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Annual Report for the Year 1972

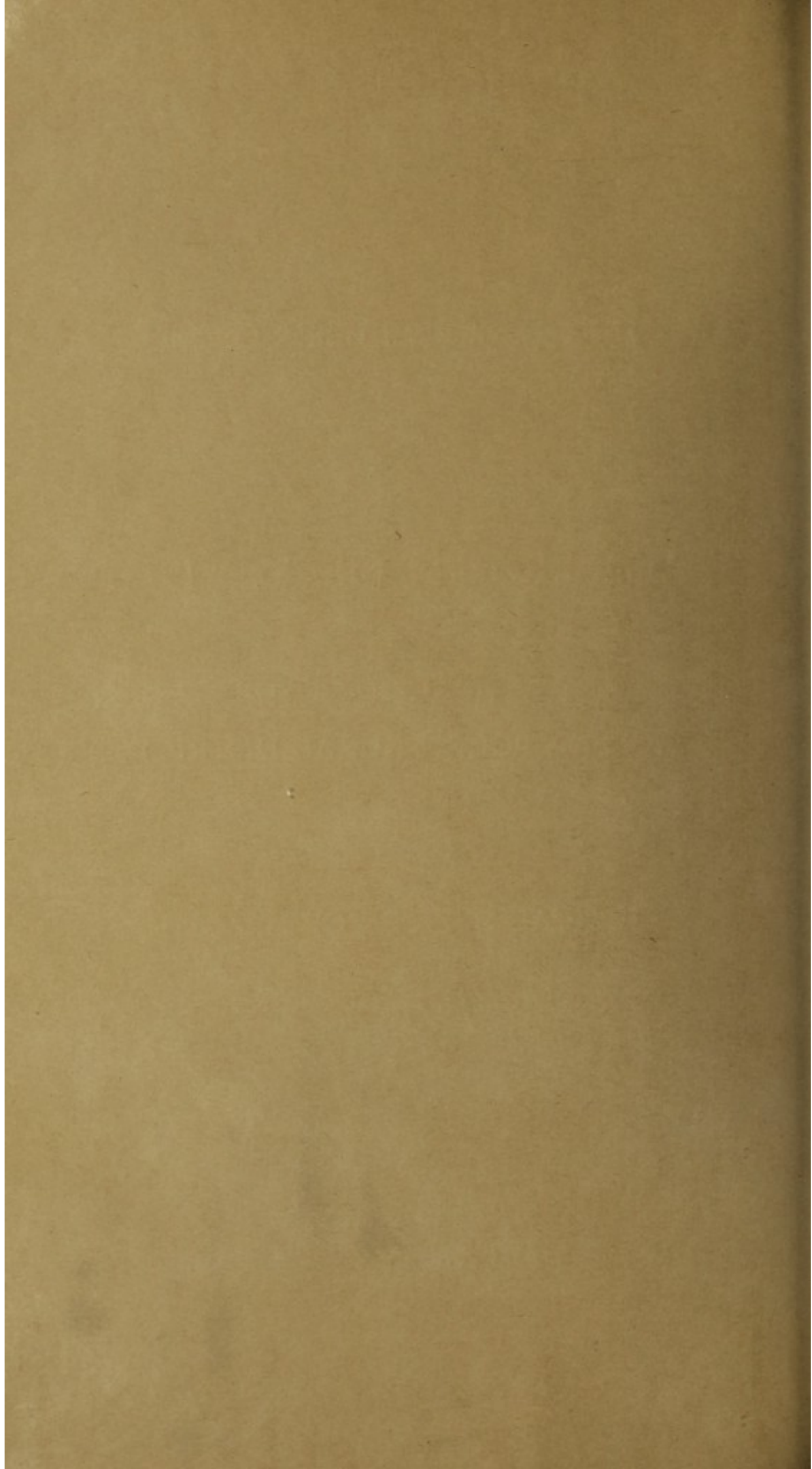
ON

THE HEALTH OF THE  
HOLLINGBOURN RURAL DISTRICT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Dr. F. H. M. DUMMER,  
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.



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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my sixteenth Annual Report on the health of the Rural District of Hollingbourn.

I am glad to be able to report the good state of the health of your District. Although there is a slight drop in the birth rate since last year - some people would regard this as a "good sign" of the times - there has been a welcome decrease in the infantile mortality rate from last year's high figure. Also, you will see from the following pages that two aspects of the District's health present unusual features - firstly, a fall in the number of cancer deaths, despite the rise in the population, and secondly the fact that no deaths in 1972 were allocated to tuberculosis as a cause.

The response to vaccination and immunisation against an increasing range of infectious diseases, continues at a reasonable level. I am particularly glad to report that poliomyelitis vaccination shows a continuity which is vital in the protection against this very serious disease.

Once again, my thanks are due to the Public Health Inspectorate, led by Mr. Chambers, for their work and co-operation throughout the year. As a small Department in a relatively small Authority, co-operation with other Officers is vital to the success of our work and I am pleased to say that we have consistently obtained that help from your Chief Officers.

I am glad to express my thanks also to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and indeed to all Councillors for the support given to me throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,  
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

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Your obedient servant,

V. E. M. MILES

Medical Officer of Health

1978-1979

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56,796
Estimated resident population 1972	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21,780
Number of inhabited houses, end of 1972 (according to rate books)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,367
Rateable Value, December, 1972	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£918,395
Sum represented by a penny rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£9,048

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births	169	148	317
Rate per 1,000 population - crude -	..	..	14.6
corrected -	..	..	14.7
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	..	..	2.8
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stillbirths	3	3	6
Total live and stillbirths	172	151	323
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	..	..	19
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Infant deaths	3	3	6
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	..	..	19
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	..	..	16
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	..	..	111
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	..	..	16
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	..	..	16
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	..	..	34
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	..	..	-
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	..	..	-
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths	133	116	249
Death rate per 1,000 population - crude -	..	..	11.4
corrected	..	..	12.2





PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	TOTAL DEATHS
Measles	48	-
Dysentery	2	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Infective Jaundice	3	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Tetanus	-	-
Acute Meningitis	-	-
Acute Encephalitis -		
Infective	-	-
Post infectious	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Leptospirosis	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-
Malaria	-	-
TOTALS	54	-

The above figures show a slight increase in those recorded in 1971. No particularly serious aspect was encountered and no problems arose.

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Dysentery	2	—
Scarlet fever	1	—
Whooping cough	—	—
Infective mononucleosis	3	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Tetanus	—	—
Acute meningitis	—	—
Acute Encephalitis	—	—
Influenza	—	—
Foot and mouth disease	—	—
Optic neuritis	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—
Leptospirosis	—	—
Paratyphoid fever	—	—
Typhoid fever	—	—
Food poisoning	—	—
Malaria	—	—
TOTALS	54	—

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INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Analysis in Age Groups

DISEASE	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45 & over	TOTAL
Measles	-	6	7	2	9	22	1	-	1	-	48
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Scarlet fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis - Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post Infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leptospirosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	6	7	2	9	24	1	1	1	3	54



# REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK DURING THE YEAR 1900

Presented to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting held on the 15th day of December, 1900.

REPORT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
REPORT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION, 1972

The following table shows the figures for 1972 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security by the County Medical Officer

Year of Birth	Primary					Reinforcing				
	Triple Antigen	Diphtheria/Tetanus	Tetanus	Measles	Polio-myelitis	Rubella	Triple Antigen	Diphtheria/Tetanus	Tetanus	Polio-myelitis
1972	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1971	199	5	1	83	194	-	-	-	-	-
1970	55	5	-	84	62	-	2	-	1	-
1969	1	-	1	10	5	-	1	-	1	-
1968	3	-	-	10	5	-	1	21	4	22
1967	1	-	-	5	-	-	10	150	1	165
1965-1966	-	2	2	4	-	-	2	26	5	32
1956-1964	-	-	60	-	-	65	1	8	82	39
Total	259	12	64	197	266	65	17	205	94	258



# TUBERCULOSIS

I am indebted to Dr. A.P. Bentley, the Consultant Chest Physician, for the following details of the numbers of contacts of known cases of tuberculosis examined during the year, and the number found to be suffering from tuberculosis. These figures relate to the area of the Chest Clinic, which coincides with the area of the four Authorities, Maidstone Borough, Maidstone Rural District, Hollingbourn Rural District and Malling Rural District.

- (a) Number of contacts seen during 1972 of newly notified cases of tuberculosis .. 198
- (b) Number of contacts examined during 1972 of cases notified prior to 1972 .. .. 143
- (c) Number of contacts in (a) found to be suffering from pulmonary or non-pulmonary tuberculosis .. .. . -
- (d) Number of contacts in (b) found to be suffering from pulmonary or non-pulmonary tuberculosis 1

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 and over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Again the number of new cases of tuberculosis is extremely low and very unusually, tuberculosis is nil listed as a cause of death in 1972.



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AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				CONTACTS	
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 and over	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	-	-	-	-	-

Again the number of new cases of tuberculosis is extremely low and very unusually, tuberculosis is not listed as a cause of death in 1935.

# CANCER

The number of deaths from cancer, including leukaemia, in Hollingbourn Rural District during the past ten years is given below -

1963	.....	43
1964	.....	48
1965	.....	45
1966	.....	30
1967	.....	50
1968	.....	33
1969	.....	41
1970	.....	51
1971	.....	43
1972	.....	39

SITE	Male	Female	Total
Buccal cavity	-	1	1
Oesophagus	-	-	-
Stomach	2	-	2
Intestine	2	3	5
Larynx	-	-	-
Lung, bronchus	7	5	12
Breast	-	3	3
Uterus	-	1	1
Prostate	3	-	3
Other sites	6	4	10
Leukaemia	2	-	2
TOTALS	22	17	39

Age Groups	Male	Female
0 - 4	-	1
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	-	-
25 - 34	1	-
35 - 44	-	-
45 - 54	1	2
55 - 64	4	2
65 - 74	7	7
75 & over	8	6
TOTALS	21	18

# CANCER

The number of deaths from cancer, including leukemias, in Holliston Rural District during the past ten years is given below:

1929	30
1930	43
1931	31
1932	41
1933	35
1934	50
1935	30
1936	45
1937	40
1938	40
1939	37

SITE	Male	Female	Total
Leukemia	2	2	4
Other sites	6	4	10
Prostate	2	-	2
Uterus	-	1	1
Breast	-	3	3
Lung, bronchus	7	2	9
Larynx	-	-	-
Intestine	2	2	4
Stomach	2	-	2
Oesophagus	-	-	-
Rectal cavity	-	1	1
TOTALS	22	17	39

Age Groups	Male	Female
15 & over	8	6
65 - 74	1	1
55 - 64	4	2
45 - 54	1	2
35 - 44	-	-
25 - 34	1	-
15 - 24	-	-
5 - 14	-	-
0 - 4	-	1
TOTALS	21	16

INFANTILE MORTALITY 1972

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 - 6 months	7 - 12 months	Total under 1 year
Pulmonary Oedema	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Prematurity	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Congenital Heart Disease	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Congenital Abnormalities	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	5	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	6

The above Table shows a decrease in the infantile deaths from 9 in 1971 to 6 in 1972. Of the 6 deaths, I would estimate that at least 3 were entirely unavoidable.



# INFANTILE MORTALITY 1975

CAUSE OF DEATH	Number of Deaths					
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Respiratory Distress	1	1	2	1	1	2
Respiratory Infection	1	1	2	1	1	2
Cardiac Disease	1	1	2	1	1	2
Central Nervous System	1	1	2	1	1	2
Other	1	1	2	1	1	2
Total	5	5	10	5	5	10

The above table shows a decrease in the infantile deaths from 5 in 1974 to 2 in 1975. Of the 5 deaths, 2 would not have been at least 1 year old and are therefore not included.

TOTAL DEATHS 1972

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	5
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	3	-
Leukaemia	2	-
Other malignant neoplasms	6	4
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	1
Diabetes mellitus	4	4
Other endocrine diseases	-	1
Anaemias	-	1
Other diseases of the nervous system	2	3
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	3
Hypertensive disease	-	2
Ischaemic heart disease	42	28
Other forms of heart disease	6	7
Cerebrovascular disease	20	24
Other diseases of circulatory system	4	5
Pneumonia	11	8
Bronchitis and emphysema	10	3
Peptic ulcer	2	-
Appendicitis	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	1	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	2	-
Congenital anomalies	-	3
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	1	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide and self inflicted injuries	1	-
 Total all causes	 <u>133</u>	 <u>116</u>

Male	Female	
1	1	Malignant neoplasms, buccal cavity, etc.
2	2	Malignant neoplasms, stomach
3	3	Malignant neoplasms, intestine
7	7	Malignant neoplasms, lung, bronchus
1	1	Malignant neoplasms, breast
1	1	Malignant neoplasms, uterus
1	1	Malignant neoplasms, prostate
1	1	Leukemia
4	4	Other malignant neoplasms
1	1	Benign and unspecified neoplasms
4	4	Idiopathic neuritis
1	1	Other endocrine diseases
1	1	Arteriosclerosis
3	3	Other diseases of the nervous system
1	1	Chronic rheumatic heart disease
2	2	Hypertensive disease
43	43	Ischemic heart disease
7	7	Other forms of heart disease
24	24	Cardiovascular diseases
3	3	Other diseases of circulatory system
11	11	Tuberculosis
10	10	Pneumonia and emphysema
3	3	Typhoid fever
1	1	Appendicitis
1	1	Other diseases of digestive system
1	1	Hepatitis and cirrhosis
1	1	Other diseases, genito-urinary system
1	1	Gynecological anomalies
1	1	Birth injury, difficult labor, etc.
1	1	Other causes of perinatal mortality
1	1	Motor vehicle accidents
1	1	All other accidents
1	1	Alcohol and self-inflicted injuries
133	133	Total all causes

## INSPECTIONS

Depot Administration	813
Slaughterhouses	222
Water Sampling	6
Sewage Disposal and Sewers	217
Refuse Disposal	130
Refuse Collection	50
Tents, Vans, Sheds and Hopper Cams	1
Factories - with power	8
Factories - non-power	1
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	181
Building Regulations - Improvement Grant	17
Building Regulations - Public Health Act	15
Initial Visits - Public Health Act	62
Revisits	63
Initial Visits - Housing Act	286
Revisits	340
Infectious Disease	33
Unsound Food	38
Imported Food Regulations	87
Swimming Pools	30
Shops Act	2
Civic Amenities Act	154
Rent Acts	1
Clean Air Act	5
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act	5
Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order	16
Noise Abatement Act	18
Animal Boarding Establishments Act	5
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	47
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations	150
Market Stalls etc.	4
Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations	21
Food and Drugs Act	36
Insect Pests	9
Knackers Yard	10
Food Sampling	8
Poultry Inspection	67
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## INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notifications Received	54
Visits made by Public Health Inspectors	33

## NOTICES

Number of Informal Notices served	10
Number of Informal Notices complied with	7
Number of Statutory Notices served	1
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	-
Number of Court Proceedings to require compliance with Notice	-



# INVESTIGATIONS

817	Police Administration
822	Sanitation
8	Water Supply
217	Sewage Disposal and Sewers
150	Public Disposal
50	Public Collection
1	Public, Vans, Buses and Hopper Carts
8	Factories - with power
1	Factories - non-power
181	Investigation of Damage by Pests and
17	Building Regulations - Improvement Grants
15	Building Regulations - Public Health Act
62	Industrial Visits - Public Health Act
63	Industrial Visits
208	Industrial Visits - Housing Act
240	Industrial Visits
32	Industrial Disputes
32	Industrial Food
32	Industrial Food Regulations
87	Industrial Food
30	Industrial Food
2	Industrial Food
154	Civilian Warships Act
1	Industrial Food
2	Industrial Food
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15	Industrial Food
18	Industrial Food
2	Industrial Food
47	Industrial Food
150	Industrial Food
4	Industrial Food
21	Industrial Food
26	Industrial Food
9	Industrial Food
10	Industrial Food
8	Industrial Food
67	Industrial Food
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## INVESTIGATIONS

24	Notifications Received
17	Visits made by Public Health Inspectors

## NOTES

10	Number of Industrial Notices served
7	Number of Industrial Notices complied with
1	Number of Statutory Notices served
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-	Number of Court Proceedings to require compliance with Notice

## HOUSING

Once again I have to report the accent in housing work continues to be in the field of improvements, and indeed there is a substantial increase in all figures relating to discretionary grants as will be seen in the following table. The time involved in this work however worthwhile does have an adverse effect on the time spent on slum clearance work and the three properties made the subject of Closing or Demolition Orders during the year is a smaller percentage of those requiring action than is considered desirable. It is also partly due to the limited number of new lettings available which as will be seen from the following table is 41 (the same as the previous year). The number of Orders made must of necessity be geared to the anticipated vacancies occurring in a particular area.

<u>Total Number of Lettings</u>		<u>No. of Families Rehoused from Slum Clearance Properties</u>	
Council Houses	26 (34)	1	(1)
Old Peoples' Dwellings	15 (7)	3	(1)
(Previous Year in Brackets)			

### Housing Act, 1969

Sixty-four properties were completely renovated during the year with the aid of discretionary grants; an increase of 15 over 1971. New applications approved were up by approximately 50% to a record 99. "Completions" indicate properties brought completely up to standard and in many cases include properties which were approaching the 'slum' category. Indeed six of the completions were properties already the subject of Orders and as a result of the schemes the Orders were cancelled.

These figures are very satisfactory and it is hoped that they will be exceeded in 1973. All the indications are that they will as enquiries and visits by the Public Health Inspectors in connection with proposed improvements continue to take up a considerable amount of time.

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Total Number of Listings		No. of Vacancies Reported from Clearance Properties	
General Housing	15	1	1
Old Properties, Dealings	15	1	1

(Previous Year in brackets)

## Housing Act, 1949

Sixty-four properties were completely renovated during the year with the aid of discretionary grants; an increase of 15 over 1971. New applications approved were up by approximately 50% to a record 50. "Compulsory" landlords' properties brought completely up to standard and in many cases include properties which were approaching the 'slum' category. Indeed, six of the applications were properties already the subject of Orders and as a result of the schemes the Orders were cancelled.

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# HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

## HOUSING ACT, 1969

### 1. Discretionary Grants

Number of applications received	.. .. .	71	(61)
Number of applications approved	.. .. .	99	(65)
Number of applications actually proceeded with	..	85	(52)
Of these 64 were completed			
Total cost of Improvement Work	.. .. .	£197,089	
Total amount of Grants paid	.. .. .	£39,864	

### 2. Standard Grants

Number of applications received	.. .. .	11	(16)
Number of applications approved	.. .. .	28	(17)
Number of applications actually proceeded with	..	20	(13)
Of those 20 the Maximum Grant approved was	..	£6,995	
Total amount of Grants paid for 20 completed was		£4,501	

(Figures in brackets relate to 1971)

This Authority is responsible only for the registration of transactions of H.M. and 2 registrations were made during the year making a total of 22 in the Register.

No new applications were received for registration during the year. There is a total of 10 in the Register.

Any metal contained in the slaughterhouses are collected by Wether Glue Works, Quednarough. All other householders surrendered to the Department are disposed of at the Council's Refuse Tip.



# HOUSING FURNISHING AND HOUSING ACT, 1955 - HOUSING GRANTS

## HOUSING ACT, 1955

### 1. Miscellaneous Grants

Number of applications received	71	(61)
Number of applications approved	59	(53)
Number of applications actually processed with	55	(52)
Of these 44 were completed		
Total cost of improvement work	£197,000	
Total amount of Grants paid	£12,000	

### 2. Standard Grants

Number of applications received	11	(16)
Number of applications approved	28	(17)
Number of applications actually processed with	20	(13)
Of those 20 the maximum Grant approved was	£6,000	
Total amount of Grants paid for 20 completed was	£4,500	

(Figures in brackets relate to 1957)

### FOOD PREMISES

Once again I am able to report that the standard of food premises has been generally good. This is undoubtedly due in part to the willing co-operation which owners of all types of premises have given when suggestions of ways of improving the premises concerned have been made by the Department.

Motels	2
Cafes	11
Residential Hotels	3
Roadhouse	1
Public Houses serving meals	26
Public Houses not serving meals	30
Grocers	52
Greengrocers	4
Fishmongers	1
Butchers	7
Food Processing Plants	7
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The number of premises registered under the Good and Drugs Act is as follows -

- |      |   |    |
|------|---|----|
| (i)  | for the sale and storage of ice cream   | 78 |
| (ii) | for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted, pickled, pressed or preserved food intended for sale | 2  |

### MILK AND DAIRIES

This Authority is responsible only for the registration of Distributors of Milk and 2 registrations were made during the year making a total of 61 on the Register.

### ICE CREAM

No new applications were received for registration during the year. There is a total of 78 on the Register.

### DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

Any meat condemned at the slaughterhouses are collected by Sheppey Glue Works, Queenborough. All other foodstuffs surrendered to the Department are disposed of at the Council's Refuse Tip.

## FOOD PRESENTS

Once again I am able to report that the standard of food presents has been generally good. This is undoubtedly due in part to the willing co-operation which owners of all types of presents have given when suggestions of ways of improving the presents concerned have been made by the Department.

2	Hotels
11	Cafes
3	Restaurants
1	Public Houses
25	Public Houses serving meals
30	Public Houses not serving meals
22	Grocers
4	Butchers
1	Pastrycooks
1	Confectioners
1	Ice-cream vendors
1	Food Processing Plants
144	

The number of presents registered under the Food and Drugs Act is as follows:

75	(i) for the sale and storage of ice cream
11	(ii) for the preparation or manufacture of
	confectionery, or pastry, biscuits, preserved
2	or preserved food intended for sale

## MILK AND DAIRIES

This authority is responsible only for the registration of dairymen of milk and 2 registrations were made during the year ending a total of 21 on the Register.

## ICE CREAM

14 new applications were received for registration during the year. There is a total of 78 on the Register.

## DISTRIBUTION OF CONTAMINATED FOOD

Any meat contained at the slaughterhouse are collected by the Department and disposed of at the Council's Slaughterhouse. All other foodstuffs are sent to the Council's Slaughterhouse.

# FOOD INSPECTION

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers within the Hollingbourn Rural District during the year ended 31st December, 1972.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Milk	56	5
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes	8	1
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials	16	-
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies	2	-
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables	10	-
Drugs, medicines	7	-
Beer, wines, spirits	9	-
Miscellaneous	6	1
	<u>114</u>	<u>7</u>

## UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

### Ham

Ham was out of condition. Retailer cautioned.

### Untreated Milk (2 samples)

Deficient in butter fat. Follow-up samples satisfactory.

### Fresh Milk Concentrate

Product does not comply with Condensed Milk Regulations. Referred to Food Standards Committee, reply awaited.

### Untreated Milk (3 samples)

Contained from 6% to 12% extraneous water. Subsequent formal samples taken in Sussex. Proceedings pending.



# FOOD INSPECTION

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers within the Hillingdon Rural District during the year ended 31st December, 1935.

Articles	Quantity	Value
Milk	25	5
Meat, mutton, beef, lamb and veal	5	1
Eggs, coffee, cocoa, preserves, biscuits, confectionery	15	-
Fruit, preserves, honey, jellies	2	-
Butter, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit	10	-
Wine, spirits	7	-
Medicines	1	-
Other	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>7</b>

## ANALYSIS

Has been out of condition. Details omitted.

## STERILIZED MILK (2 samples)

Delivered in perfect condition. Follow-up samples satisfactory.

## CONDENSED MILK

Product does not comply with Condensed Milk Regulations. Referred to Food Standards Committee, reply awaited.

## STERILIZED MILK (2 samples)

Contained from 5% to 15% extraneous water. Subsequent formal samples taken in excess. Proceedings pending.

### MEAT INSPECTION

Every animal slaughtered in your District for human consumption is examined by your Inspectors.

	<u>Pigs</u>	
Number Killed	13,839	(14,927)
Number Inspected	13,839	(14,927)
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>		
Whole carcasses condemned	20	(18)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1,763	(980)
Percentage of the number inspected infected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	12.94	(6.6)
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>		
Whole carcasses condemned	1	(-)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	81	(66)
Percentage of the number inspected infected with tuberculosis	0.66	(0.44)

Note: Figures in brackets are for 1971

### POULTRY INSPECTION

(a) Number of poultry processing premises within the District	2
(b) Number of visits to these premises	67
(c) Total number of birds processed during the year	1,453,000 +
(d) Types of birds processed	Turkeys; Ducks; Hens; Broilers; Capon; Pheasants.
(e) Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	Approx. 2%
(f) Weight of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	Approx. 100,000 lbs.

There has been a continued increase in throughput by the two firms concerned.

Both firms observe a good standard of hygiene which is steadily improving as further structural works are carried out to the premises concerned. The owner of the smaller firm has now completed the entire reconstruction of his premises.

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## Table

Number Killed	12,823	(14,927)
Number Inspected	12,823	(14,927)
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Contaminated</u>		
Whole carcasses condemned	20	(18)
Percentage of which some part or organ was condemned	1,731	(980)
Percentage of the number inspected infected with disease other than tuberculosis or syphilis	12.94	(6.6)
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>		
Whole carcasses condemned	1	(2)
Percentage of which some part or organ was condemned	81	(66)
Percentage of the number inspected infected with tuberculosis	0.66	(0.44)
Total: Figures in brackets are for 1911		

# POULTRY INSPECTION

(a) Number of poultry processing premises within the District	2
(b) Number of visits to these premises	67
(c) Total number of birds processed during the year	1,457,000 +
(d) Types of birds processed	Turkeys; Ducks; Geese; Pheasants; Capons; Bantams; Guinea fowls; etc.
(e) Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	Approx: 2%
(f) Weight of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	Approx: 100,000 lbs.

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### KNACKER'S YARD

The Knacker's Yard at Hollingbourne continues to operate satisfactorily and during the year had a throughput of approximately 1,500 animals, including cows, ewes, calves and horses.

The premises changed hands during October, 1972 and since this time the new owner has made several improvements.

### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Total registrations as at December, 1972 were as follows -

Leeds	Offices	35
Sheffield	Retail Shops	39
Stockport	Wholesale Shops	13
Wigan	Catering Establishments	18
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		105
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A total of 34 general inspections were carried out during the year. The greater majority of premises complied with the Act and those that did not only had minor contraventions. In all cases the people concerned have co-operated with the Department and there has been no need for formal action.

### SWIMMING POOLS

Samples have been taken at frequent intervals from the school pools when in use and from the hotel pool all the year round.

Results of samples taken indicate that the pools concerned are being operated efficiently.

## KNACKER'S YARD

The Knacker's Yard at Hollingbury continues to operate satisfactorily and during the year had a throughput of approximately 1,500 animals, including cows, ewes, calves and horses.

The premises changed hands during October, 1977 and since this time the new owner has made several improvements.

## RETAIL, WHOLESALE AND RAILWAY FREIGHTS, 1977

Total population as at December, 1977 was as follows -

Offices	25
Retail Shops	35
Wholesale Shops	15
Outlying Establishments	15
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Total	90

A total of 24 general inspections were carried out during the year. The greatest majority of premises complied with the Act and other regulations and not only had no contraventions, but all those the people concerned have co-operated with the Department and there has been no need for formal action.

## RETAILING TRADE

Shops have been taken at frequent intervals from the school points when in use and the total pool all the year round.

Results of samples taken indicate that the points concerned are being properly maintained.



## WATER SUPPLY

The Rural District area comprises twenty-three parishes which are served by two private water undertakings. The Mid-Kent Water Company serves the largest area and draws water from underground sources within the District. The other undertaking, the Medway Water Board, serves part of the parishes of Boxley, Bredhurst and Detling. All waters are alkaline. The following figures relate to all types of hereditaments.

	<u>No. of Properties</u> <u>connected as at</u> <u>31st December, 1972</u>
<u>Mid-Kent Water Company</u>	
Bicknor	30
Boughton Malherbe	121
Broomfield	398
Chart Sutton	349
East Sutton	100
Frinsted	53
Harrietsham	538
Headcorn	1,080
Hollingbourne	404
Hucking	32
Langley	408
Leeds	289
Lenham	1,201
Otterden	81
Stockbury	234
Sutton Valence	605
Thurnham	733
Ulcombe	299
Wormshill	94
Wychling	50
Boxley	458
Detling	285
	<hr/> 7,842 <hr/>
<u>Medway Water Board</u>	
Boxley	169
Bredhurst	93
Detling	3
	<hr/> 265 <hr/>

Some variation from last year's figures may be due to conversion of two or more houses into one property.

The supply of water to the area as a whole is satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Samples of treated water and raw water for biological examination by the Water Undertakings have proved to be pure and wholesome.

Number of dwellings in the area:	7,733
Number of connections to Company's Mains as at 31st December, 1972	8,107



## PUBLIC CLEANSING

The following services are operated -

Refuse Collection  
Refuse Disposal  
Cesspool Emptying  
Maintenance of Cesspool Emptying Sites  
Operation and Maintenance of Sewage Disposal Works and Plants  
Rodent and Other Pest Control  
Litter Bin Maintenance  
Litter Collection including Removal and Disposal of Abandoned Cars  
Public Conveniences

## REFUSE DISPOSAL

The disposal of abandoned cars has been the greatest problem as it is necessary to rely on established car breaking firms to dispose of accumulations of these vehicles. The present legislation does nothing to ensure that a car which has reached the end of its useful life is disposed of by its registered owner in a manner which will not scar the countryside.

## CESSPOOL EMPTYING

One new 1500 gallon cesspool emptying vehicle was received during the year and the fleet of six vehicles, with one spare, has been maintained.

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Requests	5,120	5,464	5,829
Loads	12,548	12,777	14,589

## CESSPOOL EMPTYING SITES

The seven disposal sites have been maintained and the discharge into Maidstone Borough sewers has been continued.

# WASTE DISPOSAL

The following services are operated -

- Refuse Collection
- Refuse Disposal
- Garbage Collecting
- Maintenance of Garbage Collecting Sites
- Operation and Maintenance of Sewage Disposal Works and Plants
- Hotels and Other Food Control
- Water Supply
- Water Collection including Removal and Disposal of Abandoned Cars
- Public Conveniences

## WASTE DISPOSAL

The disposal of abandoned cars has been the most serious problem as it is necessary to rely on established car recycling firms to dispose of accumulations of these vehicles. The present legislation does nothing to ensure that a car which has reached the end of its useful life is disposed of by its registered owner in a manner which will not harm the countryside.

## WASTE DISPOSAL

One new 1500 gallon capacity collecting vehicle was received during the year and the fleet of six vehicles, with one spare, has been maintained.

	1971	1972
Refuse	5,150	5,445
Leads	12,568	12,777
		14,262

## WASTE DISPOSAL

The seven disposal sites have been maintained and the discharge into Malheur through rivers has been continued.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The following small treatment plants and pumping stations have been regularly attended and maintained during the year -

### Plants:

Shrubsole Drive, Sandling  
Cobfield, Chart Sutton  
Orchard Bank, Chart Sutton  
Court Broomes, East Sutton  
Green Lane, Platts Heath  
Northdown, Stockbury  
Cedar Gardens, Stockbury

### Pumping Stations:

Headcorn  
Langley  
Forge Leas, Harrietsham  
Orchard Glade, Headcorn  
Hollingbourne  
Robins Avenue, Lenham  
Captains Close, Sutton Valence  
Hockers Lane, Detling  
Ware Street, Thurnham  
Hook Lane, Harrietsham  
Aylesford Forstal

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

The new Lenham Sewage Works was commissioned on November, 14th, 1972, and already the percolating filters are showing signs of maturity and are producing a well clarified effluent. The Lubeck aeration plant installed at Lenham Sewage Works has been treating cesspool waste since October and is expected to play an important role in the treatment of this difficult waste product. The works at Leeds, Ulcombe, Sutton Valence and Headcorn have been regularly maintained. The land irrigation of final effluent at Headcorn and Sutton Valence has produced a consistently high quality effluent from these works.

## PEST CONTROL

The requests received were -

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Rats	226	241
Mice	55	84
Wasps	39	43
Flies	4	1
Fleas	7	8
Ants	9	12
Beetles	3	1
Cockroaches	2	3
	<hr/> 345	<hr/> 393
Visits	536	425
Surveys	179	159
Bodies Found	446	446





BIRTH-RATES, DEATH-RATES AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY  
IN THE YEAR 1972

AREA	Rate per 1,000 population	Annual Death rate per 1,000 population				Rate per 1,000		
		Live Births	All Causes	Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	Cancer of the Lung	Other Cancers	Total deaths under 1 year	Still Births
England and Wales	14.8		12.1	-	-	-	17	12
Hollingbourn R.D.	14.7		12.2	-	0.55	1.24	19	19
Malling R.D.	15.5		12.1	0.036	0.6	1.26	16	4
Maidstone R.D.	16.7		11.1	0.04	0.4	2.1	13	11
Maidstone Borough	15.5		11.6	0.08	0.6	1.79	10	18
County of Kent	15.0		12.5	0.02	0.48	1.30	14	10

\* Figures not yet available



# GENERAL SUMMARY

Estimated resident population	..	..	..	..	..	21,780
Area (in acres)	..	..	..	..	..	56,796
Persons per acre	..	..	..	..	..	0.38
Annual Birth Rate per 1,000 population - crude	..	..	..	..	..	14.6
- adjusted	..	..	..	..	..	14.7
Annual Death Rate per 1,000 population - crude	..	..	..	..	..	11.4
adjusted	..	..	..	..	..	12.2
				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Births	..	..	..	..	..	317
Deaths	..	..	..	..	..	249
Excess of births over deaths	..	..	..	36	32	68
Pulmonary tuberculosis death rate	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Other tuberculosis death rate	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Cancer death rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	1.8







