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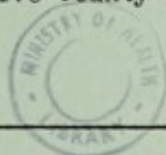


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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the

Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector

for

1965



ANNUAL REPORT

of the
Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District
of Newmarket, in the County of West Suffolk for
the year ended 31st December, 1965.

Tel: Newmarket 2321

Public Health Department,
Severals House,
Newmarket.

September, 1966.

To the Chairman and Councillors of
the Urban District of Newmarket.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1965.

The Birth Rate was lower and the Death Rate higher than that of the country as a whole.

The Infant Mortality Rate was lower than that for England and Wales.

The incidence of infectious disease was generally low.

In the course of the year there were 66 applications for improvement grants, this figure being 50% higher than that for the previous year. The majority of the applications were from owner occupiers.

The Meals of Wheels Service which is run by the W.V.S. with financial backing from the District Council and the County Council did exceptionally good work during the year when 100 hot meals were provided for each of 42 old people unable to cook for themselves.

I wish to express my appreciation of the help afforded me in compiling the Report by the Chief Public Health Inspector, the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, the Architect to the Council and by Mr. Parr of the Public Health Department.

My thanks are also offered to the Chairman and all members of the Public Health Committee for their help and encouragement throughout the year.

I am,

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. FARNILL MORGAN

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Officers of the Authority - 1965.

(a) Medical - One part-time Medical Officer of Health.

A. Farnill Morgan, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., D.P.H. (Durham),
Cert. Mental Deficiency and Allied Subjects (London).

This Officer does not engage in private practice but holds in addition the following appointments :-

Medical Officer of Health :	Haverhill U.D.C.
	Clare R.D.C.
	Mildenhall R.D.C.
Assistant County Medical Officer :	West Suffolk C.C.

(b) Other - Chief Public Health Inspector.

G. Penistone, F.A.P.H.I., Cert.S.I.B.,
Cert. Inspector of Meat and other Foods.
Cert. Smoke Inspector, Royal Society of Health.

Additional Public Health Inspector.

K. Wotton, M.A.P.H.I.,
Cert. Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

Appointed 1st November 1964.

Assistant.

D. Parr

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Councillor Mr. G.D. Northam (Chairman)

"	Mr. F.W. Christopher
"	Mr. G. Clayton Smith
"	Mrs. E.M. Cundell
"	Rev. E.J. Edmundson
"	Mr. E.W. Hughes
"	Mr. R.G. Langham
"	Mrs. D.M. Nuttall
"	Mr. R.L. Waters

The Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio

Mr. J. Crabb, Clerk of the Council.

Mr. P. D. Lees, Architect to the Council.

Mr. F. G. Wood, Engineer & Surveyor to the Council.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

GENERAL STATISTICS. Area	5,640 acres
Registrar General's estimate (1962)	(1965)
of resident population 11,200	11,600

Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book.	3,787	3,842	3,964	4,053
Rateable Value	£148,916	£355,196	£378,625	£398,445
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£594	£1,458	£1,515	£1,580

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	84	91	175
Illegitimate	10	7	17
	<u>94</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>192</u>
Live birth rate per 1,000 population			16.5
Corrected birth rate (Comparability factor 0.96)			15.8
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)			18.0
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births			8.8

STILL BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	2	-	2
	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths			20.4
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths (England & Wales)			15.7

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	85	92	177
Illegitimate	12	7	19
	<u>97</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>196</u>

DEATHS.	Male	Female	Total
	92	64	156
Death rate per 1,000 population			13.4
Corrected death rate (Comparability factor 0.95)			12.7
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)			11.5

INFANT MORTALITY -deaths of infants under one year of age.

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	-	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>

INFANT MORTALITY RATES.

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	15.6
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births (England & Wales)	19.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	17.1

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births	10.4
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EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	10.4
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	30.6
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MATERNAL MORTALITY

Number of deaths (including abortion)	NIL
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COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
Birth Rate (Corrected)	15.8	17.1	18.4	18.2	16.9	17.3	17.9	14.5	17.4
Death Rate (Corrected)	12.7	10.3	11.1	13.4	11.6	12.8	11.9	13.9	8.9
Infant Mortality Rate	15.6	39.2	22.9	14.6	15.9	19.6	24.6	36.6	10.9
Number of infant deaths	3	8	5	3	3	4	5	6	2

The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths which occurred during 1965 and comparable figures for 1964:-

Registrar General's Figures

	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>	
	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other forms	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	1	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	1	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	4	4	-	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	3	7
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	4
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	6	5	5
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	1	2	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	8	9	8
18. Coronary disease, angina	28	21	18	12
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	1	-	-
20. Other heart disease	6	3	10	3
21. Other circulatory disease	9	1	3	2
22. Influenza	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	5	5	2	4
24. Bronchitis	5	2	1	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	1	-	-	-
28. Nephritis, nephrosis	-	-	1	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	1	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	5	4	11
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	-	-	-
34. All other accidents	5	1	1	2
35. Suicide	2	-	1	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
	<u>92</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>64</u>

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(a) LABORATORY SERVICES. The Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. These services are provided by the County Council under the direction of Dr. D.A. McCracken, the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. County Council Infant Welfare Clinics were held at the Health Clinic, Newmarket, each Tuesday, and at the Scout Hall, Exning, on one Thursday each month. Outpatient Clinics are held at the Newmarket General Hospital as follows :-

ANTE-NATAL	Registrar Mr. Hesketh	Tues. 2p.m. Thurs. 10 a.m. Tues. 10 a.m.
ANTI-COAG. PATHOLOGY	Dr. Dean	Mon. & Fri. 2 p.m.
AUDIOMETRY	Miss Mills	Mon. 2 p.m.
CARDIAC	Dr. Fleming	3rd Mon. Bi-monthly
CHEST	Dr. Hay	Thur. 2 p.m.
DENTAL. ORAL	Mr. Varley	Wed. 2 p.m. (alternate)
DERMATOLOGY	Dr. Rook	Thur. 9.15 a.m.
E.N.T.	Mr. Wilsdon	Mon. 2 p.m.
GERIATRIC	Dr. Davison Dr. Hyams	Wed. a.m. Fri. p.m.
GYNAECOLOGICAL	Mr. Lloyd Mr. Hesketh	Alternate Mons. 2 p.m. Fri. 9.30 a.m.
MEDICAL	Dr. Arden-Jones Dr. Evans	Tues. 2 p.m. Wed. 2 p.m. Thur. 2 p.m.
NEUROLOGY	Dr. Yealland	Thur. 10 a.m.
OPHTHALMIC	Mr. Monckton	Tues. 2 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m.
ORTHOPAEDIC	Mr. Jamieson	Tues. 10.30 a.m. Fri. 2 p.m. Children - Sat. 10.15 (alt).
ORTHOPTIST	Miss Lewry	Tues. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fri. 2 p.m.
PAEDIATRICS	Dr. Gairdner	Wed. 9.30 a.m. 1st and 3rd.
PHYSICAL MEDICINE	Dr. Fell	Wed. 9.30 a.m.
PHYSIOTHERAPY	Mr. Jamieson	Thur. 2 p.m. (not 4th)
PLASTER CLINIC	Mr. Jamieson	Tues. 2 p.m.
RADIOLOGY	Dr. Williams	Tues. all day. Thur. a.m.
SURGICAL	Mr. Tagart Mr. Williams	Tues. 9.15 Fri. 9.15 Thur. 10 a.m.
SURGICAL APPLIANCES	Mr. Ockendon	Alt. Mons. 11. a.m.
THORACIC	Mr. Milstein/Mr. Parish	2nd & 4th Mons. 10 a.m.

(e) HOSPITALS.

110 (57%) of the 192 births to inhabitants of the District took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

78 (50%) of the 156 deaths of inhabitants of the District took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

SECTION C

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious and other diseases notified during 1965 :-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Measles	94	86
Pneumonia	3	4
Food Poisoning	1	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	3
	<u>98</u>	<u>95</u>

Total: 193

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

<u>NEW CASES</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>
Pulmonary	3	2	3	2	2	4	7
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	1	-	-	-

AGES OF CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1965.

Pulmonary : 2 males, 41 and 44 years. 1 female 46 years.

MORTALITY : There were two deaths from tuberculosis during 1965.

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
1. Cases at commencement 1965.	22	16	-	3	41
2. First notified during 1965.	2	1	-	-	3
3. Restored to Register.	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by Transfers.	-	-	-	-	-
5. Cases removed from Register.	3	4	-	-	7
6. Remaining at 31st-Dec. 1965.	21	13	-	3	37

SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER.

The Urban District was supplied with water by the Ely, Mildenhall and Newmarket Water Board. Only fifteen houses, all in remote parts of the District, are without a main water supply. Two wells in the chalk at Southfields Pumping Station, connected by an adit, are the sources of supply. One of these wells is 57 feet deep and the other 50 feet deep. Each is brick lined to a depth of 20 feet, the remainder being lined with cast iron cylinders. The water is chlorinated and pumped to a storage reservoir at Warren Hill, which has a capacity of 260,000 gallons.

The water is pumped by an electric submersible pump which was installed in 1957, and this pump is capable of pumping 46,000 gallons per hour, either up the 12 inch rising main to the storage reservoir or direct to the service mains. A diesel pump is available as an alternative means of pumping.

The supply was maintained without any cuts during the year, and a total of 272,449,000 gallons of water was pumped.

Eleven samples of water were taken from the well at Southfields Pumping Station and twelve samples were taken from the mains for bacteriological examination. The results of these samples showed the quality of the water supply to be satisfactory.

Eight samples of water were taken from private wells, six being for bacteriological examination and two for chemical analysis. The water from a well serving one house was reported as being unsatisfactory and the owner was given advice concerning it.

A sample of water was taken by the Water Board from the well at Southfields Pumping Station for chemical analysis. The Analyst's report indicated that the water conformed to the highest standard of organic quality, that it was pure and wholesome and suitable for public supply purposes.

Method of Mains Water Supply to Houses.

(a) Direct to Houses

Number of dwelling houses	3,998
Estimated number of population supplied	11,481

(b) By means of Standpipes

Number of dwelling houses	40
Estimated number of population supplied	74
Number of standpipes	21

There are no Council owned standpipes in the District.

Number of houses from 1956 connected to :-

Piped Water Supply

<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>Total</u>
64	75	117	81	98	49	81	85	123	89	862

Sewerage System

<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>Total</u>
64	73	114	80	130	48	79	84	123	89	884

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The whole of the sewage from properties within the Urban District and from 355 properties within the Newmarket Rural District (with the exception of 47 properties which are drained to cesspools or septic tanks in parts of the Urban District where sewers are not yet available) is treated at the Council's two Sewage Disposal Works.

The Main Works at Newmarket serves an estimated population of 10,000 persons and the flow to the Works comprises domestic sewage (directly related to water consumption), industrial waste water, infiltration of ground water and run off of stormwater from roofs and paved areas. The estimated water consumption is 34 gallons per head per day, and the dry weather flow at the Works is 600,000 gallons per day but most of the sewers are of long standing and due to defective joints etc. infiltration of ground water is very high.

The smaller Sewage Disposal Works at Exning serves an estimated population of 1,600 persons giving an estimated dry weather flow of 65,000 gallons per day, here also the infiltration of ground water is very high and at both Works the sewage has to be raised by pumping from the Outfall Sewer to the treatment tanks. Both Works were constructed about 1900 on the Contact Bed System but Newmarket Works was adapted some years ago as sedimentation tanks with eight percolating filters, humus tanks and sludge beds and similar temporary alterations have been carried out at the Exning Works providing a sedimentation tank and four percolating filters.

In spite of every effort in controlling the available treatment of sewage, the final effluent at both Works rarely meets with the Royal Commission standard and consequently the Great Ouse River Board express increasing concern at the discharge of this effluent from Newmarket Works into the watercourse known as No.1 Public Drain which eventually discharges into the River Snail at Snailwell. The Council have therefore engaged Consulting Engineers (J.D. & D.M. Watson, M.M.I.C.E., Chartered Civil Engineers of Westminster, S.W.1) to prepare initial designs for the construction of a new combined Works to be situated at Snailwell.

During the year the Council have continued their free quarterly cesspool emptying service with a 1,000 gallon Mechanical Cesspool and Gulley Emptier to those properties within the Urban District not yet connected to the sewerage system.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES.

In recent years two new Public Lavatories, with hot and cold washing facilities, for males and females have been designed on modern lines and erected on two sites near the town centre.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The cleaning of some thirty-five miles of highways, road gullies and the collection and disposal of domestic and trade refuse was, as previously, carried out by direct labour under the supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor. Controlled tipping is properly carried out on the Council's tip at Kennett and the tip is treated regularly for the control of rats, flies and other insect pests.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Councillors of
the Urban District of Newmarket.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit for your information and consideration
my Report for the year 1965.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the
Public Health Committee for their continued interest and
help, and also all the Officers of the Council for their
ready co-operation in matters affecting their Departments.

I am,

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. PENISTONE

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Dwelling Houses.

Number of houses inspected under Public Health or Housing Acts	168
Total number of inspections and re-inspections thereunder	298
Number of verminous premises inspected	1
Number of visits and re-visits re verminous premises ..	2
Number of houses with other infestations (including wasp nests)	166
Miscellaneous housing visits	147
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease visits	6

Various Inspections

Visits re water supply	51
Bacteriological samples of water from well at Southfields Pumping Station ..	11
Bacteriological samples of water from mains	12
Samples from other wells	8
Water samples from Swimming Pool	12
Inspections at Swimming Pool	16
Inspections re choked and/or defective drains, drain testing	26
Inspections of Public House sanitary conveniences ..	10
Inspections of Fried Fish Shops	5
Inspections of Factories	31
Inspections of Bakehouses	2
Visits re Rats and Mice (in addition to Rodent Operator) ..	22
Schools	2
Pet Animals Act	3
Noise Abatement	25
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963	274
Moveable Dwellings	34
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	41
Visits to Slaughterhouse	487
Visits to Butchers	35
Visits to Fishmongers	2
Visits to Grocers	37
Visits to Greengrocers	4
Visits to Restaurants and Cafes	7
Visits to Confectioners	5
Visits to Markets	44
Miscellaneous Food visits	12
Visits re Petroleum & Explosives	35

Number of Informal Notices served in 1965	..	..	82
Number of Informal Notices outstanding from 1964	..	..	22
Number of Informal Notices complied with in 1965	..	..	83
Number of Informal Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1965	..	..	21
Number of Statutory Notices served in 1965	..	..	1
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding from 1964	..	..	Nil
Number of Statutory Notices complied with in 1965	..	..	Nil
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1965	..	..	1

Work done after service of notices

							<u>Informal</u>
Floors repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Roofs repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Walls repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Ceilings repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Windows repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Damp conditions abated	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Water closets repaired or renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Eaves gutters or rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Drains cleansed, repaired or renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Dustbins provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Offensive accumulations removed	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

Food Premises

Contraventions of Food Hygiene Regulations discontinued	..	9
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FACTORIES ACTS

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	13	5	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	62	22	2	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	4	Nil	Nil
	79	31	2	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	* 3	Nil	Nil	Nil

* Includes one outstanding from 1964

3. Outwork (Sections 110 and 111) - No action required.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

During the year 101 registered premises received a general inspection and 274 visits were made for the purposes of the Act. Notices were sent to occupiers concerning various contraventions found as listed below.

Contraventions found

Section 4 (Cleanliness)

Premises not kept clean. 1

Section 5 (Overcrowding)

Space per person less than 40 sq.ft./400 cu.ft. 2

Section 6 (Temperature)

Reasonable temperature not maintained. 1

Thermometer not provided on each floor. 35

No provision for employees to warm themselves. 4

Section 7 (Ventilation)

Rooms not effectively ventilated. 2

Section 8 (Lighting)

Suitable and sufficient lighting not maintained. 1

Section 9 (Sanitary Conveniences)

Not sufficient 2

Not kept clean/maintained/lighted/ventilated. 9

Section 10 (Washing Facilities)

Not suitable 3

Not sufficient 2

Not provided with running hot and cold or warm water. 15

Not supplied with soap/clean towels/other means of drying. 3

Not kept clean. 1

Section 11 (Drinking Water)

Drinking water not provided. 1

Section 12 (Accommodation for clothing)

No provision made for hanging or accommodating clothing not worn in working hours. 1

No arrangements for drying clothing. 8

Sections 13 & 14 (Seating)

Seating facilities not provided. 1

Section 16 (Floors, Passages and Stairs)

Not properly maintained. 2

No handrail to stairs. 2

Section 24 (First Aid)

First Aid requisites not kept. 18

First Aid requisites not to standard required by regulations. 15

The Information for Employees Regulations 1965

Regulations not complied with. 13

It was found that informal notice of contravention of the Act and Regulations was generally sufficient to secure compliance, and the majority of the contraventions found had been remedied at the end of the year.

Section 8 - Lighting

The Ministry of Labour by L.A. Circular 9 (Supplement No.1) requested that local authorities should submit with their annual reports for 1965 a separate report on lighting standards found in shops and offices during the last three months of 1965, together with certain detailed information about lighting standards found in these premises during the month of November 1965.

During October, November and December eighteen shops and thirteen offices were inspected, and included in the above figures are five shops and ten offices inspected during November.

The general impression of the standards of lighting found in both types of premises was that the light was sufficient for the class of work being carried out, and in corridors and staircases the light was sufficient to enable employees to move about without danger.

Only one case of unsatisfactory lighting was found, this being due to a defective fluorescent lighting tube. No cases of glare were noted.

In discussing lighting standards with occupiers during the course of inspections the Illumination Engineering Society's Code has been recommended.

Publicity.

The Chief Public Health Inspector was invited by a local organisation consisting mainly of business and professional men to talk to them about the Act, and this was accepted as a useful opportunity to publicise the Act and to assist those who were occupiers of premises coming within the scope of the Act to comply with its provisions. Each member was also supplied with a summary of the talk to keep for reference.

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections.

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year
Offices	3	60	26
Retail Shops	2	99	72
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	5	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	2	25	2
Fuel Storage depots	-	2	-
Total	7	191	101

Table B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises. - 274

Table C - Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace.

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed.
Offices	446
Retail shops	604
Wholesale departments, warehouses	27
Catering establishments open to the public	143
Canteens	3
Fuel storage depots	11
Total	1234
Total Males	556
Total Females	678

CARAVANS.

There are no licensed camping sites in the District.

In the Annual Report for 1964 mention was made about nomadic families camping on the temporary car park in Exeter Road. The same use of the car park occurred on seven occasions during 1965 with various nuisances arising in consequence. Similar difficulties arose on two occasions by nomads camping on roadside verges.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Newmarket has no heavy industries and is, therefore, comparatively free from industrial atmospheric pollution.

Complaint was received about the emission of soot from a chimney serving oil-fired boilers. This was found to be an accidental emission arising during flue cleaning operations and action was taken to prevent a recurrence of the nuisance.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960.

Complaints were received from residents near a factory of noise arising from the motor of an air compressor cooler fan. The factory management were co-operative in seeking means to reduce the noise and a noise baffle was erected following which no further complaints were received.

Complaint was also made of noise arising from an air extractor fan at a laboratory. Noise meter readings were taken from which it was decided that the noise was not sufficient to constitute a nuisance. However the noise was reduced by the erection of a baffle to the fan motor.

SWIMMING POOL.

The Council own a modern open-air swimming pool, water for which is obtained from the mains. Circulation of the water is continuous, the water being passed through a Bell horizontal sand filter and chlorinated.

The pool was open from 8th May to 11th September 1965. The number of tickets sold was 11,543 of which 9,280 were issued to children and 2,263 to adults. In addition there were 23 adult and 294 children season ticket holders.

Arrangements were made with the West Suffolk Education Committee and the Cambridgeshire Education Committee for use of the swimming pool by school children on each morning, Monday to Friday, during the school summer term.

Twelve samples of water were taken from the pool for bacteriological examination. All the samples were satisfactory.

Sixteen inspections were made regarding cleanliness of dressing cubicles, sanitary accommodation and pool surrounds.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS AND OTHER VERMIN.

The following infestations were treated :-

Type of Infestation	Number of premises	Number of treatments
Cockroaches	1	2
Wasp Nests	166	166

RODENT CONTROL.

The Council employ one rodent operator.

Inspections and treatments of premises were carried out where infestations were notified by occupiers as well as general inspections of the District and treatment of premises where necessary.

Free treatments were given at dwelling houses. Treatments at business premises were charged for at the rate of 15/6d per hour, inclusive of baits and poisons.

Summary of treatments carried out

Type of Premises	No. of Treatments	Bodies Found	
		RATS	MICE
Dwelling houses	292	316	10
Business Premises	24	102	10
Racing Stables	12	51	-
Allotments	3	19	-
Council Property			
Sewage & Refuse Disposal Works	2	66	-
Other premises	2	7	-
	<u>335</u>	<u>561</u>	<u>20</u>

HOUSING

1. (i) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	168
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	298
(ii) (a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.	10
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	10
(iii)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	10
(iv)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	14
2.	<u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal Notices.</u>	
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	18
3.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-</u>	
(a)	<u>Proceedings under Sections 9,10,12 and 39 of the Housing Act 1957:-</u>	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-	
(a)	By owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(b)	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts.</u>	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a)	By owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(c)	<u>Proceedings under Sections 16,17,19,21 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957.</u>	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	4
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil
(3)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation.	Nil
(4)	Number of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or undertakings not to re-let .	Nil
(d)	<u>Proceedings under Sections 18,19 and 27 of the Housing Act, 1957.</u>	
(1)	Number of parts of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation.	Nil
(2)	Number of parts of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or undertakings not to re-let	Nil

(e) Proceedings under Sections 42 and 43 of the Housing Act 1957.

(1) Number of houses included in Clearance Areas	10
(2) Number of houses in Clearance Areas demolished	Nil
(f) Houses belonging to the local authority demolished in pursuance of the Medical Officer's Certificates of Unfitness	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	1
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding discovered during year	1
(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil
(d) Particulars of cases in which dwellings have again become overcrowded after the local authority having taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Discretionary Grants

Number of houses inspected following application or proposed application for grant	46
Number of visits re above	61
Number of applications received	44
Number of applications outstanding from 1964	1
Number of applications approved	45
Number of applications outstanding at 31/12/65	Nil
Value of grants approved	£14,910

Standard Grants

Number of houses inspected following application or proposed application for grant	20
Number of visits re above	24
Number of applications received	22
Number of applications outstanding from 1964	4
Number of applications approved	24
Number of applications withdrawn	2
Number of applications outstanding at 31/12/65	Nil

Amenities to be provided

Fixed Baths	22
Wash-hand basins	23
Hot water supply	24
Internal water closet	23
Food Stores	19

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications for certificates of disrepair were received during the year.

HOUSES COMPLETED FROM 1946 BY COUNCIL AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

During 1965 there were 89 houses completed, 51 built by the Council and 38 by private enterprise.

The number of houses completed in the post-war period is as follows :-

<u>By the Council</u>	Traditional	737
	Prefabricated	50
	Easiform	100
	Unity	48
	Wates	68
	Total Post-War	1003
	Completed Pre-War	311
	Grand Total of Council houses	1314

Built by the Council and sold to private owners 70

Built by Private Enterprise 445

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

Number of Milk Distributors on Register 4
Number of Dairies on Register Nil

Under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960, the County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority are responsible for the issue of Dealers Licences and for the sampling of designated milk.

ICE CREAM

There are no premises in the district where ice cream is manufactured. Thirty-one premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream, but five of these were not selling ice cream during the year. The ice cream sold is wrapped or in cartons as it is received from the manufacturers.

FOOD INSPECTION.

Complaints were made by members of the public concerning the following foods:-

<u>Food</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Mouldy loaf of bread.	Warning to vendor.
Foreign material in loaf of bread.	Enquiries to discover source of foreign material and point of entry into bread during preparation. Action at bakery to prevent recurrence.
Earwig in can of Italian Peeled Tomatoes.	Action through importers to prevent recurrence at packing factory in Italy.
Corned beef alleged to have caused illness to consumer.	Corned beef sent to Public Health Laboratory for examination. Cultures sterile. No further action necessary.
Cooked ham alleged to be unfit for consumption.	Ham inspected and found to be fit for consumption. Other ham inspected at vendor's premises also fit for consumption. No further action necessary.

Various foods were inspected at shops, warehouses and at the market. It is the practice of local food traders to set aside foods which are obviously unfit or of which they have doubts and to ask for them to be inspected. The foods listed as condemned were inspected and surrendered voluntarily following requests for inspection.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

A 100 per cent inspection of all animals slaughtered for human food has been maintained, 487 visits being paid to the slaughterhouse for this purpose.

There is only one slaughterhouse in the district and this is a private one which is used by the occupier for his own business as a wholesaler and retailer, and as a slaughtering contractor for such other butchers in the Urban and adjoining Rural Districts who desire to use his services.

For the fourth successive year no tuberculosis was found in the cattle slaughtered.

Percentage of Cattle affected with Tuberculosis in some part or organ.

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
Cattle													
other than Cows	7.56	4.27	4.14	4.81	3.42	2.50	0.57	0.19	0.20	-	-	-	-
Cows	16.7	14.8	11.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

No horses are slaughtered for human consumption in the district and there are no shops selling horse meat for human consumption.

Carcases and parts of carcases condemned

Beasts

Whole carcasses Nil
Part carcasses 2

Pigs

Whole carcasses Nil
Part carcasses Nil

Sheep & Lambs.

Whole carcasses Nil
Part carcasses Nil

Calves

Whole carcasses Nil
Part carcasses Nil

Offal condemned

CATTLE	Cattle other than Cows		TOTAL
	Tuberculosis	Other Diseases	
Heads	-	1	1
Lungs	-	2	2
Hearts	-	3	3
Livers	-	30	30
Kidneys	-	4	4
<u>PIGS</u>			
Heads	-	1	1
Lungs	-	236	236
Hearts	-	48	48
Livers	-	16	16
Kidneys	-	2	2
Spleens	-	4	4
Mesenteries	1	5	6
<u>SHEEP</u>			
Livers	-	2	2

Total weight of meat and offal condemned :- 10 cwt, 3 qrs, 16 lbs.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	465	-	37	1,536	2,446	-
Number inspected	465	-	37	1,536	2,446	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis :</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	37	-	-	2	268	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	7.96	-	-	0.13	10.96	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.04	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-

FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED AS BEING UNSOUND OR OTHERWISE UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

41 tins of Meat	17 lbs. Cheese
8 tins of Milk	4 lbs. Roast Pork
197 tins of Fruit	5 lbs. Bacon
43 tins of Fish	1 carton of Honey
154 tins of Vegetables	1 jar of Pickles

Total weight condemned: 4 cwt, 3 lbs.

In addition to the above 90 lbs of frozen foods were destroyed because of de-freezing due to break down of refrigeration machinery:

METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD.

Meat

Condemned meat was stained green by the Public Health Inspector and then removed by a private firm for processing. Meat condemned at butcher's shops was taken to the slaughterhouse and placed in the condemned meat store for removal with the other condemned meat.

Other Foods.

Foods condemned at shops, warehouses etc. were destroyed by burning at the Refuse Destructor.

FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT.

Hotels and Licensed Premises	..	..	..	..	29
Restaurants and Cafes	..	..	..	..	10
Grocers	..	..	..	..	26
Ice Cream premises	..	..	..	..	31
Butchers	..	..	..	..	14
Fishmongers	..	..	..	..	3
Greengrocers	..	..	..	..	9
Bakers	..	..	..	..	3
Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	6

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955, SECTION 16.

Sausage manufacturers	..	..	..	..	10
Ice cream premises	..	..	..	..	31

The registered sausage manufacturers are all butchers who make sausages as part of their general business. The inspections of these premises are included in the total of thirty-five inspections at butcher's shops.

Particulars regarding the ice cream premises are set out elsewhere in the report.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960.

The following contraventions of the Regulations at food premises were discontinued after informal notice:-

Dirty condition of sink and draining board	..	..	1
Dirty kitchen floor	..	..	1
Uncovered refuse in yard	..	..	1
Hot water apparatus to wash-hand basin not in working order	..	..	1
No soap, towel or nailbrush provided at wash-hand basin	..	..	1
Washing facilities not provided in bakehouse	..	..	1
Sanitary convenience not kept in clean condition	..	..	1
No hot water supply provided to sink	..	..	1
Notice requesting washing of hands not displayed	..	..	1

During routine visits to food premises the opportunity was taken to discuss the Regulations with the proprietors and to emphasise the need for clean handling of food.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY REGARDING FOOD HYGIENE.

No clean food guilds have been inaugurated in the District.

ADULTERATION etc

CHEMICAL/BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

NUTRITION

SHELLFISH (Molluscan)

WATER CRESS

No change

