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RURAL DISTRICT of MARKET HARBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

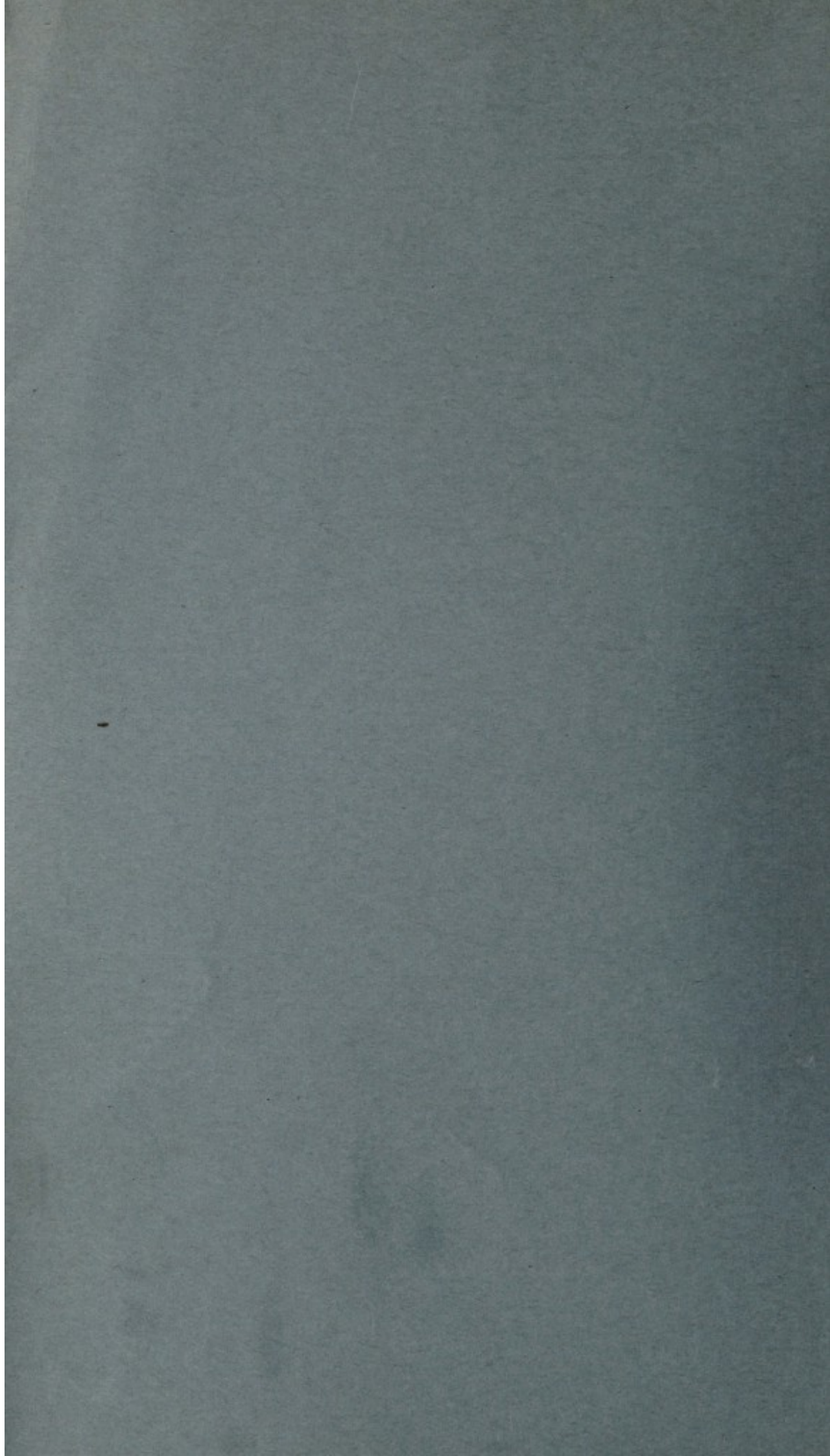
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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1968



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VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	45,670	No. of occupied houses	3,785
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1968	£326,619	No. of houses owned by the Council	743
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,295.16. 2	Population (mid 1968)	10,730
<u>BIRTHS</u>		<u>DEATHS</u>	
Live births: Legitimate:		Deaths: All causes	
Male: 85		Male: 59	
Female: 75		Female: 67	
Total.....160		Total..... 126	
Illegitimate:		Deaths of infants under 1 week of age:	
Male: 6		Male: 2	
Female: 3		Female: Nil	
Total..... 9		Total..... 2	
Total live births:		Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:	
Male: 91		Male: 3	
Female: 78		Female: Nil	
Total.....169		Total..... 3	
<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>			
Male: Nil		Deathrate per 1,000 estimated population	
Female: 1		11.7	
Total..... 1			
Birthrate per 1,000 estimated population			
15.8			

Causes of Death	1968		
	Male	Female	Total
Other Tuberculosis	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	3	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	7	16
Diabetes Mellitus	-	2	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	1	2	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	14	12	26
Other forms of Heart Disease	4	12	16
Cerebrovascular Disease	5	6	11
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	3	9
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	1	3	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	4	10
Asthma	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour	1	-	1
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	1	2	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	2	2
All Other Accidents	-	1	1
All Other External Causes	1	-	1
Total Deaths, all causes	59	67	126

Cause of Death			1958	
	Male	Female	Total	
Total deaths, all causes	39	67	106	
All other External Causes	1	-	1	
All Other Accidents	-	1	1	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	2	2	
Syptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	1	2	3	
Birth Injury, Stillborns, Labor	1	-	1	
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1	
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1	
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1	1	
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2	
Asthma	-	1	1	
Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	4	10	
Pneumonia	1	3	4	
Influenza	1	1	2	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	3	9	
Coronary Artery Disease	5	6	11	
Other forms of Heart Disease	4	12	16	
Ischemic Heart Disease	14	12	26	
Hypertensive Disease	1	2	3	
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1	
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	1	2	
Diabetes Mellitus	-	2	2	
Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	7	16	
Malignant Neoplasms, Digest	-	3	3	
Malignant Neoplasms, Lung, Bronchus	4	1	5	
Malignant Neoplasms, Stomach	1	-	1	
Other Tuberculosis	1	-	1	

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one death recorded as due to the non-pulmonary form of the disease.

One new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified.

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

The following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Scarlet fever	.....	2
Measles	.....	166
Whooping cough	.....	11
Acute Pneumonia	.....	2
Infective Jaundice	.....	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	.....	1
Dysentery	.....	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS

Action was taken during the year to persuade three individuals to enter hospital without formal measures becoming necessary.

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OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

The following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Disease	No. of cases
Scarlet fever	2
Measles	100
Whooping cough	11
Acute tonsillitis	2
Infective jaundice	1
Septic pyrexia	1

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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Action was taken during the year for persons who had been notified as being in need of assistance under the National Assistance Act, 1920.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

For the following information I am indebted to Mr. R. W. Turner, Chief Public Health Inspector, whose work during the year under review it represents.

WATER SUPPLY

Main water supplies from the Leicester Corporation, Market Harborough Urban District Council, and the Mid. Northants. Water Board remain consistently good. All Parishes have a piped supply.

3776 dwelling houses have an internal supply. 42 houses have external standpipes, whilst 50 houses still rely on wells and expose a population of 108 to some risk.

It is satisfactory to record that Nevill Holt School was connected to the mains supply during the year.

4 samples of well water were taken, all of which were found unsatisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The district is served by 3 privies, 30 pail closets, and 3852 water closets, the latter discharging into some 23 publicly owned sewage works. In addition, there are 262 cesspools.

Analysis of effluents was continued, and 31 samples of effluent were examined. The quality of effluents, with a few exceptions, usually conforms to requirements.

Construction of the new disposal works at Fleckney was started in September.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected at fortnightly intervals by direct labour and disposed of by crude tipping at Husbands Bosworth, Hallaton, Kibworth, and Holt. The Kibworth Tip has been specified for the dumping of cars and other refuse as required by the Civic Amenities Act of 1967.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Complaints received during the year	 148
Premises concerned	 177
Total visits of inspection	3076

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A sample of well water were taken, all of which were found unsatisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The district is served by 3 privies, 30 pail closets, and 3825 water closets, the latter discharging into some 25 publicly owned sewers. In addition, there are 202 cesspools.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE

	<u>Inspections</u>
Animal keeping	19
Dairies	3
Drainage works	578
Dwelling houses	1520
Food premises	49
Infectious disease inquiries	7
Rodent control	209
Refuse collection and disposal	198
Schools	2
Shops and offices	308
Slaughterhouse and meat inspection	38
Caravans	25
Water supplies	20
Workplaces	23
Other inspections	71
Smoke control	6

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st Jan, 68.	Nil	1
Issued during year	29	22
Complied with during year	28	23
Statutory action necessary	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on 31st Dec. 68.	1	Nil

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of premises	No. registered	Inspections	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
				Found.	Remedied	O/S 31 Dec. 68.
Offices	5	2	-	-	-	-
Retail shops	25	25	-	-	-	-
Wholesale shops warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	14	24	-	-	-	-
Fuel storage depots	3	3	-	-	-	-
Totals	47	54	-	-	-	-

TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE

Inspections

19	.....	Animal keeping
3	.....	Bairies
578	.....	Bratnaga works
1920	.....	Dwelling houses
49	.....	Food premises
7	.....	Infectious disease industries
209	.....	Noxious control
198	.....	Refuse collection and disposal
2	.....	Schools
308	.....	Shops and offices
38	.....	Slaughterhouses and meat inspection
25	.....	Caravans
20	.....	Water supplies
23	.....	Workplaces
71	.....	Other inspections
6	.....	Smoke control

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR

<u>Private</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st Jan. 68. 411		1
Issued during year 29		22
Complied with during year 28		23
Statutory action necessary 111		111
Outstanding on 1st Dec. 68. 1		111

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1962

Class of premises	No. registered	Inspected	Accidents reported	Condemnations		
				Found.	Remedied	Out.
Offices	2	2	-	-	-	-
Retail shops	25	25	-	-	-	-
Wholesale shops and warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	11	24	-	-	-	-
Fuel storage depots	3	3	-	-	-	-
Totals	47	54	-	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Treatment of sewers and tips was carried out by a Contractor assisted by Council workmen under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors. 28 infestations were dealt with, necessitating 102 visits. Refuse Tips were disinfested four times.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

No case of infestation was reported.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1961

No Licences were issued.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951, and RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises affected by the operation of these Acts.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Three premises are licensed. 19 inspections were carried out.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

No defects were found during the year.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

No formal action was taken during the year.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Three complaints were received during the year. Sound level measurements were carried out without grounds for nuisance being established.

FACTORIES ACTS

Factories concerned in the operation of these Acts	.....	64
Other premises	.....	17
Inspections made	.....	187
Contraventions found	.....	Nil
Number of outworkers	.....	51

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1953

Treatment of houses and ships was carried out by a Contractor assisted by Council workers under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors. 28 inspections were made with, necessitating 102 visits. Rat traps were distributed four times.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

No case of infestation was reported.

CANARY BITE AND CONTROL OF ENVIRONMENT ACT, 1951

No licences were issued.

POULTRY ACT, 1951, and POULTRY AND OTHER BIRD WELFARE ACT, 1951

There are no premises affected by the operation of these Acts.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1951

Three premises are licensed. 12 inspections were carried out.

SHOPS ACT, 1953

No defects were found during the year.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1955

No formal action was taken during the year.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1953

Three complaints were received during the year. Sound level measurements were carried out without evidence for nuisance being established.

FACTORIES ACT

Inspection conducted in the operation of these Acts	20
Other premises	17
Inspections made	187
Contraventions found	211
Number of offenders	21

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

Premises inspected	.....	106
Visits made for this purpose	.....	240
Informal Notices served	.....	6
Informal Notices complied with.....		6

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES)
REGULATIONS, 1966

Stallholders complying with Regulations	12
Delivery vehicles complying with Regulations	21

ICE CREAM

45 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream.

MILK: DAIRIES AND DISTRIBUTORS

	<u>Distributors</u>
Number on Register	 9
Inspections made	 3

MILK SAMPLING

No action was necessary during 1968 as a result of the examination of samples of milk for tubercle bacilli or Brucella abortus.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the area.

Animals slaughtered during 1968.....	233
Animals examined at time of slaughter	233
Inspection of meat shops	 38
Inspection of places where food other than meat is kept or prepared for sale	 221

The results of examinations are shown in the following table:-

	Pigs	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs
Number killed (if known)	-	9	Nil	Nil	224
Number inspected	-	9	Nil	Nil	224

No disease was found.

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

108	.....	Premises inspected
210	.....	Visits made for this purpose
6	.....	Informal Notices served
6	.....	Informal Notices complied with

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1960

12		Stallholders complying with Regulations
21		Delivery vehicles complying with Regulations

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MILK: PAIRING AND DISTRIBUTION

Distribution

2		Number on Register
3		Inspections made

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H O U S I N G

1. New Houses

Number of applications for council houses at the end of the year		252
Applications received during the year	.....	81
Programme of new council houses:		
Erected during the year	.....	26
Under construction at the end of the year	.....	Nil
Number of houses erected during the year by private enterprise	.....	144
Number of houses in course of construction at the end of the year by private enterprise	.....	84
Total number of post-war houses completed by		
a) Local Authority		498
b) Private enterprise		768

2. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year

a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects	.....	131
Number of inspections made for the purpose	.....	403
b) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation		14

3. Repairs

Houses rendered fit after informal action	64
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4. Housing Act, 1957

	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Persons displaced</u>
Houses demolished	11	2
Houses closed	3	7

5. Housing Act, 1949

Applications for Improvement Grant are accepted and dealt with on merit.

8 applications were received in 1968. 7 of these were approved at 50% of the approved cost of works. One only of the applications approved related to rented property.

6. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

15 owner/occupiers applied for Standard Grants. A further 8 owners of rented property were similarly accommodated.

20 affected properties were improved during the year.

No application for Standard Grant was refused.

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	b) Private enterprise

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