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In view of the age composition of the population the local death rate of 10.8 is again favourable ('standardised' rate 10.4). The local birth rate at 15.8 (identical with 1958) fell below the national rate (16.5); the local stillbirth and infant mortality rates are seen to have been exceptionally favourable.

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SECTION A

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LOCAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	81,324
Home Population - Registrar-General's estimate for mid-1959 ...	22,680
Number of inhabited houses at 1st April 1960 (estd.) ..	7,446
Rateable Value - 1st April 1960	£193,238
Sum represented by Penny Rate (estimate 1960/61)	£772

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1959

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>HITCHIN RURAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>Comparable rate for England and Wales</u>
Legitimate	349	195	154		
Illegitimate	10	6	4		
	<hr/> 359	<hr/> 201	<hr/> 158		

Rate per 1,000 population ... 15.8 16.5

Illegitimate live births per cent of total
live births 2.8

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	3	2	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<hr/> 3	<hr/> 2	<hr/> 1

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births 8.3 20.7

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
362	203	159

DEATHS

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
246	138	108

Rate per 1,000 of the estimated
resident population ... 10.8 11.6

HITCHIN Comparable rate
RURAL for England and
DISTRICT Wales

INFANT DEATHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Under 1 week	1	-	1
1 - 4 weeks	-	-	-
4 - 52 weeks	-	-	-
	<hr/> 1	<hr/> -	<hr/> 1

Infant Mortality Rates -

Total infant deaths per 1,000		
total live births	2.8	22.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000		
legitimate live births	2.9	
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000		
illegitimate live births	Nil	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under		
4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) ...	2.8	15.8
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under		
1 week per 1,000 total live births) ...	2.8	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and		
deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000		
total live and still births	11.0	
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)		
Number of deaths	1	
Rate per 1,000 total live and		
still births	2.76	0.38

Comment on Vital Statistics

The estimated local mid-year population again shows an increase (280).

Total live births numbered 359 against 355 for 1958, and total deaths 246 against 234.

Principal causes of Death

Of the total, 100 were attributed to Heart and other Circulatory Diseases, 37 to Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System, 42 to Cancer (all sites) and 17 to Respiratory Diseases. Motor Vehicle accidents claimed 6 deaths (4 male and 2 female) among local residents.

SECTION B

General Provision of Health Services

No important change occurred during the year.

SECTION C

Staff

During the year there was a change in the clerical staff. Mrs. A. Johnson left local authority service on 23rd October, and was replaced by Mrs. M. Bott, who was appointed on 20th October.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water Supplies

In spite of the long, hot, dry summer no shortages were experienced in any part of the Council's area, and it was not necessary to impose any restrictions. Work commenced on the construction of a service reservoir, the erection of a booster pumphouse and the installation of booster pumps and new borehole pumps at King's Walden waterworks, and at the end of 1959 the work was nearing completion.

During the year however, a private Bill was presented to the House of Commons bringing into existence a new Water Company known as The Lee Valley Water Company. This Company is to take over all the Water Undertakings in the area, including this Authority's Waterworks, on the 1st April 1960.

Regular water samples were taken at the pumping stations by the Council's Analyst and these all proved satisfactory.

Two tables of analysis are submitted:-

1. Taken by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor to test the quality of the water delivered from the pumping stations into the mains.
2. Taken by the Public Health Department to test the quality of the water delivered to the consumer.

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Table 1

Pumping Station	Total	Raw Water		Treated Water	
		Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Ashwell	4	4	-	-	-
Codicote	4	4	-	-	-
King's Walden	12	8	-	4	-
Wymondley	4	4	-	-	-
Braughing	No records - under control of Braughing R.D.C.				
Totals	24	20	-	4	-

Table 2

	<u>No.</u> <u>taken</u>	<u>Satis-</u> <u>factory</u>	<u>Unsatis-</u> <u>factory</u>	<u>Doubtful</u>
1. <u>Council Undertakings</u>				
Hitchin/Braughing	1	1	-	-
King's Walden	2	2	-	-
2. <u>Bulk Supplies</u>				
Baldock U.D. (Clothall, Weston, Bygrave)	3	3	-	-
3. <u>Other Sources</u>				
Special samples (private supplies)	46	14	29	3
	52	20	29	3

Public Swimming Baths

There are no public swimming baths in the Hitchin Rural District.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Certain progress has been made in the provision of sewerage and sewage treatment plants in the various villages. Work has commenced on the Hexton Scheme and tenders have been sought for the Ickleford and Kimpton schemes.

Details of the proposals for the drainage of the properties at Fulling Mill and also Codicote Village have been submitted to the Ministry for approval.

Towards the end of the year a full report on the sewerage position in the villages was submitted to the Public Health Committee and a programme for the coming five years was agreed.

With the removal of all Departments into the new offices early in 1960, it is hoped that additional staff may be obtained to proceed more rapidly with the various sewerage schemes.

Public Cleansing Service

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Shortage of staff continued to be a major source of anxiety in this service but the main body of regular men have carried through during its difficult times by working long hours.

Towards the end of the year careful thought was given to the provision of a tracked machine to relieve the tip labour position, this being one of the major difficulties in recruitment. By the year's end the Public Health Committee had decided to have a machine on demonstration.

Another matter that was given much consideration was a request from the Codicote Parish Council for the rendering of a weekly service to the main parts of the Parish of Codicote during the months of June, July and August 1960. No decision had been reached by the year end.

Salvage figures were slightly below the previous two years, again due to limitation in despatches to the Paper Mills. During the year, this limitation was removed but then it proved impossible to find part-time labour to perform the sorting and baling work. Both part-time men left for reasons beyond the control of the Council.

During the year the Public Cleansing Foreman, Mr. S. Harris, retired. He had given the Council nineteen years of valued service and had contributed to the formation of the services that have now run with a good measure of success for eleven years. His place was taken from 23rd March by Mr. H. Peet, who came from the County Borough of Bury, Lancs.

Some figures relating to the work done are given on the next page:-

Refuse Collected

Salvage

Cesspool Emptying and Night-soil Collection

The Public Health Committee considered the whole cesspool emptying position, and decided that it would be wise to make provision for a third vehicle to be available. This was done by ordering a new vehicle to replace the 1947 model still operating. The old vehicle will be kept as a spare and will serve as the third for peak periods. The new replacement vehicle is expected in March 1960.

The following figures summarise the work performed:-

Year	<u>Houses in Private ownership</u>				<u>Council Houses</u>				<u>Loads from Sew-</u>	<u>Pails emptied</u>		
	<u>Free</u>	<u>Chargeable</u>	<u>Free</u>	<u>Chargeable</u>	<u>Free</u>	<u>Chargeable</u>	<u>age Works</u>					
1958												
(Pet.veh.)	387)		229)		7)		46)		233)	2470)		
(Dies.veh.)	416)	803	160)	389	14)	21	45)	91	461)	694	2861)	5331
1959												
(Pet.veh.)	378)		257)		7)		51)		304)		3085)	
(Dies.veh.)	350)	899	149)	412	11)	19	62)	113	473)	777	2404)	5489
(Hired veh.)	171)		6)		1)		-)		-)		-)	

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

The bait-poison, Warfarin, continues to give satisfactory results for all normal rodent infestations. Only occasionally are the standard poisons (arsenic, zinc phosphide etc.) used nowadays. In the agricultural world, the general tendency is towards "own treatment" and farmers have had good results from the use of the relatively safe Warfarin on their holdings.

Details of the work done are as follows:-

SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1st to DECEMBER 31st 1959

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED --						TOTAL
	SEWERS	TIPS ETC.	PRIVATE DWELLINGS	BUS. PREMS.	BLOCK INSP.	INSP. OF AGRIC. LAND	
HITCHIN R.D.C.	99	832½	447¼	50½	5¼	147¼	1582¼
WELWYN R.D.C.	-	236	115¼	18½	1	8½	379¼
	99	1068½	563	69	6¼	156¼	1962½

Other figures -

Total mileage covered - 8948
 Petrol used - 209 gals.
 Approx. M.P.G.- 42.81

Time spent on vehicle maint.
 receiving instructions,
 reports on visits, bait
 handling etc.

223

Total hours worked

2185½

Public Health Inspections of the area

The following summary gives details of visits made and inspections performed. The use of Statutory procedure continues to be kept to the essential minimum. The number of visits and inspections for all purposes was 2971, detailed as follows in comparison with the year 1958 -

<u>General Sanitation etc.</u>							<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
Water Supply	....	....	....	....	....	....	112	63
Drainage	..	....	....	....	....	....	511	347
Cowsheds, Stables and Piggeries	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	5
Ponds and Ditches	..	....	....	....	....	....	20	19
Tents, Vans and Sheds (including caravans)	.	....	....	....	....	....	226	221
Factories, Workplaces and Outworkers	....	....	....	....	....	....	45	100
Bakehouses..	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	8
Places of Entertainment (Village Halls etc.)	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	-
Licensed Premises	..	....	....	....	....	....	65	23
Refuse Collection and Disposal (including Salvage)	.	....	....	....	....	....	212	227
Rodent Control	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	23
Atmospheric Pollution	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	1
Schools	...	....	....	....	....	....	7	1
Shops	....	....	....	....	....	....	56	30
Petroleum Regulations	....	....	....	....	....	....	143	115
National Assistance Act	....	....	....	....	....	....	-	20
Miscellaneous Visits	....	....	....	....	....	....	63	33
<u>Housing</u>								
Public Health Act - visits paid	....	....	....	....	....	....	837	696
Housing Acts	-	"	"	....	....	....	613	544
Filthy or Verminous Premises - visits paid	.	....	....	....	....	....	9	1
Miscellaneous Visits	....	....	....	....	....	....	62	48
<u>Infectious Diseases etc.</u>								
Enquiries in cases of Infectious Disease	...	....	....	....	....	....	18	4
Visits re Disinfection	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	6
" " Food Poisoning	...	....	....	....	....	....	8	8
<u>Meat and Food Inspection (inc. inspection of premises)</u>								
Slaughterhouses	...	....	....	....	....	....	408	313
Butchers	...	....	....	....	....	....	31	30
Dairies and Milk Distributors	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	10
Poultry Packing stations	...	....	....	....	....	....	-	12
Food Preparing Premises	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	15
Grocers	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	19
Ice-Cream Premises..	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	7
Restaurants	....	....	....	....	....	....	-	5
Food Sampling	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	1
Miscellaneous Food visits	..	....	....	....	....	....	21	16
							<u>3628</u>	<u>2971</u>

This decrease in the number of visits made is largely accounted for by a heavy preoccupation with housing work upon sub-standard properties. Visits made to such premises usually take a long time, but are quite essential if the maximum number of cottages is to be saved from possible slum clearance action.

SECTION D

Housing

On the 31st December 1959, the number of applications on the Council's waiting list for accommodation was 530, which is an increase of two when compared with the previous year's total.

During 1959, 111 new applications were registered and 109 deleted from the lists. Thirty-one applicants were re-housed and 78 applications were cancelled, either at the applicant's request or because of the failure of applicants to re-register and to reply to enquiries as to whether they still needed accommodation.

The Council have pursued their policy of transferring families from one type of house to another of more suitable size. Elderly couples and people living alone in three-bedroom houses have been re-housed in bungalows, thus making available these houses for larger families.

The number of private dwellings provided by new construction during the year is 53, and in addition 2 were provided by conversion. No houses were completed for the Council during the twelve months ending 31st December 1959.

The work of eliminating sub-standard properties, either through slum clearance or reconditioning, goes on. This is important work and demands a great deal of effort and thought on the part of the Officers. It is gratifying to note that the number of properties reconditioned remains at a good level.

During the year the remaining 7 properties were demolished under the first stage of the Offley/Lilley slum clearance programme, which had comprised 29 cottages, and 16 others were demolished elsewhere in the district. Additionally, a number of other dwellings were dealt with by the statutory method, including the declaration of a Clearance Area of 6 houses at Police Row, Therfield.

Caravans

The total number of vans in the district at the end of 1959 was 161 compared with 165 a year earlier. Of this number about 85 are on

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regular sites. During the year information was given to assist the enquiries being made about caravan dwellings by Sir Arton Wilson, whose major report upon this topic was presented to Parliament in November. There seems little doubt that the control upon the use of moveable dwellings is due to be strengthened.

SECTION E

Food

(a) Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

Evening inspection of meat has continued, but the general scale of slaughtering in the district has reduced considerably, principally due to the difficulty of finding slaughtermen. Those proprietors of businesses who performed their own killing find they are getting older and no longer wish to undertake this arduous work.

The new standards for slaughterhouses have been studied during the year and during 1960 the Slaughterhouse Report will be submitted to the Council and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	309	37	7	1312	166	-
Number inspected	309	37	7	1312	166	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	59	1	-	46	8	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	19.1	2.7	14.3	3.5	4.8	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	.6	-	-	-	.6	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Some information regarding food premises in the district is given below:-

<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>No. in District</u>
Grocers and Confectioners	84
Butchers (inc. cooked meats)	15
Bakers	9
Fishmongers (wet fish)	3
Fried fish shops	2
Fruiterers, Greengrocers and Confectioners ...	8
Confectioners	5
Cafes, Restaurants and Catering Establishments	18
Public Houses	80
Off-licence	7
Brewers and Manufacturers of Mineral Waters ..	2
Dairies (Producer/Retailers)	2
Other premises from which milk is sold	11
Egg Packing Station	1
Poultry Packing Stations	2

There are no premises in the District registered under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 for the manufacture of Ice-Cream, but there are 71 establishments that are covered for the sale thereof. Under the heading of the "Preparation or Manufacture of Preserved Foods etc." 37 premises are registered of which 9 are not now in active use. The number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949-54 is 2. There were approximately 60 inspections of registered food premises during the year.

The work of inspection and recommendation under the Food Hygiene Regulations etc. continues, although it has yielded pride of place to housing work. A good contact with food businesses has been built up since the district-wide inspections of a few years ago and the new village shops are nicely fitted out.

During 1958 a large-scale poultry packing station was started in the district and this was followed by a still larger one in 1959. Their activities are being observed as, of course, meat inspection is not carried out at such establishments as it is at ordinary slaughterhouses.

Inspection of general foodstuffs continues to ascertain their fitness for human consumption. The weight of food condemned was as follows:-

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qtrs.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>	<u>Ozs.</u>
Tinned Food	-	3	-	14	8
Pork (inc. offal)	-	-	1	20	-
Mutton (" ")	-	1	1	9	8
Beef (" ")	-	8	1	3	8
Veal (" ")	-	1	1	-	-
	-	14	1	19	8

Disposal of organic material is usually achieved by despatching to a fertiliser processing plant in another district. Tinned goods are normally sent to the Council's refuse tips.

(b) Milk

During the year, 20 Dealer's Licences were issued in respect of the sale of Designated milks from 11 premises in the District, and 26 Supplementary Licences were granted to 15 firms retailing Designated milks in the District from premises situated elsewhere.

(c) Food Poisoning

Although no outbreak or single notified cases were confirmed during the year, two suspicious occurrences were investigated by your inspectorate. In one, two members of a family had simultaneous illness after a home-cooked meal, where staphylococci of possible food poisoning type were isolated from lettuce consumed and from the faeces of one participant of the meal.

The other outbreak, in a private residential school, involved mild gastro-intestinal symptoms of short duration in about one-quarter of the total population. There was an association with stew re-heated on a second day, but no bacteriological confirmation of any food poisoning organism was obtained from the specimens submitted to the Public Health Laboratory.

(d) Factories Acts 1937 and 1948

Information in the prescribed form required by the Minister of Labour, is given in the following table. In addition to the number of inspections shown, approximately 40 visits and inspections were made to factories in connection with the issuing of Certificates of Adequate Means of Escape in case of Fire (Section 34) and smoke pollution.

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

Premises	No. on Reg- ister	Number of -		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Secs.1,2, 3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Auth.	98	66	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Auth.(excl.Outworkers'prems.)	3	2	-	-
TOTAL	110	68	-	-

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2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects found				No. of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspec.	By H.M. Inspec.	
Want of cleanliness	2	2	-	2	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	2	2	-	2	-
Inadequate ventilation	1	-	-	1	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences -					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (excl.Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	9	8		6	-

Outworkers. There are 25 Outworkers reported in the District, employed on the making of "Wearing Apparel".

SECTION F

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases

For the year 1959 total notifications of acute infectious diseases (after correction) were: Measles 297, Scarlet Fever 19, Whooping cough 12, Acute pneumonia 10, Infectious hepatitis 2, and Erysipelas 1.

Measles was epidemic in the spring of the year. Scarlet fever cases came mainly from an outbreak in Ashwell during the first half of the year. Whooping cough notifications continued small in numbers, due probably to the mild present nature of such illness, modified in many infants by vaccination.

There was no single notification either of anterior poliomyelitis, enteric illness, or food poisoning.

Immunisation. The measures for immunisation of children against whooping cough and diphtheria and for the published aged and occupational groups against anterior poliomyelitis both continued in public popularity; each is available from both infant welfare centres and medical practitioners.

TUBERCULOSISNew Cases and Deaths during the year 1959

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-(3)	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-(1)	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and over	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3(1)	-(6)	-(1)	2	2	-	-	-

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Comment: New notifications number 3 respiratory and 2 non-respiratory, against corresponding figures of 16 and 4 for the year 1958. It will be seen that all respiratory cases were found in middle-aged males.
Local deaths from respiratory tuberculosis numbered two (against one for 1958), both occurring in middle-aged males.

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Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	(2)	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	(3)	-	(1)	-	-
35 - 45	(1)	-	1	1	-	-
45 - 55	(1)	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3(1)	(6)	2	(1)	2	-

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