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ANNUAL REPORT

On the Health of

HERTFORD RURAL DISTRICT

For the Year 1962

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The Medical Officer of Health and Senior Health Inspector
Hertford Rural District.

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HERTFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HERTFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1962

P R E F A C E

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I can again report a high standard of health in your district in 1962, with only the usual small expected measles epidemic. The birth and death rates have compared favourably with the national rate.

One of the topics which has attracted much attention during the year has been the question of fluoridation of water supplies. It is now recognized that the addition of fluorides to the amount of one part per million results in a reduction of caries by at least 50% and I am convinced that your Council acted wisely when you decided to favour national action in this matter.

The Government has brought out a Ten Year Plan for Health and Welfare Services. The survey points out that the number of births in the country is expected to rise to over 900,000 by 1972 and during the next 20 years the numbers of those aged 65 and over to increase by 1,823,000 or 32.5%. 10% of the elderly are housebound and this will necessitate an increase in home nurses and home helps. It will also make necessary an increase in places in homes for old people. It must, therefore, be of great satisfaction that the building of Glebe Court is nearing completion. There is a natural reluctance amongst the elderly to move from their own homes, however unsuitable, but I feel sure that once the first old people move there and are happily settled, many others who hold back at present, will be very anxious to obtain flats.

The latest results of the Medical Research Council Tuberculosis Vaccine Trials were recently published. It was found that the incidence of T.B. in the vaccinated was one-fifth of that in unvaccinated. This should surely justify the use of B.C.G. in all school leavers and those at special risk.

The Typhoid outbreak in Zermatt was characteristic of a water-borne infection, the overcrowding of a small town during a particularly cold winter must plainly have put a heavy strain on water supplies and sewerage systems. One of the lessons to be learnt from it, especially because of high speed travel, is that Doctors in many countries must be alerted at the earliest moment after an outbreak to control its spread and deal with cases in their early more easily treatable stages.

The outbreak of Smallpox in the country in 1962 increased the readiness of the population to seek vaccination. It also brought to light that the optimal time for this lies between the first and second years of life. Provided there is no contra indication, all mothers should be encouraged to have their babies vaccinated during this period.

The Royal College of Physicians published their report on Smoking in 1962 in which the connection between cigarette smoking and several serious diseases, particularly lung cancer, was conclusively proven. Cigarette smokers have 30 times the death rate of non-smokers and the death rate gradually decreases in those who give up smoking until by the time a man has stopped for ten years the death rate is approximately that of a non-smoker. A great deal has since been done to reduce the smoking habits in the addicted and more especially to try to prevent young people from starting. I feel it is in this last task we all should concentrate and each one of us has a responsibility.

It was very sad to say goodbye to Dr. J.L. Dunlop when he retired in August, but we are very fortunate that Dr. G.W. Knight is our new County Medical Officer and are delighted that he is now a resident in Hertford Rural District.

I have again to thank the Clerk and other Officers in the District Council for their co-operation and assistance during the Year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Joan E. Crawley,

Medical Officer of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - STAFF

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Dr. Joan E. Crawley.

Deputy (Part-time) Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. R. Helen Schulz.

HEALTH INSPECTORS.

Senior Health Inspector (and Surveyor) H. E. GILBY.

Certificate of the R.S.I. and S.I.E.J. Board.

Certificate for Inspectors of Meat and Other Foods.

Deputy Health Inspector. D. R. HOWE.

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Health Department.

Council Offices,

Wallfields,

Pegs Lane,

Hertford, Herts.

Tele: Hertford 3007 (2 lines)

Clerical duties in the Health Department were carried out by Mrs. I.M. Ball, Mrs. R.E. Swallow, Mrs. K.W. Everett and Miss. E. Edwards.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Public Health Matters were dealt with by the General Purposes Committee, the Chairman of which for the Session 1962/3 was Councillor The Rev. Canon S. Bradney.

Sub-standard housing was dealt with by the Housing Management Committee, the Chairman of which for the Session 1962/3 was Councillor Miss. N. F. Wright.

SECTION A.

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1962.

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1961 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION.

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Hertford Rural District:-

Registrar General's

Estimate ... 10,270 (10,060)

Total increase ... + 210

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres ... 31,746

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books:-

3183

Number of Houses per acre 0.10

Number of Persons per acre 0.32

Number of Persons per house 3.22

Rateable Value of District £104,890

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate £420

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1962.

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1961 are shown in brackets)

BIRTHSStandardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 16.81 (17.96)

Area Comparability Factor for Births ... 0.97 (0.97)

<u>Number of Live Births</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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Total:	93	85	178
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Legitimate	87	83	170
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Illegitimate	6	2	8
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<u>Number of Still Births</u>	1	-	1
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DEATHSStandardised Death Rate per 1,000 population 9.83 (9.46)

Area Comparability Factor for Deaths ... 1.11 (1.11)

<u>Number of Deaths</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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<u>All Ages - Total:</u>	51	41	92
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<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year</u>	4	1	5
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<u>No. under 4 weeks of age</u>	2	1	3
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<u>No. under 1 week of age</u>	2	1	3
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Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 related Live Births 28.09(17.23)

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during 1962:-

Age group in years.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total all ages</u>	<u>Under 1</u>	<u>1-</u>	<u>5-</u>	<u>15-</u>	<u>25-</u>	<u>Over 65</u>
Scarlet Fever	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Measles	23	2	13	6	1	1	0
Acute Pneumonia	5	0	0	1	0	1	3
Erysipelas	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	0	0	0	0	2	0

Diseases

Incidence of Diseases during the different months.

Month and Number of Cases.

Scarlet Fever... ..	March (1) November (1)
Measles... ..	January (2) February (1) March (1) April (6) June (1) July (1) August (1) October (1) November (2) December (6)
Acute Pneumonia	February (1) March (4)
Erysipelas	February (1)
Puerperal Pyrexia	January (1) June (1)

Incidence of Diseases amongst the different Parishes, during 1962:-

Parish

Disease and Number of Cases

Aston	Measles (1)
Bayford	Nil.
Benington	Measles (1)
Bengeo Rural	Nil.
Bramfield	Nil.
Brickendon	Nil.
Datchworth	Measles (4) Puerperal Pyrexia (1)
Hertingfordbury	Measles (1) Scarlet Fever (1)
Lt. Amwell	Measles (1) Erysipelas (1) Scarlet Fever (1)
Lt. Berkhamsted	Measles (1)
Sacombe	Nil.
Stapleford	Measles (4) Pneumonia (1)
Tewin	Measles (0) Pneumonia (1)
Walkern	Puerperal Pyrexia (1)
Watton-at-Stone	Measles (2) Pneumonia (3)

TUBERCULOSIS

The following is a summary of Tuberculosis Notifications etc., during 1962

The Year commenced with 54 names upon the Tuberculosis Register:-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
<u>Males</u>	25	5
<u>Females</u>	18	6

No New Cases were notified.

There were two Inward Transfers from other areas.

<u>Males.</u>	-	-
<u>Females</u>	2	-

No patients died.

One patient left the District (Outward Transfer)

<u>Males</u>	-	-
<u>Females</u>	1	-

Six patients were pronounced CURED

<u>Males</u>	1	-
<u>Females</u>	5	-

The year therefore ended with 49 cases on the Register:-

<u>Males</u>	24	5
<u>Females</u>	14	6

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1962

Line No.		M	F
	ALL CAUSES	57	45
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	0
2.	Tuberculosis, other	0	0
3.	Syphilitic disease	0	0
4.	Diphtheria	0	0
5.	Whooping Cough	0	0
6.	Meningococcal infections	0	0
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
8.	Measles	0	0
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	0
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	2	0
11.	" " lung, bronchus	6	0
12.	" " breast	0	0
13.	" " uterus	0	0
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	5
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0	0
16.	Diabetes	0	0
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system .	7	7
18.	Coronary disease, angina	11	10
19.	Other heart disease	3	6
20.	Hypertension with heart disease ...	0	1
21.	Other circulatory disease	1	1
22.	Influenza	0	0
23.	Pneumonia	3	1
24.	Bronchitis	0	1
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	0	0
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	0	0
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .	0	0
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	2	3
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	0	0
31.	Congenital malformations	2	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	3
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	0	0
34.	All other accidents	0	1
35.	Suicide	0	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war ...	0	0
(a)	Still Births	1	0
(b)	Deaths of infants under four weeks of age	2	2
(c)	" " " four weeks to one year of age	4	2

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR HERTFORD RURAL

The County Council is responsible for providing the Maternity and Child Welfare and School Health Service, Health Visiting, Home Nursing and the Home Help Service. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

Clinics which serve Hertford Rural District

Health Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford.

Ante Natal & Post Natal	-	Thursday, 10 - 12 a.m.
Infant Welfare	-	Wednesday, 2 - 4 p.m.
Immunisation Clinic	-	2nd Tuesday in each month.
General Clinic for School Children.	-	4th Tuesday in each month.
Dental & Orthodontic	-	By appointment : telephone Hertford 3259.
Speech Therapy	-	By appointment : telephone Hertford 3597.
Relaxation Classes - Mother Craft	-	Monday, 2.30 - 4 p.m. Application to Mrs. Major, 100 Ware Road, Hertford.

Transport to Infant Welfare Clinic is available from Birch Green and Cole Green on the 1st Wednesday in each month and from Bayford, Brickendon and Lt. Berkhamsted on the 3rd Wednesday in each month. For arrangement, telephone Miss. Rowan, Hertford 3597.

Mobile Clinic, Sele Farm Estate, Hertford.

Infant Welfare	-	Fridays, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Transport is available from Waterford and Bramfield areas. Telephone Miss. Ayliffe, Hertford 3597.

Village Hall, Hertford Heath.

Infant Welfare	-	1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
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Village Hall, Datchworth.

Infant Welfare	-	1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Memorial Hall, Watton-at-Stone.

Infant Welfare	-	4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Parochial Hall, Benington

Infant Welfare - 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Village Hall, Tewin

Infant Welfare - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2.30 p.m.
- 4 p.m.

Church Hall, Walkern

Infant Welfare - 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

A family planning clinic is held at Gooseacre Health Centre, Welwyn Garden City on Mondays - 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursdays 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. No appointments are necessary.

Immunisation & Vaccination

All parents are advised to take advantage of this service which can be obtained from their family doctors or at any of the Infant Welfare Centres mentioned.

The following table gives the latest recommendations of the County Medical Officer:-

2 - 6 months	Diphtheria	} 3 injections
	Whooping Cough	
	Tetanus	
6 - 10 months	Poliomyelitis	} 3 doses oral vaccine
1 - 2 years	Smallpox Vaccination.	
15 - 18 months	Reinforcing Diphtheria	} Injection
	Whooping Cough	
	Tetanus	
5 years	Reinforcing oral polio	} Injection
	Diphtheria	
	Tetanus	
9 - 10 years	Reinforcing Diphtheria	} Injection
	Tetanus	
8 - 12 years	Smallpox Revaccination	
13 years	B.C.G. Vaccination against tuberculosis.	

Home Help Service

Applications for this service should be addressed to the Local Organizer, Mrs. Clements, at 27 Bull Plain, Hertford, tele: Hertford 3232, between 9.00 and 5 p.m. A charge may be made for this service in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

Care and After-Care

Equipment can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home. A Medical Loan Department has been established at the Health Centre Bull Plain. Helpers are present for distribution of equipment on Mondays and Fridays at 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. and Wednesdays 2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

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

Chiropody Service

This is available at reduced costs to handicapped, old people and expectant mothers. Apply to Mr. Parkin, 1 The Wash, Hertford, who will also visit patients at home.

Miss. Lismer will also give treatment at reduced rates but will not do domicilliary visits. Apply to 17 Castle Street, Hertford.

Ambulance Service

There is an Ambulance Station at Hertford (Tele: Hertford 2222). Except in an emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

Mental Health

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Duly Authorised Officer, Mr. J.H. Webster, Collett Road, Ware, Herts (Tele: Ware 2541).

Help for Mentally Defective persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

A Senior Occupation Centre is run daily during the school term at the Cranbourne Hall, Cecil Road, Hertford. The Junior Training Centre has recently moved to St. Margaretsbury, Stanstead Abbots. A club for Defective is held at the Pioneer Hall, Ware Road, Hertford - information can be obtained from Miss. Davies, The Senior Training Centre, Cecil Road, Hertford.

General Practitioner Services

One General Practitioner resides in the District but the area is also served by Practitioners from adjoining localities.

Hospital and Laboratory Services

The Hertford Rural District is served chiefly by the Hertford County Hospital, the Lister Hospital, Hitchin and the new General Hospital at Howlands. These hospitals are managed by Local Management Committees within the North East and North West Regional Hospital Boards.

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge. In emergency, certain specimens can be examined at the Laboratory of the Hertford County Hospital. Regular monthly reports are received from the Lee Valley Water Company following chemical and bacteriological examination of the public water supply.

Dental Services

Dental Practitioners are available in adjoining towns and all school dental clinics. These latter are at:-

Hertford (tele: Hertford 3259)

Stevenage (tele: Stevenage 2535 or 1351)

Ware (tele: Ware 2025)

School Health Service

The routine periodic inspection of children is carried out at the schools at four prescribed ages namely 5, 8, 12 and 14 years and children with defects are seen at other times as considered advisable.

Old Peoples Welfare

There are several social clubs for the elderly in the district - The Hertford Evergreen Club is held in Bircheley Street on Monday and Friday afternoons from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Elderly people from outlying areas are welcomed and tea is sold. The County Welfare Officer, Welfare Dept. County Hall, Hertford, tele: Hertford 4242, will give details of the different clubs.

Meals-on-Wheels

At present hot meals are served in the Benington area, the cost of these being 1/6d. There are organisers also at Aston, Birch Green and Watton-at-Stone which can operate when the need arises. Enquiries should be made to Mrs. Sewell, W.V.S. County Officer, 31 Maidenhead Street, Hertford (Tele: Hertford 3670).

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA -

REPORT OF THE SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR.

FOR THE YEAR 1962

Introduction

The past year has again been devoted to steady improvement of the environmental conditions of the District. No major changes of policy have been involved.

Water Supplies

Main water to the whole of the district, with exception of the Parish of Little Amwell, is supplied by the Lee Valley Water Company. The Parish of Little Amwell is supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board. Samples taken for bacteriological examination during the year under review have been satisfactory.

One more private water supply was replaced by water from public mains, this served an isolated estate comprising a farm and six dwellings. The works were assisted financially by the Council.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

During the year constructional work on the sewers in the Parish of Tewin were almost completed and a large number of houses were connected to the new main drainage system. This has also made possible the discontinuance of the old village disposal works which had served the area for over forty years, and had more recently been overwhelmed by the very large increase in flow.

A Contract for the sewerage of the Parish of Benington was about to go forward at the end of the year. This provides for disposal via the Stevenage Trunk Sewer to Rye Meads Purification Works, and also provides for receiving a discharge from the Parish of Walkern at the main Pumping Station.

The scheme for the Parish of Hertingfordbury has been completely surveyed and land acquisition negotiations are going forward.

Refuse Collection

A significant advance has been made in this service during the year by reason of the collection now being made twice in three weeks instead once fortnightly. For this purpose a new Paxit vehicle was purchased and an output bonus scheme was brought into operation for the men engaged in this work. The increased service has been the subject of much favourable comment, but must only be regarded

Refuse Collection (cont'd)

as a step towards the objective of a weekly collection which should be the minimum under modern conditions.

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Development of Undertaking and Services.

The following Tables indicate the growth of the District and the increase in the demand for the Council's services.

SERVICE	31st MARCH, 1952.		30th SEPT. 1962.	
	No.	Datum.	No.	% Datum
No. of Houses.	2562	100	3295	128.9
<u>WATER</u>				
Houses with mains supply	2152	100	6282	-
<u>MAIN SEWERAGE</u>				
Houses connected	980	-	2168	221.2
Staff engaged	4.18	-	3.31	80.6
<u>CESSPOOL EMPTYING</u>				
Houses with cesspools	1155	100	959	83.02
Loads of sewage removed	824	100	680	83.11
Staff engaged	2.4	100	2.41	100.1
<u>REFUSE COLLECTION</u>				
Houses served	2552	100	3289	128.9
Staff engaged	3.27	100	5.71	174.7

SUMMARY OF VISITS BY HEALTH INSPECTOR.

During the Year 1962.

Factories Act	...	...	...	...	5
Food and Drugs Act:					
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	94
Housing Acts:					
Inspections and interviews	...	...	...	...	57
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	450
Revisits	...	...	...	...	157
Public Health Acts:					
Caravans	...	...	...	...	7
Complaints	...	...	...	...	-
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	-
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	13
Refuse Collection	...	...	...	...	66
				c/f	849

Summary of Visits by Health Inspector (Cont.)

	b/f	849
Closet Conversions		292
Sewerage		441
Verminous Premises		0
Water Supplies		52
Petrol Storage		6
Rodent Control		29
Miscellaneous Visits		124
	TOTAL:	<u>1,793</u>

Food and Drugs Act

Details of registrations and licences in force, and further particulars concerning other foods, are as below:-

Ice Cream Premises

Registered for Manufacture	Total
" " Storage	-
" " Sale	29

Preserved Foods

(a) Sausage Manufacture... ..	2
(b) Other Preserved Food Manufacture	1

Food Premises by type of business

Bakery with shop	3
Butcher	4
Cafe	2
Greengrocery	4
Grocery and General	20
Canteens including	
school canteens	19
Public houses and hotels	35
Mineral Water Factory	1
Poultry Slaughterhouses & Packing Establishment	1
Gut Cleaning & Sausage Skin Dressing	1
Cold Store	1

HOUSING ACTS.

The number of unsatisfactory dwellings in the District has been further reduced and the programme of demolitions is now almost complete.

The policy of approving grants for the improvement of dwellings wherever satisfactory schemes are put forward has continued and during the year 12 Discretionary Grants totalling £4,618 and 9 Standard Grants totalling £1,115 were agreed to.

The impetus of this work now seems to have been very largely lost, possibly for two reasons -

- (a) the maximum discretionary grant of £400 is often very little more than a quarter of a proportion of schemes now coming forward.
- (b) the owner-occupied premises have now very largely been improved leaving a fair number of tenanted premises, where schemes although desirable are not likely to proceed unless local authorities are given mandatory powers to require this to be done.

It is understood that both these matters are at the moment being reviewed by the Minister.

Substandard Properties

During the year good progress was made towards eliminating all unsatisfactory dwellings as shown in the following table:-

Demolition Orders made	2 (Total since 1955 - 152).
Reconditioning proposals accepted	3
Reconditioning completed	3
Houses demolished	6
Total visits made in connection with surveys, demolition orders and housing repairs was:-	64

Housing progress

The following table shows the progress which has been made with new housing (as specified in the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925):-

	<u>During 1962</u>	<u>Since 1945</u>
BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE		
New dwellings erected	73	546
War-destroyed dwellings rebuilt	-	2
Repairs to war-damaged houses	-	31
Conversions or adaptations in terms of family units	-	33

BY LOCAL SANITARY AUTHORITY

During 1962

Since 1945

New dwellings erected... ..
 Conversions or adaptations in terms
 of family units

36

674

-

-

BY OTHER AUTHORITIES (County Council,
 Police, Military, Forestry Commission etc) -

7

TOTAL PROPERTIES CONTROLLED BY THE LOCAL
 HEALTH AUTHORITIES on 31st MARCH 1963.

Council Houses
 Temporary prefabricated bungalows ..
 Sundries

914

-

-

Public Health Act, 1936.

A number of Public Health Nuisances were investigated during the year and the appropriate action taken to secure their abatement, the most notable being the fly nuisance which occurred in July in the Parish of Stapleford.

The infestation was severe and the source was found to be a poultry farm; expert advice was sought and obtained as to the identification of the type of fly involved and the most effective measures required for its control.

After treating the chicken houses and manure heaps with a suitable insecticide, the nuisance was abated to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

There was no appreciable increase in the number of complaints received during the year, 12 minor infestations were located in private dwellings and 6 in business premises; all were treated successfully.