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1964

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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Borough of Hertford

BOROUGH OF HERTFORD

Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1964

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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTS

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1964

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, 1964.

The two important features of the report are the excellent health of the community and the steady increase in the population. As far as the former is concerned there has been no incidence of any major infectious disease and with regard to the latter, the mid-year population of the Borough has risen to 17,970.

In the interests of clean food, three courses were held at the Hertford College of Further Education leading to the Certificate of Food Hygiene of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene. So far the attendance has been disappointing but it is hoped that future courses will attract more candidates.

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I am glad to be able to report that the Borough has at last been able to obtain an Additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. P.B.Blowes, who came to Hertford from the Metropolitan Borough of Paddington, and took up his duties in October 1964. In welcoming Mr. Blowes, I feel sure that his appointment will do much to relieve the burden which has fallen upon Mr. Peck for the past five and a half years.

I am grateful to the Public Health Committee and their Chairman for their keen interest in all that pertains to the health of the community, and to Mr. Peck and Mr. Blowes for their help during the past year.

I must also record my thanks to the other Chief Officers for their cordial co-operation.

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

GORDON M. FRIZELLE

Medical Officer of Health.

I am glad to be able to report that the Bureau has at least been able to obtain an additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. P. B. Brown, who came to Washington from the Department of Education, and took up his duties in October 1911. In welcoming Mr. Brown, I feel sure that his appointment will be much to relieve the burden which has fallen upon Mr. Fox for the past five and a half years.

I am grateful to the Public Health Commission and their Chairman for their keen interest in all that pertains to the health of the community, and to Mr. Fox and Mr. Brown for their help during the past year.

I must also record my thanks to the other Chief Officers for their cordial co-operation.

I have the honor to be,
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Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health

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<u>Additional Public Health Inspector</u>	P.B.Blowes.
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<u>Clerk to the Department</u>	Mrs. E.J.Newman.
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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Public Health and Town Planning Committee for the
Session 1964/1965 comprised the following Members :-

Councillor J.J.Forrester	(Chairman)
Alderman H.E.Gilby, J.P.	(Vice-Chairman)
His Worship the Mayor (Councillor A.W.Bentley)	
Alderman P.G.Brooks, M.B.E., J.P.	Alderman W.L.Foster.
Councillors E.A.Bennett, G.W.Dale, Dr. H.I.Jory, W.R.Turner.	

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Public Health and Town Planning Committee for the
Session 1954-1955 comprised the following members:-

Committee A. J. Forrester
Alfred M. Allen, J. R. (Vice-Chairman)
The Honorable the Mayor (Chairman) A. J. Forrester
Alfred M. Allen, J. R., J. R. (Chairman) W. J. Forrester
Committee B. A. Forrester, J. R. Allen, J. R. Forrester

S E C T I O N A

GENERAL STATISTICS 1964

(Table I)

(Figures for 1963 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population Borough of Hertford:

17,970 (17,290)

Natural increase or decrease	...	+	223
Migration in or out	...	+	457
Total increase or decrease	...	+	680

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres ... 3,882

Number of inhabited Dwellings according to Rate Books
(from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis -
as at 1st April 1964)

5,786

Number of Houses per acre	1.5
Number of Persons per acre	4.6
Number of Persons per Dwelling	3.1

Rateable Value of District (1.4.1964) £1,017,814

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate
for year to 31st March, 1965 £4,259

SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1963 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population Borough of Manhattan

1,970	(1,963)
Natural increase or decrease	...
Migration in or out	...
Total increase or decrease	...

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres ...
 Number of inhabited dwellings according to State books
 (from various years Statistical Analysis -
 as of April 1964)

2,786

Number of houses per acre
 Number of persons per acre
 Number of persons per dwelling

Statistical Value of District (1963)

Not represented by a House No.
 for year to 31st March, 1963

VITAL STATISTICS

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1963 are shown in brackets)

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	178 (163)	171 (150)	349 (313)
Illegitimate	7 (6)	5 (11)	12 (17)
Total Live Births	185 (169)	176 (161)	361 (330)
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		20.09	(19.09)
Area Comparability Factor for Births		0.97	(0.97)
Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000		19.48	(18.51)
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births		3.32	(5.15)
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3 (3)	0 (1)	3 (4)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)
Total Still Births	3 (3)	1 (1)	4 (4)
Still Births Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		10.96	(11.98)
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	181 (166)	171 (151)	352 (317)
Illegitimate	7 (6)	6 (11)	13 (17)
Live and Still Births	188 (172)	177 (162)	365 (334)
<u>COMPARISON RATES</u>	<u>Hertford Borough</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Live Birth Rate	20.09	18.29	
Area Comparability Factor	0.97	0.95	
Standardised Birth Rate	19.48	17.37	18.4
Still Birth Rate	10.96	13.46	16.3

VITAL STATISTICS

(Table 2.)

(Figures for 1961 are shown in brackets)

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	154 (162)	77 (80)	77 (82)	154 (162)
Illegitimate	7 (6)	3 (3)	4 (3)	7 (6)
Total Live Births	161 (168)	80 (83)	81 (85)	161 (168)

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	20.02	(19.02)
Area Comparability Factor for Births	0.97	(0.97)
Standardized Live Birth Rate per 1,000	19.46	(18.81)
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	4.35	(4.19)

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1 (1)	0 (1)	1 (0)	1 (1)
Illegitimate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Total Still Births	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (0)	1 (1)

Still Births Rate per 1,000	0.96	(0.96)
Total Live and Still Births	162 (174)	(169)

<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	155 (163)	77 (81)	78 (82)	155 (163)
Illegitimate	7 (6)	3 (3)	4 (3)	7 (6)
Live and Still Births	162 (169)	80 (84)	82 (85)	162 (169)

<u>COMPARISON RATES</u>		<u>Metropolitan</u>	<u>Nonmetropolitan</u>	<u>United States</u>
Live Birth Rate	20.02	19.73	19.46	19.46
Area Comparability Factor	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97
Standardized Birth Rate	19.46	19.46	19.46	19.46
Still Birth Rate	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96

Vital Statistics
Table 2 Continued.

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

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000		
total live births, Total	8.31	(12.12)
Legitimate infant deaths per		
1,000 legitimate live births	8.60	(12.78)
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	5.54	(12.12)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths		
of infants under one week per 1,000		
total live births	5.54	(12.12)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths		
and deaths of infants under one		
week combined - per 1,000 total		
live and still births	16.44	(23.95)

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	76	(73)
	Females	62	(81)
	Total	138	(154)
Death rate per 1,000 population		7.68	(8.91)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths		1.12	(1.12)
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population		8.60	(9.98)

COMPARISON RATES

	<u>Hertford Borough</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	8.31	14.45	20.
Legitimate	8.60	14.33	
Illegitimate	0	16.83	
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	5.54	10.53	13.8
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	5.54	9.12	
Perinatal Mortality Rate	16.44	22.83	
Maternal Mortality Rate	0	0	0.25
Death Rate	7.68	8.89	
Area Comparability Factor	1.12	1.17	
Standardised Death Rate	8.60	10.38	11.30

Vital Statistics - Comparison of figures for 1964 with those of the previous four years.

	1960	1961	1962	1963	Average 1960/63	1964
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>						
Legitimate Male	112	120	120	163	129	178
Female	101	113	141	150	126	171
Illegitimate Male	5	4	9	6	6	7
Female	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
	222	241	274	330	267	361
Live Birth Rate	14.47	15.02	16.44	19.09	16.25	20.09
Area Comp. Factor	0.99	0.96	0.96	0.97	0.97	0.97
Standardised Rate	14.33	14.41	15.78	18.51	15.76	19.48
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>						
Total Still Births	3	7	1	4	4	4
Still Births Rate	13.33	28.23	3.64	11.98	14.29	10.96
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>						
Under one week	4	2	4	4	3	2
2nd to 4th week	0	0	1	0	0	0
4weeks to 1 year	5	2	2	0	2	1
Inf.Mortality Rate	40.54	16.60	25.55	12.12	23.70	8.31
<u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u>						
	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>DEATHS (all)</u>						
Males	67	71	79	73	72	76
Females	<u>66</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>62</u>
	133	148	175	154	152	138
Death Rate	8.67	9.22	10.50	8.91	9.32	7.68
Area Comp.Factor	1.04	1.08	1.09	1.12	1.08	1.12
Standardised Rate	9.02	9.96	11.44	9.98	10.10	8.60
<u>POPULATION</u>						
Natural increase or decrease						
Males	+ 50	+ 53	+ 50	+ 96	+ 62	+ 109
Females	<u>+ 39</u>	<u>+ 40</u>	<u>+ 49</u>	<u>+ 80</u>	<u>+ 52</u>	<u>+ 114</u>
	+ 89	+ 93	+ 99	+176	+ 114	+ 223
Migration in or out	+ 41	+ 617	+ 521	+ 444	+ 406	+ 457
Total difference	+ 130	+ 710	+ 620	+ 620	+ 520	+ 680
Estimated Mid-Year Population	15,340	16,050	16,670	17,290		17,970

Vital Statistics - Comparison of Figures for 1954 with those of the

previous four years.

	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
LIVE BIRTHS					
Legitimate Rate	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Female	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8	14.7
Illegitimate Rate	15.3	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9
Female	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Total Birth Rate	15.25	15.15	15.05	14.95	14.85
Age Group, 15-24	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Standardized Rate	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
DEATHS					
Total Death Rate	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Age Group, 15-24	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Standardized Rate	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
INFANT DEATHS					
Under one week	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
End to 4th week	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Between 1st & 2nd year	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Inf. Mortality Rate	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
NATURAL DEATHS					
Total Natural Deaths	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Male	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Female	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Death Rate	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Age Group, 15-24	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Standardized Rate	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
POPULATION					
Natural Increase or Decrease	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Male	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Female	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Migration in	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
or out	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Total Difference	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Estimated Mid-Year	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8
Population	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8

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> (Cases per 1,000 population = 4.06)	73	
Males	39	3
Females	27	4
<u>Cases added to Register during 1964</u>	12	
<u>New Cases</u>		
Males	4	1
Females	2	-
<u>Restored to Register</u>		
Males	-	-
Females	-	-
<u>Inward Transfers</u>		
Males	4	-
Females	1	-
<u>Cases removed from Register during 1964</u>	13	
<u>Deaths (from other causes)</u>		
Males	1	-
Females	-	-
<u>Outward Transfers</u>		
Males	1	-
Females	2	-
<u>Patients Cured</u>		
Males	2	-
Females	3	-
<u>Diagnosis not confirmed</u>		
Males	-	-
Females	1	-
<u>Lost sight of</u>		
Males	1	1
Females	1	-
<u>Cases remaining on Register at end of year</u> (Cases per 1,000 population = 4.01)	72	
Males	42	4
Females	22	4
<u>Attack Rate per 1,000 population</u>	<u>Hertford Borough</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>
(Number of cases notified - 6)		
Pulmonary (5)	0.28	0.27
Non-Pulmonary (1)	0.06	0.04
Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary	0.34	0.32

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

Prevalence of, and control over infectious diseases (cont.)

TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>		<u>Rate per 1,000 population</u>
<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
<u>Cases on register at beginning of year</u>						
<u>(Cases per 1,000 population = 1.00)</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Cases added to register during year</u>						
<u>New Cases</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Restored to register</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Import Transfers</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Cases removed from register during year</u>						
<u>Deaths (from other causes)</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Outward Transfers</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Patients Cured</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Statistical not confirmed</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Loss claim of</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Cases remaining on register at end of year</u>						
<u>(Cases per 1,000 population = 1.00)</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Attack Rate per 1,000 population</u>						
<u>(Number of cases notified - 6)</u>						
<u>Pulmonary</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	

Tuberculosis Prevention - B.D.B. Insulin are given by the Health Service of the North County Council.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1964

(Table 4)

Line No.		<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
	ALL CAUSES	76	62
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease	1	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 ...	1	3
11	" " lung	1	0
12	" " breast	0	5
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	0
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	12
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	0
16	Diabetes	0	0
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	9
18	Coronary disease, angina	25	10
19	Hypertension with heart disease ...	0	1
20	Other heart disease	5	2
21	Other circulatory disease	3	3
22	Influenza	0	0
23	Pneumonia	5	5
24	Bronchitis	9	5
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	0	1
26	Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum ...	0	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .	1	0
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	0	0
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	0	0
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth, abortion ...	0	0
31	Congenital malformation	0	0
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	4
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	0
34	All other accidents	1	0
35	Suicide	0	2
36	Homicide and operations of war ...	0	0

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1964

(Table A)

Line No.		ALL CAUSES			
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0	...	...	Tuberculosis, respiratory	0
2	0	...	...	Tuberculosis, other	0
3	1	...	...	Syphilis disease	0
4	0	...	...	Diphtheria	0
5	0	...	...	Whooping Cough	0
6	0	...	...	meningococcal ...	0
7	0	...	...	Acute poliomyelitis	0
8	0	...	...	Measles	0
9	0	...	...	Other infective and parasitic diseases	0
10	1	...	...	Malignant neoplasms, stomach	3
11	1	...	...	" " " "	0
12	0	...	...	" " " "	0
13	0	...	...	Malignant neoplasms, uterus	0
14	8	...	...	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	12
15	1	...	...	Leukemia, all kinds	0
16	0	...	...	Diabetes	0
17	7	...	...	Vascular lesions of nervous system	9
18	22	...	...	Coronary disease, angina	10
19	0	...	...	Hypertension with heart disease	1
20	2	...	...	Other heart disease	2
21	2	...	...	Other circulatory disease	2
22	0	...	...	Infarction	0
23	2	...	...	Pneumonia	2
24	2	...	...	Bronchitis	2
25	0	...	...	Other diseases of respiratory system	1
26	0	...	...	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0
27	1	...	...	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0
28	0	...	...	Hepatitis and nephritis	0
29	0	...	...	Hypertrophy of prostate	0
30	0	...	...	Ectopic, stillbirth, abortion	0
31	0	...	...	Congenital malformation	0
32	7	...	...	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4
33	1	...	...	Motor vehicle accidents	0
34	1	...	...	All other accidents	0
35	0	...	...	Deaths	2
36	0	...	...	Nonfatal and operations of day	6

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total	Under 4 weeks		AGE IN YEARS										
			All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under		1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75 and over	
					1 year	and under									
3. SYPHILITIC DISEASE	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, STOMACH	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
11. MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, LUNG, BRONCHUS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, BREAST	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
14. OTHER MALIGNANT AND LYMPHATIC NEOPLASMS	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	3	-	2
	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-
15. LEUKAEMIA, ALEUKAEMIA	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17. VASCULAR LESIONS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	2	-	5
18. CORONARY DISEASE, ANGINA	M	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19. HYPERTENSION WITH HEART DISEASE	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20. OTHER HEART DISEASE	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21. OTHER CIRCULATORY DISEASE	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23. PNEUMONIA	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24. BRONCHITIS	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25. OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27. GASTRITIS, ENTERITIS, DIARRHOEA	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32. OTHER DEFINED AND ILL-DEFINED DISEASES	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35. SUICIDE	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	76	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	7	17	19	24		
	F	62	-	-	-	1	2	-	2	3	13	15	26		

DEATHS classified according to Ages

AGES (inclusive)	M	% of total male deaths	F	% of total female deaths	Total	% of total deaths
Under 1 week	2	(2.63)	-		2	(1.45)
1 - 3 weeks	-		-		-	
4 - 51 ..	1	(1.32)	-		1	(0.72)
1 yr - 4 yrs	-		-		-	
5 - 9	1	(1.32)	1	(1.61)	2	(1.45)
10 - 14	-		-		-	
15 - 19	-		-		-	
20 - 24	1	(1.32)	2	(3.23)	3	(2.17)
25 - 29	1	(1.32)	-		1	(0.72)
30 - 34	1	(1.32)	-		1	(0.72)
35 - 39	1	(1.32)	-		1	(0.72)
40 - 44	1	(1.32)	2	(3.23)	3	(2.17)
45 - 49	2	(2.63)	1	(1.61)	3	(2.17)
50 - 54	5	(6.58)	2	(3.23)	7	(5.07)
55 - 59	8	(10.53)	5	(8.07)	13	(9.42)
60 - 64	9	(11.84)	8	(12.90)	17	(12.32)
65 - 69	13	(17.11)	7	(11.29)	20	(14.49)
Aged 70/71	5	(5.95)	6	(9.68)	9	(6.52)
72/73	3	(3.95)	1	(1.61)	4	(2.89)
74/75	1	(1.32)	2	(3.23)	3	(2.17)
76/77	5	(6.58)	4	(6.45)	9	(5.79)
78/79	4	(5.26)	-		4	(2.89)
Aged 80/81	6	(7.89)	4	(6.45)	10	(7.24)
82/83	3	(3.95)	4	(6.45)	7	(5.07)
84/85	1	(1.32)	4	(6.45)	5	(3.62)
86/87	1	(1.32)	4	(6.45)	5	(3.62)
88/89	1	(1.32)	1	(1.61)	2	(1.45)
Aged 90/91	1	(1.32)	1	(1.61)	2	(1.45)
92/93	-		2	(3.23)	2	(1.45)
94/95	-		1	(1.61)	1	(0.72)
96/97	1	(1.32)	-		1	(0.72)
Over 97	-		-		-	
Total	76		62		138	

HEALTH classified according to age

Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 1 week	1	1	2	1	1	2
1 - 1 month	1	1	2	1	1	2
1 - 1 year	1	1	2	1	1	2
1 - 10 years	1	1	2	1	1	2
10 - 19	1	1	2	1	1	2
20 - 29	1	1	2	1	1	2
30 - 39	1	1	2	1	1	2
40 - 49	1	1	2	1	1	2
50 - 59	1	1	2	1	1	2
60 - 69	1	1	2	1	1	2
70 - 79	1	1	2	1	1	2
80 - 89	1	1	2	1	1	2
90 - 99	1	1	2	1	1	2
100 and over	1	1	2	1	1	2
Total	10	10	20	10	10	20

DEATHS classified according to ages for 1960 to 1964

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
AGES (inclusive)	No. & % of all deaths	No. & % of all deaths	No. & % of all deaths	No. & % of all deaths	No. & % of all deaths
Under 1 week	4	2	4	4	2
1 - 3 weeks	- (6.8)	- (2.7)	1 (4.0)	- (2.6)	- (2.2)
4 -51 weeks	5	2	2	-	1
1 yr- 4 yrs	-	1 (0.7)	1 (0.6)	2 (1.3)	-
5 - 9	1 (0.8)	-	1 (0.6)	1 (0.7)	2 (1.5)
10 - 14	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	1 (0.7)	1 (0.6)	-	-
20 - 24	- (0.8)	1 (0.7)	1 (0.6)	-	3 (2.9)
25 - 29	1	-	-	-	1
30 - 34	1 (3.0)	3 (3.4)	- (0.6)	- (0.7)	1 (1.5)
35 - 39	3	2	1	1	1
40 - 44	3 (4.5)	3 (2.7)	3 (2.9)	5 (7.1)	3 (4.3)
45 - 49	3	1	2	6	3
50 - 54	6 (13.5)	4 (10.1)	8 (10.9)	2 (7.1)	7 (14.4)
55 - 59	12	11	11	9	13
60 - 64	15 (19.5)	15 (20.3)	16 (20.0)	15 (20.1)	17 (26.8)
65 - 69	11	15	19	16	20
Aged 70/71	10	9	4	11	9
72/73	8	5	17	9	4
74/75	7 (30.8)	12 (29.7)	7 (33.7)	5 (34.4)	3 (21.0)
76/77	11	7	15	12	9
78/79	5	11	16	16	4
Aged 80/81	5	15	5	16	10
82/83	5	5	17	7	7
84/85	6 (18.0)	7 (24.3)	7 (21.1)	6 (25.3)	5 (21.0)
86/87	6	7	4	5	5
88/89	2	2	4	5	2
Aged 90/91	1	5	-	1	2
92/93	1	-	3	-	2
94/95	1 (2.3)	1 (4.7)	3 (4.6)	- (0.7)	1 (4.3)
96/97	-	-	1	-	1
98/99	-	1	1	-	-
	133	148	175	154	138

GENERAL STATISTICS

The population of the Borough continues to increase, the increase for 1964 being 680, as compared with 620 in each of the two previous years. This gives a total figure of 17,970 for mid-1964, being made up of a natural increase of 223 and an inward migration of 457. The natural increase for the last three years has risen from 99 to 176 to 223, thus giving an indication of the rise in the young married population.

The number of inhabited houses at 1st April 1964 was 5,786 as compared with 5,572 the previous year, the number of houses per acre rose from 1.4 to 1.5, the number of persons per acre from 4.5 to 4.6 while the number of persons per house remained at 3.1.

VITAL STATISTICS

The total number of live births rose from 330 to 361 and there were 4 still births, the same figure as that of last year. The infant deaths fell from 4 to 3.

For the twenty-fourth successive year there were no maternal deaths.

There was a further fall in the deaths at all ages, these being 138 as compared with 154 in 1963 and 175 in 1962.

CAUSES OF DEATH

As is usual in our national statistics and in those of the more advanced countries, Diseases of the Heart and Circulation accounted for the major number of deaths, these being 49 or 35.5%. Out of these 49, 25 or 51% were due to Coronary Diseases, the youngest occurring at the age of 39. Until recently, the second most common cause of death was Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System, but latterly all forms of Malignancy including Leukaemia are taking second place. The number of deaths here was 31 or 22.5%, but deaths due to Malignant Disease of the Lung fell from 6 or 20% of the total due to all forms of Malignancy in 1963, to 1 or 3.2% in 1964. Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System came third with 16 deaths or 11.6% of the total.

There were two accidental deaths, 1 due to a motor accident and 1 due to drowning, and two suicides.

The deaths in infants under 1 year of age were caused by pneumonia, prematurity, and a hyaline membrane in the lungs.

It will be seen at the table on page 14 that there were 6 deaths at the age of 90 or over, the oldest being 97.

GENERAL STATISTICS

The population of the Territory continued to increase, the figures for 1950 being 600, as compared with 500 in 1940. The increase was 20% in the last decade. This gives a total figure of 1,100 for the 1940-1950 period. The up of a natural increase of 500 and an increase of 600. The natural increase for the last decade was 100, as compared with 100 in the decade preceding, thus giving an indication of the rise in the young married population.

The number of inhabited houses at 1st April 1951 was 1,700 as compared with 1,500 the previous year. The number of houses per acre rose from 1.4 to 1.5, the number of persons per acre from 1.2 to 1.3, while the number of persons per house remained at 1.1.

VITAL STATISTICS

The total number of live births rose from 150 to 160 and there were a still higher, the same figure as that of last year. The infant deaths fell from 4 to 3.

For the twenty-fourth consecutive year there were no deaths. There was a further fall in the deaths of all ages, those being 150 as compared with 150 in 1949 and 150 in 1950.

CAUSES OF DEATH

As is usual in our national statistics and in those of the more advanced countries, Diseases of the Heart and Circulation accounted for the major number of deaths, there being 45 or 25%. Out of these 45, 25 or 55% were due to coronary diseases, the youngest occurring at the age of 30. Until recently, the second most common cause of death was Venous diseases of the Nervous System, but latterly all forms of malignant including leukaemia are taking second place. The number of deaths here was 35 or 22%, but there was no malignant disease of the lungs fall from 6 or 10% of the total to 4 or 10% of the total in 1950, to 1 or 1% in 1951. Venous diseases of the Nervous System came third with 15 deaths or 9% of the total.

There were two accidental deaths, 1 due to a motor accident and 1 due to drowning, and two suicides.

The deaths in infants under 1 year of age were 10, by pneumonia, prematurity, and a hyaline membrane in the lungs.

It will be seen as the table on page 14 that there were 6 deaths at the age of 90 or over, the oldest being 95.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Borough was fortunate in that there was little to report in the realm of infectious diseases, apart from 63 cases of Measles.

The incrimination of canned meat in the Aberdeen Typhoid Epidemic led to a country-wide search for tins bearing the suspect codes, and where these were discovered they were returned unopened to the distributors in accordance with Ministry instructions. There were no contacts in the Borough.

TUBERCULOSIS

At the beginning of 1964 there were 73 cases of tuberculosis on the Register, of which 66 were pulmonary and 7 non-pulmonary.

During the year 7 new cases were notified and 5 cases came to live in Hertford. On the other hand 1 died (from other causes), and 3 left the town, 5 were cured, in 1 the diagnosis was not confirmed and 3 were lost sight of. In consequence the year ended with 72 cases, 64 pulmonary and 8 non-pulmonary.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

Once again no action was required under Section 47 of these Acts.

FOOD HYGIENE

Food handling establishments were kept under constant supervision throughout the year and no cases of food poisoning were reported in the Borough.

During the year three courses leading to the Certificate in Food Hygiene of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene were held at the Hertford College of Further Education. Nineteen students entered for the examination and twelve passed. It is hoped that further courses as they become better known will attract a bigger attendance, otherwise they may have to be abandoned.

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The Borough was fortunate in that there was little to report in the realm of infectious diseases, apart from a few cases of measles.

The vaccination of calves was in the Aberdeen Typhoid Epidemic led to a compulsory order for the testing the calves, and while these were discovered they were returned unvaccinated to the district in accordance with existing regulations. There were no contacts in the Borough.

TUBERCULOSIS

At the beginning of 1951 there were 11 cases of tuberculosis on the Register, of which 66 were pulmonary and 7 non-pulmonary.

During the year 7 new cases were notified and 7 other cases to live in Harford. On the other hand 1 died (from other causes), and 1 left the town, 2 were cured, in 1 the diagnosis was not confirmed and 3 were lost sight of. In consequence the year ended with 11 cases, of pulmonary and 2 non-pulmonary.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH 1951

Once again no action was required under Section 17 of the Act.

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HERTFORD OLD PEOPLES WELFARE COMMITTEE

The Committee continued to support the work of the constituent clubs, namely the Evergreen, the Sele Farm Friends and Neighbours, the Watton-at-Stone and Hertford Heath Clubs. In addition practical help was given to Meals on Wheels, the Luncheon Club, home visiting and holidays.

Special mention must be made of the inauguration by the Womens Voluntary Service of the Luncheon Club, which after a successful trial at the end of 1963, went into regular service every Wednesday in 1964. Unfortunately there has been a diminution in attendance figures since the beginning of the year and it is felt that if both this, and the Meals on Wheels service, also run by the Womens Voluntary Service were more widely known, more people would take advantage of it.

All the clubs have their own small visiting committees who keep in touch with old people who are in need of periodical visiting, and there is also a Home Visiting Committee which arranges for transport to chiropody and individual outings. No report of old people requiring assistance or visiting has ever been unexplored.

Mrs. Hodge, who for a number of years was Hon. Secretary retired, and was succeeded by Mr. W.H. Finch.

Thanks are due to the Rotary Club, the Round Table, the students from Balls Park Training College and the many voluntary helpers who have done so much to help the work of the Committee.

HERTFORD BOROUGH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE

The Committee met regularly during the year and continued to take an active interest in home and road safety. A feature of this Committee's activities is the participation of representatives from an enthusiastic Junior Accident Prevention Committee.

One result of the Committee's recommendations was the construction of an island in the centre of the road opposite the Fore Street car park.

A stall manned all week by members of the Committee was maintained at the Hertford Trade Fair and the Hertfordshire Mercury again organised a successful exhibition in their Exhibition Hall.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

The Committee continued its report to the Senate on the 15th of March, 1901, and on the 16th of March, 1901, the Senate passed the bill. The bill was passed by a vote of 74 yeas and 23 nays. The bill was passed by a vote of 74 yeas and 23 nays.

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SPECIAL REPORTS

During the year reports on the following subjects were made to the Public Health Committee and the Council:-

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1963;
 The Royal Society for the Promotion of Health Congress, Torquay;
 Health Education;
 Conference of the Royal Institute of Public Health & Hygiene, Folkestone;
 The Hospital Bed Situation in East Hertfordshire.

PUBLICATIONS

The use of Radioisotopes in
 Agriculture, Industry & Medicine.

Journal of the Royal Institute of
 Public Health and Hygiene,
 (Paper read to a Hertford meeting of
 the Royal Society of Health)

Tobacco, Cigarettes and Ill Health

Journal of the Royal Institute of
 Public Health and Hygiene.

The History of the Hertfordshire
 Seaside Convalescent Home

Stephen Austin Limited.

The Preservation of Food

Journal of the Royal Institute of
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Cancer and it's Prevention

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GENERAL 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 - 6, Welfare Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford.

Smallpox, Diptheria, 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 3232).

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, (Tel:- Hertford 3597). The department is open on Wednesday afternoons and Monday and Friday evenings.

GENERAL DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR HARTFORD

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 Hartford County Hospital.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The following County Council Services under the National Health Service Act 1946 are available for Hartford (1951 details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hartford).

Home Nurse, Midwife, Health Visitor & District Nurse

Number of Nurses - 6, Health Centre, Hall Place, Hartford

Health, Dentist, Physiotherapist, X-ray & Radiologist

Medical Officers at the Health Centre will vaccinate babies, who can have similar services provided by the Family Doctor. All persons 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, 21, Hall Place, (Tel:- Hartford 3535). A charge may be made for this service based on the County Council's assessment scale.

Care and After-Care

Applications for postoperative help, if recommended by the Medical Assistant, should be made to the County Medical Officer.

There is a Medical Book Department at the Clinic, 21, Hall Place, (Tel:- Hartford 3535). The department is open on Wednesday afternoons and Friday and Friday evenings.

Ambulance Service

Except in an emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

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. R.C.Lingham, Collett 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 St. Ann's Hospital, Tottenham, 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)

WOMENS VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The office for the Borough of Hertford is situated in the Castle Grounds, (Tel:- Hertford 3926)

Admission Service

Except in an emergency, an admission should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

Mental Health

Arrangements for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1959 may be made either by the patient's own doctor or by the Mental Health Officer, Mr. A.C. Langham, Colindale Avenue, (Tel: 0181-201 1111).

Hospital Services

Harford is served directly by the Harford County Hospital (Tel: 0181-201 1111).

Patients suffering from infectious diseases are admitted to St. Ann's Hospital, Tottenham, or North London Hospital, Gold's End Lane, London, N.21.

General Practitioner Medical Services

There are 6 doctors resident in Harford.

Dental Services

There are 7 dental surgeons in Harford.

Harford Health Society for the Elderly

The Harford Office at 101, The Green, (Tel: 0181-201 1111).

Women's Voluntary Service

The office for the Borough of Harford is situated in the Castle Grounds, (Tel: 0181-201 1111).

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REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORFor the year 1964GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

Little Council Estate Development took place during the year, though further intensive development is envisaged during the next year. Private development has continued at a small housing estate in the Hertingfordbury Road, and further development will no doubt commence with the release of land in the revised town map.

HERTFORD BOROUGH - WATER SUPPLIES

Water supplies within the Borough are under the control of the Lee Valley Water Company.

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

The low level parts of the town are supplied via the reservoir situate at the top of Port Hill, the supply to the higher parts of the town being via the Bengoe Water Tower, though the pressure in the mains supplying the high ground to the south is assisted and maintained from the high level reservoir at Hertford Heath (Little Amwell).

Reports on water samples taken during the calendar year 1964 from the Borough supplies by the Lee Valley Water Company were all satisfactory, there being 234 samples for bacteriological examination and 22 for chemical analyses. The samples are obtained at each of the various stages in distribution, from each of the pumping stations, at the water tower, from the two reservoirs, and as it reaches the consumer.

SECTION 2

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the year 1924

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

Little General Sanitary Development took place during the year, though further extensive development is anticipated during the year. Private development has continued at a small housing estate in the Hartingbury Road, and further development will be done in connection with the release of land in the reserved town area.

WATER SUPPLY - WATER PURIFICATION

Water supplies within the Borough are under the control of the Lee Valley Water Company.

All water supplied within the Borough is obtained from the Hartingbury Road in 1924, at Hartingbury Road, Hartingbury Road (2), Hartingbury Road and at Port Hill, all these waterworks being within the Borough boundaries. From these waterworks sufficient water can be obtained to meet the needs of the town for many years.

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Reports on water supplies taken during the calendar year 1924 from the Borough supplied by the Lee Valley Water Company were all satisfactory, there being 12 samples for bacteriological examination and 12 for chemical analysis. The samples are obtained at some of the various stages in distribution from each of the pumping stations, at the water tower, from the distribution, and at 12 points in the consumer.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The activated sludge treatment plant at the Mead Lane Works, continued to operate efficiently during the year so far as the purification section was concerned, and good analyses of effluents were obtained.

During the early part of the year the heating equipment was installed in the Primary Digestion Tanks, the first tank being heated on 21st April 1964 and all three tanks by 23rd May. Tank temperatures rose steadily, reaching an optimum of between 85° and 88°F. by mid August, and these figures were maintained until late September, when owing to the reduction in climate temperatures a gradual decline set in, but by the end of December temperatures had almost reached their recorded minimum for the winter period, which was 70°F.

The introduction of this heating resulted in an immediate improvement in the digestion system, a neutral pH being achieved in all tanks by the end of August, since which date a further improvement has resulted in a pH value of about 7.3 being maintained at all times including the winter period.

Apart from intermittent periods of tank desludging, offensive smells from this source have now been almost eliminated.

During the summer steps were taken to remove as much of the offensive sludge produced during the period of poor digestion, and some 1,000,000 gallons of this was removed by tanker to the London County Council's Northern Outfall Works at Beckton and finally disposed of by dumping at sea.

At the same time work was put in hand to extend the sludge drying beds, and seven new beds were added. The volume of sludge has however increased, and it has only just been possible to maintain this part of the treatment works in good condition. It is anticipated that the diversion of the sewerage from approximately 8,000 population to the Rye Meads Works in the Spring of 1966 will considerably relieve the pressure on the drying bed capacity.

Analysis of the sludge produced since the installation of the heating equipment indicates that this has an excellent manurial value.

Whilst the aforementioned works were proceeding there was some nuisance from smell, but this gradually abated, and by early autumn it was possible to discontinue the use of the "Alamask" deodorant which was installed as a palliative in order to temper offensive odours of acid sludge.

Very few complaints have been received from the public regarding smell from the sewage works during the past year and in almost every case the smell has been found to emanate from adjoining industry and not from the works.

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. The new tip at Revels Road has now been commissioned though the major portion of refuse is still delivered to Foxholes Farm pending the expiration of the lease.

Salvage has been disposed of at the best prices obtainable.

SWIMMING POOL

This is now the fourth full season of operation of the pool, which continued to be extremely popular, the attendance figures being:-

	<u>General Public</u>	<u>School Children</u>	<u>Spectators</u>
1960 Part Season	48,223	3,806	7,104
1961 29th April to 1st October	81,148	13,790	9,002
1962 28th April to 30th September	75,588	16,110	8,457
1963 27th April to 29th September	80,264	17,722	8,158
1964 25th April to 4th October	133,231	18,764	13,479

The swimming pool is 110 feet long and 42 feet wide and varies in depth from 3-ft.6-ins. to 9-ft.10-ins. The pool is provided with two diving spring boards of 30 metre and 1 metre heights, and is illuminated when necessary at evening time by twelve 500 watt tungsten flood lamps mounted on steel columns. The pool contains some 168,000 gallons of water continuously filtered through horizontal type filters, chlorinated and subject to pH control. The water is maintained at a temperature of about 70° F., heating being carried out by an oil fired boiler using 200 seconds fuel oil.

Samples of water have been taken regularly for bacteriological examination with consistently satisfactory reports. Three samples are submitted on each occasion, one from each of the shallow, middle and deep ends of the pool.

PUBLIC HOT BATHS

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

The number of baths provided during 1964 was 3,770, this number being a continuing decrease from previous years, corresponding numbers for 1961, 1962 and 1963 being 4,633, 4,342 and 3,885. The decrease is again attributed partly to the housing programme and partly to the provision of baths in existing houses either privately or by means of Improvement Grants.

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Dwelling Houses, Inspections and revisits	182
Sewers and Drains	46
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Licensed Premises, Sanitary Accommodation	9
Music and Dancing Regulations	22
Hairdressers and Barbers	3
Schools, Sanitary Accommodation etc.	6
Smoke observations and visits	21
Offensive and other accumulations	29
Fly and other insect nuisances	61
Keeping of Animals	68
Moveable Dwellings, Caravans	21
Employment Agencies	2
Agricultural premises	7
Refuse Tips	28
Water Supplies	3
National Assistance Act (Sections 47 and 50)	1
Other general Public Health visits	141
International Certificates of Vaccination, Authentications made by the Department	271

Offices, Shops, and Railway Premises Act

Inspections - Offices	4
Retail Shops	4
Catering Establishments, canteens	5
Total number of visits of all kinds	136

Housing

Recorded Inspections	10
Reinspections and interviews	25
Overcrowding	6

Factories

Factories with Mechanical Power	84
Factories without Mechanical Power	10
Other premises under Factories Acts	11
Outworkers	53

SUMMARY OF VISITS

Public Health Visits

Dwelling Houses, Landscapes and Environs

Sewers and Drains

Sanitary Accommodation and Fittings

Infectious Diseases, Contests and Disinfections

Various Articles, Games and Disinfections

Diagnosis of Diseases, etc.

Licensed Premises, Sanitary Accommodation

Baths and Washing Appliances

Hairdressers and Barber

Schools, Sanitary Accommodation, etc.

Sewer observations and visits

Offensive and other nuisances

Fly and other insect nuisances

Keeping of Animals

Movable Dwellings, Caravans

Employment Agencies

Agricultural Premises

Bathrooms

Water Supplies

National Assistance Act (Sections 47 and 50)

Other General Public Health Visits

International Certificate of Vaccination

Inspections made by the Department

Offices, Shops, and Public Premises

Inspections - Offices

Retail Shops

Catering Establishments, etc.

Total number of visits of all kinds

Housing

Recorded Inspections

Halls, schools and interviews

Overcrowding

Factories

Factories with mechanical power

Factories without mechanical power

Other premises under Factories Act

Others

Food Premises and Food Hygiene

Food Premises; Retail premises	181
Food preparation premises (Canteens, Kitchens)	46
Bakehouses	24
Food Stalls and Vehicles	16
Registered premises, Section 16; Ice Cream retailers	20
Preserved food premises	28
Food Inspections and Revisits	47
Miscellaneous and Publicity visits, and visits re control and food handling hygiene	291
<u>Rodent Control</u> Private Dwellings	45
Business Premises	31
Corporation Properties	6
Agricultural Properties	7
<u>Miscellaneous</u> Consumer Protection Act	6
Fabrics (Misdescription) Act	2
Road Traffic Act, 1956. Section 42	4
Pet Animals Act, Pet Shops	3
Animal Boarding Establishments	4
<u>Miscellaneous Visits and Inspections</u>	71
<u>Complaints received during the year</u>	143

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTSGeneral

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.

International Certificates of Vaccination

During the year, signatures of Doctors were authenticated in the prescribed form on 271 International Certificates of Vaccination, this being an increase of 21 over those similarly authenticated in 1963. Except for 15 of the above, the certificates were required for travel outside Europe.

The purpose of the authentication is to provide proof to those health authorities abroad who desire it, that the signature of the person issuing the certificate is that of a registered Medical Practitioner. The authentications by this department are in respect of the signatures of doctors practising in this area and which are well known to the department.

Food Premises and Food Hygiene

131	Food Premises; Retail Premises
48	Food preparation premises (Canteens, Hospitals)
49	Restaurants
10	Food Stalls and Vendors
20	Registered premises, Section 14, Food Premises
20	Unregistered food premises
47	Food Inspectors and Sanitary
294	Miscellaneous and Publicity visits, and visits to control and food handling systems

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42	Private Buildings
41	Business Premises
4	Corporate Properties
7	Industrial Properties

Miscellaneous

3	Commonwealth Relations and
3	Extraneous (Miscellaneous) and
4	Food Traffic Act, 1928, Section 42
3	Food Stalls and Food Shops
4	Animal Boarding Establishments

Miscellaneous Visits and Inspections

74	
103	Complaints received during the year

Public Health Work

General

Normal work of the Department under the Public Health Acts was carried out during the year, this including various minor visits to property and work of drainage, waterworks and cleansing, etc., together with the majority of complaints which required action under the above Acts, were dealt with satisfactorily. There were no special problems of note which required to be dealt with during the year.

International Certificate of Vaccination

During the year, signatures of doctors were submitted in 10,000 cases on the International Certificate of Vaccination, this being an increase of 10 over those submitted in 1950. Twenty-five of the above, the certificates were required for travel outside Europe.

The purpose of the authorities is to provide proof to those health authorities abroad who desire to see the signature of the person issuing the certificate that it is a valid one. The authorities by this document are in support of the signature of doctors practicing in this area and which are well known to the 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 this.

The number of visits of investigation and follow-up of information regarding returning local residents or travellers with a Hertford destination, who have been in contact with cases of typhoid or have travelled through an area where there has been an outbreak, continues to increase. With the exception of one traveller from whom it was necessary to have additional specimens for the laboratory to be satisfied the contact was clear, the reports received from the Public Health Laboratories were all fortunately negative. All samples are normally taken by road to the Broxbourne main line station for despatch by rail, and these are collected by laboratory staff from the Cambridge station.

Notifications from ports of arrival were also received and followed-up of non-vaccinated travellers or those whose vaccinations were out-of-time.

Occasional disinfections still continue to be carried out, though the majority are on request and generally follow the death of aged or infirm persons, and in most cases accompanied by a request for the removal and destruction of a quantity of bedding and other items.

Litter

The occasional litter-dumping along road verges in the more rural parts of the town has been minimised 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. On request, some 577 separate collections of this nature were made by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department during the year.

On the few occasions when this type of road-side dumping occurs, evidence of ownership is first looked for before the refuse is collected and disposed of at the Council's tip. Within this area road-side dumping remains at a minimum, though the abandonment of unwanted vehicles, previously not noticeable in this area, is now starting to make an appearance, this latter not being restricted to out-of-the-way places, but also being found in places where vehicles can be 'hidden' by being parked amongst others.

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Notifiable diseases from house of origin were also received and followed-up of non-notifiable travellers of those whose notifications were out-of-time.

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On the few occasions when this type of road-side dumping occurs, evidence of ownership is first looked for before the refuse is collected and disposed of at the Council's tip. When this area road-side dumping remains at a distance, through the abandonment of unwanted vehicles previously not considered as such, a few attempts are made to remove them, this latter not being restricted to off-the-highway places, but also being found in places where vehicles are as 'hidden' by being parked amongst others.

Dirty or verminous premises

With the present day universal use of residual insecticides, whether by liquid, dust or vapour, the number of infestations dealt with by this department remains at a minimum, though the occasional request for advice is still received. 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, Fly Nuisances, etc.

Requests for advice and assistance in connection with the treatment and control of general household or garden pests received by this department continues to increase year by year. A number of the requests come from the new estates being developed in the district and many of these are in fact associated with the re-development of the land and the disturbance of an existing insect population.

It is pleasing to record that no fly nuisance arose in the area close to a chicken farm where this has been experienced in previous years. The nuisance which had developed with a change-over at the farm from the use of deep-litter houses to that of staging over droppings pits was eventually eliminated by a new system of control measures recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture Infestation Control Division. This new system of controlling the lesser house fly breeding in poultry houses by means of hanging settling points impregnated with a concentrated insecticide was first brought into use by the autumn of 1963 and was in operation during the whole of the 1964 season and proved most effective.

As in some previous years, some localised infestations of minute cluster flies occurred in the Autumn. The flies which breed in certain grasses are normally killed off by weather conditions and early morning frosts, though in some seasons survive longer, and then swarm into the upper stories of adjacent dwellings where they settle in their thousands on the ceilings of the rooms. These inundations are fortunately easily dealt with by means of the normal household sprays.

With the number and variety of insects etc. encountered, the assistance of the Ministry's Infestation Control Division in the identification of specimens and advice on control measures has been much appreciated.

Waterways

Although no canal boats or barges are to be seen on the River Lea through Hertford these days, there is a continuing increase in the number of pleasure boats using this waterway. One of the earlier barge docking areas is now converted to provide landing stage facilities for the pleasure boat traffic.

History of verminous diseases

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It is pleasing to record that as fly nuisance cases in the area since to a certain extent this has been experienced in previous years. The nuisance which has developed with a season-over at the time from the use of deep-litter houses is that of keeping over dropping pits are eventually eliminated by a new system of control measures recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture. This new system of controlling the litter house fly growing in poultry houses by means of hanging electric grids has been concentrated immediately and this brought into use by the system of 1961 and was in operation during the winter of the 1962 season and proved most effective.

As in some previous years, some of the most infections of animals character lines occurred in the autumn. The flies which breed in certain areas are normally killed off by winter conditions and early mowing, though in some seasons winter is long, and then some into the upper stories of adjacent buildings where they settle in their thousands on the ceilings of the rooms. These conditions are particularly easily dealt with by means of the normal household spray.

With the number and variety of insects etc. encountered, the assistance of the Ministry's Entomology Control Division in the identification of specimens and advice on control measures has been much appreciated.

References

Although no actual books or papers are to be seen on the floor but through several these days, there is a considerable number in the number of pleasure books using this material. Some of the earlier large books are in fact converted to provide reading about insects for the pleasure book reader.

Water Supplies

During the year official information was received from the water undertakers, the Lee Valley Water Company, that water supply to a property in the Borough had been turned off due to non-payment of water rates. An informal visit to the property was made to secure compliance with the requirements of the Public Health Act regarding the provision of water supply for domestic purposes to occupied houses, - the supply was later resumed on payment of outstanding rates.

Movable 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.

One Site Licence was issued during 1964 bringing the number operative within the Borough to three, all being in respect to individual caravans on separate sites. Of the two caravans in normal residential use, one is occupied in conjunction with a family use of the adjoining property and the second is for a restricted time period. The occupation of the third individual caravan is in connection with the constant supervision of an adjoining road surfacing plant and is limited to the summer months whilst the plant is in operation.

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

The residential use of caravans in connection with building or other operations does occur within the Borough, though not to a large extent, - this use being exempt from the normal provisions of the Act. Of these, two caravans occupied by engineers engaged on national pipeline construction works, were however found to be sited on Board land away from the construction sites. The site in question did however provide very adequate facilities, and the caravans were later moved early in 1965 following the progress of the works.

There are no Gipsy Settlements or gipsies temporary or overnight parking sites in regular or occasional use which are situate within the Borough, though it was necessary on two occasions during the year to follow-up this type of parking.

Employment Agencies

There is now only one Employment Agency within the Borough, this catering for Office and Shop Workers. The conduct and management of the Agency is in accordance with Part V of the Herts. County Council Act.

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Domestic Supplies, Continued

There is one holiday engineering concern also within the Borough, this also belonging to and controlled by an engineering holding a Certificate of the Ministry of Health, and who, by reason of their own engineering business, are exempt from the sanitary provisions of the Health Act. The County Council has had of the Council's Sanitary and General of Development Act, 1951.

The site license was issued during 1952 regarding the main operative within the Borough is shown, all being in respect to industrial concerns on separate sites. Of the two concerns in respect to industrial use, one is occupied in connection with a factory use of the adjacent property and the second is for a residential site. The concern of the third industrial concern is in connection with the construction of an industrial road cutting plant and is limited to the summer months whilst the plant is in operation.

Although it is fairly rare for holiday concerns to exist in the Borough, two day sites in this area, several concerns normally exist. Concerns for the summer season are granted by local owners in this area for the winter.

The residential use of gardens in connection with holiday or other operations does occur within the Borough, though not to a large extent. This use being exempt from the sanitary provisions of the Act. Of these, two concerns occupied by engineers engaged on national grid line construction work, and another found to be fitted on board land away from the residential area. The site in question did however provide very adequate facilities, and the concerns were later moved and in 1955 following the purchase of the site.

There are no other developments or alterations in connection with holiday sites in regard to residential use which are situated within the Borough, though it was necessary on two occasions during the year to follow up this type of building.

Industrial Concerns

There is now only one industrial concern within the Borough, this being for Office and Shop purposes. The concern and management of the concern is in accordance with Part V of the Health Act, 1951.

Refuse Dumps

In addition to the Corporation's own two refuse tips, there are two other tips within the Borough where Consents are operative in respect to the tipping of household or other putrescible refuse, and one further area with Consent for the tipping of non-putrescible refuse. All these Consents are subject to normal conditions relating to proper control during tipping, of the materials being tipped, and of the prevention of nuisances arising, the Consent in respect to the putrescible refuse naturally varying somewhat from that permitting tipping of non-putrescible matter. In the two former cases the Consents and the Town Planning approvals cover the re-habilitation of the area when tipping is completed, but in the latter case, consent covers the raising of the level of the site by tipping of non-putrescible matter and is a Town Planning requirement for this to be done prior to the eventual development of this particular area of land for industrial purposes.

Agricultural Premises

The Borough being urban in character, it naturally follows that the number of "agricultural units" to which the Agricultural Act of 1956 applies is limited. The sanitary accommodation available to the workers at the three farms with a majority of their area within the Borough would appear to be suitable and sufficient bearing in mind the provisions of Section 3 (3)

With regard to the smaller agricultural units within the Borough, included being Chicken Farms, Mushroom Farm, Market Gardens, small holdings etc., these are generally provided with some form of sanitary accommodation, either on the site or in the vicinity. Many of these are however not subject to the Act as they are family or individual concerns and no other workers are employed.

Hertfordshire (Music and Dancing) Regulations, 1955

Existing licences in respect of 21 of the 23 premises within the Borough were renewed by the County Council for the year 1964, the remaining 2 not asking renewal. All these premises satisfy the Code of Practice adopted by the Borough Council having regard to the use of the premises. Routine visits continue to be made to each of these premises which include - Halls and Clubs 13, Cinema 1 and Licensed Premises 6.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act and Regulations

Although there are no Licensed Premises under the Act, there is one Registration within the Borough in respect to a factory concerned with Upholstery, Carpet Repairs, etc. Normal use of the premises does not require registration, and during the year no work under the Rag Flock Act was undertaken. There are no other premises within the Borough where works of such other kinds as are prescribed in the Act are undertaken.

CONSUMER PROTECTION ACTS

Oil Heaters Regulations, 1962

Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations, 1953

Although only very few visits are made specifically under the Consumer Protection Act 1961, the requirements of the above Regulations are borne in mind when visits are made for other purposes to premises where portable heaters are on sale. All oil heaters seen, either on sale display or in store, were found to be marked as complying with the British Standard 3300, this standard being the one on which the 1962 Regulations are based. With regard to portable heaters generally, the Regulations covering the construction and suitability of the fitted guards are being observed.

Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations, 1957

Although these Regulations are by agreement enforced by the Herts. County Council, occasional checks are made to see if helmets are marked as complying with the appropriate British Standards. There is one small factory in the Borough where helmets are manufactured and where official production samples are submitted to the prescribed tests.

Fabrics (Misdescription) Act

It is of interest that though shop advertising and display boards for flame-resistant garments of a well known brand are printed in the town, the fabrics or garments themselves are not conspicuous on display, though they can of course be readily obtained by the local shops. No samples were obtained during the year for testing under the Regulations.

ANIMAL PROTECTION ACTS

The main purpose of these Acts is the enforcement of the Protection of Animals Acts in their application to Animal Boarding Establishments and Pet Shops. In similar terms under both Acts, Conditions are specified in Licences issued in order to secure suitable and sufficient accommodation, an adequate supply of food and drink, reasonable precautions against spread of infectious diseases and appropriate fire precautions etc.

Pet Animals Act - There were no renewals of licences at the beginning of 1965, an earlier current licence having lapsed. One new licence was however issued during the year in respect to premises adapted for use as a Pet Shop. The licence was issued subject to the normal conditions previously agreed to by the Council in respect to Pet Shops.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act - One licence is operative in the Borough and was renewed at the beginning of the year in respect to premises where animals are accepted for boarding, this boarding being ancillary to a veterinary practice and mainly for the convenience of clients when on holiday, and is in addition to those animals received for treatment or for other purposes.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Old Hysteria Regulations, 1952
Hysteria Regulations (Amendment) 1951

Although only very few cases are now reported under the General Protection Act 1951, the requirements of the above Regulations are borne in mind when visits are made for other purposes to premises where portable heaters are on sale. All oil heaters must, when in use, display or in store, carry a label as required by the British Standard BS500, this standard being the one in force since 1952. Regulations are issued. With regard to portable heaters generally, the Regulations covering the construction and safety of the fitted guards are being changed.

Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations, 1951

Although these regulations are by agreement referred to the Motor Cycles Committee, occasional checks are made to see if helmets are marked as complying with the appropriate British Standard. It is one small feature in the way that helmets are manufactured and where official production samples are submitted to the Government.

Fabrics (Miscellaneous) Act

It is of interest that though shop stewards and display boards for flame-resistant garments of a well known firm are placed in the town, the fabrics of garments themselves are not mentioned on display boards. They can of course be readily obtained by the local shops. Samples were obtained during the year for testing under the regulations.

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Animal Boarding Establishments Act - Licences in respect of the boarding and care of animals at the beginning of the year in respect of premises where animals are boarded for boarding, this boarding being ancillary to a veterinary practice and mainly for the boarding of clients when on holiday, and it is difficult to see any need for treatment or for other purposes.

FOOD AND DRUGSFood Premises

The total number of food shops and other premises dealing with foodstuffs is 195. 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)	32
Bakehouses	5
Bakers and Cake Shops	8
Fishmongers (wet fish)	3
Fried Fish Shops	2
Butchers Shops	13
Sweet Shops	15
Greengrocers (including 1 wholesalers premises)	9
Dairies and Milk Shops	2
Cafes and Restaurants	13
Hotels and Licensed Premises serving meals	8
Public Houses	34
Wine Shops and Off Licences	6
Residential Institutional Kitchens	9
School and Industrial Canteens	25
Clubs	5
Vegetarian Foodshop	1
Chemists, pharmaceutical	5

The total number of food premises set out above is 10 less than in 1963, some 12 small shops having closed, including a grocer, a bake-house and cake shop, a fried fish shop and a butcher, as against 2 new premises opening. The number of self-service grocers remains at 9 though the majority continue a counter trade for bacon and luncheon meats. As with most places, very little grocery foodstuffs are sold which are not prepacked.

Inspections of food premises under the Food Hygiene Regulations together with passing spot checks continued throughout the year. No special difficulties have arisen which have not been put in order with the co-operation of the trades-people themselves. The requirements of the Regulations relating to the premises, the food handlers and the handling of food are generally being observed.

As will be appreciated, a considerable number of visits were made regarding the several informations received of canned meats suspected of being associated with the Aberdeen Typhoid Epidemic. Visits were however simplified, and the time spent on examining stock reduced, when relevant details of the suspect codes were already made known to the traders either through general release or through trade channels.

With the completion of the rehabilitation works to the Covered Market, it was found that the improved conditions considerably assisted the maintenance of a higher standard with regard to food display and management, and that the Food Regulations were more readily being observed.

Food Stores

The total number of food shops and other premises dealing with foodstuffs is 195. This number is made up as follows. The premises are included under the following headings:

25	Grocers and Provision Merchants (including small general shops retailing groceries)
5	Bakery and Confectionery
5	Bakery and Confectionery
5	Fishmongers (wet fish)
5	Fried Fish Shops
15	Butcher Shops
15	Meat Shops
5	Greenhouses (including wholesale premises)
5	Dairy and Milk Shops
15	Coffee and Restaurants
5	Hotels and licensed premises serving meals
5	Public Houses
5	Wine Shops and Off Licenses
5	Residential Institutional Kitchens
5	School and Industrial Canteens
5	Cafes
5	Vegetarian Restaurant
5	Chemists, Pharmaceutical

The total number of food premises set out above is 195. In 1950, some 12 small shops having closed, including a grocery, a house and cake shop, a fried fish shop and a butchery, as against 2 new premises opening. The number of self-service premises remained at 5. In the majority of cases a counter trade for cash and vouchers exists. As with most places, very little grocery foodstuffs are sold which are not prepared.

Inspection of food premises under the Food Hygiene Regulations together with passing spot checks continued throughout the year. No special difficulties have arisen which have not been met in order with the co-operation of the various people concerned. The requirements of the regulations relating to the premises, the food handlers and the handling of food are generally being observed.

As will be appreciated, a considerable number of visits were made regarding the various information received of possible cases suspected of being associated with the African Typhoid Epidemic. Visits were however cancelled, and the cases of abdominal attack reported, when relevant details of the suspected cases were already known to the District either through General Reports or through Trade Enquiries.

With the completion of the epidemiological work in the District, it was found that the reported conditions considerably reduced the incidence of a higher standard with regard to food safety and

Registered Food Premises (Section 16)

(a)	Sale and Storage for Sale of Ice Cream	51
	Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream	nil
(b)	Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages etc,	12
	Preparation or Manufacture of Preserved Food	3

During the year, three new premises were registered for the sale of ice cream, three notifications were received under Section 18 on change of occupier, and seven registrations cancelled (sale of ice-cream 6, manufacture of sausages 1) when the businesses closed down.

Inspection of Foodstuffs

The unsound foodstuffs dealt with during the year are set out below, these being surrendered and disposed of by burial at the Corporation's refuse tip at Foxholes.

Canned Foodstuffs

Ham	19 containers	182 lbs.
Other meats and meat products	33 ..	127 ..
Pulses and Vegetables	30 ..	30 ..
Fruit	106 ..	124 ..
Miscellaneous (Soup, Milk, etc)	165 ..	188 ..

Other Foodstuffs

Meat -	Fillet Steak	26 lbs
Fish -	Codfish	28 ..
	Cod Fillets (3 condemnations)	112 ..
	Coalfish (2 ..)	42 ..
	Kippers	14 ..
	Plaice	14 ..
Other -	Turkey	16 ..

Miscellaneous

Frozen Foods - On two occasions, a refrigerator breakdown occurred during a week-end period and the foodstuffs had completely thawed out before it was discovered (270 assorted packets - 1-cwt 16-lbs and 310 assorted packets weight 1-cwt 34-lbs) These frozen foods, unsaleable as such, were withdrawn from sale and surrendered for destruction, a certificate covering these foodstuffs being issued.

Imported Dried Milk Powder - In a consignment of dried milk delivered to a canteen it was found that two of the bags, though not unfit, were unsuitable for use as they contained small nodules of charred powder. This condition, extremely rare in the finished product, can occur as a result of overheating during processing, when it is then sieved before packaging. The two affected bags were returned when the matter was followed up with the importers and the manufacturers.

Registered Food Products (Section 10)

(a) Sales and Storage for Sales in the State
Manufacture and Sale of the State

(b) Preparation or Manufacture of Products etc.
Preparation or Manufacture of Products etc.

During the year, three new products were registered for the sale of the State, three modifications were registered under Section 10 as changes of composition, and seven registrations cancelled (sales of ingredients, manufacture of ingredients) when the manufacturers closed down.

Inspection of Factories

The annual factory visits dealt with during the year are set out below, these being enumerated and disposed of by Serial in the Corporation's return to the Council.

General Factories

Serial	Factory	Value
1	Other waste and meat products	151
2	Fish and Vegetables	30
3	Fruit	12
4	Miscellaneous (Sugar, Milk, etc.)	100
5		193

Other Factories

Serial	Factory	Value
6	Beer - Miller Street	15
7	Fish - Coalish	15
8	Cos. Pilsner (2 establishments)	115
9	Coalish (2)	15
10	Expos	15
11	Fish	15
12	Other - Turkey	15

Miscellaneous

Imported Goods - On the occasion, a refrigerator truck was purchased during a week-end period and the foodstuffs and supplies stored out before it was delivered (270 assorted products - 1- and 2-lb. and 3-lb. assorted products - 1- and 2-lb.). These items were, as usual, with the usual care and supervision for inspection, a certificate covering these goods being issued.

Imported Goods - In the management of this side delivered to a number of the public, these goods were available for use as they required small quantities of material. This condition, however, is the limited number, and as a result of overhauling during processing, there is an improvement in the quality. The two other goods were returned to the factory and followed up with the inspectors and the goods returned.

HOUSING PROGRESS

<u>Progress during 1964</u>	<u>New Dwellings erected</u>	
	<u>During</u>	<u>Since</u>
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1945</u>
<u>Private Enterprise</u>		
New Dwellings erected during 1964 (total since 1945 includes war destroyed or damaged rebuilt or repaired)	102	(1,118)
.. .. erected by Housing Associations	-	(18)
.. .. under construction at the end of year	92	
<u>Hertford Borough Council</u>		
New Dwellings erected by Council	79	(1,298)
.. .. (Temporary prefabricated bungalows) (14 of the original 50 were demolished in 1961, 7 in 1962, and 3 in 1963 and the remaining 26 in 1964)	-	-
. . . . under construction at end of year	12	
Other Authorities (County Council, Military, etc.)		
New Dwellings erected during 1964	1	(42)
.. .. under construction at end of year	-	
Total new dwellings erected during 1964	<u>182</u>	
... .. under construction at end of year	<u>104</u>	
... .. completed between 1945 and 31.12. 64		<u>2,466</u>
<u>Total occupied dwellings Controlled by the Borough Council</u>		
Council Houses		1,919
Temporary Prefabricated Bungalows		-
Sundry Cottages and Dwellings (includes 24 occupied cottages purchased for redevelopment purposes)		54

HOUSING PROBLEMS

Progress during 1964
 New dwellings erected during 1964
 Private enterprises

New dwellings erected during 1964
 since 1963 includes new tenements
 or damaged tenements or tenements
 erected by Housing Associations
 under construction at the end of year

Herford Borough Council

New Dwellings erected by Council
 (Temporary prefabricated dwellings)
 14 of the original 20 were demolished in
 1961, 7 in 1962, and 3 in 1963 and the
 remaining 26 in 1964

under construction at end of year
 Other Authorities (County Council, Willing, etc.)
 New Dwellings erected during 1964
 under construction at end of year

Total new dwellings erected during 1964
 under construction at end of year
 completed between 1963 and 1964

Total completed dwellings erected by Willing and Council

Council houses
 Temporary prefabricated dwellings
 County Council and Willing (includes 2 completed
 cottages purchased for temporary purposes)

RENT ACT, 1957

Particulars relating to the calendar year 1964
(in the form as set out by Circular 32/1957)

PART I - Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

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

(7)	Applications by landlords to local Authority for cancellation of certificates		nil
(8)	Objections by tenants to cancellations of certificates		nil
(9)	Decisions by local Authority to cancel in spite of tenant's 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) 4

ANNEX A

Part I - Application for Certification of Landmarks

Part I - Application for Certification of Landmarks

- (1) Number of applications for certification ...
- (2) Number of decisions and of cases referred ...
- (3) Number of decisions no longer certified ...
- (4) (a) in respect of cases not all decided ...
- (b) in respect of all cases ...
- (5) Number of undertakings given by landowners under paragraph 2 of the 1955 Schedule ...
- (6) Number of undertakings referred by local authority under provision of paragraph 2 of the 1955 Schedule ...
- (7) Number of certificates issued ...

Part II - Application for Registration of Landmarks

- (1) Applications by landowners to local authority for registration of landmarks ...
- (2) Objections by tenants to registration of landmarks ...
- (3) Decisions by local authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objections ...
- (4) Certificates cancelled by local authority ...

Total number of certificates of designation issued under the Act and 1955 (Schedule 2, 1955)

HOUSING ACT PROCEDURE ANALYSIS - 1964

2, Brewhouse Lane	Closing Order	Dec. 1964	Plans agreed for rebuilding works on this site.
4,	Closing Order	Jul. 1964	
6,	Closing Order	May 1962	
8,	Closing Order	Nov. 1961	
10,	Closing Order	Nov. 1961	
12,	Closing Order	Feb. 1958	
11, Brewhouse Lane	Closing Order	Feb. 1962	Area under consideration
13,	Closing Order	Nov. 1961	
15,	Rehoused	Mar. 1963	
	Closing Order	May 1963	
7, 9,	Occupied		
14, Castle Street	Closing Order	Oct. 1956	
16,	Closing Order	Jul. 1958	
18,	Closing Order	Jul. 1961	
41, Castle Street	Closing Order	Dec. 1955	
32, Parliament S	Closing Order	Mar. 1958	Area under consideration
34, .. Square	Closing Order	May 1962	
30,	Shop premises (Dwelling accommodation empty)		
4, Port Hill	Closing Order - part of premises, May 1955 - Acquired by Council 1961 for road improvements		
59, Port Hill	Closing Order	Dec. 1959	Works approved for re-habilitation of terrace including major overhaul and provision of modern amenities commenced in 1962, completed in 1963.
63,	Closing Order	Oct. 1958	
65,	Closing Order	Oct. 1958	
67,	Closing Order	Jan. 1961	
69,	Premises vacated	1961	
61,	Occupied		
On completion of works, the Closing Orders on 59, 63, 65 and 67, Port Hill were determined by the Council under Section 27 of the Act, 19th February 1964.			
46, St. Andrew	Closing Order	Mar. 1961	
48, .. Street	Closing Order	Dec. 1959	
15a, Talbot Street	Closing Order	May 1957	
15b,	Closing Order	Jun. 1955	
15c,	Closing Order	Jul. 1957	
1, 3, Water Lane	Pre-war Undertaking that properties not to be used for human habitation. Now owned by Herts. C.C. in connection with Inner Relief Road development.		

Housing Analysis

1 - 20, Ash Street) Properties in this area acquired by the Council
 1 - 16, Baker Street) during 1961 with a view to re-housing the
 1 - 14, Elm Street) tenants, demolition of the buildings, and re-
 1 - 21, Oak Street) development of the site. Sixteen further tenancies
 re-housed during 1964 leaving 24 of the original
 70 premises occupied at the end of the year.

Councils Temporary Prefabricated Bungalows. - Of the original fifty, the tenants of the remaining 26 bungalows were rehoused during the year. The bungalows were demolished and the sites cleared in preparation for the phased re-development of the area.

HOUSING - Extract from Ministry of Housing and Local
 Government Return P. 13

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere

HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

	Demol- ished	Displaced Persons	Families
<u>In Clearance Areas</u>	-	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas</u>	-	-	-

UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

Closed

Under Section 16 (4) etc.	2	5	2
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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

All treatments for surface infestations continue to be carried out with the use of Warfarin bait. The Council maintains a free service for rat or mice infestations at private dwellings, but charges for treatments carried out at business premises. Agreements are in operation whereby twenty properties are treated as required and charged for on a time and materials basis. Infestation of sewers having been diminished to a negligible extent during the past few years, no test baiting or treatment was carried out during the past year.

The summary of information required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in respect to 1964 is set out below.

Housing Analysis

- 1 - 10, Ash Street
- 1 - 10, Baker Street
- 1 - 10, Elm Street
- 1 - 10, Oak Street

Properties in this area acquired by the Council during 1961 with a view to re-developing the tenants, demolition of the buildings, and re-development of the site. Sixteen further houses re-housed during 1961 leaving 10 of the original 26 houses occupied at the end of the year.

Councils Temporary Relocation of Families - 10 new original families

The tenants of the remaining 10 houses were rehoused during the year. The houses were demolished and the sites cleared in preparation for the planned re-development of the area.

HOUSING - District from Ministry of Housing and Local Government Report 1961

Houses in Clearance Areas and Units House Clearance

HOUSES DEMOLISHED

In Clearance Areas

Not in Clearance Areas

UNIT HOUSES CLOSED

Units closed 10 (4) etc.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS 1961-1962

All treatments for ant and other infestations continue to be carried out with the use of DDT and Dieldrin. The Council maintains a 10% reserve for use on other infestations as private dwellings, but charges for the treatment carried out at houses provided. Agreements are in operation whereby twenty properties are treated as required and charged for on a time and materials basis. Information of new infestations is obtained from a negligible extent during the past few years, but during the past year was carried out during the past year.

The summary of information reported to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in respect of 1961 is set out below.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

MAFF Form PDP/64

Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1964	T Y P E O F P R O P E R T Y				
	Non-Agricultural				AGRI- CULTURAL
	LOCAL AUTH- ORITY	DWELLING HOUSES (incl. Council Houses)	ALL OTHER (incl. Business Premises)	TOTAL of Columns (1), (2) & (3)	
I No. of Properties in Local Authority's Area	22	5645	1352	7019	16
II No. of properties insp- ected as a result of					
(a) Notification	-	114	3	117	-
(b) Survey under the Act	22	1839	202	2063	5
(c) Otherwise	-	269	393	662	7
III Total Inspections carried out, including re-inspections	71	3624	781	4476	36
IV No. of properties found to be infested by					
(a) Rats Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	9	184	11	204	1
(b) Mice Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	1	34	2	37	-
V Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	10	215	13	238	-
VI Total treatments carried out, including retreatmts.	17	282	19	318	-
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					nil

NOTE - Number of properties taken from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis, April 1964,
a property being one which is entered separately in the Valuation Roll. Column 3, ALL OTHER,
includes combined dwelling/business premises

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
in respect of the YEAR 1964
for the BOROUGH of HERTFORD

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

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

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	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	9	10	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	112	84	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers premises	7	11	-	-
Total	128	105	1	-

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN RESPONSE TO THE ACT OF MARCH 1, 1907
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

INVESTIGATION OF THE PREVALENCE OF
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PREPARATION OF REPORT
 (Including instructions made by Public Health Inspector)

Group- Total Prevalence Count	Persons Involved	Persons Cases	Number on Register (1)	Premises (2)
(3)	(4)	(5)	7	(1) Premises in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be entered by Local Authorities
-	1	64	111	(11) Premises not included in (1) in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority
-	-	11	7	(11) Other premises in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority (excluding not- noted premises)
-	1	100	128	Total

Prescribed Particulars - Factories Act, 1961

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

Prescribed Particulars - Inspection and Test

2 - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND (The defects are not
 covered at the premises on test, they are not reported
 immediately they are reported as they arise on test.)

Particulars	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Went to cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Section 1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unsanitary lamp	-	-	-	-	-	-
Structure (Section 3)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alarm (Section 4)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage	-	-	-	-	-	-
of floors (Sec 5)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conven-	-	-	-	-	-	-
iences (Sec 6)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Inadequate	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Sanitation or	-	-	-	-	-	-
defective	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate	-	-	-	-	-	-
for sexes	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Interfering	-	-	-	-	-	-
vent. space	-	-	-	-	-	-
(e) Lighting or	-	-	-	-	-	-
convenience	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
against the Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
(not including	-	-	-	-	-	-
offences relating	-	-	-	-	-	-
to Chapter)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

Prescribed Particulars - Factories Act, 1961PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK

(Section 133 and 134)

	Section 133			Section 134		
Nature of Work	Number of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(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 Making etc.	197	-	-	-	-	-
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.						
	nil	-	-	-	-	-
Total	197	-	-	-	-	-

Of the above 197 outworkers, 40 only are resident within the Borough, the remaining 157 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 13 persons in the Borough receiving work from factories situate outside the town in the areas of other Local Authorities.

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

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

ANNUAL REPORT, required by Section 60 of proceedings under the Act, containing the prescribed particulars as set out by the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Annual Reports Order, 1964

Period Covered - From the commencement of the Act to the 31 Dec 1964

TABLE A

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	No. of Regis- tered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices	78	77	4
Retail Shops	155	153	4
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	4	4	-
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	22	22	5
Fuel Storage Depots	1	1	-
Totals	260	257	13

TABLE B

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS
BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

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BOARD OF HEALTH

OFFICE, SHOP AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1952

ANNUAL REPORT, required by Section 16 of the Act, containing the prescribed particulars as set out in the Act, Shop and Railway Premises (Annual Reports) Regulations, 1952.

Period covered - From the commencement of the Act to the 31 Dec 1952

TABLE A

REGISTRATIONS AND SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	No. of special inspections during the year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices	78	77	4
Retail Shops	129	123	4
Wholesale shops, warehouses	4	4	-
Establishments open to the public, restaurants	22	22	2
Rail Storage Yards	1	1	-
Totals	234	227	10

NUMBER OF VISITS BY ALL FIRMS
BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

TABLE C

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	563
Retail Shops ...	722
Wholesale departments, warehouses ...	35
Catering establishments open to the public	134
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots ...	5
TOTAL	1,461

Total Males

639

Total Females

822

BREAK-DOWN OF ANALYSIS SHOWING PERSONS EMPLOYED BY WORKPLACE
IN EACH OF THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF REGISTERED PREMISES

Class of Workplace	Numbers of persons employed in each Class of Registered premises (Total number of registered premises at the end of the year in each class shown in brackets)				
	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops/ Warehouses	Catering Establs./ Canteens	Fuel Depots
	(77)	(153)	(4)	(22)	(1)
Offices	513	35	9	6	-
Retail Shops	7	712	1	2	-
Wholesale departments, warehouses ...	12	3	20	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public	-	7	-	127	-
Canteens ...	1	1	-	-	-
Fuel storage depots ..	-	-	-	-	5
Totals of persons employed in each class of premises	533	758	30	135	5
Males	278	280	25	51	5
Females	255	478	5	84	-

Prescribed Particulars - Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

TABLE D - EXEMPTIONS

Class of premises	Number of exemptions current at 31st Dec 1964	Number of exemptions granted or extended during year	Number of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year	No. of cases in cols. (3) & (4) where employees opposed application	Appeals to Courts against refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	No. made	No. allowed
	PART I	-	Space (Section 5 (2))			
	PART II	-	Temperature (Section 6)			
	Part III	-	Sanitary Conveniences (Section 9)			
	PART IV	-	Washing Facilities (Section 10)			
Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Shops	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale shops	-	-	-	-	-	-
warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE E - PROSECUTIONS

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in 1964

Section of Act or title of regulation (1)	Number of persons or companies prosecuted (2)	Number of informations laid (3)	No. of informations leading to a conviction (4)
-	nil	nil	nil
Number of complaints (or summary applications) made under section 22			nil
Number of interim orders granted			nil

TABLE F - INSPECTORS

Number of inspectors appointed under section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act	Two
Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	nil

TABLE 1

Class of provision	Total	Expenditures	Number of provisions	Number of provisions	Number of provisions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Wholesale shops	100	100	100	100	100
General merchandise	100	100	100	100	100
Food storage depots	100	100	100	100	100
Other	100	100	100	100	100
Total	100	100	100	100	100

TABLE 2

Section of act or title of legislation	Number of provisions	Number of provisions	Number of provisions	Number of provisions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Food storage depots	100	100	100	100
General merchandise	100	100	100	100
Wholesale shops	100	100	100	100
Other	100	100	100	100
Total	100	100	100	100

TABLE 3

Number of provisions	Number of provisions	Number of provisions	Number of provisions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Food storage depots	100	100	100
General merchandise	100	100	100
Wholesale shops	100	100	100
Other	100	100	100
Total	100	100	100

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The main provisions of this Act designed to set standards of health, welfare and safety of employees in office, shop and railway premises, came into force on the 1st August 1964. As a preliminary to this however, certain administrative sections came into operation on the 1st May, together with the requirement for the registration with the local authority of office and shop premises where staff are employed. Registration with regard to existing businesses was required to be completed by the 31st July 1964.

Only 27 registrations were received during May and although a certain amount of publicity for this was to be found in certain of the trade and professional journals, many businesses were completely unaware of the necessity to register. As many visits as possible were therefore made from this department explaining this requirement, and assistance was later received by this information being circulated in the journal of the Hertford Chamber of Commerce, together with general notes on the other requirements of the Act which had been compiled and were made available by the Public Health Department. The flow of registrations gradually increased 61 being received in June and 82 in July, a total of 170. As the total of 260 registrations was lower than that originally estimated, owing to the application of the various exemptions, this number would seem generally to have been quite a good proportion, being almost exactly two-thirds of that required, though even this would have been slightly higher as some forms which would otherwise have arrived within the time limit, were delayed by the postal delivery difficulties which were being experienced at that time.

With this number of Registrations received it was now possible to compile street lists of those registered, so that when time permitted a visit to the area, non-registered premises could be ascertained and visited. A total of 58 registrations were requested either verbally or by written demand. It is considered that the 257 premises registered by the end of the year cover all the office and shop premises which are required to do so with the Borough Council.

Not too many queries arose with regard to registration, and those that did were either cleared up by a visit to the premises or by reference to the Ministry's Circulars or, in one case, by the reference to the Ministry. Co-operation was maintained with H.M. Inspector of Factories for the District and demarcation problems as between enforcing authorities were settled as they arose.

With the staff shortage having been overcome when Mr. P. Blowes took up his appointment, it has been possible to make a tentative start on the inspections of premises. This being new legislation, it has been found however that many details of the requirements need a certain amount of research among the Act, Regulations, Orders, Circulars and Supplements, and progress at present is found to be slow.

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