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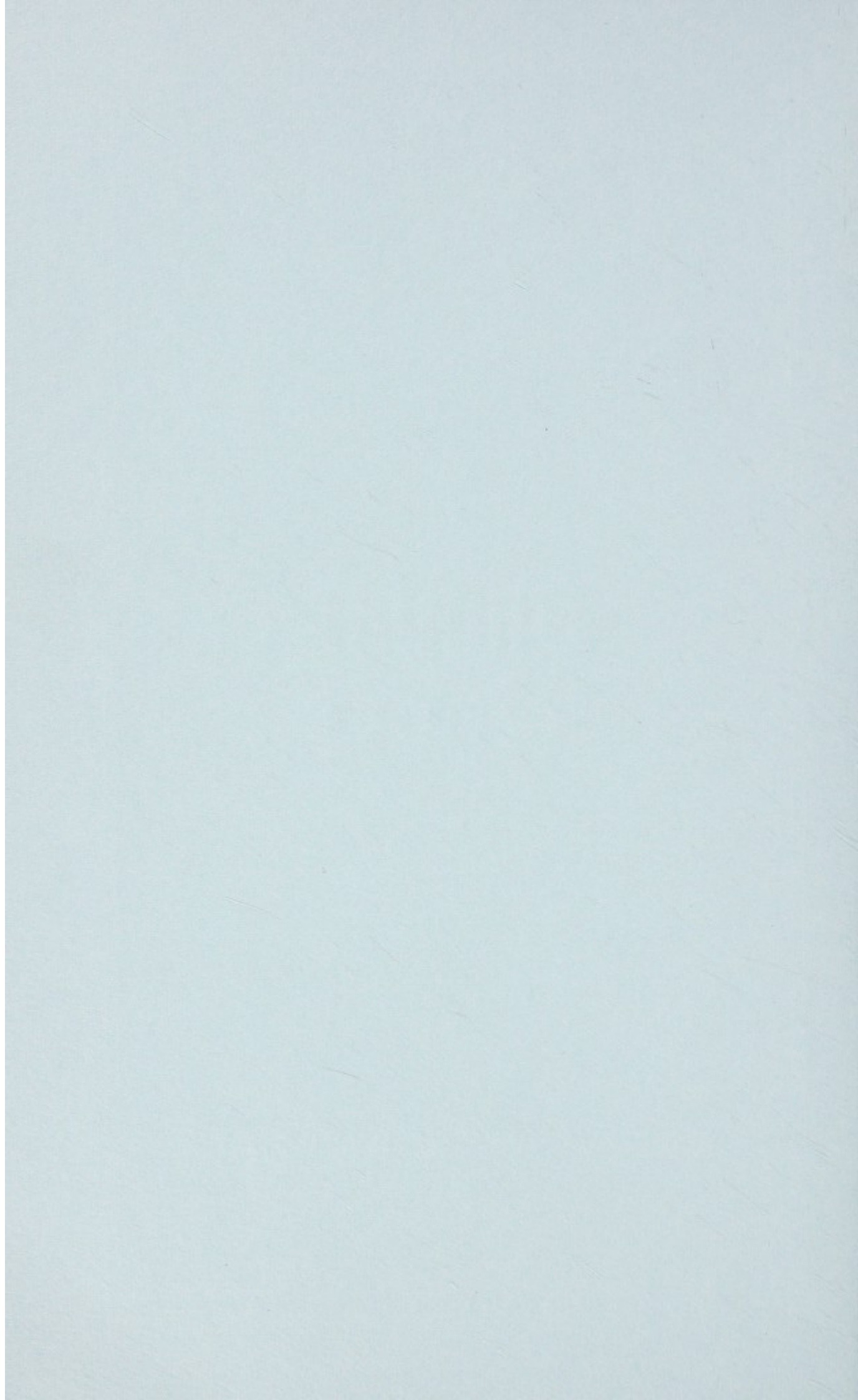
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Borough of Macclesfield

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ANNUAL REPORT

of

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1969**

Medical Officer of Health,
42-44 Cumberland Street,
Macclesfield.

**TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me pleasure to submit my Annual Report of the work of the Department for the year 1969. This is in fact the last Annual Report to the Health Committee which was replaced by the Health and Community Services Committee from May, 1970. I wish that this report could have been one of dynamic achievement, but in fact the year was difficult and frustrating for certain aspects of the work of the department. The basic reason for this was the financial position of the Borough which obviously has to affect the Health Department as well as every other department. I must pay tribute to the Finance Committee and the Council as a whole for the efforts which have been made to programme essential work within the budget of money available and to streamline the existing organisation to make the very best use of the resources available.

The Chief Public Health Inspector's section of the report illustrates some of the difficulties particularly those of the cleansing section and vehicles. I personally was very disappointed that the Black Road Clearance and Compulsory Purchase Orders involving 128 houses represented in February, 1969 was not accepted by the Council, thereby much staff time was wasted and the people living in this area were disturbed by the uncertainty of the future of their homes.

There has also been much uncertainty about the future with the implications of the report of the Royal Commission on Local Government, the Seebohm Report and the Second Green Paper on the Health Services. The separation of Social and Medical work into two departments will give rise to some difficulties but these should be overcome by close

liaison and every opportunity has been taken to strengthen the links between the Health Services so that eventual unification can proceed smoothly to the benefit of the Community.

The statistics generally are satisfactory but nine notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were added to the register, this is only the second time in the last decade (the other in 1963) when the number has been as high. Pulmonary Tuberculosis can still be dangerous and is certainly not yet eliminated in spite of our efforts with B.C.G. vaccination, improved housing, improved diet and generally improved social conditions.

The other disturbing statistic that I must mention is that while total births fell substantially during the year the number of illegitimate births in fact increased to the very high level of 11.8%. A substantial part of this percentage involving young girls, there being four aged 15 years and nine aged 16 years. This I feel must be blamed on the standards of the permissive society of today and all those able to influence young people should emphasise the word "don't". Parents also should keep themselves informed as to their children's activities and friends. It is not generally realised that there would be a greatly reduced need for population control if these illegitimate births, which are largely unwanted, could be eliminated. At present in this country there is a surplus of births over deaths of 800 every day, this will undoubtedly create many problems in planning for the future when even with allowances for emigration the population growth is at the rate of 250,000 every year.

I have as usual included the Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee for your interest and to widen the picture of the Health Services within the Borough. It may be that discrepancies will be picked out between the statistics given to the Divisional Health Committee and those now supplied but the report to the Divisional Health Committee is prepared without the more accurate statistics supplied by the General Register Office and used in this report.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to all those persons in other Corporation departments and Voluntary Agencies who have helped the Health Department during the year and also to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and encouragement throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. R. PLEWS.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR 1969

Area of Borough	4,787 acres
Population (Census 1961)	37,644
Population (estimated by Registrar General, 1969)	41,870
Number of inhabited houses (Census 1961) ...	12,896
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1969), estimated	15,481
Rateable Value, March 1969	£1,672,947
Product of a Penny Rate	£6618

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births: Legitimate ...	347	311	658
Illegitimate ...	46	42	88
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	393	353	746
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Still Births—11. Rate per 1,000 total births ...	14.53
Deaths—577. Death Rate (Crude)	13.78
Percentage of deaths occurring in Public Institutions	60.48

The total number of live births and of deaths of residents in the Borough during 1969 were 746 and 577 respectively. These figures show an excess of births over deaths of 169. In 1968 there was an excess of births over deaths of 229.

The Birth Rate of 17.81 is lower by 2.01 than that for 1968.

The Death Rate of 13.78 shows a decrease of 0.54 compared with the rate for 1968.

Number of women who died in, or in consequence of child birth:—

From Sepsis	0
From other causes	0

Death rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births:—

Legitimate	17.43
Illegitimate	1.34
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Total ...	18.77
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Infant Deaths

Of the 14 infant deaths, 6 occurred in males and 8 in females.

Infantile Mortality

The general death rate shows an increase, and the Infant Mortality Rate of 18.77 per 1,000 live births, shows a decrease of 1.83 over 1968.

Fourteen deaths occurred during 1969, 3 are accounted for by prematurity and 11 other causes.

Of the 14 infant deaths one was illegitimate.

Table 1 shows the ages and causes of death.

Neo-Natal Death Rate

The number of infant deaths during the first four weeks of life was 7 as compared with 11 in 1968. This makes the death rate per 1,000 live births 9.38, a decrease of 1.52 over 1968.

Perinatal Mortality Rate 22.45. This is the number of still-births and infant deaths under one week per thousand total live and still-births.

The number of still-births can vary widely, but there is often a relationship between this figure and the number of deaths in the first week of life and so in the long term it is better to use the perinatal rate for comparisons, thus the figure of 22.45 for 1969 is an increase of 2.05 with that of 20.40 for 1968.

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases notified in 1968:—

Pulmonary ... 2
Non-Pulmonary ... 0

Number of deaths in 1968:—

Pulmonary ... 0
Non-Pulmonary ... 0

Cases notified in 1969:—

Pulmonary ... 9
Non-Pulmonary ... —

Number of deaths in 1969:—

Pulmonary ... 2
Non-Pulmonary ... 1

1965 to 1969

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Total births notified ...	704	745	820	825	746
Birth rate ...	17.84	18.52	20.04	19.82	17.81
Still-birth rate ...	12.78	10.73	8.53	9.06	14.53
Infant death rate ...	25.56	12.08	24.39	20.60	18.77
Neo-natal death rate	14.20	9.39	12.29	10.90	9.38
Maternal deaths ...	0	0	0	0	0
Cases to West Park and other maternity hospitals ...	366	416	446	562	562
Home helps granted	72	73	45	44	34
Attendance at Welfare Centres:					
Total attendances of children under one year ...	12,441	10,851	11,628	11,882	9,194

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Ante-natal Clinic:					
Total number of attendances by expectant mothers	1,331	1,369	1,241	1,301	1,297
Number of expectant mothers who attended for the first time	449	493	495	540	613
Pre-School and Young Children Clinics:					
Total attendances of children 1 to 5 years	273	505	652	648	507
Visits made by Health Visitors:					
Visits to expectant mothers—first visits	266	158	143	179	211
Total visits	407	378	357	449	380
First visits to children under one year ...	919	847	853	902	803
Total visits to children under one year ...	4,327	3,718	5,414	3,629	2,830
Total visits to children one to five years ...	4,901	4,214	5,402	4,256	3,124

**TABLE I—CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS, 1969
UNDER ONE YEAR**

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	Total under 1 year
1. Whooping Cough	—	—	—
2. Tuberculosis	—	—	—
3. Meningitis (not tuberculosis)	—	—	—
4. Pneumonia (all forms) ...	—	—	—
5. Bronchitis	—	—	—
6. Enteritis	1	1	2
7. Atelectasis	1	—	1
8. Injury at birth	—	—	—
9. Prematurity	3	—	3
10. Congenital malformations ...	—	—	—
11. Atrophy, debility & marasmus	—	—	—
12. Other causes	2	6	8
Total ...	7	7	14

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Diseases Notified during 1969

Notifiable Diseases	No. of Cases	
	Notified 1968	Notified 1969
Measles	298	130
Scarlet Fever	2	8
Whooping Cough	2	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	2	9
Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	2
Food poisoning	1	3
Acute Encephalitis (Post Infectious)	—	1
Infective Jaundice	37	36

The routine work of immunisation is now greatly augmented and the county computer sends for the children and holds all records. Not only do infants receive protection against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, but in addition they are vaccinated against measles, smallpox and poliomyelitis, while children approaching school leaving age or contacts of cases of tuberculosis are offered protection against tuberculosis by vaccination with B.C.G.

Information about this is included in the annual report to the Divisional Health Committee which is included in the report.

TABLE III—THE ANALYSIS RETURNS FOR 1969

Cause of Death	M.	F.	Total
1. Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	3	4
2. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	—	2
3. Other Tuberculosis, including late effects	1	—	1
4. Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, Etc.	2	3	5
5. Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	1	3
6. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	6	11	17
7. Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	11	13	24
8. Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	—	1
9. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	22	3	25
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	2	2
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	5	5
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	—	1
13. Leukaemia	3	—	3
14. Other Malignant Neoplasm	21	15	36
15. Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases	2	—	2
16. Anaemias	—	1	1
17. Mental Disorders	2	1	3
18. Other Diseases of Nervous System, Etc.	5	6	11
19. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	7	9
20. Hypertensive Disease	12	8	20
21. Ischaemic Heart Disease	79	49	128
22. Other forms of Heart Disease	9	27	36
23. Cerebrovascular Disease	17	39	56
24. Other Disease of Circulatory System	10	8	18
25. Influenza	2	—	2
26. Pneumonia	25	47	72
27. Bronchitis and Emphysema	17	1	18
28. Asthma	1	1	2
29. Other Disease of Respiratory System	6	3	9
30. Peptic Ulcer	5	—	5
31. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	—	1	1
32. Cirrhosis of Liver	1	—	1
33. Other Disease of Digestive System	1	4	5
34. Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	4	4
35. Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	—	3
36. Other Disease, Genito-Urinary System	—	8	8
37. Disease of Musculo-Skeletal System	2	2	4
38. Congenital Anomalies	2	2	4
39. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.	—	2	2
40. Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	—	2
41. Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	—	2	2
42. Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	3	6
43. All Other Accidents	5	5	10
44. Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2	1	3
45. All Other External Causes	—	1	1
Total All Causes ...	288	289	577

DEATHS, 1969

HOME AND INSTITUTIONAL

Place of death	Male	Female	Total
At home	117	104	221
Other private houses in borough	2	5	7
Welfare institutions	—	8	8
Macclesfield hospitals—			
General Infirmary Branch ...	38	28	66
West Park Branch	63	55	118
Moss Lane Branch	—	7	7
Parkside Hospital	43	59	102
Other institutions (including transfers in)	22	22	44
Elsewhere	3	1	4
	<hr/> 288 <hr/>	<hr/> 289 <hr/>	<hr/> 577 <hr/>

THE TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY

The Town's water supply was taken over in 1961 by the Macclesfield District Water Board and the following report is by courtesy of Mr. J. Shaw, Consultant Engineer to the Board.

1. The supply to the Borough of Macclesfield has been satisfactory as regards quantity and quality.
2. No routine tests are made of the bacteriological quality of the raw waters but fortnightly samples are taken within the Borough on points downstream of the service reservoirs in order to ensure that the water going into supply is bacteriologically pure. Chemical analyses of all raw waters are made biennially.
3. None of the waters used for public supply are known to have any plumbo-solvent action.
4. No form of contamination occurred during the year.
5. With the exception of a few outlying houses and farms, above the level of the gravity supply the whole of the dwelling houses within the Borough are supplied direct from public water mains. There are no standpipe supplies.

MAIN DRAINAGE TREATMENT WORKS

I am indebted to the Manager of the Main Drainage Treatment Works for the following report:—

“The present treatment works were provided to meet the requirements up to 1966, that is 4.56 million gallons per day having a B.O.D. of some 15.700 lbs./day after settlement. During the twelve months ending 31st March, 1969, the average daily flow of sewage was 5.448 million gallons per day, with an average B.O.D. load of approximately 18,000 lbs. per day. Maximum B.O.D. loadings can be as high as 30.000 lbs. per day, which is almost double the design capacity.

The present overload makes it almost impossible to maintain a satisfactory effluent, at all times, for discharge to the River Bollin.

The large pharmaceutical factory on the Industrial Estate has continued to discharge not only very complicated chemicals, but also exceedingly strong effluents to the sewers. Compared with their initial requirements their flows have increased by 50% and their average daily loadings by some 76%.

Greater demands are being made by factories within the drainage areas of Macclesfield Borough, Rural District and the Urban District of Bollington, for provision to discharge increased volumes of trade effluents to the sewers.

The Mersey and Weaver River Authority have intimated that when a new Consent is issued for the discharge of purified effluents to the River, the conditions will be more stringent than at present on account of the larger discharge and reduced dilution by river water which would thus be obtainable and in order to maintain or slightly improve the present unsatisfactory quality of the river water.

It would take too long in this report to explain all the reasons why extensions to the Works are again urgently needed, but if serious pollution of the river is to be avoided, and if industry is to be allowed to expand as it should do in Macclesfield, together with the necessary housing, then further extensions must be commenced within the next twelve months.

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
MACCLESFIELD DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Divisional Medical Officer of Health.

Tel. No.:

Macclesfield 6259/50

27th May, 1970.

To—The Chairman and Members of the
Macclesfield Divisional Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present my report for the year ended 31st December, 1969. Much of this report is statistical and possibly not very interesting but I do hope that as it is perused the term "Community Care" be borne in mind. I am not referring to the provision of home nursing aids even though such medical equipment and home adaptations continue to increase, but rather to the care of the physically handicapped, the mentally handicapped, the elderly including those who are mentally infirm as persons who must be helped to maintain themselves as ordinary members of the community living as near normal a life as possible. A good example of this is in the report on the work of the Adult Training Centre where it is reported that eight trainees are working in a local factory. This was virtually an appeal to other employers for the same opportunity.

A new table is included for the first time showing statistically the work of the nurses in the division. The breakdown of the work into sections cannot however illustrate the full value of helping people in their own home.

The department has very close links with the local hospitals and I am certain that our co-operation, good though it is, must be encouraged to develop though the co-operation that we are giving and getting makes some of the statistics

in the report suspect, for example, home confinements fell from 329 in 1968 to 206 in 1969 with the number of hospital confinements showing a related increase, but 203 expectant mothers were booked for hospital confinement and early discharge home, if the patient and baby are satisfactory. Such early hospital discharges have to be given follow-up care by the District Midwives.

The Home Help Service continues to give a good service and the number of persons over the age of 65 years given help increased by 36 to 437, though the total number of hours of help decreased by just over 3,000 hours. The reason for this was the financial restrictions on the service which forced the Home Help Organiser to be a good house-keeper, though she and I were only able to manage this with the co-operation of the general practitioners and the hospital consultants. This co-operation, however, enabled the department to have the necessary finance to provide night-sitters for 26 patients for 148 nights, usually until a hospital bed became available.

In conclusion I give my sincere thanks to all the staff of the division for their hard and loyal work throughout the year. I also give my thanks to the voluntary workers and the officers and staff of the district councils who have helped the department in many ways throughout the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. R. PLEWS,

Macclesfield Divisional Medical Officer of Health.

Constitution of the Divisional Health Committee:—

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4455)

District Nurse/Midwife

Miss A. Barlow, 13 Waterhouse Avenue, Bollington (Tel. Boll 3179)

District Nurses

Mrs. H. A. M. Wolfenden, 136 Earlsway, Weston (Tel. 4807)

Miss A. K. Keates, 28 Berwick Close, Upton Priory (Tel. Prestbury 88188)

Mrs. M. Leonard, 62 Merebrook Road, Weston (Tel. 6054)

Mr. J. E. Billings, 21 Hillcrest Road, Gawsorth (Tel. 5654)

Mrs. M. Wood, Walkmill Farm, Ingersley Vale, Bollington (Tel. Boll 3204)

Mrs. G. L. Garforth, 16 Princess Drive, Bollington (Tel. Boll 3505)

Mrs. K. M. Jones, Morton Cottage, Gawsorth Road (Part-time) (Tel. 4269)

Clinic Nurses

Mrs. J. Porter, School Clinic, Pierce Street (Tel. 3053)

Mrs. J. V. Lomas, School Clinic, Pierce Street (Tel. 3053)

There were a number of staff changes during the year and the above list is the position as at 31st December, 1969.

The Committee administer approved proposals under the National Health Service Act, 1946, as under:—

Section 22—Care of Mothers and Young Children.

Section 23—Midwifery

Section 24—Health Visiting.

Section 25—Home Nursing.

Section 26—Vaccination & Immunisation.

Section 28—Prevention of Illness, Care & After Care.

Section 29—Domestic Help.

Section 51—Mental Health Service.

SECTION 22—CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Welfare Centre	Health Visitor & Tel. No.
County Clinic Centre, Earlsway, Weston, Macclesfield.	—Miss T. Martin (Tel. Macclesfield 3721)
Hurdsfield House, Brocklehurst Avenue, Macclesfield.	—Mrs. A. M. Marriott (Tel. Macclesfield 3282)
Sanders Square, Moss Estate, Macclesfield.	—Mrs. M. Guy (Tel. Macclesfield 3800)
52 Bridge Street, Macclesfield.	—Miss J Samuels Tel. (Macclesfield 5501)
Old Barn, Upton Priory, Macclesfield.	—Miss E. Plaiter
School Clinic, Pierce Street, Macclesfield.	—Miss W. G. Grimstone (Tel. Macclesfield 3053)
Clinic Centre, Bollington.	—Miss C. Crosbie (Tel. Bollington 2376)

County Clinic Centre, Earlsway, Weston

Development Paediatrics	Wednesday p.m. (except 1st)
Health Visitor Clinic	Friday p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	1st Wednesday p.m.
Preparation Class	2nd & 4th Monday p.m.
Screening Clinic	1st & 3rd Tuesday a.m.
Young Children's Clinic	3rd Tuesday p.m.
Vaccination & Immunisation	2nd Thursday p.m.
Dental Clinic	Daily
Chiropodist	Monday

Hurdsfield House, Brocklehurst Avenue

Child Health Clinic	Thursday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic	1st Tuesday p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	2nd Wednesday p.m.
Relaxation Class	Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic	2nd Wednesday a.m.
Speech Therapy Clinic	Monday p.m. & Friday a.m. & p.m.
Spastics Clinic	Thursday & 2nd Monday p.m.

Vaccination & Immunisation	3rd Tuesday p.m.
Child Guidance Clinic	Alternate Tuesdays a.m.
Peripatetic Teacher of the Deaf	4th Friday
Preparation (Midwives)	1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday
Chiropodist	Wednesday a.m. 1st & 3rd

Sanders Square

Child Health Clinic	Friday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic	2nd Thursday p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	4th Wednesday p.m.
Preparation Class (Midwives)	1st, 3rd & 5th Monday p.m.
Dental	Tuesday & Thursday
Vaccination & Immunisation	4th Thursday p.m.
Relaxation (Midwives)	2nd & 4th Monday p.m.
Screening	4th Wednesday a.m.

52 Bridge Street

Child Health Clinic	Monday p.m.
Health Visitors' Clinic	Thursday a.m.
Young Children's Clinic	4th Tuesday p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	3rd Wednesday p.m.
Vaccination & Immunisation	2nd Tuesday p.m.
Cervical Cytology	Thursday p.m.
Family Planning	Thursday evening
Screening Clinic	1st & 3rd Wednesday a.m.
Speech Therapist	Monday a.m.

Old Barn, Upton Priory

Child Health Clinic	Tuesday p.m.
Vaccination & Immunisation	2nd Tuesday p.m.

School Clinic, Pierce Street

School Clinic	Tuesday & Friday a.m.
E.N.T. Clinic	2nd Tuesday p.m.
Eye Clinic	1st & 5th Monday p.m.
	1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Tuesday p.m.
	4th & 5th Thursday a.m.
Dental	Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Clinic Centre, Bollington

Child Health Clinic	Thursday, p.m.
Screening Clinic	Tuesday p.m. (except 2nd)
Eye Clinic	2nd Tuesday p.m.

The following is a record of work done during the year, 1969.

Young Children's Clinics

Attendances made by children:		Attendances		No. seen by Doctor	
		1969	(1968)	1969	(1968)
Bridge Street	11 Sessions	129	(114)	94	(98)
Hurdsfield House	8 Sessions	62	(88)	62	(88)
Sanders Square	10 Sessions	120	(115)	114	(108)
Weston	20 Sessions	196	(331)	196	(288)
Bollington	9 Sessions	67	(94)	67	(94)

In addition to the below, Health Visitors' Clinics are held at 52 Bridge Street each Thursday afternoon and at Weston each Friday afternoon.

Attendances made by children:		Attendances		No. seen by Doctor	
		1969	(1968)	1969	(1968)
Bridge Street	50 Sessions	3641	(4313)	641	(911)
Hurdsfield House	50 Sessions	1949	(2382)	278	(451)
Sanders Square	50 Sessions	1244	(1525)	208	(253)
Weston	44 Sessions	1520	(2662)	297	(603)
Upton Priory	49 Sessions	1020	(1000)	396	(416)
Bollington	45 Sessions	2099	(2422)	444	(539)

Ante-Natal Clinics

Attendances made by mothers:		First visits.		Return visits.		No. seen by Doctor.	
		1969	(1968)	1969	(1968)	1969	(1968)
Bridge Street	12 Sessions	179	(187)	208	(228)	329	(330)
Hurdsfield House	12 Sessions	211	(161)	292	(243)	363	(307)
Sanders Sq.	12 Sessions	96	(76)	90	(112)	170	(143)
Weston	11 Sessions	127	(116)	94	(178)	213	(224)

Application for Admission to West Park Hospital

		1969	(1968)
Number of Applications received	...	567	(539)
Number of applications for West Park Hospital:—			
Full Term	...	350	(513)
Short Term:—			
24 Hours	...	3	
48 Hours	...	209	
Home Confinements due to non-acceptance	...	5	(26)

Welfare Foods

The main storage and distribution centre at The Divisional Health Office, Macclesfield and the distribution points at 52 Bridge Street, Hurdsfield House, Sanders Square, Weston Estate, Upton Priory and Bollington Welfare Centres and Bollington Council Offices were retained.

During the year the following quantities of foods were distributed, the previous year being shown in brackets:—

	1969	(1968)
National Dried Milk	1393	(2396)
Orange Juice	14935	(14745)
Cod Liver Oil	1079	(1209)
Vitamins A. & D. Tablets	1349	(1436)
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	18756	(19786)

Branded Foods including Milk Foods, Cereals and other Commodities continued to be sold at the Welfare Centres during the year, but only to run down stocks, no purchases were made and the total sales amounted to £163 17s. 9d. (in 1968—£3,899 14s. 6d.).

Specialist Clinics

Ophthalmic Clinic:—The Ophthalmic clinic at the School Clinic is available to mothers and children under 5 years of age and the following is a report of the work done during the year:—

No. of Children under 5 years who attended	219
No. of attendances made by children under 5 years	403
No. of children for whom glasses were prescribed	43

Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic:—This clinic is held once each month at the School Clinic and is available to Mothers and Children under 5 years:—

No. of attendances made by children under 5 years	3
No. of children referred for Tonsils and Adenoids operation	0

Dental Treatment

Treatment carried out by the School Dentist for Expectant Mothers and Children under 5 years.

	No of inspections.	No. of visits	No. of extractions.	No. of fillings.
Expectant Mothers	23	125	42	97
Children under 5 years	162	235	108	214

Dentures supplied — 8

DAY NURSERIES

The following is a summary of attendances for the year and the total attendances for all the nurseries is down from 32,671 in 1968 to 31,090 in 1969.

	Attendances.		Total average daily attendances.
	Under 2 years.	2 to 5 years	
South Park	2173	6370	34
Glegg Street	1306	7095	34
Hurdsfield	2977	5448	34
Bollington	1736	3985	23

SECTION 23—MIDWIVES SERVICES

Notification of births received:—

	Live		Stillborn		Total		Total births.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Legitimate	403	377	2	9	405	386	791
Illegitimate	40	35	—	—	40	35	75
	443	412	2	9	445	413	866

There are five full-time midwives, one part-time midwife and one District Nurse/Midwife employed in the Division. The District Nurse/Midwife is employed in Bollington, the greatest part of her work being midwifery.

There was a total of 866 births in the Division, 445 males and 413 females, of which 206 were home confinements and 660 Hospital or Nursing Home confinements.

Births took place as follows:—

	Macclesfield		Bollington		Total	
	1969	(1968)	1969	(1968)	1969	(1968)
Hospital	565	498	93	64	658	562
Home						
Confinements	179	292	27	37	206	329
Nursing Homes	—	—	2	—	2	—
	744	790	122	101	866	891

Of the 206 mothers who were confined at home, 34 were attended by Home Helps provided under Section 29 of the National Health Services Act.

HEALTH VISITORS

The following visits were made by the seven full-time Health Visitors employed in the Division.

	First visits		Total visits	
	1969	(1968)	1969	(1968)
To Children under 12 months ...	929	(1004)	3090	(3954)
To Children 1 — 5 years ...	159	(256)	3253	(4447)
To Expectant Mothers ...	218	(181)	391	(453)
To Home Helps ...	11	(8)	14	(14)
Re. Stillbirths ...	1	(—)	1	(1)
To Mental Defectives ...	1	(1)	6	(22)
To Infant Deaths ...	2	(7)	2	(10)
To cases of Sickness ...	125	(152)	148	(168)
To Care and After-Care ...	129	(117)	599	(613)
To Cases of Tuberculosis ...	7	(3)	18	(7)
To School Children ...	74	(53)	347	(473)
Special Visits ...	18	(34)	611	(718)
No Access ...	153	(232)	1092	(1299)
	1837	(2048)	9572	(12179)

In addition to the above visits, the following clinics are attended by the seven Health Visitors:—Child Health, Hospital Paediatric Clinic, Hospital Geriatric Clinic, Young Children's, Ante-Natal Clinic, Vaccination and Immunisation, School Medical and Head-Inspections and the various specialists clinics.

SECTION 25—DOMICILIARY NURSING

The number of full-time District Nurses employed in the Division is six and one District Nurse/Midwife and the visits made are as under:—

NEW CASES				
Medical	Surgical	Others	Total	
292	138	9	439	

VISITS						
General			Bed	General		Total
Nursing	Dressings	Injections	Baths	Care	Others	
3147	4676	3310	839	2210	520	15702

SECTION 26—VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Records of Vaccination and Immunisation of persons under 16 years:—

		Completed doses		Reinforcing doses	
		1969	(1968)	1969	(1968)
Smallpox Vaccination					
By Practitioners ...	...	181	(219)	8	(5)
At Welfare Centre ...	...	240	(366)	—	(2)

Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus (Triple)

By Practitioners	...	...	187	(464)	5	(401)
At Welfare Centres	...	...	204	(567)	49	(565)

Diphtheria/Tetanus

By Practitioners	...	...	—	—	406	—
At Welfare Centres	...	...	—	—	263	(692)

Tetanus

By Practitioners	...	...	—	—	—	—
At Welfare Centres	...	...	—	—	—	—

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Salk—By Practitioners	...	...	—	—	—	—
At Welfare Centres	...	...	—	(1)	—	—

Oral Sabin—By Practitioners	...	...	175	(382)	408	(262)
At Welfare Centres	...	...	194	(482)	246	(334)

Measles

By Practitioners	...	...	208	(307)	—	—
At Welfare Centres	...	...	121	(599)	—	—

SECTION 28—PREVENTION OF ILLNESS CARE AND AFTER-CARE**Cytological Clinic**

This clinic was started in October, 1966, to carry out tests for ladies between the ages of 25—60 years, to find those with pre-cancerous condition and preventing the development of Cancer of the Cervix.

During 1969, 43 Sessions were held and 502 patients attended, and 3 suspicious cases were referred to own doctors as probable positive cases.

Family Planning

The General Practitioners referred 4 cases on medical or social grounds to the Family Planning Clinic during the year.

Health Advisory Service for the Aged

This service continued at the Macclesfield Darby and Joan Club run by the W.R.V.S. held at the Parish Rooms and Heyes Hall, Weston, also at the Darby and Joan Club run by the Inner Wheel at St. Edward's Hall, Moss Estate, Macclesfield.

Health Education films are shown during the winter months and the Clinic Nurse attends to answer questions and talk to the Members individually at each club, once per

month, where the attendances are approximately 100, 90 and 40 respectively. The films shown on Health Education and travel films on places of interest have been greatly appreciated by the Members of the Clubs and many of the members have expressed their interest in the films and the wish to see more. The Clinic Nurse has also been able to successfully deal with the problems that have been brought to her notice either by the members or by the members of the W.R.V.S. and Inner Wheel.

The Health Education Films shown were as follows:—

Nothing to Eat But Food
How to have An Accident
The World at Three
Where Mrs. Whalley Lives
Seing Sense
A Fine City Norwich
Johnny Goes West
Flight to the Sun
Teignmouth
Balance is Life

Loan of Medical and Surgical Equipment

Articles of loan purposes are available at the Divisional Health Office. These articles were issued to new patients during the year 1969, as follows:—

Wheel Chairs	...	...	...	...	21
Bed Rests	...	...	...	...	62
Air Cushions	...	...	...	...	33
Bed Pans	...	...	...	...	62
Mackintosh & Plastic Sheets	...	...	...	...	54
Urinals	...	...	...	...	21
Feeding Cups	...	...	...	...	6
Bed Cages	...	...	...	...	12
Commodes	...	...	...	...	38
Bath Aids	...	...	...	...	33
Walking Aids	...	...	...	...	32
Toilet Aids	4
Hoyer Hoists	—
Enuresis Alarms	15
Other Miscellaneous Aids	13
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In addition to the above, Bed Pans have been issued to the Midwives for use in confinement cases. Protective incontinence pants were issued to 23 cases for which 6,000 disposable interliners were issued and 13,200 disposable sheets were purchased for issue to patients incontinent.

Physically Handicapped Persons

An Occupational Therapist is employed for three sessions per week and during the year, 66 physically handicapped persons were visited, and a total of 135 visits were made. One session per week is spent organising and helping the physically handicapped persons club.

Adaptations to property and equipment such as provisions of handrails to paths, ramps, bath and toilet aids, foundations for garages and widening of paths, etc. were provided in fifteen cases during the year.

Car Badges for severely disabled drivers were in use in 19 cases at the end of the year.

Handicapped Persons' Club

By the end of 1969, the club had a membership of 21. 17 new members having been brought in during the year and 11 discharges.

The members continued to produce work throughout the year both in their homes, and at the club, and funds were raised from the following sources.

Assembly of Plastic toys	...	...	£5	10	0
Sale of work and Coffee evening	...	...	£50	0	0
Jumble Sale	...	...	£15	0	0
Sale of remade Christmas Cards	...	...	£25	0	0

In July the W.R.V.S. were approached and 3 members offered their services to help with the organising of more social events within the club. This assistance has enlarged the scope of their activities considerably, and is very much appreciated by them all.

Social activities have included attendance at the Midland Rally for the Physically Handicapped at Trentham Gardens, a day trip to Southport, a performance of the "Sound of Music" at Stockport, and a visit to the Northwich Physically Handicapped Club. Members of the Northwich club were entertained at Macclesfield on two occasions and several of their members joined them for their Annual Christmas Dinner, which was held at the "Cock Inn", Henbury.

B.C.G. Vaccination.

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis is available to children in their 13th year. This age group involves nine schools in the Division and the following table shows the number of children vaccinated during the year.

	1969	(1968)
Number of Children in age group	886	(860)
Number of Consents Received	734	(699)
Number of Children tested by P.P.D. Injections	714	(669)
Number of Children vaccinated with B.C.G.	649	(616)

Chiropody Service

This Service is available to Pensioners, Expectant Mothers and Physically Handicapped Persons who are receiving Assistance from the Ministry of Social Security, and a part-time County Chiropodist commenced work at the beginning of the year in addition to the private chiropodists.

The following table shows the number of new cases and total treatments given for the year.

	No. of New Cases		No. of Treatments given.		Total No. of patients treated.	
	1969	(1968)	1969	(1968)	1969	(1968)
Persons over 65 years	87	(139)	3686	(3555)	733	(707)
Physically Handicapped	—	—	154	(117)	28	(22)
Expectant Mothers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
	87	(139)	3840	(3672)	761	(729)

Of the above the County Chiropodist treated 51 patients and gave 209 treatments, in addition to the trainees at the Adult and Junior Training Centres which were as follows:—

	No. of Treatments
Adult Training Centre	87
Junior Training Centre	58

SECTION 29—DOMESTIC HELP

The Home Help Organiser has been employed full-time in this Division since 21st June, 1966, and the visits made by the Supervisor were as follows:—

Supervisory Visits	1368
New Patients Visits	316
Recruitment of Home Help Visits	17

There were 53 Home Helps employed at the end of the year, but an additional 51 had been employed over the year, making a total of 104.

437 aged persons (over 65) were attended, 54,078 hours help provided. The hours are a decrease on the previous year of 3,071.

The statistics are as follows:—

	Macclesfield	Bollington	Total	Total No. of hours worked during 1969
Part-time ...	49	4	53	58,630 $\frac{1}{4}$

In the case of home confinements home help is usually provided for fourteen days after the date of confinement, most of the help provided is in fact for aged persons who are chronically sick or infirm, and each year shows an increased demand from this group.

No. of Cases attended by Home Helps.	(1968)	1969
Maternity (including expectant mothers)	(44)	34
Chronic Sick and Tuberculosis	(29)	21
Persons aged 65 and over ...	(401)	437
Others	(20)	28
	<hr/> (494) <hr/>	<hr/> 520 <hr/>

Night sitters attended 26 cases for 148 nights, there is an ever-increasing demand for this service which is only supplied at the special request of a Doctor, usually when a hospital bed is not immediately available.

27 aged persons are almost entirely dependent on the Home Help Service and receive help daily.

SECTION 51—MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Junior Training Centre

Number on Register at 31st December, 1969	67
Total Number of Attendances during 1969	11403
Average Daily Attendances	58
Number on Staff (including 2 in G.P.H. Unit & 1 Trainee)	9

Age of Children at 31.12.69	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 5 years	1	1	2
5 to 6 years (inclusive) ...	8	4	12
7 to 11 years (inclusive) ...	21	18	39
12 to 16 years (inclusive) ...	12	1	13
Over 16 years (inclusive) ...	1	—	1
	<hr/> 43 <hr/>	<hr/> 24 <hr/>	<hr/> 67 <hr/>

Areas in which children reside:—

Macclesfield Borough	...	...	...	...	19
Macclesfield Rural	...	...	...	...	8
Congleton Borough	...	...	...	...	4
Congleton Rural	...	...	...	...	6
Cheadle & Gatley U.D.C.	...	...	...	...	14
Wilmslow R.D.C.	...	...	...	...	11
Bramhall & Woodford U.D.C.	...	...	...	...	5
					—
					67
					—

10 Children receive free meals.

Special transport facilities are provided and escorts travel with the children—there being two escorts on any transport carrying more than 15 children.

3 children transferred to the Adult Training Centre and one obtained employment in industry.

A physiotherapist attends two sessions per week and a chiropodist once a month to give treatment as required. Both these services are of great help to the children concerned.

The Macclesfield and Wilmslow Societies for Mentally Handicapped Children continued to give their financial support. Various items of equipment were purchased including a piano, and bicycles, tricycles and scooters and two very large Teddy Bears.

The Macclesfield Afternoon Townswomen's Guild provided gifts of aprons, soft toys and blankets made by their members.

The proceeds of the "Harvest Festival" were given to the members of the Hurdsfield "Tuesday Club" who in return provided an excellent party and entertainment at Christmas. This event is becoming the highlight in the children's year!

Open Days were held for parents and friends. A number of students were attached to the Centre for periods of practical training and many visits of investigation and observation were made by teachers, student teachers, nurses, social workers and school children.

Work was begun at the back of the existing building, on the extension for the 2—5 Unit.

Adult Training Centre

Attendances

Number on register at 31st December, 1969	104
Total number of attendances during 1969	18659
Average daily attendances	81
Number of Staff at 31st December 1969	8

During 1969, we have been successful in negotiating for a group of Trainees to work inside a local factory doing normal factory work together with the other workers. This group of eight trainees with one Staff have been working since July at Messrs. Clowes, Printers, Macclesfield, doing vacuum packing.

The opportunity to have Trainees working inside a factory we feel is of great training importance, it offers them a more realistic working day, it gives the opportunity for more advanced work, e.g. with machinery not available in the A.T.C. and what is most important, is a step outside the A.T.C. towards what we hope will lead to independent jobs.

We would appreciate offers from any other employer who would give us the same facility in their own factory.

For the Trainees in the Centre who are likely always to need sheltered employment within the A.T.C. we continue to make every effort to obtain the most varied and lucrative work for them.

Employment

Only two female trainees were found jobs.

Open Days and Social Activities

June 6th—Jumble Sale Evening.

July 4th—Open Evening, Flag Unfurling.

Visitors

26th March—Divisional Health Committee Meeting.

1st April—Student Nurses, West Park Hospital.

8th May—Student Nurses, West Park Hospital.

19th May-20th June—Student, Teacher Training Course, Harris College, Preston.

10th July—Miss Haskins, Dept. of Health & Social Security.

11th September—Student Nurses, West Park Hospital.

14th October—Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Macclesfield.

10th-14th November—Student, Teacher Training Course, Bolton.

18th November—Student Midwives.

1st-5th December—Student, Teacher Training Course, Harris College, Preston.

**Trainees Holiday, Pengwern Hall, Rhuddlan, North Wales.
11th-18th July—Mixed Party.**

Day Outing

12th September—Southport.

Day Centre for the Elderly Mentally Infirm.

This Centre was transferred to adapted premises at "Ashfield", Upton in June, 1968.

Number on register at 31st December, 1969	27
Total Number of attendances during year	6212
Average daily attendances	25
Total Number of patients who have attended during the year	61
Total Number of patients transferred to permanent E.M.I. Care	5
Total Number of patients transferred to Hospital	14
Total Number of patients who died	14
Total Number of patients discharged for various personal or family reasons	7

Continuing progress has been made throughout the year and there has been a growing awareness of the service which "Ashfield" can provide.

Psychiatric and medical supervision has been maintained, chiropody service has been available and a Chest X-Ray was arranged for all patients during the summer.

It is with great pleasure that we have looked forward to a weekly visit from several Sixth Form boys from King's School. These boys have devoted one afternoon a week to organising games and entertainment for the old people.

In June we took 25 patients to Pengwern Hall, Rhuddlan, North Wales for a week's holiday. This was greatly enjoyed by the patients and provided a welcome break for their families at home.

Short term hospital care was arranged for six patients in order to allow relatives to go on holiday. During their stay in hospital these patients continued to attend "Ashfield" daily, thus ensuring that the pattern of their week was disturbed as little as possible.

During the summer we had two afternoon outings, and at Christmas, the Vicar and Choir from Upton Priory Church joined us in a short Carol Service.

AREA MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1969

33 Great King Street,
Macclesfield.

To: The Chairman and Members
of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to present to you the Annual Report on the work of the Mental Health Service in Macclesfield and Bollington during 1969.

Once again major changes in the staffing of the department have taken place during the year.

Mr. R. Ashton, Area Mental Welfare Officer, left to take the position of Chief Mental Welfare Officer for Shropshire and was replaced by Mr. G. D. Brown in September. Mr. R. Fisher, C.S.W., joined the service in December as Deputy Area Mental Welfare Officer. One Mental Welfare Officer left the service and was replaced by a Trainee Mental Welfare Officer.

Professional training has continued with one member of staff returning from the Two Year Certificate in Social Work Course, at Manchester, and another officer commencing. In addition, a female officer was away throughout the year on the same course. The principle of seconding officers for professional training is now firmly established, with undoubted benefit being achieved by the client and the service.

Liaison with Parkside Hospital is excellent and continues to expand with the increasing development of the concept of community care.

An increasing number of referrals to the department relate to the elderly mentally infirm and we are extremely fortunate in having day care facilities at "Ashfield House". Day care provides a valuable service to the elderly mentally infirm enabling them to remain in the community with varying degree of independence and in many cases relieving relatives of the considerable strain that caring for the elderly can produce.

Day care of this type has proved its value and will, in time, be developed throughout the country. At present, due to administrative difficulties, we are restricted to catering for the Macclesfield area.

The Macclesfield and District Therapeutic Social Club (The Bridge Club) and the Over 16's Club have continued to hold regular meetings throughout the year. A great deal of time and energy is freely given by many people to make these clubs successful and I would thank all concerned for their support. Following a drop in attendance and travelling difficulties, the members of the Bridge Club decided to revert to the Adult Training Centre, Park Lane, for their venue.

Development of the County Council's Foster Home Scheme for subnormal females continued with a further two placements. There are a number of residents in the Hostel "The Willows", for whom the council would make grants if suitable foster homes could be found.

The principle of community care involves an increasing number of cases requiring regular supportive visits from Mental Welfare Officer. It necessitates the use of knowledge, skill and co-operation of the many supportive services, not least the voluntary agencies. The assistance received is second to none, and to them I owe my sincere thanks.

Should the proposed changes in the structure of the social services be implemented, I feel sure that the new service will be strengthened by the relationship prevailing in this area.

I owe my sincere thanks to the Mental Welfare Officers and Clerical Staff of the department for their work and enthusiasm throughout the year.

May I, in conclusion, express my gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the County Health Committee, Dr. B. G. Gretton-Watson, County Medical Officer, Dr. W. R. Plews, Divisional Medical Officer, and the Chairman and Members of the Divisional Health Committee for their continued assistance and support.

A table showing the way in which cases referred from the Macclesfield and Bollington areas have been dealt with is given below.

Notifications—Mental Illness

	Male	Female	Total
Informal Admissions ...	42	68	110
Compulsory Admissions following application under Mental Health Act	22	15	37
Referred to other agencies	21	30	51
Referred to Psychiatric Out-Patient Clinics ...	36	47	83
Cases referred where no a c t i o n considered necessary	15	22	37
Cases receiving domicili- ary support	88	93	181
Total	224	275	499

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

G. D. BROWN,
Area Mental Welfare Officer.

WOMEN'S ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE—MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals are delivered to elderly people living alone, recommended to us by doctors, health visitors, etc. We deliver meals four days each week, trying to supply each area of the town two days each week at least.

The meals are collected from I.C.I. Canteen at about 11 a.m. in individual portions, twelve together in a heated container, by voluntary helpers.

Twenty-four different helpers each week are needed, most people taking a turn once or twice each month.

We now have only one retired gentleman to drive the van. The others having left the district, and if more could be recruited they would be very welcome.

Each day 24 meals go in each of two vans and 12 in a private car. During the year 1969 approximately 12,000 meals were delivered. It is our aim to supply all recipients with two meals a week but when the demand is high it is only possible to supply one meal with the promise of a second when available.

The elderly people pay 1s. 3d. for each meal, collected by us and returned to I.C.I.

A Christmas dinner is given by the same helpers to the meals recipients at their homes or in the Town Hall where the meal is prepared.

LUNCHEON CLUBS

Two Luncheon Clubs have been started for the more active people able to go out for their mid-day meal, at Whalley Hayes 24 and Ivy House 30, and run by three helpers who cook and serve the lunch on two days per week at each Centre.

It is hoped that a third Luncheon Club will be serving 40 people on two days per week at Ryles House in 1970.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

6 Market Place,
MACCLESFIELD.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector for 1969.

This was an eventful year and good progress was made in the inspection of houses in the Black Road area which was represented in February. Unfortunately, the Clearance and Compulsory Purchase Orders were not accepted by the Council and the work involved was wasted, and very many people who live in the area have had the uncertainty of their future increased. Families, especially those with young children are anxious to leave and move to houses where the water closet is inside, and not across a yard or shared, and where their children can have proper baths and father does not have to shave over the kitchen sink. The older people generally do not wish to move, but there can be no doubt that warmer and drier houses would benefit their health.

In June the long awaited report on Local Government reorganisation was published, this report popularly known as the Redcliffe-Maud report envisages Macclesfield Borough as part of a metropolitan district composed of fourteen local authorities, having an area of 240 square miles and a population of 419,000. To public health inspectors who have always felt themselves close to the people and their elected representatives, these authorities seem vast indeed, but the report says "many local authorities are too small, in size and revenue, and in consequence too short of highly qualified manpower and technical equipment, to be able to do their work as well as it could and should be done". One journal summed it all up by saying "the Maud report hit local government—a blow from which it is still reeling".

Meanwhile, Macclesfield was having its own troubles, in July a report by the Borough Treasurer indicated that the Council was heading for, if not actually in a financial crisis regarding capital expenditure. This was to have some major effects upon the Department, the purchase of replacement vehicles was suspended, but luckily reinstated towards the end of the year, works at the tip entrance postponed, the provision of a refuse treatment plant receded further into the distance, the provision of a new public convenience on Buxton Road abandoned, and major changes made in slum

clearance policy. A side effect was the cessation of council house building, which would reduce the speed with which people could be housed from clearance areas, whilst giving up compulsory purchase orders meant that cleared land was not available to the Corporation for redevelopment.

Energetic action was taken during the year to reduce the noise from pneumatic drills, this followed a circular from the Minister of Housing and Local Government and a report from the Building Research Station that the noise from this source could be reduced without loss of efficiency by using suitable muffles or hoods. The co-operation of contractors and public utility undertakings has, generally speaking, been good.

This will be the last annual report to Health Committee, most of its functions will in 1970 pass to a new committee to be known as the Community and Health Services Committee, slum clearance will lose its own Committee and become part of the Planning and Development Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Inspections

784 complaints were investigated, and 7,898 visits were made to premises in the Borough for purposes appertaining to the Acts and regulations administered by the Department.

Public Health & Housing Acts	3770
Factories and Bakehouses	59
Infectious Diseases	102
Milk and Ice Cream Premises	145
Slaughterhouses	1145
Cafe Kitchens, Food Shops, Canteens, etc.	696
Smoke Observations and Visits to Plants	165
Sampling Ice Cream	105
Sampling Water	96
Public Conveniences	88
Swimming Baths and Pools	6
Damage by Pests Act	36
Pet Animals, Boarding Establishments, etc.	6
Licensed Premises	19
Hairdressers	8
Ditches and Water Courses	26
Moveable Dwellings	12
Diseases of Animals Act	20
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	257
Noise	94
Public Cleansing	827
Civic Amenities	216
TOTAL	7898

The Sanitary defects dealt with in dwellinghouses were as follows:—

	Found	Remedied
Drainage	229	226
Dirty and Verminous Premises	30	27
Structural	137	82
Sanitary Accommodation	47	34
Water Supplies	18	15
Other	14	13
	<hr/> 475	<hr/> 397

Notices

	Informal		Statutory	
	Served	Complied	Served	Complied
Housing Act (Section 9) ...	—	—	—	—
Public Health Act:—				
Section 39	36	18	25	17
Section 45	38	31	8	7
Section 92	79	36	54	24
Other Sections	16	20	18	8
Food and Drugs Act	65	18	—	—
Factories Act	3	2	—	—
Public Health Act 1961				
Section 17	—	—	25	25
OSRP Act 1963	32	41	—	—
Totals	<hr/> 269	<hr/> 166	<hr/> 130	<hr/> 81

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Beetles, Fleas, etc.

Number of houses found to be infested:—

(a) Council Houses	14
(b) Other Houses	6
Number of disinfestations carried out by Private Contractors	—
Number of disinfestations carried out by Local Authority	20

Destruction of Rats and Mice:—

Infestations Found and Dealt With:—

(1) Total number of premises inspected	636
(2) Total number of inspections as a result of notification	355
(3) Total number of surveys made	601
(4) Total number of visits made	2889
(5) Total number of rat infestations found	141
(6) Total number of mice infestations found	179

HOUSING

1.—Number of New Houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total, including numbers given separately under (b)	308
(i) By Local Authority	157
(ii) By other Local Authorities	—
(iii) By other Bodies or Persons	151
(b) With State Assistance under the Housing Acts:—	
(i) By Local Authority	157

2.—Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year:—

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	1075
(b) Number of visits made for the purpose ...	2454
2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses (including under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded	21
(b) Number of visits made for the purpose ...	599
3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	21
4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	1050

3. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices:—

Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	95
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4.—Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:—	
(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(a) By owners	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	—

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	130
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By Owners	63
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	18
(c) Proceedings under sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957:—	
(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	2
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in Pursuance of Demolition Orders	40
(iii) Number of Undertakings accepted by the Local Authority in respect of unfit houses	—
(iv) Number of unfit houses made fit by the completion of the Undertakings given ...	—
(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957:—	
(i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	12
(ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—
5.—Housing Act, 1957 (Part IV).—Overcrowding:—	
(a) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	1
(b) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	—
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	—
(c) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.	—

6.—Slum Clearance Progress—Clearance Areas:—

Since 1957 thirty-three of the Council's Areas, viz:—

Turnock Street (No.1) 1956	...	...	=	44	houses
Knight's Brow (Nos. 1, 2 and 3) 1958	...	...	=	56	"
Vincent Street (No. 1) 1959	...	...	=	8	"
South Street (No. 1) 1959	...	...	=	65	"
Hurdsfield Road (No. 1) 1960	...	...	=	89	"
Commercial Road (No. 1) 1960	...	...	=	54	"
Commercial Road (No. 2) 1960	...	...	=	70	"
Cotton Street (No. 1) 1960	...	...	=	95	"
Commercial Road (Nos. 3 and 4) 1961	...	...	=	56	"
Samuel Street (No. 1) 1961	...	...	=	22	"
Commercial Road (No. 5) 1962	...	...	=	7	"
Waterloo Street (No. 1) 1962	...	...	=	110	"
Bank Street (No. 1) 1963	...	...	=	44	"
Gosling Street (No. 1) 1964	...	...	=	38	"
Justice Street (No. 1) 1964	...	...	=	3	"
Arbourhay Street (No. 1) 1964	...	...	=	5	"
Bank Street (Nos. 2, 3 and 4) 1964	...	...	=	36	"
Bank Street (No. 5) 1964	...	...	=	18	"
Cross Street (No. 1) 1965	...	...	=	11	"
Snowhill (No. 1) 1965	...	...	=	41	"
Windmill Square (Nos. 1 and 2) 1965	...	...	=	69	"
Swettenham Street (No. 1) 1966	...	...	=	5	"
Waterloo St. (Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5) 1967	...	...	=	155	"
Buxton Road (No. 1) 1968	...	...	=	4	"
Total				1105	

have been confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Demolition has been completed in respect of 1,098 dwelling-houses, situated in clearance areas, and further demolitions are in progress.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health made by Public Health Inspectors:—

	No. on register	Inspec- tions.	Written notice.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local authorities	6	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	287	37	1

(iii) Other Premises in which
Section 7 is enforced by
the Local Authority (ex-
cluding out-workers' pre-
mises)

71 5 —

Total ... 364 42 1

2.—Cases in which defects were found:—

	Found.	Remedied.	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—			
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	2	1	2
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—
Other offences ...	1	1	1
Totals ...	3	2	3
Out-workers—			
Manufacture of wearing apparel ...	...	...	257
Curtains and furniture hangings ...	...	...	39
Total ...	...	...	296

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registration and Inspection

During the year the number of registered premises within the Borough was reduced by four. This was due to seven retail shops being removed from the register, two offices and one catering establishment being added. It is interesting to note that, although the number of registerable premises fell, the total number of people employed was increased by 109.

The 257 visits by Public Health Inspectors to registered premises showed a drop of five on the 1968 figures, and the proportion of revisits indicated that most of the time had been spent in the checking of notices served during the previous year; only 78 general inspections had been made.

Operation of the General Provisions of the Act

All inspections of premises had been of a routine nature and no serious problems had been encountered.

Accidents

Seven accidents had been reported to the department, and following investigation into the cause of each one, it was not found necessary to take any action other than the giving of advice.

Accident details:—

1. A shop assistant fell down a flight of steps and suffered torn ligaments and a fractured wrist.

Action taken: Owners instructed to fix a hand-rail to the staircase and remove obstructions from the cellar-head.

2. A shop assistant fell down a flight of steps and suffered bruising to the posterior and bruising and cuts to the elbow.

Action taken: Owners instructed to fix a hand-rail to the staircase and remove obstructions from the cellar-head.

3. An assistant slipped and caught a foot in the duck-boarding of a refrigerator and suffered a bruised and twisted ankle.

Action taken: Owners advised to remove wooden duck-boarding from the floor of the refrigerator and replace it with a plastic floor liner.

4. A sales assistant was accidentally kicked on the knee by a customer who was getting off a bicycle in the shop. The assistant suffered Phlebitis. (The customer did not buy the cycle).

Action taken: None necessary.

5. A shop assistant removed the top of a finger whilst cleaning a bacon slicing machine.

Action taken: The owner was advised to clean the slicer himself until such time as the new modern machine which was on order was delivered.

6. An 18 gallon cask of beer fell onto a lorry driver's foot whilst stillaging beer in a cellar, causing damage to big toe.

Action taken: None necessary.

7. A shop assistant tripped in the storeroom and over-balanced, causing bruises to the upper arm and shoulder.

Action taken: None necessary.

Prosecutions

It was not found necessary to institute any legal proceedings during the year.

Total number of registered premises at end of the year:—

Offices	138
Retail shops	280
Wholesale shops, warehouses	18
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	31
Fuel storage depots	1
	<hr/> 468 <hr/>

Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises

257

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by work-place:—

Offices	1112
Retail shops	1189
Wholesale departments, warehouses	101
Catering establishments open to the public	212
Canteens	17
Fuel storage depots	7
	<hr/> 2638 <hr/>

Total Males 1255

Total Females 1383

FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION

Samples of drinking water for chemical and bacteriological examination have been taken during the year, together with samples of ice-cream. The sampling of milk is undertaken by the Cheshire County Council.

Milk is sold raw from four dairy herds in the district. Particular attention is being paid to the possible spread of brucellosis due to the consumption of untreated milk. 79 samples of milk were submitted for brucella examination, of which three were positive upon cultural examination.

During the year 26 complaints made by the general public concerning food products were investigated by the Department. The details of these investigations and the action taken is shown in the table below:—

Food	Complaint	Action taken
Canned Tomatoes	Contained large snail.	None possible, foreign produce. Warranty produced.
Crisp Bread	Contained larvae	Warning letter sent to Manufacturer
Pork Sausages	Concentration of colouring matter on surface.	Manufacturer notified
Meat & Potato Pie	Contained extraneous matter.	Identified as potato stem Warning letter sent to Manufacturer
Jam	Contained fly	None possible, foreign produce. Warranty produced
Bacon Crisps	Contained live spider.	Insufficient evidence. No action.
Fried Fish	Unsound	Retailer warned.
Buttered Shrimps	Mouldy condition	Warning letter sent to Retailer and Wholesaler.
Beef & Tongue Meat Paste	Contained extraneous matter	Identified as meat fibres. Manufacturer notified.
Canned Peas	Unsound	Warning letter sent to Manufacturer
Tomato & Beef Spread	Mouldy condition	Warning letter sent to Retailer and Manufacturer.
Pork Sausages	Mouldy and foul odour	Insufficient evidence as to cause. No action
Tripe	Foul odour	Warning letter sent to processor.
Pineapple Gateau	Mouldy condition	Legal proceedings pending
Cooked Chicken	Sour odour	Retailer warned
Frozen Scampi	Contained flies.	Warning letter sent to Retailer and Processor
Blackberry Tart	Contained wasp	Insufficient evidence. No action
Milk	Contained burnt sparkler	Insufficient evidence. No Action
Milk	Contained digested vegetable matter	Legal proceedings pending

Cooked Chicken	Alleged to be mouldy	Chicken not produced. Retailer notified
Canned Beef Steak	Mouldy condition	None possible, foreign produce. Warranty produced
Orange Drink	Contained glass	Insufficient evidence. Warning letter to Manufacturer
Nut Slice	Contained nail	Complainant refused to give evidence. Warning letter sent to Manufacturer
Canned Peas	Unsound	Warning letter sent to Manufacturer
Bread	Contained hair	Identified as string. Warning letter sent to manufacturer
Ginger Beer	Dirty bottle	Identified as dried syrup mould. Warning letter sent to Manufacturer

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

There are within the Borough 458 food premises composed of the following:—

Butchers (including pork butchers)	...	54
Cafes, restaurants and snack bars	...	18
Bakehouses	...	14
Confectioners shops (cakes)	...	14
Fish, fruit and vegetables	...	6
Fish and game	...	4
Fried fish	...	27
Mixed shops	...	155
Greengrocery and fruit	...	36
Licensed premises (includes off licences)	...	103
Licensed clubs	...	15
Factory canteens	...	10
Chicken barbecues	...	2
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		458

The following premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:—

Sale of ice-cream	...	113
Manufacture of ice-cream	...	1
Preservation of food, etc.	...	54
Distributors of milk	...	110

During the year the following visits were paid to registered premises:—

Sale of ice-cream (including sampling) ...	136
Manufacture of ice - cream (including sampling)	9
Preservation of food	46

Ice-cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947-52

There are 113 shops registered for the sale of ice-cream. The greater quantity is pre-packed and manufactured by well-known firms. There is, however, one premise within the borough manufacturing on a small scale by heat treatment.

FOOD INSPECTION

The following quantities of food stuffs were condemned during the year and were disposed of by burying at the Corporation's controlled tip:—

	Tons	cwt.	lb.
Meat at retail shops	5	45	
Cooked meat and meat products ...		97	
Canned meats	5	36	
Other canned foods	13	76	
Fish (fresh)	1	106	
Fruit and vegetables (fresh) ...		2	
Other foods	2	0	95
Total	3	8	9

MEAT INSPECTION, 1969

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the Borough. One is situated on the Queens Avenue Industrial Estate and was built in 1961, coming into operation in the latter part of that year. The other, operated by the Macclesfield and District Butchers' Association, is a slaughterhouse reopened after the war with extensions to the slaughterhall and lairage.

All the condemned meat from both slaughterhouses is now removed to premises where it is sterilized in accordance with the Meat (Staining and Sterilization) Regulations, 1960/1969.

During 1969 the carcasses of 29,986 animals were inspected at the two slaughterhouses; this was a decrease from the previous two years but still considerably higher than the 1966 figure of 26,627.

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	2843	2094	812	15379	8858
All diseases except tuberculosis:					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	21	14	30	24
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	467	660	11	1580	1257
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	16.5	32.5	3.1	10.4	14.5
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1	—	—	—	48
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis ... ..	.035	—	—	—	0.51

Cysticercosis

Carcasses condemned Nil

Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration Nil

Weight of Meat Condemned

	Tons	cwt.	lb.
Tuberculosis		3	104
Other diseases	15	5	0
Total ...	15	8	104

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT

Anthrax Order, 1938

During the inspection of a pig at the slaughter-house, lesions were encountered that might have been anthrax. In November the sudden death of a cow in a lairage gave rise to similar suspicions. In both instances Form A was served on the premises, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food notified. Blood smears taken from both animals proved to be negative, and the restrictions were removed.

The Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957

Prohibits in general the feeding to cattle, sheep, pigs, goats or poultry, waste foods which contain or have been in contact with anything that is part of a carcase, unless the food has been boiled for at least one hour. Under the provisions of the Order it is an offence to allow any of the above named animals access to unboiled food waste. Local authorities are required to licence swill boiling plants and to subject them to inspection. There is an exception to this licensing rule for small farmers i.e. with less than 4 pigs and 50 poultry. There is one licensed plant within the Borough.

Foot and Mouth Order, 1958

No infected or controlled area orders were issued in the year. Following the disastrous outbreak during the winter of 1967/68 the Northumberland Committee issued its report and, in the light of their recommendations, amendments to the various orders have been made.

The Fowl Pest (Infected Areas Restrictions) Order, 1956

No orders were issued during the year.

The Regulation of Movement of Swine Order, 1959

Most producers of pigs now deal directly with the bacon and pork products factories. Consequently very few licences were issued during the year, as the order only requires licences to be issued for movement from markets. An exception was the market immediately prior to the Christmas Holidays when two inspectors were drafted to the cattle auction to issue licences.

No cases of suspected swine fever were notified to the Department, and no orders were issued by the Ministry during the year.

CLEANSING SECTION

The following are the Section's major activities:—

Refuse Collection

With the help of the Borough Treasurer's and Organisation and Method Departments a cost/benefit analysis was carried out on the collection of waste paper from domestic premises. This clearly showed that whilst the direct collection of paper salvage from industrial and commercial premises showed a profit, the collection from private houses did not. The loss occurred in several ways, lost time disconnecting the trailers whilst the refuse vehicle manoeuvred, increased mileage through detours to the baling depot, and licence and insurance for the waggon and trailers. Consequently a decision was made to remove the waste paper trailers, and as this would have had the result of decreasing the workmen's bonus earnings, the refuse collection rounds were rearranged from five rounds to four, with a separate round working initially two days per week collecting bulk bins. The new arrangement was introduced in November and gave the opportunity of greater earnings to the workmen employed on this task.

Street Cleansing

I have remarked in previous reports that "this service is particularly unsatisfactory, being under-manned and under-equipped." In an attempt to get this work on a sound footing the Health Committee agreed to some minimum standards, and a work study investigation was carried out to determine what level of manning would be required to carry this out if an incentive bonus scheme was introduced. My previous remark about under-manning was vividly illustrated because on some occasions there were no scavengers for the work/study officers to observe. It was a little disappointing that in the end, due to the wage awards in October and the Borough's own financial crisis, the Council felt itself unable to allocate enough funds to meet even the minimum requirements which had been agreed.

Market Cleansing

Litter in the town centre from the open market has always been a problem. Difficulties have been experienced in getting sufficient men to carry out these duties. In 1970 the new market hall will be opened and the outside stalls moved to a compact site which I hope will be easier to keep neat and tidy.

Salvage and Paper Baling

I have mentioned under refuse collection the decision to discontinue the separate collection of waste paper from dwelling houses. The present depot is small and badly arranged. In order to overcome these difficulties a scheme was prepared which would have replaced the three existing vertical presses with one large horizontal press making larger bales, and replace the present unsatisfactory overhead crane with a clamp lift truck. These alterations would have resulted in safer and more efficient operation. Unfortunately, this scheme, along with others involving capital expenditure, was not carried out.

	1968	1969
Waste paper	643 tons	527 tons
Total value	£6,024	£5,007

Refuse Disposal

All the town's industrial and domestic refuse, with the exception of waste paper from commercial premises, is disposed of by controlled tipping on Danes Moss Tip, off Congleton Road.

In order to comply with the spirit of the Civic Amenities Act, trailers are placed at the entrance to the tip, upon which householders may place their bulky household and garden refuse when the tip is closed. A certain amount of misuse occurs when the tip is open; some householders, rather than risk the springs of their cars on our rather uneven roads, use the trailers, and some traders, in order to avoid paying the modest tip charges, wait until the tip is closed and put trade refuse on the trailers. This means that on occasions the tip entrance is particularly untidy, and causes adverse comments from the landlord of the Rising Sun Inn opposite, and Gawsworth Parish Council. The Health Committee have been to see the cause of these complaints and were anxious that something should be done about it. The Borough Engineer prepared a scheme which would make it safer for traffic entering and leaving the tip and provide better screening for the trailers; this, like other schemes, was deferred until the following year.

Negotiations commenced with the Rural District Council to allow them use of the Borough Council's tip. The tip at Gawsworth was nearing the end of its useful life, and their other tip at Poynton was too far away to satisfactorily serve the Southern part of their district.

Public Conveniences

There are seven conveniences and four men's urinals in the Borough, some of which are outdated. The site which was offered in connection with the new shopping centre was unsuitable, although the search for a good town centre site continues. A proposed new convenience for Buxton Road to replace the old building at the corner of York Street was abandoned because of car parking and financial troubles.

Vehicles

The urgent need for a proper maintenance bay for the department's vehicles continues to be unappeased.

The vehicle replacement programme pursued by the Health Committee will not be fully effective for some years. The need for this programme is amply demonstrated by the fact that during the year two vehicles had to be scrapped, being beyond economic repair.

Description	Purchased
1. Pedestrian Controlled Vehicle — P.L.G. 943	July 1952
2. Ferguson Tractor & Trailer — 431 C.L.G. (sold January 1969) ...	January 1958
3. Lewin Mechanical Orderly — 761 D.T.U. (scrapped August 1969) ...	September 1958
4. Gully/Cesspool Emptier S & D — 179 T.M.B.	November 1961
5. Lewin Sweepmaster — 242 U.T.U.	March 1962
6. S & D Chelsea Side Loader — 69 X.T.U.	December 1962
7. Thames 7 Cwt. Van — 934 Y.T.U. ...	April 1963
8. Bulk Loading Refuse Collector S & D — 1797 L.G. (scrapped September 1969)	May 1963
9. Rear Loading Refuse Collector Dennis Paxit Major — D.M.B. 825 B.	July 1964
10. Fordson 10/12 Cwt. Van — D.M.A. 435 B.	July 1964
11. Dual Purpose Salvage Vehicle Dennis — L.T.U. 763 C.	September 1965
12. Rear Loading Refuse Collector Dennis Paxit Major — L.T.U. 762 C.	October 1965

13. Gully/Cesspool Emptier, Dennis —
M.T.U. 886 C. December 1965
14. Rear Loading Refuse Collector
Dennis Paxit — V.L.G. 879 E. February 1967
15. Small Side Loader, Ford Transit —
V.M.A. 952 E. March 1967
16. Rear Loading Bulk Refuse Collector
Dennis Paxit Major — C.T.U. 765 F. March 1968
17. Trackmarshall "55" Bulldozer March 1968
18. Rear Loading Refuse Collector
Dennis Paxit Major — G.L.G. 613 G. September 1968
19. Ferguson "Highways" Tractor —
H.T.U. 337 G. January 1969
20. Rear Loading Refuse Collector
Dennis Paxit Major — N.T.U. 779 H. November 1969

In conclusion I should like to express my appreciation to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their support during the year, and to the Inspectors and clerical staff for their keenness and efficiency.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

K. W. MAPP,

Chief Public Health Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent.

