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RURAL DISTRICT OF MAIDSTONE

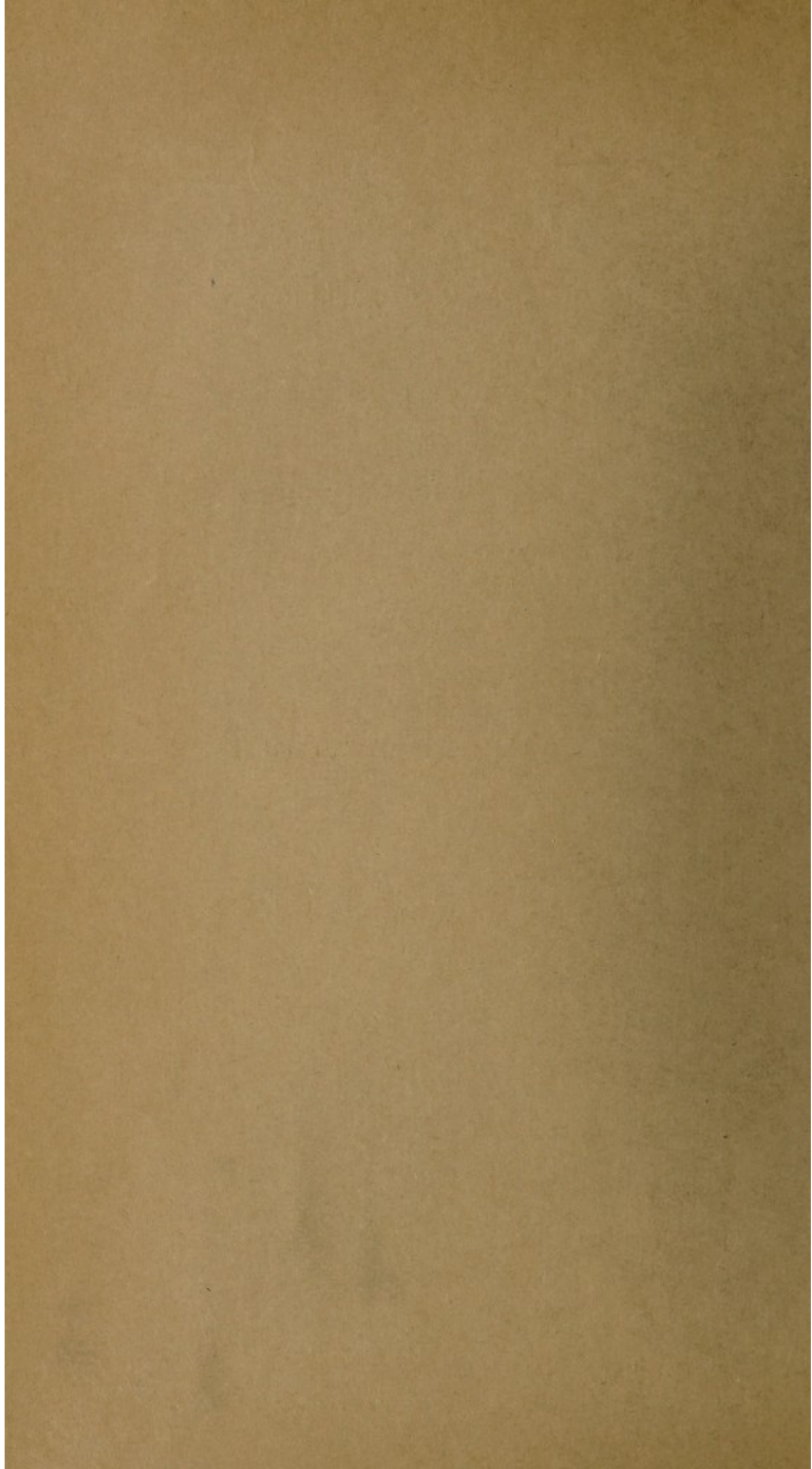


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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

F. H. M. DUMMER,
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To: The Chairman and Members of Maidstone Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my fifth Annual Report on the Health of the Rural District of Maidstone.

Once again there are several outstanding features of this Report, the principal one being the low infantile mortality rate of 17.42, which is well below the national average of 21.4 per thousand live births. This is a most satisfactory state of affairs, and indicates, although small figures are involved, something of the standard of child care and of the maternal and child welfare services operating in your District. Along with this should be mentioned the fact that there were no maternal deaths in 1961.

The next major feature of the Report is the fact that for the second year in succession there were no deaths due to tuberculosis. The position in tuberculosis has changed very radically in the last decade, and we are now reaching the stage where, although new cases are being discovered in relatively large numbers throughout the country, the outlook for these patients is good. This position can only be maintained through the considerable amount of work which is done in following up contacts of cases, and in making a diagnosis at the earliest possible stage. With the advantage of new drugs, and the easing of pressure on sanatoria beds, the state of this disease is most positively related to this factor of early diagnosis.

Along with this we must remember the increasing amount of work of the Mass Radiography Service, which, to be successful, demands a large public response, so that the state of the community health vis-a-vis tuberculosis can be checked at regular intervals.

Another encouraging trend in 1961 has been the increasing number of people who have taken advantage, both for themselves and for their children, of the free facilities offered in the protection against poliomyelitis. It is far too early yet to say that this disease has become a rarity, but it is a pleasure to note that for the fourth year in succession no case of poliomyelitis has occurred in your District.

The introduction of oral vaccine provides us with the best weapon we have yet had in the attack on this disease, and there surely can be very few reasons now for anyone to object to the protection offered. Although at the present moment only those up to the age of 40 are offered these facilities, if everyone of this age group took advantage of oral vaccine, there would be very little necessity indeed to extend the protection any further in the community.

Along with this feature I would mention the increasing number of children who are being immunised against diphtheria and whooping cough. This fact should be remembered in the light of recent small, but virulent, outbreaks of diphtheria throughout the country. We can only protect our local district by maintaining a strong community barrier through immunisation.

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To: The Chairman and Members of Melbourne Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to respond to your letter of the 15th inst. in relation to the Health of the Rural District of Melbourne.

Once again there are several interesting features of this report, the principal one being the low infantile mortality rate of 19.5, which is well below the national average of 21.5. The second live births. This is a most satisfactory state of affairs, and indicates, although small figures are involved, a measure of the standard of child care and of the sanitary and social conditions prevailing in the District. Along with this should be mentioned the fact that there were no natural deaths in 1951.

The next major feature of the report is the fact that for the second year in succession there were no deaths due to tuberculosis. The position in other fields has changed very markedly in the last decade, and we are witnessing the rapid disappearance of many diseases being discovered in relatively large numbers throughout the country. The outlook for these patients is good. This position can only be maintained through the maintenance of high standards in the following up contacts of cases, and the making of diagnosis in the earliest possible stage. With the assistance of new drugs, and the easing of pressure on consultants' fees, the state of this situation is most positively related to the state of health generally.

Along with this we must remember the increasing number of cases of the acute Infectious Diseases, which, to be successful, demands a large public response, so that the state of the community health via-via tuberculosis can be checked at regular intervals.

Another encouraging trend in 1951 has been the increasing number of people who have taken advantage, both for themselves and for their children, of the facilities offered in the protection against poliomyelitis. It is the only way to say that this disease has become a rarity, but it is a pity that for the fourth year in succession no case of poliomyelitis has occurred in your District.

The introduction of oral vaccine given by mouth with the past season we have yet had the attack on this disease, and there surely can be very few reasons why the vaccine should not be given to the population offered. Although at the present season only three up to the age of 15 are offered (some vaccinated, others not), the age group for the vaccine is still small, and would be very little. It is necessary to extend the protection to the rest of the community.

Along with this feature I would mention the increasing number of children who are being vaccinated against diphtheria and whooping cough. This fact should be remembered in the light of recent events, but vibrant, outbreaks of diphtheria throughout the country, and my protest our local district is maintaining a strong immunity barrier through vaccination.

There was little change in the total number of cancer deaths in 1961, being 52 as compared with 51 in 1960. The distribution however has changed somewhat. Cancer of the stomach remains at the same figure, but more females were involved this year than last. Cancer of the lungs has risen from 11 to 17.

There can be little doubt in anyone's mind now, following the reports made, of the association of heavy cigarette smoking and cancer of the lung. The result of this publicity, however, has not been very encouraging, and it would appear that the real hope in this disease from the smoking angle, is to discourage youngsters from taking up this habit. This is something with which, no doubt, the schools can help, but it is primarily a duty of parents, and it is hoped that they will help us in this respect in any future campaign.

In the pages which follow you will be able to read of the wide scope of the public health services operating in your area. This is an increasing work, and entails a great deal of vigilance on the part of your officers.

I would like to record my appreciation of the splendid work carried out by your Senior Public Health Inspector, Mr. G. W. White, who has given me every co-operation throughout a busy year. He has been ably assisted by Mr. F. O. Elliott, whose work fully deserves commendation.

The functions of a Health Department can never be carried out in isolation, and depends for its efficiency on the co-operation of other departments. It is a pleasure for me to record my thanks to all members of the staff, in particular the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, the Treasurer and the Housing Manager.

I have also had the good fortune to have an enthusiastic Health Committee, and I am most grateful to the Chairman and Members of that Committee who have given me every support throughout the year, as also indeed, have all the Members of the Council.

I have the Honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. H. M. DUMMER.

Medical Officer of Health.

29th May, 1962.

There was little change in the total number of cancer deaths in 1951, being 25 as compared with 24 in 1950. The distribution, however, has changed somewhat. Cancer of the stomach remains at the same figure, but new lesions were involved this year. Cancer of the lungs has risen from 17 to 21.

There can be little doubt in anyone's mind that, following the reports made, at the association of heavy cigarette smoking and cancer of the lung. The results of this investigation, however, has not been very encouraging, and it would appear that the real work in this disease from the smoking angle, is to discourage youngsters from taking up this habit. This is something which, in general, the schools can help, but it is primarily a job of parents. It is hoped that they will help in this respect in any future campaign.

In the pages which follow you will be able to find out the scope of the public health service operating in your area. This is an interesting work, and entails a great deal of vigilance on the part of your officers.

I would like to record my appreciation of the assistance and carried out by your health service inspectors, Mr. G. L. White, who has given me every co-operation throughout a long year. He has been fully assisted by Mr. F. G. Smith, whose work fully deserves commendation.

The formation of a Health Department has never been carried out in isolation, but depends for its efficiency on the co-operation of other departments. It is a pleasure for me to record at length to all members of the staff, in particular the staff of the Health Department and the Health Service, the Treasurer and the Health Service.

I have also had the good fortune to have an enthusiastic Health Committee, and I am most grateful to the Chairman and Members of that Committee who have given me every support throughout the year, and also indeed, have all the members of the Council.

I have the honor to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. M. SMITH.

Medical Officer of Health.

20th May, 1952.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	34,487
Estimated resident population (1961)	19,990
Number of inhabited houses (according to rate books) at the end of 1961	6,919
Rateable Value	£225,138
Sum represented by a penny rate	£885

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births	149	138	287
Live Birth rate per 1,000 population	crude		14.35
	corrected		14.49
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births			4.52
	Male	Female	Total
Stillbirths	2	1	3
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and still births			10.34
Total live and still births			290
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	4	1	5
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births			17.42
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births			14.59
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births			76.92
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)			10.45
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)			10.45
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)			20.68
Maternal mortality (including abortion)			Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			-
	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	171	134	305
Death rate per 1,000 population	crude		15.25
	corrected		10.67
Death rate for England and Wales			12.0

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

School Health Service

The School Health Service, with school inspections and clinics, the Maternity and Child Welfare Service and the Domiciliary Midwifery Service, are now administered by the Kent County Council, and are controlled by the County Medical Officer.

Hospitals

The hospitals are administered by the Mid Kent Hospital Management Committee and the South Eastern Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. The services of the consultant staff are available at the West Kent General Hospital, and the Kent County Ophthalmic and Aural Hospital. Available also is Preston Hall Hospital and use is made by patients from the Maidstone area of the hospitals in the Tunbridge Wells area, particularly Pembury and the Kent and Sussex Hospital.

Additional beds are in use at Linton Hospital.

There is now no infectious diseases hospital in this area, and cases in the meantime have to be sent primarily to Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, which entails a fairly long journey. Although representation has been made to the Regional Hospital Board on this question, there is very little likelihood of improved facilities for infectious diseases being available for this area before the new district hospital - scheduled for after 1970 - is built in Maidstone. This will, it is hoped, include a wing for infectious diseases.

Domestic Help Service

This service is administered by the County Council and is of great value in providing care for aged and disabled patients, and thus relieving pressure on the available hospital beds. I often find that by the judicious use of this service, elderly people are given the advantage of essential domestic help, thereby tiding them over a difficulty which, in other circumstances, would undoubtedly require hospitalisation.

It is surprising to find such a large number of elderly people with no near relatives, and often, I am sorry to say, relatives who are unwilling to help out at this dependent stage of life.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

ANALYSIS IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-45	46-65	66 & over	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	5	5	-	-	-	-	11
Whooping cough	1	4	2	10	2	-	1	-	-	20
Measles	7	75	101	264	47	3	3	-	-	500
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	1	6
Paratyphoid fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	3
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	8	79	104	280	55	3	8	5	1	543

Due to the biennial outbreak of measles in 1961, the number of cases notified of infectious diseases rose very steeply from 83 in 1960, to 543 in 1961.

Of these, the vast majority were measles, with 20 cases of whooping cough, 11 of scarlet fever, and very few cases of other diseases.

Once again there were no cases of diphtheria or poliomyelitis.

REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST

REPORTS IN THE GROUP

REPORT	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	11
Whooping cough	1	2	2	10	2	-	-	1	-	-	20
Measles	7	20	10	24	12	3	-	-	-	-	100
Poliovirus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enterococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonorrhea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opportunistic pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paronychia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trachoma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Paratyphoid fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Exophthalmos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Politis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	8	22	10	20	22	3	8	3	1	1	100

Due to the financial situation of the hospital in 1967, the number of cases notified of infectious diseases from very slightly less than 100, to 200 in 1967.

Of these, the vast majority were measles, with 20 cases of whooping cough, 11 of scarlet fever, and very few cases of other diseases.

Once again there were no cases of diphtheria or poliomyelitis.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

PARISH DISTRIBUTION

	Barming	Bearsted	Boughton Monchelsea	East Farleigh	West Farleigh	Hunton	Linton	Loose	Marden	Nettlestead	Otham	Staplehurst	Teston	Yalding	TOTALS
Scarlet fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	7	-	1	11
Whooping cough	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	11	-	-	-	-	3	20
Measles	5	46	12	45	7	3	47	38	175	3	6	62	7	44	500
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	6
Paratyphoid fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3
Erysipelas	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	5	50	12	46	7	7	50	40	188	4	7	70	7	50	543

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTALS
Scarlet fever	-	1	3	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Whooping cough	1	2	9	2	1	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	20
Measles	3	34	29	173	102	103	29	12	2	2	7	4	500
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	6
Paratyphoid fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Erysipelas	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	6	39	41	181	105	109	31	12	2	5	7	5	543

As will be seen from the above table, the outbreak of measles tended to be extended for a rather longer period this year than in 1959 - the last year of biennial outbreak. The relative freedom from infection, however, in the late summer and Autumn, is well seen in the above table.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION, 1961

The following table shows the number of injections given in the various priority groups during the year ended 31st December, 1961.

Priority Group	2nd Injections	3rd Injections	4th Injections
1957 - 1961	288	270	-
1946 - 1956	53	158	-
1943 - 1945	14	16	-
1933 - 1942	154	150	-
1921 - 1932	494	669	-
Others	7	31	-
School children under 12 years	-	-	1,309
TOTAL	1,010	1,294	1,309

During the year 1,294 people completed a full course of three injections, and in addition 1,309 school children under the age of 12 years received a fourth boosting dose.

In all, since the scheme started, no fewer than 6,646 people up to the age of 40 have received the full course of three injections, apart from the school children already noted. This represents approximately 35 per cent of your District, but of course, one must remember that of the total population at risk, only those up to the age of 40 are, at the moment, allowed this protection. This shows an increase of 8 per cent on last year's figure, and this must be regarded as a welcome trend.

By the introduction of oral vaccine, however, we can reasonably expect that this figure, in the next few years, will be greatly exceeded. Now that this simple method of protection has been devised, there would appear to be no valid reason why the vast majority of our population should not be as fully protected as the facilities allow.

This service is free through one's general practitioner, the School Health Service, or the Clinics available from time to time through the County Council.

MILKWEEDS VACCINATION, 1957

The following table shows the number of injections given in the various priority groups during the year ended 31st December, 1957.

Priority Group	2nd Injection	3rd Injection	4th Injection
1957 - 1961	255	110	-
1946 - 1956	27	158	-
1943 - 1945	26	46	-
1933 - 1942	156	100	-
1921 - 1932	694	680	-
Others	7	31	-
School children under 15 years	-	-	1,709
TOTAL	1,070	1,085	1,709

During the year 1,709 people completed a full course of three injections, and in addition 1,709 school children under the age of 15 years received a fourth boosting dose.

In all, since the scheme started, no fewer than 6,546 people up to the age of 40 have received the full course of three injections, apart from the school children already noted. This represents approximately 25 per cent of your electorate, but all classes, and not merely that of the total population at risk, only those up to the age of 40 are, at the moment, advised this protection. This shows an increase of 6 per cent on last year's figure, and this may be regarded as a welcome trend.

By the introduction of oral measles, however, we can reasonably expect that this figure, in the next few years, will be greatly exceeded. Now that this single method of protection has been devised, there would appear to be no valid reason why the vast majority of our population should not be so fully protected as the population above.

This service is free through our special practitioners, the School Health Service, or the clinics available from time to time through the County Council.

WHOOPIING COUGH IMMUNISATION, 1961

The following table shows the whooping cough immunisation figures for 1961, based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Year of Birth	Whooping Cough Immunisation (Singly or in combination)
	Primary
1961	95
1960	146
1959	17
1958	12
1957	7
1952 - 1956	16
1947 - 1951	1
TOTAL	294

Once again there has been an increase in the number of children immunised against whooping cough, the figure being 294 as compared with 241 in 1960.

As I have already pointed out, whooping cough can be a serious illness in infants, and every advantage should be taken of the facilities for free immunisation.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, 1961

The following table shows the changing trend in the number of children immunized against diphtheria, the figure being the figures for 1961, based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Year of Birth	Number of Children Immunized (Number of 10 children)
1961	10
1960	10
1959	10
1958	10
1957	10
1956 - 1958	10
1955 - 1957	10
TOTAL	10

Once again there has been an increase in the number of children immunized against diphtheria, the figure being the figures for 1961, based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

As I have already pointed out, although there has been a continuous increase in the number of children immunized against diphtheria, the figure being the figures for 1961, based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION, 1961

The following table shows the smallpox vaccination figures for 1961, based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health.

AGE AT DATE OF VACCINATION	NUMBER VACCINATED	NUMBER RE-VACCINATED
Under 1	201	-
1	24	-
2 to 4	4	-
5 to 14	3	-
15 or over	1	3
TOTALS	233	3

Here too, there has been an increase in the total number of people receiving primary vaccination, although the increase is small, i.e. 11 more people received protection in 1961 than in 1960.

The number of re-vaccinated is probably not a true figure at all, as many revaccinations are not recorded.

These figures do not take into account the extraordinary public demand for vaccination following the outbreak in another part of the country in December 1961. The reflection of this demand will no doubt appear in next year's Report.

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The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated for 1961, based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

AGE AT DATE OF VACCINATION	PERSONS VACCINATED	PERSONS RE-VACCINATED
Under 1	501	-
1	26	-
2 to 4	4	-
5 to 14	2	-
15 or over	1	3
TOTAL	534	3

Here too, there has been an increase in the total number of people receiving primary vaccination, although the increase is small, i.e., 17 more people received vaccination in 1961 than in 1960.

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DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION, 1961

The following table shows the diphtheria immunisation figures for 1961, based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation (Singly or in combination)	
	Primary	Reinforcing
1961	96	-
1960	146	5
1959	21	18
1958	13	8
1957	8	5
1952 - 1956	26	145
1947 - 1951	5	30
TOTALS	315	211

It is a pleasure to be able to record an increase in the number of children receiving both primary immunisation and the reinforcing injection against diphtheria.

As Committee Members will know, I have spoken throughout the year on the necessity for maintaining a state of immunity against diphtheria as the only real protection towards warding off an outbreak of this disease.

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MINIMUM INVESTMENT, 1961

The following table shows the minimum investment figures for 1961, based on the return expected to the Ministry of Health.

Year of birth	Minimum investment	
	Primary	Secondary
1961	30	-
1962	40	2
1963	50	10
1964	60	20
1965	70	30
1966	80	40
1967 - 1968	90	50
1969 - 1970	100	60
TOTAL	540	210

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FOOD POISONING

In 1961 there were only three cases of food poisoning, as compared with 19 cases in 1960.

In two of these cases the diagnosis was made on clinical grounds alone, and bacteriological examinations failed to produce a positive organism.

The third case, in which the organism was discovered to be *Salmonella* Brandenburg, occurred in a food handler. This man was offered alternative employment within the same business restricting him from handling food. The excretion of bacilli went on for several months, but no secondary cases arose in this instance.

During last year, in order to minimise any environmental cause for food poisoning, your refuse collection service arranged an extra collection from food premises for the summer months. I think this was a very valuable service, and it meant that as far as food premises were concerned clearance was effected within a reasonable time, and a possible hazard to food hygiene was removed.

As I have pointed out before, the real standard to be achieved in food hygiene in food shops and catering establishments, is one which is largely in the hands of the public. The consumer is, after all, the final arbiter of standard, and there are indications that this is becoming realised.

FOOD HANDLING

To 1967 there were only three cases of food poisoning, as compared with 19 cases in 1965.

In two of these cases the illnesses were not attributed to food poisoning, but to other causes. In the third case, a positive organism was isolated.

The third case, in which the organism was identified as *Salmonella* *disenteriae*, occurred in a food handler. This man was offered alternative employment within the same health department during his first handling food. The supervisor of health went on for several months, but no satisfactory arrangement was made.

During last year, in order to maintain the environment, cases of food poisoning, your health department advised managers an extra collection from food handlers for the summer months. I think this was a very valuable service, and it means that as far as food poisoning was concerned, the situation within a reasonable time, and a positive impact on food hygiene was reached.

As I have pointed out before, the food standard to be achieved in food hygiene is not only a matter of technical matters, it is also largely a matter of the public. The consumer is, after all, the final arbiter of standards, and there are indications that this is becoming realized.

TUBERCULOSIS

I am indebted to Dr. D. L. Pugh, the Chest Physician, for the following details of the number of contacts of known cases of tuberculosis examined during the year, and the number found to be suffering from tuberculosis. These figures related to the area of the Chest Clinic, which corresponds with the area of the four authorities, Maidstone Borough, Maidstone R.D., Hollingbourn R.D., and Malling R.D.

- (a) Number of contacts seen during 1961, of newly notified cases of tuberculosis 548
- (b) Number of contacts examined during 1961 of cases notified prior to 1961 390
- (c) Number of contacts in (a) found to be suffering from pulmonary or non-pulmonary tuberculosis .. 4
- (d) Number of contacts in (b) found to be suffering from pulmonary or non-pulmonary tuberculosis .. 7

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 15 years	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 25 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 - 35 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36 - 45 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 - 55 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56 - 65 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
66 and over	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	-

For the second year in succession no deaths from either pulmonary or non-pulmonary tuberculosis were recorded. The number of new cases remains the same at 9.

From the figures given above, however, it will be seen that a considerable amount of work has been done in the tracing of contacts, which is an essential aspect of preventive work in the tuberculosis service.

Although we are still finding these new cases, the mortality rate nationally has dropped very considerably, and provided early diagnosis is made, the chances of eventual full recovery are very good indeed.

CANCER

The number of deaths from cancer in the Maidstone Rural District during the past ten years is given below:-

1952	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
1953	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
1954	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
1955	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65
1956	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59
1957	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55
1958	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
1959	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
1960	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
1961	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52

Deaths from cancer in 1961, distributed according to sites:

Site	Male	Female	Total
Cancer of stomach	2	4	6
Cancer of lung, bronchus	14	3	17
Cancer of breast	-	5	5
Cancer of uterus	-	-	-
Other sites	15	9	24
TOTALS	31	21	52

Deaths from cancer in 1961, distributed according to age groups:

Age Groups	Male	Female
0 - 1	-	-
2 - 5	-	-
6 - 15	-	-
16 - 25	-	-
26 - 35	1	-
36 - 45	-	2
46 - 55	5	3
56 - 65	6	5
66 and over	19	11
TOTALS	31	21

INFANT MORTALITY, 1961

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 - 6 months	7 - 9 months	10 - 12 months	Total deaths under 1 year
Atelectasis	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Convulsions	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Heart disease	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Prematurity	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Thrombosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	3	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	5

The infant mortality rate was 17.42, as compared with 20.27 per thousand live births in 1960. The rate this year is very much lower than that for England and Wales, which, at 21.4, is itself a record low figure. Since such small numbers are involved, however, not too much significance should be attached to this comparison.

Of the 5 infants who died under the age of 12 months, prematurity was associated with 3 of them, although in only one case was extreme prematurity notified as the actual cause of death.

Once again there were no maternal deaths, and this is an indication of the very high standard of ante-natal and confinement care which is given to mothers in your District.

INFANT MORTALITY, 1952

CAUSE OF DEATH	Year					
	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
Alcoholism	1	-	-	-	-	-
Convulsions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heart disease	1	-	-	-	-	-
Prematurity	1	-	-	-	-	-
Thrombosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	-	-	-	-	-

The infant mortality rate was 19.52, as compared with 20.27 per thousand live births in 1950. The rate this year is very much lower than that for England and Wales, which, at 57.4, is itself a record low figure. Since such small numbers are involved, however, not too much significance should be attached to this comparison.

Of the 2 infants who died under the age of 15 months, prematurity was mentioned with 2 of them, although in only one case was extreme prematurity noticed as the actual cause of death.

Once again there were no natural deaths, and this is an indication of the very high standard of ante-natal and post-natal care which is given to mothers in your District.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

It was found necessary during 1961 to obtain Magistrates' Orders to admit to hospital two elderly persons who were infirm and unable to care for themselves properly.

Both were admitted to Linton Hospital, and although one subsequently died, the other is still living at the hospital.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) REGULATIONS, 1953

It was not necessary during the year to issue any restrictive Notices under these Regulations in order to prevent the spread of infection through the handling of food.

1. Diphtheria, respiratory	1	1
2. Diphtheria, cutaneous	1	1
3. Tetanus	1	1
4. Botulism	1	1
5. Cholera	1	1
6. Typhoid	1	1
7. Paratyphoid	1	1
8. Dysentery	1	1
9. Shigellosis	1	1
10. Amoebiasis	1	1
11. Giardiasis	1	1
12. Cryptosporidiosis	1	1
13. Other intestinal and systemic diseases	1	1
14. Tuberculosis, alimentary	1	1
15. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1
16. Tuberculosis, cutaneous	1	1
17. Tuberculosis, systemic	1	1
18. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
19. Diseases of stomach and intestines	1	1
20. Diseases of liver and biliary system	1	1
21. Diseases of pancreas	1	1
22. Diseases of spleen	1	1
23. Diseases of gallbladder	1	1
24. Diseases of prostate	1	1
25. Diseases of testis	1	1
26. Diseases of uterus and ovaries	1	1
27. Diseases of vagina	1	1
28. Diseases of cervix	1	1
29. Diseases of penis	1	1
30. Diseases of scrotum	1	1
31. Diseases of perineum	1	1
32. Diseases of anus	1	1
33. Diseases of rectum	1	1
34. Diseases of sigmoid	1	1
35. Diseases of colon	1	1
36. Diseases of small intestine	1	1
37. Diseases of duodenum	1	1
38. Diseases of jejunum	1	1
39. Diseases of ileum	1	1
40. Diseases of appendix	1	1
41. Diseases of peritoneum	1	1
42. Diseases of pleura	1	1
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44. Diseases of mediastinum	1	1
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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1945 and 1951

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TOTAL DEATHS, 1961

Cause	Male	Female
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	4
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	14	3
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	15	9
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	1	4
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	18	17
18. Coronary disease, angina	22	10
19. Hypertension with heart disease	5	4
20. Other heart disease	11	18
21. Other circulatory disease	7	6
22. Influenza	2	-
23. Pneumonia	3	1
24. Bronchitis	9	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	4	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	5	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	1	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	42	40
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	2
34. All other accidents	2	4
35. Suicide	2	3
36. Homicide and operations of war	1	-
TOTALS	171	134

TOTAL DEATHS, 1954

Rank	Deaths	Disease
1	1,000	1. Tuberculosis, respiratory
2	800	2. Tuberculosis, other
3	700	3. Syphilis, disease
4	600	4. Diphtheria
5	500	5. Whooping cough
6	400	6. Meningococcal infections
7	300	7. Acute poliomyelitis
8	200	8. Measles
9	100	9. Other infective and parasitic diseases
10	100	10. Malignant neoplasms, stomach
11	100	11. Malignant neoplasms, lung, bronchus
12	100	12. Malignant neoplasms, breast
13	100	13. Malignant neoplasms, uterus
14	100	14. Other malignant and dysplastic neoplasms
15	100	15. Leukemia, all kinds
16	100	16. Diabetes
17	100	17. Various lesions of nervous system
18	100	18. Coronary disease, angina
19	100	19. Hypertension with heart disease
20	100	20. Other heart disease
21	100	21. Other circulatory diseases
22	100	22. Influenza
23	100	23. Pneumonia
24	100	24. Bronchitis
25	100	25. Other diseases of respiratory system
26	100	26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum
27	100	27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea
28	100	28. Hepatitis and nephritis
29	100	29. Hypertension of prostate
30	100	30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion
31	100	31. Congenital malformations
32	100	32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases
33	100	33. Motor vehicle accidents
34	100	34. All other accidents
35	100	35. Suicide
36	100	36. Homicide and execution of law
TOTAL	1,000	

DEATHS PER MONTH IN EACH PARISH

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTALS
Barming	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	7
Bearsted	4	1	3	2	2	4	1	1	2	2	6	7	35
Boughton Monchelsea	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	-	-	2	2	-	17
East Farleigh	3	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	1	2	12
West Farleigh	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	4
Hunton	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	6
Linton	8	11	6	6	6	4	4	8	10	10	7	12	92
Loose	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	2	4	1	1	4	25
Marden	4	2	4	4	4	3	5	3	1	2	2	3	37
Nettlestead	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3
Otham	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	6
Staplehurst	5	-	3	2	1	-	2	2	4	3	3	5	30
Teston	1	1	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	2	1	1	11
Yalding	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	-	3	20
TOTALS	31	24	25	23	21	20	20	24	26	26	23	42	305

The parish of Linton contains a hospital of 326 beds, including 69 beds for Part III accommodation under the Kent County Council.

NAME	AGE	SEX	RELATION	EDUCATION	RELIGION	ETHNICITY	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES	SKIN	TEETH	TOES	FEET	HANDS	WRISTS	ELBOWS	SHOULDERS	NECK	FACE	HEAD	TOTAL
Adams	21	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	5' 8"	150	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Allen	22	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	5' 10"	160	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
Anderson	23	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	5' 11"	170	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
Armstrong	24	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 0"	180	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
Baker	25	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 1"	190	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
Barber	26	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 2"	200	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
Beck	27	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 3"	210	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
Belmont	28	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 4"	220	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
Bennett	29	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 5"	230	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
Bishop	30	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 6"	240	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
Black	31	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 7"	250	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
Blackburn	32	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 8"	260	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12
Blackwell	33	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 9"	270	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13
Blackman	34	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 10"	280	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14
Blackmore	35	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	6' 11"	290	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15
Blackburn	36	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 0"	300	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
Blackwell	37	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 1"	310	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
Blackman	38	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 2"	320	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18
Blackmore	39	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 3"	330	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19
Blackburn	40	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 4"	340	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20
Blackwell	41	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 5"	350	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21
Blackman	42	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 6"	360	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22
Blackmore	43	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 7"	370	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23
Blackburn	44	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 8"	380	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24
Blackwell	45	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 9"	390	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
Blackman	46	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 10"	400	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26
Blackmore	47	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	7' 11"	410	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27
Blackburn	48	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 0"	420	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28
Blackwell	49	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 1"	430	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29
Blackman	50	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 2"	440	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30
Blackmore	51	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 3"	450	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31
Blackburn	52	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 4"	460	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32
Blackwell	53	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 5"	470	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33
Blackman	54	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 6"	480	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34
Blackmore	55	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 7"	490	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35
Blackburn	56	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 8"	500	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36
Blackwell	57	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 9"	510	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37
Blackman	58	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 10"	520	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38
Blackmore	59	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	8' 11"	530	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39
Blackburn	60	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 0"	540	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40
Blackwell	61	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 1"	550	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41
Blackman	62	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 2"	560	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	51	50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42
Blackmore	63	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 3"	570	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43
Blackburn	64	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 4"	580	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45	44
Blackwell	65	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 5"	590	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	54	53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45
Blackman	66	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 6"	600	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46
Blackmore	67	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 7"	610	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	48	47
Blackburn	68	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 8"	620	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	48
Blackwell	69	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 9"	630	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	49
Blackman	70	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 10"	640	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50
Blackmore	71	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	9' 11"	650	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51
Blackburn	72	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 0"	660	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	61	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52
Blackwell	73	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 1"	670	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53
Blackman	74	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 2"	680	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55	54
Blackmore	75	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 3"	690	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	64	63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55
Blackburn	76	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 4"	700	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56
Blackwell	77	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 5"	710	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	66	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58	57
Blackman	78	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 6"	720	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	67	66	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58
Blackmore	79	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 7"	730	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	68	67	66	65	64	63	62	61	60	59
Blackburn	80	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 8"	740	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	69	68	67	66	65	64	63	62	61	60
Blackwell	81	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 9"	750	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	70	69	68	67	66	65	64	63	62	61
Blackman	82	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 10"	760	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	71	70	69	68	67	66	65	64	63	62
Blackmore	83	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	10' 11"	770	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	72	71	70	69	68	67	66	65	64	63
Blackburn	84	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 0"	780	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	73	72	71	70	69	68	67	66	65	64
Blackwell	85	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 1"	790	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	74	73	72	71	70	69	68	67	66	65
Blackman	86	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 2"	800	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	75	74	73	72	71	70	69	68	67	66
Blackmore	87	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 3"	810	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	76	75	74	73	72	71	70	69	68	67
Blackburn	88	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 4"	820	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	77	76	75	74	73	72	71	70	69	68
Blackwell	89	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 5"	830	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	78	77	76	75	74	73	72	71	70	69
Blackman	90	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 6"	840	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	79	78	77	76	75	74	73	72	71	70
Blackmore	91	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 7"	850	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	80	79	78	77	76	75	74	73	72	71
Blackburn	92	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 8"	860	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	81	80	79	78	77	76	75	74	73	72
Blackwell	93	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 9"	870	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	82	81	80	79	78	77	76	75	74	73
Blackman	94	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 10"	880	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good	83	82	81	80	79	78	77	76	75	74
Blackmore	95	M	Single	High School	Protestant	White	11' 11"	890	Brown	Blue	Fair	Good										

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

As in previous years, it will be apparent from the report that much of the work of the department has been confined to dealing with routine matters and inspections. Once again, a considerable amount of time and work has been devoted to the supervision and inspection of Improvement Grant work carried out within the area.

Regular visits have been made to the established licenced caravan sites within the area to see that the conditions attached to the licences granted are being provided within the time limits specified. However, it has become noticeable during the year that one or two unauthorised caravan sites have become established, these sites catering mainly for the itinerant traveller. As a result of this occurrence your Inspectors have spent considerable time in visiting these sites with a view to the instigation of subsequent action requiring their removal.

During the year of 1961, no complaints have been received concerning water supply within the district and there is every indication that the supply has been satisfactory, both in quality and quantity. There is, however, still a small number of properties within the area which are not connected to the mains provided by either the West Kent Water Company or the Maidstone Waterworks Company. In such cases, the properties are all some-what isolated and it is extremely doubtful that they will ever be connected to mains supply without considerable expense being involved.

Sampling of the water supply to the area is carried out by the Water Commission (formerly at the service of supply). With the exception of the West Kent Water Company, all sources of supply are outside the district. Samples are taken of the raw water and water following treatment being into supply, the samples being subjected for bacteriological examination and chemical analysis. The results of these analyses taken to evidence of contamination and typical results from chemical analyses are as follows:-

West Kent Water Company			Chemical Examination	
Date			Analysis	
1961	1961	1961	Ammonia nitrate	
1961	1961	1961	Ammonia "nitrate"	
0.05	0.03	0.07	"Oxygen" (in 15 minutes)	
0.04	0.03	0.12	at 27.5 (in 4 hours)	
1961	1961	1961	Nitrogen from nitrate	
1.3	1.5	1.3	Nitrogen from nitrate	
1961	1961	1961	Chlorine	
1961	1961	1961	Total Solids Residue	
1961	1961	1961	Total Hardness (as calcium carbonate)	
			Alkalinity (as calcium carbonate)	
1961	1961	1961	Lead	
1961	1961	1961	Iron in solution	
1961	1961	1961	Total Iron	
1961	1961	1961	Zinc	
1961	1961	1961	Reaction (pH value)	
			Appearance	
1961	1961	1961	Odour and taste	

All samples - The water is of high organic purity.

This year, there has been a considerable increase in the number of additional routine water samples taken by the Public Health Department. This has not been due to any necessity in connection with the water supply in the district but as a supplement to those taken by the Water Commission. In the case of the samples taken by the Public Health Department, these have been taken in most cases from domestic premises and on a few occasions at the direct request of an individual householder.

Water Supplies (continued)

The results of these samples taken showed no evidence of contamination and a typical sample result is shown below:-

Bacteriological Examination

<u>Source</u>	<u>Probable numbers per 100 ml.</u>	
	<u>Coliform bacilli</u>	<u>Bact.coli</u> (type 1)
Tap. Slaughterhouse, Stockett Lane, East Farleigh (Maidstone Water Co.)	None	None
Tap. Boormans, High Street, Staplehurst. (Mid Kent Water Co.)	None	None

The following table gives indication of (a) the number of dwelling-houses, (b) the number of the population supplied from public water mains and (c) by means of standpipes -

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Houses supplied</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Houses served</u>
		<u>4 persons/house</u>	<u>by standpipes</u> (estimated)
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Barming	216	864	-
Bearsted	1,141	4,564	-
Boughton Monchelsea	401	1,604	4
East Farleigh	652	2,608	-
West Farleigh	106	424	3
Hunton	211	844	-
Linton	411	1,644	4
Loose	618	1,472	10
Marden	860	3,440	-
Nettlestead	200	800	-
Otham	118	472	-
Staplehurst	652	2,608	8
Teston	209	836	-
Yalding	822	3,288	-

Scavenging

The refuse collection service is operated by the Engineer and Surveyor and at present results in a fortnightly collection of refuse. Shortly before the summer a proposal was placed before the Council that a more frequent collection of refuse should be attempted in respect of food shops, cafes, etc. This additional service was agreed and a weekly collection was carried out from the premises previously mentioned, the service itself terminating on the 31st October, 1961. During its operation, several shop-keepers expressed their gratitude and enquired whether or not the service could be continued regularly throughout the year.

The refuse tips continue to give considerable concern in respect of rodent infestation. However, routine and regular treatments have resulted in infestations being kept to a minimum.

Drainage and Sanitation

Further progress continues to be made by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department in connection with the proposed sewerage schemes connected with Boughton Monchelsea and Laddingford. It has become apparent during this year that the increase in residential development within the parishes of Bearsted, Marden and Staplehurst is creating difficulties at the various sewage works. As a result of such difficulties, the Council is giving urgent consideration to the possible modification of these sewage works to deal with the problems which have arisen.

Rivers and Streams

Pollution still occurs in the various waterways within the area and can be attributed to overflowing cesspools and direct discharge of sewage from some parishes. Proposed sewerage schemes for the parishes concerned will, on completion, obviate the main sources of pollution.

Drainage and Sanitation

Further progress continues to be made by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department in connection with the proposed sewerage schemes connected with the various Municipalities and Sanitation. It has become apparent during this year that the drainage and sanitation development within the various Municipalities, Towns and Settlements is awaiting attention at the various works. As a result of such attention, the Council is giving urgent consideration to the possible solution of these works to deal with the problems which have arisen.

Drains and Sewers

Pollution still occurs in the various works within the area and can be attributed to overflowing cesspits and drains, discharge of sewage from some houses, drainage cesspits, schemes for the various works and all, on completion, the main sources of pollution.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

HOUSING

Number of houses surveyed	280
Number of revisits to houses	620
Number of drains inspected	186
Number of revisits to drains	247
Visits re Overcrowding	3
Number of visits made under the Housing Acts	143

FOOD AND WATER

Number of Slaughterhouse and meat inspections	509
Number of visits re Water Supplies	32
Number of visits re Milk and Dairies	16
Number of visits re Food and Drugs Act	298
Sampling visits made under the Food and Drugs Act ..	66

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Number of visits re Infectious Diseases	46
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GENERAL

Enterovirus Survey visits	97
Accumulations	27
Keeping of Animals	14
House vans and Camping Sites	108
Hop Pickers' Camps	123
Factories Act	99
Shops Act	342
Rodent Control	331
Miscellaneous	<u>638</u>
Total	<u>4,225</u>

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

HOUSING

280	Number of houses surveyed
280	Number of visits to houses
106	Number of houses inspected
147	Number of visits to drains
3	Visits to overcrowding
193	Number of visits made under the Housing Act

FOOD AND WATER

303	Number of slaughterhouses and meat inspections
32	Number of visits to water supplies
10	Number of visits to milk and dairies
126	Number of visits to food and drugs Act
66	Sanitary visits made under the Food and Drugs Act

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

46	Number of visits to infectious diseases
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GENERAL

97	Epidemiological survey visits
57	Accommodations
14	Hoarding of animals
106	House visits and sampling sites
153	See Pickers, Cattle
39	Factories Act
345	Shops Act
331	Foodstuffs Control
638	Miscellaneous

Grand Total 1,425

Comparison of Summary figures with 1960

The overall number of visits and inspections carried out within the district have increased in excess of 400.

It is apparent, however, that the number of houses surveyed under the Housing Act have reduced somewhat, this being due to the fact that the majority of slum clearance properties within the area had been dealt with during the previous year. Where visits under the Housing Acts, such as drainage inspections and normal visits, have increased, this can be attributed to the considerable amount of supervision required in Improvement Grant operations.

It will also be apparent from the summary that an increased number of visits have been carried out in relation to obtaining water supply samples and milk and ice cream samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act. These extra visits have resulted in a closer supervision of food and shop premises and consequently a general improvement to some individual premises.

Efforts have been made to increase the routine visits to factories and shops, with the prime object of maintaining the reasonable standards which exist at premises and, where necessary, recommending modifications to improve premises.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 which became operative in August, 1960, has necessitated a considerable amount of additional visits and time being spent with the owners or proprietors of the licenced caravan sites within this area.

Visits made in connection with Infectious Diseases have dropped considerably and compare favourably with the national average.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

HOUSING

Informal Notices served	26
Statutory Notices served	40
Notices completed	44

HOUSING DEFECTS DEALT WITH BY NOTICES

Walls and ceilings repaired	14
Rising and penetrating dampness remedied	46
Repairs to external walls	6
Repair to defective windows and doors	24
Chimney stacks repaired	2
General repairs to roofs	9
Provision for fuel storage	1
Repairs to staircases	5
Repairs to fireplaces	1
Cooking facilities provided and/or repaired	6
Repointing to brickwork	4
Repair or replacement of floors	28
Provision of permanent ventilation	2
Provision of adequate lighting	3
Enlargement of window areas	5
Provision of dustbin	2

DRAINAGE

Provision of cesspools	3
Repairs to eaves guttering	10
Sinks provided and/or repaired	12
Repairs to closets	4
Provision of inspection covers	7
Provision of flush closets	2
Repairs to drains	1

NUISANCES

Cleansing of verminous premises	1
Removal of offensive accumulation	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Visits made by Inspectors 46

Reports made to M.O.H. on cases of infectious diseases:-

Scarlet Fever	13
Poliomyelitis	0
Food Poisoning	1
Suspected Food Poisoning	1
Suspected Diphtheria	1

During 1961, notification was received that a member of a Yalding family was a confirmed case of food poisoning. In this particular case, bacteriological samples were obtained from all the members of the family in question until such time as clearance could be given. In actual fact, this resulted in a total number of 56 visits to collect samples and an equal number of visits to the Public Health Laboratory to deliver the samples concerned. This does give some indication of how much work may be involved with an isolated case such as this.

Enterovirus Survey

Visits made by Inspectors 97

During the year, a request was received from the Public Health Laboratory Service for co-operation in obtaining samples from children within the age groups 0 - 5 in connection with research being carried out at the laboratory. In all, some 97 visits were made in this connection and the general public have proved most co-operative.

MISCELLANEOUS VISITS

1. During the year, 638 visits were classified as Miscellaneous. These are broken down approximately under the following main headings:-
2.

No access	139
Litter Bins	9
Dirty premises visited	15
Refuse disposal	118
Interviews with Builders, Architects, Owners, etc.	223
National Assistance Act	24
Collection and delivery of samples to the Public Health Laboratory	56
Meetings	5
Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare) Provisions Act	3
Sewage Works	2
Miscellaneous	32
Noise nuisances	3
Smell nuisances	9

FACTORIES AND WORK PLACES

Factories with mechanical power	68
Factories without mechanical power	4
Inspections of Factories with mechanical power	85
Inspections of Factories without mechanical power ..	5
Inspections of Builders' sites for Sanitary	
Accommodation	4
Inspections of closed Factory premises or premises with no employees	6
Factories with mechanical power - Informal Notices served	12
Factories with mechanical power - Informal Notices completed	1
Statutory Notices served	0

Once again, each of the factory premises within the area have been visited at least once during the year and it is apparent from the above figures that twelve informal notices have been served. In each of these cases, the defects were relatively minor and it is not anticipated that any further action will be required to ensure compliance.

Where considered necessary, visits have been made to Outworkers premises and in no instances have unsatisfactory conditions been found.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1961
FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MAIDSTONE
IN THE COUNTY OF KENT

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

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

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of 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	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	68	85	12	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	4	-	-
Total	76	94	12	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIVISION OF HEALTH
IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927
IN THE CITY OF WASH.

Prescribed by the Board of Health
at the Executive Secy., 1927

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INVESTIGATION FOR PURPOSES OF PREVENTION OF DISEASE (including
Investigation made by Public Health Inspectors).

Investigation	Number of Cases	Number of Investigations	Number of Cases in which Investigation was made	Number of Cases in which Investigation was not made
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Investigation in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be enforced by Local Authority	4	5	-	-
Investigation not included in (1) in which Section 2 is enforced by the Local Authority	48	52	12	-
Investigation in which Section 2 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding all - cases) (including all - cases)	4	4	-	-
Total	56	59	12	-

2 - Cases in which SECTION 2 was enforced
(All details are furnished by the Inspectors on the form on page
separate occasional cases which are treated as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 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Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) -					
(a) Insufficient	2	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	5	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	13	2	-	1	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.,	4	-	-	-	-	-
) Cleaning						
) and						
) Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household linen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains and furniture hangings	1	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						
Sacks						

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Continued)

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Racquet and tennis balls	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paper bags	1	-	-	-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc., of buttons etc						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL	6	-	-	-	-	-

HOUSING

The following information regarding housing in the Rural District is set out in the form asked for by the Ministry of Health.

I	1(a)	Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year. Total number of houses inspected for housing defects, (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	423
	(b)	Number of inspections made for that purpose	1,043
	2(a)	Number of dwelling-houses, (included under sub-section 1 above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	0
	(b)	Number of inspections made for that purpose	0
	3(a)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	32
II	4(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	43
	Remedy of defects during the year, without the service of formal notice.		
	1(a)	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority	28
	III	Action under Statutory Powers during the year.	
	A.	Proceedings under section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957.	
	1.	Number of dwelling-houses in which notices were served requiring repairs	1
	2.	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices - a. By owners	1
		b. By Local Authority in default of owners	0
	B.	Proceedings under the Public Health Act.	
	1.	Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	5
	2.	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices - a. By owners	5
		b. By Local Authority in default of owners	0

ANNEX

The following information regarding the State
Director is set out in the form annexed to the Ministry of
Health.

I	(a)	Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year. Total number of houses inspected for housing defects, (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1,100
	(b)	Number of inspections made for each purpose	1,100
	(c)	Number of dwelling-houses, (classified under sub-section 1 above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Commission Regulations, 1905 and 1906	0
	(d)	Number of inspections made for each purpose	0
	(e)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state of disrepair or unfit for human habitation	10
	(f)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-section) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	4
II		Number of notices during the year, without the service of formal notices	
	(a)	Number of notices of defective dwelling-houses received by the Department of Industrial Action in the local authority	40
III		Action under Statutory Powers during the year.	
	A.	Proceedings under Section 2 of the Housing Act, 1907.	
	1.	Number of dwelling-houses in which notices were served requiring repairs	7
	2.	Number of dwelling-houses which were retained for other the purpose of formal notices - a. By order b. By local authority c. By order of court	7 0 0
	B.	Proceedings under the Public Health Act.	
	1.	Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs to be remedied	3
	2.	Number of dwelling-houses in which notices were served after notice of formal notices - a. By order b. By local authority c. By order of court	3 0 0

C.	Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957.	
1.	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	2
2.	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	2
D.	Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957.	
1.	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	30
2.	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	11
IV	Housing Act, 1957, Part 4 Overcrowding.	
A(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	14
(2)	Number of families dwelling therein	16
(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	74
B(1)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	7
C(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	5
(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases ..	27
D	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	0

C. Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1937.

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which possession orders were made 5

2. Number of dwelling-houses surrendered to possession of local authority 5

D. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1937.

1. Number of separate tenements or sub-tenements in respect of which possession orders were made 10

2. Number of separate tenements or sub-tenements in respect of which possession orders were made, the tenement or sub-tenement being situated in 11

Housing Act, 1937, Part I (Overcrowding).

A(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 14

(2) Number of families dwelling therein 16

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein 16

B(1) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 7

C(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 3

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases 17

D. Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding 0

SUMMARY OF ACTION ON 1961/62 SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

Parish	Houses Requiring action	Action taken		Repaired	Families re-housed
		Demolition Orders	Closing Orders		
Barming	0	0	0	0	0
Bearsted	2	0	2	0	1
Boughton Monchelsea	2	0	2	0	0
East Farleigh	0	0	0	2	4
West Farleigh	3	1	2	0	0
Hunton	3	0	3	0	1
Linton	0	0	0	0	0
Loose	5	0	5	3	0
Marden	2	0	2	2	2
Nettlestead	2	0	2	0	0
Otham	0	0	0	0	0
Staplehurst	6	1	5	0	0
Teston	4	0	4	0	1
Yalding	3	0	3	1	0
TOTALS	32	2	30	8	9

During the year of 1961, the Council's Slum Clearance Programme has proceeded satisfactorily. The figures indicate, within close limits, a similar number of properties dealt with during the previous year. It is, however, apparent that a reversal has taken place with the final action taken in respect of slum clearance properties inasmuch as only two properties were served with Demolition Orders and the remainder with Closing Orders. Ultimately, it is expected that the properties having Closing Orders on them will subsequently be completely repaired and, once again, provide housing accommodation within the district for a considerable number of years to come.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

DISCRETIONARY

Number of applications approved in 1961	21
Number of applications not approved	0
Number of houses involved in approved applications ..	22
Amount of Grants paid during 1961	£9,128
Number of Grants completed during 1961	29

STANDARD

Number of applications approved in 1961	26
Number of applications not approved	0
Number of houses involved in approved applications ..	26
Amount of Grants paid during 1961	£2,560
Number of Grants completed during 1961	29

Comparing this year's figures with those of last year, it is apparent that the public's interest has been maintained and encouraged in respect of applications. The number of Discretionary Grant applications has been reduced by two, whilst the Standard Grant applications show an increase of five over the year. It is expected that next year the number of Standard Grant applications will show a marked increase as opposed to Discretionary Grants, the reason for this being due in some respect to the comparative ease with which a Standard Grant application may be approved and the modification of the Council's policy in respect of the amount of Grant payable on Discretionary Grant applications.

A check on the applications completed during 1961 shows that 50% of the applications have related to farm workers' premises and the majority of the remaining 50% were owner/occupiers.

General Statistics regarding Improvement Grants made by this Council

Total amount approved by the Council up to the 31st December, 1961 - Discretionary Grants	£50,684
Standard Grants	£10,905
Total	<u>£61,589</u>

Total Direct Cost to the Council of Loan Charges
over twenty years £23,120

Total Direct Cost to the Ministry for Grants
approved £69,360

Note:-

This total sum of £92,480 includes interest and stems from the original grant of £61,589.

Approved cost to owners of premises improved,
less grant £90,710

Number of properties assisted in modernisation .. 278

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

DISBURSEMENTS

Number of applications approved in 1951	41
Number of applications not approved	6
Number of houses involved in approved applications ..	12
Amount of Grants paid during 1951	\$5,125
Number of Grants completed during 1951	23

STANDARDS

Number of applications approved in 1951	45
Number of applications not approved	6
Number of houses involved in approved applications ..	10
Amount of Grants paid during 1951	\$5,500
Number of Grants completed during 1951	23

Comparing this year's figures with those of last year, it is apparent that the public's interest has been maintained and encouraged in respect of applications. The number of Discretionary Grants applications has been reduced by 4, while the Standard Grants applications have increased by 1, over the year. It is expected that next year the number of Standard Grants applications will show a marked increase as opposed to Discretionary Grants, the reason for this being that in some respects the requirements have been relaxed. Grant applications may be approved and the notification of the Council's policy in respect of the amount of Grants payable on Discretionary Grants applications.

A check on the applications completed during 1951 shows that 85% of the applications have resulted in the standard's houses and the majority of the remaining 15% were non-complimentary.

General Statistics regarding Investments

Investment Summary by Council

Total amount approved by the Council up to the 31st December, 1951 - Discretionary	\$1,100
Standard Grants	10,000
Total	\$11,100

Total Direct Grants to the Council up to 31st December, 1951	\$5,500
over twenty years	10,000
Total Direct Grants to the Housing for Grants approved	\$15,500

Notes-

This total sum of \$15,500 includes interest and other from the standard grants of \$5,500.

Approved grant to house of private interest \$50,000

Number of properties retained in possession 23

CAMPING SITES AND CARAVANS

<u>Site</u>	<u>Proprietor or Owner</u>	<u>Maximum No. of Caravans</u>
Enterprise Camping Site, East Farleigh	Mr. E. L. Paine.	25
Hartridge Farm Site, East Farleigh	Mr. K. A. and Mrs. M.R.G. Chambers.	46 - 110
The Retreat, Nettlestead.	Mr. P. Lamb.	60

Caravan Sites for Seasonal Use only

Enterprise Camping Site, East Farleigh.	Mr. E. L. Paine.	15
Medway Wharf Site, Nettlestead.	Mr. W. Nunn, Medway Wharf Ltd.	10
Twyford Boat Yard Site, Yalding.	Mr. D. S. Chuter, 102, Blithdale Road, Abbey Wood, S.E.2.	18
Hampstead Cottage Farm Site, Yalding.	Mr. F. O'Reilly.	10

Summary of data

Number of inspections	108
Number of licenced sites	6
Number of licenced caravans	2
Applications for licences	7
Applications for licences refused	0

Following the issue of Site Licences, in accordance with the new Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, in respect of the above sites, the owners have been busy throughout the year in providing some of the amenities required. It is expected that all the works required will be carried out within the time limit specified and several of the caravan occupants have expressed satisfaction with the improvements so far made and expected under the conditions attached to the Licences.

CHARTER SITES AND LICENSES

Number of Licenses	Proprietor or Owner	Site
25	Mr. E. H. Nelson	Enterprise Campsite, East Portland
40 - 120	Mr. E. A. and Mrs. M. B. Thompson	Hartman Farm Site, East Portland
50	Mr. T. Jones	The Retreat, Westland

CHARTER SITES FOR RECREATION

10	Mr. E. J. Jones	Enterprise Campsite, East Portland
10	Mr. E. Jones, Henry Street Inn	Henry Street Site, Westland
10	Mr. E. A. Jones, 101, Division Road, Henry Street, W.L.S.	Weyford Farm Site, Kellogg
10	Mr. E. O'Sullivan	Knappston Cottage Farm Site, Kellogg

Summary of Data

100	Number of Applications
5	Number of Licenses issued
2	Number of Licenses renewed
3	Applications for Licenses
0	Applications for Licenses refused

Following the issue of data licenses, in accordance with the new Charter Sites and Control of Recreation Act, 1960, in response of the above sites, the owners have been informed that the year in providing most of the recreation facilities. It is expected that all the water required will be carried out within the limits specified and covered of the water resources have been established with the Department of the water and water resources the conditions attached to the license.

HOP PICKERS' CAMPS

Total number of Hop Pickers' Camps in use	60
Number of huts in use (estimated)	1,000 + 50 caravans
Estimated number of pickers	3,150
Number of Inspections	123

The hop picking season this year has been a relatively short one, the exceptions being the few farmers within this area who still carry out picking by hand. Inspections this year involved visiting some 52 farms and approximately 60 individual camps. Almost without exception, only part of the camps were used to provide accommodation for the hop pickers. Estimates this year reveal that approximately 3,150 pickers were employed: it is quite apparent that this is a drastic reduction on the estimated annual influx of 30,000 to be expected in the past.

Each camp was visited at least once during the season and further visits were made throughout the year to ensure that the camps are not occupied out of season.

During this year's survey, it was noted that the practice of hop pickers providing their own living accommodation in the form of caravans had increased somewhat, there being approximately 50 caravans sited on various farms.

There were no reported cases of infectious diseases during the season within any of the hop camps. This is, no doubt, due to the considerable reduction in the number of pickers and the fact that there was no necessity for pickers to overcrowd their accommodation.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES

Number of Food premises in the District

Cafes and Restaurants	12
Food Shops (excluding butchers)	87
Dairies	9
Butchers' Shops	16
Licenced Premises	<u>58</u>
Total	<u>182</u>

Number of Visits and Inspections

Cafes and Restaurants	35
Food Shops (excluding butchers)	230
Dairies	13
Butchers' Shops	62
Licenced Premises	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>341</u>

Normal routine visits have been made throughout the year to food premises within the area and as in previous years each shop has been visited and inspected at least once. Personal contact with the shop keepers has maintained a high standard of hygiene and cleanliness throughout the area without the necessity of resorting to any legal action.

During the year, four complaints were made to the department concerning foreign bodies in the following articles - a loaf, a cake, a meat pie and a can of blackberries and apple. In each case the complaint was fully investigated with the shop keeper or manufacturer concerned and the results of such investigations reported to the Public Health Committee. On consideration of the facts available, it was decided that no legal action was warranted, nevertheless, warning letters were sent to the offenders in each particular case. One further point of interest - further examination of the previously mentioned complaints indicates that in only one instance were the manufacturers within the area of this local authority.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF SHOPS

Number of Shops (including Public Houses)	218
Number of Inspections of Shops (including Public Houses)	362

During the year 1961, 362 inspections were made of shops within the district.

In no instance was it found necessary to take statutory proceedings against the occupants of any shops for contraventions of the Shops Act and no representations were received from any organisation.

Each of the 160 shops within the district have, therefore, been inspected at least twice during the course of the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD PROVISIONS

Number of Food provision in the District

Cafes and Restaurants	15
Food Shops (excluding butchers)	33
Butchers	9
Butchers' Shops	15
Licensed Premises	28
<u>Total</u>	<u>100</u>

Number of Visits and Inspections

Cafes and Restaurants	30
Food Shops (excluding butchers)	230
Butchers	18
Butchers' Shops	60
Licensed Premises	7
<u>Total</u>	<u>345</u>

During the year 1951, 345 visits have been made throughout the year to food provision within the area and as in previous years, many shops have been visited and inspected at least once. The number of visits to the shops has been maintained at a high standard of 100 per cent and cleanliness throughout the year without the necessity of resorting to any legal action.

During the year, four complaints were sent to the Department concerning foreign bodies in the following articles - a loaf, a cake, a meat pie and a can of condensed milk. In each case the complaint was fully investigated with the shop keeper or manufacturer concerned and the results of such investigations reported to the Public Health Committee. On completion of the investigation, it was decided that no legal action was warranted, notwithstanding, warning letters were sent to the offenders in each particular case. Two further points of interest - during examination of the previously mentioned complaint regarding foreign bodies in only one instance were the manufacturers within the area of this local authority.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF SHOPS

Number of Shops (including Public Houses)	218
Number of Inspections of Shops (including Public Houses)	102

During the year 1951, 102 inspections were made of shops within the district.

In no instance was it found necessary to take any proceedings against the owners of any shops for contravention of the Shops Act and no representations were received from any organisation.

Each of the 100 shops within the district have, throughout the year, been inspected at least once during the course of the year.

MILK SUPPLIES

Examination of Milk Samples (Bacteriological)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>No. of samples examined</u>	<u>No. found un- satisfactory</u>
Sterilised	10	0
Tuberculin Tested	1	0
Pasteurised	15	1
	26	1

No. of registered distributors 35

No. of registered dairies 9

26 samples were taken during the year and with the exception of one sample, all samples taken were found to be satisfactory. In the isolated unsatisfactory case, follow-up samples proved satisfactory and, therefore, no further action was deemed necessary.

As indicated in last year's Report, samples are now taken throughout the area by the Kent County Council and it has been decided, in view of such circumstances, that the number of samples taken by this Authority should be reduced considerably, the reason being to avoid possible duplication of sampling at various premises. Nevertheless, occasional samples will be obtained by your Inspectors in order to maintain a check on the standards of such premises within the area.

WINE SUPPLY

Inspection of Wine Samples (Continued)

Grade	No. of samples examined	No. found satisfactory
Superior	10	9
Top Quality	7	6
First Quality	12	11
	29	26

No. of registered distillers 25

No. of registered dealers 8

50 samples were taken during the year and with the exception of one sample, all samples taken were found to be satisfactory. In the limited analytical cases, follow-up samples proved satisfactory and, therefore, no further action was deemed necessary.

As indicated in last year's report, samples are now being throughout the area by the Kent County Council and it has been decided, in view of such circumstances, that the number of samples taken by this authority should be reduced considerably, the reason being to avoid possible depletion of samples of various producers. Nevertheless, occasional samples will be obtained by your inspectors in order to maintain a check on the accuracy of such analysis within the area.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Number of licenced slaughterhouses (up to 30.9.61.)	5
Number of licenced slaughterhouses (from 1.10.61. to 31.12.61.).. ..	3
Number of premises cleansed during the year	3

MEAT INSPECTION

<u>Slaughterhouse</u>	<u>No. of carcasses slaughtered</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
West End, Marden	846	54.5
High Street, Staplehurst	472	30.4
High Street, Marden	221	14.2
Stockett Lane, East Farleigh ..	13	0.9
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,552</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Total carcasses examined

	Pigs	Sheep	Calves	Cows	Other Bovine	Total
No. examined	468	821	17	2	244	1,552
No. passed	402	797	16	1	216	1,432
Completely condemned	0	1	1	0	0	2
Partially condemned	66	23	0	1	28	118

Tuberculosis

	Pigs	Sheep	Calves	Cows	Other Bovine	Total
No. examined	468	821	17	2	244	1,552
Completely condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Partially condemned	6	0	0	0	1	7

Other Diseases

	Pigs	Sheep	Calves	Cows	Other Bovine	Total
No. examined	468	821	17	2	244	1,552
Completely condemned	0	1	1	0	0	2
Partially condemned	60	23	0	1	27	111

ALABAMA

Number of licensed slaughterhouses (up to 1914) .. 2
 Number of licensed slaughterhouses (1915-1917) .. 3
 Number of premises closed during the year .. 3

MEAT INSPECTION

Slaughterhouse	No. of animals slaughtered	Per cent
West End, Mobile	245	24.5
High Street, Birmingham	475	30.3
High Street, Mobile	525	34.5
Stockyard Lane, East Birmingham ..	12	0.9
Total	1,257	100.0

Meat carcasses examined

	Pigs	Sheep	Cattle	Cows	Other Animals	Total
No. examined	468	851	17	5	544	1,885
No. passed	462	797	16	4	516	1,835
Completely condemned	0	1	1	0	0	2
Partially condemned	66	53	0	1	28	148

Travelling

	Pigs	Sheep	Cattle	Cows	Other Animals	Total
No. examined	468	851	17	5	544	1,885
Completely condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Partially condemned	6	0	0	0	1	7

Other Diseases

	Pigs	Sheep	Cattle	Cows	Other Animals	Total
No. examined	468	851	17	5	544	1,885
Completely condemned	0	1	1	0	0	2
Partially condemned	60	53	0	1	28	142

MEAT INSPECTION

There has been a reduction of approximately 200 carcasses examined during this year. The reason for this being due to the fact that one slaughterhouse ceased to operate during the early part of the year. Nevertheless, 100% inspection of all the meat slaughtered within the Rural District and the established good relations between slaughterhouse owners and your officers has been maintained.

The amount of meat and offal condemned compares favourably with the previous years. There is, however, an indication that the number of carcasses infected with parasitic conditions of the lungs and liver has decreased slightly, whilst detected cases of *Cysticercus Bovis* in cattle has increased somewhat.

In accordance with the provisions of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, the slaughterhouse owners involved have been pressed throughout the year to carry out the improvements and modifications necessary under the above Act to their premises. At the close of the year, it was apparent that only two of the original five slaughterhouses were to meet the requirements laid down by this Council under the conditions of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958. As a result of this, the remaining three slaughterhouses will not be re-licenced during the forthcoming year.

Diseases of Animals (Waste Food Order), 1957

There are 10 registered plants within the area for the treatment of waste foods to be fed to animals. No new applications were received during this year. Wherever possible additional routine visits were made throughout the year to ensure that operators met their obligations under the above Order.

WINE IMPORTATION

There has been a reduction of approximately 500 carcases
examined during this year. The reason for this being due to the
fact that one slaughterhouse ceased to operate during the early
part of the year. Nevertheless, 100% inspection of all the meat
slaughtered within the State District and the established good
relations between slaughterhouse owners and their officials has
been maintained.

The amount of meat and offal rendered complete favorably
with the previous years. There is, however, an indication that
the number of carcasses returned with sanitary conditions of the
joints and liver has decreased slightly, which detracts from the
optimum results in certain meat inspection examinations.

In accordance with the provisions of the Elmhurst Ordinance
Act, 1928, the slaughterhouse owners involved are required
throughout the year to carry out the inspection and sanitiza-
tion necessary under the above Act in their premises. At the
close of the year, it was apparent that only two of the original
five slaughterhouses were to meet the requirements laid down by
this Council under the conditions of the Elmhurst Ordinance Act.
1928. As a result of this, the remaining three slaughterhouses
will not be re-licensed during the following year.

Disposal of Animals (Meat Order), 1928

There are 10 registered places within the area for the
treatment of waste foods to be fed to animals. No new applications
were received during this year. However, routine inspections
continue to be made throughout the year to ensure that
operators are using facilities under the above Order.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN DETAIL

	Pigs	Sheep	Calves	Cows	Other Bovine
High Street, Staplehurst -					
No. examined	201	176	0	0	95
Completely condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Partially condemned	21	9	0	0	5
High Street, Marden -					
No. examined	112	58	1	0	50
Completely condemned	0	1	0	0	0
Partially condemned	20	3	0	0	8
West End, Marden -					
No. examined	145	587	15	0	99
Completely condemned	0	0	1	0	0
Partially condemned	24	11	0	0	15
Stockett Lane, East Farleigh -					
No. examined	10	0	1	2	0
Completely condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Partially condemned	1	0	0	1	0

STATION REPORT IN DETAIL

Station	Area	Value	Depth	Height	Remarks
High Street, Birmingham -	No. examined	201	175		
	Completely contained	0	0		
	Partially contained	21	3		
High Street, London -	No. examined	112	93		
	Completely contained	0	1		
	Partially contained	20	3		
West End, London -	No. examined	162	137		
	Completely contained	0	0		
	Partially contained	24	11		
Stocks Lane, West Yorkshire -	No. examined	10	0		
	Completely contained	0	0		
	Partially contained	1	0		

MEAT INSPECTION

Reason for Condemnation

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Completely condemned</u>	<u>Partially condemned</u>
Tuberculosis	0	7
Abscesses	0	15
Pleurisy	0	7
Ascaris Lumbricoides	0	0
Nephritis	0	1
Pneumonia	0	12
Pericarditis	0	5
Parasitic infection	0	19
Actino-bacillosis	0	2
Cirrhosis	0	12
Pyæmia	1	0
Cysticercus Bovis	0	7
Blood Splashing	0	1
Peritonitis	0	3
Congestion	0	18
Mastitis	0	1
Bruising	0	3
Arthritis	0	9
Liver Fluke	0	4
Wounds and swellings	0	1
Decomposition	0	1
Milk spot	0	4
Fever and jaundice	1	0

The incidence of Tuberculosis in carcasses has again decreased slightly. In each case the infections detected were confined to pigs and found to be of the avian variety. A considerable reduction in parasitic infection of lungs and cirrhosis of the liver has been apparent, this would appear to indicate the possibility of improved animal husbandry.

WATER INSPECTION

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Location	Number of cases	Number of deaths
Waterworks	0	0
Abolition	0	0
Plants	0	0
Acute infection	0	0
Waters	0	0
Pharmacies	0	0
Portals	0	0
Parasitic infection	0	0
Acute-infection	0	0
Cholera	0	0
Pyrexia	1	0
Cysticercus bovis	0	0
Blood poisoning	0	0
Parasitic	0	0
Conjunctivitis	0	0
Necrosis	0	0
Braining	0	0
Arthritis	0	0
Liver fluke	0	0
Wounds and swellings	0	0
Neoplasms	0	0
Nil spot	0	0
Fever and jaundice	0	0

The incidence of *Parasitic* in cases has again increased slightly. In each case the infection was confined to the liver and found to be of the acute variety. *Parasitic* infection is parasitic infection of lungs and elsewhere of the liver has been reported. This will appear to indicate the possibility of improved animal husbandry.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers
within the MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT during the year
ended 31st December, 1961.

<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>
Bile Beans	1
Bread	1
Bronchial Balsam	1
Bronchial Tablets	1
Butter	2
Cara-Mellos Caramel Flavoured Cereal ..	1
Cheese Spread with Mushroom	1
Chippy Real Fruit Juice, Apple and Apricot	1
Chocolate Flavoured Drink	1
Cider	2
Coffee Sugar	1
Crab and Lobster Fish Paste	1
Danish Luncheon Meat	1
Demerara Sugar	1
Elasto Tablets - Standard	1
Gin	2
Glycerine, Lemon and Honey	1
Granulated Sugar	2
Limits	1
Margarine	1
Milks	25
Milk Chocolate Cream Egg	1
Minced Beef in Gravy	1
Orange Drink	1
Oxtail Flavour Soup	1
Pink Salmon	1
Pilchards in Tomato	1
Pork Chipolatas	1
Pork Sausages	1
Pure American Lard	1
Pure Lemon Juice	1
Pure Malt Vinegar	1
Raspberries in Heavy Syrup	2
Real Minced Chicken in Jelly	1
Seed Sago	1
Slimbread	1
Soluble Saccharin	1
Tablets of Aspirin B.P.C.	1
Tenda Steaks	1
Whisky	2
<u>Total</u>	<u>70</u>

Summary

Milks	25
Drugs	6
Spirits	4
Other Samples	<u>35</u>
	<u>70</u>

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 (continued)

All of the samples taken were genuine with the exception
of the following:-

<u>Samples of</u>	<u>Analyses</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Slimbread	Fat 5.4%: Nitrogen 11.6%: Carbohydrate 63.3%: Calories per slice 14 not 12 as stated.	The calories per slice were given as 12 but, as the accuracy of this depended on the thick- ness of the slice, the makers agreed to dis- continue the claim.
Bread	A discolouration was due to a pigment probably used in a coloured icing.	The maker was warned.

FOOD AND WATER ANAL. 1933 (continued)

All of the samples taken were analyzed with the exception of the following:-

<u>Location taken</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Sample of</u>
The entire lot of rice was given as 15 lbs. as the quantity of this sampled on the 15th- noon of the 15th, the analysis agreed to dis- continue the grain.	For 2.5% Nitrogen 17.6% Carbohydrate 65.3% Cellulose per slice is not 12 as stated.	Slime
The water was analyzed.	A discolored water was found to be present probably used in a colored liquid.	Grain

ICE CREAM

<u>Number of Samples</u>	<u>Methylene Blue</u> <u>Test Group</u>	<u>Pathogenic</u> <u>organisms</u> <u>cultivated</u>
31	I	0
8	II	0
1	III	0
0	IV	0

Regular sampling of ice cream sold within your area has been carried out during the year and with the exception of one sample, all were found to be of a satisfactory standard. In the case of the one unsatisfactory sample follow-up samples were taken from the same premises and these samples proved to be satisfactory.

As in previous years, attempts were made to secure at least one sample from each of the registered premises within the district and the overall results indicate a continuance of the satisfactory methods of storing ice cream for sale.

This year has again been a difficult one for collection of returns. A further increase in the total number of returns made by your District Operators in 1931 has been secured by some 50% more than the last year. Considerable reduction of the returns has been experienced elsewhere and additional treatment throughout the year. However, at the close of the year this particular problem has not been solved to a degree and it is hoped that this situation will continue to be affected.

During 1931, a survey and test programme were carried out by the officers within the various parishes served by this District. Results of this test-heating were most encouraging and it was found that the quality of the ice cream was of a high standard and that the heat-treatment was satisfactory.

ICE DATA

<u>Number of Samples</u>	<u>Season-Long</u>	<u>Estimated</u>
21	I	0
8	II	0
1	III	0
0	IV	0

Regular sampling of ice cream sold within your area has been carried out during the year and with the exception of one sample, all were found to be of a satisfactory standard. In the case of the one unsatisfactory sample follow-up analysis was taken from the same premises and these samples proved to be satisfactory.

As in previous years, attempts were made to secure at least one sample from each of the registered premises within the district and the overall results indicate a continuance of the satisfactory methods of storing the cream for sale.

RODENT CONTROL

Summary of Inspections and Surveys made under Rodent Control

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricul- tural	All Other (incl. Business Premises)	Total
Total number of pro- perties in Local Authority's area	11	6,520	206	602	7,339
Number of properties inspected as a result of Notification	0	487	9	20	516
Number of properties inspected as a result of Survey or other- wise	11	8	38	316	373
Total number of inspections and re-inspections carried out	201	1,994	461	316	2,972
Number of properties inspected found to be infested by:-	Rats 10	444	45	29	528
	Mice 0	40	2	6	48
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority (completed)	10	484	46	35	575
Total treatments carried out, incl- uding re-treatments (completed)	50	654	123	91	918
Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	67				

This year has again been a difficult one in relation to rodent infestation. A further increase in the total number of visits made by your Rodent Operator in 1961 has increased by some 301 visits over the last year. Persistent infestation of the refuse tip has necessitated extensive and continual treatment throughout the year; however, at the close of the year this particular problem had been reduced to a minimum and it is hoped that this situation will continue to be effected.

During 1961, a survey and test treatments were carried out in the sewers within the various parishes served by main drainage. Results of this test-baiting were most encouraging and in only two isolated manholes was it found that bait had in fact been disturbed.

RODENT CONTROL (continued)

It was noticed during the year that there was a considerable increase in the number of complaints received from the occupiers of dwelling-houses. The Contract system continues to operate satisfactorily and at the present time amounts to 41 agreements involving some 51 properties. These general increases have necessitated considerable effort on the part of the Rodent Operator in the carrying out of his duty to the satisfaction of all concerned. Nevertheless, such satisfaction has been achieved by Mr. Curties carrying out some of his work on Saturdays and I should like to record appreciation of his efforts and the enthusiastic manner in which he has carried out his duties.

It was noticed during the year that there was a considerable increase in the number of complaints received from the companies of dwelling-houses. The Councils of the various districts in England and Wales at the present time are much more active in their efforts to improve the sanitary condition of the houses under their jurisdiction. Some of the most successful efforts have been made in the case of the London Councils. The Councils of the various districts in England and Wales are much more active in their efforts to improve the sanitary condition of the houses under their jurisdiction. Some of the most successful efforts have been made in the case of the London Councils. The Councils of the various districts in England and Wales are much more active in their efforts to improve the sanitary condition of the houses under their jurisdiction. Some of the most successful efforts have been made in the case of the London Councils.

Birth-rates, Death-rates and Analysis of Mortality in the year

Area	Rate per 1,000 population	Annual Death-rate per 1,000 population				Rate per 1,000	
		All causes	Tuberculosis	Cancer of lung	Other cancer	Live Births	Related Births
England and Wales	17.4(P)	12.0	.06(P)	.49(P)	1.67(P)	21.4	18.7(P)
Hollingbourn R.D.	14.60	11.31	.05	.40	1.92	28.00	34.74
Maidstone R.D.	14.49	10.67	-	.85	1.75	17.42	10.34
Malling R.D.	19.60	10.89	.22	.57	1.36	21.33	11.85
Maidstone Borough	16.17	11.98	.18	.46	1.41	23.73	21.21
County of Kent	16.30*	12.19*	.08	.53	1.70	20.02	18.22

(P) - Provisional Rates

* - Crude Rates

GENERAL SUMMARY

Estimated resident population, 1961	19,990
Area (in acres)	34,487
Density (persons per acre) .. ..	.579
Annual Birth rate per 1,000 population -	
crude	14.35
corrected	14.49
Annual Death rate per 1,000 population -	
crude	15.25
corrected	10.67
	Male Female Total
Births	149 138 287
Deaths	171 134 305
Excess of deaths over births	18
Tuberculosis death rate -	
Pulmonary	Nil
Non-pulmonary	Nil
Cancer death rate per 1,000 population	2.51

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