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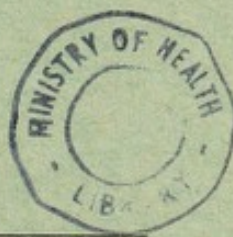
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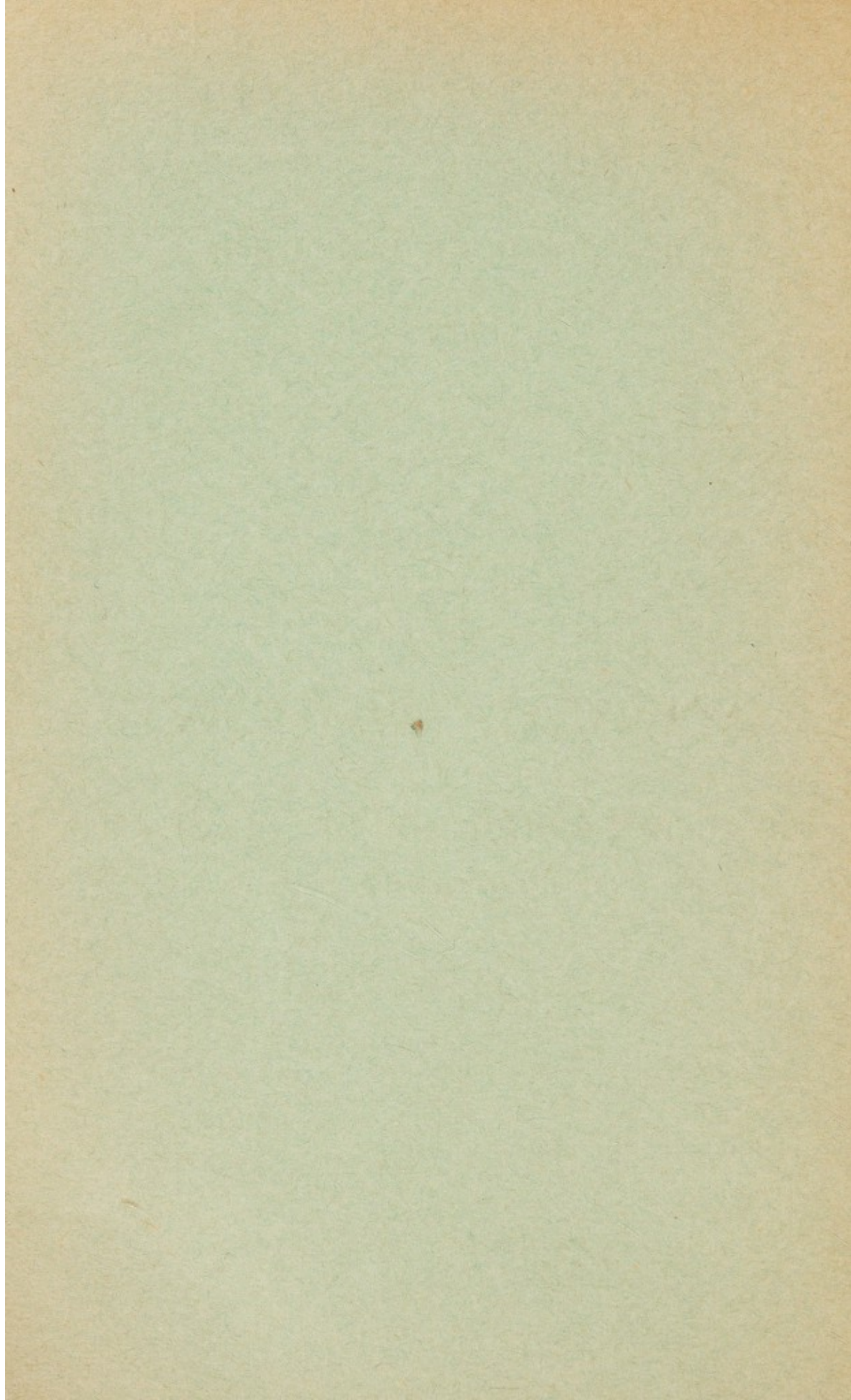
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## MAIDENHEAD BOROUGH AND COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

### STAFF.

C. E. CAMM, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.I.H., Medical Officer of Health.

Commenced duty 1st February, 1961.

Miss W. N. ELLIS, Secretary to Medical Officer of Health.

Commenced duty 6th November, 1937.

### MAIDENHEAD BOROUGH.

		Commenced Duty
*F. G. BISHOP,	Chief Public Health Inspector.	1.8.40.
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†W. L. LINCOLN,	Additional Public Health Inspector.	1.5.52.
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K. WHEELER,	Chief Clerk.	1.2.40.
Miss C. E. WOODHAM,	Shorthand Typist.	23.3.59.
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W. D. BEALE,	Rodent Officer and General Assistant.	4.2.51.
H. C. KIRBY,	Van Driver and Disinfecter.	11.2.46.

In addition to statutory qualifications the following certificates are held:—

\* Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

Smoke Inspector.

Sanitary Science as Applied to Buildings and Public Works.

† Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

### COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

		Commenced Duty.
*E. G. POLLARD,	Senior Public Health Inspector.	1.11.48.
†K. ARNDELL,	Deputy Senior Public Health Inspector.	1.3.54.
Mrs. J. RUTLAND,	Shorthand Typist	12.4.55.
Miss P. M. BALDWIN,	Clek/Shorthand Typist.	8.5.61.
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**To the Chairman and Members of the Maidenhead Borough  
and Cookham Rural District Health Committees.**

As mentioned in the 1960 Annual Report the area previously covered by the Medical Officer of Health will in future be subdivided into smaller units. This 1961 Report then will be for the areas of Maidenhead Borough and the Cookham Rural District only. The duties of the Medical Officer have also been re-organised and, in addition to Medical Officer of Health duties for these areas, County Council activities, such as school medical inspections, will be undertaken, under the direction of the County Medical Officer of Health.

In an attempt to give a comprehensive picture of health activities, in the area, reference will have to be made to certain health and welfare services, such as Home Helps and Welfare Clinics which come under the control of the County Council but are nevertheless part of the local authority scene.

### **BOROUGH OF MAIDENHEAD.**

#### **ORGANISATION.**

The Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public Health Inspector have their offices in the Wilderness Health Centre, Cookham Road, Maidenhead. This building is the headquarters of the Health Visitors and houses the Dental, Eye, Infant Welfare and Ante-Natal Clinics. It is also used for the purpose of Ante-Natal Clinics by the Windsor Group Hospital Management Committee. Welfare foods can also be obtained here. The advantages of having many departments under the same roof makes for easier and friendlier relationship. The disadvantages in this instance relate mainly to inadequacy of accommodation. It is anticipated that early in 1962 the Public Health Department will move into the new Town Hall, at present under construction.

#### **GENERAL SANITATION.**

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor in his report refers to the progress made in improving sewerage disposal arrangements and of the difficulties to maintain a regular weekly refuse collection. This difficulty is not peculiar to Maidenhead. It is essential that rubbish be removed at frequent intervals, apart from the unsightliness of it, food waste attracts flies and flies are notorious for spreading disease. It would help the service if householders would wrap up articles of food before placing in the bins and not to overload the bins with waste paper which could be disposed of in other ways.

#### **HEALTH STANDARDS.**

In deciding about the state of health in a population, many sources of information are drawn upon, from personal knowledge,



contact with doctors, nurses and examination of statistics. The infections such as the common cold, influenza, bronchitis, cause a great deal of sickness and absenteeism from work and school. Influenza was prevalent during February with many reports of "gastric flu." Influenza vaccine was available but not used in a mass campaign.

The notifiable diseases have been tabulated with comparable figures for the past three years. I am pleased to report another year free of Poliomyelitis and Diphtheria. It was the year, however, for Measles with 836 cases, the bulk of these occurring in February, March and April. No serious complications were reported. It is likely that prophylactic vaccine against Measles may be available in the not too distant future. Cases of Bacillary Dysentery confirmed amounted to 46 this year. Full investigations were carried out to try and trace the source of infection, but nothing specific was determined. It is disturbing to note the continuation of this disease in the area year after year.. The infection is comparatively mild in nature with many cases symptomless. The disease is very infectious and only the highest standard of cleanliness can stop its spread. There was no outbreak of Food Poisoning during the year, but faeces examination from six persons with intestinal upset revealed the presence of Salmonella organisms and were notified under the heading of Food Poisoning. The examination of faeces specimens and other samples were done at the Public Health Laboratory, Reading.

Ten cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were added to the register in 1961. Anti-Tuberculosis measures, such as the B.C.G. vaccination of school leavers and contacts continued satisfactorily.

#### BIRTHS.

Four hundred and ninety-three babies were born in hospital and 214 at home. The birth rate was 18.2 and for England and Wales 17.4. The figures do show that a high proportion of births took place in hospital and there is a great demand for such confinements. The pros and cons of home versus hospital confinement are numerous. On studying the birth figures it could be argued that Maidenhead does well for hospital bookings, but when it is known that the Wilderness building is inadequate to accommodate the ante-natal sessions, that the nearest maternity ward is at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, and that the future of this hospital and that of the Maidenhead General Hospital is doubtful, then cause for anxiety can be expected. In November, following on a public meeting called by the Mayor, a deputation attended the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board to present a case for the retaining and improving of hospital facilities. The outcome of this meeting was not very satisfactory, but the Council resolved to pursue the matter further in 1962.



## DEATHS.

The death rate for Maidenhead was 11.1 and for England and Wales 12.0. There were 452 deaths in Maidenhead during the year. The diseases under the heading of Malignant Neoplasms (Items 10 to 14 on the Table) totalled 83 in comparison with 76 the previous year. There has been a gradual increase in the number of deaths recorded under this heading since 1958. It would be difficult to comment on reasons for this increase.

Eighteen young people under the age of 14 years died, of these 9 were due to congenital conditions before 5 years of age. The figures are comparable to other southern parts of England. The infant death rate was 14.9 (England and Wales 21.6).

It can be said that the Vital Statistics show the health of Maidenhead to be of a standard equal to the best in England.

## HEALTH EDUCATION.

All aspects of Health education were pursued. Cancer education in particular was undertaken by the Health Visitors and Home Safety was given prominence mainly by advertisements and reports in the local press.

## HOUSING.

The gross overcrowding of houses caused by Commonwealth immigrants in some cities of England is not yet evident in Maidenhead. The houses where multiple occupation was known to exist were kept under observation by the Public Health Department.

Many applications for priority for re-housing on medical grounds were referred to this Department. The medical reasons were varied and genuine but psychological problems are difficult to assess for priority, and these made up the bulk of requests. It was surprising to note the large number of persons who had "only just applied to go on the housing list" when their present medical and social circumstances had altered very little for several years.

## THE CARE OF THE AGED.

The care of the ever increasing number of old folk, especially women, is the real problem of the 1960s. Cases for admission to hospital were referred to the Department, in some cases by relatives when it was thought that care and attention was needed. There are, of course, many sons and daughters devoting their lives to the care of the aged and there are still friendly neighbours and social workers giving unselfish, unpaid, quiet but conscience rewarding services in this field. There are, however, those who feel that it is for the government and local authority to administer all the needs of the old folk. Unless there is a radical change in our way of thinking, then I feel that this attitude will become more widespread.



The W.V.S. Meals on Wheels Service, the Chiropody Service and the devotion of other bodies such as the Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Brigade all help to make the lives of the aged more pleasant. The County Council's Home Help Service operated through the Health Department was most successful. A laundry service with collection and delivery at cheap rates would be welcomed.

The report would not be complete without mentioning, briefly, some of the other County Council Health activities that were available in Maidenhead. At the Wilderness Health Centre, Infant Welfare Clinics, Ante-Natal and Relaxation Clinics (for domiciliary confinements), Married Women's Advisory Clinics, School Dental and Speech Therapy Clinics were held. Infant Welfare Clinics were also held at St. George's Hall, Fane Way, and at the Methodist Church Hall, Allenby Road.

#### VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.

Vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against poliomyelitis, diphtheria and whooping cough was undertaken at the Local Authority Clinics and by General Practitioners. The total number of vaccination and immunisation courses completed by children was as follows:—

Diphtheria—Primary injections	...	...	...	665
Re-inforcing injections	...	...	...	441
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	597
Smallpox—Primary vaccinations	...	...	...	511
Re-vaccinations	...	...	...	88

The number of children and adults up to 40 years of age who received their second, third and fourth injections against Poliomyelitis is as follows:—

	Second Injections.	Third Injections.	Fourth Injections.
Children (6 months to 18 years) ... ..	871	592	2,424
Adults (19 to 40 years) ...	745	1,557	—

Despite publicity, the response for poliomyelitis injections from the adult population was a little disappointing. The presence of poliomyelitis cases elsewhere in the country about the middle of the year did bring an improvement in demand for the injections, but this was subdued during August and September owing to a national shortage of vaccine. It is likely that oral vaccine will be available next year.

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## STATISTICS.

Area (in acres) ... ..	...	...	...	5,007
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at 31st March, 1962 ... ..	...	...	...	10,989
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1962 ... ..	...	...	...	£592,526
Product of a Penny Rate ... ..	...	...	...	£2,415
Population (estimated mid-year) ... ..	...	...	...	35,300
Live Births:	1961.	1960.	1959.	1958.
Legitimate ... ..	668	627	603	588
Illegitimate ... ..	39	31	33	32
Live Birth Rates per 1,000 population:				
Actual ... ..	20.03	19.6	19.5	19.8
Corrected ... ..	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.8
Illegitimate Live Birth per cent of Total Live Births ... ..	5.5	4.7	5.2	5.2
Still Births ... ..	12	14	8	7
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births ... ..	16.7	20.8	12.4	11.7
Total Live and Still Births ... ..	719	672	644	627
Infant Deaths:				
Legitimate ... ..	10	9	15	10
Illegitimate ... ..	0	2	0	0
Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births:				
Legitimate ... ..	14.9	14.3	24.8	17.0
Illegitimate ... ..	0.0	64.5	0.0	0.0
Neo-natal Death Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Live Births) ... ..	7.1	12.2	9.4	16.1
Early Neo-natal Death Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live Births) ... ..	7.1	10.6	7.9	—
Perinatal Death Rate (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 Live and Still Births) ... ..	23.64	31.3	20.2	—
Maternal Deaths ... ..	1	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births ... ..	1.39	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deaths (all causes) ... ..	452	411	327	400
Death Rate per 1,000 population:				
Actual ... ..	12.8	12.2	10.0	12.7
Corrected ... ..	11.1	11.0	8.3	11.3



## NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

## Maidenhead Municipal Borough.

Disease.	Age Groups, 1961.							Total	Total 1959	Total 1958
	Under 5	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+				
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	19	17	2	5	1	2	46	55	56	95
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Food Poisoning ...	2	1	1	1	1	—	6	—	13	4
Measles ...	374	456	3	3	—	—	836	103	154	148
Meningococcal Infection ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Paratyphoid Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	1	1	—	1	—	—	3	6	8	6
Poliomyelitis:										
(a) Paralytic ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Non-paralytic ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	1
Scarlet Fever ...	3	10	1	—	—	—	14	69	67	9
Smallpox ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis:										
(a) Respiratory ...	1	—	—	5	3	1	10	11	11	30
(b) Non-Respiratory ...	—	—	—	2	—	1	3	1	1	3
Typhoid Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	3	2	—	—	—	—	5	13	26	—
Totals	403	487	7	18	5	4	924	260	338	298

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	Age Groups 1961.						Total	Total 1960	Total 1959	Total 1958
	Under 5	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-65	65+				
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	2	5
2. Tuberculosis, other ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
3. Syphilitic disease ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—
4. Diphtheria ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Measles ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	2	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..	—	—	—	—	3	5	8	7	7	12
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	—	—	—	—	8	7	15	20	24	9
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..	—	—	—	1	7	5	13	8	9	9
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... ..	—	—	—	1	15	30	46	34	33	26
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	5	1	2
16. Diabetes ... ..	—	—	—	—	2	3	5	2	2	—
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	—	—	—	1	11	47	59	44	51	86
18. Coronary disease, angina ... ..	—	—	—	1	16	42	59	58	67	48
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	—	—	—	—	2	7	9	6	6	1
20. Other heart diseases ... ..	1	2	—	—	5	92	102	91	56	71
21. Other circulatory diseases ... ..	—	—	—	—	4	9	13	31	24	11
22. Influenza ... ..	—	—	2	—	—	8	8	11	11	4
23. Pneumonia ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	17	19	22	21	19
24. Bronchitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	2	13	15	13	22	30
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	9	—
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	3	6	2
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	3	4
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	4	—
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	2	4	4
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations ... ..	9	—	—	—	—	—	9	5	9	5
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2	2	1	7	18	32	28	35	30
33. Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	1	—	1	1	—	1	4	8	4	3
34. All other accidents ... ..	1	—	1	—	1	11	14	11	8	6
35. Suicide ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	5	8
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Totals ... ..	14	4	6	10	86	332	452	411	427	400



## REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year ending 31st December, 1961.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Complaints received and given attention	...	...	...	766
Dairies and Milk Distributors' premises	...	...	...	114
Pasteurising Plants	...	...	...	42
Milk Delivery Vehicles	...	...	...	41
Food Premises:				
Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	...	69
Butchers	...	...	...	117
Canteens and Catering Establishments	...	...	...	58
Confectioners (Sweets)	...	...	...	85
Cooked Meats and Delicatessen	...	...	...	40
Department Store	...	...	...	22
Fish Shops	...	...	...	33
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	...	...	...	63
Grocers and Provision Merchants including General Stores	...	...	...	268
Hotels and Licensed Premises	...	...	...	39
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	108
Restaurants and Cafés	...	...	...	82
Supermarkets	...	...	...	66
Other Food Premises	...	...	...	21
Food Hygiene	...	...	...	888
Public Health (Meat) Regulations	...	...	...	49
Meat Transport Vehicles	...	...	...	43
Stalls and other Vehicles	...	...	...	41
Food Inspection	...	...	...	442
Water Supplies	...	...	...	552
Hairdressers' and Barbers' Premises	...	...	...	40
Housing	...	...	...	936
Insect Pests	...	...	...	71
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	300
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	563
Clean Air	...	...	...	183
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	21
Factories with Mechanical Power	...	...	...	268
Factories without Mechanical Power	...	...	...	19
Building Operations	...	...	...	22
Shops Act (including hours of closing and Sunday trading)	...	...	...	1470
Cinema	...	...	...	2
Rag Flock and Other Filling Material	...	...	...	6
Noise	...	...	...	328
Pig Sties and Poultry Runs	...	...	...	23

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Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order ...	13
Pet Shops ...	32
Drainage Inspections ...	459
Cesspools ...	115
Sewage Works ...	1
Refuse Tips ...	6
Public Conveniences ...	46
Streams ...	11
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act ...	75
Rent Act ...	33
Accumulations ...	51
Hawkers ...	16
Schools ...	32
Underground Rooms ...	12
Outworkers ...	120
Other Visits and Re-visits ...	1220
Land Charges Enquiries ...	1085

## NOTICES.

Number of informal notices served during the year ...	238
Number of informal notices outstanding from 1960 ...	18
Number of informal notices complied with during the year	241
Number of informal notices outstanding at the end of the year	15
Number of formal notices served during the year ...	25
Number of formal notices outstanding from 1960 ...	1
Number of formal notices complied with during the year ...	21
Number of formal notices outstanding at the end of the year	5

## HOUSING.

The re-housing of the persons to be displaced from the houses acquired under the Maidenhead (Bridge Road, Waldeck Road and Reform Road) Compulsory Purchase Order was completed during the year and the houses have been demolished.

The re-housing of the persons to be displaced from the 24 houses in the Garden Cottages Clearance Areas Nos. 1 and 2, 1958, and the 7 houses in the Holmanleaze Clearance Area was completed by the end of the year but the demolition of the houses had not been started.

The two unfit houses referred to in last year's report were not purchased by the Council and Demolition Orders were made subsequently.

Action was taken in respect of three individual unfit houses and one flat which were not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. Three Demolition Orders and one Closing Order were made.



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Action in respect of two other individual unfit houses which were not repairable at reasonable expense was not completed by the end of the year.

## RENT ACT.

The Public Health Inspectors continue to give information in response to enquiries regarding the Rent Act, 1957.

	During 1961	Total to date
Applications for certificates of disrepair received ... ..	4	66
Decisions to issue certificates and notices of intention served on landlords ... ..	4	66
Undertakings given by landlords ...	4	28
Defects remedied by landlords within three weeks ... ..	Nil.	2
Certificates of disrepair issued ...	Nil.	36
Certificates of disrepair cancelled ...	Nil.	11

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Five licences have been granted under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, subject to conditions based on the Model Standards.

These licences are in respect of a total of fourteen caravans one of which, for six caravans, has been granted for an unlimited period.

No real problem is presented by the stationing and use of caravans within the Borough and as has been stated in previous reports, this satisfactory situation is due principally to the Council's far-sighted policy in providing municipal sites with modern amenities and facilities to meet the local need. One hundred caravans are stationed on the two municipally owned sites.

## WATER SUPPLY.

The private water supply provided for Nos. 1 to 65 Garden Cottages failed on the 29th June, 1961 due to a break in the well tube underground.

As an emergency measure standpipes from the public mains of the Mid-Wessex Water Co. were provided in nearby streets, until a temporary supply could be provided to the tank in the water tower serving these houses.

Notices were served on the owners requiring them to provide an adequate supply of water and to clean out the water storage tank.

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A permanent supply from the public mains was subsequently provided to the water tower.

The ready and willing co-operation of the Mid-Wessex Water Co.'s Engineer and Manager was invaluable and the timely assistance in providing the emergency supply of water was very much appreciated.

### WATER SAMPLES.

Twenty-eight samples of water from the supply of the Mid-Wessex Water Co. were submitted for bacteriological examination and five samples for chemical analysis. One sample of raw water gave a presumptive coli count of 1 per 100ml.; the treated water was satisfactory.

Fifteen samples from the Corporation Swimming Pool and eighteen from private swimming pools were submitted for bacteriological examination. Two of the samples, from a school swimming pool, contained *B. coli* but after repairs to the filtration plant had been carried out subsequent samples were satisfactory.

### FOOD HYGIENE.

The Public Health Inspectors continue to assist social organisations by giving short talks on their duties with special reference to food hygiene.

Every opportunity is also taken to have informal talks with food handlers during routine visits to food premises.

More of the smaller general stores are turning to self-service from pre-packed foods attractively displayed.

The standard of hygiene in food premises has, in general, been satisfactory.

### REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES.

Number of Registered Food Premises:

(a) For manufacture of ice cream	...	...	...	1
(b) For storage and sale of ice cream	...	...	...	113
(c) For preparation or manufacture of sausage or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale	...	...	...	23

In general the standard maintained in the registered premises has been satisfactory.

### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF ICE CREAM SAMPLES.

One hundred and one samples of ice cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory during the year for bacteriological examination and the following table indicates the provisional gradings.



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Public Health Laboratory Service Grading				Percentage of total samples falling into Grades 1 and 2
Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	
99	1	Nil	1	99

A high bacteriological standard continues to be maintained in relation to ice cream samples.

The one unsatisfactory sample was taken from a soft ice cream extruder and investigations are proceeding into the cleansing and sterilising techniques employed in connection with this type of small manufacturing unit.

The practice of selling ice cream direct from specially designed freezers is a developing trend of comparatively recent origin and would appear to have a wider potential field of application in connection with mobile sales vehicles. This trend is in turn creating certain new problems and, in our own experience, difficulties in relation to the efficient cleansing and sterilisation of the equipment and machine components. My impression is that these aspects will need to be closely watched if samples of soft ice cream are to conform to the bacteriological standards now attained by the prepacked products of the large manufacturers.

## MILK AND DAIRIES.

The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959.

No. of premises used as Dairies	...	...	...	1
No. of Distributors of Milk	...	...	...	29

The following licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1960.

Dealer's (Prepacked Milk) Licences	...	...	...	32
Dealer's (Tuberculin Tested) Licence	...	...	...	1
Dealer's (Pasteuriser's) Licence	...	...	...	1

## BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK SAMPLES.

	Total Samples Submitted	Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase		Turbidity	
		Passed	Failed	Test Passed	Test Failed	Test Passed	Test Failed
Tuberculin Tested Milk (Pasteurised) ...	201	161	30	201	—	—	—
Pasteurised Milk (excluding School Milk) ... ..	34	34	—	34	—	—	—
Pasteurised Milk (School Milk) ...	31	29	1	29	2	—	—
Sterilised Milk ... ..	4	—	—	—	—	4	—



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Investigations into the failure of a sample of milk to satisfy the phosphatase test revealed that slight wear in the temperature recorder linkage had retarded the operation of the diversion valve.

Replacement parts were fitted and all samples taken subsequently were satisfactory.

The other phosphatase failure concerned a sample of milk processed outside the Borough and it was subsequently learned from the licensing authority that the failure was probably due to a slight maladjustment of the diversion valve.

Of the three samples of bottled milk which failed to satisfy the Methylene Blue test, one was attributed to a breakdown of the refrigeration plant; the causes of the other two failures were not established.

The failures of cartoned milk caused some concern, but investigations by the licensing authority failed to reveal any significant factor.

It was, however, arranged that supplies to the retailer should be delivered on the day of processing and following the introduction of this system no further failures were reported up to the end of the year.

## FOOD INSPECTION AND UNSOUND FOOD.

The following foodstuffs were condemned and disposed of as unfit for human consumption:—

Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 lbs.
Beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	158 lbs.
Chickens	...	...	...	...	...	...	20 lbs.
Coffee (Ground)	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 lbs.
Confections	...	...	...	...	...	...	787
Cooked Meats	...	...	...	...	...	...	24 lbs.
Figs	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 lbs.
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	28 lbs.
Ham	...	...	...	...	...	...	18 lbs.
Pig's Kidneys	...	...	...	...	...	...	14 lbs.
Rabbits	...	...	...	...	...	...	30 lbs.
Sausages	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 lbs.
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	...	49 lbs.
Sweets	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 lbs.
Various Foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	1016 tins
Various Foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	630 pkts.
Various Foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 jars
Various Foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	24 bottles

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## FOOD AND DRUGS.

One hundred and six samples of food and drugs were procured during the year, details of which are given in the following table:—

Article	FORMAL		INFORMAL	
	Number of Samples	Number Adulterated or Unsatisfactory	Number of Samples	Number Adulterated or Unsatisfactory
Beef Croquettes ... ..	1	1	—	—
Blackcurrant Drink ... ..	—	—	1	—
Braised Beef Steak ... ..	1	1	—	—
Brandy ... ..	1	—	—	—
Brandy Butter ... ..	—	—	1	—
Butter ... ..	1	—	—	—
Chocolate Spread ... ..	1	—	—	—
Concentrated Food Colour	1	—	—	—
Cream (Tinned) ... ..	1	—	—	—
Dairy Cream Sponge ... ..	1	—	—	—
Dressed Crab ... ..	1	—	—	—
Fish Cakes ... ..	2	—	—	—
Flavouring Essence ... ..	1	—	—	—
Gin ... ..	1	—	—	—
Ginger Wine Essence ... ..	1	—	—	—
Ground White Pepper ... ..	1	—	—	—
Hamburgers ... ..	1	—	—	—
Ice Cream ... ..	—	—	1	—
Ice Cream Mix ... ..	2	1	—	—
Instant Jelly ... ..	1	—	—	—
Lemon Curd ... ..	1	—	—	—
Lollymix ... ..	—	—	1	1
Marmalade ... ..	1	—	—	—
Milk ... ..	41	1	9	1
Milk (Channel Islands) ... ..	17	1	—	—
Milk Shake Syrup ... ..	1	—	—	—
Mincemeat ... ..	1	—	—	—
Mincemeat flavoured with Brandy ... ..	1	—	—	—
Orange Nectar ... ..	—	—	1	—
Orangeade Powder ... ..	1	—	—	—
Rum Butter ... ..	—	—	1	—
Sausages (Pork) ... ..	1	—	—	—
Sausage Rolls ... ..	1	—	—	—
Shredded Beef Suet ... ..	1	—	—	—
Steakburgers ... ..	1	—	—	—
Steaklets ... ..	1	—	—	—
Steak Mince ... ..	1	—	—	—
Whisky ... ..	2	—	—	—
	91	5	15	2



**Maidenhead Municipal Borough.****ADULTERATED OR UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES.****Beef Croquettes.**

This article contained 35% meat whereas in the Analyst's opinion this should have been 50%. No further action was taken, but the vendor was notified of the Analyst's observation.

**Braised Beef Steaks.**

Reported as containing 73% meat, it was suggested by the Analyst that the minimum amount should be 95%. No further action was taken but the vendor was informed.

**Ice Cream Mix.**

Stated to be incorrectly labelled. The manufacturers were notified and agreed to amend all future labels.

**Lolly Mix.**

No declaration of ingredients on the label. Arrangements were made by the manufacturers to print new labels bearing the correct declaration.

**Channel Islands Milk.**

Deficient in fat. The consignment taken as a whole was satisfactory.

**Milk.**

Poor quality. The consignment taken as a whole was satisfactory.

**Milk.**

Adulterated, 40.6% added water. This sample was taken following a complaint of the quality of the milk delivered to a small private school. No complaints were received from other schools, and no defect was found in the pasteurising plant. In view of the degree of adulteration it was most unlikely that this could have been due to the presence of added water in a consignment of milk received at the dairy. It was not possible to establish how this adulteration had occurred. All samples taken subsequently were satisfactory.

**NOISE.**

The public are becoming much more noise conscious and a very great deal more time is being spent in investigating complaints of noise, making observations of noise, visiting premises where noise is being made and checking on the various processes or operations which are causing noise.

The problem of noise is complex and it is by no means easy to solve, although in most cases the Public Health Inspectors have found that the persons responsible for making noise are co-operative and willing to take reasonable steps to avoid causing nuisance.

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The biggest problem arises from light engineering factories sited close to residential property. In such cases noise can usually be reduced to a tolerable level but very rarely can it be eliminated altogether, and complainants living nearby, whilst realising that appropriate action is taken to deal with their complaints, often feel that factory noise however tolerable interferes with their enjoyment of formerly quiet surroundings.

The increasing nature of the problem is reflected in the number of visits involved, 328 this year compared with 129 in 1960.

## DISINFECTION.

The steam disinfecter at the Isolation Hospital is available on two days each week for the disinfection of bedding and clothing, by arrangement with the Windsor Group Hospital Management Committee.

## DISINFESTATION.

Verminous Rooms	...	...	...	...	...	24
Insect Pests	...	...	...	...	...	43

## RODENT CONTROL.

In addition to making routine surveys and treating premises where evidence of infestation is found, the Council continues to operate a contract service for business premises.

Routine visits are made to the Council's Sewage Works and Refuse Tip, which have been kept clear of rats.

The following visits and treatments were carried out during the year:—

Premises visited on complaint	...	...	...	292
Premises visited on survey	...	...	...	2122
Premises with rat infestation	...	...	...	335
Premises with mouse infestation	...	...	...	120
Number of treatments carried out	...	...	...	527

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

The body of one person has been buried in accordance with the provisions of Section 50.

## DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957.

Four persons who operate plant and equipment for the boiling of waste foods are licensed under the Order.

The plant at each premises has been operated satisfactorily and no contraventions have been observed.



**Maidenhead Municipal Borough.****RAG FLOCK.**

Three premises are registered under Section 2 of the Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951, all of which are small factories used for the manufacture of upholstered furniture.

These premises continue to be maintained in a satisfactory manner and no contraventions have been observed on inspection.

Formal samples of woollen flock and cotton felt were submitted to the Prescribed Analyst for analysis and were reported to be satisfactory.

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## ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

## 1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	17	19	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	182	268	5	-
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	12	22	-	-
TOTAL ... ..	211	309	6	-

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	No. of Cases in which Defects were found				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Insp'tr. (4)	By H.M. Insp'tr. (5)	
Want of Cleanliness ...	1	1	-	1	-
Overcrowding ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient ...	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective ... ..	5	5	-	3	-
(c) Not separate for sexes ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Others offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL ... ..	7	7	-	4	-



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## PART VIII of the ACT.

## OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work.	No. of Out-Workers in Aug. List required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of Cases of Default in sending Lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for Failure to Supply Lists.	No. of Instances of Work in Un-wholesome Premises.	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel	19	-	-	-	-	-
Curtain making	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cabinet work	74	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial flowers	3	-	-	-	-	-
Button carding	13	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	110	-	-	-	-	-

## STAFF.

I wish to convey to all members of the staff my thanks and appreciation for their loyal support and co-operation.

F. G. BISHOP,  
Chief Public Health Inspector.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S REPORT.****SEWAGE DISPOSAL.**

During the year good progress has been made on the contract for the further extension of the Sewage Disposal Works. When these extensions are completed in July, 1962, the Works will have a design capacity of 2,000,000 gallons per day D.W.F. The flow from the Borough is estimated then to be 1,700,000 gallons per day which will be gradually increased up to a further 200,000 gallons per day from parts of the Cookham Rural District.

The Osmix diffusing plant installed to control odour from the Works has been kept available and serviceable should the necessity to use it arise, but improvements to the Works, particularly in relation to sludge disposal, made this unnecessary during 1961.

**MAIN DRAINAGE.**

Owing to staff difficulties it has not been possible to make the progress one would have liked in the design of the foul sewers for the riverside area. It is hoped, however, to submit a detailed scheme for the Woodhurst and Ray Mill Road East area to the Council in the summer of 1962 with a view to a start on the constructional work being made in the Spring of 1963. Schemes for the Maidenhead Court and Fishery areas will then be designed for subsequent submission to the Council.

**CLEANSING SERVICES.**

Great difficulty is being encountered in efficiently maintaining the refuse collection service owing to labour difficulties and it has not been possible to maintain the regular weekly collection during certain periods of the year. It appears that the bonus system introduced some time ago is no longer sufficient to achieve its object. Every effort is being made to restore the position.

Three cesspool emptying vehicles are employed almost full time in dealing with the cesspools which still remain in the Borough. There will obviously be some relief in this service when sewers in the Woodhurst and Ray Mill Road area are provided, but further development in unsewered areas continues to aggravate the position.

All house refuse continues to be disposed of by controlled tipping and the levelling of the Braywick Playing Fields by this means has been completed, illustrating in a very practical way the benefits which can result from this method of disposal. Tipping is again taking place on the land behind Stafferton Lodge but, in



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view of the limitations of this site, the Council will shortly have to consider the future disposal of house refuse.

**FLOOD RELIEF.**

Substantial progress is now being made on the construction of the flood relief channels designed to relieve much of the built-up area of the town which is subject to frequent flooding from the River Thames.

By the Winter of 1962, these works should have reached the stage when their efficacy will begin to be apparent.

C. T. READ,

Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

## Cookham Rural District.

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### ORGANISATION.

The Senior Public Health Inspector and his staff moved into an adjoining building by the side of the Cookham Rural District Council Offices at 1, Bath Road, Maidenhead, during the course of the year. This provided much more suitable accommodation. Similar County Council Health activities function in the Rural District as mentioned for Maidenhead. The Health Visitors and Midwives do not have a headquarters building, but operate from their own residences.

### GENERAL SANITATION.

The collection of household refuse was regularly maintained. A section of residents near to the refuse tip at Cookham complained frequently about flies in their houses. Every effort was made to see that the refuse was adequately dealt with at this tip. Work continued on the provision of main drainage in the Bray area.

### HEALTH STANDARDS.

The health of the population continued to be of a standard equal to the best elsewhere in the country. Measles was very prevalent in February, March and April, resulting in 480 notified cases. The rest of the notified infectious diseases cases were too small in number for comment.

In September, an outbreak of alleged Food Poisoning was investigated at a school in the area. The organism *Clostridium Welchii* was found in the faeces of 58 of the children affected. The Symptoms were mild. It was not possible to examine the food suspected of causing the outbreak. A report was submitted to the Ministry of Health in accordance with the Regulations. An outbreak of vomiting and diarrhoea occurred in another school in November, affecting 27 children. There were many untypical food poisoning symptoms and it was possible that this was probably due to a virus infection. In neither of these outbreaks was there any evidence of lowering of hygiene standards at the schools concerned.

Of the 3 cases of Food Poisoning notified, one was originally taken ill abroad whilst the other two were affected in another part of the country when on holiday. Faeces examinations done here revealed *Staphylococci* organisms in the case from abroad and *Salmonella* in the others.

### BIRTHS.

Of the 331 babies born 232 were delivered in hospital. The birth rate for the area was 18.0 and for England and Wales 17.4.



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## DEATHS.

The death rate for the Cookham Rural District was 9.6 and for Engand and Wales 12.0. The causes of death do not show any startling changes from previous years.

## CARAVAN SITES.

Steps were taken during the year to bring into effect the 1960 Caravan Act, which is a welcome move forward to improve conditions on sites.

## COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

## STATISTICS.

Area (in acres) ... ..	24,920
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at 31st March, 1962 ... ..	5,097
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1962 ... ..	£236,291
Product of a Penny Rate ... ..	£957
Population (estimated mid-year) ... ..	16,910
	1961. 1960. 1959. 1958.
Live Births:	
Legitimate ... ..	317 331 299 290
Illegitimate ... ..	14 14 19 7
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population:	
Actual ... ..	18.6 21.3 20.1 18.6
Corrected ... ..	18.0 20.9 19.7 18.2
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	4.2 4.1 6.0 2.4
Still Births ... ..	3 5 4 5
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births ... ..	9.0 14.3 12.4 16.6
Total Live and Still Births ...	334 350 322 302
Infant Deaths:	
Legitimate ... ..	7 2 4 5
Illegitimate ... ..	0 0 0 0
Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births:	
Legitimate ... ..	22.1 6.0 13.4 17.2
Illegitimate ... ..	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

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Neo-natal Death Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Live Births) ... ..					15.1	2.9	12.5	13.5
Early Neo-natal Death Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live Births) ... ..					9.1	2.9	12.5	—
Peri-natal Death Rate (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 Live and Still Births) ... ..					29.9	17.1	24.8	—
Maternal Deaths ... ..					0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births) ... ..					0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deaths (all causes) ... ..					145	142	141	136
Death Rate per 1,000 popula- tion:								
Actual ... ..					8.6	8.8	8.9	8.5
Corrected ... ..					9.6	9.7	9.6	9.4



## NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

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Disease.	Age Groups, 1961.						Total	Total 1960	Total 1959	Total 1958
	Under 5	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+				
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	3	2	—	—	—	—	5	19	24	64
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Food Poisoning ...	—	1	—	1	—	1	3	3	5	5
Measles ...	234	241	2	3	—	—	480	24	190	27
Meningococcal Infection ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	1	3	—	—	1	3	8	1	8	9
Poliomyelitis:										
(a) Paralytic ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
(b) Non-paralytic ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	3	2	—	—	—	—	5	28	22	9
Tuberculosis:										
(a) Respiratory ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	9	8
(b) Non-Respiratory ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Typhoid Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	7	4	—	—	—	—	11	7	2	7
Totals ...	248	253	2	5	2	4	514	87	261	134

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	Age Groups 1961.							Total	Total 1960	Total 1959	Total 1958
	Under 5	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-65	65+					
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	3	—	3	1
2. Tuberculosis, other ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
3. Syphilitic disease ... ..	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Measles ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..	—	—	—	—	1	7	8	8	—	2	3
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	3	11	7	8
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	1
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	1	2	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... ..	—	—	—	1	2	9	12	12	12	10	14
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1
16. Diabetes ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2	—	—
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	—	—	—	—	1	15	16	16	12	27	13
18. Coronary disease, angina ... ..	—	—	—	—	5	18	23	23	25	26	24
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2	2	—
20. Other heart diseases ... ..	—	—	—	—	1	21	22	22	19	20	23
21. Other circulatory diseases ... ..	—	—	—	—	3	5	8	8	12	11	2
22. Influenza ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	3
23. Pneumonia ... ..	1	—	—	—	1	5	7	7	10	4	4
24. Bronchitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	6	3	5
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2	2	—
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	2
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations ... ..	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	—	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	—	—	2	1	11	15	15	6	11	18
33. Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	—	—	—	3	2	—	5	5	4	1	5
34. All other accidents ... ..	—	—	—	1	—	3	4	4	10	1	1
35. Suicide ... ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	2
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ... ..	8	—	—	7	25	105	145	145	142	141	136



**Cookham Rural District.****VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.**

The number of children who were immunised against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and vaccinated against Smallpox during the year is as follows:—

Diphtheria—Primary injections	...	...	...	306
Re-inforcing injections	...	...	...	115
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	246
Smallpox—Primary vaccinations	...	...	...	251
Re-vaccinations	...	...	...	15

The number of children and adults up to 40 years of age who received their second, third and fourth injections against Poliomyelitis is as follows:—

	<b>Second Injections.</b>	<b>Third Injections.</b>	<b>Fourth Injections.</b>
Children (6 month to 18 years)	388	238	1,060
Adults (19 to 40 years)	378	693	—

**REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.**

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my Report on the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year ending 31st December, 1961.

**WATER SUPPLIES.**

The following list shows the number of properties in the seven Parishes of the Rural District which are served by (a) a piped water supply and (b) a well water supply.

<b>Parish.</b>	<b>Total Houses.</b>	<b>On Main.</b>	<b>On Well.</b>
Bisham	330	322	8
Bray	1,407	1,395	12
Cookham	1,719	1,664	55
Hurley	618	587	31
Shottesbrooke	44	44	—
Waltham St. Lawrence	391	390	1
White Waltham	618	618	—

Thirty-two samples of well water were obtained during the year and the results are summarised as follows:—

Samples of well water taken	...	...	...	...	16
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	11
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	5
Main Water Supply to Open Air Swimming Pool:					
Samples taken	...	...	...	...	11
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	11
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	Nil

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## Main Water:

Samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	2
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	2
Unsatisfactory	...	.....	...	...	...	Nil

The results of samples of water taken from the Open Air Swimming Pool at Waltham St. Lawrence during the year have again been very satisfactory.

The unsatisfactory samples of well water were from a deep well serving a small Caravan Site and eleven private properties. The cause was due entirely to a breakdown in the pump, and a silting up of the well tubes. The pump and the bore tubes were renewed, and once these had settled down, further samples were quite satisfactory.

Lastly three samples of surface water were taken. One turned out to be from a burst service pipe; the other two were not connected in any way with drinking water supplies.

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS.

Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	269
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	263
Caravan Sites, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	247
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	141
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	14
Pig Keeping Premises	...	...	...	...	...	12
Public Health Act Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	1,176
Public Health Act Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	1,030
Visits re Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	61

## NOTICES.

No. of informal notices served during the year	...	65
No. of informal notices complied with during the year	...	45
No. of informal notices outstanding at end of year	...	20
No. of formal notices served during the year	...	1
No. of formal notices complied with during the year	...	Nil
No. of formal notices outstanding at end of year	...	1

## HOUSING PROGRESS.

No. of permanent 3-bedroomed houses completed since 1956	280
No. of permanent 2-bedroomed houses completed since 1945	117
No. of permanent 1-bedroomed bungalows completed since 1945	6
No. of permanent 2-bedroomed bungalows completed since 1945	52
No. of permanent 4-bedroomed houses completed since 1945	9



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No. of permanent aged single persons flats completed since 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
No. of prefabricated bungalows	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
No. of Nissen huts used as temporary dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of permanent 3-bedroomed houses in course of erection	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
No. of permanent 2-bedroomed houses in course of erection	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of permanent 2-bedroomed flats in course of erection	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of permanent 1-bedroomed flats in course of erection	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
No. of permanent 2-bedroomed flats completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
No. of permanent 1-bedroomed flats completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
No. of permanent 3-bedroomed maisonettes completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Shop and flat completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

## COUNCIL HOUSING.

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Ten houses were modernised in the year with the aid of an exchequer grant.

## PRIVATE HOUSING.

Eighteen private houses were completed during the year, and fifty houses were under construction at the close of it.

Thirty-six applications for Improvement Grants were approved.

## MILK SAMPLING.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Methylene Blue Test Result:							
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Phosphatase Test Result:							
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No unsatisfactory samples were observed during the year.							

## ICE CREAM SAMPLING.

No samples of Ice Cream were taken during the year, although checks were made on shop conditions where this product was being sold. Samples in previous years have all been very satisfactory.

## UN SOUND FOOD.

Pears	...	...	...	...	...	49 x 15 oz. tins.
Pear Halves	...	...	...	...	...	9 x 3 Kilo tins.
Mandarins	...	...	...	...	...	421 x 7 lb. tins.

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Prunes	...	...	...	...	...	104 x 10 Kilo boxes
Apricots	...	...	...	...	...	78 x 10 lb. tins.
						75 x 5 Kilo tins.
Peaches	...	...	...	...	...	91 x 5 Kilo tins.
Pineapple	...	...	...	...	...	45 boxes 24 x A2½.
						4 x 3 Kilo tins.
						3 x 6 lb. tins.
Lamb Carcase	...	...	...	...	...	27 lb.

## DRY SCAVENGING.

The Council's fleet consists of two 25-cubic yard Dual Tip Refuse Collectors, two 18-cubic yard Dual Tip Refuse Collectors and a 10-cubic yard side loader. The first four vehicles are in regular daily use and they maintain a weekly collection of refuse throughout the area.

Refuse is collected from the rear of all properties and disposed of by Controlled Tipping in an old gravel pit. Complaints of this service are very few and I think householders in the area get very regular and efficient attention.

The Controlled Tip was the cause of an alleged nuisance from flies during the warm weather; spraying with insecticide kept this well under control. It was only the large amount of filth, decayed fruit and vegetables, hotel waste, etc., that attracted the flies, no evidence of fly breeding was observed on the Tip. What flies there were appeared to have been brought in with the refuse. This was later confirmed when tests were made during the winter and no evidence of fly breeding was found anywhere on the Tip.

A mechanical shovel is used for Tip work and this is due for replacement next year after nearly six years' service. It is impossible to carry out Tip work nowadays without mechanical means and the shovel has given a very good account of itself.

The Council operate an incentive Bonus Scheme and the labour force was kept pretty well up to strength throughout the year.

## WET SCAVENGING.

There is no change in the Council's fleet of cesspool emptying vehicles. Six vehicles are regularly employed and a considerable amount of overtime has to be worked to cope with requests for emptying.

This service is gradually getting overworked and I cannot see any great relief being obtained until the Main Drainage Scheme in the Bray Parish comes into full use next year, when the Scheme is due to be completed.

With reference to this Drainage Scheme, the Engineer and Surveyor reports that by the end of the year, only work on the Pumping Stations remains to be done.



**Cookham Rural District.****FOOD POISONING.**

Three cases of Food Poisoning were notified and confirmed during the year. No serious outbreaks occurred.

**FOOD PREMISES.**

Two hundred and ninety-three visits were made during the year to food premises within the Rural District and four visits were made to Licensed Premises.

**CARAVAN SITES.**

One hundred and fifty-seven visits were made to Licensed sites in the area during the year and ninety to individual sites.

The Council's policy is to curtail the spread of caravans in the area and with this in mind are endeavouring to acquire land and open a second Caravan Site of their own. The Council already operate one site for 60 caravans.

**PETROLEUM ACTS.**

The number of premises licensed to store petroleum spirit in the Rural District is fifty and ninety-three visits and inspections were made to these premises during the year.

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

No serious outbreaks occurred during the year. Five cases of positive Sonné Dysentery were notified and investigated during the year, and a total of 207 visits and inspections were made under this heading.

**RODENT CONTROL.**

No. of Inspections and Re-inspections	...	...	...	4,481
No. of Infestations found and treated	...	...	...	625
No. of Treatments for Pests other than Rodents	...	...	...	130
No. of Re-Inspections for Pests other than Rodents	...	...	...	204
No. of Complaints received	...	...	...	527

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## ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

## 1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	4	10	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	39	80	3	-
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ... ..	43	90	3	-

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	No. of Cases in which Defects were found				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Insp'tr. (4)	By H.M. Insp'tr. (5)	
Want of Cleanliness ...	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient ...	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective ... ..	5	6 (one from previous year).	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Others offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL ... ..	6	7	-	-	-



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## PART VIII of the ACT.

## OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work.	No. of Out-Workers in Aug. List required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of Cases of Default in sending Lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for Failure to Supply Lists.	No. of Instances of Work in Un-wholesome Premises.	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel: Making, etc. ...	7	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	-	-	-	-	-

Finally, may I express my appreciation of the work of Mr. K. Arndell, Deputy Senior Public Health Inspector, and my office staff, who have always given their whole-hearted co-operation.

E. G. POLLARD,

Senior Public Health Inspector.

**REPORT OF THE ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR.****COUNCIL HOUSING.**

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**SEWERAGE.**

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G. L. PLASTOW,

Engineer and Surveyor.

I wish to record my appreciation of the encouragement and help given to the Health Departments by the Chairmen and Members of the Maidenhead and Cookham Health Committees, all the Departments of the Councils, Voluntary Bodies, the County Medical Officer of Health and staff, the Windsor Group Hospital Management Committee staff, the Public Health Laboratory, Reading, and the Medical Practitioners. There has been a harmonious, happy relationship existing in the Health Departments and my sincerest thanks go to the Chief Public Health Inspector of Maidenhead, the Senior Public Health Inspector of Cookham and staffs for the co-operation shown to me during my first year in office.

C. E. CAMM,

Medical Officer of Health.











