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NEWMARKET URBAN DISTRICT

in the

Administrative County of West Suffolk

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the

Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector

for 1968

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## 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, 1968.

Tel: Newmarket 2321

Public Health Department,  
Severals House,  
Newmarket.

July, 1969.

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

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Oxley and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1968.

### Vital Statistics

The estimated population increase for the year, 250, was the highest for some time. The birth rate at 16.8 was higher, and the death rate at 12.8 was only slightly higher than last year. The number of deaths from all forms of cancer was the same for males and two more for females compared with last year. Five males and two females died from cancer of the lung and bronchus.

The infant mortality rate at 9.4 remains well below the average for England and Wales.

### Infectious Diseases

Measles notifications were only one third of those notified in 1967.

Two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

### Environmental Conditions

A joint scheme with two neighbouring districts for a refuse pulverisation plant should alleviate the impending problems of refuse disposal. It is hoped that this plant will be operative in 1970.

Cesspool emptying has been reduced to twice-yearly, as a result of new connections to main sewerage during the year.

Gypsies and other travellers presented a problem throughout the year, particularly in the last quarter and this entailed a considerable number of visits by members of the department.

The department continued to pay considerable attention to the standard of food hygiene in the district. Such attention has a two fold benefit, first to the trader and second to the general public.

The requirements of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act have been largely complied with. Only 11 contraventions of the Act were noted, compared with 71 in 1967.

The Council's housing programme came to an end during the year. 21 dwellings are still in the course of construction.



Applications for improvement grants continued to be made during the year, the value of grants approved being in excess of £15,000.

The Meals on Wheels Service which is run by the W.V.S. with financial backing from the District Council and the County Council continued to do good work during the year when between 40 and 50 old persons, unable to cook for themselves, were provided with a hot meal twice a week.

I wish to express my appreciation of the help afforded me by the Chief Public Health Inspector and members 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.

As Dr. Morgan resigned during the year I have prepared this Report on his behalf.

J. R. M. Murdoch

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

GENERAL STATISTICS	1966	1967	1968	1969
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book	4,382	4,382	4,382	4,382
Rateable Value	£398,445	£414,435	£443,940	£456,676
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,580	£1,635	£1,715	£1,850

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR	1966	1967	1968	1969
Legitimate	..	..	..	..
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..
Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.92)	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.9
Birth rate per 1,000 population	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Legitimate	Illegitimate	Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.92)	Birth rate per 1,000 population	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births
..	..	16.8	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7

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).

Resigned September 1968

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Legitimate	Illegitimate	Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.92)	Birth rate per 1,000 population	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births
..	..	16.8	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7

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

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

Legitimate	Illegitimate	Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.92)	Birth rate per 1,000 population	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births
..	..	16.8	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7

D. Parr

CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Legitimate	Illegitimate	Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.92)	Birth rate per 1,000 population	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births
..	..	16.8	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7

Mrs. C.A. Blyth

RODENT OPERATOR

Legitimate	Illegitimate	Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.92)	Birth rate per 1,000 population	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births
..	..	16.8	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7
..	..	16.9	17.3	2.7

H.D. Gallant

# SECTION A

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

<u>GENERAL STATISTICS</u>	Area	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,640 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	(1965)	(1966)	(1967)	(1968)					
	11,600	11,670	11,840	12,090					
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book.	4,053	4,197	4,521	4,582					
Rateable Value	£398,445	£414,235	£443,948	£456,676					
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,580	£1,625	£1,715	£1,850					

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	117	83	200
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	5	12
Total								124	88	212

Live birth rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17.5
Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.96)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.8
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.7

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
Total								1	-	1

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.7
" " " " " " " " (Eng. & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.0

<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	118	83	201
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	5	12
Total								125	88	213

<u>DEATHS</u>								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Death rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83	80	163
Corrected death rate (Comp. factor 0.95)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13.5
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12.8
										11.9

## INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of infants under one year of age

								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
Total								1	1	2

## INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.4
" " " " " " " " (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legit. live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.0
Illegitimate " " " " illegit. " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

## NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.4
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## EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.4
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## PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.1
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# COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Birth Rate (Corrected)	16.8	14.4	15.4	15.8	17.1	18.4	18.2	16.9
Death Rate (Corrected)	12.8	12.4	10.2	12.7	10.3	11.1	13.4	11.6
Infant Mortality Rate	9.4	5.6	16.0	15.6	39.2	22.9	14.6	15.9
Number of infant deaths	2	1	3	3	8	5	3	3

The following table gives the causes and number of deaths which occurred during 1968 :-

## Registrar General's Figures

	Male	Female
	1968	1968
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	5	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	8	10
Anaemias	1	1
Other diseases of blood, etc.	1	-
Mental disorders	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic heart disease	-	1
Hypertensive disease	1	1
Ischaemic heart disease	30	22
Other forms of heart disease	3	2
Cerebrovascular disease	7	7
Other diseases of circulatory system	3	3
Influenza	1	2
Pneumonia	1	9
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Cirrhosis of liver	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	1	2
Congenital anomalies	2	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents	3	1
All other accidents	4	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	1
	<hr/> 83	<hr/> 80
1967	92	65



# 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, Epping, on one Thursday each month. Outpatient Clinics are held at the Newmarket General Hospital as follows :-

Anti-Coagulant	Dr. J.H. Dean	Mon. & Fri..	2.00 p.m.
Appliances	Mr. Ockendon	Mon. (Alternate weeks)	10.30 a.m.
Cardiac	Dr. H.A. Fleming Dr. D.W. Evans	Mon. (3rd bi-monthly) Mon. (4th bi-monthly)	9.45 a.m. 9.45 a.m.
Chest	Dr. C.P. Hay	Thurs. Fri. (Alternate)	2.00 p.m. 11.00 a.m.
Dental (Oral)	Mr. E.W.B. Varley	Wed.	2.00 p.m.
Dermatology	Dr. A.J. Rook	Thurs.	9.45 a.m.
E.N.T.	Mr. K.F. Wilsdon	Mon.	2.00 p.m.
Geriatric	Dr. W. Davison Dr. D.E. Hyams	Wed. (Wards B.4 & B.6) Fri. (Ward B.3)	a.m. p.m.
Gynaecological and Obstetrics	Mr. J.S. Hesketh  Registrar  Mr. O. Lloyd	Fri. (Gynaecological) Tues. (Ante & Post-Natal) Maternity Ward Tues. (Ante & Post-Natal) Maternity Ward Thurs. - ditto - Mon. (Alternate weeks)	9.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m.
Medical	Dr. R. Arden Jones Dr. I.E. Evans	Tues. & Wed. Thurs.	2.00 p.m. 2.00 p.m.
Neurology	Dr. M.F.T. Yeallend	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Ophthalmic	Mr. J. Monckton	Tues. Mon. & Fri. (Glaucoma cases only - 3rd Mon. in month)	2.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m.
Orthopaedic	Mr. E.S. Jamieson  Mr. R. Magnall	Mon. Fri. Sat. (Children only - alternate Sats) Wed. (1st in month only) Wed. (3rd in month only) Physiotherapy	10.30 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 10.15 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Paediatrics	Dr. D.M.T. Cairdner	Wed. (1st & 3rd in month)	9.30 a.m.
Physical Medicine	Dr. W.A. Fell	Wed.	9.30 a.m.
Surgical	Mr. R.E.B. Tagart Mr. T.M. Williams	Tues. & Fri. Thurs.	9.15 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Thoracic Surgery	Mr. B.B. Milstein Mr. C. Parish	Mon. (2nd in month) Mon. (4th in month)	10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.

(e) HOSPITALS

142 (67%) of the 212 births to inhabitants of the district took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

72 (44%) of the 163 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 1968 :-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Measles	<u>26</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>Total 49</u>

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

NEW CASES

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
Pulmonary	2	2	4	3	2	3	2
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	-	1	1

AGES OF CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1968

Pulmonary: 2 Females, 22 and 47 years

MORTALITY: There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1968.

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Cases at commencement 1968	22	14	-	5	41
2. First notified during 1968	-	2	-	-	2
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by transfers	-	-	-	-	-
* 5. Cases removed from Register	17	11	-	3	31
6. Remaining at 31.12.68	5	5	-	2	12

\* During the year the Tuberculosis Register was brought up to date.



## SECTION D

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### WATER

The Urban District is supplied with water by the Ely, Mildenhall & Newmarket Water Board. Only five houses, all in remote parts of the district, are without a main water supply. The Board has three reservoirs at Warren Hill having a total capacity of about 1½ million gallons. These are linked together and under normal conditions receive water from pumping stations at Chippenham and Southfields and supply a large part of the Newmarket Rural District as well as the Urban District. In emergencies water can also be brought into this system from the pumping stations at Lower Links and Moulton.

The waters from all these stations are derived from the chalk and are very similar in character.

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

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.

A sample was taken from a private well serving a dwelling house which was not up to the standard of the public supply. Advice was given to the owner regarding treatment of the water.

A sample was taken from a disused private well as the owner was considering bringing it back into use. The water was unsatisfactory and accordingly the well remained closed.

#### Method of Mains Water Supply to Houses

##### (a) Direct to Houses

Number of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,553
Estimated number of population supplied	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,036

##### (b) By means of Standpipes 1968

Number of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Estimated number of population supplied	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
Number of standpipes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20

There are no Council owned standpipes in the District.

Number of houses from 1959 connected to :-

#### Piped Water Supply

<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>Total</u>
81	98	49	81	85	123	89	159	333	71	1169

#### Sewerage System

<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>Total</u>
80	130	48	79	84	123	89	148	329	71	1181



## 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 part 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, industrial waste water, infiltration of ground water and storm water from roofs and paved areas. The dry weather flow at the works is 600,000 gallons per day, but as most of the existing sewers are old infiltration of ground water is high.

The smaller sewage disposal works at Exning serves an estimated population of 1,600 persons with an estimated dry weather flow of 65,000 gallons per day, and here also there is a high rate of infiltration of ground water.

At both works sewage has to be raised by pumping from the outfall sewers to the treatment tanks.

Both works were constructed about 1900 on the contact bed system, but the main works was adapted some years ago to provide sedimentation tanks, 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.

Both the existing works are incapable of producing a satisfactory final effluent on present day loadings and the Great Ouse River Authority are very concerned at the discharge of this unsatisfactory effluent from the main works into the watercourse known as No. 1 Public Drain which eventually discharges into the River Snail at Snailwell.

A proposal for a new Sewage Works to cater for the whole Urban area and future expansion has been accepted by the Council and approved in principle by the Minister, after Public Inquiry. Council's Consultants are proceeding with the preparation of a site investigation contract.

During the year the Council have operated a free twice-yearly cesspool emptying service - using a 1,000 gallon mechanical gully emptier - to those properties within the Urban District not yet connected to the sewerage system

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Council maintain two modern public conveniences, each supplied with hot and cold washing facilities for both males and females, on sites in the Town Centre.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

The cleaning of some 35 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 is treated regularly by the Public Health Department for the control of rats, flies and other insect pests.

A joint scheme for pulverising household refuse from the Newmarket Rural District Council and the Urban District has been fully investigated, but proposals are now before the respective Councils for a private developer to install plant and pulverise household refuse to produce a form of solid fuel briquette. The Mildenhall Rural District Council have also expressed an interest in this scheme, and subject to satisfactory negotiations, all three Authorities should be disposing of their refuse to this plant in approximately twelve months' time.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Councillors of  
the Urban District of Newmarket

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Oxley and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit for your information and consideration my  
Report for the year 1968.

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,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Oxley 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 ..	131
Total number of inspection and re-inspections thereunder .. ..	264
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) ..	52
Miscellaneous housing visits .. .. .	99

## Various Inspections

Visits re water supply .. .. .	61
Bacteriological samples of water from well at Southfields Pumping Station	8
Bacteriological samples of water from mains .. .. .	9
Bacteriological samples of water from other sources .. .. .	2
Water samples from swimming pool .. .. .	5
Inspections at Swimming Pool .. .. .	5
Inspections re choked and/or defective drains, drain testing ..	89
Inspections of Public House sanitary conveniences .. .. .	10
Inspections of Fried Fish Shops .. .. .	8
Inspections of Factories .. .. .	30
Inspections of Bakehouses .. .. .	3
Visits re Rats and Mice (in addition to Rodent Operator) .. ..	15
Schools .. .. .	3
Pet Animals Act .. .. .	2
Noise Abatement .. .. .	13
Clean Air Act .. .. .	3
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 .. .. .	84
Moveable Dwellings .. .. .	139
Miscellaneous sanitary visits .. .. .	147
Visits to Butchers .. .. .	23
Visits to Fishmongers .. .. .	2
Visits to Grocers .. .. .	20
Visits to Greengrocers .. .. .	2
Visits to Restaurants and Cafes .. .. .	15
Visits to Confectioners .. .. .	2
Visits to Ice Cream premises .. .. .	17
Visits to Markets .. .. .	38
Visits to Milk distributors .. .. .	2
Miscellaneous Food visits .. .. .	22
Visits re Petroleum & Explosives .. .. .	65



Number of Informal Notices served in 1968 .. .. .	34
Number of Informal Notices outstanding from 1967 .. .. .	19
Number of Informal Notices complied with in 1968 .. .. .	38
Number of Informal Notices outstanding at 31st December 1968 .. .. .	15
Number of Statutory Notices served in 1968 .. .. .	NIL
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding from 1967 .. .. .	NIL
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December 1968 .. .. .	NIL

#### Work done after service of notices

#### Informal

Walls repaired .. .. .	5
Roofs repaired .. .. .	2
Ceilings repaired .. .. .	2
Windows repaired .. .. .	3
Water closets repaired or renewed .. .. .	4
Drains cleansed, repaired or renewed .. .. .	8
Internal water supply provided .. .. .	2
Sinks provided .. .. .	2
Offensive accumulations removed .. .. .	5
Dirty houses cleansed .. .. .	1
Nuisances from animals abated .. .. .	1

#### Food Premises

Contraventions of Food Hygiene Regulations discontinued .. .. . 3

#### Petroleum Acts & Regulations

Contraventions discontinued .. .. . 6

#### 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	9	2	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	59	26	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	2	NIL	NIL
	73	30	NIL	NIL

2. Cases in which defects were found - NIL  
 3. Outwork (Sections 110 and 111) - No action required

# THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During the year 84 visits were made for the purposes of the Act.

## Contraventions discontinued following informal action

### Section 6 (Temperature)

Thermometer not provided on each floor .. .. . 2

### Section 8 (Lighting)

Suitable and sufficient lighting not maintained .. .. . 1

### Section 10 (Washing facilities)

Not supplied with running hot and cold or warm water .. .. . 2

### Section 12 (Accommodation for clothing)

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

### Section 16 (Floors, passages and stairs)

Handrail not provided .. .. . 2

### Section 24 (First Aid)

First aid requisites not kept .. .. . 1  
First aid requisites not to standard required .. .. . 1

### Information for Employees Regulations 1965

Regulations not complied with .. .. . 1

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

Class of premises	No. of premises newly registered during year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year.
Offices	3	59	3
Retail Shops	1	97	1
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	4	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	26	12
Fuel Storage depots	-	2	-
Total	4	188	16

Table B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to

Registered Premises - 84

Table C - Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises

by Workplace

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices .. .. .	445
Retail Shops .. .. .	621
Wholesale departments, warehouses .. .. .	28
Catering establishments open to the public .. .. .	156
Canteens .. .. .	3
Fuel storage depots .. .. .	9
Total	1262
Total Males	567
Total Females	695



## CARAVANS

There are no licensed camping sites in the district.

139 visits were necessary concerning caravans and these were due to unauthorised use of a car park by gypsies and other travellers. This use was persistent throughout the year with consequent nuisances due to fouling of the site, litter, and waste material, which the Council had to clear from time to time as these itinerants moved on, only to have the same problem recurring with the arrival of new groups of travellers.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT

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

No action re smoke nuisance was necessary during the year.

## NOISE ABATEMENT

Three complaints of nuisance from noise were dealt with by informal action.

An ice cream vendor was warned for contravening the Noise Abatement Act 1960 by sounding a loudspeaker after 7.0 p.m.

## 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 the 11th May to 14th September 1968. The number of tickets sold was 22,842 of which 5,368 were issued to adults and 17,474 to children. In addition there were 12 adult and 101 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.

Five samples of water were taken from the pool for bacteriological examination. The results showed that a satisfactory standard was maintained.

Five 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	No. of premises	No. of treatments
Wasp Nests	52	52
Cockroaches	1	2

## 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

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>No. of treatments</u>	<u>Bodies Found</u>	
		<u>RATS</u>	<u>MICE</u>
Dwellings	266	165	-
Business Premises	23	55	23
Racing Stables	10	59	-
Allotments	2	16	-
<u>Council Property</u>			
Sewage & Refuse Disposal Works	2	25	-
Other Council Premises	1	5	-
	<u>304</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>23</u>

### INVESTIGATION OF RED WING AND OTHER VERMIN

The following infestations were traced:-

Type of Infestation	No. of premises infested	No. of birds
Wing Birds	22	22
Cuckoo-shrikes	1	1



## HOUSING

1. (i) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 131  
 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 264  
 (ii) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. NIL  
 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose NIL  
 (iii) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. NIL  
 (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 13
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal Notices  
 Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 13
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-  
 (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12, and 39 of the Housing Act 1957 :-  
 (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) Proceedings under Public Health Acts  
 (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) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 19, 21 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957  
 (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. NIL  
 (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) Proceedings under Sections 18, 19 and 27 of the Housing Act, 1957  
 (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	NIL
(2) Number of houses in Clearance Areas demolished	10

4. Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Overcrowding

(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	NIL
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding discovered during year	NIL
(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	56
Number of visits re above	70
Number of applications received	43
Number of applications outstanding from 1967	5
Number of applications approved	46
Number of applications withdrawn	2
Number of applications outstanding at 31.12.68	NIL
Value of grants approved	£15,686

Standard Grants

Number of houses inspected following application or proposed application for grant	10
Number of visits re above	11
Number of applications received	10
Number of applications approved	9
Number of applications outstanding at 31.12.68	1

Amenities to be provided

Fixed Baths	7
Wash-hand basins	9
Hot water supply	9
Internal water closet	9
Food Stores	7

RENT ACT 1957

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

# HOUSES COMPLETED FROM 1946 BY COUNCIL AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

During 1968 there were 71 houses completed, 4 built by the Council and 67 by private enterprise.

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

<u>By the Council</u>	Traditional	1,000
	Prefabricated	50
	Easiform	100
	Unity	48
	Wates	68
	Total Post-War	1,266
	Total Pre-War	309
	Grand Total of Council Houses	1,575

Built by the Council and sold to private owners

70

Built by Private Enterprise

730

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### MILK SUPPLY

#### Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959

Number of Milk Distributors on Register	14
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. 30 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

Two complaints concerning unsound food and one complaint about an insect in a carton of food were dealt with by informal action.

During visits to food shops an enquiry was made about the retail of certain perishable foods, the storage and display of those foods, stock rotation, and date code markings on packed foods. The opportunity was taken to emphasise the need for good stock rotation to ensure that goods were not sold out of condition.

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.

#### FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED AS BEING UNSOUND OR OTHERWISE UNFIT

##### FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

117 tins of Meat	496 tins of Fruit
231 tins of Milk	226 tins of Fish
403 tins of Vegetables	

Total weight condemned: 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs.

#### METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

Foods condemned were destroyed by burning at the Refuse Destructor.



## FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

	<u>No. of Premises</u>	<u>No. fitted to comply with Reg. 16</u>	<u>No. to which Reg. 19 applies</u>	<u>No. fitted to comply with Reg. 19</u>
Hotels and Licensed Premises	29	29	29	29
Restaurants and Cafes	9	8	9	9
Grocers	23	23	14	14
Ice cream premises	30	30	12	12
Butchers	13	13	13	13
Fishmongers	4	4	4	4
Greengrocers	9	9	-	-
Bakers	3	3	3	3
Fried Fish Shops	5	5	5	5

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

Sausage manufacturers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Ice cream premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30

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 twenty three inspections at butcher's shops.

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

## FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

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

Wash-hand basin not provided	1
Walls of food room not in good repair	1
Walls and ceiling of food room in dirty condition	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







