unit visited Hertford and Ware. These visits take place at approximately three yearly intervals. The figures submitted by the Unit include the examinations made in both areas and so the numbers for Hertford alone cannot be extracted. In all 6718 persons were X-Rayed, these being 239 more than in the 1957 Survey. Sixteen people were found to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis and requiring treatment, while twenty-four other abnormalities of the heart, lungs or chest were discovered.

It is obvious that this triennial survey is appreciated by the public and that it performs a valuable function in discovering the presence of early disabilities which may in some cases have been unsuspected.

Prevalence of, and control over Infectious Diseases (con)T U B E R C U L O S I S

	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
<u>Cases on Register at beginning of year</u>	<u>93</u>	
(Cases per 1,000 population = 6.06)		
Males	46	4
Females	36	7
<u>Cases added to Register during 1960</u>	<u>13</u>	
<u>New Cases</u>		
Males	6	0
Females	1	0
<u>Restored to Register</u>		
Males	0	0
Females	0	0
<u>Inward Transfers</u>		
Males	5	0
Females	1	0
<u>Cases removed from Register during 1960</u>	<u>11</u>	
<u>Deaths (from other causes)</u>		
Males	2	0
Females	0	0
<u>Outward Transfers</u>		
Males	4	0
Females	1	0
<u>Patients Cured</u>		
Males	2	0
Females	0	0
<u>Lost sight of</u>		
Males	1	1
Females	0	0
<u>Cases remaining on Register at end of year</u>	<u>95</u>	
(Cases per 1,000 population = 6.19)		
Males	48	3
Females	37	7

<u>Attack Rate per 1,000</u>	<u>Hertford Borough</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>
(No. of cases notified - 7)		
Pulmonary (7)	0.46	0.39
Non-Pulmonary (0)	0	0.07
Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary	0.46	0.47

Tuberculosis Prevention - B.C.G. Inoculations are given by the Health Services of the Herts County Council.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1960.

(Table 4)

Line No.		M.	F.
	ALL CAUSES	67	66
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease	0	0
4	Diphtheria	0	0
5	Whooping Cough... ..	0	0
6	Meningococcal	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
8	Measles	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	0	1
11	" " lung, bronchus	5	0
12	" " breast	0	5
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	3
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	5
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	0
16	Diabetes	1	3
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	7	11
18	Coronary disease, angina	19	8
19	Hypertension with heart disease	1	2
20	Other heart disease	3	5
21	Other circulatory disease	2	1
22	Influenza	0	0
23	Pneumonia	4	5
24	Bronchitis	1	3
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	0	0
26	Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	0	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	0	0
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	0	0
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	0	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0
31	Congenital malformation	0	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	13	10
33	Motor vehicle accidents	4	0
34	All other accidents	0	3
35	Suicide	2	0
36	Homicide and operations of war	0	0

DEATHS classified according to Ages

AGES (inclusive)	M	% of total male deaths	F	% of total female deaths	Total..	% of total deaths
Under 1 week	4	(5.97)	-		4	(3.01)
1 - 3 weeks	-		-		-	
4 - 51 weeks	1	(1.49)	4	(6.06)	5	(3.76)
						(6.77)
1 yr - 4 yrs	-		-		-	
5 - 9	1	(1.49)	-		1	(0.75)
10 - 14	-		-		-	
						(0.75)
15 - 19	-		-		-	
20 - 24	-		-		-	
25 - 29	-		1	(1.52)	1	(0.75)
						(0.75)
30 - 34	1	(1.49)	-		-	
35 - 39	1	(1.49)	2	(3.03)	3	(2.26)
						(2.26)
40 - 44	-		3	(4.55)	3	(2.26)
45 - 49	5	(4.48)	-		3	(2.26)
						(4.51)
50 - 54	3	(4.48)	3	(4.55)	6	(4.51)
55 - 59	9	(13.43)	3	(4.55)	12	(9.02)
						(13.53)
60 - 64	11	(16.42)	4	(6.06)	15	(11.28)
65 - 69	7	(10.48)	4	(6.06)	11	(8.27)
						(19.55)
Aged 70/71	5	(7.46)	5	(7.58)	10	(7.52)
72/73	4	(5.97)	4	(6.06)	8	(6.02)
74/75	1	(1.49)	6	(9.09)	7	(5.26)
76/77	6	(8.96)	5	(7.58)	11	(8.27)
78/79	2	(2.99)	3	(4.55)	5	(3.76)
						(30.83)
Aged 80/81	1	(1.49)	4	(6.06)	5	(3.76)
82/83	3	(4.48)	2	(3.03)	5	(3.76)
84/85	2	(2.99)	4	(6.06)	6	(4.51)
86/87	1	(1.49)	5	(7.58)	6	(4.51)
88/89	-		2	(3.03)	2	(1.50)
						(18.05)
Aged 90	1	(1.49)	-		1	(0.75)
91	-		-		-	
92	-		1	(1.52)	1	(0.75)
93	-		-		-	
94	-		1	(1.52)	1	(0.75)
						(2.26)
	67	(100%)	66	(100%)	133 total	100%

CAUSES OF DEATH - Comment

Of the 133 deaths, 59 were caused by diseases of the heart and circulatory system, 24 by malignant conditions and 13 by pneumonia and bronchitis. Four deaths were attributed to a motor vehicle and three to other accidental causes. There were two suicides.

Of the total, 79 deaths (59%) occurred in persons over the age of 65. 18 males (27% of male deaths) and 23 females (35% of female deaths) occurred in those aged 70 - 79.

When it is noted that 51% of all the deaths in the past year occurred in persons over the age of 70, 18% in those over 80 and even 2% in persons aged 90 or more it will be appreciated that the death rate amongst the adolescent and normal adult population is not high.

Deaths in children under 1 year of age were relatively high in 1960, being 9 as compared with 3 last year. These 9 comprised 6.7 of the total percentage. The causes of death in these instances were as follows:-

Congential abnormalities 3, Prematurity 3, Asphyxia 1, Broncho-Pneumonia 2.

I think it is worthy of comment that there have been no maternal deaths in the Borough for the past 20 years.

HERTFORD BOROUGH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE

This Committee, which interests itself both in Road Safety and Home Safety, continued its monthly meetings throughout the year. A number of recommendations relating to road surfaces, Street lighting, sign posting, Car parking and possible road hazards were made to the appropriate authorities, resulting in many cases - in satisfactory action. In respect of these recommendations, many pertinent and useful suggestions were received from the Junior Accident Preventative Committee.

On 22nd May another Car Rally was held at the Municipal Car Park. The rally lasted from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and the tests fell into three categories - Vehicle Inspection, Driving and knowledge of the Highway Code. There were 68 Entrants as compared with 63 last year, and 63 of the Entrants passed.

HERTFORD OLD PEOPLES WELFARE COMMITTEE.

This voluntary Committee co-ordinates the general Welfare Services for Old People in the Borough. These are The Evergreen Club, The Bengoe Club, The Sele Farm Friends and Neighbours Club and the affiliated Club at Watton-at Stone.

All these Clubs are flourishing and their membership is growing. The seaside holidays have been most successful and this scheme has been extended to old people who are not Members of the Evergreen Club.

The Chiropody Service to house-bound patients has been increased.

The Ladies Visiting Committee has grown in strength and in consequence more old people have been visited.

An informative leaflet containing much useful information concerning facilities and welfare services available to Hertford has been printed and distributed to old age pensioners.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951.

No action was required under Section 47 of these Acts.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS.

The customary close watch was kept in food and catering establishments. No statutory action was found necessary.

HERTFORD MARKET.

It is to be regretted that the recommendations made in 1959 regarding the improvement of the Covered Market have not yet been implemented, but a sum of money has been set aside in the estimates for this purpose.

SECTION BGENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR HERTFORD.LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities for the examination of Specimens and Samples are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge.

In emergency, medical specimens can be examined at the Hertford County Hospital.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

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

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting & Welfare Centre.

Number of Nurses - 5. Welfare Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford.

Smallpox, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus & Poliomyelitis
Vaccinations.

Medical Officers at the Welfare Centre will vaccinate babies, who can have similar services provided by the family Doctor. All parents are most strongly urged to avail themselves of these facilities.

Home and Domestic Help.

Applications for this Service should be addressed to the Local Organiser, 27, Bull Plain Tel:- Hertford 3252).

A charge may be made for this Service based on 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.

There is a Medical loan department at the Clinic, 27, Bull Plain, Mrs Ellis Tel:- Hertford 3259. The department is open on Wednesday afternoons and Monday and Friday Evenings.

Ambulance Service

Except in an emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner. The telephone number of the Ambulance Station is Hertford 3013.

Mental Health

Arrangements for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1959 may be made either by the patients own doctor or by the Mental Health Officer, Mr. J. H. Webster, Collet Road, Ware, (Tel:- Ware 2541).

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hertford is served chiefly by the Hertford County Hospital (Tel:- Hertford 2275)

Patients suffering from Infectious Diseases are admitted to Honey Lane Hospital, Waltham Cross or St. Ann's Hospital, Tottenham. Honey Lane Hospital will close for infectious diseases on 25th July 1961 after which patients will be admitted either to St. Ann's Hospital or South Lodge Hospital, World's End Lane, London N.21.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL SERVICES.

There are 8 doctors resident in Hertford.

DENTAL SERVICES

There are 7 dental surgeons in Hertford.

HERTFORDSHIRE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND.

The Hertford Office of this Society is at 2, The Wash, (Tel:- Hertford 3201).

SECTION CSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAREPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORFor the Year 1960

28, Chambers Street,
Hertford.

July 1961

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

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that the following Report on the administration and work of the department for the year 1960 is submitted.

The lack of an Assistant continues to be felt, the endeavours to fill this vacancy being unsuccessful. I would however record a special appreciation of the work of Mrs Kirby, the Clerk in the Department, whose interest and general knowledge of the work enables her to deal with many matters which would otherwise take up more of my own time.

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 at all times. I would also express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their continuing support and interest in the work of the Department, and also to Dr. G. M. Frizelle, the Medical Officer of Health, for his unfailing cheerfulness, assistance and co-operation during the year.

B. W. Peck

Public Health Inspector.

WATER SUPPLY

As a result of the policy of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in connection with the Re-Grouping of Water Undertakings, and the passing of the Lee Valley Water Act during 1959, the Borough Council's Water Undertaking, together with others in this area, passed into the control of the Lee Valley Water Company, this private company being specially formed to take over the various water undertakings of this area. The change over became effective on the 1st April, 1960.

The water supplied within the Borough is obtained from five Boreholes sunk in chalk, at Molewood Road, Wadesmill Road (2), Hartham Lane and Port Hill, all these boreholes being situate within the Borough boundary. From these boreholes sufficient water can be obtained to meet the needs of the Borough for many years. The Little Amwell Reservoir Improvement Scheme, started by the Borough, was continued by the Lee Valley Water Company - this 'high level' reservoir being designed and required to maintain water pressure and supply to the higher parts of the town situate across the valley from the present 'high level' water tower at Bengoe.

The monthly samples of mains water supply from all four pumping stations submitted to bacteriological examination before the take-over, as well as reports subsequently received from the Company, were passed as satisfactory for drinking purposes, B.coli being absent from 100 ml. in each case. Although no samples were submitted by the Council for chemical analyses during 1960, all previous reports from each of the four sources of supply are indicative of a satisfactory and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes, the water being neutral in reaction, hard in character but not to an excessive degree, containing no excess of mineral constituents, and apart from a negligible trace of iron from the Hartham supply it is free from metals.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The Corporation has continued to use the Foxholes Farm Refuse Tip for the control tipping of domestic refuse and the volume of refuse collected continues to increase.

Salvage has been disposed of at the best prices obtainable.

SWIMMING POOL

During this year the new Swimming Pool at Hartham was completed and opened to the Public.

This is a modern building in very pleasant surroundings and comprises a small children's paddling pool and a swimming pool, 110 feet long and 42 feet wide varying in depth from 3' 6" to 9' 10". The Swimming pool contains some 168,000 gallons of water continuously filtered through horizontal type filters, chlorinated and subject to p H control and maintained at a temperature of about 70°.

Heating is carried out by an oil fired boiler using 200 seconds fuel oil.

The swimming pool is provided with two diving spring boards of 3 metre and 1 metre heights respectively and is illuminated when necessary at evening time by twelve 500 watt tungsten flood lamps mounted on steel columns. There are separate changing facilities for men and women, with twenty cubicles in each changing block and in each case clothing storage, shower baths and conveniences are provided.

There is also a separate cafe building with kitchen and separate conveniences providing catering facilities both for the swimming pool and Hartham Recreation Ground.

The first Season's operation has provided useful information as to the users of the pool. It is normally open from May to September, the opening hours being 9 a.m to 8 p.m. during May and September and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the period June to the middle August.

The Pool has proved extremely popular and in the first part Season between 25th June and 2nd October, 1960 was used by 52,000 bathers.

PUBLIC HOT BATHS.

The Public Hot Baths which are owned and run by the Council are situate at the Bircherley Green Car Park.

The number of baths provided during 1960 was 4763, this figure being the lowest for the past five years. The decrease is attributed partly to the housing programme and partly to the provision of baths in existing houses either privately or by means of improvement grants.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

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

During the year work has also commenced on two large private enterprise residential estates at Bengoe and Horns Mill respectively.

The Activated Sludge Treatment at the Mead Lane Works has worked efficiently during the year and good analysis of effluents have been received. Some slight difficulty was experienced with the Sludge Drying Beds due to the heavy rainfall which seriously retarded the Sludge Drying process.

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SUMMARY OF VISITS etc.Public Health etc. Acts.

Dwelling Houses, Inspections and revisits.	160
Sewers and Drains	52
Sanitary Accommodation and fittings	74
Infectious Diseases, Contacts and Disinfections.	7
Verminous Articles, Premises and Disinfestations.	12
Disposal of Bedding, etc.	5
Licensed Premises, Sanitary Accommodation.	29
Music and Dancing Regulations.	40
Hairdressers and Barbers	3
Schools, Sanitary Accommodation etc.	4
Smoke observations and visits	28
Offensive accumulations.	10
Fly and other insect nuisances.	18
Keeping of Animals.	56
Shops and Offices.	3
Moveable Dwellings.	12
Employment Agencies.	4
Refuse Tips.	10
National Assistance Act (Sections 47 and 50)	8
Other general Public Health visits.	62
Mass X Ray Visit to Hertford (re advertising etc)	243

Housing

Recorded Inspections	56
Reinspections and interviews	104
Certificates of Disrepair	2
General enquiries re. Certificates of Disrepair	2
Overcrowding	4

Factories

Factories with Mechanical Power	54
Factories without Mechanical Power	28
Other Premises under Factories Acts	8
Outworkers	4

Food Premises and Food Hygiene

Food Premises	
Retail Premises	204
Food preparation premises (Canteens, Kitchens)	51
Bakehouses	8
Dairies and Milk Shops	8
Food Stalls and Vehicles	13
Miscellaneous visits	8
Registered premises, Section 16.	
Ice Cream retail premises	52
Preserved Food premises	41
Food Inspections and Revisits	75

Rodent Control

Private Dwellings	14
Business Premises	25
Corporation Properties.	6
Agricultural Properties	2

Miscellaneous

Road Traffic Act, 1956. Section 42	1
Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations	4
Pet Animals Act, Pet Shops.	16
Miscellaneous Visits and Inspections	104
<u>Complaints</u> received during year	186

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.General

Normal work of the Department under the Public Health Acts was carried out during the year, this including various 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 few remaining pail closets from the more scattered premises within the Borough boundary is undertaken by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

Infectious diseases and disinfections

With the continuing low incidence of infectious diseases in the Borough, only a nominal amount of time is now required in connection with the following up of notifications. Occasional additional disinfections still continue to be carried out on request, these generally following the death of aged or infirm persons, and in most instances also accompanied by a request for the removal and destruction of a small quantity of bedding and clothing.

Dirty or verminous premises

Following a visit to some very dilapidated, dirty and unkempt premises, a subpoena by the owner of the premises was issued to attend at the County Court to give evidence of the condition of the premises. Although an Order for Possession was given, this was not in fact taken up owing to illness and eventual death of the aged tenant, following which, on request, a considerable amount of household effects were later collected and destroyed, and the premises renovated after fumigation.

With the present day universal use of residual insecticides, whether by liquid, dust or vapour, the number of infestations brought to the notice of this department remains at a minimum, though the occasional request for advice is still made. This is no doubt also due to the considerably improved standards set and maintained by the majority of people these days.

Household and Garden pests

Several requests for advice and assistance in connection with the treatment and control of general household or garden pests are received by this department. One such request in relation to flies was dealt with after identification of samples by the Ministry's Infestation Control laboratory in consultation with the British Museum, the flies of minute size being identified as pests of mushroom cultures. This particular infestation was brought under control by alterations carried out to the mushroom growing sheds in this area.

Clean Air Act

Late in the previous year, the problem of smut from oil fired plant was encountered at two premises. Correct maintenance of the plant and cleansing of the stacks reduced the nuisance until early in 1960, when, in both cases, the stacks were enclosed or shielded by aluminium in accordance with the present accepted practice for this type of emission, and the nuisance overcome.

Refuse Dumps

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 at Hertingfordbury, a consent for its use originally being given under the Herts. County Council Act to the Southgate Borough Council in 1947.

Although since 1947 some regular tipping was at first undertaken at the Hertingfordbury tip for the majority of this time the use of the area has been spasmodic. Very little use of the pit was made during the past year. One instance of unauthorised dumping of builders refuse alongside the approach road to the tip was discovered early in the year, the refuse being removed and the matter followed up by the Southgate authority.

With regard to the occasional litter-dumping along road verges in the more rural parts of the town, this has been alleviated by the Council's free collection of disused articles of a household nature, this being separate from the weekly refuse collection and mainly concerns more bulky articles such as mattresses, bedsteads and furniture etc.

Employment Agencies.

The conduct and management of the two Employment Agencies in the Borough have been in accordance with Part V of the Herts. County Council Act. These are a Domestic Agency and an Agency for Office and Shop Workers, the Hertford Branch of this latter agency being re-opened during the year.

Moveable Dwellings, Caravans

There is one holiday 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 and of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

There is only one consent under the County Council Act operative in the Borough, this being in respect of a single caravan, the occupation of which is concerned with that of a dwelling-house on the adjoining land. Town Planning consent having been renewed in respect of this site, a Site Licence was also issued following the coming into force at the end of August of the Caravan Sites etc. Act.

One further consent under the County Council Act given by the Borough Council in March at the time of planning permission also being given was not proceeded with by the applicant and the site not occupied.

An application for a Site Licence for the required occupation of a caravan in conjunction with the constant oversight of an adjoining road surfacing plant, was received late in the year and was held over until 1961 when it was dealt with in conjunction with the town planning application.

Although it is fairly rare for holiday caravans to make a one or two day stop in this area, several carevans normally sited elsewhere for the summer season are parked by their local owners in this area for the winter.

Hertfordshire (Music and Dancing) Regulations, 1955

Existing licences in respect of 25 premises were renewed by the County Council for the year 1960, one further licence was issued during the year, and one licence lapsed, that of the Castle Cinema which closed down during this same period.

No objections on sanitary grounds under Regulation 5 have been made by the Borough Council with respect to the issue of licences, though improved sanitary facilities have been provided by addition or alterations to existing facilities at five of these premises during the year. In one instance, duplicate sanitary accommodation, urinal and washing facilities with hot and cold water supply, were provided for convenience rather than necessity. In the remaining four instances the works were as a result of representations in respect of earlier licences and to complete the facilities provided up to the standard of the Borough Councils accepted Code of Practice for these licensed premises. At one of these premises which is the Council owned Corn Exchange, the works involved were the installation of duplicate sanitary accommodation and washing facilities with hot and cold water supply to provide these facilities separate to the stage performers and the audience.

Forty visits were made to these 25 premises during the year. The types of the various premises are as follows,-
Halls 14; Cinema 1; and Licensed Premises 10.

National Assistance Act, 1948

Section 50 - In one instance during the year it was necessary to arrange for the burying of a deceased person. The circumstances were that death resulted from a motor cycle accident occurring just outside the Borough boundary, but there being no competent authority to certify death at the scene of the accident, the certificate was issued on arrival at the Hertford County Hospital to the effect that death had already occurred. On the issue of the Coroner's Certificate, no other arrangements having been made and the police authorities being unable to trace any relatives, the residual duty of burial was accepted by the Borough Council.

1960.

HOUSINGExtract from Ministry of Housing
and Local Government Return P.13Houses in Clearance Areas
and Unfit Houses elsewhereHOUSES DEMOLISHEDIn Clearance AreasDemol- Displaced
ished Persons Families

(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	4	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Sec. 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

Not in Clearance Areas

(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 17 (1)	7	7	3
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the M.O.H.	8	2	1
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-

UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

Closed

(8) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957	1	4	2
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

HOUSING ACT PROCEDURE ANALYSIS - 1960

12, Brewhouse Lane	Closing Order	Feb.1958	
14, Castle Street	Closing Order	Oct.1956	} Area under consideration
16,	Closing Order	Jul.1958	
18a,	Occupied		
41, Castle Street	Closing Order	Dec.1955	
39, Cowbridge	Rehoused	Dec.1960	Offer by Owner re. carrying out of works being considered by Council.
2, Dimsdale Street	Closing Order	Feb.1957	Used for storage
38, Hertingfordbury	Rehoused	Apr.1959	} Area declared & Order confirmed during 1958 } DEMOLITION by Council in default of Owners completed 1960. (Closing Orders on Nos. 40,44 and 46 revoked and Demolition Orders substituted Nov. 1958)
40, .. Road	Closing Order	Mar.1956	
42,	Rehoused	Oct.1958	
44,	Closing Order	Dec.1956	
46,	Closing Order	Jul.1957	
48,	Vacated	Feb.1959	
48a,	Rehoused	Apr.1959	
5, Maidenhead Yard	Rehoused	Oct.1959	} Council owned.
9,	Vacated	Nov.1957	
11,	Rehoused	Jan.1959	} Agreed as unfit
13,	Rehoused	Apr.1956	
15,	Rehoused	Dec.1959	} DEMOLISHED December 1960.
17,	Vacated	Sep.1958	
19,	Vacated	Aug.1958	
21,	Rehoused	Oct.1960	
31, 33, Molewood Road	Undertakings accepted that properties not to be used for human habitation Feb. 1955. Works to provide structural stability and repair and renovate property commenced in 1960 but not completed by end of the year.		
18, North Road	Closing Order	May 1956	} DEMOLISHED
18a,	Rehoused	Apr.1960	
	Closing Order	Jul.1960	
18b,	Rehoused	Oct.1960	} December 1960
	Demolition Ord.	Dec.1960	
(Closing Orders on numbers 18 and 18a revoked and Demolition Orders substituted Dec. 1960)			

Housing Analysis Continued

The Grange Barn, North Road	Rehoused Demolition Ord.	Jul.1960 Jul.1960	)	DEMOLISHED Aug.1960
32, Parliament	Closing Order	Mar.1958)	
34, .. Square	Occupied		)	Area under
30,	Shop premises.(Dwelling accommodation empty)		)	consideration
4, Port Hill	Closing Order - part of premises,	May 1955.		
59, Port Hill	Closing Order	Dec.1959)	
63,	Closing Order	Oct.1958	)	Area under
65,	Closing Order	Oct.1958	)	consideration
67,	Rehoused	Sep.1960)	
	Closing Order	Jan.1961)	
61, 69	Occupied)	
77a, Railway Street	Closing Order	July 1958)	
77b,	Closing Order	Dec.1958	)	Area under
77d,	Closing Order	Dec.1956	)	consideration
77c,	Occupied)	
81, Railway Street	Closing Order - part of premises,	May 1956.		
48, St. Andrew	Closing Order	Dec.1959	)	Area under
46, Street	Rehoused	Dec.1960	)	consideration
15a, Talbot Street	Closing Order	May 1957		
15b,	Closing Order	Jun.1955		
15c,	Closing Order	Jul.1957		
13a, Ware Road	Closing Order - part of premises,	Jan.1953.		
1, 3, Water Lane	Undertakings accepted that properties not to be used for human habitation	Feb.1935		
24a, Ivy Passage	Rehoused	Aug.1959	)	Area considered
24b, ... West St,	Closing Order	Feb.1957	)	by Council, and
24c,	Closing Order	Jul.1958	)	by agreement,
24d,	Rehoused	Aug.1959	)	purchased after
24e,	Rehoused	Aug.1959	)	vacation.
24f,	Closing Order	Jul.1957)	
24g,	Closing Order	Apr.1956	)	Area being
24h,	Rehoused	Sep.1959	)	demolished and
26, West Street	Empty		)	re-developed
28,	Closing Order	Mar.1957	)	at end of year.

HOUSING PROGRESSProgress during 1960New Dwellings erected

	<u>During</u>	<u>Since</u>
	<u>1960</u>	<u>1945</u>

Private Enterprise

New Dwellings erected during 1960 (total since 1945 includes war destroyed or damaged rebuilt or repaired)	65	(378)
.. .. erected by Housing Associations	3	(15)
.. .. under construction at end of year (including 3 by Housing Assocs.)	82	

Hertford Borough Council

New Dwellings erected by Council	44	(979)
.. .. (Temporary prefabricated bungalows)	-	(50)
.. .. under construction at end of year	109	

Other Authorities (County Council, Military, etc)

New Dwellings erected during 1960	-	(41)
.. .. under construction at end of year	-	

Total new dwellings erected during 1960112

... .. under construction at end of year	<u>191</u>
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... .. completed between 1945 and 31.12.60.	<u>1,463</u>
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Total Properties Controlled by the Borough Council

Council Houses	1,613
Temporary Prefabricated Bungalows	50
Sundry Cottages and Dwellings	27

RENT ACT, 1957

Particulars relating to the calendar year 1960
(in the form as set out by Circular 32/1957.)

PART I - Application for Certificates of Disrepair

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

Total number of Certificates of Disrepair issued
under the Rent Act, 1957 (since 6th July, 1957) 3.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTFood Premises

The total number of food shops and other premises dealing with foodstuffs is 219. 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)	40
Bakehouses	6
Bakers and cake shops	9
Fishmongers (wet fish)	3
Fried Fish Shops (1 additional entered as cafe)	3
Butchers Shops	15
Sweet Shops	18
Greengrocers (including 1 wholesalers premises)	14
Dairies and Milk Shops	3
Cafes and Restaurants	15
Hotels and Licensed Premises serving meals	9
Public Houses	37
Wine Shops and Off Licences	3
Residential Institutional Kitchens	9
School and Industrial Canteens	24
Clubs	5
Vegetarian Foodshop	1
Chemists, pharmaceutical	<u>5</u>

Inspection of food premises under the Food Hygiene regulations continued throughout the year. No special difficulties have been experienced and improvements continue to be made through informal action, the administration of the Regulations being assisted by the co-operation of the trades-people themselves.

There are now five self-service food shops supplying prepacked goods, two of these being small local firms. The three remaining shops are branch premises of large multiple firms, and at two of these a small counter trade remains for bacon and luncheon meats to be cut to order. The number of refrigerated display cabinets for the sale of pre-packed frozen foods continues to increase as well as a continuing increase in the provision of refrigerated storage and display counters at the smaller general shops. As with most places, the amount of "open" food as opposed to pre-packed foods, continues to decrease.

The personal requirements of the Food Regulations relating to the food handlers themselves and also to the handling of food are generally being observed.

To provide a ready reference for the trades concerned, sufficient copies of the Ministry's Food Hygiene Codes of Practice numbers 1 to 4 relating to Hygiene in the Retail Trade and in the Hygienic Transport and Handling of Fish and Meat were obtained and distributed to the traders concerned.

Registered Food Premises.

Sale and Storage for sale of Ice Cream	54
Manufacture and sale of Ice Cream	-

The above 54 premises includes two new registrations together with two notifications of change in the occupation of the premises.

Preparation or manufacture of sausages	14
Preparation or manufacture of preserved food	3

Ice Cream

Owing to difficulties of transport, it was not possible to submit too many samples to the Cambridge Laboratory for bacteriological examination, though of those submitted, all were reported as falling in Provisional Grade I.

Inspection of Meat and Other Foodstuffs

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 follow:-

Canned Foodstuffs

Meat and Meat Products	35	containers	96	lbs
Ham	6	..	84	..
Pulses and Vegetables	32	..	40	..
Fruit	33	..	46	..
Miscellaneous (Soup, Milk, etc)	10	..	6	..

Other Foodstuffs

Beef -				
Sirloin (3 condemnations)			75	lbs
Steak (4 ..)			26	..
Veal			7	..
Ox Liver			3	..
Ox Kidneys (2 condemnations)			6½	..
Mutton				
Side Lamb (2 condemnations)			42	..
Short fore-quarters (3)			44	..
Liver			2½	..
Pork				
Leg Pork (2 condemnations)			30	..
Loin Pork (3 condemnations)			56	..
Chicken (side of)			1½	..
Fish - Mackerel			28	..
Potatoes		16 cwt	56	..
Currents			23	..
Assorted Cheeses			18	..
Total			22cwts	18½ lbs
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The meat condemnations include various small consignments which were delayed in transit and were found to be unfit by reason of decomposition on arrival at its local destination.

Milk and Dairies

Number of retail purveyors of Milk 3

Number of general shops at which milk is retailed for the convenience of customers, Licences being issued and all milks being obtained from the above three purveyors. 7

Designated Milk Licences	Dealers Licences	Supplementary Licences
Tuberculin Tested	4	1
Pasteurised	3	1
Sterilised	7	1

Although, as with ice cream, only a reduced number of samples of milk were submitted to the laboratory for examination during the year, all of these were reported upon as passing the prescribed tests. All the samples were obtained on the public highway from the roundsman's van or after delivery at private houses.

The one pasteurising plant within the Borough is licensed by the Herts County Council, and all the routine milk samples submitted by that authority satisfied the prescribed tests, copies of these reports being passed to this department.

Slaughterhouses

As required by the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, the Council consulted all local meat traders and their suppliers, together with the various organisations representative of the various interests of the meat industry, and having reviewed the existing and probable future requirements of the district, submitted its report to the Minister.

There are no slaughterhouses within the Borough, and it is not proposed to provide a public slaughterhouse, it being considered the existing facilities of the area have a sufficient capacity adequately to provide slaughtering requirements for the foreseeable future.

The present slaughtering requirements are largely met by slaughterhouses at Ware, Stevenage and Letchworth, together with some supplies from Cambridge and Smithfield Market, these being in addition to multiple shops supplying their local branch shops from their own abbatoirs elsewhere.

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 twenty properties are treated as required, these, together with other business premises treated, are charged for on a time and material basis.

The summary of information as required on the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Form PDP R/11, in respect of 1960, is set out below.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1960	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	4721	964	5699	17
II No. of properties insp- ected as a result of					
(a) Notification	-	92	1	93	-
(b) Survey under the Act	14	2158	301	2473	12
(c) Otherwise	-	302	260	562	1
III Total Inspections carried out, including re-inspections	70	4995	806	5871	20
IV No. of properties found to be infested by					
(a) Rats Major	-	3	-	3	-
Minor	6	147	11	164	-
(b) Mice Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	3	44	3	50	-
V Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	9	187	14	210	-
VI Total treatments carried out, including retreatmts	19	262	25	306	-
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					2

NOTE - Number of properties taken from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis, April 1960, 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 to 1959

The following is a summary of the information which is set out at length in the prescribed form on the following pages as directed by Ministry Circular 1/61 in relation to the report required by Sec. 128 (3) of the Act of 1937.

Part I of the Act1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Factories without Mechanical Power ..	...	...	...	16
Inspections ...	...	...	...	28
Written Notices ...	...	...	...	-
Factories with Mechanical Power ...	...	...	...	80
Inspections ...	...	...	...	54
Written Notices ...	...	...	...	2
Other Premises under the Act (Electrical Stations, Building and Engineering Construction sites etc., but excluding Outworkers Premises)	...	...	...	5
Inspections ...	...	...	...	8

2. Cases in which defects were Found Remedied

Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 7)		
Unsuitable or Defective	1	1
Separation for sexes	1	1
Intervening ventilated space	1	1
Lighting of conveniences	1	1

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

(i) Making of Wearing Apparel178
Of the above 178 outworkers, 36 only are resident within the Borough, the remaining 142 being in the area of 45 other Local Authorities - these Authorities all being notified in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

From notifications received, there are 9 persons in the Borough receiving work from factories situate outside the area.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
in respect of the YEAR 1960
for the BOROUGH of HERTFORD

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1 -

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

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written notices (4)	Occup- iers Prose- cuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	16	28	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	80	54	2	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	5	8	-	-
Total	101	90	2	-

Prescribed Particulars - Factories Act, 1937

2 - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they are reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found		Referred To H.M. By H.M. Inspec- tor. Inspec- tor.		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (Section 1)	=	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (Section 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (Section 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (Sec 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conven- iences (Sec 7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	-	-	-
(d) Intervening vent. space	1	1	-	-	-
(e) Lighting of convenience	1	1	-	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	4	-	2	-

Prescribed Particulars - Factories Act, 1937PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	Number of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel	178	-	-	-	-	-
Making etc						
Other specified Natures of Work as set out on Ministry Form						
Wearing Apparel, Cleaning and Washing.						
Household linen						
Lace, lace curtains and nets						
Curtains and furniture hangings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding etc., of buttons etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolate and sweetmeats						
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
Total	178	-	-	-	-	-