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THE

BOROUGH OF HERTFORD



1971

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and

THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Borough of Hertford

BOROUGH OF HERTFORDAnnual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1971

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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTS

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1971

BOROUGH OF HERTFORD

PREFACE

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Hertford
Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health of the Borough of Hertford for the year 1971.

In terms of notified disease, the health of the area appears satisfactory.

The death returns for Hertford show a total of 147 deaths, of these, 47 are due to Cancer. Of these cancer deaths, 12 are due to Cancer of the Lung. Of these 5 occurred in people under the age of 65. There is a clear association between the number of cigarettes smoked and the likelihood of developing Lung Cancer.

A wider look at recent death returns from the County reveals some points that are relevant to the district. 920 people died from Cancer of the Lung (500) or Bronchitis and Emphysema (420). 116 died from road traffic accidents. 169 died from "other accidents". In my calculations I assumed that the expectation of life is 75 years. Fewer people die from accidents than from Lung Disease, yet they die younger. The average loss of life in a person who dies in a road traffic accident is about 35 years. The average life loss in a person who dies in "other accidents" is 25 years.

DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

I am sorry that we still use the word "Accident" in our language. It suggests, "Bad Luck" or "something that just happened" when in fact the majority of accidents can be foreseen. Hence they can be prevented or the severity of the accident can be diminished. In 1971 there were no accidental deaths in Hertford, but in the previous five years, there were 15 deaths due to road traffic accidents and 23 deaths due to "other accidents".

These figures underline the need for the Accident Prevention Committee, and constant personal vigilance.

This Annual Report includes names and telephone numbers of many members of the Social Services. This seems useful information to me. It will be well known that Social Services have had their own administration since April 1971. I am grateful to Miss. Copleston (D.S.S.O.) for her contribution.

I thank Mr. Peck and his staff for their advice and help during the Year of 1971.

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

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN. V. EARLE.

Medical Officer of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Public Health and Town Planning Committee for the Session 1971/1972 comprised the following Members:-

Alderman J.J. Forrester

(Chairman)

Councillor G.H. Stoth

(Vice-Chairman)

Her Worship The Mayor

Councillor Mrs. I.C. Stanford

Alderman H.H. Gilby, J.P. F.L. Paterson, Councillors R.J. Cheesley,

V.E. Cox, R.P. Mills, J.P. and Mrs. D.E. Robinson.

I am sorry that we still use the word "Accident" in our language. It suggests, "Bad Luck" or "something that just happened" when in fact the majority of accidents can be foreseen. Hence they can be prevented or the severity of the accident can be diminished. In 1971 there were no accidental deaths in Hartford, but in the previous five years, there were 15 deaths due to road traffic accidents and 23 deaths due to "other accidents".

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DEPUTY DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH - On 1st May, 1972

Dr. E.C. Howarth. M.B., B.S., D.P.H., was appointed as
Deputy Divisional Medical Officer.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

<u>Senior Public Health Inspector</u>	B.W. Peck A.R.S.H.
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<u>Public Health Inspector</u>	P.B. Blowes
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<u>Clerk/Receptionist</u>	Mrs. D.V. Lawton
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Councillor G.H. Stoten	(Vice-Chairman)
Her Worship The Mayor	Councillor Mrs. I.O. Sandford
Aldermen H.E. Gilby, J.P. F.L. Patmore, Councillors R.J. Checkley, V.E. Cox, H.P. Mills, J.P. and Mrs. B.E. Robinson.	

GENERAL STATISTICS 1971

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1970 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population - Borough of Hertford

20,770 (19,310)

Natural increase or decrease	.	+	190	(+ 158)
Migration in or out	. .	.	+ 1,270	(- 28)
Total increase or decrease	.	+	1,460	(+ 130)

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres ... 3,882

Number of inhabited Dwellings according to Rate Books
(from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis -
as at 1st April 1971

6,992

Number of Dwellings per acre	1.8	(1.7)
Number of Persons per acre	5.4	(5.0)
Number of Persons per Dwelling	3.0	(2.9)

Rateable Value of District	(1. 4. 1971)	£ 1,312,080
	(31. 3. 1972)	£ 1,351,532

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate

for year to 31st March 1971 (Old d.)	£ 5,260
for year to 31st March 1972 (New p.)	£ 13,003

GENERAL STATISTICS 1971

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1970 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population - Borough of Hereford

20,770 (19,310)

Natural increase or decrease	+ 190	(+ 453)
Migration in or out	+ 1,270	- 28
Total increase or decrease	+ 1,460	(+ 130)

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres

3,882

Number of inhabited dwellings according to Rate Books
(from Valuation Office Statistical Analysis -
as at 1st April 1971)

6,392

Number of dwellings per acre	1.8	(1.7)
Number of persons per acre	2.4	(2.0)
Number of persons per dwelling	2.0	(2.9)

Rateable Value of District

(1.4.1971)

£ 1,312,080

(31.3.1972)

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See Represented by a Penny Rate

for year to 31st March 1971 (Old £.)

£ 2,350

for year to 31st March 1972 (New £.)

£ 12,003

VITAL STATISTICS

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(Table 2)

	Borough of Hertford			England & Wales
	Males	Females	Total	
ESTIMATED MID-YEAR POPULATION			20,770	48,815,000
LIVE BIRTHS Total	183	154	337	783,165
Legitimate	178	144	322	717,791
Illegitimate	5	10	15	65,674
STILLBIRTHS Total	1	-	1	9,898
Legitimate	1	-	1	8,826
Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,072
TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS Total	184	154	338	793,063
Legitimate	179	144	323	726,317
Illegitimate	5	10	15	66,746
DEATHS OF INFANTS				
Under 1 year of age Total	1	-	1	13,726
Legitimate	1	-	1	12,140
Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,586
Under 4 weeks of age Total	1	-	1	9,113
Legitimate	1	-	1	8,121
Illegitimate	-	-	-	992
Under 1 week of age Total	-	-	-	7,750
Legitimate	-	-	-	6,903
Illegitimate	-	-	-	847
DEATHS - ALL AGES	83	64	147	567,345
Maternal Mortality		-	0	

VITAL STATISTICS

(Table 2)

ESTIMATED MID-YEAR POPULATION				Borough of Hartford		England & Wales
				Males	Females	
LIVE BIRTHS Total				183	154	783,163
Legitimate				178	144	777,791
Illegitimate				5	10	55,372
STILLBIRTHS Total				1	-	9,833
Legitimate				1	-	8,833
Illegitimate				-	-	1,000
TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS Total				184	154	793,063
Legitimate				179	144	786,624
Illegitimate				5	10	66,439
DEATHS OF INFANTS						
Under 1 year of age				Total		
Legitimate				1	-	13,736
Illegitimate				-	-	12,140
Under 6 weeks of age				Total		
Legitimate				1	-	9,113
Illegitimate				-	-	8,121
Under 1 week of age				Total		
Legitimate				-	-	7,750
Illegitimate				-	-	6,903
DEATHS - ALL AGES				85	64	387,445
Maternal Mortality				-	-	0

Vital Statistics (Table 2 con.)

	Hertford Borough	Hertford County	England & Wales
<u>LIVE BIRTH RATES, etc.</u>			
Live-births per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	16.2	15.1	16.0
Area comparability factor	0.97	0.94	1.0
Local adjusted rate	15.7	14.2	16.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	0.98	0.89	1.0
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	4.0	5.9	8.0
<u>STILLBIRTH RATE</u> - Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	3	9.9	12
<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>			
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	3	15.1	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	3	14.6	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	24.2	24
Neonatal mortality rate - Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	3	10.8	12
Early neonatal mortality rate - Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	0	8.6	10
Perinatal mortality rate - Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	3	18.3	22
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE</u>	0	0.2	

DEATH RATES, etc. -

Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	7.1	9.0	11.6
Area comparability factor	1.11	1.13	1.0
Local adjusted rate	7.9	10.2	11.6
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	0.68	0.88	1.0

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Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	4.0	2.9	3.0
STILLBIRTH RATE - Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births			
	3	2.9	12
INFANT MORTALITY RATES			
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	3	15.1	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	3	14.6	17
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Vital Statistics - Comparison of figures for 1971 with those of the previous four years.

	1967	1968	1969	1970	Average 1967/70	1971
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>						
Legitimate Male	180	178	189	152	175	178
Female	158	156	149	174	159	144
Illegitimate Male	6	9	14	5	8	5
Female	7	8	18	6	10	10
	<u>351</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>337</u>
Live Birth Rate	18.81	18.40	19.3	17.5	18.5	16.2
Area Comp. Factor	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97
Local adjusted Rate	18.25	18.04	18.7	17.0	18.0	15.7
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>						
Total Still Births	1	5	2	3	3	1
Still Birth Rate	2.84	14.04	5.38	8.82	7.74	3
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>						
Under one week	5	1	3	3	3	0
2nd to 4th week	1	1	1	0	1	1
4 weeks to 1 year	1	3	0	0	1	0
Inf. Mortality Rate	19.94	14.25	10.81	8.9	13.47	3
<u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u>						
	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>DEATHS (all)</u>						
Males	64	100	104	86	89	83
Females	73	87	80	93	83	64
	<u>137</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>147</u>
Death Rate	7.34	9.80	9.6	9.3	9.0	7.1
Area Comp. Factor	1.11	1.08	1.03	1.11	1.08	1.11
Local adjusted Rate	8.15	10.58	9.9	10.3	9.7	7.9
<u>POPULATION</u>						
Natural increase or decrease						
Males	+ 122	+ 87	+ 99	+ 71	+ 95	+ 100
Females	+ 92	+ 77	+ 87	+ 87	+ 86	+ 90
	<u>+ 214</u>	<u>+ 164</u>	<u>+ 186</u>	<u>+ 158</u>	<u>+ 181</u>	<u>+ 190</u>
Migration (in - out)	- 114	+ 256	- 86	- 28	+ 7	+ 1,270
Total difference	+ 100	+ 420	+ 100	+ 130	+ 188	+ 1,460
ESTIMATED MID-YEAR POPULATION	18,660	19,080	19,180	19,310		20,770

Vital Statistics - Comparison of figures for 1971 with those of the previous four years.

1971	Average 1967-70	1970	1969	1968	1967	LIVE BIRTHS	
						Legitimate Males	Legitimate Females
178	175	152	189	178	180	180	180
144	150	174	149	156	158	158	158
2	8	2	14	9	6	11	11
10	10	6	18	8	7	11	11
337	335	337	370	351	351	351	351
16.2	18.5	17.5	19.5	18.40	18.31	18.31	18.31
0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97
15.7	18.0	17.0	18.7	18.04	18.25	18.25	18.25
							STILL BIRTHS
1	3	2	2	2	1	Total Still Births	Still Birth Rate
3	7.74	8.82	5.38	11.04	2.84	2.84	2.84
							INFANT DEATHS
0	3	2	3	1	2	Under one week	Inf. Mortality Rate
1	1	0	1	1	1	2nd to 4th week	2.94
0	1	0	0	3	1	4 weeks to 1 year	12.25
3	13.47	8.9	10.81	12.25	19.94	19.94	19.94
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
							MATERNAL DEATHS
83	89	86	104	100	64	Deaths (all) Males	Deaths (all) Females
64	83	97	80	87	77	77	77
127	172	183	184	187	131	131	131
7.1	9.0	9.3	9.6	9.83	7.34	7.34	7.34
7.1	7.08	7.11	7.02	7.08	7.11	7.11	7.11
7.9	9.7	10.3	9.8	10.88	8.75	8.75	8.75
							POPULATION
							Estimated Mid-Year
10	95	71	99	87	122	122	122
9	86	87	87	77	92	92	92
19	181	198	198	184	214	214	214
1,327	7	58	88	256	114	114	114
1,46	188	130	100	450	100	100	100
20,77	19,310	19,780	19,780	19,080	18,660	18,660	18,660

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(Table 3)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) notified during the Year

	Total all ages	Under 1 Year	Age Group in Years				Over 65	Age Un- Known
			1-	5-	15-	25-		
Measles	22	2	9	10	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	2 *	-	-	-	1	1	-	-

* (Both cases of Food Poisoning were contracted abroad)

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
Cases on Register at Beginning of Year (Cases per 1,000 population 1970 = 3.88)	75	
Males	41	5
Females	24	5
Cases added to Register during 1971	5	
New Cases		
Males	1	-
Females	1	1
Inward Transfer	2	-
Cases removed from Register during 1971	2	
Recovered		
Males	1	-
Died (from other causes)	1	-
Cases remaining on Register at end of Year (Cases per 1,000 population 1971 = 3.75)	78	
Males	42	5
Females	25	6
Attack Rate per 1,000 population (Number of cases notified - 3)	Hertford Borough	Hertford County
Pulmonary (2)	0.10	0.126
Non-Pulmonary (1)	0.05	0.031
Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary	0.15	0.157

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(Table 3)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR

	Total all ages	Under 1 Year	1- 5	5- 15	15- 25	Age Group in Years	Over 65	Age Un- Known
Measles	25	2	9	10	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	2 *	-	-	-	1	1	-	-

* (Both cases of Food Poisoning were contracted abroad)

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases on Register at Beginning of Year (Cases per 1,000 population 1971 = 3.88)			Cases removed from Register during 1971			Cases remaining on Register at end of Year (Cases per 1,000 population 1971 = 3.75)			Attack Rate per 1,000 population (Number of cases notified - 3)		
Males			Males			Males			Males		
Females			Females			Females			Females		
75			2			2			0.128		
47			1			1			0.05		
24			1			1			0.05		
2			2			2			0.127		
1			1			1					
1			1			1					
2			2			2					
42			42			42					
25			25			25					
2			2			2					
6			6			6					

CAUSES OF DEATH at different
periods of life during 1971

	SEX	TOTAL ALL AGES	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
B 19 (2) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, OESOPHAGUS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
B 19 (3) STOMACH	M F	2 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 1	-
B 19 (4) INTESTINE	M F	4 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
B 19 (6) LUNG, BRONCHUS	M F	11 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	4	2
B 19 (7) BREAST	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
B 19 (8) UTERUS	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
B 19 (9) PROSTATE	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 19 (10) LEUKAEMIA	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 19 (11) OTHER MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS	M F	7 11	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	3	2
B 20 BENIGN AND UNSPECIFIED NEOPLASMS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
B 21 DIABETES MELLITUS	M F	1 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 1	-
B 26 CHRONIC RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE	M F	2 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
B 27 HYPERTENSIVE DISEASE	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
B 28 ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE	M F	26 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	8	9
B 29 OTHER FORMS OF HEART DISEASE	M F	6 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-

CAUSES OF DEATH at different
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					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	
B 30 CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4
B 46 (6) OTHER DISEASES OF CIRCULATORY SYSTEM	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
B 32 PNEUMONIA	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
B 33 (1) BRONCHITIS AND EMPHYSEMA	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B 46 (7) OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 34 PEPTIC ULCER	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 46 (8) OTHER DISEASES OF DIGESTIVE SYSTEM	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B 38 NEPHRITIS AND NEPHROSIS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 46 (9) OTHER DISEASES, GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 46 (10) DISEASES OF SKIN, SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 46 (11) DISEASES OF MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B 42 CONGENITAL ANOMALIES	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE 49 SUICIDE AND SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	Males	83	1	-	1	2	1	5	18	29	26	
	Females	64	-	-	1	1	2	5	6	11	38	

FEMALE DEATHS - Classified according to ages from 1966 to 1971

	Number and percentage (in brackets) of female deaths						Average 1966 - 1970	1971
	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1970		
Under 1 week	1	4	-	-	3	3	2	-
1 - 3 weeks	1 (3.9)	- (5.5)	1 (2.3)	1 (1.3)	- (3.2)	-	1 (3.7)	-
4 - 51 weeks	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1 yr - 4 yrs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	2 (2.6)	-	-	-	1 (1.1)	1	1 (1.2)	1 (1.6)
25 - 34	1 (1.3)	-	-	1 (1.3)	-	-	-	1 (1.6)
35 - 44	1 (1.3)	2 (2.7)	3 (3.5)	-	2 (2.2)	2	2 (2.4)	2 (3.1)
45 - 54	9 (11.7)	5 (6.8)	3 (3.5)	1 (1.3)	4 (4.3)	4	4 (4.9)	5 (7.8)
55 - 64	6 (7.8)	11 (15.1)	7 (8.0)	11 (13.7)	12 (12.9)	9	9 (11.0)	6 (9.4)
65 - 74	13 (16.8)	10 (13.7)	19 (21.8)	19 (23.7)	23 (24.7)	17	17 (20.7)	11 (17.2)
75 and over	42 (54.5)	41 (56.2)	53 (60.9)	47 (58.7)	48 (51.6)	46	46 (56.1)	38 (59.3)
Total female deaths	77	73	87	80	93	(82)		64

M A L E D E A T H S - Classified according to ages from 1966 to 1971

	Number and percentage (in brackets) of male deaths					Average 1966 - 1970	1971
	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970		
Under 1 week	-	1	1	3	-	1	-
1 - 3 weeks	-	1 (4.7)	- (3.0)	- (2.9)	-	- (2.3)	1 (1.2)
4 - 51 weeks	-	1	2	-	-	1	-
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65 - 74	30 (34.1)	18 (28.1)	28 (28.0)	38 (36.5)	31 (36.0)	29 (33.0)	29 (35.0)
75 and over	26 (29.5)	19 (29.7)	32 (32.0)	29 (27.9)	28 (32.6)	27 (30.7)	26 (31.3)
Total male deaths	88	64	100	104	86	(88)	83

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VITAL STATISTICS

There were 337 live births. (Precisely the same as in the previous year.) The rate is 16.2 per thousand of the population.

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Clinics which serve Hertford Borough

Health Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford

- | | | |
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| Infant Welfare | - | Wednesdays 2 - 4 p.m. |
| General Clinic for School Children | - | 3rd Monday in each month. |
| Dental | - | Monday and Friday mornings
Tues., Wed. & Thurs. all day
(Auxiliary - all week)
(Orthodontic - Monday a.m.) |
| Speech Therapy | - | All day Fridays. |
| Chiropody | - | Monday Afternoons. |
| Relaxation Classes - Mother Craft | - | Mondays - 4 p.m. |
| | - | Applications to Health Centre, Hertford. |
| Cytology Clinic | - | Available to all women.
2nd & 4th Wednesdays in each
month - Telephone mornings
9 - 1, Mrs. Redwood Hertford 3597 |
| Marriage Guidance Council | - | Monday evening by appointment
(ring Welwyn Garden City 25040) |
| Audiology Clinic | - | 2nd Tuesday by appointment. |

Sele Farm Clinic, Hollybush School, Hertford

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| Infant Welfare | - | Fridays 2 - 4p.m. |
|----------------|---|-------------------|

Bengeo Clinic, Bengeo Infants School, Hertford

- | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Infant Welfare | - | Tuesdays 10 - 11.30 a.m. |
| Family Planning | - | Every Tuesday evening.
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- Infant Welfare
- Friday 2 - 4 p.m.

Danceo Clinic, Benge Infants School, Hertford

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- Every Tuesday evening.
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- (Hertford 2806)

Monthly Enquiries

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The following gives the general recommendations as to times. This is not a rigid time-table. Many Doctors hold slightly differing views, and prematurity or ill-health in a child may mean the schedule has to be altered to meet individual needs.

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6 months	COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
8 months	COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
13 months	COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
15 months	MEASLES Vaccination
School entry	POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL) COMBINED diphtheria and tetanus.
13 years	B.C.G. Vaccination against TUBERCULOSIS

As far as the routine immunisation of children is concerned, birth notification of children in the County has been processed by computer, it is possible to send out an appointment for every child to attend a Clinic or the child's own Doctor for immunisations as they become due. This scheme was introduced in East Herts in January 1968.

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Vaccination of Adults is done by the patient's own Doctor, who must enter on the Certificate particulars of the vaccine employed. The Doctor's signature must then be authenticated at the local - not County - Health Department, which holds facsimiles of all the signatures of Doctors in the District.

Immunisation against Yellow Fever must be carried out at one of the following Centres, after an appointment is first made by telephone :-

<u>Address:</u>	<u>Tel.No.</u>	<u>Time of Attendance</u>
Yellow Fever Vaccination Service, Hospital for Tropical Diseases, 4, St.Pancras Way, LONDON. N.W.1.	Euston 4411 Ext. 137	Monday to Friday mornings
Yellow Fever Vaccination Service, Medical Dept. Unilever House, Blackfriars, LONDON. E.C.4.	Fleet St. 7474 Ext. 2841	Tuesday and Friday 3.45 p.m.
Yellow Fever Vaccination Service, 53, Great Cumberland Place, LONDON. W.1.	Ambassador 6456	Monday to Friday 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.
		Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Protection against Cholera may be obtained from the traveller's own Doctor and is advisable for persons undertaking journeys in the Middle or Far East. Advice may be obtained from the Embassy or Mission of the country concerned.

Smallpox has an incubation period of 14 days. Protection becomes valid 8 days after vaccination and lasts for three years.

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Typhoid Fever is endemic in some countries and may be contracted by travellers in mediterranean areas. I would here reiterate the advice given in previous Annual Reports that anyone proposing to spend holidays in such regions ought, for their own sakes and for the sake of others, to seek protection from T.A.B. immunisation. In some developing areas of Spain it would appear that housing development may be in danger of outrunning the sewage disposal facilities. T.A.B. immunisation should not be left to the last moment, as the interval between the first and second doses should be at least four weeks and preferable six weeks, because of the delay in building up effective immunity.

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Health Visitors and Nurses

Health visitors are state registered nurses, they also hold a certificate as State Certified Midwives. In addition they have had a years training in child development, lectures on welfare, public health and social legislation. Their main function is in the care of mothers and young children but also with school health and the elderly. There are 4 Health Visitors and 2 Assistants in the Borough.

Two Health Visitors - both well-known and well liked - Miss Ketola and Miss Miller, no longer work in the area. Miss Ketola has married, Miss Miller has gone to Bangladesh. I am sure that many people will remember them for a long time.

District Nurses can also be attached to family doctor practices. The District Nurse is a State Registered Nurse who has also obtained the Certificate of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing or the National Certificate in District Nursing. She provides for the nursing care of patients in their own homes.

Midwives must hold Part I and Part II of the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

Hertford and district has 6 full time and 3 part time District Nurses and Midwives, and one Auxiliary Helper.

Chiropody Service

This is available at reduced costs to handicapped, old people and expectant mothers. Apply to Mr. Parkin, 24 Queens Road, Hertford who will also visit patients at home.

Miss Williams attends the Bull Plain Clinic every Monday afternoon, and will also visit the housebound.

Ambulance Service

There is an Ambulance Station at Hertford. Except in an emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

OTHER SERVICES

DENTAL SERVICES

There are 8 Dental Surgeons in Hertford. Particulars regarding School Dental Clinics are shown under Clinics.

Health Visitors and Nurses

Health visitors are state registered nurses, they also hold a certificate as State Certified Midwives. In addition they have had a years training in child development, lectures on welfare, public health and social legislation. Their main function is in the care of mothers and young children but also with school health and the elderly. There are 4 Health Visitors and 2 Assistant in the Borough. Two Health Visitors - both well-known and well liked - Miss Ketola and Miss Miller, no longer work in the area. Miss Ketola has married, Miss Miller has gone to Bangladesh. I am sure that many people will remember them for a long time.

District Nurses can also be attached to family doctor practices. The District Nurse is a State Registered Nurse who has also obtained the Certificate of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing or the National Certificate in District Nursing. She provides for the nursing care of patients in their own homes.

Midwives must hold Part I and Part II of the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

Hartford and district has 6 full time and 5 part time District Nurses and Midwives, and one Auxiliary Helper.

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Chronic sick can receive treatment at Western House Hospital, Collett Road, Ware. The number of beds available is:-

69 for females, of which 47 are for psycho-geriatric patients, and 22 for males.

LABORATORY SERVICE

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

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

HERTFORDSHIRE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

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The contract to build twelve four-bedroom houses at the Ridgeway was completed.

Plans have been prepared for the development of 11 acres of land adjoining Watermill Lane, Bengoe, and the improvement of pre-war houses at Stanstead Road Housing Estate has commenced.

There has been an increase in private housing, the number for the year being 88 houses compared with a total of 41 for the preceeding year.

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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 bore-holes 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.

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Water Supplies (con)

Reports on water samples taken during the calendar year 1971 from the Borough supplies by the Lee Valley Water Company were all satisfactory, there being 143 samples for bacteriological examination and 4 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 reservoirs, and as it reaches the consumer.

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 1971 was 2,108. Corresponding numbers for previous years are:-

			1964 - 3,770
1970 - 1,344	1967 - 2,349	1963 - 3,885	
1969 - 2,185	1966 - 2,743	1962 - 4,324	
1968 - 2,175	1965 - 3,070	1961 - 4,633	

The continuing decrease is attributed partly to the housing programme, and partly to the provision of baths in existing houses either privately or by means of Improvement Grants. (The non-conforming decreased figure for 1970 was due to the baths being closed for a period of four months whilst the equipment was converted to burn natural gas)

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The activated sludge treatment plant on the Mead Lane Sewage Disposal Works has operated satisfactorily during the year, the average P.H. values for the digestion tanks being maintained at about 7.2. No complaints have been received over the operation of the Works.

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Disposal of refuse has been to the privately owned tip at Stonyhills, Stapleford, a mile outside the Borough boundary.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT

In conformity with the above Act, a tip at the Mead Lane Sewage Works for the disposal of bulky materials such as old motor cars, etc. has been used regularly, and assisting considerably the many problems resulting from this type of refuse being deposited in the countryside.

SWIMMING POOL

The Pool, now in its eleventh full season, is proving as popular as ever, and continues to attract people from a very large area.

The attendance figures for the last two years were as follows:-

	Swimmers Adults & Children	Spectators	Schools Swimmers	TOTAL Atten- dance
1970 -(25 Apr - 26 Sep)	96,867	11,291	20,128	128,286
1971 - (1 May - 2 Oct)	81,425	10,712	20,292	112,429

The swimming pool is 110-ft long and 42-ft wide, and varies in depth from 3' 6" to 9' 10". The pool is provided with two diving spring boards of 3 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 73°F., being carried out by an oil-fired boiler using 200 seconds fuel oil.

The learner's pool introduced in 1965 has continued to prove extremely popular, and has been tiled during the 1971/72 closed season.

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SUMMARY OF VISITS Etc.	1971	26
<u>Public Health Etc. Acts</u>		
Dwelling Houses, Inspections and revisits		174
Sewers and Drains		39
Sanitary Accommodation, fittings etc.		42
Infectious Diseases, Contacts, Long-stay immigrants etc		51
International Certificates of Vaccination Authenticated		590
Verminous Articles, Premises and Disinfestations		3
Disposal of Bedding etc		2
National Assistance Act (Sections 47 and 50)		8
Licensed Premises, Sanitary Accommodation		8
Music and Dancing Regulations		19
Hairdressers and Barbers		2
Schools, Sanitary Accommodation etc		5
Observations and visits; Smoke		35
.. .. . Dust or effluvia		19
Offensive and other accumulations		25
Fly and other insect nuisances		49
Keeping of Animals		9
Moveable Dwellings, Caravans		8
Employment Agencies		2
Agricultural Premises		5
Refuse Tips		2
Water Supplies		6
Litter Act, 1958		10
Noise Abatement Act, 1960		52
Other general public health visits		184
<u>Housing</u> - Inspections and revisits		72
Overcrowding		1
<u>Food Premises and Food Hygiene</u>		
Food Premises;- Retail premises		181
Food preparation premises (Canteens, Kitchens etc)		34
Bakehouses		26
Food Stalls and Vehicles		44
Registered premises, Section 16; Ice Cream retailers		28
Preserved food premises		8
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Observations and visits: Smoke

19	Post or effluvia
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<u>Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act</u>	27
Inspections of Registered Premises	101
Total number of visits of all kinds	121
<u>Rodent Control</u> - Inspections	186
Treatments	94
<u>Factories</u> - Factories and other premises	72
Outworkers	41
<u>Miscellaneous</u> - Consumer Protection Act	5
Fabrics (Misdescription) Act,	1
Road Traffic Act, 1956	5
Pet Animals Act	5
Animal Boarding Establishments Act	32
Rag Flock Etc. Act	1
Theatres Act, 1968	7
<u>Miscellaneous Visits and Inspections</u>	69
<u>Complaints received during the year</u>	101

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

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Although a few informal visits were made under Section 47 of the Act in relation to persons in need of care and attention, fortunately no official follow-up action was required to be made, nor was action required under Section 50 with regard to the Council's residual duty of arranging for burials where no other suitable arrangements were being made.

Dirty or verminous premises

Occasional requests for advice on particular problems are still received, though the availability and use of residual insecticides has rendered the verminous house almost non-existent. The problem of the dirty house however still exists, mainly in the aged living alone, and these fortunately can be overcome with the assistance of the County Health Services. In this type of case, by agreement, removal and destruction of effects or household goods has also been undertaken.

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The number of requests for advice and assistance in the treatment and control of general household and garden pests has continued to increase over the past few years. These relate mainly where the garden pests invade dwellings and so become a nuisance in the home - this happening more frequently on the new estates recently developed. With the variety of insects encountered in this way, the assistance of the Ministry's Infestation Control Division in the identification of specimens and advice on control measures has been much appreciated.

Although for four previous years the destruction of wasps nests was included and operated within the framework of the rodent control contract by the Council's Servicing Contractor, this extra service was discontinued by the Contractor as from 1969, and was not in operation during 1970 or 1971. Advice on treatment was given and where necessary follow-up visits were made - there were no occasions where the householders themselves were not able to deal with the infestation.

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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. There are some 700 of these collections every year.

Employment Agencies

There is only one Employment Agency within the Borough, this catering for Office, Shop and Domestic Staff - the conduct and management of the Agency being in accordance with Part V of the County Council Act. The registration of a Model and Demonstration Agency, first commenced in 1970, was not renewed for 1971.

Hertfordshire (Music and Dancing) Regulations

Existing Licences in respect of the 18 premises within the Borough were renewed by the County Council for the year 1971. All premises satisfy the Code of Practice adopted by the Borough Council having regard to the use of the premises as set out in Regulation 5. Routine visits continue to be made to these premises which include Halls and Clubs - 17, and Cinema - 1. There are now no Licensed Premises remaining on the register in respect of Music Licences.

Agricultural Premises

The Borough being urban in character, it 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)

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.

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Waste and Pollution Regulations

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There are only two operative Site Licences within the Borough, both being in respect to individual caravans on separate sites. Of these, one is for the constant supervision of an adjoining road surfacing plant, occupation of which is limited to the summer months during the time the plant is in operation, and the second is for the housing of an employee required to be permanently in one particular area in connection with the maintenance of water levels and operation of sluice gates at the site.

The temporary occupation of Eastern Gas Board land for use by a Gas Conversion Unit Complex which included dwelling caravans, commenced in the summer of 1970, was continued into the early part of 1971 before final clearance of the site.

A renewed application was received for staff occupation of 8 residential caravans to be stationed within a works site area, but agreement on the planning application has yet to be finalised.

There is one holiday camping-caravan site within the Borough, this site belonging to and controlled by an organisation holding a Certificate of the Department 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.

The occasional use of residential 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.

There are no Gipsy Settlements or gipsies temporary or overnight parking areas either in regular or occasional use which are situate within the Borough boundary.

Refuse Dumps

The Borough Council no longer maintains its own refuse tip. At present all refuse is taken to a private tip at Stapleford which is situate about a mile outside the Borough boundary to the north of the town.

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CONSUMER PROTECTION ACTS

Oil Heaters Regulations, 1962 - 1966

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 (Protection 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.

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, Pet Shops, and Riding Establishments. In similar terms under these 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.

Normal routine visits were made to all three premises concerned during the year, and the required conditions found to be observed.

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Animal Boarding Establishments Act - There are two Licences operative in the Borough, one being a straight forward licence in respect to Boarding Kennels, the other being in respect to the occasional boarding of animals ancillary to a Veterinary Practice, this being in addition to those animals accommodated for treatment or other purposes connected with the practice.

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Heating Appliances (Flues) Regulations, 1962

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The total number of food shops and other premises dealing with foodstuffs is 156. 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)	23
Bakehouses	5
Bakers and Cake Shops	5
Fishmongers (wet fish)	1
Fried Fish Shops	2
Butchers Shops	11
Sweet Shops	10
Greengrocers (including 1 wholesale premises)	6
Cafes and Restaurants	11
Hotels and Licensed Premises serving meals	9
Public Houses	30
Wine Shops and Off Licences	6
Residential Institutional Kitchens	7
School and Industrial Canteens	22
Clubs	3
Vegetarian Foodshop	1
Chemists, pharmaceutical	4

The above food premises are three less than for 1970 - two grocers, one Public House and one sweet shop discontinuing as such, but with the addition of one cafe.

Inspections and general visits to food premises continue to take up much time, though no special difficulties have arisen which have not been put in order with the co-operation of the trades-people themselves. The various requirements relating to the premises, to the food handlers, and to the handling of food, are generally being observed.

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5	Bakery
5	Bakers and Cake Shops
1	Fishmongers (wet fish)
2	Fried Fish Shops
11	Butchers Shops
10	Sweet Shops
6	Greengrocers (including wholesale premises)
11	Cafes and Restaurants
9	Hotels and Licensed Premises serving meals
30	Public Houses
6	Wine Shops and Off Licences
7	Residential Institutional Kitchens
22	School and Industrial Canteens
3	Clinics
1	Vegetarian Workshop
4	Chemists, Pharmaceutical

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Total Number of Food Premises in the Borough	156	33
Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 relating to the provision of hand-washing facilities	all	
Number of premises to which Regulation 19 relating to the provision of facilities for washing food and equipment applies (premises where open food is handled)	150	
Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	150	
<u>Registered Food Premises</u> (Section 16)		
(a) Sale and Storage for Sale of Ice Cream	43	
Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream	nil	
(b) Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages etc.	9	
Preparation or Manufacture of Preserved Food	3	

There were very few changes in the registered premises - four of the premises selling Ice Cream and 3 Sausage Manufacturers discontinued during the year.

Ice Cream

All the 34 samples of ice cream submitted to the laboratory were reported as being in Grade I.

Inspection of Foodstuffs

Although some requests from traders are still received for the examination of suspect foodstuffs, the normal trade practice is usually followed of returning suspect or unsound food through trade channels.

The unsound foodstuffs dealt with by this department which included tinned foods, had a total weight of 320-lbs, these foods being surrendered and disposed of by burial under supervision at the refuse tip.

In addition to the above, requests are also received in relation to frozen foods, generally after refrigeration breakdowns when the foodstuffs have thawed-out and they are no longer saleable as frozen foods. In amount slightly more than for 1970, there were some 830 assorted packets weighing approximately 3cwt., which were withdrawn from sale and surrendered for destruction, appropriate certificates covering these foodstuffs being issued.

In addition to the above, requests are also received in relation to frozen foods, generally after expiration has been shown when the foodstuffs have thawed-out and they are no longer suitable as frozen foods. In recent slightly more than for 1970, there were some 850 assorted packages weighing approximately 500 lbs., which were withdrawn from sale and surrendered for destruction, appropriate certificates covering these foodstuffs being issued.

The unsound foodstuffs dealt with by this department which included tinned foods, had a total weight of 350-lbs, these foods being surrendered and disposed of by burial under supervision of the refuse tip.

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- Preparation or Manufacture of Preserved Food 3
- (b) Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages etc. 9
- Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream 411
- (a) Sale and Storage for Sale of Ice Cream 43

Registered Food Premises (continued)

- Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19 150
- applies (premises where open food is handled) 150
- provision of facilities for washing food and equipment
- Number of premises to which Regulation 19 relating to the
- refusing to the provision of hand-washing facilities 411
- Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19 150
- Total Number of Food Premises in the Borough 35

HOUSING PROGRESSProgress during 1971New Dwellings erected

	<u>During</u>	<u>Since</u>
	1971	1945

Private Enterprise

New Dwellings erected during 1971 (total since 1945 includes war destroyed or damaged rebuilt or repaired)	88	(1,765)
.. .. erected by Housing Associations	-	(18)
.. .. Under construction at end of year	165	

Hertford Borough Council

New Dwellings erected by the Council	49	(1,696)
.. for sale	-	(51)
.. .. (Temporary prefabricated bungalows) all of the 50 originally erected have since been demolished	-	-
.. .. under construction at end of year		

Other Authorities (County Council, Military, etc.)

New Dwellings erected during 1971	4	(84)
.. .. Under construction at end of year	3	

Total new dwellings erected during 1971	<u>141</u>	
.. .. Under construction at end of year	<u>168</u>	
.. .. completed between 1945 and 31.12.71		<u>3,614</u>

Total occupied dwellings Controlled by the Borough Council

Council Houses		2,303
Temporary Prefabricated Bungalows		-
Sundry Cottages and Dwellings		17

<u>Sale of Council Houses</u>	1971	4
Total since	1945	21

HOUSING PROGRESS

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Metropolitan Borough Council

New Dwellings erected by the Council
:: :: :: :: :: :: for sale
:: :: (Temporary prefabricated bungalows)
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49 (1,656)
- (51)
-

:: :: Under construction at end of year

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:: :: Under construction at end of year

4 (84)
3

Total new dwellings erected during 1971
:: :: Under construction at end of year
:: :: completed between 1965 and 31.12.71

Total council dwellings controlled by the Borough Council

Council Houses
Temporary Prefabricated Bungalows
Semi-detached and Dwellings

2,305
17

Sale of Council Houses

1971
Total since 1965

4
21

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Corporation maintains a rate-borne rodent control service providing free treatment for rat and mice infestations at all private dwellings within the Borough by means of a Contract with a Servicing Contractor who carries out all necessary disin-festation works and treatments at private dwellings and Council properties.

For the smaller authorities previously undertaking this work by means of its own rodent operator, the Servicing Contract does provide the advantage that other trained staff (of the contractor) are always available either to assist with specific treatments or to stand-in during holidays or sickness of the local operator. Close contact is maintained between the operator, the public health department and the contractors area surveyor.

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(MAFF Form I.R.31)		Type of Property	
Properties other than Sewers		Non Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of Properties in district (From Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis - 1.4.71)		8,801	10
2. a Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification		186	-
b Number infested by (i) Rats		67	-
(ii) Mice		27	-
3. a Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification		250	4
b Number infested by (i) Rats		-	-
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Type of Property		(N.B. Form F.R. 2)
Agricultural	Non	Properties other than houses
	Agricultural	
10	8,804	1. Number of properties in district (from National Office Statistical Sample - 1.1.71)
-	186	2. a. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification
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SECTION D

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OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

TABLE A - Registrations and General Inspections

	No. of premises newly Registered during the year	Total number of Registered Premises at end of year.	No. of Registered Premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Offices	2	97	29
Retail Shops	2	143	48
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	7	4
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	-	20	20
Fuel Storage Depots ..	-	-	-
Totals	4	267	101

TABLE B - Number of Visits of all kinds (including General Inspections) to Registered Premises

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TABLE C - Analysis by Workplace of Persons Employed in Registered Premises

(as at 31.12.1971)	Numbers of persons employed in each Class of Registered Premises (Number of Registered Premises in each Class shown in brackets)					
	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops/ Warehouses	Catering Estabs/ Canteens	Fuel Depots	Total all Classes
	(97)	(143)	(7)	(20)	(0)	(267)
Offices	884	30	14	6	-	934
Retail Shops	15	623	3	2	-	643
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses.	34	10	28	-	-	72
Catering Establishments open to the Public.	-	-	-	127	-	127
Canteens	5	2	-	-	-	7
Fuel Storage Depots ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS of persons employed in each class of premises.	938	665	45	135	-	1,783
Total Males	439	241	36	62	-	778
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Offices	...	88	30	14	6	-	934
Retail Shops	...	13	623	3	2	-	643
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	...	3	10	28	-	-	75
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	...	-	-	-	127	-	127
Fuel Storage Depots	...	2	2	-	-	-	7
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Changes in Registration and Numbers Employed since original Registration

Registered Premises or Class of Workplace	Registration Changes			Employment Changes		
	Original Registrations as at 31.12.1964	Change	Registrations as at 31.12.1971	Employment as at Registration 31.12.1964	Change	Numbers employed as at 31.12.1971
Offices	77	+ 20	97	563	+ 371	934
Retail Shops	153	- 10	143	722	- 79	643
Wholesale Depts/Warehouses	4	+ 3	7	35	+ 37	72
Catering Establs. (Public)	22	- 2	20	134	- 7	127
Canteens				2	+ 5	7
Fuel Storage Depots ..	1	- 1	-	5	- 5	-
Totals	257	+ 10	267	1,461	+ 322	1,783
Males				639	+ 139	778
Females				822	+ 183	1,005

TABLE D - Exemptions

Space Temperature (All Classes)	No Applications Received or Granted
Washing Facilities (of Premises)	No Exemptions current at 31.12.1971
Sanitary Accommodation - Offices - Exemptions Granted or Extended	Nil
Exemptions current at 31.12.1971	One
- All other Classes -	No Applications Received or Granted
No Exemptions current at 31.12.1971	

TABLE E - Prosecutions

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in 1971	- Nil
Number of complaints (or summary applications) made under Sec. 22	- Nil
Number of interim orders granted	- Nil

TABLE F - Inspectors

Number of Inspectors appointed under Sec. 52(1) or (5) of the Act	- Two
Number of other staff mostly employed in connection with the Act	- Nil

Notification of Accidents - Only two Notifications of Accidents were received during the year. Both accidents were minor ones occurring at Retail Shop premises, being a sprained ankle caused by falling, and bruising of the back due to a fall. There were no infringements of the Act as contributory causes.

Changes in Registration and Numbers Employed since original Registration

Registered Premises or Class of Premises	Original Registered Premises as at 31.12.1954	Change	Registered Premises as at 31.12.1957	Employment as at Reg- istration 31.12.1954	Change	Numbers employed as at 31.12.1957
Offices	77	+ 20	97	263	+ 371	934
Retail Shops	153	- 10	143	752	- 79	673
Wholesale Depots/Wharves	4	+ 3	7	32	+ 37	72
Catering Establishments (Public)	22	- 2	20	134	- 7	127
Warehouses	1	- 1	-	2	+ 2	7
Rail Storage Depots	257	+ 10	267	1,461	+ 322	1,783
Totals						
				639	+ 139	778
				822	+ 163	1,005

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Exemptions (All Classes)	No Applications Received or Granted
Exemptions (of Premises)	No Exemptions current at 31.12.1957
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SECTION E

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PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961 in respect of the year 1971 for the BOROUGH OF HERTFORD

PART I of the Act

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

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	143	66	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers' premises)	5	4	-	-
Total	151	72	-	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (Section 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (Sec. 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (Sec. 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (Section 7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Intervening ventilated space	2	2	-	1	-
(e) Lighting of convenience	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not incl. offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	1	-

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in respect of the year 1971 for the Borough of HERTFORD

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

Premises	Number of inspections (1)	Number of written notices issued (2)	Number of premises (3)
(i) Premises in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be enforced by local authorities	3	2	-
(ii) Premises not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the local authority	143	66	-
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Total	151	72	-

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(b) Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-
(c) Unreasonable temperature (Sec. 3)	-	-	-	-
(d) Inadequate ventilation (Sec. 4)	-	-	-	-
(e) Ineffective drainage of floors (Sec. 5)	-	-	-	-
(f) Sanitary conveniences (Section 7)	-	-	-	-
(g) (i) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(ii) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(iii) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
(iv) Intervening ventilated space	2	1	-	-
(v) Lighting of conveniences	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not incl. offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-
Total	2	1	2	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	Number of out-workers in August List required by Sec. 133(1)(c) (2)	Number of cases of default in sending Lists to the Council (3)	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply Lists (4)	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing Apparel;- Making etc.	nil *	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified Natures of Work (Circ. 1/72) -						
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; Anchors and Grapnels; Umbrellas, etc; Artificial Flowers; Tents; Sacks; Paper Bags; Brush Making; Pea Picking; Feather Sorting; Carding etc. of Buttons etc.; Stuffed Toys; Basket Making; Chocolate & Sweetmeats; Cosaques, Christmas Stockings, etc.; Textile Weaving; Lampshades.	nil	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

* The February List under Sec. 133 contained 112 outworkers names, 18 only being resident in the Borough, the remaining 94 being in the area of 41 other local authorities. The one employing firm, a long established family concern, closed later in the year when production was transferred to the west country. Transfer was completed before the August List was due.

From inward notifications received, there are 23 persons in the Borough receiving work from factories situate outside the town in the areas of six other local authorities.

During the year a visit was made to all of the forty-one out-workers whose dwellings are within the Borough.

Official notifications were received from H. M. Inspector of Factories in respect to registration changes at 21 factories.

