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NEWMARKET URBAN DISTRICT

in the

Administrative County of West Suffolk

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the

Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector

for 1970

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Urban
District of Newmarket, in the County of West Suffolk
for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

Tel: Newmarket 2321
and
Bury St. Edmunds 2281

Public Health Department,
Severals House,
Newmarket.

21st August, 1971.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Newmarket Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for your district for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

The estimated population of 12,220 shows little significant increase than the previous estimate for 1969 of 12,190. The birth rate of 15.6 compared with that of 16.0 for England and Wales. This rate when corrected for age and sex distribution is below that for England and Wales (15.0). The infant mortality rate while still in excess of that for the country as a whole, is lower than in the previous year by a significant number. Too much cognizance of this rate should not be taken, because the numbers which are involved are in statistical terms very small indeed, being only 4, and the deaths all occurred amongst infants under four weeks. The incidence of notifiable disease was at a low level, the only significant number of notifications being of measles.

Mr. Penistone, your Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. Parr, Technical Assistant, and Mrs. Blyth, Clerical Assistant, have done much of the work in producing the text of this Report. Thanks are again due to the Urban District Council staff for the continuous and sustained efforts they make in the district to maintaining the sanitary circumstances at a satisfactory level. Harmonious relations have been maintained with the surrounding local authorities in dealing with problems of mutual interest.

I have the honour to be,

Your Obedient Servant,

D.A. McCracken

Acting Medical Officer of Health

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Urban
District of Newcastle, in the County of West Durham
for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

Public Health Department,

Tel: Newcastle 2321

and

Grey St. Newcastle 2281

Severala House,

Newcastle

21st August, 1931.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Newcastle Urban District Council
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

The estimated population of the Urban District for 1930 is 11,000, an increase of 1,000 on the previous year. The rate of mortality for 1930 is 16.0 per 1,000, compared with 15.0 for 1929. This rate when corrected for age and sex distribution is below the national average of 16.5. The infant mortality rate still remains high, being 24.0 per 1,000 live births, compared with 22.0 for 1929. The rate of mortality from infectious diseases is lower than in the previous year by a significant number. Too much emphasis of this rate should not be laid, because the numbers which are involved are in statistical terms very small indeed, being only 4, and the deaths all occurred amongst infants under four weeks. The incidence of notifiable diseases was at a low level, the only significant number of notifications being of measles.

Mr. Westons, your Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. Farr, Technical Assistant, and Mrs. Hyatt, Clinical Assistant, have done much of the work in producing the text of this report. Thanks are again due to the Urban District Council staff for the continuous and sustained efforts they make in the district to maintaining the sanitary standard at a satisfactory level. Antisocial relations have been maintained with the surrounding local authorities in dealing with problems of mutual interest.

I have the honor to be,

Your Obedient Servant,

D. A. McGARR

Acting Medical Officer of Health

D.A. McCracken, M.D., D.P.H.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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

D. Parr

Mrs. C.A. Blyth

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	(1967)	(1968)	(1969)	(1970)						
	11,840	12,090	12,190	12,220						
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book	4,521	4,582	4,677	4,763						
Rateable Value	£443,948	£456,676	£481,294	£498,103						
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,715	£1,850	£1,945	£2,010						

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	77	98	175
Illegitimate	10	6	16
Total	87	104	191
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	..	..	15.6
Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.96)	..	..	15.0
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	..	..	16.0
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	..	..	8

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	2	-	2
Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births	..	..	10
" " " " " " " " " " (Eng. & Wales)	..	..	13

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	79	98	177
Illegitimate	10	6	16
Total	89	104	193

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
	67	81	148
Death rate per 1,000 population	..	..	12.1
Corrected death rate (Comp. factor 0.95)	..	..	11.5
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	..	..	11.7

INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of infants under one year of age

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	-	4	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	-	4	4

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	..	..	21
" " " " " " " " " (England & Wales)	..	..	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legit. live births	..	..	23
Illegitimate " " " " illegit. " " " "	..	..	-

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births	21
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EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	21
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	31
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COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
Birth Rate (Corrected)	15.0	16.0	16.8	14.4	15.4	15.8	17.1	18.4
Death Rate (Corrected)	11.5	12.6	12.8	12.4	10.2	12.7	10.3	11.1
Infant Mortality Rate	21	24.6	9.4	5.6	16.0	15.6	39.2	22.9
Number of infant deaths	4	5	2	1	3	3	8	5

The following table gives the causes and number of deaths which occurred during 1970 :-

Registrar General's Figures	
	Male
	Female
	1970
	1970
Measles	1
Malignant neoplasm - oesophagus	1
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	2
Malignant neoplasm - intestine	2
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	2
Malignant neoplasm - breast	-
Malignant neoplasm - uterus	1
Leukaemia	1
Other malignant neoplasms	2
Benign and Unspecified neoplasms	-
Diabetes Mellitus	1
Other endocrine etc. diseases	1
Multiple Sclerosis	-
Chronic Rheumatic heart disease	1
Hypertensive disease	-
Ischaemic heart disease	26
Other forms of heart disease	3
Cerebrovascular disease	7
Other diseases of circulatory system	3
Influenza	-
Pneumonia	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	1
Peptic ulcer	-
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-
Other diseases of digestive system	1
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	2
Motor vehicle accidents	2
All other accidents	3

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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. Outpatients Clinics are held at the Newmarket General Hospital as follows :-

Anti-Coagulant	Dr. J.H. Dean	Mon. & Fri.	2.00 p.m.
Appliances	(Technician)	Mon. (alternate weeks)	10.30 a.m.
Cardiac	Dr. H.A. Fleming	Mon. (3rd bi-monthly)	9.45 a.m.
	Dr. D.W. Evans	Mon. (4th bi-monthly)	9.45 a.m.
Chest	Dr. C.P. Hay } Dr. L.C. Lum }	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. S.O.B. Roberts	Tues.	9.45 a.m.
E.N.T.	Mr. K.F. Wilsdon	Mon.	2.00 p.m.
Geriatric	Dr. W. Davison } Dr. N.K. Coni }	Wed. (Wards B.4 & B.6) Mon. (Ward B.3.)	a.m. p.m.
Gynaecological	Mr. J.S. Hesketh	Fri. (Gynaecological) Tues. (Obstetrics) - A2	9.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
and	Registrar	Tues. (Obstetrics) - A2 Thurs. - ditto -	2.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m.
Obstetrics	Mr. O. Lloyd	Mon. (alternate weeks)	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. Yealland	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Ophthalmic	Mr. J. Monckton	Tues. Fri. (Glaucoma cases only)	2.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Orthopaedic	Mr. E.S. Jamieson	Mon. Fri. Sat. (children only - alternate Sats) Tues. (Plaster room)	10.30 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 10.15 a.m. 2.00 p.m.
	(Physiotherapy cases only)	Thurs. - not 4th	10.00 a.m.
	Mr. R. Maganall	Wed. (2nd in month only) Wed. (4th in month only) Physiotherapy)	10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Paediatrics	Dr. D.M.T. Gairdner	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	Tues. Fri.	9.15 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
	Mr. T.M. Williams	Thurs.	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

157 of the 191 births to inhabitants of the district took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

83 of the 148 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 1970 :-

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
62	Measles	30	32
3	Infective Jaundice	-	3
4	Scarlet Fever	-	4
1	Salmonella Typhimurium	-	1
		<u>30</u>	<u>40</u>

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

NEW CASES

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
Pulmonary	1	1	2	2	4	3	2
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

AGE OF CASE NOTIFIED DURING 1970

Pulmonary: 1 Male - 63 years

MORTALITY: There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1970.

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 1970	5	6	-	2	13
2. First notified during 1970	1	-	-	-	1
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by transfers	-	-	-	-	-
5. Cases removed from Register	-	-	-	-	-
6. Remaining at 31.12.70	6	6	-	2	14

SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The Urban District is supplied with water by the Ely, Mildenhall and 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 $1\frac{3}{4}$ 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.

Nine samples of water were taken from the well at Southfields Pumping Station and eleven samples were taken from the mains for bacteriological examination. The results of these samples showed the quality of the water 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.

Method of Mains Water Supply to Houses

(a) Direct to Houses

Number of dwelling house 4,735

Estimated number of population supplied 12,167

(b) By means of Standpipes

Number of dwelling houses 23

Estimated number of population supplied 38

Number of standpipes 19

There are no Council owned standpipes in the District.

Number of houses from 1961 connected to :-

Piped Water Supply

<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>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Total</u>
49	81	85	123	89	159	333	71	95	88	1173

Sewerage System

<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>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Total</u>
48	79	84	123	89	148	329	71	95	88	1154

The information given below relating to Drainage, Sewerage, Refuse Disposal and Public Cleansing has been supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The contract for the construction of a new sewage disposal works is scheduled to start in October this year incorporating the joint sludge de-watering arrangements with Cambridge City. The site investigation contract has been completed and the contract, in advance of the main contract, for the laying of a new sewer across Studlands Park and part of the Exning rising main has been completed.

The maintenance of the two existing sewage works, four pumping stations and one temporary sewage treatment plant has, as previously, been carried out by direct labour under the direction and supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor.

During the year the Council has operated a cesspool emptying service to those properties within the Urban District not yet connected to a public sewer using the 1,000 gallon capacity gully emptier. The two free emptyings given by the Council to each of these properties cost approximately £500 last year.

REFUSE PULVERISATION

A joint scheme for the pulverisation of refuse from Newmarket Rural District Council and Urban District Council will be put into operation at the end of May 1971. The plant is being installed at the U.D.C. Central Depot and will handle about 35 tons per day, the pulverised refuse will be transported to Kennett Tip in special containers. The main purpose of pulverising refuse is to increase the life of refuse tips by improving the density of the material, and, furthermore, tips unsuitable for crude refuse are very often not unsuitable for pulverised refuse.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The cleaning of some 35 miles of highways, road gullies and the collection of domestic and trade refuse has, as previously, been carried out by direct labour under the direction and supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Councillors of
the Urban District of Newmarket

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit for your information and consideration
my Report for the year 1970.

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, 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 ..	154
Total number of inspections and re-inspections thereunder	250
Number of verminous premises inspected	4
Number of visits and re-visits re verminous premises	11
Number of houses with other infestations (including wasp nests) ..	85
Miscellaneous housing visits	57
Visits re infectious diseases/disinfection	4

Various Inspections

Visits re water supply	19
Bacteriological samples of water from well at Southfields Pumping Station	9
Bacteriological samples of water from mains	11
Water samples from swimming pool	5
Inspections at Swimming Pool	5
Inspections re choked and/or defective drains, drain testing ..	54
Inspections of Public House sanitary conveniences	10
Inspections of Fried Fish Shops	4
Inspections of Factories	24
Inspections of Bakehouses	3
Visits re Rats and Mice (in addition to Rodent Operator)	93
Schools	3
Pet Animals Act	2
Noise Abatement	10
Clean Air Act	12
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963	86
Moveable dwellings	5
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	141
Visits to Butchers	14
Visits to Fishmongers	3
Visits to Grocers	33
Visits to Greengrocers	3
Visits to Restaurants and Cafes	18
Visits to Confectioners	2
Visits to Ice Cream premises	8
Visits to Markets	31
Visits to Milk distributors	4
Miscellaneous Food Visits	29
Visits re Petroleum & Explosives	51

Number of Informal Notices served in 1970	16
Number of Informal Notices outstanding from 1969	11
Number of Informal Notices complied with in 1970	17
Number of Informal Notices outstanding at 31st December 1970	10
Number of Statutory Notices served in 1970	NIL
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding from 1969	NIL
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December 1970	NIL

Work done after service of notices	Informal
Damp conditions abated	4
Walls repaired	1
Windows repaired	2
W.C's repaired or renewed	1
Drains cleansed, repaired or renewed	5
Offensive accumulations removed	3

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	9	2	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	61	20	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	2	NIL	NIL
	75	24	NIL	NIL

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecution instituted.
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
Unsuitable or defective	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

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

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	4	69	6
Retail Shops	3	94	9
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	4	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	25	-
Fuel Storage depots	-	2	-
Total	7	194	15

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

Registered Premises - 86

Table C - Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises

by Workplace

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	450
Retail shops	618
Wholesale departments, warehouses	24
Catering establishments open to the public	150
Canteens	3
Fuel storage depots	9
Total	1254
Total Males	556
Total Females	698

NOISE ABATEMENT

Four complaints of nuisance from noise were investigated :-

- (1) Noise and vibration from office accounting machine
- (2) Noise from exhaust steam at a factory
- (3) Noise from unmuffled pneumatic picks used on engineering work
- (4) Noise from factory machinery

The above matters were dealt with informally.

CLEAN AIR ACTS

Following complaint of emission of smoke from a chimney serving an oil-fired boiler, the chimney was observed at various times during the year. On only one occasion was the emission of dark smoke noted and this was remedied forthwith.

CARAVANS

There are no licensed camping sites in the district.

Gypsies with three caravans occupied a car park during January, but they moved after being requested to do so.

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 9th May to the 12th September 1970. The number of tickets sold was 30,249 of which 7,842 were issued to adults and 22,406 to children. In addition there were 5 adult and 74 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	85	85
Cockroaches	2	2
Bed Bugs	2	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

Type of Premises	No. of Treatments	Bodies Found	
		RATS	MICE
Dwellings	270	164	6
Business Premises	31	94	27
Racing Stables	12	18	
<u>Council Property</u>			
Sewage & Refuse Disposal Works	8	126	
Other Council Premises	2	4	
Allotments	1	15	
	<u>324</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>33</u>

H O U S I N G

1. (i) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 154
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 250
- (ii) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. 5
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 5
- (iii) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 5
- (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. 5
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. 6
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 5
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 2
 - (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 Section 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	NIL

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	65
Number of visits re above	100
Number of applications received	39
Number of applications outstanding from 1969	3
Number of applications approved	35
Number of applications withdrawn	1
Number of applications outstanding at 31.12.70	6
Value of grants approved	£16,658

Standard Grants

Number of houses inspected following application or proposed application for grant	6
Number of visits re above	6
Number of applications received	6
Number of applications approved	5
Number of applications withdrawn	NIL
Number of applications outstanding at 31.12.70	1

Amenities to be provided

Fixed baths	5
Wash-hand basins	5
Hot water supply	5
Internal water closet	5

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RENT ACT 1957

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

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HOUSES COMPLETED FROM 1946 BY COUNCIL AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

During 1970 there were 88 houses completed, 6 built by the Council and 82 by private enterprise.

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

<u>By the Council</u>	Traditional	1,021
	Prefabricated	50
	Easiform	100
	Unity	48
	Wates	68
	Total Post-War	1,287
	Total Pre-War	309
	Grand Total of Council Houses	1,596

<u>Built by the Council and sold to private owners</u>	70
<u>Built by Private Enterprise</u>	892

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959

Number of Milk Distributors on Register	17
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, 31 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

Three complaints were received about foreign matter in foods and these complaints were taken up with the manufacturers of the foods concerned. In each case co-operation was received in an endeavour to prevent entry of foreign matter into foods.

One complaint of mouldy bread was dealt with.

FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED AS BEING UNSOUND OR OTHERWISE

UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

164 tins of Meat	743 tins of Fruit
475 tins of Vegetables	154 tins of Fish
26 tins of Milk	494 miscellaneous tins, jars and packets
1 x 28 lb. box of fresh fish	1 x 44 lb. box of frozen rabbits
Total weight condemned: 8 cwt. 37 lbs.	

In addition 8 cwt. 96 lbs. of frozen foods were received for destruction following breakdown of freezing equipment.

METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

Foods condemned were destroyed by burning at the Refuse Destructor.

FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

	No. of Premises	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 16	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Hotels and Licensed Premises	29	29	29	29
Restaurants and Cafes	10	10	10	10
Grocers	24	24	14	14
Ice cream premises	31	31	12	12
Butchers	15	15	15	15
Fishmongers	4	4	4	4
Greengrocers	10	10	-	-
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	.. .. .	11
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 fourteen inspections at butcher's shops.

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

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1970

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

Food room infested with cockroaches	1
Wash-hand basin with hot and cold water supply not provided	1
Wash-hand basin in broken and unusable condition	1
No supply of clean towels, nail brush and soap at wash-hand basin	1
Walls and ceiling of food room in dirty condition	1
Meat chopping block not kept clean	1
Floor of food room in dirty condition	1
Sink waste gully not kept clean	1
Waste water running on to floor of kitchen	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

