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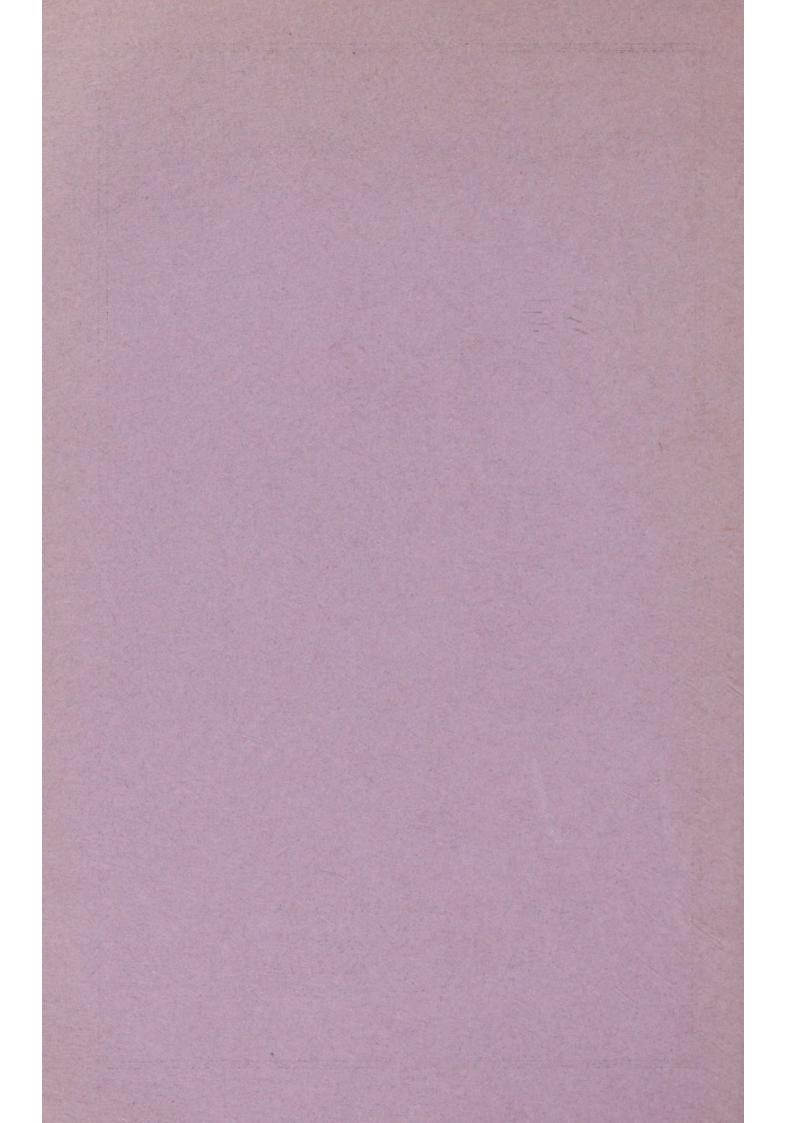
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KETTERING.

July, 1965.

To His Worship The Mayor,
Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Kettering.

Mr. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

In accordance with my statutory duty as your Medical Officer of Health, I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1964.

The contents of this report have been compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/65 dated 11th January, 1965.

The vital statistics in this report are satisfactory. However, I should like to make the following observations:—

The number of illegitimate births, 52, is the same as last year when I drew attention to the fact that this was the highest figure in the previous 18 years.

There has been a slight rise in the birth rate, the death rate, and the infantile mortality rate, but I do not consider that these are of any significance. The natural increase in population, that is the difference between the number of live births and the number of deaths, amounts to 174, (172 in 1963). There has been no maternal death since the year 1958.

There were 24 deaths from cancer of the lung and bronchus, of whom 23 were males. During the years 1954-1964 inclusive, the total number of deaths, both sexes, from cancer of these sites was 167. The total number of deaths from cancer in other sites during this period was as follows:—

Stomach ... 115 Breast ... 87 Uterus ... 40

One person was admitted to hospital during the year under the provisions of the National Assistance Act, 1947, Section 47.

Copies of my Annual Report were made available in the Public Library, and extracts from it were exhibited on a display board. Some interest was shown by members of the public and it is intended to repeat this with the current report.

Clearance Areas No. 60 (17 houses) and No. 61 (8 houses) were represented during the year.

The Council's waiting list for housing at the end of the year was 775, compared with 725 at the end of 1963.

There was a minor outbreak of food poisoning involving 32 persons which was considered to be due to the serving of ox-heart which had been cooked, and was then allowed to cool, and was re-heated before

being served. Where this needs to be done very careful steps have to be taken to prevent contamination.

The typhoid outbreak in Aberdeen in May and June, which was caused by tinned corned beef becoming infected by the cooling water at the time of manufacture necessitated the withdrawal of 38 tins of various batches from wholesalers and retailers in the town. All traders gave very prompt assistance in complying with the instructions from the Ministry of Health, and it is thought that no meat from batches of tins under suspicion was consumed by the public, and I am grateful for the co-operation given.

No cases of poliomyelitis, typhoid, diphtheria or smallpox occurred during the year, but there was one case of paratyphoid.

It is noteworthy that the number of cremations of Kettering residents amounted to 67.9% of the deaths. This is the highest percentage since the opening of the Crematorium.

Only a small amount of untreated milk, i.e., non-pasteurised milk, is now consumed in the Borough, which is a satisfactory trend, as there are dangers of infection associated with its use.

The Council at its meeting on 23rd December, 1964, agreed to the construction of a Municipal Abattoir which will allow animals to be slaughtered and meat to be inspected under satisfactory hygienic conditions.

Mr. L. H. Brown, Engineer and Manager of the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board has kindly supplied information regarding the town's water supply and has permitted me to include in this report a copy of the chemical analysis of the Pitsford Final Water sampled on 7th December, 1964.

Mrs. Parish, who was Chairman of the Public Health Committee throughout the year, has continued her interest in the work of the Health Department, for which I wish to express my thanks, and I also acknowledge with gratitude the work of the staff of the Department.

I have the honour to be

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

J. V. L. FARQUHAR,

Medical Officer of Health.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Certain information contained in this Annual Report has been supplied by the following, to whom acknowledgement is made, and the Medical Officer of Health wishes personally to thank them for their co-operation during the year:

Town Clerk.

Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

Borough Treasurer.

County Medical Officer of Health.

Housing Manager.

Manager, Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board.

Manager, Kettering Employment Exchange.

Women's Voluntary Services.

The British Red Cross Society.

Kettering Mothers' Club.

# BOROUGH OF KETTERING

# PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE December, 1964

#### MEMBERS:

COUNCILLOR MRS. M. PARISH (Chairman).

COUNCILLOR R. L. DENNEY (Deputy Chairman).

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR C. W. GODFREY, J.P., C.C.

ALDERMAN F. C. CHAMBERS, J.P.

ALDERMAN L. P. STRONG.

ALDERMAN W. WALDEN.

COUNCILLOR MRS. S. A. BAILEY.

COUNCILLOR W. F. BENNION.

COUNCILLOR P. CAMPBELL.

COUNCILLOR MRS. C. M. CULLEN, J.P.

COUNCILLOR E. L. JEFFS.

COUNCILLOR R. C. LILLEY.

COUNCILLOR M. M. THOMPSON.

# STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

#### Medical Officer of Health:

JOHN VAUX LILLIE FARQUHAR, M.A. (Cantab), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Lond.), D.P.H. (Leeds), also Medical Referee to the Kettering Crematorium, and also holds the appointment of Assistant County Medical Officer, Northamptonshire County Council.

# Chief Public Health Inspector:

G. Walshaw, A.M.I.P.H.E., M.A.P.H.I., (1) (2) (3) (4).

# Additional Public Health Inspectors:

- G. Harrison, M.A.P.H.I., (4) (5) (6) (to 9th August).
- D. A. LOVELL, M.A.P.H.I., (4) (5) (6) (to 19th May).
- B. R. HODGINS, M.A.P.H.I., (1) (4) (6).

#### Chief Clerk:

J. F. BURRIDGE.

## Deputy Chief Clerk:

K. G. Dix.

#### Clerks:

J. D. Bonham (Also Pupil Public Health Inspector).

R. E. CHAPMAN

# Rodent Operative:

B. CLARKE.

Disinfecting Assistant and Assistant Rodent Operative:

G. A. PERRY.

- Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examing Board as Sanitary Inspector.
- (2) Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.
- (3) Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for Sanitary Science.
- (4) Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Smoke Inspector.
- (5) Certificate of the Public Health Inspector's Education Board as Public Health Inspector.
- (6) Royal Society of Health Diploma for Inspectors of Meat and Other Foods.

# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Area (acres)						4,539
Population—						3,500,000
Census, 1961						38,659
Registrar-General						30,033
at 30th June,						38,840
				•••		30,010
Number of inhabited			064)			12 060
According to Rate	e books	(end of )	(904)			13,868
Rateable Value					£1,5	27,325
Estimated Yield of Or	e Penny	Rate			;	(6,010
Extracts f	rom V	ital Stat	istics f	for the Ye	ear	
LIVE BIRTHS	Males	Females	Totals			
Legitimate		325				
Illegitimate		23	52			
megitimate	29		-52			
	356	348	704	Birth-rate	18 1 (C	rude)
				Dirtii rate	10.1 (0	(duc)
Adjusted Pieth sets (A	man Co.	mmarabili	tr. Foot	or 1 10)	10.02	
Adjusted Birth-rate (A				and the second second	19.93	
STILL BIRTHS	Males	Females	Totals			
Legitimate	4	3	7			
Illegitimate	_	_	_			
	4	3	7	Rate	9.8 *	
DEATHS	Males	Females	Total			
				Death-rate	13.65 (0	Crude)
Adjusted Death-rate (						or ade,
Number of Women dy						Nil
Death-rate of infants				ec or, em	idontii	1411
All infants per 1,000			-			22.72
Legitimate infants p						21.47
Illegitimate infants						38.46
				Manushan 1	Rate	
Deaths from Measles				Number 1 Nil	,000 pop	uation
Deaths from Whoopin		 h		Nil		
Deaths from Diphtha	ig Coug	h				
Deaths from Diphther	ory Tub	erculosio		Nil 3	0.08	1
Deaths from Respirate Deaths from Other To				1	0.02	
Total Tuberculosis De				4	0.10	
Deaths from Cancer				95	2.44	
Deaths from Influenza				2	0.05	
*Per 1,000 7	otal (L	ive and S	till) Bi	rths Regis	tered.	

#### I. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

**Population.** (Table 1, page 40). The Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population for the mid-year 1964 is 38,840 and the vital statistics in this report are based on this figure.

The population at the 1961 census was 38,659.

**Births.** (Tables 1 and 2, page 40). Seven hundred and four live births (356 males and 348 females) were registered. This gives a crude birth rate of 18.1 per thousand of the total population, compared with 17.3 in 1963. The corrected birth rate, i.e. that rate which would be arrived at if the age and sex constitution of the population of this district was in the same proportion as the rest of England and Wales is 19.93 compared with 18.4 for England and Wales. Fifty-two live births were illegitimate, 29 males and 23 females.

There were 7 still-births (4 males and 3 females). This gives a still-birth rate of 9.8 per 1,000 total births, and 0.18 per 1,000 population. Table 8, page 44 records the registered causes of these still-births. No still-births were illegitimate.

The Registrar-General's area comparability factor for the adjustment of the birth rate is 1.1.

**Deaths.** (Tables 1 and 3, page 40 and Table 6, page 42). Five hundred and thirty deaths were registered of which three hundred and two were males and two hundred and twenty-eight females. Thirty-four residents died outside the Borough, and three hundred and eleven non-residents died within the Borough. The crude death rate is therefore 13.65 compared with 12.84 in 1963. The corrected death rate, i.e. the rate which would be arrived at if the age and sex constitution of the population of this district was in the same proportion as the rest of England and Wales is 11.74 compared with 11.3 for England and Wales.

The Registrar-General's area comparability factor for the adjustment of the death rate is 0.86.

Table 24, page 61 gives details of deaths from cancer since 1955.

Maternal Mortality. (Table 4, page 41). No maternal deaths occurred during the year.

Infant Mortality. The infant mortality rate, which is the death rate of children under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births, is shown in Table 5, page 41, in comparison with the rate for England and Wales.

State of Employment. The Kettering Employment Exchange covers the Borough of Kettering, the Urban Districts of Burton Latimer, Desborough and Rothwell, and a number of the villages in the Kettering Rural District, and the following statistics therefore refer to

the whole of the Exchange area and are in respect of persons 18 years of age and over. A very large percentage of the men and women referred to, do however, reside in the Borough.

Number of persons who were registered as unemployed on 1st January, 1964	Men	192
	Women	61
Number of persons who were registered as unemployed		
on 31st December, 1964	Men	172
	Women	32
Number of unemployed registered disabled persons	Men	46
(included above)	Women	2

The principal trades for which there were oustanding demands for labour at the end of the year were:

#### MEN-

Transport and Communications
Public Administration
Distributive Trades
Clothing Manufacture.

#### WOMEN-

Boot and Shoe and Ancillary Trades Distributive Trades Clothing Manufacture Professional and Scientific Services.

The percentage of unemployment in the area was 0.5% compared with 0.8% in the Midlands Region and 1.5% nationally.

There has been a slackening off in the footwear industry and it is difficult to forecast the future trend although some employers anticipate an improvement.

Full time employment is being maintained throughout the clothing industry, engineering and other local industries.

# II. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

Treatment Centres and Clinics. Out-patient Clinics provided by the Kettering and District Hospital Management Committee of the Oxford Regional Hospital Board are as follows:

The second second second second		
At Kettering General Hospital—		
Dental		Thursday, 9 a.m.
Orthopaedic		Monday, 2 p.m. (alternate)
		Tuesday, 2 p.m.
		Thursday, 2 p.m.
Plastic Surgery		1st Wednesday, 2 p.m.
At St. Mary's Hospital-		
Medicine		Monday, 2 p.m.
		Thursday 2 p.m.—alternate weeks
		Friday, 8.30 a.m.
		1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday,
		8.30 a.m.
		2nd and 4th Wednesday, 9 a.m.
Physical Medicine		Tuesday, 2 p.m.
		Friday, 9 a.m.
Surgery		Wednesday, 9 a.m.
		Tuesday, 9.30 a.m.
		2nd Monday, 2 p.m.
		Friday, 2 p.m. (except for 1st
Campacalagy and Obstatrics		Friday).
Gynaecology and Obstetrics	•••	Monday, 9 a.m. Friday, 2 p.m.
		Wednesday, 2 p.m.
Ear, Nose and Throat		Thursday, 2 p.m.
Dai, 1405c and Tiffoat		Tuesday, 9 a.m.
Ophthalmology		Friday, 9.30 a.m.
opiniminology		Monday, 2 p.m.
Dermatology		Tuesday, 1.30 p.m.
Wart Clinic		1st, 3rd & 5th Monday, 2 p.m.
Paediatric		Thursday, 9 a.m.
Psychiatry		Tuesday, 1.30 p.m.
20,022		Thursday, 1.30 p.m.
Radiotherapy		Wednesday, 2.15 p.m.
Combined Radiotherapy/Sur		4th Monday, 2 p.m.
	0	1st Wednesday, 2.15 p.m.
Venereal Diseases (Women)		Tuesday, 5.30 p.m.
" (Men)		Tuesday, 6.30 p.m.

Special Departments available on reference from one of the above Clinics only.

> Orthoptic. Speech Therapy. Chiropody.

An appointments system is operated for all clinics except that for Venereal Diseases.

The following Clinics and Treatment Centres are provided by the Northamptonshire County Council:-

Relaxation and Mother Craft Clinics—

School Lane Centre, British Lane

Monday, 7 p.m. Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. Friday, 10-11 a.m.

Child Welfare Clinics—

School Lane Centre, British Lane

Monday, 2 p.m. Wednesday, 2 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m.

Barton Seagrave

First Tuesday in the month at 2 p.m.

Third Tuesday in the month at 2 p.m. (Health Visitor's

sessions).

St. John's Hall, Grange Estate

Second Monday in the month at 2 p.m. (Health Visitor's

sessions). Fourth Monday in the month at 2 p.m. (Doctor's sessions).

Immunisations and Vaccinations Clinics-

School Lane Centre, British Lane Second Monday in the month 2-4.30 p.m.

Ophthalmic Clinic-

School Lane Centre, British Lane By Appointment.

Speech Clinic-

School Clinic,

Stockburn Memorial Home

By Appointment.

Child Guidance Clinic—

School Lane Centre, British Lane By Appointment.

Family Planning Clinic—

School Lane Centre, British Lane Second Thursday in month

5.30 - 7.30 p.m. Third Thursday in month

Chest Clinic (Tuberculosis)—

St. Mary's Hospital

Tuesday, 2 p.m.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

(Treatment S ession).

Friday, 9 a.m. (Examinations). Laboratory Facilities. The following specimens were sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Northampton:—

Water-Town'	's supply from	taps				9	
Water-Counc	il's Swimming	Bath an	d Pad	dling	Pools		
(Bacteriolo	ogical examina	tion)				10	
Water-Other	Swimming B	aths and	Pade	dling	Pools		
(Bacteriolo	ogical examina	tion)				6	
Frozen Foods-	-Pork Sausage	es				60	
	Other foods					15	
Cooked Liver						1	
Milk						77	
Ice Cream						29	
The following	specimens w	ere sent	to t	he L	aborator	ry at	the

The following specimens were sent to the Laboratory at the Kettering and District General Hospital:—

Faecal specimens ... ... 542

**Health Education.** During the year a display of posters dealing with Health Education has been exhibited in the entrance to the Public Library.

Talks have also been given to various local organisations and whenever possible colour slides taken in the town have been shown to illustrate the talks.

#### III. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water. The responsibility for the provision of water supplies to the Borough of Kettering has been the responsibility of the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board since 1st July, 1949, and the following information, which relates to the whole of the Board's area, as separate figures for Kettering are not available, has been supplied by the Engineer and Manager of the Board.

"The water supply to the area has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Bacteriological examinations of the raw and treated water were carried out as follows:

Pitsford raw water	 	 15
Cransley raw water	 	 6
Pitsford sedimented water	 	 15
Cransley primary filters	 	 6
Pitsford final water	 	 83
Cransley final water	 	 72
Kettering supply	 	 16

A chemical analysis for the Pitsford final water sampled on 7th December, 1964 shows:

# Chemical Results in Parts per Million (Mg./L.)

Appearance: Bright with a few part	
	Turbidity: 1.0
Colour (Hazen) 6	Odour: Very faint "chlorinous"
pH 8.3	Free Carbon Dioxide absent
Electric conductivity 560 Chlorine present as Chloride 42	Dissolved solids dried at 180°C 400
	Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate 130
Hardness: Total 170 Carbona	ate: 130 Non-carbonate: 40
Nitrate Nitrogen: 0.0	Nitrate Nitrogen: absent
Ammoniacal Nitrogen: 0.01	Oxygen Absorbed: 1.5
Albuminoid Nitrogen: 0.18	Residual Chlorine: 0.25
Metals: Iron: 0.09	

Zinc, Copper, Lead, Manganese: absent.

### **Bacteriological Results**

Number of colonies developing on Agar	1 day at 37°C 2 per ml.		3 days at 20-22° 1 per ml.
Presumptive Coliform reaction:		Absent from 100 ml.	Probable number 0 per 100 ml.
Bact. Coli (Type I)	— ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. welchii reaction	100 ml.	10 ml.	
Calcium: 55	Magnesium: 7.	7 Silica:	9

This sample is almost clear and bright in appearance and without noticeable colour. The reaction is on the alkaline side of neutrality and the degree of hardness is moderate. There is no excess of mineral or saline constituents in solution and apart from a minute trace of iron, metals are absent. The organic quality is satisfactory and the water is of the highest standard of bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

Determination of the fluoride content is not normally made but there is no reason to think that it has changed from 0.3 p.p.m.

The waters are not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

There were no calls of contamination during the year".

Water Supply. The following table shows the estimated details of the water supply in the town:

	Dwelling houses	Estimated population
Total Number	 13,868	38,840
Supplied direct from town's mains	 13,851	38,800
Supplied from wells	 1	-
Supplied from standpipes in yards	 2	5
Supplied from taps in outbuildings	 14	35

**Drainage and Sewerage.** During the year the following estates were completed and all houses are now connected to the sewers:—

Drury Estates Ltd. Rockingham Road Estate
,, ,, Spinney Estate
Chowns Ltd. Windmill Avenue Estate (1st stage)

Sewers have been completed on the following estates and houses are being connected as development proceeds:—

F. Lack Ltd. Rockingham Road Estate
Wilson's (Builders) Ltd. Grosvenor Road Estate
Drury Estates Ltd. Polwell Lane Estate (3rd Phase)

Chowns Ltd. Windmill Avenue Estate (2nd stage)

Borough Council's Rectory Field Estate

Routine flushing, cleansing and maintenance of sewers has been carried out throughout the year.

Forty cesspool emptyings have been undertaken in the Borough. One hundred and thirty-seven catchpit emptyings and 55 grease tank emptyings have also been carried out.

The Council's Sewage Disposal Works at Finedon have operated satisfactorily throughout the year.

#### Closet Accommodation-

Houses on v			system	to	septic	
tanks or	cesspo	ools				23
Factories on	water	carriage	system	to	septic	
tank						2
Factory with	chemi	ical close	ts			1

**Rivers and Streams.** Rivers and streams have been cleansed and watched for pollution.

**Public Cleansing.** Refuse collection and disposal, scavenging and cleansing of streets and street gullies has proceeded satisfactorily throughout the year.

**Public Conveniences.** The new conveniences at the Bus Station came into use in January, 1964.

Regular attention and cleansing to all public conveniences has been maintained.

**Private Street Works.** The making up of part of Scott Road was completed in June, 1964.

**District Inspection.** The work of the Public Health Inspectors is summarised in Table 9, page 45. Five thousand, six hundred and eleven inspections and visits were made in the year 1964 as compared with 6,540 in 1963.

**Factories.** Table 12, page 48 gives particulars of premises on the register and work done under the Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948 in the form prescribed by the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

Camping Sites. No sites in the area were used for holiday purposes during the year.

The Northampton Road Recreation Ground site which is used by travelling fairs was kept under sanitary supervision during the time it was used. **Swimming Baths and Pools.** Attendance at the Covered Bath during 1964 was 88,172 as compared with 81,677 during 1963.

Attendance at the Open Air Bath was 38,270 compared with 27,204 during the previous year.

School attendances (included in the above figures) at the Public Baths totalled 16,615 as compared with 14,190 during 1963.

The Slipper Baths were attended by 16,046 as compared with 17,041 during the previous year.

The paddling pool at Rockingham Road Park was filled during August only, and kept under careful supervision.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 (Table 11, page 47). During the year 315 applications for the services of the Rodent Operative were received. Occupiers of premises where infestations exist or are suspected, continue to seek early assistance of the Public Health Department and by so doing enable infestations to be quickly eradicated.

A major infestation occurred at the Council's Sewage Works at Finedon and also one at agricultural premises on the outskirts of the town.

Fifteen infestations by rats and five by mice were dealt with at food premises.

Thirty-three requests for the destruction of wasps' nests were dealt with.

#### IV. HOUSING

**Individual Unfit Houses.** Table 13, page 49 shows the houses which have been officially represented as unfit under the Housing Acts, 1936-1957, and for which undertakings have been accepted, prior to 1957, that they will not be let for human habitation.

Table 18, page 53 shows the houses which were so represented

1957-1964, under Section 157 of the Housing Act, 1957.

Clearance of Unfit Houses. Table 15, page 50 shows the position as at 31st December, 1964 of the houses in Clearance Areas which were officially represented prior to 1964, and Table 16, page 52 shows those which were represented during 1964 for inclusion in Clearance Areas.

Table 17, page 52 shows houses owned by the Council which were represented as unfit in 1962.

number of houses listed for inspection under the n cl

The number of houses listed	for i	nspecti	on und	er the	post-war
learance schemes was:					
Programme 1955/65					471
Houses added to original	lists				62
Programme 1966/70					155
					688
These have been dealt with as	follo	ws:			
Years		iber of reas		uses uded	Totals
(a) Clearance Areas declared:					
1955-60		42	2	95	
1961		5		29	
1962		6		33	
1963		2 2		5	
1964		2		25	
			_	_	387
(b) Corporation owned houses c	ertifie	d as un	fit:		
1957-59				23	
1961				1	
1962				2	
			_		26
(c) Houses represented individu	ally a	s unfit:			
1955-60				26 *	
1961				3	
1962				2 5	
1963					
1964				4	
			-	-	31
* 9 houses subsequently i	nclud	led in C	learan	ce Are	as.
Total houses re	prese	nted			. 444
T. 11		1 0			20

Listed houses found to be fit

Listed houses not represented at 31.12.64

20 224

688

By the end of the year 261 houses had been demolished and a further 111 were void, leaving 63 awaiting the rehousing of the occupants. Four houses have been adapted to business use, two were declared "Fit" following Public Enquiry, and three were made "Fit".

In 1964 fourteen families comprising 42 persons were rehoused,

from unfit property.

Repairs to Property. Table 19, page 54 gives details of the work of the public health inspectors in this connection. Five hundred and twenty-nine informal notices (including 109 verbal notices) were served and fifty-four statutory notices under the Public Health and Housing Acts were served.

Rent Act, 1957—Certificates of Disrepair. During the year no application was received for the issue of a Certificate of Disrepair, or for the cancellation of a certificate.

Improvement Grants. The House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, came into force in June, 1959, and introduced Standard Improvement Grants as an alternative to Discretionary Grants for the Improvement of houses. The number of grants made during the year was:—

Discretionary Grants made	 	 2
Number of tenanted houses involved	 	 1
Standard Grants made	 	 145
Number of tenanted houses involved	 	 44

Of the 145 Standard Grants made, 74 were for the full improvement (i.e. the provision of bath, wash-hand basin, hot water supply, w.c., and food store) and 45 had all amenities with the exception of the food store which they already possessed. The remainder were for such amenities as they were lacking.

**Overcrowding.** One family consisting of 12 persons was living in overcrowded conditions in 1964.

Housing Statistics. Below are the particulars for 1964 set out in the form required by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government:

# Number of dwelling-houses erected during the year:

(a)	<ol> <li>By Local Authority</li> </ol>	 		93
	2. By other Local Authorities	 		Nil
	3. By other bodies or persons	 		189
(b)	With State assistance under the Provisions) Act, 1958 (include	(Fina	ncial	
	1. By Local Authority	 		93
	2. By other Local Authorities	 		Nil

1.	Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:	
	(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	581
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded	20
	under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerously injurious to health as to be unfit for	29
	human habitation	29
	ferred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habi-	50
	tation	58
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:	
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in con- sequence of informal action by the Local Authority or	
	their officers	675
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year:	
	A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing	
	Act, 1957:	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit	1
	after service of formal notices :-	
	(a) By Owners (b) By Local Authority in default of owners	l Nil
	B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts:	
	(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices	53
	were served requiring defects to be remedied  (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	33
	(a) By Owners	50
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
	C.—Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing	
	Act, 1957: (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which	
	demolition orders were made	Nil
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance	
	of demolition orders	Nil
	D.—Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957:	
	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms	
	in respect of which closing orders were made	Nil
	(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined,	
	the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil

# 4. Housing Act, 1957—Part IV.—Overcrowding:

(1)	(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at 31st December, 1964 1
	(b) Number of families dwelling therein 1
	(c) Number of persons dwelling therein 12
(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 1
(3)	(a) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year Ni
	(b) Number of persons concerned in such cases Ni
(4)	Particulars of any case in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding Nil

Other Housing Matters. There were 775 live applications on the Council's Register awaiting consideration for re-housing at the end of 1964 as compared with 725 at the end of 1963.

In connection with the allocation of Council houses as far as the Public Health Department is concerned, recommendations are made from time to time by the Medical Officer of Health after personal visits have been made to investigate the circumstances of each case. Medical and social assessments are forwarded to the Housing Manager and the Chief Public Health Inspector attends to advise the Housing Administrative Sub-Committee, when necessary.

Nine hundred and ninety-seven requisitions for a search under the Land Charges Act, 1925, were received.

#### V. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food and Drugs Act, 1955:

# Milk and Dairies (General Regulations), 1959:

## Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960:

Number of dairymen licensed to retail pasteurised milk				
Number of dairymen licensed to retail tuberculin tested milk	18			
Number of dairymen licensed to retail pasteurised tuberculin tested milk	17			
Number of dairymen licensed to retail sterilised milk	27			

The following table gives the results of milk samples taken in accordance with section 89 of the Kettering Improvement Act, 1904, and the Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949-1960:—

Type of Milk	Test	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Total
Pasteurised	Methylene Blue	 1	_	1
Pasteurised	Phosphatase	 1	_	1
Tuberculin-tested	Methylene Blue	 11	7	18
Tuberculin-tested Pasteurised	Methylene Blue	 51	7	58
Tuberculin-tested Pasteurised	Phosphatase	 58	_	58

Five samples of tuberculin tested milk were submitted for biological examination and negative results were obtained.

Twenty-one washed milk bottles were submitted for bacteriological examination and all were reported to be satisfactory. Eight churn rinses were bacteriologically examined, and all were reported satisfactory.

**Ice-Cream.** Twenty-nine samples of ice-cream were taken from four producers or retailers in accordance with the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Seventeen were reported to be grade 1 (Satisfactory), three grade 2 (Fairly satisfactory), six grade 3 (Unsatisfactory) and three grade 4 (Very unsatisfactory). Two ice-lolly samples were reported to be satisfactory. Three samples of ice cream ingredient were taken. Two were reported as satisfactory and one unsatisfactory.

Meat and Other Foods. There was one licensed slaughterhouse in use during the year.

As noted in the Annual Report for the year 1954, the practice has continued whereby a number of the butchers purchase their requirements from wholesalers outside the Borough, and a local wholesaler has animals slaughtered in the town for distribution over a large area outside the town.

The number of carcases examined is shown below compared with those of the preceding four years and the totals have been converted to cattle units to enable comparison of throughput at the slaughterhouse. One cattle unit is: 1 beast or 3 calves or 5 sheep or 2 pigs.

			1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Cattle			2,794	3,356	2,766	2,844	2,081
Cows			133	151	238	87	181
Calves			46	46	76	76	78
Pigs			6,771	6,886	8,159	7,907	7,580
Sheep a	nd L	amb	s 4,326	6,154	7,344	10,059	5,859
Total	anir	nals	14,070	16,593	18,619	20,913	15,579
Cattle	e uni	ts	7,192	8,196	8,577	8,921	7,250

Four hundred and eighty-one visits were made to the slaughterhouse and 28 visits were made to Cattle and General Markets. Inspection of meat vehicles operating in the Borough was undertaken from time to time.

Fifteen slaughtermen were licensed in accordance with the requirements of the Slaughter of Animals Acts, 1933 and 1954. No contraventions of these acts were found.

Mr. E. W. Hudson, M.R.C.V.S., the local Veterinary Inspector for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food attends the Cattle Market each week to deal with any case coming within the purview of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts, 1894-1935.

As a result of visits being made to slaughterhouses it was found necessary to condemn 11 tons, 4 cwts., 1 qr., 18 lbs. of meat and offals as being unfit for human consumption. Other food materials weighing 2 tons, 17 cwts., 3 qrs., 17 lbs., 0 ozs. were condemned as a result of visits to premises where food was stored, prepared or sold. Four hundred and eighty-nine certificates were issued in respect of home killed meat and offals and in addition six hundred and twenty-four certificates were issued to traders in respect of unfit foods.

**Cysticercus Bovis.** Twenty-two cases of cysticercus bovis were detected in the carcases examined.

**Disposal of Condemned Food.** The arrangement made with members of the trade whereby all condemned carcase meat and offals is received by a fat and tallow merchant in Bedfordshire continues to function satisfactorily.

Other condemned foods continue to be burned in the incinerator at Northfield Depot or buried in the Council's refuse tip, all tins being punctured before burial.

# VI. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Table 23, page 60 shows the age groups of the various infectious diseases notified during the year.

**Scarlet Fever.** Eight cases of scarlet fever were notified. The attack rate for the Borough of Kettering was therefore 0.2 per 1,000 population. There were no deaths.

**Pneumonia.** Eleven cases of primary or post-influenzal pneumonia were notified. The attack rate for Kettering was 0.28 per 1,000 population. Eighteen deaths were ascribed to pneumonia, the figures for the previous year being 11 cases notified and 20 deaths attributed to pneumonia (all forms).

Erysipelas. No case was notified.

Whooping Cough. Forty-three cases of whooping cough were notified. The attack rate was 1.1 per 1,000 population. There were no deaths.

**Measles.** Seven hundred and twenty-one notifications of measles were received. The local attack rate was 18.56 per 1,000 population. There were no deaths.

**Meningococcal Infection.** Two notifications of meningococcal infection were received.

Typhoid Fever. No case was notified.

Paratyphoid Fever. One case was notified.

Dysentery. Thirty-five cases of Sonne dysentery were notified.

Acute Poliomyelitis. No case of acute poliomyelitis was notified.

Encephalitis. One case of post-infectious encephalitis was notified.

**Infectious Hepatitis.** Four notifications of infectious hepatitis were received.

Puerperal Pyrexia. Twelve cases were notified during the year.

Cancer. The deaths from cancer show a slight decrease on last year, being 95 as compared with 98 in 1963 as shown in Table 24, page 61.

Food Poisoning. Thirty-nine cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

Disinfecting and Cleansing Service. Sixty-eight articles of clothing and bedding were disinfected. Two hundred and twenty-three articles of bedding were destroyed at the request of the owners.

The arrangement made with the Kettering and District Hospital Management Committee for the steam disinfection of bedding, etc., to be carried out at St. Mary's Hospital continued in force, but was used on only one occasion.

#### VII. TUBERCULOSIS

Thirteen cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and three cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified in 1964. In 1963 the figures were 14 and 3 respectively. The Registrar-General returns the number of deaths from Tuberculosis as 3 pulmonary and 1 non-pulmonary. In 1963 there were no deaths.

Table 25, on page 62, shows the age groups of both the new cases and the deaths.

There continues to be very little delay before notified cases are admitted to a chest hospital.

The Kettering Tuberculosis Care Committee which undertakes the care and aftercare of patients suffering from tuberculosis, also assists patients suffering from other diseases of the chest when requested to do so by the Chest Physician.

The very valuable help given to patients and their families usually consists of the provision of milk, but in special circumstances groceries, travelling expenses or other forms of help may be given. The assistance granted is governed by the availability of funds, all of which are raised from voluntary sources and whenever income shows the need to cut expenditure, grants to persons with "other diseases of the chest" are the first to be reduced, as the primary duty of the Committee is to assist tubercular patients. It was necessary during the year to restrict help to tubercular patients, owing to the drop in income.

Although tuberculosis is no longer the scourge it used to be, we cannot afford to be complacent about this condition.

Mass Radiography Service. No general X-ray survey was carried out in the Borough during the year, but the General Practitioners' Referral Service continued to operate, visiting the town every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Special surveys of groups suspected to have been in contact with newly discovered cases were undertaken.

#### VIII. WELFARE

Welfare of the Aged. Mrs. J. Deutsch, the Honorary Secretary of the Kettering Old People's Welfare Association, has kindly supplied the following information regarding the activities of this body during 1964.

During the year 1,400 parcels and 100 coal vouchers were distributed to old people. Co-operation with Almoners and other Welfare Departments has continued in order to keep in touch with elderly people discharged from hospital.

The Chiropody Service is still on the increase and is much appreciated.

The 1964 House-to-House Collection was a record—£309 3s. 10d.—and will enable a further distribution of groceries to take place early in 1965.

In December at the suggestion of Doctor Goodchild the committee contributed £50 to launch a scheme to provide safe heating in the bedrooms for some elderly people.

Many donations have been received and it is hoped to instal 20 oil filled electric heaters this winter.

Mrs. L. G. Grossmith, the Centre Secretary of the W.V.S., has reported as follows regarding the clubs for the elderly. The "Cytringan Day Club" has had a very successful year and membership has increased to 90 and there is a waiting list for membership. Various social activities have been organised.

A happy association continues to exist between the Day Club and the Keystone Boys' Club with whom the building is shared. During the boys' annual effort to raise funds for their club our helpers worked very hard to raise a substantial sum which was donated to them.

The W.V.S. pensioners club which is held on Thursday and Friday evenings now has a membership of 53 which is the maximum which can be accommodated. The club is a very happy and homely one and caters for persons who live alone and also the elderly person who is living with relatives and who likes to get out in the evening.

The meetings last from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. during which time refreshments are served and the usual cards, dominoes etc. are played. Various other social activities such as day outings have also been arranged.

The Darby and Joan clubs held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons continue to be well attended and as in previous years organised many social activities for their members in addition to a week's holiday at the sea-side. The W.V.S. Friday Pensioners' Club also reports a very satisfactory year which included a number of outings and social activities and a week's holiday at Bognor Regis.

The St. John's Over 60 Club had a membership of 100 during 1964 and has a waiting list of people anxious to join as soon as a vacancy arises.

The weekly meetings have been well attended and through the generosity of members and helpers a raffle has been held each week. Various social activities and outings have been organised during the year. Each member received a birthday card on the appropriate day, a Christmas card and "get well" cards were sent to all sick members. Many members have taken advantage of the scheme which enables them to buy Horlicks, Ovaltine, Bovril and Marmite and tea at special reduced rates. The Club had a very successful year and continued to provide a happy meeting place for "Senior Citizens" of the Stamford Road area.

Meals on Wheels Service. Mrs. N. G. Wootton, the organiser of this service which is operated by the W.V.S. has kindly supplied the following report.

"During the year 1964, 8,833 meals were delivered in Kettering by the Meals on Wheels Service, compared with 7,996 in 1963. The increase of 837 is accounted for by the expansion of the service at the beginning of October, 1964.

Up to September 30th 1964, the service was run as in previous years, with deliveries twice weekly to 84 old people each day.

In June the Rotary Club of Kettering presented the W.V.S. an Estate Car, for general use in the various services run by the W.V.S. in Kettering. With the use of this vehicle in the Meals on Wheels Service, it was possible to increase the number of meals carried without the necessity of finding additional helpers and cars. It was felt that the greatest need was for the service to be run on an additional day, thus enabling the most needy of the old people to receive 3 meals weekly instead of only 2.

At the beginning of October this expansion was inaugurated, meals being delivered on Mondays, as well as on Tuesdays and Thursdays, bringing the total weekly potential to 228 meals, compared with 168 previously.

Approximately 45 old people now receive 3 meals weekly, being those most in need of this help. A further 40 (approximately) receive 2 meals weekly, and a small variable number receive one meal.

Applications for the service continue to be received, and since the expansion of the service, have been handled with less delay than previously."

The St. Giles' Club for the Disabled. Mrs. D. C. Dickins, the Honorary Secretary of this club, which is organised by the British Red Cross, has supplied the following information regarding it:—

"We meet every Tuesday afternoon for tea, handcraft and companionship. We have a savings group and also we sell tea, Bovril and Marmite at special rates by arrangement with the manufacturers. Holidays for the disabled were organised. One was run by the Red Cross and the other by County Welfare.

Blind Welfare. The welfare of the blind in Kettering is dealt with by two voluntary organisations. One, the Northamptonshire Town and County Association for the Blind which organised various social activities and also the distribution of Christmas parcels. The other, the Amalgamated Clubs' Committee for the Blind which raises funds during the year and makes cash grants to members. In 1964 approximately £930 was distributed to blind persons in Kettering. The activities of these two associations are much appreciated by their beneficiaries.

**Diabetic Patients.** Miss E. Hawden, the Honorary Secretary, has kindly supplied the following report regarding the formation of the Kettering and district branch of the British Diabetic Association:—

"At an inaugural meeting on May 13th, 1964, it was decided to form a branch of the British Diabetic Association in Kettering.

The first public meeting took place on Tuesday July 7th in the Health Clinic, School Lane, Kettering. Since then meetings have been held regularly on the first Tuesday in each month. On an average there have been 40 diabetics and their friends present.

The speakers at the meetings have been varied. We have had visits from doctors, research workers, a demonstration by the Kettering Tape Recording Club, a talk on diets by the hospital almoner and an illustrated talk on foreign travel, by two diabetics. We ended the year with a Christmas Social, which proved very successful indeed".

Kettering Mothers' Club. The Kettering Mothers' Club reported another successful year in which their membership reached 130. The activities arranged during the year included talks, film shows, and demonstrations as well as various social events. The Club's Welfare work continues to support the leper boy in Nigeria and the local old age pensioners were provided with parcels and groceries after the Harvest Festival and at Christmas.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 50, Disposal of the Dead. One case was dealt with by the local authority during the year.

## IX. MISCELLANEOUS

**Examination of Employees.** Fourteen males and four females were medically examined by the Medical Officer of Health and all were considered fit for employment in the Council's service.

**Cremations.** One thousand three hundred and sixty-seven cremations were carried out during the year at the Kettering Crematorium. Of this number 360 were Kettering residents. The remaining cremations were of residents from the areas of the following authorities:

Brixworth R.D.C.			 	12
Burton Latimer U.D.	C.		 	26
Corby U.D.C			 	96
Desborough U.D.C.			 	44
Higham Ferrers Boro	ugh		 	26
Irthlingborough U.D.	.C.		 	22
Kettering R.D.C.			 	55
Market Harborough 1	U.D.	C.	 	75
Market Harborough I	R.D.	C.	 	15
Northampton C.B.C.			 	6
Oundle and Thrapsto	n R.	D.C.		60
Raunds U.D.C			 	38
Rothwell U.D.C.			 	34
Rushden U.D.C.			 	142
Wellingborough R.D.	C.		 	72
Wellingborough U.D.	.C.		 	225
Other Authorities			 	59

On five occasions it was necessary for the Medical Referee to enlist the services of the Pathologist appointed by the Council in pursuance of the Cremation Regulations, 1930.

# CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD INSPECTION FOR THE YEAR 1964

## (a) Staff

In May, Mr. D. A. Lovell left to join the Public Health Department at Bedford, a move which coincided with his marriage, and in August, Mr. G. Harrison was appointed Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector to the County Borough of Northampton. The departure of these well qualified and valued members of the department was expected to raise difficulties, but when repeated advertisements failed to produce any Inspectors to take their places the whole impetus of the work of the department had to give way to a system of dealing only with urgent and immediate matters. The late Summer and Autumn saw an accumulation of routine work which grew weekly, and only with considerable difficulty could all meat continue to be inspected at the abattoir, and all complaints receive prompt attention. The last day of the year contained the congenial task of interviewing two Public Health Inspectors who both accepted the posts offered to them.

In April, my colleagues in Northamptonshire elected me Chairman of the local branch of the Association of Public Health Inspectors. Mr. Harrison continued to serve as Hon. Secretary.

# (b) Housing

# (i) Clearance

In 1964, 29 houses were inspected and represented as unfit. Of these 25 were in 2 Clearance Areas, and 4 were individual unfit houses.

Frequent enquiries were received regarding the probable date when certain houses would be dealt with by clearance. Whilst it is realised that the value of a house drops as soon as it is included in a future programme, it is fairer to disclose this information to intending purchasers than to leave them to find out later. Accordingly a list of all properties proposed to be dealt with by clearance up to 1970 was circulated to estate agents and solicitors in the town. Numerous enquiries are still being received regarding old property not included on this list. Whilst every effort is made to give an intelligent assessment of the future life of these houses, the progress made on clearance is controlled by so many outside factors that no definite answer is possible.

(ii) REPAIRS

No house-to-house inspections were possible during 1964 owing to shortage of staff. The majority of owners responded well to requests to carry out repairs to their tenanted properties, so that the number of legal notices needing to be served was small.

(iii) IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The work of inspecting houses which have been improved with the aid of a grant, to ensure that they are maintained in a good condition, was greatly reduced by the 1964 Housing Act, the period of supervision being cut from ten years to three. This work was again mainly carried out by asking the owners to sign a declaration that they were complying with all the conditions. Two hundred and fifteen such forms were sent out during 1964 of which two hundred and ten were returned. Public Health Inspectors paid visits to 183 premises during the year.

(c) Factories and Workshops

Routine inspections in the early part of the year revealed 23 matters requiring attention, (29 in 1963). Unfortunately very few visits were possible during the latter part of the year.

(d) Air Pollution

The proposed Smoke Control Area was not implemented during 1964 largely as a result of the change in the Government scheme announced in December, 1963, which would cause a considerable increase in the cost to the Local Authority. Meanwhile, the monthly pollution figures recorded by the daily volumetric smoke filter (see Table 26, page 63), continued to show a steady reduction almost every month. This is probably the result of householders replacing coal burning appliances, and British Railways proceeding towards their policy of using only diesel locomotives.

Twenty-six complaints were received regarding a variety of smoke nuisances. Ten of these were caused deliberately by the burning of rubbish, sawdust, motor tyres or copper wire cable (to salvage the copper). It is hoped that the miscreants will have developed a conscience about smoke as a result of the interviews which followed the offences.

(e) Meat Inspection

All 14,070 animals slaughtered during the year at the Kettering Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd. abattoir were inspected, and over 11 tons of meat and offal were found to be unfit for human consumption, (see Table 22, Page 59). This essential duty was maintained with considerable difficulty during the time when staff was short, as it absorbs the full time of one inspector each week, and overtime is often necessary.

Thirteen consignments of meat and meat products were supervised prior to export, and certificates issued to accompany these consignments. Throughout the year advice on public health matters was given to the Borough Surveyor regarding the plans being prepared for the new public abattoir.

#### (f) Food Hygiene

One thousand two hundred and sixty-three visits were paid to the 438 food premises in the Borough.

During the year 163 contraventions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, were found in food premises as follows:

Bakehouses				 	8
Butchers				 	14
Dairies, etc.				 	3
Fish Shops				 	5
Food Premises, o	the	r			37
Ice Cream premi	ses			 	4
Licensed premise	es			 	19
Markets				 	32
Restaurants, Can	teer	is, et	c.	 	36
Food Vehicles				 	5

Many of these contraventions were of a minor nature and with a few exceptions the standard of hygiene to be found in food premises is very good.

Two unhygienic practices are common in the Borough; the scattering of sawdust on the floors of butchers' shops, and the returning of overspill beer to the barrel for re-sale.

The practice of scattering sawdust on the floor is a relic of the days when butchers slaughtered animals at the rear of their premises and the meat when hung in the shop was still dripping with blood which soaked into the sawdust. No Kettering butcher today kills at his shop premises so that sawdust is not needed for this purpose. Several butchers believe its use to be essential to prevent slipping. After enquiring about non-slip footwear and methods of treating floors to prevent slipping, I addressed a meeting of local butchers, after which several of them ceased using sawdust on their premises.

The re-sale of overspill beer is much more difficult to control as once a publican locks his doors at closing time there is no way of checking what happens in his cellars. One encouraging sign was the installation in several premises of modern beer dispensing equipment which, when properly used, eliminates overspill; but there are still premises where beer overflowing from a glass runs over the barman's fingers into the drip can to be returned eventually to the barrel. The law which requires beer to be sold in a measured glass at present leads to glasses being filled to the brim with beer dripping over on to counters and customers' clothes. 'Bigger pint pots', that topers' dream, are providing a solution in a few premises. How odd that a cup of tea is not filled to the brim and yet we use a saucer!

Samples of food for routine examination were sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Northampton, as follows:

Ice Cream Ingred	dient	•	 	3
Ice Cream			 	29
Iced Lollies			 	2
Bubble Gum			 	1
Cornish Pasties			 	2
Cooked Liver			 	1
Steak & Kidney	Pie		 	3
Pork Sausages			 	99
Beef Sausages			 	2
			 	4
Processed Meat			 	1
Faggots			 	3

These foods were all reported as satisfactory except 3 samples of Pork Sausage, 9 samples of Ice Cream and 1 sample of Ice Cream Ingredient.

Seventy-seven bacteriological milk samples were taken, (91 in 1963), 21 washed milk bottles, (36 in 1963), and 8 churn rinses,

(12 in 1963), with results as summarised in Part V.

Complaints regarding food were investigated during the year and the following reported to the Public Health Committee, with the results shown:

#### Decision

- 1. Sausage Roll affected with mould Warning letters to retailer and
- Custard Tart containing wire -
- Sour Milk -
- 4. Malt Loaf containing foreign
- 5. Pork Pie affected with mould -
- Pork Pie affected with mould -
- 7. Apple Tart affected with mould 8. Cornish Pasty affected with
- mould Pork Pie affected with mould -
- Chocolate containing live grubs
- 11. Pork Dripping affected with mould
- 12. Raspberry Crumble Tart containing cockroach -
- 13. French Jam Sandwich affected with mould - -
- Sausages affected with mould -
- 15. Dirty Milk Bottle Minced Pork unfit for consumption
- 17. Chocolate containing live grubs

- manufacturer.
- Warning letter to manufacturer.
- Dealer prosecuted—Fined £10 each on two counts and f,5.5s. costs.
- Warning letter to manufacturer.
- Warning letter to retailer.
- Warning letter to manufacturers.
- Warning letter to retailer.
- Warning letter to retailer.
- Warning letter to Dairy.
- Warning letter to retailer.
- Warning letter to retailer.

The co-operation of the public in bringing these matters to the notice of the Department is very much appreciated. Every complaint is thoroughly investigated with the main object of preventing a recurrence.

The kitchens of the local Hospitals were inspected on three

occasions and found to be of a very high standard of hygiene.

(g) Water Supplies

All 9 samples of water from the town's mains were reported as "Very Satisfactory", by the bacteriologist. Complaints of discoloration and sediment from one part of the town were referred to the Water Board.

(h) Swimming Baths

Seven bacteriological samples were taken from the Corporation's indoor swimming pool, 3 from the outdoor pool, and 2 from school swimming pools. All were reported as being "Very Satisfactory".

The open air pools at Wicksteed Park were sampled on 4 occasions; only 1 of these samples was unsatisfactory. These results are very commendable, considering the ease with which an open

air pool can be contaminated.

(i) Rodent Control

Three hundred and fifteen requests for assistance in eliminating rats and mice were received during the year, (265 in 1963). The sewers were poisoned once with Warfarin and once with Fluorocetamide. It is hoped by the use of this very effective poison to eliminate all rats from the sewerage system. This is the first time this poison has been used against rats in Northamptonshire, and elaborate precautions were taken to prevent any risk of danger to human beings or domestic animals.

Contracts to the value of £123 were entered into with local firms, to keep their premises free from rats, mice and insects. This scheme is working well and enabling infestations to be cleared

before they become well established.

(i) Drains and Sewers

During the year it was possible to clear with rods, 303 of the 324 stopped drains referred to this Department. No charges were made unless is was necessary to request from the Borough Surveyor the assistance of the gully cleansing machine and its crew.

(k) Noise Abatement Act

Several complainants seem to assume from the title of this Act, that the Local Authority have power to require all noise to be reduced to a minimum. No complaint received during the year would, in my opinion, have justified the institution of legal proceedings, but an approach to the persons concerned usually produced a reduction in the volume of noise made.

#### (1) Dustbins

Throughout the year 692 dustbins were notified to the Department by the refuse collectors, as being defective or missing. Whilst in the majority of cases the persons concerned provided a new bin on request, more abuse was met with on this subject than in all the other work of the Department. Legally, a Local Authority may require either the owner or the occupier of a house to renew a defective dustbin, but the law gives no indication of which it should be. The decisions, where necessary, were reached after careful assessment of the rent, the length of tenancy, evidence of misuse, and, where available, details of who provided the previous bin. In spite of this, in the opinion of many of those subsequently required to provide a new bin, the wrong decision was reached. Indeed, several owner-occupiers also thought it wrong that they should be required to replace a miscellany of receptacles often without handles and sometimes held together with lengths of wire.

It was necessary to serve 43 Statutory Notices; all were complied with.

(m) Prosecutions

During the year legal proceedings were instituted in the following case:

Act Offence Result of Prosecution

Food & Drugs Act, 1955, Sale and supply Fined £10 each on two cases plus £5. 5. 0d. costs.

(n) Filthy and Verminous Premises

Modern insecticides enable complete control to be achieved over those objectionable insects which were once an inevitable part of filthy premises. Even today, however, a small number of people are found living under conditions which would be revolting to most of us. Often such people own the houses in which they live. Their mental health is sometimes in doubt though not sufficiently so to require their removal, but the grim legal enforcement of those sections of the Public Health Act dealing with filthy premises, could possibly cause a further deterioration in their mental condition. There seems to be no practical way of helping such people to overcome their difficulties. Whenever possible an approach is made to relatives, and all known cases are visited regularly. Any improvement is, however, usually only temporary.

(o) Public Relations

Many references to the work of the Department were made in the local press and though the emphasis was not always on what officially appeared to be the most important aspect, the publicity was appreciated.

During the year all requests from local organisations for talks on the work of Public Health Inspectors were agreed to. It is still surprising that so many people have no idea of the work done to try to preserve their health. Understandably, no-one comes forward to say "Thank you for protecting me from food poisoning", but it is sometimes discouraging when so many people do not even know of the efforts made to achieve this and similar ends. In China, I understand, a doctor receives fees from his patients only so long as they remain in good health. From the point of view of the Public Health Inspector, the system has much to commend it.

(p) Conclusion

The year 1964 was a year which started with a lively and progressive approach to all branches of the work, and ended in a desperate attempt to keep moving the schemes started earlier with a full staff.

It is possible to learn a great deal about time saving and elimination of non-essential work when short staffed, but it is to be hoped that the lessons are not too frequent or long sustained.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their understanding; to Dr. Farquhar, and the other Chief Officers for their co-operation; and to Mr. Hodgins and all other members of the Public Health Department for their loyal support at all times.

G. WALSHAW, Chief Public Health Inspector.

#### XI. STATISTICAL TABLES

Table 1
Vital Statistics for the years 1955 to 1964

		I	IVE BIRTH	1S			DEAT	HS	
	Estimated				Unde	er 1 year		All age	,
Year	Population		Ra	ite		Rate		R	ate
rear	(Mid-year)	No.	Crude	Corrected	No.	1,000 Live Births	No.	Crude	Corrected
1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964	36,590 36,990 37,250 37,430 37,570 38,030 38,570 38,650 38,780 38,840	488 510 541 509 532 614 619 653 671 704	13.34 13.79 14.52 13.6 14.16 16.15 16.05 16.9 17.3 18.1	14.40 14.89 15.54 14.55 15.15 17.28 17.17 18.07 19.03 19.93	13 9 8 7 10 12 10 7 12 16	26.64 17.65 14.79 13.75 18.80 19.54 16.16 10.72 17.88 22.72	427 443 416 479 457 473 478 457 499 530	11.67 11.98 11.17 12.8 12.16 12.44 12.39 11.85 12.84 13.65	10.62 11.38 11.06 12.29 10.82 11.2 11.4 11.03 11.04 11.74

Table 2
England and Wales and the Borough of Kettering, 1955-1964
Birth Rates

	1955			Market Street, Street				A PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE		
England and Wales	15.0	15.7	16.1	16.4	16.5	17.1	17.4	18.0	18.2	18.4
Kettering	14.40	14.89	15.54	14.55	15.15	17.28	17.17	18.07	19.03	19.93

Table 3

England and Wales and the Borough of Kettering, 1955-1964

Death Rates

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
England and Wales	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.5	12.0	11.9	12.2	11.3
Kettering	10.62	11.38	11.06	12.29	10.82	11.2	11.4	11.03	11.04	11.74

Table 4

# England and Wales and the Borough of Kettering, 1955-1964 Maternal Mortality

(Per 1,000 total (live and still) births)

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
England and Wales	0.64	0.56	0.47	0.43	0.38	0.39	0.33	0.35	0.28	0.25
Kettering	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.9	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Table 5

England and Wales and the Borough of Kettering, 1955-1964

Infant Mortality

	1955									
England and Wales	24.9	23.8	23.0	16.2	22.0	21.9	21.6	20.7	20.9	20.0
Kettering	26.64	17.65	14.79	13.75	18.80	19.54	16.16	10.72	17.88	22.72

Table 6-Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life

	Course of Death	Cov	Total	Under	4 weeks				Ag	Age in Years	ears			75 000
	Cause of Deam	S. C.	All Ages	4 weeks	1 year	1	5-	15—	25—	35-	45-	-55	-59	over
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18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	Z	64	1	ı	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	18	28
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20.	Other Heart Disease	X	31	1	1	1	1	١	1	1	2	4	1	18
-		H	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	7	7	27
717	21. Other Circulatory Disease	Z	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	l	7	4	7
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Table 6-Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life-continued

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Under	4 weeks	1	1	1	1	1	ı	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	9 9	4	1	1	11	1	1	80	ro
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		22. Influenza		Pneumonia		Bronchitis		Other Diseases of Respiratory System		26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum		Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea		28. Nephritis and Nephrosis		Hyperplasia of Prostate	Congenital Malformations	)	Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases		Motor Vehicle Accidents		All Other Accidents	Suicide		Total All Causes	
		22.		23.		24.		25.		26.		27.		28.		29.	31.		32.		33.	**	7	35			

Table 7
Infant Mortality, 1964—Causes of Death

C	Cause			Λ	lumber of deaths
Atelectasis			 		1
Heart failure			 		1
Congenital heart	disease		 		1
Intra-cranial haer	norrhag	e	 		1
Prematurity			 		9
Toxaemia			 		2
Infective gastro-e	nteritis		 		1
					16
					-

# Table 8

# Stillbirths, 1964—Certified Causes

Sex	Cause
M.	I (a) Macerated foetus II. Essential hypertension.
M.	I (a) Foetal asphyxia (b) Umbilical cord entanglement.
M.	I (a) Unknown—nine days post mature.
F.	I (a) Macerated foetus (cause unknown).
F.	I (a) Foetal asphyxia (b) Pressure on cord.
M. F.	No information available.

Table 9
Summary of Routine Work of the Public Health Inspectors

Nature of Visits, Inspections, Etc.	
Trainie of visits, Inspections, Etc.	Number of Visits, etc.
House Inspection	
Overcrowding—inspections	7
Section 9—inspections	94
Section 16—inspections	16
Section 42—inspections	117
Public Health Act—inspections	471
Disrepair Certificates—inspections	2
Improvement Grants—inspections	182
Houses let in lodgings	2
Housing Application Reports	-
Clean Air Act	
Houses—visits	23
Commercial Premises—visits	21
Factories—visits	17
Smoke Observations	3
onione coservations	
Infectious Disease Investigations	87
Noise Abatement Inspections	42
General Sanitation	
Accumulations of refuse	56
Keeping of Animals	31
Ashbins	805
Drains: Inspections (i) Old	264
(ii) New	10
Smoke Tests	13
Colour Tests	17
Water Tests	3
Entertainment, Places of	_
Factories with mechanical power	119
Factories without mechanical power	2
Factories—other	11
Offices	
Pests Act—Rodents	39
Insects	51
Pet Animals Act	5
Scrap Metal Dealers	4
Shops Act	29
Sewers, W.C.'s, drains etc., obstructed	321
Tents, vans and sheds	14
Miscellaneous nuisances, etc	295
Unsuccessful visits	628
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# Table 9—continued

Natu	re of Visi	its, Insp	pection	ns, etc.			Number of Visits, etc.
Meat and Food I	nspectio	n and	Food	l Hygie	ne		
Visits to:							
Bakehouses							14
Butchers	***						75
Dairies, etc.							11
Fish-shops							12
Food Shops							289
Ice-Cream I	Premises					· · · ·	10
Licensed Pr	emises						51
Markets							28
Restaurants,	Cafés, e	tc.					44
Slaughterho	uses						481
Vehicles							26
Miscellaneo	us visits	for food	d insp	pection			222
Sampling							
Bacteriological							137
Ice Cream							27
3.6:11-		•••	• • • •				83
Water—from	Maine en	nnly	•••	•••	•••		9
	swimmin		and	nools			10
Hom.	2 AA IIIIIIIIII	g Cathis	and	pools	•••	•••	10
TOTAL NUMBE	ER of V	ISITS	AND	INSPE	CTIO	NS	5,611
Notices served							
Informal notic	es:						
Preliminary	notices s	served					420
Verbal notic	es given						109
Cautionary let	ters sent						45
Statutory notic	ces:						
Public Heal	th Act, 1	936, Se	ection	1 39			2
		Se	ection	45			2
			ection				43
		Se	ection	89			1
		Se	ction	93			5
Housing Ac	t, 1957, S	Section	9				1

#### Table 10

#### Rodent Control

#### **Sewer Maintenance Treatment**

First Treatment:				
1. Number of manholes treated				82
2. Number of manholes showing bait	take			9
Second Treatment:				
3. Number of manholes treated—direct	ct poiso	ning		40
Table 11				
Rodent Control				
Work of Rodent Open	ative			
(excluding Sewer Maintenance	e Trea	tment	)	
Number of visits by Rodent Operative				1286
Number of visits re mice				156
Number of wasns' nests destroyed				34

Table 12
Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

# 1. Inspections (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):

		Number of				
Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted		
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local			= 3			
Authorities (2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the	14	2	-	-		
Local Authority  (3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-	237	119	13 *	-		
workers' premises)	10	11	_	_		
TOTAL	261	132	13 *	Nil		

<sup>\*</sup> Informal.

# 2. Cases in which Defects were found:

	Number	Number			
Particulars			Refe	of cases in which	
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	prosecu- tions were instituted
Want of cleanliness	6	20	_	_	_
Overcrowding		_		-	_
Unreasonable temperature	<del>-</del> 8	_	=	_	-
Inadequate ventilation	8	10	_	1	-
Ineffective drainage of floors Sanitary Conveniences:	-	-	-	-	-
(a) insufficient	1	1	_	_	_
(b) unsuitable or defective	1 2	8	_	-	_
(c) not separate for sexes Other offences against the Act not including offences relating to Out-	-	-	_	_	_
work	8	22	_	_	_
TOTAL	25	61	Nil	1	Nil

#### 3. Outwork (Sections 110 and 111):

	1	Section 11	Section 111			
Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August list	Cases of default in sending lists	Prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	Instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices Served	Prose- cutions
Making etc. of apparel	126	_			_	_
Cardboard box making	3	-	-	-	-	_
Totals	129	-	-	-	-	-

Table 13
Housing Acts, 1936

Undertakings not to relet for human habitation received prior to 1957

Address		Date of Undertaking			Position at the 31st December, 1964	
32 Meadow Road		21.	2.	54	Being used as store	
4 Grooms Yard, Northall Street					Vacant	
10 Northall Street					Being used	
12 Northall Street		5.			s store	
39 High Street (1st & 2nd floors)		18.	9.	50	Being used for busines	

#### Table 14

# Housing Act, 1936, Section 12 Closing Order

Address		Date of Order				Remarks	
76a High Street, bein second floors of 7 High Street	2, 74	and	76	25.	3.	54	Being used for business purposes

Table 15
Housing Acts, 1936-1957

# Houses represented prior to 1964 Subsequent action and condition at end of 1964

	Pate esented	Clearance Area Declared	C.O., C.P.O., etc.	Remarks	
Clearance Area No. 18 27 West Street 28 West Street	12.3.57	24.4.57	Purchased by Agreement	Awaiting demolition	
Clearance Area No. 31 23-46 Wadcroft (14 houses)	10.2.59	25.3.59	Purchased by Agreement	Nos. 41-46 (6 houses) Demolished 1961	
Clearance Area No. 32 1-4 Warren Hill Cottages (4 houses)	10.3.59	22.4.59	C.P.O. 24.10.60	2, 3 & 4 Vacant	
Clearance Area No. 38 64-90 London Road (14 houses)	12.7.60	27.7.60	C.O. 64-70 72-90 Being Purchased by Negotiation	All Rehous- ed Except Nos. 74, 76	
Clearance Area No. 40 1-27 Grange Road (14 houses)	8.3.60	22.6.60	1-25 Purchased by agreement 27 C.P.O.	All Vacant Except No. 27	
Clearance Area No. 43 83-89 Albert Street 86-92 Alexandra Street 58-72 Thorngate Street (16 houses)  Clearance Area No. 44	13.9.60	26.10.60	Being Purchased by negotiation	All vacant except 83 and 85 Albert St. No. 72 Thorngate Street con- sidered fit at Public Inquiry	
65 Albert Street 67 Albert Street	13.9.60	26,10.60	Purchased by negotiation	Awaiting Demolition	
Clearance Area No. 45 29-41 Thorngate Street (7 houses)	8.11.60	21.12.60	Being Purchased by negotiation	All Vacant except No. 29	
Clearance Area No. 46 44-64 Cross Street (11 houses)	6.12.60	25.1.61	Purchased by negotiation	Awaiting Demolition	

Table 15—continued

	Date Represented	Clearance Area Declared	C.O., C.P.O., etc.	Remarks
Clearance Area No. 47 24 St. Andrew's Street 2 & 3 Newland Passage	7.3.61	26.4.61	C.O.	Awaiting Demolition
Clearance Area No. 48 59-67 Alexandra Street (5 houses)	11.4.61	31.5.61	C.O.	All occupied except 63 and 65
Clearance Area No. 49 13-23 Green Lane (6 houses)	13.6.61	26.7.61	Under negotiation	All Vacant except No. 23
Clearance Area No. 50 7 & 9 Green Lane	11.7.61	27.9.61	Under negotiation	Both occupied
Clearance Area No. 51 48-72 Queen Street (13 houses)	10.10.61	22.11.61	Being Purchased	All Vacant Except Nos. 48, 54 &68.
Clearance Area No. 52 44-50, 52a & 54a Alfred St., 1-4 Railway Terrace (10 houses)	9.1.62	28.2.62	Being Purchased	1, 2 & 4 Railway Terrace 48 Alfred St. Vacant
Clearance Area No. 53 69-73 Albert Street (3 houses)	13.3.62	28.3.62	Under negotiation	No. 69 Vacant
Clearance Area No. 54 43-49 Alexandra Street (4 houses)	14.6.62	25.7.62	Purchased	No. 49 Vacant
Clearance Area No. 55 71-85 Alexandra Street (8 houses)	14.6.62	25.7.62	Under negotiation	No. 81 Vacant
Clearance Area No. 56 25-29 Albert Street (3 houses)	9.10.62	28.11.62	C.P.O.	No. 27 Vacant
Clearance Area No. 57 34-42 Buccleuch Street (5 houses)	13.11.62	19.12.62	Under negotiation	All occupied
Clearance Area No. 58 16 & 18 Alfred Street	12.2.63	27.2.63	Under negotiation	All occupied
Clearance Area No. 59 2-6 Albert Street (3 houses)	8.10.63	27.11.63	Under negotiation	All occupied

Table 16

Housing Acts, 1936-1957

Houses represented during 1964.

Date Represented	Clearance Area Declared	C.O., C.P.O., etc.	Remarks
11.2.64	23.3.64	C.P.O.	All occupied Except No.
9.6.64	22.7.64	C.P.O.	All occupied
	Represented	Represented Area Declared  11.2.64 23.3.64	Represented Area Declared C.P.O., etc.

Table 17

# Housing Acts, 1936-1957

Council owned houses in respect of which Certificates of Unfitness were submitted during 1962.

Condition at end of 1964.

	Date represented to Public Health Committee	
165 & 167 London Road	6.12.62	Demolished 1964

Table 18 Housing Acts, 1936-1957

(a) Individual houses represented as Unfit during the years 1957-1963, and condition at 31st December, 1964.

yl	Date Represented	Position at 31st December, 1964	
7 Newman Street	21.2.57	Undertaking accepted 26.7.57	Vacant
43a Princes Street	9.7.57	Undertaking accepted 17.2.58	Vacant
5 School Lane	8.10.57	Undertaking accepted 23.12.57	Vacant
6 School Lane	8.10,57	Undertaking accepted 23.12.57	Vacant
94 Northall Street	9.4.58	Undertaking accepted 11.11.58	Vacant
2 Carrington Street	4.12.58	Undertaking accepted 13.2.59	Vacant
43 Alfred Street	9.2.60	Undertaking accepted 7.2.61	Vacant
1 Burghley Street	11.10.60	Demo	lished 1964
4 Green Lane	11.10.60	Undertaking accepted 17.2.61	Vacant
18 Bayes Street	7.2.61	Undertaking accepted 14.4.61	Vacant
26 Ford Street	11.7.61	Closing order made 10.11.61	Vacant
62 King Street	12.9.61	Undertaking accepted 20.11.61 Undertaking cancelled by Council 10.12.63	Vacant
79 Albert Street	13.3.62	Purchased	Occupied
4 Queen Street	13.11.62	Undertaking accepted 2.1.63	Occupied
10 Albert Street	12.2.63	Being purchased	Occupied
62 Havelock Street	9.4.63	Undertaking accepted 10.6.63	Vacant
64 Havelock Street	9.4.63	Undertaking accepted 10.6.63	Vacant
37 Alfred Street	11.6.63	Undertaking accepted 10.9.63	Occupied
39 Alfred Street	11.6.63	Undertaking accepted 10.9.63	Occupied

(b) Individual houses represented as Unfit during 1964 and condition at 31st December, 1964.

	Date Represented	Position at 31st December, 1964	******
15 Buccleuch Street	10.3.64	Undertaking accepted 9.6.64	Occupied
17 Buccleuch Street	10.3.64	Undertaking accepted 9 6.64	Occupied
19 Buccleuch Street	10.3.64	Undertaking accepted 9.6.64 House made "Fir" 13.10.64— Undertaking cancelled	
Links Farm, Rothwell Road	8.12.64	Awaiting Proposals	Occupied

#### Table 19

# Sanitary Work carried out as a result of Formal and Informal Action

A.	Housing Repairs, Etc., Executed			
	Houses at which drains were renaired			7
	Inspection chambers constructed or remained			18
	Drain vent pipe repaired			1
	Rainwater gutters and downpipes repaired or rene	ewed		31
	Cail minor managed on managed			4
	Common stant shaft manaimed			1
	Townsels about a service and a service d			11
	Rainwater cisterns repaired, renewed or removed			3
	Cons provided to redding avec			3
	Contin tonly amentiad			1
	Wasta stack sleamed			1
	Obstructions removed from drains, w.c's and sew			303
	Pail closets replaced with W.C.		•••	1
	Defective W.C. pans and traps repaired or renewed	ad.		5
	W.C. provided with flushing cistern	·u	•••	1
		• • • •		8
	Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	•••		1
	W.C. seat repaired	•••	•••	2
	1 1 1	•••	•••	
	New sinks provided	•••	• • • •	6
	Bath or sink waste pipes repaired or renewed	• • • •		13
	Wash-hand basin replaced	•••		1
	Sink waste channels renewed	• • • •	• • • •	4
	Copper repaired		• • •	1
	Water mains repaired	• • •	•••	6
	Roofs repaired	• • •	•••	37
	Walls repaired internally		• • • •	35
	Walls repaired externally			30
	Chimney stacks repaired or rebuilt		•••	13
	Outbuildings reconstructed or repaired			6
	Rear additions reconstructed or repaired			8
	D.P.C. inserted			2
	Dampness remedied		• • •	27
	± ±			2
	Stoves or fireplaces repaired or renewed			5
	Skylights repaired			1
	Ceilings repaired			29
	Windows repaired			46
	New Sashcords fixed			22
	Airgrates provided or renewed			2
	Floors repaired or renewed			9
	Name and Address of Owner not entered in rent	book		6
	Name and Address of M.O.H. not entered in ren			6
	Rent book provided			3
	Doors remained or remembed			6

# Table 19—continued

	Door steps repaired or renewed Rooms and bedding cleansed Accumulations of refuse removed Refuse receptacles provided Paving to yards or passages repaired Nuisances from poultry or animals abated Miscellaneous nuisances abated				7 2 14 289 3 6 5
			Total		1054
В.	Clubs and Licensed Premises				
	Sanitary accommodation repaired Wash-hand basin with hot and cold water	pro	ovided		1 2
	Sink provided	-			1
	General cleansing carried out				1
	Miscellaneous				1
			Total		6
C.	Restaurants				
·-	Floors repaired				3
	Wash-hand basin with hot and cold water	pro	vided		1
	Sink provided	Pr	ovided		1
	New urinals or W.C's provided				2
	Artificial lighting provided to W.C.				2
	General cleansing carried out				
	Redecoration				2 7
	Accommodation for clothing provided				1
	Miscellaneous				4
			Total		23
D.	Factory Canteens				
	Clothing locker provided	•••		•••	1
	Miscellaneous	•••	•••		1
			Total		2
E.	Other Food Premises				
4.01	Defective roof repaired	353			3
	Defective walls repaired				13
	Defective floors repaired				7
	Redecoration				12
	Regular limewashing and cleansing carried	1 01	ıt.		15

# Table 19-continued

	Doors or windows repaired	d				 6
	Adequate lighting or venti		provided			 3
	Wash-hand basins provide					 23
	Hot water supply provided					 21
	Clothing lockers provided					 3
	Miscellaneous					14
	Transcendine ods					 
					Total	 120
_					-	
F.	Factories					
	Cleansing or redecoration					 20
	Sanitary accommodation is	mprove	d or rep	aired		 9
	Artificial light provided to	W.C.				 3
	Smoke nuisance abated					 8
	Noise nuisance abated					 2
	Ventilation provided					 10
	Miscellaneous					 19
					Total	 71
		G	rand To	tal		 1276

Table 20
Food Premises

7	rade					No. of Premises
D-1				1111		0
Bakers			•••	•••		9
Baker and Confectioners				•••		2
Baker, Grocer and General St	ore	•••				1
Baker and General Store						2
Butcher						9
Butcher and Manufacturer of	Preser	ved Fo	od			31
Cafés						16
Café and Fish Restaurant						1
Café and Confectioners						8
Canteens						27
Clubs						18
Confectioners						22
Wholesale Confectioners and	Grocer	·s				2
Confectioners and Grocers						15
Dairies and Purveyors of Milk	·					7
Fishmongers						20
Fishmongers and Greengrocer						3
Food Hall						5
General Stores				•••		32
General and Off Licence						23
General and Grocer						29
Greengrocers				•••		19
Greengrocers and Confectione	rs					5
Greengrocers and Grocers			•••			12
Greengrocers and General						20
Grocers			•••			30
Grocers and Off Licence						6
Ice Cream Manufacturers						3
Ice Cream Dealers only						2
Licensed Premises (Public Ho	uses, o	etc.)				29
Off Licences						4
Mineral Water Manufacturer						4 1 1 8
Beer Bottler						1
School Canteen Kitchens and	Dinin	g Halls				8
School Canteen Dining Halls						9
Slaughterhouses						1
B						
				-	Γotal	432

# Table 21 Registrations or Licences Granted by the Council

Food and Drugs Act, 1955,	Secti	ion 16	:			
7 C D 1						166
Ice-Cream Manufacturer						3
				• • • •		
Manufacturers of Preserv	ed ro	oods	•••			34
					Total	203
Milk and Dairies Regulation	ons. 1	949 :				
Dairies						2
Purveyors of Milk						71
I diveyors of wink	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	-/1
					Total	73
Food and Drugs Act, 1955,	Secti	on 62	:			
Slaughterhouses						1
Pet Animals Act, 1951:						
Pet Shops						3
Public Health Acts Amend	ment	Act.	1907 :			
Dealers in Old Metal and						5
Rag Flock and other Fillin	g Ma	terials	Act. 1	951 :		
Dealers	_	•••				1
Slaughter of Animals Acts	, 1933	and 1	954 :			
Slaughtermen						15

Table 22
Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle, exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed Number inspected	2794 2794	133 133	46 46	4326 4336	6771 6771	Nil Nil
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned Carcases of which some part or organ was con-	_	1	_	-	-	_
demned Percentage of the number inspected affected with	3		-	-	46	-
tuberculosis	0.11	0.75	_	_	0.68	
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Specific diseases causing condemnation of whole carcase: Emaciation Fever Moribund Oedema Septic Metritis Peritonitis and Fever Abscesses Immaturity Septic Pneumonia Bruising and Injury Septicaemia Uraemia Pyaemia Abnormal Odour Decomposition Swine Eryispelas Gangrene of Spine Leukaemia	- - 1 - - - - 1 - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		-4 77 3 -2 -1 1 2 1 1 -1	1 1 1 - 9 1 - 5 - 1 1	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	689	51	6	24 164	21 1124	_
disease other than tu- berculosis or cysticerci	24.81	39.1	19.56	4.34	16.91	-
Cysticercosis:  Carcases in which some part or organ was condemned  Carcases submitted to	22	_	_	_	_	_
treatment by refrigera- tion Generalised and totally condemned	4	-	-	-	-	-

Table 23

# Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and Other Diseases

# Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1964

The following table gives the number and age groups of the cases notified:

									-					
	All Ages	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	5 to 10 years	10 to 15 years	15 to 25 years	25 to 45 years	45 to 65 years	Over 65 years	Unknown
DISEASE	1963	1964												
Smallpox		_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Scarlet Fever	. 9	8	-	-	1	1	1	5	-	=	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria		-	-	_	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including Ty phoid & Paratyphoid)		1	_	_	-	_	_	1	_	_	_	_	_	_
Puerperal Pyrexia	. 29	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	6	6	-	-	_
Pneumonia	. 19	11	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	6	2	-
Erysipelas	. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	_
Acute Poliomyelitis : Paralytic Non-Paralytic		=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	-	=	=	-	=
Encephalitis—Post Infectiou	s -	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection		2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	_	_
Dysentery	. 92	35	-	1	1	1	3	16	9	2	1	-	-	1
Measles	. 235	721	24	66	83	103	102	331	4	2	3	-	_	3
Whooping Cough	. 24	43	3	6	8	7	6	10	2	1	-	-	-	_
Malaria		-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	_	_
Food Poisoning	. 2	39	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	13	12	5	4	1
Infectious Hepatitis	. 4	4	-	-	_	_	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	_
TOTALS	416	877	28	74	95	112	112	366	16	26	24	12	7	5

Table 24
Deaths from Cancer, 1955-1964

Year	Year			tal Deaths m Cancer	Cancer Deaths— % of total Deaths	Cancer Deaths—Rate per 1,000 Population
1955			 	95	22.25	2.60
1956			 	73	16.48	1.97
1957			 	81	19.47	2.17
1958			 	94	19.62	2.51
1959			 	73	15.97	1.94
1960			 	77	16.28	2.02
1961			 	95	19.87	2.46
1962			 	74	16.19	1.91
1963			 	98	19.68	2.53
1964			 	95	17.92	2.44

Site	Sex	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	Total
Stomach	Males	4	9	6	9	2	8	10	11	7	8	74
	Females	10	3	4	7	2	1	3	2	2	7	41
Lung or	Males	19	8	8	19	17	5	17	12	22	23	150
Bronchus	Females	-	4	2	4	-	1	1	1	3	1	17
Breast	Females	9	5	13	8	3	7	11	12	11	8	87
Uterus	Females	5	2	1	7	6	7	2	3	4	3	40

Table 25
Tuberculosis
New Cases and Mortality during 1964

		New	Cases			Dea	ths	
Age Periods	Pulmonary			on- onary	Pulm	onary	Non- Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 yr.	 _	_	_	-	-	-	_	-
1 to 5	 _	1	-	-	-	_	-	-
5 to 10	 _	2	-	-	-	_	_	_
10 to 15	 _	-	-	-	-	-	_	-
15 to 20	 _	-	1	_	-		-	_
20 to 25	 2	-	-	_	-	_	_	_
25 to 35	 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45	 1	1	-	-	-	_	_	_
45 to 55	 1	1	_	_	1	_	_	1
55 to 65	 -	1	1	-	-	1	-	_
65 & over	 _	-	1	_	-	1	_	_
Totals	 7	6	3	-	1	2	_	1

Form I.	(Patients admitted to Sanatoria)	 15
Form II.	(Patients discharged from Sanatoria)	 12

#### Table 26

#### **Atmospheric Pollution**

# Daily Volumetric Smoke Filter

Average Daily Reading of Smoke Concentration in microgrammes per cubic metre.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962 1963 1964	157 122	134 103	79 76.6	70 64.5		47 39 41.1	39 47.1 40.9	63.9 48.9 44.1	65.8 58.8 46	89.8 72.8 90.4		119

Average Daily Reading of Sulphur Dioxide Concentration in microgrammes per cubic metre.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962 1963 1964	225 139	201 135	96.3 93.1	70 87.3	- 67 40.9	56.4 31.9 46.1	51 42.8 43.3	43 41.4 45	57.2	80.4	144.3 86.7 112.3	120.5

