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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

District Council Offices
Alexandra Road,
Wisbech.

J. A. SLATTERY,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

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A. Mann, C.R.S.H.

MARSHLAND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year ending December 31st. 1962.

The estimated mid-year population was 17,170 an increase of 160 on the estimate made for 1961.

Births There were 266 live births giving a birth rate of 15.8

Deaths There were 133 deaths. The death rate was 8.75.

Infectious Disease

Measles There were rather more notifications in 1962 than in the previous year. This difference was brought about by outbreaks of measles in the Spring and again in the Autumn of the year. There were no deaths. Measles has a consistently low mortality in this country though in other parts of the world outbreaks may still bring death rates as high as 20 per cent of cases. The measles virus was isolated in 1954. Since then vaccines have been produced, which, though effective in preventing the disease, may cause unpleasant reactions. These vaccines are still being studied and are not yet available for general use.

Poliomyelitis

There were no cases during the year. In February the live attenuated vaccine was made available to local health authorities. Evening clinics were held in villages throughout your district.

Does Hygiene Matter?

Well I think so. It is 130 years since Chadwick propounded rules for healthy living based on sanitary reform. His ideas were sound and came long before the discovery of the agents of infectious illness. It may seem surprising that knowledge of infectious disease is even now increasing very rapidly and that much space in the medical journals is taken up with it. Paradoxically as progress in the laboratory makes it ever more difficult for us to keep abreast of

scientific discovery we are continually brought back to the fact that the practice of a few simple health measures could prevent the development and spread of much of the illness from which the community suffers.

The means by which chest and throat infections spread are fairly well understood. One knows that droplets containing countless bacteria and smaller organisms are sprayed from the mouth and nose in breathing, talking and coughing. In this way colds are passed round. Most people know this yet how often does one see babies picked up and kissed by friends (?) and neighbours with streaming colds? In the past few years a fresh hazard has been recognised in this most selfish practice. Many people get small blisters and sores round the mouth with each cold. They are caused by a virus which, when passed to babies, has a more sinister effect. It can cause meningitis. Taking the throat and chest infections as a whole, however, one has to admit that with the exception of tuberculosis, progress in their prevention has been slight. We must talk, eat and work together and so we share our germs.

Many infections are swallowed. Food borne infection is an example. In these cases organisms reach the food from the hands of the food handler. Prevention lies in personal hygiene and the minimum handling of food. Our standard of food hygiene is still far too low.

Human and animal excreta harbour many disease-producing organisms. In a recently published paper a child was found after a debilitating illness to be suffering from whipworm infestation. These worms attack only man and live in the intestine. Most people suffer no ill effects from them. The eggs are passed and after a short period of maturation can infect others. In this case a pail closet was being emptied into the garden and the infected soil consumed by the child in the course of play. Here is an example of a preventable illness which confirms what has been accepted for many years - that the tipping of night soil into the garden is not a safe practice. We know it already of course but the evidence is still coming in. One looks forward to the day when all villages are sewered and the pail closet is a thing of the past.

Again on the subject of intestinal infections it has been discovered quite recently that a common worm found in puppies may infect children. Larval forms of the worm have been found in the eyes where they cause a serious inflammation. The condition is rare but now that the connection between the eye disease and the canine parasite has been recognised it too can be prevented. A sensible precaution is to have pets treated for possible worm infection before placing them with a family.

Health Education

"In his diet he observed some measure
There were no superfluties for pleasure".

Chaucer's admirable physician was a health educator by example. To have effect, health educators today must similarly practise the advice they give. This needs underlining. There are those who accept that smoking causes lung cancer and agree that the young should be discouraged from smoking yet who, at the same time, see no need to give it up themselves. In recent years statistics have been used to show how in other ways our mode of living affects our health. Most of us eat too much, take no exercise, and dissipate our leisure time. These faulty habits lead eventually to chest and heart disease, neurosis and a number of minor ills. We tend not to see ourselves as the cause of our infirmities but imagine they are thrust upon us. We therefore seek cure or relief in sedatives or stimulants, tonics, and medicines. There is considerable scope for health education in this field but it is essential that those who wish to influence the young should themselves live the sort of life they think is healthy.

I should like to record my appreciation for the assistance and support I have had during the year from the Clerk, Public Health Inspectors and members of the Local Health Office staff.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. A. Slattery,

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SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	56,652
Population in 1931	15,350
Population in 1951 (Census)	16,567
Population in 1962 estimated mid year home population ...	17,170
Number of separate dwellings occupied 1962	5,807
Rateable value 1962	£125,898
Product of a penny rate 1962	£496

LIVE BIRTHS 266

Rate per 1,000 population	15.8
Ditto for Administrative County	16.10
Ditto for England and Wales	18.0
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	6.4

DEATHS (All Causes) 133

Rate per 1,000 population	8.75
Ditto for Administrative County	12.06
Ditto for England and Wales	11.9

STILL BIRTHS 4

Rate per 1,000 total live and still Births	14.81
Ditto for Administrative County	17.71
Ditto for England and Wales	18.1

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS 270

INFANT DEATHS (Deaths under 1 year) 1

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total Live Births ..	3.75
Ditto for Administrative County	14.42
Ditto for England and Wales	21.4
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate Births	4.01
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births ...	Nil.

(EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE)

(Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live Births) ...	Nil.
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NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE

(Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total Live Births) ... 3.75

PERI-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

(Still Births and Deaths under one week combined per
1,000 total Live and Still Births) ... 14.81

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Including Abortion)

Number of Deaths Nil.
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births Nil.

1. GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES

Norfolk Executive Council, 54, Prince of Wales Road, Norwich.
Clerk - F.H. Adams, Esq.

(a) GENERAL

- (i) Norfolk Norwich Hospital, Norwich.
- (ii) West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital, King's Lynn.
- (iii) Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich.
- (iv) St. James' Hospital, King's Lynn. (For chronic sick).
- (v) North Cambs Hospital, Wisbech.
- (vi) The Howdale Home, Downham Market.

(b) MATERNITY

- (i) Bowthorpe Maternity Hospital, Wisbech.
- (ii) West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital (Maternity Unit).
- (iii) Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

(c) INFECTIOUS

- (i) Isolation Hospital, King's Lynn.
- (ii) Peterborough Isolation Hospital.
- (iii) Cambridge Isolation Hospital.

(d) SANATORIA

- (i) Kelling Sanatorium, Holt.

(e) MENTAL

- (i) St. Andrews Hospital, Norwich.
- (ii) Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich.
- (iii) Little Plumstead, Norwich.

2.

MATERNITY SERVICES

(a) District Nurses showing areas served (at times of compilation of this report).

Nurse Stevens - Terrington St. Clement and Terrington Marsh.

Nurse Cable - Walpole St. Andrew, Walpole St. Peter, Walpole Highway and Walpole Cross Keys.

Nurse Flewin - Terrington St. John, Fen End, Trinity Road, Tilney St. Lawrence, Hay Green and Marshland St. James.

Nurse Curson - Tilney All Saints and Clenchwarton.

Nurse Criss - West Walton, Walsoken and Emmeth.

Nurse O'Leary - Upwell, Outwell, Welney and Three Holes.

(b) MATERNITY

Beds in Regional Hospital Board Establishments.

(i) Bowthorpe Maternity, Wisbech.

3.

AMBULANCE AND HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

The hospital car service for the Marshland area is conducted by the Local Health Office, Nelson Street, King's Lynn.

The Marshland area is jointly served by the Downham Market and King's Lynn Ambulances.

Infectious Disease cases are conveyed by East Dereham, Wisbech and King's Lynn Ambulances.

4.

RED CROSS AND ST. JOHN MEDICAL LOAN DEPOTS.

(a) Terrington St. John - Mrs. D. Greer, Church Road, Terrington St. John.

(b) Walpole St. Peter - Mrs. G. Woods, Walpole St. Peter.

(c) Terrington St. Clement - Mrs. R. Spurling, 'Reselle', 41, Lynn Road, Terrington St. Clement.

(d) Outwell - Mrs. Roper, Eason House, Outwell.

(e) Three Holes - Mrs. D. Jerney, 'Roysan', Three Holes.

5. COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES

(a) INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

- (i) Walpole St. Peter - 2nd Tuesday. 2 - 4 p.m.
- (ii) Terrington St. Clement - 3rd Tuesday. 2 - 4 p.m.
- (iii) Clenchwarton - Last Monday. 2 - 4 p.m.
- (iv) Emneth - Last Tuesday. 2 - 4 p.m.
- (v) Tilney St. Lawrence - Last Thursday. 2 - 4 p.m.

The Assistant County Medical Officer of Health attends at the above centres.

In addition Village Infant Welfare Centres are held at the following villages - Marshland St. James, Outwell, West Walton and Three Holes. These centres are conducted by the Local Nurse/Midwives and Health Visitors, and are visited periodically by the Assistant County Medical Officer.

(b) HOME HELP SERVICE

The County Home Help Scheme is doing excellent work and Home Helps are at present available for the following parishes and villages - Terrington St. John, Terrington St. Clement, Upwell, Outwell, Walpole St. Andrew and St. Peter, Tilney St. Lawrence, Clenchwarton, Islington, Emneth, Elm, Marshland St. James and Tilney All Saints.

6. VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC

West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.

MALES - Tuesdays and Fridays - 5.30 p.m.

FEMALES AND CHILDREN - Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 3.0 p.m.

7. DISINFECTION

- (i) Disinfection of premises is carried out by the Senior Public Health Inspector's Staff.

8. LABORATORY SERVICE

- (a) Public Health Laboratory, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich. Under the direction of Dr. L.M. Dowsett.
- (b) Public Analyst, Eric C. Wood, Ph.D., A.R.C.S., F.R.I.C., Clarence House, 6, Clarence Road, Norwich.

COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

- (i) Walpole St. Peter - 2nd Tuesday, 2 - 4 p.m.
- (ii) Terrington St. Clement - 3rd Tuesday, 2 - 4 p.m.
- (iii) Clanchester - Last Monday, 2 - 4 p.m.
- (iv) Keneath - Last Tuesday, 2 - 4 p.m.
- (v) Tilly St. Lawrence - Last Thursday, 2 - 4 p.m.

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STATISTICAL TABLES, 1962.

Table No. 1

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other forms	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic diseases	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	3	3	6
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	-	4
12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
13. Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	6	7	13
15. Leukaemia	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system	14	10	24
18. Coronary disease, angina	15	11	26
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
20. Other heart diseases	4	5	9
21. Other circulatory diseases	2	5	7
22. Influenza	-	1	1
23. Pneumonia	2	3	5
24. Bronchitis	5	4	9
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	2	-	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1	3
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1	2
28. Nephritis, Nephrosis	1	-	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformation	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill defined diseases	4	5	9
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34. All other accidents	3	2	5
35. Suicide	2	1	3
36. Homicide	-	-	-
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2	2	2	Tuberculosis, other forms
3	3	3	Syphilitic diseases
4	4	4	Diphtheria
5	5	5	Whooping cough
6	6	6	Meningococcal infection
7	7	7	Acute poliomyelitis
8	8	8	Measles
9	9	9	Other infective and parasitic diseases
10	10	10	Malignant neoplasms, stomach
11	11	11	Malignant neoplasms, lung, bronchus
12	12	12	Malignant neoplasms, breast
13	13	13	Malignant neoplasms, uterus
14	14	14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms
15	15	15	Leukemia
16	16	16	Diabetes
17	17	17	Vascular lesions of nervous system
18	18	18	Coronary disease, angina
19	19	19	Hypertension with heart disease
20	20	20	Other heart disease
21	21	21	Other circulatory disease
22	22	22	Influenza
23	23	23	Pneumonia
24	24	24	Bronchitis
25	25	25	Other diseases of the respiratory system
26	26	26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum
27	27	27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea
28	28	28	Nephritis, nephrosis
29	29	29	Hypertasis of prostate
30	30	30	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion
31	31	31	Congenital malformation
32	32	32	Other defined and ill defined diseases
33	33	33	Motor vehicle accidents
34	34	34	All other accidents
35	35	35	Suicide
36	36	36	Homicide
	72	133	

Table No. 2

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.1962.Notification in Age Groups.

Disease.	A G E S											Total	
	Under 1	1+	2+	3+	4+	5+	10+	15+	20+	35+	45+		65 & Over
Measles	2	6	15	27	7	87	7	-	-	-	-	-	151
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Meningococcal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salmonella Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Non-Paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	6	15	28	7	90	7	-	1	-	1	1	158

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Table No. 3

1962.

(Other than Tuberculosis).

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Measles	-	-	7	14	37	17	-	2	2	42	18	12	151
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Meningococcal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salmonella Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Non-Paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	1	8	16	37	17	1	4	2	42	18	12	158

Table No. 4

NEW CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS - 1962

Age in Years	New Cases		Deaths		TOTAL
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	
	Per. Male	Per. Male	Per. Male	Per. Male	
-1	-	-	-	-	-
-2	-	-	-	-	-
-15	-	-	-	-	-
-25	1	1	-	-	2
-35	1	-	-	-	1
-45	-	-	-	-	-
-55	1	-	-	-	1
-65	-	-	-	-	-
65 & Over	-	1	-	-	1
TOTAL	1	3	-	1	5

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st December, 1962.

WATER SUPPLY:

This service is provided by the Wisbech and District Water Board.

The water supplied to the Marshland Rural District comes from two sources:-

- (a) The Board's Marham Works, and
- (b) King's Lynn Corporation Water Department
(Bulk supply to Margareta Bridge Pumping Station)

Frequent bacteriological examinations have been undertaken during 1962 on samples from the Board's Marham Works, Margareta Bridge Pumping Station and the distribution system in this area. The results have been of a very high standard. Many chemical analyses have also been carried out.

All new mains were sterilised, samples taken and bacteriological examinations made before the mains were put into service. No connections were permitted until the water in the mains was of the highest standard of purity.

SUMMARY of Examinations and Analyses

Samples Taken	<u>Bacteriological Examinations</u>			Chemical Analyses
	<u>No. of Tests Taken</u>	<u>No. of Tests Negative</u>	<u>No. of Tests Positive</u>	
Board's Works - Raw Waters	157	143	14	
Board's Works - Treated Waters	259	258	1	
King's Lynn, Bulk Supply Margareta Bridge	141	141	-	
Consumers' Taps	61	61	-	
Totals	618	603	15	132
Total of all examinations and analyses		<u>750</u>		

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	-	151	151	King's Lynn, Bulk Supply Margaretta Bridge
	-	61	61	Consumers' Taps
132	15	603	618	Totals
		150	150	Total of all examinations and analyses

Out of the total of Board's treated water samples, samples taken at Margarett Bridge Pumping Station (Bulk supply from King's Lynn) and samples taken from consumers' taps, 99.8% were negative on examination for organisms of the coliform group.

The above information has kindly been supplied by Mr. J.S. Collins, Chemist and Bacteriologist, Wisbech and District Water Board.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL:

Cesspools, privy vaults and septic tanks continue to be the sole method of disposal. Excellent work was done by the Council's Employees in the emptying and disposal of these systems and I give below details of the work carried out during the year -

Cesspools

1966

Privy Vaults

367

Sewage Disposal Plants. (Council Housing Estates). Emptying carried out by the labour and equipment of the Housing Department.

RIVER POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTS:

The district continues to be controlled by the two main Internal Drainage Boards of the Marshland Fen and West of Ouse together with the Middle Level Commissioners with outfalls controlled by the River Boards of the Nene and Ouse.

Pollution still occurs, especially in the northern area, but with the advent of a sewage disposal scheme this will largely be overcome.

FRUIT PICKERS' QUARTERS AND SEASONAL WORKERS - CARAVANS:

The problem of housing and siting caravans for seasonal workers still exists. Periodical visits to all sites were continued and except for a few isolated cases a reasonable state of cleanliness and order was maintained. At the peak of the fruit picking season the number of itinerant vans was between 150 and 200, but during the winter this fell to 14.

Surveys were made during the peak periods of the residential and casual caravans in the district and a report given to the Norfolk County Council.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960 -

The policy has continued of controlling caravan sites by inviting applications where agricultural exemption cannot be claimed.

During the latter part of the year, two licences were issued for holiday caravan sites (one of twelve and one of four caravans) in the parishes of Outwell and Upwell. These are licensed for the period 1st June to 31st October each year and will provide suitable accommodation for a proportion of the many anglers and their families coming to this area for the enjoyment of the coarse fishing in the Middle Level.

The residential site which had in past year caused difficulty, maintained a higher standard.

INFESTATION BY PESTS:

- (a) Bed Bugs No reports of infestation were received.
- (b) Fleas No cases were reported or found.
- (c) Flies No major problems arose. Refuse tips were treated by the Department and individual cases were dealt with by modern insecticides.
- (d) Cockroaches No cases of infestation were reported.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACTS:

No rodent operator is employed by the Council. There were no heavy infestations reported. The Department maintained a constant watch over refuse tips and baiting continued regularly. Advice was given to various persons reporting infestations and in some cases help was given by the Department in controlling infestation on premises.

PUBLIC CLEANSING:

The Council continued its policy of a fortnightly kerbside collection in the district.

Following the acquisition of the Wisbech Canal, in February, controlled tipping commenced on 13th June, 1962 at Boyces Bridge, Outwell. The scheme is operated by the Marshland and Wisbech Joint Refuse Disposal Committee comprising members of the Marshland and Wisbech Rural Councils and the Wisbech Borough Council.

A John-Deere-Lanz vehicle with back-hoe is used for earth digging and the compaction and covering of tipped refuse. Trade refuse is accepted at the tip subject to payment of appropriate fees. Measures are taken against flies and rodent infestation, and during the year, no complaints were received from residents living in the vicinity.

So far as this Council is concerned, the Canal tip was used only for the disposal of refuse from the Parishes of Emneth, Outwell and Upwell. Two other privately owned tips being used for the remainder.

Following the policy of centralising tipping at the Canal the Council placed on order a 35 cubic yard Continuous Loading Type refuse vehicle for delivery early in 1963.

FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES:

83 visits were made to all types of food premises during the year.

21 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream.

There are no ice cream manufacturers in the district.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES. MEAT INSPECTION:

Following the Orders made under the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations fixing 1st January, 1962, as the "Appointed Day" for this area, one licence only was renewed for the slaughterhouse of Mr. D.W. Sutton, School Road, Upwell whose premises have been brought up to the required standard.

Regular slaughtering was carried out and post mortem inspection was made of all animals slaughtered.

CONDEMNED MEAT:

Total weight of meat condemned - 786 lbs.

MILK AND DAIRIES:

Milk samples were taken by the staff of the County Council.

OFFENSIVE TRADES:

There is one licensed knacker's yard in the area at Terrington St. John and the owner was requested to carry out repairs to the slaughter hall.

The following table shows -

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
No. Killed (if known)	132	-	-	450	1260	-
No. inspected	132	-	-	450	1260	-
(a)	-	-	-	-	2	-
(b)	4	-	-	6	14	-
(c)	3.03	-	-	1.33	1.2	-
(d)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(e)	-	-	-	-	8	-
(f)	-	-	-	-	0.63	-
(g)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(h)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(i)	-	-	-	-	-	-

Key to Table:

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- (d) Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned.
- (e) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.
- (f) Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.
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253 Plans were submitted to the department during the year for approval under the Council's Building Byelaws.

ACTION BY THE COUNCIL UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS DURING 1962.

Parish	Closing Orders made	Under takings accepted	Demolition Orders made	Demolition by informal action	Purchased by Council for Demolition
Clenchwarton	-	-	2	-	-
Emneth	-	-	-	-	-
Marshland St. James	-	-	-	-	-
Outwell	-	-	-	-	-
Terr. St. Clement	-	-	1	-	-
Terr. St. John	-	-	-	-	-
Tilney All Saints	1	-	-	-	-
Tilney St. Lawrence	-	-	2	-	-
Upwell	-	-	-	-	-
Walpole St. Andrew	-	-	-	-	-
Walpole St. Peter	-	-	-	-	-
Walsoken	-	-	-	-	-
West Walton	2	-	-	-	-
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Glenhewerton	-	2	-
Emmett	-	-	-
Marshall St. James	-	-	-
Outwell	-	-	-
Terr. St. Clement	-	1	-
Terr. St. John	-	-	-
Tilney All Saints	1	-	-
Tilney St. Lawrence	-	2	-
Upwell	-	-	-
Walpole St. Andrew	-	-	-
Walpole St. Peter	-	-	-
Walsoken	-	-	-
West Walton	2	-	-
TOTALS	3	5	-

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Summary of Visits - 1962.

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Building Byelaws	1,207
Water Supply	12
Sub soil Drainage	31
Moveable Dwellings	205
Factories	55
Bakehouses	6
Refuse Collection and Disposal	278
Rodent Control	157
Petroleum	26
Housing	249
Slaughterhouses	209
Food Premises	83
Infectious Disease	16
Miscellaneous	94
Planning Acts	43
Improvement Grants	65
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FACTORIES:

No formal action was necessary. The number of Factories and Bakehouses registered in the District are as follows:-

Parish	No. with Mechanical Power	No. with no Mechanical Power.
Clenchwarton	3	-
Emmeth	12	2
Marshland St. James	1	1
Outwell	4	-
Terr. St. Clement	9	-
Terr. St. John	6	1
Tilney St. Lawrence	4	-
Upwell	7	2
Walpole St. Andrew	6	1
Walpole St. Peter	1	4
West Walton	2	-
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TOTALS	55	11
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1. Number of Visits made	54
2. Number of Notices issued	-
3. Prosecutions	-
4. Types of defect found and by whom reported	-
5. Action taken to remedy defects	-
6. Number of Outworkers.	1.

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Terr. St. John	5	1
Tinny St. Lawrence	4	-
Upwell	7	2
Walpole St. Andrew	5	1
Walpole St. Peter	1	4
West Walton	2	-
TOTALS	52	11

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