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For the year ending 31st December, 1966.

The Council,  
Buckingham Palace,  
London, W.1.

MR. CHAIRMAN and GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you my report for the year 1966 of the health condition of your district during that period.

I also present the Public Health Inspector's report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. THOMAS,

NORTH WITCHEFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report for 1966

(1) **ANNUAL REPORT**

This comprises the work of the Council.

(2) **THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

Medical Officer of Health - C. H. THOMAS, M.B., B.S., D.C., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P.  
Public Health Inspector - J. H. THOMAS, M.B., B.S., D.C., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P.

(3) Working to a 31st December, 1966.

The Local Authority has the services of Training Officers under the control of the Local Authority.

(4) Hospital.

Most patients are now treated at Buckingham Palace Hospital.

(5) Ambulance Facilities.


These are controlled by the County Council.

(6) Child Welfare.

Clinics are held at Buckingham Palace and Home.

SEXUAL OFFENCES

The number of adults engaged on agricultural work continues to decrease with the shift towards factory employment in new towns. Seasonal employment on farm work is still available for many members of the female adult population.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ending 31st December, 1966.

The Lindens,  
Doddington,  
March, Cambs.  
Tel: Doddington 206.

MR. CHAIRMAN and GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you my report for the year 1966 on the health condition of your district during that period.

I also present the Public Health Inspector's report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

CECIL THOMAS,

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL PROVISION FOR HEALTH SERVICES.

(1) Public Health Committee.

This comprises the whole Council.

(2) Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health - CECIL THOMAS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.  
Public Health Inspector - JOHN METCALFE, M.R.S.H.

(3) Nursing in the Home.

The entire district has the services of Trained Nurses under the control of the Local Authority.

(4) Hospital.

Most patients are now treated at Doddington Hospital.

(5) Ambulance Facilities.

These are controlled by the County Council.

(6) Child Welfare.

Clinics are held at Doddington and Manea.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The number of adults engaged on agricultural work continue to decrease with the drift towards factory employment in nearby towns. Seasonal employment on farm work is still available for many members of the female adult population.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

For the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Board,  
Public Health,  
City of London,  
London, E.C. 4.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

I am pleased to present to you my report for the year 1925 on the health conditions of your district during that period.

I also present the Public Health Inspector's report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN BROWN,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL REMARKS ON THE HEALTH SERVICE.

(1) Public Health Committee.

This Committee has the whole Council.

(2) Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health - JOHN BROWN, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P.  
Public Health Inspector - JOHN BROWN, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P.

(3) Working in the year.

The entire district has the services of Public Health Officers under the control of the Local Authority.

(4) Hospitals.

Most patients are now treated at Westminster Hospital.

(5) Ambulance facilities.

These are controlled by the County Council.

(6) Child Welfare.

Children are held at Westminster Hospital.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

The following reports are presented on a special basis:  
to draw attention to the fact that the health of the district is in a satisfactory position.  
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# GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) ... ..	24,701.
Population (estimated mid year by Registrar General) ...	4,570.
Number of inhabited houses ... ..	1,586.
Rateable Value ... ..	£104,069.
Estimated net product of a penny rate ... ..	£416.

The estimated population for mid year is below the figure for the census return in 1961 which was 4,737.

# VITAL STATISTICS.

## Live Births.

Number ... ..	57
Rate per 1000 population ... ..	12.47

The birth rate for the previous year was 10.91. The national birth rate for 1966 was 17.7.

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	7.01
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## Still Births.

Number ... ..	2
Rate per 1000 total live and still births ...	33.89

Total Live and Still Births.. ... ..	59
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<u>Infant Deaths</u> (deaths under 1 year) ... ..	Nil
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## Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant deaths per 1000 total live births..	Nil
Legitimate " " " " legitimate live births	Nil
Illegitimate " " " " illegitimate " "	Nil

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)...	Nil
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Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births ... ..)	Nil
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Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still births)	33.89
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## Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths.. ... ..	Nil
Rate per 1000 total live and still births. ...	Nil

## Deaths in Area and Causes:

	M.	F.	Total
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	1	2
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	7	4	11
Diabetes	1	-	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	4	3	7
Coronary Disease, Angina	5	1	6
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
Other Heart Disease	2	2	4
Other Circulatory Disease	-	1	1
Pneumonia	2	2	4
Carried Forward	25	14	39



	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Brought Forward	25	14	39
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1	1
Congenital Malformations	-	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined diseases	3	4	7
All other Accidents	1	-	1
Suicide	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	31	20	51
	<u>==</u>	<u>==</u>	<u>==</u>

The death rate for the Rural District in 1966 was 11.15 per 1,000 population compared with 8.51 for the previous year. The national death rate was 11.7.

#### NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	<u>Total Notified</u>
Measles	82
Scarletina	1
Whooping Cough	1
Tuberculosis	<u>1</u>
Total	85
	<u>==</u>

#### FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS.

There was no cases of food poisoning notified in the Rural District during 1966.



Causes	No.	%	Total
Brought Forward	23	100	23
Respiratory	1	4.3	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	4.3	1
Constitutional Disturbances	1	4.3	1
Other Diseases and Ill-defined Diseases	3	13.0	3
All other Accidents	1	4.3	1
Subtotal	1	4.3	1
	31	100	31

The death rate for the above district in 1966 was 11.15 per 1,000 population compared with 6.51 for the previous year. The national death rate was 11.7.

#### RESPIRATORY DISTURBANCES

##### Total notified

Causes	No.	%	Total
Respiratory	1	100	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	100	1
Constitutional Disturbances	1	100	1
Other Diseases and Ill-defined Diseases	1	100	1
All other Accidents	1	100	1
Subtotal	5	100	5

#### RESPIRATORY DISTURBANCES

There were no cases of food poisoning notified in the above district during 1966.

# PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1966.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following are the numbers of visits and inspections carried out during 1966.

Improvement Grant Inspections	...	...	...	...	60.
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	5.
Drainage	...	...	...	...	25.
Fried Fish Shops.	...	...	...	...	5.
Caravans and encampments	...	...	...	...	16.
Factory Acts Inspections (including building projects)	...	...	...	...	47.
Bakehouses..	...	...	...	...	2.
Sanitary Accommodation..	...	...	...	...	30.
Refuse Dumps	...	...	...	...	14.
Rats and Mice (including premises visited by Rodent Operator)	...	...	...	...	38.
Manure and Refuse Accumulations	...	...	...	...	9.
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	...	...	...	...	26.
Nightsoil Disposal	...	...	...	...	2.
Sewers and Sewage Disposal Works	...	...	...	...	227.
Dykes	...	...	...	...	15.
Buildings under Construction and Alteration	...	...	...	...	497.
New drain tests..	...	...	...	...	84.
Sewer Tests	...	...	...	...	9.
Petroleum Installations	...	...	...	...	3.
Poultry Farms and Piggeries..	...	...	...	...	9.
Infectious Disease Inquiries.	...	...	...	...	1.
Offices Shops and Railway Premises.	...	...	...	...	26.

## INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES.

- (1) Number of houses inspected under Public Health Acts and Housing Consolidated Regulations (excluding Council Houses).. ... 17.
- (2) Number of houses surveyed for Slum Clearance (not included in (1)) ... 5.
- (3) Number of inspections for the above purposes (1) and (2) (including re-inspections), ... 67.
- (4) Number of dwellings inspected under Rent Act, 1957... Nil.
- (5) Inspections of Verminous or Dirty Dwellings ... 3.
- (6) Number of Inspections and Visits to houses in connection with Improvement Grants ... 60.
- (7) Number of Visits to Council Houses - Repairs, maintenance, and complaints, etc. ... 2598.

## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Butchers' Shops...	...	...	...	...	15.
Grocers' Shops	...	...	...	...	17.
Ice Cream Premises (Retail)...	...	...	...	...	7.
Visits and enquiries re suspected food poisoning cases	...	...	...	...	4.

# Summary of the Year

The following are the numbers of visits and inspections carried out during 1936.

Improvement Grants Inspections	60
Water Supply	5
Drainage	25
Fixed Fish Stalls	5
Catvans and encampments	10
Factory Acts Inspections (including building projects)	97
Refuse	2
Sanitary Accommodation	10
Refuse heaps	10
Waste and other insanitary premises visited by modern	10
Overcrowding	30
Waste and Refuse Accumulations	9
Industrial and Sanitary Visits	10
Highways Department	2
Boats and other temporary works	237
Hygiene	15
Buildings under Construction and Alteration	207
New Drain Laid	20
Water Tests	9
Electricity Installations	3
Electricity Wires and Apparatus	9
Infectious Disease Inspections	1
Clinical Shops and Railway Premises	201

## Summary of Detailed Returns

(1) Number of houses inspected under Public Health Acts and Regulation of Houses (excluding Council Houses)	17
(2) Number of houses surveyed for other purposes (not included in (1))	5
(3) Number of inspections for the above purposes (1) and (2) (including re-inspections)	22
(4) Number of dwellings inspected under Rent Act, 1927	101
(5) Inspections of Tenements or Dwellings	3
(6) Number of inspections and visits to houses in connection with improvement Grants	60
(7) Number of visits to Council Houses - Repairs, maintenance, and complaints, etc.	2030

## Notes and Foot Notes

Refuse, Shops	15
Doctors' Shops	17
Ice Cream Vendors (Mobile)	3
Visits and inspections re suspected food poisoning cases	2



## HOUSING.

The Rural Council did not erect any dwellings during 1966.

Twenty two dwellings were erected by private enterprise and twelve under construction at the end of the year. Nine of the new dwellings were built on a private estate for 16 dwellings at Doddington.

Two bungalows were erected by Cambs. & Isle of Ely **County Council** to replace obsolete houses on Smallholdings. A pair of houses was constructed at Doddington for County Council departments.

Summary of the post war development in the Rural District:-

Rural District Council	232	dwellings
County Council Departments	15	"
Drainage Boards	4	"
Hospital Board	2	"
Private Enterprise	192	"
Private Enterprise (Conversions)	<u>2</u>	"
	447	"
	<u><u>      </u></u>	

Further progress was made on Slum Clearance as can be seen from the following figures:-

Demolition Orders made	...	...	...	...	...	6.
Houses demolished as result of Demolition Orders or voluntarily by owners..	...	...	...	...	...	15.
Closing Orders made...	...	...	...	...	...	1.
Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders made in lieu	...	...	...	...	...	3.
Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied after informal action by District Council...	...	...	...	...	...	8.
Total number of dwellings demolished or closed during the period from 1st January, 1955 to 31st December, 1966	...	...	...	...	...	165.

### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

One application for a Discretionary grant was received and approved amounting to £239.15. 0d. The scheme was completed and the grant paid in the year under review.

Fifteen applications for Standard grants under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, as amended by the Housing Acts, 1961 and 1964, were approved during the year; the total value of the grants approved amounted to £2,626. 9. 3d.

Eight of these schemes, together with ten earlier schemes, were completed during 1966 and grants amounting to £2,650. 3. 6d. were paid.

The amenities provided under Improvement Grant schemes completed in 1966 were as follows:-

	<u>Standard.</u>	<u>Discretionary.</u>
Baths	17	1
Wash basins	17	1
Hot water systems	17	1
Larders	9	-
Water closets	17	1





60 inspections (including reinspections) were made at premises in respect of improvement schemes.

No application was received for Grant under Section 46 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, in connection with the erection of new dwellings by private enterprise.

#### BUILDING REGULATIONS.

110 plans were deposited with the Council under the Building Byelaws and the Building Regulations, which came into operation on the 1st February, 1966. Five plans were rejected. 497 inspections were made of premises in course of erection or alteration. Tests of new drains were carried out at 84 premises.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

The statutory Water Authority for the area is the Wisbech & District Water Board. 10 dwellings on the outskirts of the Rural District are served by Water Undertakings from other areas.

The following information is supplied at the request of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government:-

(i) There has been a plentiful supply of water throughout the area served by Board's mains and there have been no complaints as to quality of the water supplied by the Board.

(ii) Normally routine independent sampling of piped water supplied is not carried out by the Council, as the Water Board's Chemist carries out frequent bacteriological examinations of the mains water at selected sampling points.

(iii) No action by the Council was necessary in respect of contamination.

(iv) The local supply of water is not plumbo-solvent.

(v) Proportion of dwelling houses supplied from Public mains:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Occupied Houses.</u>	<u>No. with mains water.</u>	<u>No. without mains water.</u>	<u>Percentage Connected.</u>
Berwick	223	222	1	99.55.
Doddington	463	456	7	98.48.
Manca (including Welches Dam).	440	436	4	99.09.
Timblington (including Stonea)	462	456	6	98.70.
Totals	1588	1570	18	98.86.
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

Most of the few houses without mains water are situated remote from the nearest mains and it is not economically possible to take water to them.

For the following schedule of work carried out in North Witchford Rural District during 1966, and Water Analyses, I am indebted to Mr. Cyril Llanwarne, B.Sc.Tech., A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.E.E., Water Engineer, and Mr. J. S. Collins, Chemist and Bacteriologist of the Wisbech and District Water Board:-

65 inspections (including re-inspections) were made of  
 houses in respect of drainage and seepage.  
 An application was received for Grant under Section 46 of  
 the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, in connection with  
 the erection of new dwellings by private enterprise.

#### BUILDING REPAIRS.

110 plans were deposited with the Council under the  
 Building Regulations and the Building Regulations, which came  
 into operation on the 1st January, 1925. Five plans were  
 rejected. 507 inspections were made of premises in course  
 of erection or alteration. Tests of new drains were carried  
 out at 44 premises.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

The statutory authority for the area is the Walsby &  
 District Water Board. In Walsby on the outskirts of the  
 town, District are served by Water Undertakings from other areas.

The following information is supplied at the request of the  
 Council of Housing and Local Government:-

(i) There has been a plentiful supply of water throughout  
 the year served by Walsby's mains and there have been no complaints  
 as to quality of the water supplied by the Board.

(ii) Monthly rental independent supply of piped water  
 supplied is not carried out by the Council, as the Water Board's  
 supply service out of town is not independent of the  
 Council's water at selected supply points.

(iii) No action by the Council was necessary in respect of  
 contamination.

(iv) A local supply of water is not piped.

(v) Proportion of dwelling houses supplied from mains

Walsby	Walsby	Walsby	Walsby	Walsby	Walsby
Number of houses	Number of houses	Number of houses	Number of houses	Number of houses	Number of houses
253	253	253	253	253	253
403	403	403	403	403	403
410	410	410	410	410	410
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

None of the houses without water supply are situated  
 outside the Walsby mains and it is not economically possible  
 to take water to them.

The following schedule of work carried out in Walsby  
 the last month of the year 1924, and after analysis, I am  
 informed by Mr. C. H. Williams, B.Sc., F.R.S., A.C.S., A.C.E.,  
 that the water is of good quality and is not economically possible  
 to take water to them.



New Mains Laid:

Dykemoor Farm, Doddington. Supply to Hudson's new bungalow.	1,000 yards 2" P.V.C.
Housing Site off Wood Street, Doddington. The Rowans.	213 " 3" P.V.C.
New World, Doddington. D.E. Fisher's Poultry Farm.	400 " " "
Total length of main laid	<u>1,613 yards</u>

Additional Domestic Properties Supplied:

Benwick	2
Doddington	18
Manea	1
Winblington	2
Total	<u>23</u>

Water Analyses 1966 - North Witchford Rural District.

In order to maintain a pure and wholesome supply to the district, frequent bacteriological examinations have been undertaken during 1966, on samples from the Board's sourceworks and the distribution system in this and adjoining areas. The results have been of a very high standard. Many chemical analyses have also been carried out.

All new mains were sterilised, samples taken and bacteriological examinations made before the mains were put into service. No connections were permitted until the water in the mains was of the highest standard of purity.

A sample taken on the 8th December, 1966, from the distribution system off Marham Pumping Station, on which a fluoride estimation was carried out, had a fluoride content of 0.05 parts per million (as F).

The water supplied by the Board to North Witchford Rural District is not plumbic-solvent.

There were no cases of contamination of the water supply in North Witchford Rural District during 1966.

Bacteriological Samples taken in the North Witchford Rural District and adjoining areas.

Place of Sampling.	Total Tests Taken.	No. of Tests Negative.	No. of Tests Positive.	Percentage Negative Tests.
March	52	52	-	100%
Doddington	48	48	-	100%
Chatteris	103	103	-	100%
Manea	46	46	-	100%
Totals	249	249	-	100%





## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Benwick has a modern sewerage system for foul drainage, which has been in operation since mid 1963, and the samples of effluent taken from the discharge point at the sewage disposal works during the year were all satisfactory. Only 2 connections were made to the new sewers during 1966. 68 yards of 6" diam. glazed stoneware flex jointed pipes were laid for the purpose of a short sewer extension in Lilyholt Road, Benwick, in respect of which a new householder made a contribution towards the cost.

The year under review saw the completion of the laying of sewers for the Manea Scheme, 47 yards of 6" diam. flex jointed pipes were laid for foul sewers making a total of 1,855 yards in all. In addition 35 yards of 12" diam. and 104 yards of 9" diam. surface water sewers were laid to divert dyke water from the old 12" sewer, together the cleaning and grading of existing dykes. The new sewage disposal works at Town Lots were commissioned in the Autumn of 1966 and the existing post war works at Glebe Close, Westfield Road, were provided with sludge drying facilities.

Reconnection of existing properties to the new sewers in Westfield Road and School Lane, Manea, was put in hand together with more work on disconnecting roof water from the foul sewers in order not to overload the pumps. The following is a summary of the work carried out:-

Number of properties connected to new sewers		28
Number of properties disconnected from old sewers and re-connected to new sewers		61
	<u>Work done in 1966.</u>	<u>Total from beginning of scheme.</u>
Length of foul drains laid for house connections.		
4" diameter ... ..	350 yds.	1203 yds.
6" diameter ... ..	15 yds.	137 yds.
Length of R.W. disconnecting drains laid	<u>193 yds.</u>	<u>1283 yds.</u>
Total	<u>558 yds.</u>	<u>2623 yds.</u>

With regard to the villages of Doddington and Wimblington, apart from the post war housing estates, the main portions of the built-up areas are served by old combined storm and foul sewers, which discharge to a variety of outfalls consisting of obsolete disposal works or simple catchpits serving as detritus tanks prior to discharge of the virtually crude sewage water into dykes. As mentioned in the Report for 1965, the Council's Consulting Engineers have prepared a scheme for a comprehensive main drainage scheme for Doddington and Wimblington. During 1966 outline planning approval was obtained for the use of various parcels of land for six sewage pumping stations and a sewage disposal works to serve both villages. Notice of consent was also obtained from the Great Ouse River Board Authority for the discharge of effluent from the proposed works and negotiations were commenced for the purchase of land required. There are, of course, a number of houses on the perimeter of these villages which have cesspool drainage systems, from which overflows occur into land drainage ditches. The Council operates an emptying service through a local Contractor for houses in unsewered areas, and one free emptying per annum is allowed. There are a considerable number of houses in Manea still equipped with pail closets, but this number will be reduced with the completion of new sewers in that village.

There were a considerable number of houses in a line still  
occupied with bell closets, but this number will be reduced with  
the completion of new houses in that village.

There were considerable number of houses in area still equipped with ball closets, but this number will be reduced with the completion of new sewers in that village.



### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Nightsoil, which is collected by contractors, is composted with straw for use as manure on arable land. The contracts provide for three collections of closet pails per fortnight, the number of closets being dealt with at the end of the year was 130. The number of pail closets converted to water closets in 1966 was 41 and 15 of these conversions were part of improvement grant schemes.

#### Closet Conversions 1966.

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Improvement Grant Schemes.</u>	<u>Others.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Benwick	1	1	2
Doddington	2	-	2
Manea	11	23	34
Wimblington (with Stonea)	1	2	3
	15	26	41
	==	==	==

The following table shows the progress of closet conversions during the past ten years:-

	<u>Grant Schemes.</u>	<u>Others.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Previously reported			
1956 to 1965	107	210	317
1966	15	26	41
	122	236	358
	=====	=====	=====

Cesspools and vaults are emptied upon request from occupiers by one of the Contractors, who uses two cesspool emptiers for this purpose. The contents are either discharged over arable land or disposed of at the nightsoil tipping points.

### REFUSE COLLECTION.

Household refuse is collected from the built up areas of the villages (including the roads between the villages) once every fortnight by two separate Contractors employing the kerbside method. Certain sparsely populated outlying areas, namely Forty Foot Bank, Doddington; Floods Ferry Road, Benwick; Purls Bridge and Fifties Road, Manea, are given a collection every four weeks. The refuse is disposed in disused gravel pits and covered with soil.

### MILK SUPPLY.

The whole of the Council's district is within a "designated area" for the supply of milk, which in the main is distributed by two firms operating from dairies outside the Council's area. There are two local persons also retailing milk in the District.

### MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION.

There are now no licensed slaughterhouses in the Rural District, the seven butchers who have shops in the Area have the animals they purchase slaughtered in the neighbouring Urban District of March and Chatteris.





### FOOD PREMISES.

- (i) The number of food premises in the area is as follows:-

Grocers, general provision stores and confectioners	20
Butchers ... ..	7
Bakers ... ..	2
Fried Fish Shops ... ..	4
Cafes ... ..	1
Licensed Premises... ..	11

- (ii) 15 premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of ice cream. No ice cream is manufactured in the area and all the retailers sell prepacked ice cream, which in every case is stored in proper refrigerator cabinets. There are no dairies in the District.
- (iii) 7 inspections of registered food premises were made during the year.
- (iv) No new educational activity was undertaken during the year.
- (v) Condemned tinstuffs are normally disposed of by burial at the refuse dumps.
- (vi) No examination of whole consignments of food was necessary.
- (vii) There are no ice cream manufacturers in the area.
- (viii) 32 visits were made of food premises during the year. Byelaws for handling food were adopted by the Council in 1951 under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938.

### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

There are no large caravan sites in the Council's area. Two site licences for single caravans were issued during 1965 under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, and these were still in operation up to the end of 1966. Planning permission for two caravans on a site at Manea was refused by the County Planning Authority although the District Council supported the applications and was prepared to issue a site licence. The Planning Authority has a rigid policy which requires caravans to be located on a central site and isolated sites are not encouraged. Some trouble was experienced with temporary encampments occupied by seasonal farm workers who fail to provide sanitary accommodation and distribute litter on the sites and ditches around the same.

### RODENT CONTROL.

A few complaints were received regarding rats and mice which were investigated. The Council do not possess the necessary staff to carry out rodent destruction work other than that confined to sewer dykes and refuse disposal tips. Owing to the pressure of other work it is not possible to devote much time to rodent control, but all complaints are investigated and the opportunity to check for the presence of vermin is taken when premises are visited in connection with other matters. Good liaison is maintained with the local officials of the Pest Department of the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food.

The number of food premises in the area is as follows:-

20	General provision stores and confectioners
1	Butchers
2	Bakers
4	Food shops
1	Tea shop
11	Licensed refreshment stalls

It is pointed out that under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of ice cream, the ice cream is manufactured in the area and all the retailers sell prepared ice cream, which in every case is stored in proper refrigerator cabinets. There are no devices in the district.

1. Inspection of retail food premises was made during the year.

2. No educational activity was undertaken during the year.

3. Continued visits are normally dispensed at by District the retail shops.

4. The examination of whole consignments of food was necessary.

5. There are no ice cream manufacturers in the area.

6. It is noted that under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of ice cream, the ice cream is manufactured in the area and all the retailers sell prepared ice cream, which in every case is stored in proper refrigerator cabinets. There are no devices in the district.

# FOOD CONTROL

There was no change in the District Council's policy for the inspection of food premises during the year. The District Council and District of Davao, 1955, and those were still in operation up to the end of 1955. Planning for the future was a task at hand was referred by the District Council. Although the District Council supported the application and was prepared to issue a license. The planning authority has a rigid policy which requires that the premises be inspected and inspected after the inspection. Some trouble was experienced with temporary premises occupied by seasonal farm workers who fail to provide necessary accommodation and distribute litter on the street and within the area.

# FOOD CONTROL

A few complaints were received regarding rats and mice which were investigated. The Council do not possess the necessary staff to carry out rodent destruction work other than that existing in the District and refuse disposal. During the progress of other work it is not possible to devote much time to rodent control, but all complaints are investigated and the opportunity is taken for the presence of vermin to be taken down. Good progress was made in connection with other matters. Good progress was made in connection with the local officials of the District of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.



# FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

## Prescribed Particulars of the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

### PART 1 OF THE ACT.

#### 1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	5	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	24	11	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	19	33	-	-
Total.....	48	47	-	-

#### 2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.).....	5	5	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3).	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4).	-	-	-	-	-



# FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1938

## Prescribed Particulars of the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

### PART I OF THE ACT

Information for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Persons Employed (3)	
		As per Returns (4)	As per Returns (5)
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	5	3	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	34	11	-
(1) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	19	33	-
Total.....	48	47	2

Cases in which the Act was found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found (3)	
		As per Returns (4)	As per Returns (5)
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	5	3	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	34	11	-
(1) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	19	33	-
Total.....	48	47	2

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecution were instituted.  (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector. (4)	By H.M. Inspector. (5)	
Ineffective drainage to floors (S.6).....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	4	4	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6	6	-	-	-

#### PART VIII OF THE ACT

##### Outwork

(Section 110 and 111)

There are no outworkers in the district.

#### THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The following table sets out the information returned to the Ministry of Labour in connection with the above Act which came into operation in 1964.

TABLE A.  
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

(1) Class of Premises	(2) Premises Registered during the year.	Total registered premises end of year.	Registered premises receiving general inspection during the year.
Offices.....	2	10	4
Retail shops.....	1	20	7
Wholesale shops, warehouses-		-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens....	-	1	1
Fuel storage depots.....	-	1	-
Totals	3	32	12





TABLE B

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

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TABLE C

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
(1)	(2)
Offices.....	32
Retail shops.....	35
Wholesale departments, warehouses.....	-
Catering establishments open to the public.....	2
Canteens.....	-
Fuel storage depots.....	2
Total	71
Total males	26
Total Females	43

J. METCALFE,

Public Health Inspector.

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PLANTS

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TABLE C

NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PLANTS BY AGRICULTURAL

Class of workers	Number of persons employed
(1)	(2)
White...	35
Black...	35
Chinese...	-
Japanese...	-
Philippine...	2
Portuguese...	-
Spanish...	2
Total...	74
Total...	35
Total...	39

TABLE 1

Plant Health Inspector