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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year ended 31st December, 1956

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ANNUAL REPORT

For the year 1956

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To the Chairman and Members of the Hinckley Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith the Annual Report on the Sanitary State of Hinckley for the year 1956.

The General Health of the Community

This continues good and I find no evidence of any diminution in the nutritional level.

Notifiable Diseases

The incidence of these remained at a normal low level, except for Dysentery and Food Poisoning.

The note in last year's Report that Dysentery was on the increase has been fully borne out by the figure of 213 confirmed cases against 79 in 1955. There was also a rise in the number of notified cases of Food Poisoning, 41 against 19 in 1955 and 1 in 1954. It is somewhat ironical to have to note this in the face of our Food Hygiene Campaign and the Food Hygiene Regulations which came into force during the year.

In passing, I should mention that the investigation of cases of dysentery and food poisoning has thrown a very heavy burden on our staff of Public Health Inspectors - and I must pay some tribute to the uncomplaining way in which they carried out this work - which must have precedence to the detriment, I fear, of some of their other duties.

Tuberculosis

The general position continues to improve.

Diphtheria Immunisation

The need to have children protected is as great as ever and will remain so until the disease has been entirely stamped out in the world.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Immunisation against poliomyelitis has started, but is as yet available for children in selected groups only owing to shortage of supplies of vaccine.

ANNUAL REPORT
For the year 1956

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Vital Statistics

The birth rate at 14.8 per 1,000 estimated resident population is slightly higher than that of last year, while the death rate at 8.89 is markedly down.

There is also a gratifying fall in the Infantile Mortality Rate.

Food Hygiene

I am glad to acknowledge again the co-operation of Food Traders and Licensees, but I am still not satisfied regarding sanitary arrangements for Food traders in the open market.

The old and infirm

No formal action has been taken under Section 47 for the removal of unfit persons, but the department does what it can to help and also to put old folk in touch with the appropriate Welfare Services, when brought to our notice.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman of the Council, and all members of the Health Committee for your continued support, and Mr. Melson and staff upon whom falls the burden of preparing the detail of this report and the tables of statistics which follow.

I have the honour to be

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. Cruickshank.

Medical Officer of Health.

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Food Inspectors

I am glad to acknowledge again the co-operation of Food Inspectors and licensees, but I am still not satisfied regarding sanitary arrangements for food traders in the open market.

The old and new

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I thank you, Mr. Chairman of the Council, and all members of the Health Committee for your continued support, and Mr. Nelson and staff upon whom falls the burden of preparing the details of this report and the tables of statistics which follow.

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Yours and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

L. P. Crichton

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(For comparative purposes last year's figures have been inserted in brackets.)

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----------|------------|
| Area in Acres | ... | 11,882 | |
| Registrar General's estimate of population | ... | 40,020 | (39,800) |
| No. of inhabited houses at 31/12/56 | ... | 12,906 | (12,693) |
| Product of a penny rate at 31/3/56 | ... | £892/5/3. | (£871/9/1) |
| Rateable value at 31/3/56 | ... | £226,282. | (£218,512) |

VITAL STATISTICS

| | | | | | <u>Births</u> | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| | | | | | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Live Births | ... | ... | ... | ... | 298 | 295 | 593 | (569) |
| Legitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 283 | 281 | 564 | (561) |
| Illegitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 | 14 | 29 | (8) |

Birth Rate - 14.81 (14.29) per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.

| | | | | | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|---------------|--------------|------|
| Still Births | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 | 7 | 16 | (13) |
| Legitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 | 7 | 15 | (12) |
| Illegitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | - | - | (1) |

Rate - .39 (.32) per 1,000 population.

Deaths

Death Rate - 8.89 (9.89) per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----|-------|
| Deaths, Males 175, Females 181, Total | - | 356 | (394) |
| Deaths from puerperal causes, | - | Nil | (Nil) |
| Deaths from other maternal causes, | - | Nil | (Nil) |

Infantile Mortality Rate

(Rate per 1,000 live births) - 25.29 (33.39)

| | | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Deaths of infants under one year of age | | 4(11) | 11(8) | 15(19) |
| Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age | | 4 (7) | 8(6) | 12(13) |

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(For comparative purposes last year's figures have been inserted in brackets.)

| | | |
|--|------------|-----|
| Area in Acres | 11,352 | ... |
| Registrar General's estimate of population | 40,030 | ... |
| No. of inhabited houses at 31/12/55 | 12,902 | ... |
| Product of a penny rate at 31/12/55 | 6822/3 | ... |
| Ratable value at 31/12/55 | 6226,282. | ... |
| | (32,800) | |
| | (12,632) | |
| | (6822/3) | |
| | (6226,282) | |

VITAL STATISTICS

| Males | | | |
|--------------|-------|--------|------|
| | Total | Female | Male |
| Live Births | 595 | 295 | 298 |
| Legitimate | 564 | 284 | 283 |
| Illegitimate | 29 | 14 | 15 |
| | (569) | | |
| | (564) | | |
| | (29) | | |

Birth Rate - 14.81 (14.23) per 1,000 of the estimated resident population

| Females | | | |
|--------------|-------|--------|------|
| | Total | Female | Male |
| Still Births | 15 | 7 | 8 |
| Legitimate | 15 | 7 | 8 |
| Illegitimate | - | - | 1 |
| | (15) | | |
| | (15) | | |
| | (1) | | |

Infant Mortality Rate - 7.39 (7.32) per 1,000 population

Deaths

Death Rate - 8.89 (8.89) per 1,000 of the estimated resident population

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----|-------|
| Deaths, Males 175, Females 184, Total | - | 359 | (359) |
| Deaths from natural causes | - | 311 | (311) |
| Deaths from other natural causes | - | 311 | (311) |

Infantile Mortality Rate (rate per 1,000 live births)

- 25.23 (25.23)

Male Female Total

Deaths of infants under one year of age 4(11) 11(8) 15(19)

Deaths of infants under 5 years of age 4(7) 8(6) 12(13)

VITAL STATISTICS - COMPARATIVE TABLE

| | Birth rate per 1,000 population | | Death rate per 1,000 population. All causes. | Rate per 1,000 live births. Total deaths under one year. |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|
| | Live Births | Still Births | | |
| England and Wales | 15.7 | 23.0 | 11.7 | 23.8 |
| HINCKLEY U.D.C. | ≠ 14.81 | .39 | ≠ 8.89 | 25.29 |

≠ The corrected figures for the birth and death rates after the crude rates have been multiplied by the area comparability factors are - 14.51 and 11.20 respectively.

The area comparability factor is arrived at by comparison of the age and sex constitution of each community with that of the whole country at the time of the Census, and when the crude death rate is multiplied by this factor, an adjusted death rate is obtained by which some comparison may be made between communities.

VITAL STATISTICS - COMPARATIVE TABLE

| | Birth rate per 1,000 population | | Death rate per 1,000 population | Rate per 1,000 live births |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Live Births | Still Births | All causes | Total deaths under one year |
| England and Wales | 13.7 | 13.0 | 11.7 | 25.8 |
| UNITED STATES | 14.81 | 9.9 | 8.88 | 23.29 |

The corrected figures for the birth and death rates after the crude rates have been adjusted by the area comparability factors are - 14.81 and 11.80 respectively.

The area comparability factor is arrived at by comparison of the age and sex composition of each country with that of the whole country at the time of the Census, and when the crude death rate is multiplied by this factor, an adjusted death rate is obtained by which some comparison may be made between countries.

Other Mortality Statistics

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>1956 Total</u> | <u>1955 Total</u> |
|--|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Tuberculosis, respiratory | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 |
| 2. Tuberculosis, other | - | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3. Syphilitic disease | - | - | - | - |
| 4. Diphtheria | - | - | - | - |
| 5. Whooping Cough | - | - | - | - |
| 6. Meningococcal Infections | - | - | - | - |
| 7. Acute Poliomyelitis | - | - | - | - |
| 8. Measles | - | - | - | - |
| 9. Other infective and parasitic diseases | - | - | - | 1 |
| 10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 3 | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| 11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus | 12 | - | 12 | 15 |
| 12. Malignant neoplasm, breast | - | 10 | 10 | 8 |
| 13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus | - | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms. | 25 | 16 | 41 | 37 |
| 15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia | - | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 16. Diabetes | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| 17. Vascular lesions of nervous system | 23 | 30 | 53 | 74 |
| 18. Coronary disease, angina | 26 | 20 | 46 | 48 |
| 19. Hypertension with heart disease | 6 | 14 | 20 | 15 |
| 20. Other heart disease | 20 | 19 | 39 | 38 |
| 21. Other circulatory disease | 15 | 6 | 21 | 20 |

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Other Mortality Statistics

| 1955 Total | 1956 Total | Male | Female | |
|---------------|---------------|------|--------|--|
| 5 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1. Tuberculosis, respiratory |
| 2 | 2 | - | 2 | 2. Tuberculosis, other |
| - | - | - | - | 3. Syphilitic disease |
| - | - | - | - | 4. Diphtheria |
| - | - | - | - | 5. Whooping Cough |
| - | - | - | - | 6. Meningococcal infections |
| - | - | - | - | 7. Acute Poliomyelitis |
| - | - | - | - | 8. Measles |
| 1 | - | - | - | 9. Other Infective and Parasitic diseases |
| 14 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 10. Malignant neoplasms, stomach |
| 18 | 12 | 12 | - | 11. Malignant neoplasms, lung, bronchus |
| 8 | 10 | - | 10 | 12. Malignant neoplasms, breast |
| 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 13. Malignant neoplasms, uterus |
| 37 | 44 | 25 | 19 | 14. Other Malignant & Dysplastic Neoplasms |
| 1 | 2 | - | 2 | 15. Leukemia, all types |
| 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 16. Diabetes |
| 74 | 53 | 25 | 30 | 17. Vascular lesions of nervous system |
| 48 | 46 | 26 | 20 | 18. Coronary disease, mytic |
| 12 | 20 | 6 | 14 | 19. Hypertension with heart disease |
| 38 | 39 | 20 | 19 | 20. Other heart disease |
| 80 | 24 | 15 | 6 | 21. Other circulatory disease |

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>1956 Total</u> | <u>1955 Total</u> |
|---|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Brought forward | 135 | 129 | 264 | 279 |
| 22. Influenza | - | - | - | 1 |
| 23. Pneumonia | 2 | 5 | 7 | 14 |
| 24. Bronchitis | 13 | 6 | 19 | 23 |
| 25. Other diseases of respiratory system | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| 26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| 27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | - | - | - | - |
| 28. Nephritis and nephrosis | 4 | - | 4 | 6 |
| 29. Hyperplasia of prostate | 1 | - | 1 | 3 |
| 30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion | - | - | - | - |
| 31. Congenital malformations | 3 | 5 | 8 | 8 |
| 32. Other defined and ill defined diseases | 9 | 23 | 32 | 40 |
| 33. Motor Vehicle accidents | - | - | - | 2 |
| 34. All other accidents | 3 | 10 | 13 | 8 |
| 35. Suicide | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 36. Homicide and operations of war | 1 | - | - | - |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| TOTAL DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES | 175 | 181 | 356 | 394 |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| | (211) | (183) | | |

| | 1955 | | 1956 | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Males | Females | Total | Total |
| Brought forward | 135 | 129 | 264 | 275 |
| 22. Influenza | - | - | - | 1 |
| 23. Pneumonia | 8 | 5 | 13 | 14 |
| 24. Tuberculosis | 13 | 6 | 19 | 23 |
| 25. Other diseases of respiratory system | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
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| TOTAL DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES | 175 | 161 | 336 | 394 |

(214) (163)

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. The Public Health Officers of the Authority are set out on Page 2. of the Report.
2. Laboratory Facilities

Examinations are almost wholly performed at the Public Health Laboratory at the Groby Road Hospital, Leicester, which is under the control of Dr. N. S. Mair.

Chemical examination of water samples is performed by Mr. S. B. Bratley, F.C.S., of Oadby.

Occasional chemical examination of food is made by the Leicester City Public Analyst, Mr. F. C. Bullock, B.Sc., F.I.C.

The following specimens were examined during the year at the Public Health Laboratory:-

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Throat and Nose Swabs | 29 |
| Faeces and Urine specimens | 3,302 |
| Blood | 1 |
| Pleural Fluid | - |
| Sputa | 97 |
| Vaginal Swabs | 4 |
| Milk | 35 |
| Water | 26 |
| Whooping Cough Swabs | 16 |
| Ice-cream | 5 |
| Miscellaneous | 10 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL | <u>3,525</u> (1,398) |

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| Milk | 35 |
| Water | 25 |
| Whooping Cough Swabs | 15 |
| Ice-cream | 2 |
| Miscellaneous | 10 |
| TOTAL | 2,425 |
| | (1,398) |

3. Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases

Diphtheria Immunisation

| | Children | |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| | Under five years | 5 - 14 years |
| Total number immunised during year | 350 (355) | 8 (17) |
| Total number immunised since beginning of scheme | 6,569 (6,219) | 5,073 (5,065) |
| Number of children receiving booster dose of immunisation | 306 (305) | |

The above mentioned figures are not reaching the required standard of 75% of the babies being immunised before their first birthday. Of the 593 children born during 1956, 42 were immunised, of the 569 children born in 1955, 243 were immunised during 1956. This equals a percentage of 24.5 which bearing in mind the movement of children to and from the district is sufficient to indicate that parents are not having their children protected to anything like the degree they should.

The young parents of today are not familiar with the toll that Diphtheria used to exact from its victims and I would urge them to utilise to the full the protection to be gained from immunisation.

5. Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases

Diphtheria Immunization

| | Children | |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| | Under five years | 5 - 14 years |
| Total number immunized during year | 750 (355) | 6 (17) |
| Total number immunized since beginning of survey | 6,552 (2,212) | 2,073 (2,068) |
| Number of children receiving booster dose of immunization | 306 (305) | |

The above mentioned figures are not reaching the required standard of 75% of the children being immunized before their first birthday. Of the 575 children born during 1956, 42 were immunized at the 500 children born in 1955, 243 were immunized during 1956. This equals a percentage of 24.5 which bearing in mind the movement of children to and from the district is sufficient to indicate that parents are not having their children protected to anything like the degree they should.

The young parents of today are not familiar with the fact that Diphtheria used to exact from its victims and I would urge them to adhere to the full the protection to be gained from immunization.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

The following table shows the diseases occurring during 1956 and the distribution of them:-

| Disease | Hindley Central Wards | Barwell | Burbage | Earl Shilton | Total |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| Dysentery | | | | | |
| Confirmed | 34(15) | 138(-) | 6(38) | 35(-) | 213(53) |
| Not Conf'd | 16(8) | 6(-) | 4(17) | 1(1) | 27(26) |
| Erysipelas | -(-) | -(-) | -(-) | 1(5) | 1(5) |
| Food Poisoning | | | | | |
| Confirmed | 6(4) | 16(-) | 11(4) | 8(-) | 41(8) |
| Not Conf'd | 10(-) | -(-) | 1(10) | -(-) | 11(11) |
| Measles | -(595) | -(112) | 1(318) | -(247) | 1(1272) |
| Meningococcal Infection | * 1(-) | -(-) | -(-) | -(-) | 1(-) |
| Pneumonia | -(8) | -(-) | -(1) | 1(3) | 1(12) |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | -(-) | -(-) | 1(-) | -(-) | 1(-) |
| Scarlet Fever | 6(20) | -(5) | 12(14) | 3(20) | 21(59) |
| Whooping Cough | 18(40) | 18(13) | 13(12) | 2(6) | 51(71) |
| Totals | 91(695) | 178(130) | 49(414) | 51(284) | 369(1523) |

* Case not confirmed.

(Totals include all cases notified)

(Figures in brackets represent last year's figures - they do not necessarily add up to the total figure shown as some diseases occurred last year but not this.)

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

The following table shows the diseases occurring during 1956 and the distribution of cases:-

| Disease | Control Units | General Practice | Private Practice | Total |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Tuberculosis | | | | |
| Confirmed | 24 (12) | 138 (-) | 6 (38) | 243 (53) |
| Not Confirmed | 10 (8) | 6 (-) | 4 (17) | 27 (25) |
| Exanthemata | | | | |
| Scarlet Fever | - (-) | - (-) | - (-) | 1 (5) |
| Measles | | | | |
| Confirmed | 6 (6) | 18 (-) | 11 (4) | 44 (8) |
| Not Confirmed | 10 (-) | - (-) | 1 (10) | 11 (11) |
| Whooping Cough | | | | |
| Confirmed | - (22) | - (112) | 1 (318) | 1 (157) |
| Diphtheria | | | | |
| Confirmed | 1 (-) | - (-) | - (-) | 1 (-) |
| Polio | | | | |
| Confirmed | - (8) | - (-) | - (1) | 1 (12) |
| Typhoid | | | | |
| Confirmed | - (-) | - (-) | 1 (-) | 1 (-) |
| Scarlet Fever | | | | |
| Confirmed | 6 (20) | - (5) | 12 (14) | 24 (29) |
| Whooping Cough | | | | |
| Confirmed | 18 (40) | 18 (13) | 13 (12) | 54 (71) |
| Totals | 31 (68) | 178 (130) | 49 (44) | 358 (152) |

* Cases not confirmed.
(Totals include all cases notified)
(Figures in brackets represent last year's figures - they do not necessarily add up to the total figures shown as some diseases occurred last year but not this.)

AGE GROUPS AND SEX

| DISEASE | | U N D E R | | | | | | Over 25 | Age Un- known | Total | | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|------------|---------------------|-------|----|-------|
| | | 1 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 25 | | | M. | F. | |
| Dysentery | M. | 1 | 8 | 4 | 52 | 9 | 4 | 24 | 2 | 104 | | 240 |
| | F. | - | 8 | 17 | 43 | 14 | 10 | 43 | 1 | 136 | | |
| Erysipelas | M. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | 1 |
| | F. | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | | |
| Food Poisoning | M. | - | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 13 | - | 30 | | 52 |
| | F. | - | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 22 | | |
| Measles | M. | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | | 1 |
| | F. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Meningoc- occocal Infection | M. | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | | 1 |
| | F. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Pneumonia | M. | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | | 1 |
| | F. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | F. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | | |
| Scarlet Fever | M. | - | 1 | 3 | 5 | - | - | 2 | - | 11 | | 21 |
| | F. | - | - | 4 | 4 | 2 | - | - | - | 10 | | |
| Whooping Cough | M. | 1 | 1 | 6 | 11 | - | - | - | 1 | 20 | | 51 |
| | F. | - | 10 | 9 | 12 | - | - | - | - | 31 | | |
| TOTALS | M. | 3 | 12 | 15 | 77 | 12 | 6 | 40 | 3 | 168 | | 369 |
| | F. | - | 21 | 31 | 63 | 17 | 13 | 53 | 3 | 201 | | |

National Assistance Act 1948, s.47.

3 men and 1 woman who were in need of care and attention were dealt with.

The woman was found dead in bed before removal to a County Home or to a Hospital could be arranged.

One of the men was helped, cleansed and seemed to be able to carry on living by himself.

An accumulation of crusts, papers and sacks was removed from one house where a "Senior Citizen" of 85 lives with a member of his family, which improved conditions to some degree.

None of the persons was willing to voluntarily enter a Home or Hospital where they would get the care and attention they so much needed.

Tuberculosis

No action has been taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under s.172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

17 new cases were added to the register during the year.

6 Inward Transfer cases were also added.

National Assistance Act 1945, s.41.

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Tuberculosis

No action has been taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under s.41 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

17 new cases were added to the register during the year.
6 former Tubercular cases were also added.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY 1956

(including Inward Transfer of cases outside the area)

| AGE | NEW CASES 1956 | | | | DEATHS 1956 | | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------|---------------|------|-------------|------|---------------|------|
| | Pulmonary | | Non Pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non Pulmonary | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Under 1 year | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| " 5 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| " 15 " | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| " 25 " | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| " 35 " | 2 | 5 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| " 45 " | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 |
| " 55 " | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Over 55 " | 9 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| TOTALS | 12(20) | 10(12) | 1(3) | -(4) | 3(2) | 3(3) | -(1) | 2(1) |

DISTRIBUTION OF NEW CASES

| DISTRICT | PULMONARY | | NON - PULMONARY | |
|--|-----------|--------|-----------------|------|
| | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Hinckley (Central Wards) | 5 | 4 | 1 | - |
| Barwell | 3 | - | - | - |
| Earl Shilton | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Durbage | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Inward transfer of cases outside area | 2 | 4 | - | - |
| TOTALS | 12(20) | 10(12) | 1(3) | -(4) |

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| Under 1 year | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| " 1 year | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| " 1-2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| " 2-5 | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| " 5-15 | 2 | 5 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| " 15-45 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 |
| " 45-65 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Over 65 | 2 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| TOTALS | 15(20) | 10(12) | 1(2) | -(4) | 2(2) | 2(3) | -(1) | 2(1) |

DISTRIBUTION OF NEW CASES

| DISTRICT | FAMILY | | NON-FAMILY | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|------|
| | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Blackley (Central Ward) | 2 | 4 | 1 | - |
| Howell | 3 | - | - | - |
| East Shilton | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Paragon | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Transfer of cases outside area | 2 | 4 | - | - |
| TOTALS | 15(20) | 10(12) | 1(2) | -(4) |

To the Chairman and Members of the Hinckley Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my twenty-ninth Annual Report upon the administration of your Public Health Inspectors' Department.

New legislation came into being which will increase to a considerable degree the responsibilities of the department. We had the Clean Air Act, the Food Hygiene Regulations, the Slum Clearance Compensation Act, the Housing Subsidies Act and the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956.

This "onslaught" coincides with a time when the technical staff of the department is the same with the exception of one pupil as it was in 1937 when our population was 7,000 less than it is now.

With the support of the Council, the department will do its best to administer the existing and new legislation but it is obvious that all the duties cannot be performed.

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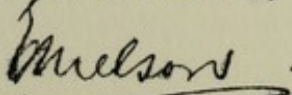
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One hundred per cent Meat and Food inspection was again maintained throughout the year.

Despite all difficulties, progress has been made. This would not have been possible without the co-operation and understanding of the Members and Officers of the Council, of Dr. W. D. Cruickshank, the Medical Officer of Health and the members of the Health Department staff, to whom I am most grateful.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. WATER SUPPLY

The quality of the public supply has been satisfactory.

The quantity of water available is insufficient. Owing to the shortage and other abnormal items relating to distribution the supply failed for very short periods on a few occasions in certain parts of the district.

A Booster Pumping Station at Stoke Golding was brought into use to obviate these periods of shortage by accelerating the bulk supply from the Desford main.

Examination of Water

(a) Town Water

16 samples were taken, 14 for bacteriological and 2 for chemical examination. All the samples were certified as satisfactory.

(b) Well Water

7 samples were taken for bacteriological examination, one being certified satisfactory and 6 unsatisfactory.

11 wells were closed.

Water supply to Dwelling Houses in District

Of the 40,020 people who live in 12,906 houses, 39,261 in 12,660 houses have an internal supply of town water. 488 people in 152 houses have a supply of town water from external standposts and 271 people in 94 houses obtain their supply from wells or springs.

30 houses, formerly occupied by 75 persons who had a supply from external standposts were demolished.

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Water supply to Dwelling Houses in District

Of the 10,000 people who live in 15,900 houses, 32,261 in 12,660 houses have an internal supply of town water. 488 people in 122 houses have a supply of town water from external standposts and 271 people in 24 houses obtain their supply from wells or springs.

30 houses, formerly supplied by 75 persons who had a supply from external standposts were demolished.

10 houses containing 35 people had a town supply of water in lieu of a well or spring supply. 1 house containing 3 people which had a well supply was demolished.

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2. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The sewerage work at Stoke Golding was completed and improvements to the disposal works were almost completed.

A scheme is being prepared to relieve the overcharged sewers in the Tudor Road district.

3. CESSPOOLS

There are 115 cesspools and 12 septic tanks, one new cesspool was constructed and 9 abolished.

4. SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

There are 14,045 water closets, and 215 pail closets. 3 pail closets were converted to W.Cs.

From May 1956, the Council decided to pay £5. towards the cost of converting each pail closet to a W.C.

There are no privies or privy-middens.

5. PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse and collection is dealt with by direct labour under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor. Seven Karrier Bantam vehicles are used for refuse collection.

Disposal takes place by controlled tipping on land in the Earl Shilton Ward and trade refuse by partial controlled tipping in the Barwell Ward.

The frequency of the collection varies from once per seven days to once per fourteen days.

6. DUSTBINS

236 visits were made at 72 premises regarding the provision of satisfactory dustbins.

6 dustbins were still in need of replacement at the end of the year.

7. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Complaints

352 recorded complaints were received.

138 concerned infestations of rats, mice, beetles, etc.

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3. CROSSLAND

There are 115 cross-roads and 12 public houses, one new cross-road was constructed and 9 abolished.

4. SANITARY INSPECTION

There are 14,045 water closets, and 215 public houses, 5 public houses were converted to W.C.

From May 1956, the Council decided to pay £3. towards the cost of converting each public house to a W.C.

There are no private or party-cesses.

5. PUBLIC CLEANING

House refuse and collection is dealt with by direct labour under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor. Seven Kew-Kor buses are used for refuse collection.

Refuse is taken place by controlled tipping on land in the East End of Stoke Golding and refuse by partial controlled tipping in the Fabor Road.

The frequency of the collection varies from once per seven days to once per fourteen days.

6. DUSTING

250 visits were made at 75 houses regarding the provision of satisfactory dustbins.

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113 concerned public health matters.
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Premises

1,085 premises were inspected relating to 771 nuisances or defects which were discovered and dealt with.

Number of Inspections

| | <u>Initial Inspections</u> | <u>Re-visits</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Accumulations | 23 | 8 | 31 |
| Animal Keeping | 18 | 58 | 76 |
| Dustbins, refuse collection and | 287 | 202 | 489 |
| Sanitary accommodation | | | |
| Nuisances | 419 | 696 | 1115 |
| Drainage Works | 145 | 168 | 313 |
| Moveable Dwellings | 59 | 60 | 119 |
| Smoke Abatement | 64 | 72 | 136 |
| Housing | 345 | 380 | 725 |
| Overcrowding | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| Verminous Premises & Persons | 28 | 40 | 68 |
| Water Supply & Sampling | 62 | 40 | 102 |
| Rats & Mice Destruction | 211 | 859 | 1070 |
| Food Premises | 174 | 739 | 913 |
| Meat & Food Inspection | 1206 | 97 | 1303 |
| Slaughterhouses | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| Knackers Yard | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Dairies | 33 | 14 | 47 |
| Milk Sampling | 18 | 9 | 27 |
| Factories Act | 18 | 16 | 34 |
| Shops Act | 17 | - | 17 |
| Infectious Diseases | 29 | - | 29 |
| Dysentery Investigations | 381 | 1143 | 1524 |
| Food Poisoning | 58 | 23 | 81 |
| Schools | 19 | - | 19 |
| National Assistance Act | 29 | - | 29 |
| Rent Acts | 139 | - | 139 |
| Other Inspections | 393 | 66 | 459 |
| TOTALS | <u>4,201</u> | <u>4,706</u> | <u>8,907</u> |

Investment

1,085 investments were directed relating to 771 industries or
 sectors which were discovered and built with.

| <u>Number of Investments</u> | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <u>Investment</u> | <u>No. of Sectors</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Accumulation | 23 | 31 |
| Animal Rearing | 13 | 76 |
| Artistic, science collection | | |
| and | 287 | 489 |
| Banking, non-association | | |
| Business | 419 | 1115 |
| Business Works | 415 | 313 |
| Mobiles, Dwellings | 59 | 119 |
| Books, Abatement | 64 | 135 |
| Housing | 253 | 785 |
| Overriding | 15 | 18 |
| Various Promises & Partners | 38 | 68 |
| Water Supply & Sewage | 62 | 102 |
| Rails & Road Construction | 211 | 1070 |
| Food Promises | 174 | 313 |
| Meat & Food Inspection | 1206 | 1307 |
| Manufacturing | 10 | 13 |
| Mineral Yards | 1 | 11 |
| Patents | 33 | 43 |
| Mill Sampling | 18 | 23 |
| Producers Act | 18 | 34 |
| Ship Act | 17 | 17 |
| Industrial Diseases | 29 | 29 |
| Investment Investigations | 201 | 1221 |
| Food Potting | 58 | 84 |
| Schools | 19 | 19 |
| National Assistance Act | 29 | 29 |
| Heat Acts | 133 | 133 |
| Other Investments | 333 | 433 |
| TOTAL | 4,201 | 8,207 |

8. NOTICES

| <u>Informal</u> | <u>Housing</u> | <u>Public Health</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Outstanding 1st January | 43 | 25 |
| Issued during year | 71 | 167 |
| Complied with during year | 62 | 155 |
| Statutory action necessary | - | 4 |
| Outstanding 31st December | 52 | 37 |
| | | |
| <u>Statutory</u> | <u>Housing</u> | <u>Public Health</u> |
| Outstanding 1st January | - | - |
| Issued during year | - | 4 |
| Complied with during year | - | 4 |
| Outstanding 31st December | - | - |

9. SUMMARY ACTION

None was taken.

10. SHOPS ACT

2 contraventions relating to sanitary accommodation and 3 relating to washing facilities were abated.

11. MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

119 inspections were made relating to 35 moveable dwellings or sites,
13 new applications were received,
5 new licences were issued after required works had been completed,
21 licences were issued,
33 contraventions were found,
15 were abated,
10 caravans moved from the district.
2 caravans ceased to be used as dwellings.

12. REGULATED BUILDINGS

There is one offensive trade premises, a tripe dresser, which has not been used for some time.

13. THE PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

4 premises are licensed, they were reasonably satisfactory.

14. RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are 6 registered premises for upholstering, etc., we have no licensed premises for the manufacture or storage of rag flock. One contravention relating to the premises was found and abated.

8. NOTICE

| Information | Housing | Public Health |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Outstanding 1st January | 43 | 25 |
| Issued during year | 71 | 107 |
| Complied with during year | 62 | 102 |
| Statutory action necessary | - | 4 |
| Outstanding 31st December | 32 | 21 |
| Statutory | Housing | Public Health |
| Outstanding 1st January | - | - |
| Issued during year | - | 4 |
| Complied with during year | - | 4 |
| Outstanding 31st December | - | - |

9. SUMMARY ACTION

Items were taken.

10. BREED ACT

2 contraventions relating to sanitary accommodation and 3 relating to washing facilities were abated.

11. MOVABLE DWELLINGS

112 inspections were made relating to 35 movable dwellings or sites, 12 new applications were received, 5 new licences were issued after reported works had been completed, 21 licences were issued, 35 contraventions were found, 15 were abated, 40 persons moved from the district, 2 persons ceased to be used as dwellings.

12. REGULATED BUILDINGS

There is one offensive trade premises, a tyre business, which has not been used for some time.

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15. SMOKE ABATEMENT

24 observations were made on chimneys in connection with 17 premises and 136 inspections were made.

7 nuisances were observed.

The following action was taken to abate nuisances:-

New plant installed in 3 cases,
Advice given regarding stoking in 7 cases,
Chimney stack extended in one case,
Stopped burning paper on boiler in one case.

In two cases, promises were given to consider the provision of new plant and conversion to oil fuel.

Negotiations were taking place throughout the year with the occupiers of the dye works, referred to in my last year's report. The company had a grit arrester fixed to the new boiler tubular flue which, whilst it arrested a quantity of grit, did not arrest it all. The National Coal Board were contacted to obtain their advice and assistance towards obtaining the best and most suitable type of fuel.

The Clean Air Act, 1956

From the 31st December, certain provisions of this Act come into operation. These are,

- (a) the enforcement of s.3,
the installation of new furnaces,
- (b) s.10, height of chimneys,
- (c) s.11, offences in smoke control areas.

The Council will also be responsible for enforcing any Regulations made under s.4. smoke density meters, and for making byelaws under s.24.

I regard the provisions of s.10. giving power to control the heights of chimneys as important. The Council in considering this question must be satisfied that the chimney height will be sufficient to prevent, so far as practicable, the smoke, grit, dust or gases from becoming prejudicial to health or a nuisance.

In this district where existing development is very mixed, factories being surrounded by or contiguous to residential property and in view of the tendency to keep chimney stacks as squat as possible, this provision can be extremely useful.

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16. ERADICATION OF VERMIN

33 premises were dealt with, 28 dwellings and 5 business premises. The infestations were of a varied nature but did not include any bed bugs.

17. VERMINOUS PERSONS

Three treatments were given to one person at the Cleansing Station.

The adaptation of buildings adjoining the Health Department was completed to provide a Cleansing Station in place of the one which had been in use for almost 12 years in an unsatisfactory and obsolete building.

18. HOUSING

A. New Houses

| | | |
|--|-----|------|
| Houses, permanent type, completed during year:- | | |
| By local authority | ... | 126 |
| By private enterprise | ... | 280 |
| Houses in course of erection at end of the year:- | | |
| By local authority | ... | 98 |
| By private enterprise | ... | 216 |
| Total number of post war houses completed:- | | |
| By local authority | ... | 1524 |
| By private enterprise | ... | 1200 |
| Number of applicants for Council houses at end of year | | |
| | ... | 612 |
| Number of applications received during year | ... | 200 |
| Number of families rehoused since the termination of hostilities:- | | |
| (a) in new houses | ... | 1531 |
| (b) in vacancies which have arisen | ... | 472 |
| No. of Council houses in the district at 31/12/56 | ... | 2994 |
| No. of Council houses in the district at 31/12/39 | ... | 1525 |

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| By local authority | ... | 126 |
| By private enterprise | ... | 280 |
| Houses in course of erection at end of the year:- | | |
| By local authority | ... | 98 |
| By private enterprise | ... | 216 |
| Total number of post war houses completed:- | | |
| By local authority | ... | 126 |
| By private enterprise | ... | 1200 |
| Number of applicants for Council houses at end of year | | |
| Number of applications received during year | ... | 612 |
| Number of families rehoused since the formation of housing:- | ... | 800 |
| (a) in new houses | ... | 1571 |
| (b) in vacancies which have arisen | ... | 475 |
| No. of Council houses in the district at 31/12/56 | ... | 2094 |
| No. of Council houses in the district at 31/12/55 | ... | 1525 |

B. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). ... 279
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 1138
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under (sub-head) (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932. ... 91
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 668
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. ... 91

C. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts. ... 136

D. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

(1) Public Health Acts

Houses in which defects were remedied:

- (a) By owners ... Nil
- (b) By local authority in default of owners ... Nil

(2) Housing Acts

No Statutory action under this Act was taken regarding the enforcement of repairs.

(3) Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954

Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders revoked, s.5. ... 1
(No. 95 Coventry Road, Hinckley).

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 279

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 1138

(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under (sub-head) (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1935 ... 91

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 668

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 91

REMARKS ON DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF NOTICE

Under houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts ... 136

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

(1) Public Health Acts

Houses in which defects were remedied:

(a) By owners ... 111

(b) By local authority in default of owners ... 111

(2) Housing Acts

No statutory action under these Acts was taken regarding the enforcement of repairs.

(3) Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1924

Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders revoked, &c. (No. 95 Coventry Road, Birmingham) ... 1

19. E. REMOVAL OF UNFIT HOUSES

- (a) The following 30 houses were demolished following action under Part III of the 1936 Act.

| | <u>Houses</u> | <u>Persons</u> | <u>Families</u> |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| AREA NO.53. 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ High Street, Earl Shilton. | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| " " 56. 85,87,89,Church Street, Earl Shilton. | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| " " 57. 28,30,34,36 & 38, The Hollow, Earl Shilton. | 5 | 11 | 5 |
| " " 58. 76,78,80,92,Station Road, Earl Shilton. | 4 | 10 | 4 |
| " " 60. 24,26,28,30,The Common, Barwell. | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| " " 61. 1 Whites Yard, Barwell. | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| " " 65. 26,26a,28,28x,Windsor St. Burbage. | 4 | 8 | 4 |
| " " 70. 20,22,26,30,Chapel Street and 1 and 3, Chapel Street, Earl Shilton. | 4 2 | 25 20 | 4 4 |
| " " 74. 1 & 2, Orton Square, Hinckley. | 2 | - | - |
| | 30 | 92 | 29 \equiv |

\equiv 188 persons were displaced during the year from unfit houses.

(b) INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

| <u>Houses demolished</u> | <u>Houses</u> | <u>Persons</u> | <u>Families</u> |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| "The Lilacs" Burbage. | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 8 Mill Lane, Earl Shilton. | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| The Cottage, Almeys Lane. | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 1 Freemans Cottages, Station Road, Stoke Golding. | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 7 and 9, Alma Road. | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| 43,45,47,49, Druid Street. | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| | 10 | 22 | 9 |

12. 2. REMOVAL OF WHITE HOMES

(a) The following 30 houses were demolished following action under Part III of the 1936 Act.

| House No. | Address | Year | Notes |
|-----------|---|------|-------|
| 1 | 22, High Street, East Sutton. | 1 | |
| 2 | 26, 28, 30, 32, Church Street, East Sutton. | 7 | |
| 3 | 27, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, The Hollow, East Sutton. | 11 | |
| 4 | 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, Station Road, East Sutton. | 10 | |
| 5 | 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, The Green, Burwell. | 6 | |
| 6 | 31, 33, 35, 37, Burwell. | 4 | |
| 7 | 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000. | 20 | |
| 8 | 1 and 3, Chapel Street, East Sutton. | 2 | |
| 9 | 1 and 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945, 947, 949, 951, 953, 955, 957, 959, 961, 963, 965, 967, 969, 971, 973, 975, 977, 979, 981, 983, 985, 987, 989, 991, 993, 995, 997, 999. | - | |
| 10 | 30 | 32 | 32 |

100 houses were displaced during the year from white houses.

(b) HOUSES DEMOLISHED

| House No. | Address | Year | Notes |
|-----------|---|------|-------|
| 1 | 1 and 3, Chapel Street, East Sutton. | 1 | |
| 2 | 1 and 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945, 947, 949, 951, 953, 955, 957, 959, 961, 963, 965, 967, 969, 971, 973, 975, 977, 979, 981, 983, 985, 987, 989, 991, 993, 995, 997, 999. | 2 | |
| 3 | 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945, 947, 949, 951, 953, 955, 957, 959, 961, 963, 965, 967, 969, 971, 973, 975, 977, 979, 981, 983, 985, 987, 989, 991, 993, 995, 997, 999. | 4 | |
| 4 | 10 | 32 | 32 |

(c) LOCAL GOVERNMENT MISCELLANEOUS (PROVISIONS) ACT, 1953.

| <u>Houses closed under s.10 or 11,</u> | <u>Houses</u> | <u>Persons</u> | <u>Families</u> |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 2 and 4, Stapleton Lane. | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| 14 Grove Road, Burbage. | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 17 Horsepool | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 4 Wood Street, Hinckley | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| 109, Wood Street, Earl Shilton. | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| | 6 | 17 | 6 |

(d) HOUSES DEMOLISHED INFORMALLY

| | <u>Houses</u> | <u>Persons</u> | <u>Families</u> |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Nos. 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13, King Georges Way. | 5 | 20 | 5 |

(e) HOUSES CLOSED INFORMALLY

| | <u>Houses</u> | <u>Persons</u> | <u>Families</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 15, 19, 21, 23, King Georges Way | 4 | 13 | 4 |
| 46, 48, William Iliffe Street | 2 | 10 | 2 |
| 2, 4, 6, 8 and 8a, Kirkby Road | 5 | 3 | 3 |

The King Georges Way and William Iliffe Street dwellings are the hutments referred to in last year's report. The Council have decided they shall be closed and demolished in view of their unfit condition.

(f) FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME OF SLUM CLEARANCE

The houses to be included in the 1956 programme of slum clearance were inspected and the representations were placed before the Health Committee on 5th January 1957.

There were 87 houses in 16 areas containing 86 families and 195 persons.

At the end of 1955, 204 of the 627 houses in our five year programme had been dealt with, leaving 423 for attention.

During 1956,

8 houses were dealt with as individual unfits by formal procedure, and

5 were dealt with by informal procedure.

13

Leaving 410 for attention.

87 houses have now been represented, which leaves 323 still to be dealt with.

(a) TOTAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES (PROVISIONAL) ACT, 1957

| Houses closed under s.19 or 11. | Houses | Persons | Families |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|
| 2 and 4, Stapleton Lane. | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| 14, Grove Road, Putney. | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 17, Haverhill | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 4 Wood Street, Haverhill | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 102, Wood Street, East Sutton. | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| | 6 | 17 | 6 |

(b) HOUSES IDENTIFIED INTERNALLY

| | | | |
|---|---|----|---|
| Houses 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12, King George Way. | 5 | 20 | 5 |
|---|---|----|---|

(c) HOUSES CLOSED INTERNALLY

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|----|---|
| 12, 19, 21, 23, King George Way | 4 | 13 | 4 |
| 16, 18, William Little Street | 2 | 10 | 2 |
| 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10, Kirby Road | 5 | 7 | 3 |

The King George Way and William Little Street dwellings are the houses referred to in last year's report. The Council have decided they shall be closed and demolished in view of their unsafe condition.

(1) FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME OF SLUM CLEARANCE

The houses to be included in the 1956 programme of slum clearance were inspected and the representations were placed before the Health Committee on 25th January 1957.

There were 67 houses in 16 areas containing 86 families and 195 persons.

At the end of 1955, 204 of the 627 houses in our five year programme had been dealt with, leaving 423 for attention.

During 1956,

6 houses were dealt with as individual units by formal procedure, and 2 were dealt with by informal procedure.

Leaving 420 for attention. 67 houses have now been represented, which leaves 353 still to be dealt with.

(g) TOTAL NUMBER OF UNFIT HOUSES DEALT WITH SINCE 1932

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| (a) By Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Orders | = | 613 houses & 1833 persons displaced |
| (b) Individual Unfit houses by Demolition Orders | = | 285 " & 830 " |
| Total | | <u>898 houses & 2663 persons displaced</u> |

20. F. HOUSING ACT, 1936, PART IV. OVERCROWDING

| | | |
|--|-----|----|
| (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year | ... | 5 |
| (2) Number of families dwelling therein | ... | 5 |
| (3) Number of persons dwelling therein | ... | 34 |
| (b) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year | ... | 1 |
| (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases | ... | 9 |

21. G. HOUSING SUMMARY

| | |
|---|--------|
| (a) Total number of occupied houses in the district | 12,906 |
| (b) Total number of Council houses occupied in district | 2,994 |

22. H. HOUSING ACT, 1949 AS AMENDED

Improvement Grants

12 enquiries were made up to March, when the Council decided that in view of the restriction of capital expenditure then being required by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government the scheme should be deferred.

11 enquiries were received from owner-occupiers and one from a Voluntary Organisation who contemplated providing housing accommodation for aged people. This application was sent to the Ministry and approved in principle.

(c) TOTAL NUMBER OF NIGHT HOMES IN THE DISTRICT SINCE 1932

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (a) By clearance of Councils | 615 houses & 1875 persons |
| (b) Individual units houses by | 285 " & 870 " |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>898 houses & 2665 persons</u> |

20. HOUSING ACT, 1936, PART IV, OVERCROWDING

| | |
|--|--------|
| (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year | 5 ... |
| (2) Number of families dwelling therein | 5 ... |
| (3) Number of persons dwelling therein | 24 ... |
| (b) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year | 1 ... |
| (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases | 9 ... |

21. HOUSING ACT, 1936, PART IV, OVERCROWDING

| | |
|---|--------|
| (a) Total number of occupied houses in the district | 12,206 |
| (b) Total number of Council houses occupied in district | 2,994 |

22. HOUSING ACT, 1936, PART IV, OVERCROWDING

Improvement Grants

12 applications were made up to March, when the Council decided that in view of the restriction of capital expenditure then being imposed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government the scheme should be deferred.

11 applications were received from owner-occupiers and one from a voluntary organization who contemplated providing housing accommodation for war people. This application was sent to the Ministry and approved in principle.

23. I. RENT RESTRICTION ACTS

61 cases were dealt with and entered in my register.

56 regarding proposed rent increases.

4 " tenancy changes.

1 " the sharing of rented accommodation.

There seemed to be more activity under the 1954 Act which increased the number of persons seeking explanation of the Rent Acts.

CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

19 applications were made for certificates of disrepair, 18 being granted and 1 refused.

9 applications were made for revocation of certificates of disrepair, 6 being granted and 3 were pending at the end of the year.

24. SCHOOLS

The Health Committee made representation to the Director of Education regarding the sanitary facilities available at the schools. He replied, setting out the position regarding the "bulge", the provision of new schools and the consequent reduction in the numbers attending the existing schools and stating works had been put in hand at some schools and this matter was constantly under review.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

25. MILK SUPPLY

| <u>DAIRIES (other than dairy farms) and DISTRIBUTORS (Section 8 Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949).</u> | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| No. on Register | No. of inspections | No. of contraventions | | |
| | | Found | Remedied | Outstanding on 31/12/56 |
| Dairies 9 | 25 | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Distributors 23 | 22 | - | 1 | - |

Biological Milk Samples

| No. of Routine Bulk Samples taken | Results of Biological Examination | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Satisfactory | Evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli | Evidence of Brucella Abortus |
| 18 | 17 | - | 1 * |

Number of individual samples taken following a positive Brucella Abortus report on a routine sample:- ... NIL.

Particulars of any action taken in cases where there was evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli or Brucella Abortus:-

* The unsatisfactory sample was reported as positive on direct culture but the guinea pig died. The repeat sample was reported as negative for Brucella Abortus. The milk from the herd in question is sent to a dairy for pasteurisation.

Bacteriological Milk Sampling

| CLASS | No. of Samples | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <u>Designated</u> | | | |
| "Tuberculin Tested" | 11 | 10 | 1 |
| "Pasteurised" | 7 | 7 | - |
| "Sterilised" | - | - | - |
| <u>Undesignated</u> | - | - | - |

Phosphatase Test

All the samples of Pasteurised milk satisfied the phosphatase test which is an indication that pasteurisation had been performed efficiently.

Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Particulars of Licences issued:-

- (a) Dealers Licences: Pasteurised 21, Sterilised Nil,
(b) Supplementary Licences: Pasteurised 1, Sterilised Nil.

Bacteriological Milk Samples

| No. of Routine Milk Samples taken | Bacteriological | Results of Bacteriological Examination | |
|---|-----------------|--|---------------------------------|
| | | Evidence of Bacterial Growth | Evidence of Acid Reaction |
| 18 | 17 | - | 1 |

Number of individual samples taken following a positive
Bacteriological report on a routine sample:- ... Nil.

Particulars of any action taken in cases where there was
evidence of living Bacteria or Bacterial Growth:-

The bacteriological sample was reported as positive on
direct culture but the animal died. The report sample
was reported as negative for Bacterial Growth. The milk
from the herd in question is sent to a dairy for pasteur-
ization.

Bacteriological Milk Samples

| CLASS | No. of Samples | Bacteri- ological | Unsat- isfactory |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Unpasteurized | - | - | - |
| "Sterilized" | - | - | - |
| "Treated" | 7 | 7 | - |
| "Unpasteurized" | 11 | 10 | 1 |

Investigation Test

All the samples of pasteurized milk satisfied the phosphorus
test which is an indication that pasteurization had been
performed satisfactorily.

Milk (Unpasteurized) (Treated) and Sterilized Milk
Total: 19.

Particulars of known cases:-

1. Bacterial Infection: 1, Sterilized Milk
2. Bacterial Infection: 2, Sterilized Milk

Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949

Particulars of Licences issued:-

- (a) Dealers Licences ... 18
(b) Supplementary Licences .. 1

The district was included in a Specified Area from 1st October 1955, and all milk sold must be heat treated at an approved dairy or be milk produced from an Attested or Tuberculin Tested herd and sold as Tuberculin Tested milk.

The County Public Health Inspector has supplied me with the following information regarding samples taken from the two pasteurising dairies in our district.

Of the 200 samples of pasteurised milk, only one failed the test.

In 53 instances, churn rinsings or bottles were examined to test the state of cleanliness of the vessels, 51 were satisfactory and 2 bottles unsatisfactory.

26. ICE-CREAM

Registered Premises

No. of premises registered:-

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-----|
| (a) Manufacture and retail | | 3 |
| (b) Manufacture only | | Nil |
| (c) Retail only | | 128 |

| | | | | |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|---|
| No. of samples | 6 | Results: | Grade 1 | 6 |
| | | | Grade 2 | - |
| | | | Grade 3 | - |
| | | | Grade 4 | - |

35 inspections were made at 34 premises. 2 defects were found and abated.

It is rare for any ice-cream to be manufactured for sale in the district, the ice-cream sold being that manufactured by the large national companies.

Milk (Special Pasteurized) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1948

Particulars of Licensee's:-

(a) Licensee's Name:

(b) Supplementary Licensee:

The District was included in a Specialized Area from 1st October 1955, and all milk sold must be pasteurized at an approved dairy or be milk produced from an Approved or Tuberculin Tested herd and sold as Tuberculin Tested milk.

The District Public Health Inspector has supplied us with the following information regarding samples taken from the two pasteurizing dairies in our district.

Of the 200 samples of pasteurized milk, only one failed the test.

In 25 instances, cream skimmers or bottles were examined to test the state of cleanliness of the vessels, 21 were satisfactory and 2 bottles unsatisfactory.

26. THE CREAM

Pasteurized Cream

No. of pasteurized cream:-

(a) Manufacture and supply:

(b) Manufacture only:

(c) Retail only:

No. of samples:

Grade 1:

Grade 2:

Grade 3:

Grade 4:

25 pasteurized cream were made at 2 dairies. 2 defects were found and noted.

It is now for any ice-cream to be manufactured for sale in the district, the ice-cream sold being that manufactured by the large national companies.

27. MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

(a) There are 7 private slaughterhouses in the district.

Ante-mortem inspection is made whenever possible and one hundred per cent post-mortem inspection takes place.

(b) Carcases Inspected and Condemned

| | Cattle excl'dg Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs | H orses | TOTAL |
|---|---------------------------|---------|--------|---------------------|--------|------------|---|
| Number killed | 1795 | 14 | 44 | 8122 | 3649 | - | 13624 |
| Number inspected | 1795 | 14 | 44 | 8122 | 3649 | - | 13624 |
| <u>ALL DISEASES</u> <u>EXCEPT</u> <u>TUBERCULOSIS</u> | | | | | | | <u>Total</u> <u>weight</u> <u>in lbs.</u> |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | 2 | | - | 132 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 182 | 3 | 1 | 160 | 178 | - | 3289½ |
| Percentage of No. inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis | 10.139% | 21.429% | 2.273% | 1.995% | 4.878% | - | 3421½ |
| <u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u> | | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 799 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 100 | 2 | - | - | 29 | - | 4459 |
| Percentage of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis | 5.627% | 14.286% | - | - | .795% | - | 5258 |

TOTAL WEIGHT CONDEMNED DURING YEAR = 3 tons, 17cwts, 55 lbs.

27. MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

- (a) There are 7 private abattoirs in the district.
 Ante-mortem inspection is made whenever possible and one hundred per cent post-mortem inspection takes place.
- (b) Carcasses Inspected and Condemned

| Number Killed | Cattle and Horses | Cows | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs | Others | TOTAL |
|--|-------------------------|------|--------|---------------------|------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 1795 | 14 | 44 | 8122 | 3649 | - | - | 13624 |
| 1795 | 14 | 44 | 8122 | 3649 | - | - | 13624 |
| ALL DISEASES NOT TUBERCULOSIS | | | | | | | Total weight in lbs. 135 |
| Whole carcasses condemned | | | | | | | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | | | | | | | 3889 |
| Percentage of No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis | | | | | | | 34.17 |
| TUBERCULOSIS ONLY | | | | | | | 79 |
| Whole carcasses condemned | | | | | | | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | | | | | | | 4459 |
| Percentage of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis | | | | | | | 5.38 |

TOTAL WEIGHT CONDEMNED DURING YEAR = 5 tons 17 cwt. 25 lbs.

(c) Meat Inspection

The amount of meat condemned during the year was 3 tons, 17 cwts, 55 lbs. compared with 4 tons, 2 cwts, 24 lbs. for 1955.

The animals killed for food was up by 1,216. The number of cows killed being reduced from 39 to 14, which gives some indication of the high quality animals which are prepared for food in the district.

1,303 visits were made for the purpose of meat and food inspection, many of them being made outside normal working hours.

Cysticercus Bovis, a parasitic disease which can be transmitted to man was found in two bullocks, one degenerate and calcified cyst being found in the heart of each animal. No other cysts were found, the hearts were condemned.

I am pleased to report we have been able to maintain one hundred per cent meat inspection.

(d) Other Foods

The following unsound food was inspected, condemned, surrendered and suitably disposed of:-

| Commodity | lbs. | ozs. | tins | Other container |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| Ox tongue | 35 | 10 | 10 | |
| Luncheon Meat | 26 | 13 | 39 | |
| Chopped Pork | 13 | 6 | 6 | |
| Stewed Steak | 27 | 1 | 39 | |
| Corned Beef | 1197 | 14 | 198 | |
| Irish Stew | 2 | - | 2 | |
| Dutch Ham | 6 | - | 1 | |
| Shoulder of Ham | 17 | 13 | | Parcel |
| Chicken & Ham | 1 | 4 | 2 | |
| Steak & Kidney Pudd- ing | 4 | 8 | 5 | |
| Crab Meat | 3 | 4 | 7 | |
| Crab Paste | 6 | $2\frac{3}{4}$ | 26 | |
| Lobster | | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | |
| Salmon | 5 | $13\frac{3}{4}$ | 12 | |
| Danish Frozen Kidneys | 28 | - | 1 | |
| Crawfish | | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | |
| Pork in juice | 3 | 4 | - | |
| Sardines | | $3\frac{3}{4}$ | 1 | |

Contd. ...

(c) Meat Inspection

The amount of meat condemned during the year was 3 tons, 17 cwt., 32 lbs., compared with 4 tons, 2 cwt., 24 lbs. for 1935.

The animals killed for food was up to 1,216. The number of cows killed being returned from 32 to 14, which gives some indication of the high quality animals which are prepared for food in the district.

1,303 visits were made for the purpose of meat and food inspection, many of these being made outside normal working hours.

Cysticercus Bovis, a parasitic disease which can be transmitted to man was found in two bullocks, one degenerate and emaciated cyst being found in the heart of each animal. No other cysts were found, the hearts were condemned.

I am pleased to report we have been able to maintain our hundred per cent meat inspection.

(d) Other Foods

The following amount food was inspected, condemned, surrendered and suitably disposed of:-

| Commodity | Lbs. | cwt. | tons | Other Containers |
|----------------------|------|------|------|---------------------|
| On 1st June | 32 | 10 | 10 | |
| Lambchop Meat | 26 | 13 | 39 | |
| Chopped Pork | 13 | 6 | 6 | |
| Stewed Steak | 27 | 1 | 39 | |
| Control Meat | 1197 | 14 | 198 | |
| Irish Stew | 3 | - | 2 | |
| Dutch Ham | 6 | - | 1 | |
| Shoulder of Lamb | 17 | 13 | | Parcel |
| Onion & Ham | 1 | 4 | 2 | |
| Steak & Kidney Pie | 4 | 8 | 2 | |
| Grid Meat | 3 | 1 | 7 | |
| Grid Paste | 6 | 29 | 26 | |
| Lobster | 1 | 21 | 1 | |
| Salmon | 2 | 13 | 12 | |
| Danish Brown Kidneys | 22 | - | 1 | |
| Crabfish | 2 | 25 | 1 | |
| Pork in Juice | 3 | 1 | - | |
| Sardines | 2 | 29 | 1 | Contd... |

| Commodity | lbs. | ozs. | tins | Other Container |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|------|--------------------|
| Brought forward | 1379 | 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 351 | 1 Parcel |
| Tuna Fish | | 7 | 1 | |
| Scotch Broth | 7 | 15 | 7 | |
| Pilchards | 2 | 13 | 3 | |
| Pork Sausage | 16 | 8 | - | 2 Parcels |
| Beef Sausage links | 12 | - | - | 1 Parcel |
| Beef Sausage Bundles | 6 | - | - | " |
| Pt.Frozen hind qtrs.Beef | 28 | - | - | |
| Several loins & Bellies of Pork | 50 | - | - | |
| Cooked Ham | 11 | 1 | 1 | |
| 4 fowls | 16 approx. | | | |
| Beans & Sausage in | 1 | 8 | 2 | |
| Tomato Sauce | | | | |
| Soup (Various) | 31 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 46 | |
| Garden Peas | 98 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 96 | |
| Tomatoes | 460 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 393 | |
| Spaghetti | 27 | 8 | 101 | 2 cases |
| Beans | 45 | 6 | 60 | |
| Creamed Rice | 5 | 9 | 6 | |
| Mandarin Oranges | 19 | 15 | 31 | |
| Cherries | 41 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 40 | |
| Gooseberries | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| Fruit Salad | 49 | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 35 | |
| Peaches | 90 | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 71 | |
| Pears | 78 | 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 57 | |
| Plums | 54 | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 29 | |
| Pineapples | 103 | 13 | 53 | |
| Grapefruit | 29 | 12 | 18 | |
| Raspberries | 3 | 11 | 3 | |
| Damsons | 5 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | |
| Blackcurrants | 3 | 8 | 4 | |
| Blackberries | 3 | 1 | 3 | |
| Strawberries | 1 | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | |
| Australian Cheese | 10 | - | - | 1 Parcel |
| Cheshire Cheese | 35 | - | - | 3 Parcels |
| Packet Cheese | 11 | 8 | - | 15 Packets |
| Jam | 4 | 14 | 3 | |
| Tomato Juice | 1 | 12 | 2 | |
| Orange Juice | 1 | 3 | 1 | |
| Nescafe | | 3 | 1 | |
| Salad Cream | | 10 | | 2 Jars |
| Onions | 1 | 3 | | 1 Jar |
| Carrots | 8 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 | |
| Apple Sauce | 5 | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | |

Contd. ...

| Commodity | lbs. | ozs. | tins | Other Container |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------|--|
| Brought forward | 2768 | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1442 ... | (8 Parcels 2 Cases 3 Jars 15 Packets |
| Ideal Pickle | 1 | | | 1 Jar |
| Approx. 730 Coconuts | 500 approx. | | | 8 Sacks |
| Nuts & Raisins | 80 | | | 3 Cartons |
| Chocolate Wafer Biscuits | (250 biscuits) | | | 1 Box |
| Milo | | 8 | 1 | |
| Chocolate Cigarettes | (2 doz x 10) | | | 10 Packets |
| Milk | (159 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts. equiv) | | 143 | |
| Cream | (13 $\frac{1}{4}$ pts. equiv) | | 23 | |
| TOTALS | 3350 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1609 | |

The inspection of this quantity of food and the preparation of the surrender certificates takes up a fair amount of time. Occasionally we are called in to examine quantities of food where the trader would like a second opinion upon its condition.

28. SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The seven slaughterhouses have been maintained in a reasonably satisfactory state. Licences have been granted in all cases for a period expiring in July 1959. It is anticipated the Regulations which are to be made to prescribe minimum standards for slaughterhouses will be in operation and the position as to the future of the slaughterhouses will then have been clarified.

The Council adopted the Series II Byelaws with respect to Slaughterhouses which will commence to operate from 11-2-1957.

29. KNACKER YARD

The one Knacker Yard is situate in the Barwell Ward. 11 inspections were made and 5 contraventions were found and abated.

The premises are well constructed and maintained, a supply of water was obtained from the town main to replace a well supply.

The Council adopted the Series II Byelaws with respect to Knacker Yards which will commence to operate from 11-2-1957.

30. FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

| | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| 1.(a) Number of premises inspected | ... | 276 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | ... | 913 |
| (c) Number of Informal Notices served | ... | 118 |
| (d) Number of Informal Notices complied with | ... | 90 |
| (e) Number of Informal Notices outstanding Dec.31st.. | | 28 |
| (f) Number of Formal Notices served | ... | Nil |
| (g) Number of Formal Notices complied with | ... | " |
| (h) Number of Formal Notices outstanding Dec.31st.... | | " |

The following table sets out the type of premises visited and the action taken apart from Ice-Cream premises, dairies, the market and licensed and club premises.

| PREMISES | VISITED | INSPECTIONS | CONTRAVENTIONS | ABATED |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|----------------|--------|
| Meat Shops | 37 | 42 | 41 | 19 |
| Meat Rooms | 14 | 17 | 10 | 7 |
| Fried Fish | 36 | 42 | 22 | 11 |
| Chipped & Potatoes | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| Canteens | 16 | 18 | 30 | 15 |
| Bakehouses | 115 | 139 | 164 | 51 |
| Others | | | | |
| TOTAL | 224 | 264 | 271 | 106 |

31. LICENSED AND CLUB PREMISES

The following information was set out in a report to the Health Committee at the end of the year:-

| | <u>Licensed Premises.</u> | <u>Clubs</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Work completed | Nil | 2 |
| 2. Work substantially completed with little outstanding | 7 | 6 |
| 3. Substantial amount of work done but much remains outstanding | 22 | 11 |
| 4. Moderate amount of work done | 18 | 2 |
| 5. Little work done | 6 | 4 |

Contd. ..

30. FOOD HYGIENE INSPECTIONS, 1935

| | | |
|-----|-----|--|
| 276 | ... | (a) Number of premises inspected |
| 213 | ... | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose |
| 118 | ... | (c) Number of informal notices served |
| 30 | ... | (d) Number of informal notices complied with |
| 28 | ... | (e) Number of informal notices outstanding Dec. 31st |
| 111 | ... | (f) Number of formal notices served |
| " | ... | (g) Number of formal notices complied with |
| " | ... | (h) Number of formal notices outstanding Dec. 31st |

The following table sets out the type of premises visited and the action taken against each class of premises, during the period and licensed and club premises.

| PREMISES | VISITED | INSPECTIONS | COMPLAINTS | NOTES |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Meat Shops | 37 | 42 | 41 | 12 |
| Meat Boilers | 14 | 17 | 10 | 7 |
| Fried Fish | 36 | 42 | 22 | 11 |
| Other Food Premises | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Public Houses | 10 | 10 | 30 | 12 |
| Others | 112 | 122 | 164 | 21 |
| TOTAL | 224 | 264 | 271 | 106 |

31. LICENSED AND CLUB PREMISES

The following information was set out in a report to the Health Committee at the end of the year:-

| Class | Licensed Premises | Club |
|---|-------------------|------|
| 1. Work completed | 111 | 2 |
| 2. Work substantially completed with little outstanding | 7 | 6 |
| 3. Substantial amount of work done but much remains outstanding | 22 | 11 |
| 4. Moderate amount of work done | 18 | 2 |
| 5. Little work done | 6 | 4 |

| | <u>Licensed Premises</u> | <u>Clubs</u> |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|
| 6. No work done (order has been placed for some to be done) | 1 | Nil |
| 7. Some work been done and extensive alterations being prepared | 5 | Nil |
| 8. Alterations in progress | Nil | 3 |

In general, a substantial amount of work has been done at 48 premises and a moderate amount of work, little work or no work, has been done at 31 premises.

The Health Committee gave instructions for those who had done little work to be pressed to expedite the completion of the works required.

32. OPEN WEEKLY MARKET

The market was inspected on 64 occasions. 49 contraventions, 36 of these relating to protection of food, were noted, 29 being abated at the end of the year.

The Food Hygiene Regulations began to operate on 1st January 1956 with some exceptions which came into operation six months later.

I prepared a report on the Regulations which was put before the Health Committee.

Subsequently, I prepared a report upon two specific questions put to me at a Health Committee meeting. The questions being:-

1. Was it the Council's responsibility to provide washing facilities for the Market traders, and
2. What washing facilities were available for traders at markets in adjoining districts.

The answers given were:-

1. the owner of the food business carried on at or from the stall was responsible for the washing facilities.
2. Varying action had been or was being taken by adjoining authorities, in every case the facilities were more readily available than those at Hinckley which are situate in the public convenience at distances varying from 117 to 232 yards from the stalls.

| <u>Group</u> | <u>Answer</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|--------------|---------------|---|
| Nil | 1 | 6. No work done (order has been placed for some to be done) |
| Nil | 2 | 7. Some work done and extensive alterations being prepared |
| 2 | Nil | 8. Alterations in progress |

In general, a substantial amount of work has been done at 48 premises and a moderate amount of work, little work or no work, has been done at 24 premises.

The Health Committee gave instructions for those who had done little work to be pressed to expedite the completion of the work required.

20. DETH WELSH MARKET

The market was inspected on 24 occasions. 43 contraventions, 26 of those relating to protection of food, were noted, 22 being noted at the end of the year.

The Food Hygiene Regulations began to operate on 1st January 1956 with some exceptions which came into operation six months later.

I prepared a report on the Regulations which was put before the Health Committee.

Subsequently, I prepared a report upon two specific questions put to me at a Health Committee meeting. The questions being:-

1. What is the Council's responsibility in providing washing facilities for the market traders, and

2. What washing facilities were available for traders at markets in adjoining districts.

The answers given were:-

1. The owner of the food business carried on at or from the stall was responsible for the washing facilities.

2. Varying action had been or was being taken by adjoining authorities. In every case the facilities were more readily available than those at Ebbw Vale which are situated in the public convenience at distance varying from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 miles from the stall.

The Health Committee requested the Highways Committee to consider the provision of washing facilities in the open market each Monday for the traders and to consider the provision of aluminium stalls as a gradual replacement of the wooden stalls which are used by the food traders. The Highways Committee recommended the Council to take no action in this respect and the Council approved this recommendation.

This decision has caused our work under the Regulations to be more difficult, the conditions in the open market being readily cited to your officers when seeking compliance with the Regulations by tradesmen.

33. FOOD POISONING

41 cases of food poisoning were notified. There were 3 outbreaks, which were spread over most of the year.

There were 19 cases of Salmonella Typhi-murium.
17 of Salmonella Heidelberg and
5 of Salmonella Stanley.

The affected persons were acutely ill for the first few days, then recovered from symptoms but in most cases the causative organisms persisted for some weeks.

In 11 of the Salmonella Heidelberg cases, it was suspected that pressed beef prepared by a large firm distributing their products nationally may have been the causative food. Unfortunately, in no case was it possible for remnants of the suspected food to be obtained from the households. Two samples of pressed beef produced by the firm were obtained from shops and submitted for laboratory examination, but these gave negative results.

The 5 Salmonella Stanley cases occurred in two households. In these cases pressed meat was suspected which was prepared in a neighbouring authority. Close liaison was maintained with the Public Health Laboratory who investigated the outbreak so far as the food handlers at the processing firm's premises were concerned.

There were 14 unnotified cases, 12 of Salmonella Heidelberg and 2 of Salmonella Typhi-murium. These were investigated in conjunction with the notified cases previously referred to.

During the year 81 investigations were made regarding food poisoning and 381 regarding dysentery. 3,303 follow-up visits were made after these investigations.

The Health Committee requested the Highway Committee to consider the provision of washing facilities in the open market each Monday for the traders and to consider the provision of almsbait stalls as a general replacement of the wooden stalls which are used by the food traders. The Highway Committee recommended the Council to take no action in this respect and the Council approved this recommendation.

This decision has caused our work under the Regulations to be more difficult, the conditions in the open market being readily cited to your officers when seeking compliance with the Regulations by traders.

FOOD INSPECTION

35.

41 cases of food poisoning were notified. There were 3 outbreaks, which were spread over most of the year.

There were 19 cases of Salmonella Typhimurium,
17 of Salmonella Heidelberg and
2 of Salmonella Stanley.

The affected persons were mostly ill for the first few days, then recovered from symptoms but in most cases the causative organism persisted for some weeks.

In 11 of the Salmonella Heidelberg cases, it was suggested that pressed beef prepared by a large firm distributing their products nationally may have been the causative food. Unfortunately, in no case was it possible for remnants of the suspected food to be obtained from the households. Two samples of pressed beef produced by the firm were obtained from shops and submitted for laboratory examination, but these gave negative results.

The 2 Salmonella Stanley cases occurred in two households. In these cases pressed meat was suggested which was prepared in a neighbouring country. Close liaison was maintained with the Public Health Laboratory who investigated the outbreak as far as the food handlers at the processing firm's premises were concerned.

There were 14 unnotified cases, 12 of Salmonella Heidelberg and 2 of Salmonella Typhimurium. These were investigated in conjunction with the notified cases previously referred to.

During the year 51 investigations were made regarding food poisoning and 307 regarding dysentery. 3,303 follow-up visits were made after these investigations.

34. FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948.

(a) There are 307 factories on our register. The trades carried on in these being as follows:-

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Hosiery Manufacture | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 105 |
| Underwear " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Boot & Shoe " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 |
| Engineering Factories | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Display Studios | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Elastic Braid Manufacture | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Public Transport Depots | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Printers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Cardboard Box Manufacture | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Builders & Timber Merchants | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 34 |
| Dyers & Cleaners | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Clothing Manufacture | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Chemical Manufacture | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Furniture and Upholstery Repairers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Automobile Engineers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 |
| Knitted Goods | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Hosiery Machinery Engineers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Joinery and Wheelwrights | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Boot and Shoe Repairers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| Bakers and Confectioners | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Dental Mechanics | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Mineral Water Manufacture | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Electrical and Auto-electrical engineers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Milk Pasteurising Plants | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | <u>307</u> |

29 inspections were made in connection with 11 premises and 9 contraventions or defects were found. 13 contraventions or defects being abated.

(b) Outworkers

The return of outworkers employed during the six months preceding August was as follows:-

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Returns received from | 119 firms |
| Number of firms who employ outworkers | 76 |
| " " outworkers employed | 571 |
| " " local outworkers employed | 429 |
| " " outworkers employed who reside in other districts | 142 |
| " " firms who sent in a Nil return | 43 |

The number of outworkers employed - 571, shows a slight decrease from last year's return of 613.

35. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

1,237 inspections were made in connection with the destruction of rats, mice or pests. More calls are made upon the Rodent Operator than he can deal with.

The report of 12 months work ending 31st March 1957 was sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the following information is set out from it:-

| | | |
|---|-----|--------|
| No. of properties to be protected | ... | 13,806 |
| No. of properties inspected, as a result of:- | | |
| (a) notification | ... | 196 |
| (b) Survey under the Act | ... | 86 |
| (c) Otherwise | ... | 51 |
| No. of properties found to be infested:- | | |
| (a) Rats, minor infestation | ... | 153 |
| (b) Mice, " " | ... | 29 |

All these infestations were efficiently treated.

Contract Premises

31 business premises had a contract with the Health Department to remove any infestation of rats or mice on their premises. Two contracts, where the premises were free from infestation were terminated and two new contracts at other premises were entered into.

Sewer Baiting

The fourteenth treatment of sewers was made between 10th April and 28th June 1956. The work was carried out by the General Assistant and the Rodent Operator. 879 manholes were prebaited, 66 complete and 24 part takes being noted. 90 manholes were poison baited.

Infestation of sewers and drains again occurred on sites where building development was proceeding.

There seems to be a great reduction in the number of corn stacks on agricultural land and no serious infestation of land or agricultural premises came under our notice.

32. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1947

1,257 inspections were made in connection with the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1947. More calls are made upon the Robert Operator than he can deal with.

The report of 12 months work ending 31st March 1957 was sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the following information is set out from it:-

| | |
|---|--------|
| No. of properties to be protected | 13,806 |
| No. of properties inspected, as a result of:- | |
| (a) notification | 136 |
| (b) survey under the Act | 86 |
| (c) otherwise | 51 |
| No. of properties found to be infested:- | |
| (a) rats, minor infestation | 157 |
| (b) mice, " " | 29 |

All these infestations were efficiently treated.

Contract Premises

24 business premises had a contract with the Health Department to remove any infestation of rats or mice on their premises. Two contracts, where the premises were free from infestation were terminated and two new contracts at other premises were entered into.

Sewer Rattling

The fourteenth treatment of sewers was made between 10th April and 26th June 1956. The work was carried out by the General Assistant and the Robert Operator. 879 manholes were probed, 66 complete and 21 part holes being noted. 90 manholes were poison baited.

Infestation of sewers and drains again occurred on sites where building development was proceeding.

There seems to be a great reduction in the number of corn stacks on agricultural land and no serious infestation of land or agricultural premises came under our notice.

36. STAFF

I reported in my last Annual Report that the Council had agreed to increase the establishment by one inspector which would bring the technical staff to a Chief, Deputy Chief and three additional inspectors. The Deputy Chief Inspector, resigned from 31st October 1956, and the post had not been filled at the end of the year. This meant that for two months there was one inspector less from the actual strength of the department and two less than the establishment.

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TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL

| Year | | Population | Births | Birth Rate | Deaths | Death Rate | Infant Mortality Rate |
|------|----|------------|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1899 | .. | 11,019 | 361 | 30.08 | 193 | 16.08 | 160.6 |
| 1909 | .. | 12,576 | 335 | 27.6 | 190 | 15.1 | 146.2 |
| 1919 | .. | 13,707 | 208 | 12.99 | 171 | 11.12 | 100.9 |
| 1929 | .. | 15,650 | 294 | 18.9 | 223 | 14.2 | 71.4 |
| 1934 | .. | 16,920 | 302 | 17.7 | 182 | 10.7 | 46.0 |
| 1939 | .. | 34,360 | 594 | 17.2 | 336 | 9.6 | 47.0 |
| 1940 | .. | 35,060 | 601 | 17.1 | 364 | 10.38 | 47.0 |
| 1941 | .. | 35,887 | 574 | 15.96 | 397 | 11.06 | 50.5 |
| 1942 | .. | 35,044 | 654 | 18.66 | 321 | 9.11 | 42.8 |
| 1943 | .. | 34,498 | 681 | 19.71 | 328 | 9.5 | 36.7 |
| 1944 | .. | 34,430 | 753 | 21.9 | 335 | 9.7 | 27.9 |
| 1945 | .. | 34,400 | 688 | 20.0 | 323 | 9.3 | 26.1 |
| 1946 | .. | 36,620 | 855 | 23.3 | 366 | 9.9 | 44.4 |
| 1947 | .. | 37,650 | 858 | 22.79 | 397 | 10.5 | 46.8 |
| 1948 | .. | 38,580 | 785 | 20.39 | 364 | 9.4 | 24.2 |
| 1949 | .. | 38,750 | 691 | 17.83 | 396 | 10.2 | 27.4 |
| 1950 | .. | 39,050 | 680 | 17.41 | 367 | 9.39 | 26.85 |
| 1951 | .. | 38,980 | 683 | 17.5 | 392 | 10.05 | 46.8 |
| 1952 | .. | 39,080 | 605 | 15.48 | 348 | 8.9 | 26.44 |
| 1953 | .. | 39,310 | 669 | 17.01 | 356 | 9.05 | 32.88 |
| 1954 | .. | 39,680 | 577 | 14.54 | 413 | 10.40 | 24.26 |
| 1955 | .. | 39,800 | 569 | 14.29 | 394 | 9.89 | 33.39 |
| 1956 | .. | 40,020 | 593 | 14.81 | 356 | 8.89 | 25.29 |

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| Year | Population | Births | Deaths | Deaths | Infant |
|------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | Rate | Rate | Rate | Rate |
| 1926 | 40,020 | 23 | 14.81 | 32 | 8.99 |
| 1927 | 39,300 | 26 | 14.22 | 34 | 8.62 |
| 1928 | 39,680 | 27 | 14.24 | 41 | 10.40 |
| 1929 | 39,210 | 29 | 17.01 | 36 | 9.05 |
| 1930 | 38,080 | 29 | 15.48 | 36 | 9.3 |
| 1931 | 36,980 | 28 | 17.2 | 32 | 10.05 |
| 1932 | 36,050 | 27 | 17.41 | 36 | 9.39 |
| 1933 | 36,750 | 29 | 17.93 | 36 | 10.2 |
| 1934 | 36,280 | 28 | 20.39 | 36 | 9.4 |
| 1935 | 37,680 | 28 | 22.79 | 37 | 10.2 |
| 1936 | 36,680 | 25 | 23.3 | 36 | 9.9 |
| 1937 | 36,400 | 24 | 20.0 | 32 | 9.3 |
| 1938 | 36,430 | 23 | 21.9 | 32 | 9.7 |
| 1939 | 36,498 | 21 | 19.71 | 32 | 9.2 |
| 1940 | 35,887 | 24 | 18.66 | 31 | 9.11 |
| 1941 | 35,060 | 24 | 17.1 | 34 | 10.38 |
| 1942 | 34,360 | 24 | 17.8 | 32 | 9.6 |
| 1943 | 34,920 | 20 | 17.7 | 18 | 10.7 |
| 1944 | 32,650 | 24 | 18.7 | 22 | 16.2 |
| 1945 | 32,707 | 20 | 12.92 | 17 | 11.12 |
| 1946 | 32,276 | 22 | 27.6 | 19 | 12.1 |
| 1947 | 31,019 | 21 | 30.08 | 19 | 16.06 |

