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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1951

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, we deal briefly in this Report with matters within our responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine:-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) Registrar General's	estimated Mid-Ye	ar Home	Populat	1 on	13.91.0
Number of Inhahited	Houses				3,520
Rateable Value	··				£81,649
Sum represented by	a Ponny Rate				· · · £306

VITAL STATISTICS

			Males	Females	Totals
Live Births:	Legitimate		118	118	236
	Illegitimate		8	7	15
			126	125	251
Still Births:	Legitimate		3	2	5
	Illegitimate .		-	1	1
			3	3	6
Birth Rate per 1	,000 population	•••		1950 19.1	1951 17.8
Birth Rate for E	ingland and Wales			13.8	15.5
			Males	Females	Totals
Number of Deaths			75	67	142
				1950	1951
	1,000 population			12.5	10.0
Death Rate for	England and Wales	•••	• • •	11.6	12.5

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Vital Statistics (continued):

	Males	Females	Totals
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:- Legitimate Illegitimate	4	11	5 5
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live	Births-	1950 30.5	1951 19.9
Infant Mortality for England & Wales		29.8	29.6

The statistics can be regarded as satisfactory. The Death Rate is low and the low Infant Mortality Rate is an indication of the good work carried out by the Maternity and Child Welfare Services.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis of respiratory system Syphilitic Disease Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach Malignant Neoplasm of Breast Malignant Neoplasm of Lungs Malignant Neoplasm of all other sites Leukaemia Diabetes Vascular Lesions of Nervous System Coronary Disease Heart Diseases Other Circulatory Disease Influenza Pneumonia Bronchitis Other Diseases of Respiratory System Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum Gastritis, Enteritis or Diarrhoea Nephritis or Nephrosis Hyperplasia of Prostate. Congenital Malformations Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases Motor Vehicle Accidents All other Accidents Suicide Homicide or Operations of War	1 1 2 - 5 4 1 1 4 3 6 6 2 3 - 2 1 1 - 1 2 4 1 1 2 1	14-41-35274111111
	75	67

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Camb.)

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

H. Buxton, M.R. San. I., M.S. I.A.

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Meat & Foods Inspector.

S.J. Mayo, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester :-

Facces	18
Urine	12
Blood	11
Sputum	••• ••• 5
Throat Swab	3
Pus Swab	1
Ice Cream	12
Tinned Cherries .	2
Water	1
Other Specimens	2

The good co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory Service has continued during the year and the assistance given has been of great value.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

(1) Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1951.

Diseases	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever Pneumonia Dysentery Erysipelas Whooping Cough Measles Puerperal Pyrexia Poliomyelitis Meningococcal Infections	15 31 5 5 15 133 1 2	15 1 4 - 1 1 - 2 3	4
	210	27	4

Age Groups

Diseases	Under 1	1	2	3	4	519	10	15 24	2 <u>5</u> 3 <u>4</u>	<u>35</u> 44	<u>45</u> 64	65 & over
Scarlot Fever Pneumonia Dysentery Erysipelas Whooping Cough Measles Puerperal Pyrexia Poliomyelitis Meningococcal Infections	- 2 - 3 7 -	1 -1 -1 8 - 2 -	1 1 - 3 24	4 - 1 - 3 23	2 - 1 27	62-33-1	1 3 - 1 1 - 2	1 1 1 1 1 -	5	3	812	8 2
TOTALS	12	13	29	31	30	55	8	3	5	3	11	10

There was no serious outbroak during the year.

Scarlet Fever. - The small number of scarlet fever cases were of the usual mild type.

Poliomyelitis - The two notified cases of this disease were twins, aged one year, who were living with foster parents.

Diphtheria - Once again it is pleasing to report that no case of this disease was notified during the year. The last case of diphtheria amongst children occurred in 1945.

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(2) Tuberculosis.

Age		Nev	Cases		Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary				Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	М	F	M	F	M	F
1 - 4 5 - 14 15 - 24 25 - 34 45 - 65 55 - 65	- 33 - 3 -	15221 -	1	1 1	1 -			-
Totals	9	11	1	2	1	_		

the year. Of the 23 cases added to the Register by notification or transfer, 7 were persons living at the Polish Hostel.

Number of Cases on Register at 31st December 1951.

	Males	Females.
Pulmonary	 38	29
Non-pulmonary .	 9	14

(3) Diphtheria Immunisation

The responsibility of the scheme for the immunisation of children against diphtheria was transferred to the Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act on July 5th, 1948, and details supplied show that during the year 1951, 168 children under five years of age were immunised against diphtheria and 99 children aged four years to fourteen years were given a "booster dose.".

Number of Children immunised against Diphtheria since the Scheme started in 1941:-

				No.	immunised
1941					1,946
1942	• • • •				565
1943 1944		•••	• • • •		398
1945		•••	• • • •		226
1946					224 205
1947					187
1948	• • • •				248
1949	• • • •		• • •		179
1951		:::	•••		150 168
			• • • •		100
					4,496
					-

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Cases of Diphtheria notified since 1940 :-

		Under 5 years	5 to 15 years	Over 15 years.
1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949		6 10 3 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil	7 38 4 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil	6 12 1 2 Nil Nil Nil Nil
1950 1951	:::	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) WATER SUPPLY

Mumber of Samples taken for Analysis:-

1	(a)	from	piped	supply	 	 4
1	DI	irom	wells		 	 Nil

Two samples of water for bacteriological examination and two samples for chemical analysis from the piped supply were all satisfactory. The reports obtained show that the water supply was satisfactory as regards quality, and no serious shortage of supply was experienced, but it is hoped that the negotiations for an additional supply will soon reach a successful conclusion in order to meet the rapidly increasing demands of the Town.

During the year a piped supply from the water mains was substituted for a supply from a well where previous samples had shown that the well water was unsatisfactory.

(2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No. of Cesspools in District at the end of 1951 ... 6

No new cesspools were constructed during the year.

(3) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in District at end of 1951:-

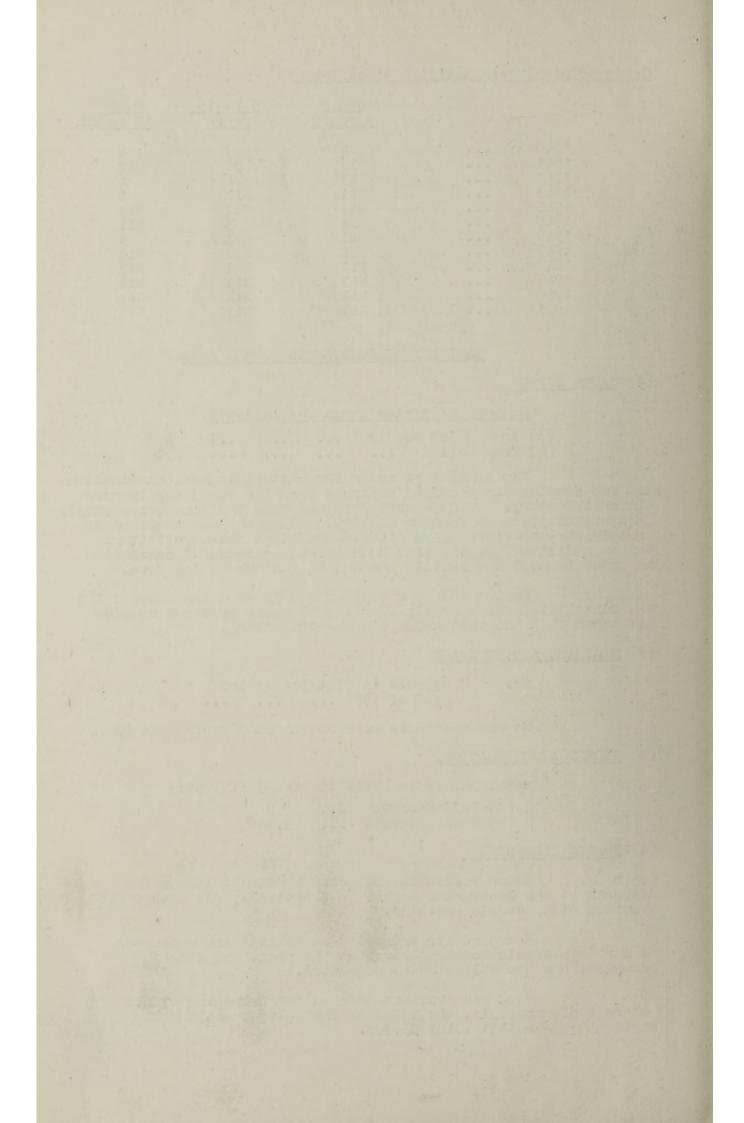
(a) Pail Closets ... 9 (b) Water Closets ... 3,880

(4) PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected by direct labour for disposal at the Destructor Works. Practically all houses are provided with movable dustbins.

House refuse and salvage material are collected as far as possible weekly throughout the area, and larger accumulations are collected as requested.

Good progress was made on the salvaging of all classes of materials, the value of the salvage dealt with during the year 1951 being £3,928.



SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes, including particulars given elsewhere in this Report:-

Total number of Complaints received	 	115
Total number of premises at which		
Defects or nuisances were dealt with	 	231

INSPECTIONS.

Nature of 1	Inspections		Number o	f Inspections
Bakehouses Dairies Drainage Works Food Premises Refuse Collection & Rodent Control	Disposal eat Inspection	n		755 23 8 20 75 210 25 462 2 51 540 5 11 41 8 45 53 2,334.
Preliminar	Z:		Housing	Other

FIGITITIET'Y:	nousing	O cher
Outstanding on 1st January	11	6
Issued during the Year	32	56
Complied with during the Year	29	55
Statutory action necessary	Nil	1
Outstanding at 31st December	14	7
24-4-4	274.7	
Statutory	Nil	7

Summary Action :-

Proceedings were taken against a firm for non-compliance with a notice to abate a nuisance arising from effluvia or funes given out in the process of manufacture of glass marbles.

Production of these marbles coased before the Court hearing and as the nuisance did not then exist, no Nuisance Order was made. The firm concerned did not recommence production and the premises were later taken over by a firm of engineers.

SHOPS

Action taken under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950 :-

Seven defects were found relating to sanitary conveniences and washing facilities and five were remedied.

REGULATED BUILDINGS

	Number in District.	Number of Inspections.	
Common Lodging Houses	2	7	

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

(a) Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health :-

	No. on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	37	25	1	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	70	14	1	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	6	6	-	-
	113	45	2	-

(b) Cases in which defects were found :-

	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness Sanitary Conveniences:-	4	4	1
(1) Insufficient (2) Unsuitable or Defective (3) Not separate for Sexes	5 1	1 5 1	3
	11	11	4

(c) Outwork :-

Number of Outworkers 30
There were no instances of outwork in unwholesome premises.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

- (a) Publicly owned: One Childrens' Swiming Pool owned by Town Estate.
- (b) Privately owned: One open air Swinning Pool.

As mentioned in the previous Annual Report, the method of chlorinating the water for use in the Children's Swimming Pool in the Play Close was not entirely satisfactory, but a suitable chlorination plant has now been installed which gives proper chlorination of the water by controlled dosage.

RATS AND MICE DECEMBER ON.

After pre-bait testing, two maintenance treatments were carried out during the year to destroy Rats in those main sewers found to be infested, with very satisfactory results.

Minor rat infestations at the Destructor Works, Salvage Depot and Sewage Disposal Works have been dealt with, also minor rats or mice infestations which were reported or discovered at 4 business premises and 47 private premises.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year.	
(a) (i) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	264 496
(b) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
(c) Number of dwellinghouses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	46
2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notice.	
(a) Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	32
(b) Unfit houses demolished	1
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.	
Proceedings under the Housing Acts and Public Healt	th Nil
4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV - Overcrowding.	

Complete details of all overcrowding in the District cannot be given, but from the information supplied by over 600 applicants for Council houses, there are many cases of overcrowding, and the position is still difficult.

During the year, ten families have been transferred to Council Houses. Consideration has also been given to applications from Council House tenants who require a larger house and other cases where a smaller type of house would meet their need, and in order to make the fullest use of available accommodation, fourteen Council House exchanges have been effected.

The total number of persons rehoused, excluding Council House exchanges is 34, and the number of persons rehoused in Council House exchanges is 56, a total of 90.

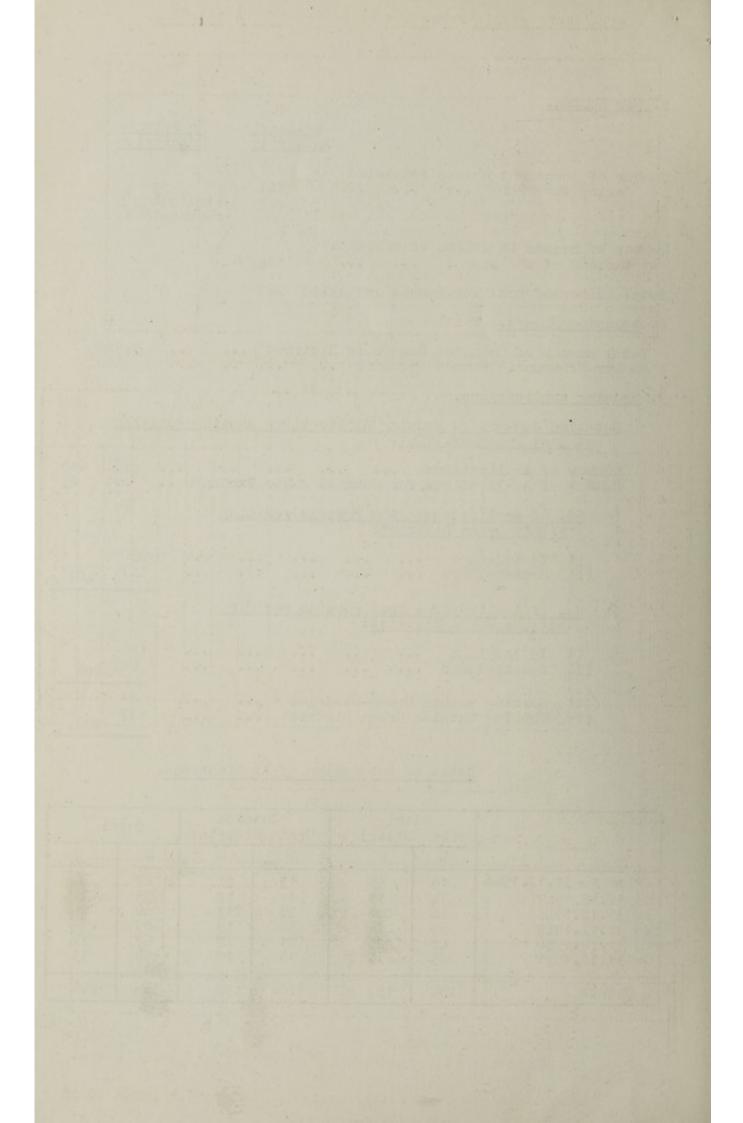
In addition to conditions of overcrowding, there are a number of houses in the Town where the structural and general conditions are so unsatisfactory that it will be necessary to consider the making of demolition orders and the rehousing of the tenants in such cases.

5. New Houses.

	Local ority	By Priv	
Number of permanent houses completed during the year	Nil	13 (includin conversio	
Number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year	124	8	
Total number of post war houses completed	260	81	
6. Occupied Houses.			
Total number of Occupied Houses in Distr Number of Council Houses occupied	ict	:::	3,520 500
7. Housing Applications.			
Detailed Surmary of Housing Applicati at 31st December, 1951.	ons show	ing Posit	ion
Number of Applications Number of Applications for Council Ho	use Exch	ange	615 25
(a) No. of Applications from Persons within Urban District:	residing		
(i) In lodgings (ii) Householders	:::		50 57 407
(b) No. of Applications from Persons outside Urban District:	residing	:	
(i) In lodgings (ii) Householders	:::	1	16 92 208
(iii) Working within Urban District (iv) Working outside Urban District			81 27 208
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Dates of Submission of Applications.

	Within Urban District		Outside Urban District		Tot	al
	L	Н	L	Н	L	Н
Prior to 31.12.1946 To 31.12.1947 To 31.12.1948 To 31.12.1949 To 31.12.1950 To 31.12.1951	16 14 46 59 46 69	55 11 28 24 25 14	13 11 22 30 21 19	21 12 13 15 12	29 25 68 89 67 88	76 23 41 39 37 33
Totals	250	157	116	92	366	249



Applicants within Urban District residing in Lodgings.

Size of Family		No. of Families
Two applicants	and one Child and two Children and three Children	1 4 83 6 89 10 39 2 1 12 1
Total		250

Applications from Householders within Urban District.

Size of Family	Be NH			r o		use 5	6	Total
One Applicant Applicant with one Child Man and Wife Man, Wife and one Child Man, Wife (Expectant Mother) and one Child Applicant and two Children Man, Wife and two Children Man, Wife and three Children Applicant and three Children Man, Wife and three Children Man, Wife and three Children Man, Wife (Expectant Mother) & Three Children Applicant and four Children Man, Wife and four Children Man, Wife and four Children Man, Wife and Five Children Man, Wife and Five Children Man, Wife and eight Children	- 135117 1 1611411	1 5 - 1	10 17 - 20 1 - 10 - 19 - 3	2159125-24-3-11	1 - 1 2 - 1 3 - 1 2 - 1 - 1 - 1	1 1 1	1	2 2 2 3 3 3 6 1 3 2 3 1 6 1 5 1
Totals	32	7	71	36	7	3	1	157

NH - Nissen Hut.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supply.

(a) Dairies (other than dairy farms) and Distributors.

			No. of	Contrave	traventions		
	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	Found	Remedied	Outstand- ing on 31 st. Dec.		
Dairies	7	15	3	3	Nil		
Distributors only	2	5	1	1	Nil		

(b) Biological Milk Samples.

One sample of milk taken for biological test proved satisfactory.

This is the only case where non-designated milk produced in

the District is not heat treated before retail sale.

Only a comparatively small quantity of the milk now sold in this Urban District is raw milk which has either not been heat treated or designated "Tuberculin Tested".

(c) Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Licences issued: -

Dealers' Licences: Pastourised Milk ... 1 Sterilised Milk ... 1

Supplementary Licences Nil

(d) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Licences issued:-

Dealers' Licences Nil Supplementary Licences 1

2. Ice Creem.

Number of Promises registered: -

(a) Manufacture and Retail ... 1
(b) Manufacture only ... 1
(c) Retail only ... 43

Number of Inspections of Premises 33

Number of Samples taken .. 12 Results: Grade 1 - 9

Grade 2 - 3 Grade 3 - Nil Grade 4 - Nil

At thirty nine of the forty three retail premises, only pre-packed ice cream is sold.

3. Meat and Other Foods.

		Regional Slaughterhouses in Area 1
Number	01	Animals slaughtered 9,538
		Inspections of Meat at times of slaughter 526
Number	of	Knacker's Yards in Area 1
Number	of	Visits to Knacker's Yards 4

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle xcluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number Killed & Inspected	1736	748	734	5372	948	9538
All diseases except Tuberculosis Whole Cercases condemned	8	8	45	82	20	Weight in 1b. 15839
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	608	303	14	119	47	15339
Percentage of number in- spected affected with disease other than Tub- erculosis.	30.9%	41.6%	8.0%	3.7%	7.1%	31,178
Tuberculosis only.						
Whole carcases condemned	10	36	3	-	4	29599
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	234	204	-	-	45	13726
Percentage of number in- spected affected with Tuberculosis	14.1%	32.1%	0.4%	-	5.2%	13,325

Total Weight in 1b.

74,503

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33 tons, 5 cwts., 23 lb., of Meat was condemned during the year, compared with 41 tons, 16 cwts., 1 lb. last year.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc. ... 22
Places where Food (other than Meat) is kept or prepared for sale 165

The following Foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered:-

283 lb. of Fish; 364 lb. of Other Foods; and 3,187 tins, jars and bottles of various Foods.

The tins condemned included 68 large tins of imported cooked ham, nett weight $960\frac{3}{4}$ lb., and 1,472 tins of one brand of imported cherries.

The tins of cherries appeared quite sound externally but when opened the contents had a strong "metallic" taste and smell due, in the Analyst's opinion, "to hydro-carbons formed by the action of the acid fruit juice on the tin container and rendered the food not of a suitable quality for human consumption." As a result of information passed to, and action taken by, the Food Inspector for the district where the importer's warehouse was situated, the whole of the consignment was withdrawn from sale.

4. Food Poisoning.

No cases of Food Poisoning have been notified during the year 1951.

We have the honour to be,

Your obedient servants,

J. YOUNG

Medical Officer of Health.

H. BUXTON

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

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