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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 1971



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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District
of Newmarket, in the Administrative County of West Suffolk,
for the year ended 31st December, 1971.

Public Health Department,
Severalls House,
Newmarket.

8th August, 1972.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Newmarket Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour once more and for the last time to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer for your District for the year ended 31st December 1971. The form of the report and contents are in accordance with the official circular from the Department of Health and Social Security.

The population for the year as estimated by the Registrar-General was 13,040 as compared with the estimate of 12,220 for the year 1970. The birth rate of 16.20 compares favourably with the national rate of 16.00. This rate when adjusted for age and sex distribution is marginally above that for England and Wales whereas for 1970 it was below the national rate. The infant mortality rate is similar to the national rate of 18 per 1,000 live births. Whilst this rate reflects a comparatively healthy population too much notice should not be attached to it as when dealing with relatively small numbers they tend to lose their statistical significance. The incidence of notifiable diseases was again very low and must to some extent reflect the efficiency of the immunisation procedures for the past three decades.

The impending radical reorganisation of local government with the disappearance of the office of Medical Officer of Health on 1st April 1974 will herald the creation of the Community Physician who will not be employed by local government but whose advice will be available from the new Health Boards.

Your Public Health Inspector and his colleagues have continued to maintain the general sanitation at a satisfactory level due to their continued vigilance. Mrs. Blyth has again been responsible for the production of this report which she has carried out during the time I have had the honour of acting as your Medical Officer of Health.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID ANDREW McCracken

SECTION 4

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

GENERAL STATISTICS 1944 3,640 women

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Registrar General (1971)
of resident population 12,090 12,130 12,220 12,060

Number of inhabited houses
at end of year according
to Date Book 4,562 4,577 4,763 4,793

Rateable Value £170,393 £200,312
and represented by a Polling Rate £1,000 £1,000 £1,000 £1,000

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

RESEARCH D.A. McCracken, C.St.J., M.D., M.F.C.M., D.P.H., F.R.S.H.

	Male	Female	Total
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>			
Legitimate	90	116	206
Illegitimate	2	6	8
Total	92	122	214

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Live birth rate per 1,000	16.7
Corrected birth rate (Comp. Factor 2.5)	16.2
Live birth rate per 1,000	16.2
Illegitimate live	8
<u>DEATHS</u>	
Legitimate	2
Illegitimate	2
Total	4

Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births	9
" " " " " (Comp. Factor 2.5)	12

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

	Male	Female	Total
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>			
Legitimate D. Parr	92	126	218
Illegitimate	2	6	8
Total	94	132	226

	Male	Female	Total
<u>DEATHS</u>			
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	2	2	4
Total	4	4	8

CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Death rate per 1,000 population	13.6
Corrected death rate (Comp. Factor 2.5)	12.5
Death rate per 1,000 popul.	12.5

<u>INFANT MORTALITY</u> - Deaths of infants under one year of age									Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4

RODENT OPERATOR

<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATE</u>	
Total infant deaths per 1,000	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legit. live births	18
Illegitimate " " " illegit. " "	19

<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>	
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000	8
<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>	
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	2
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>	
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	14

SECTION A
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

<u>GENERAL STATISTICS</u>	Area	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,640 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	(1968)	(1969)	(1970)	(1971)						
	12,090	12,190	12,220	13,040						
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book	4,582	4,677	4,763	4,923						
Rateable Value	£456,676	£481,294	£498,103	£508,310						
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,850	£1,945	£2,010	£4,824						

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate		90	116	206
Illegitimate		8	6	14
	Total	98	122	220

Live birth rate per 1,000 population	16.9
Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.96)	16.2
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	16.0
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	6

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate		2	-	2
Illegitimate		-	-	-
	Total	2	-	2

Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births	9
" " " " " " " " (Eng. & Wales)	12

<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate		92	116	208
Illegitimate		8	6	14
	Total	100	122	222

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	94	75	169
Death rate per 1,000 population .. .. .	..	..	13.0
Corrected death rate (Comp. factor 0.95) .. .. .	..	..	12.4
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales) .. .. .	..	..	11.6

<u>INFANT MORTALITY</u> - Deaths of infants under one year of age		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate		2	2	4
Illegitimate		-	-	-
	Total	2	2	4

<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>									
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
" " " " " " " " (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legit. live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Illegitimate " " " " illegit. " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>	
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births	9

<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>	
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	5

<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>	
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	14

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Birth Rate (Corrected)	16.2	15.0	16.0	16.8	14.4	15.4	15.8	17.1
Death Rate (Corrected)	12.4	11.5	12.6	12.8	12.4	10.2	12.7	10.3
Infant Mortality Rate	18	21	24.6	9.4	5.6	16.0	15.6	39.2
Number of infant deaths	4	4	5	2	1	3	3	8

The following table gives the causes and number of deaths which occurred during 1971 :-

				Registrar General's Figures	
				Male	Female
				1971	1971
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.				2	-
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus				1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach				2	3
Malignant neoplasm, intestine				2	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus				10	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast				-	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus				2	-
Malignant neoplasm, prostate				1	1
Leukaemia				4	4
Other malignant neoplasms				1	-
Diabetes mellitus				-	1
Other endocrine etc. diseases				1	-
Anaemias				1	-
Other diseases of nervous system				1	2
Hypertensive disease				35	21
Ischaemic heart disease				1	3
Other forms of heart disease				10	8
Cerebrovascular disease				3	3
Other diseases of circulatory system				1	-
Influenza				5	11
Pneumonia				2	2
Bronchitis and emphysema				-	2
Asthma				-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system				2	1
Peptic ulcer				-	1
Cirrhosis of liver				1	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system				2	-
Congenital anomalies				-	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality				2	1
Motor vehicle accidents				1	1
All other accidents				1	-
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries				-	-

94 75

1970 67 81

SECTION B

STATISTICS (a)

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. L.C. Lum	Thurs.	2.00 p.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. N.K. Coni	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Gynaecological	Mr. J.S. Hesketh	Fri. (Gynaecological)	9.30 a.m.
		Tues. (Obstetrics) - A2	10.00 a.m.
and	Registrar	Tues. (Obstetrics) - A2 (G.P. Unit)	2.00 p.m.
Obstetrics		Thurs. - ditto -	10.00 a.m.
	Mr. O. Lloyd	Mon. (alternate weeks)	2.00 p.m.
Medical	Dr. R. Arden Jones	Tues. & Wed.	2.00 p.m.
	Dr. I.E. Evans	Thurs.	2.00 p.m.
	Dr. K.M. Mackenzie	Thurs. (alternate weeks)	2.00 p.m.
Neurology	Dr. M.F.T. Yealland	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Ophthalmic	Mr. J. Monckton	Tues.	2.00 p.m.
		Fri.	10.00 a.m.
	(Glaucoma cases only)	3rd Mon. in month	10.00 a.m.
Orthopaedic	Mr. E.S. Jamieson	Mon.	10.30 a.m.
		Fri.	2.00 p.m.
		Sat. (children only - alternate Sats)	10.15 a.m.
		Tues. (Plaster room)	2.00 p.m.
	(Physiotherapy cases only)	Thurs. - not 4th	10.00 a.m.
	Mr. R. Mangnall	Wed. (2nd in month only)	10.00 a.m.
		Wed. (4th in month only)	10.00 a.m.
		Physiotherapy	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.	9.15 a.m.
		Fri.	10.30 a.m.
	Mr. T.M. Williams	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Thoracic Surgery	Mr. B.B. Milstein	Mon. (2nd in month)	10.00 a.m.
	Mr. C. Parish	Mon. (4th in month)	10.00 a.m.

(e) HOSPITALS

187 of the 220 births to inhabitants of the district took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

96 of the 169 deaths of inhabitants of the district took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

SECTION C

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTION AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious and other diseases notified during 1971 :-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
41 Measles	23	18
1 Scarlet Fever	-	1
3 Whooping Cough	2	1
	<u>25</u>	<u>20</u>

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

NEW CASES

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
Pulmonary	2	1	1	2	2	4	3
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

AGES OF CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1971

Pulmonary: 1 Male - 24 years, 1 Female 61

MORTALITY: There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1971.

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 1971	6	6	-	2	14
2. First notified during 1971	1	1	-	-	2
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by transfers	-	-	-	-	-
5. Cases removed from Register	-	-	-	-	-
6. Remaining at 31.12.71	7	7	-	2	16

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 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.

Five 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 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 houses	.. .. .	4,895
Estimated number of population supplied	.. .. .	12,987

(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 1962 connected to :-

Piped Water Supply

1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	Total
81	85	123	89	159	333	71	95	88	163	1287

Sewerage System

1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	Total
79	84	123	89	148	329	71	95	88	163	1269

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 new sewage treatment scheme for Newmarket and Exning has been let to Biggs Wall and Co. Ltd.

The work includes the laying of a 36" dia. trunk sewer and rising mains, the construction of two pumping stations and a sewage disposal works which will take the place of the two existing works situated adjacent to the Central Depot, Exning Road and at Cotton End Road, Exning. This contract, which is valued at approximately £740,000, commences in May, 1972 and it is anticipated will be completed in the Spring of 1974.

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 and a new 1100 gallon capacity gully emptying vehicle is being purchased to continue this and other related services.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND REFUSE COLLECTION

The cleansing and maintenance of some 35 miles of highway and the collection of domestic and trade refuse has been carried out by contract and direct labour under the direction and supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor. Two new refuse collection vehicles are being purchased to replace the existing vehicles one of which is being retained as a standby.

REFUSE PULVERISATION

The joint scheme for the pulverisation of refuse from the Newmarket Rural and Urban District Councils was brought into operation at the end of May 1971. The plant has been installed at the Urban District Council's Central Depot and its operation is the responsibility of the Engineer and Surveyor.

Approximately 9,000 tons of refuse have been processed since May 1971 and the finished product is transported to the Council's refuse tip at Kennett in purpose-made bulk containers. It has been found that the finished product is a far less pollutant material than crude refuse and its higher density will help to achieve an extension in the life of the Council's refuse tips.

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 1971.

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	192
Total number of inspections and re-inspections thereunder	291
Number of verminous premises inspected	4
Number of visits and re-visits re verminous premises	7
Number of houses with other infestations (including wasp nests)	192
Miscellaneous housing visits	102
Visits re infectious diseases/disinfection	7

Various Inspections

Visits re water supply	16
Bacteriological samples of water from well at Southfields Pumping Station ..	5
Bacteriological samples of water from mains	9
Water samples from swimming pool	4
Inspections at Swimming Pool	6
Inspections re choked and /or defective drains, drain testing	71
Inspections of Public House sanitary conveniences	12
Inspections of Fried Fish Shops	4
Inspections of Factories	24
Inspections of Bakehouses	3
Visits re Rats and Mice (in addition to Rodent Operator)	31
Schools	4
Pet Animals Act	2
Noise Abatement	10
Clean Air Act	26
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963	115
Movable dwellings	6
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	196
Visits to Butchers	13
Visits to Fishmongers	4
Visits to Grocers	24
Visits to Greengrocers	4
Visits to Restaurants and Cafes	16
Visits to Confectioners	6
Visits to Ice Cream premises	12
Visits to Markets	20
Visits to Milk distributors	6
Miscellaneous Food Visits	20
Visits re Petroleum & Explosives	48

Number of Informal Notices served in 1971	17
Number of Informal Notices outstanding from 1970	10
Number of Informal Notices complied with in 1971	21
Number of Informal Notices outstanding at 31st December 1971	6
Number of Statutory Notices served in 1971	NIL
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding from 1970	NIL
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December 1971	NIL

Work done after service of notices	Informal
Wall repaired	1
Roofs repaired	2
Doors repaired	1
Floors repaired	1
Drains cleansed, repaired or renewed	4
Eaves gutters repaired	1
Dirty premises cleansed	2
Offensive accumulations removed	3
Nuisance from animals abated	3

Food Premises

Contraventions of Food Hygiene Regulations discontinued 5

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	4	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	61	18	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.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

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	72	17
Retail Shops	7	96	45
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	4	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	25	14
Fuel storage depots	-	2	1
Total	12	199	78

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

Registered Premises - 115

Table C - Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises

by Workplace

Class of Workplace

No. of persons employed

Offices 459

Retail shops 624

Wholesale departments, warehouses 26

Catering establishments open to the public	150
Canteens	3
Fuel storage depots	9
Total	1271
Total Males	561
Total Females	710

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960

Two complaints were received of noise from a laundry and although the noises were not considered to be statutory nuisances, informal action was taken to reduce the noise complained of.

CLEAN AIR ACTS

Complaint was received of the emission of smuts from a steel chimney serving an oil-fired boiler. This was taken up with the company concerned who subsequently obtained technical advice about their boiler installation and a new insulated chimney is to be erected.

Nuisances from the burning of waste materials on the premises of two factories were abated after informal action.

CARAVANS

There are no licensed caravan sites in the district.

Gypsies with two caravans occupied a road-side verge but moved on after five days.

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 1971 to the 11th September 1971. The number of tickets sold was 20,911 of which 4,856 were issued to adults and 16,055 to children. In addition there were 23 adult and 98 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.

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

Six 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	188	188
Cockroaches	3	5
Fleas	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 77p. 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	248	189	4
Business Premises	35	99	23
Racing Stables	18	86	
Allotments	1	18	
<u>Council Property</u>			
Kennett Tip	2	66	
Sewage & Refuse Disposal Works	4	73	
Other Council Premises	3	25	
	<u>311</u>	<u>556</u>	<u>27</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) 192
 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 291
 (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. NIL
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. 8
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 3
 (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	64
Number of visits re above	98
Number of applications received	31
Number of applications outstanding from 1970	6
Number of applications approved	36
Number of applications withdrawn	1
Number of applications outstanding at 31.12.71	NIL
Value of grants approved	£19,440

Standard Grants

Number of houses inspected following application or proposed application for grant	5
Number of visits re above	7
Number of applications received	5
Number of applications approved	4
Number of applications refused	1
Number of applications outstanding at 31.12.71	NIL

Amenities to be provided

Fixed baths	3
Wash-hand basins	3
Hot water supply	4
Internal water closet	3

The Department is now also responsible for the final inspection of premises improved with the aid of improvement grants and for certification for payment of grant. Seventy-eight inspections have been made for these purposes.

RENT ACT 1957

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

HOUSES COMPLETED FROM 1946 BY COUNCIL AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

During 1971 there were 163 houses completed, all built 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
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	Total Post-War	1,287
	Total Pre-War	309
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	Grand Total of Council Houses	1,596
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Built by the Council and sold to

private owners

70

Built by Private Enterprise

1,055

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959

Number of Milk Distributors on Register 16

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

Five complaints of foreign matter or moulds in foods were dealt with.

There were two complaints of foods sold after the date recommended by the manufacturers. Although there was no evidence that these foods were unfit for human consumption the opportunity was taken to discuss the importance of proper stock rotation with the retailers concerned.

FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED AS BEING UNSOUND OR OTHERWISE

UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

143 tins of Meat 1,021 tins of Fruit

817 tins of Vegetables 192 miscellaneous tins,
jars and packets

124 tins of Fish

Total weight condemned: 1 ton, 10 lbs.

In addition 4 cwt. 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	9	9	9	9
Grocers	22	22	14	14
Ice Cream premises	31	31	12	12
Butchers	14	14	14	14
Fishmongers	3	3	3	3
Greengrocers	8	8	-	-
Bakers	2	2	2	2
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 thirteen 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 :-

No hot water supply to sink	1
No hot water supply to wash-hand basin	1
Floor of food room in dirty condition	1
Waste material deposited in food room	1
Food preparation table not capable of being properly cleansed	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



