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OSWESTRY BOROUGH COUNCIL (as at December, 1965)

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Councillor C. Edwards, J.P.

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Councillor Mrs. P.C.M. Symon

ALDERMEN:

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Miss D. Jones.

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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCIL OF THE OSWESTRY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors,

I beg to present for your perusal the Annual Report of the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1965.

The report is presented in much the same order as in previous years and as indicated by the Ministry of Health, which includes the Vital Statistics of the area.

The Live Birth Rate 15.28 per 1,000 population (England & Wales 18.0) shows a decrease of 2.39 on 1964 when it was 17.67; 184 babies being born compared with 211 in 1964.

The Still Birth Rate was 10.7 per 1,000 live and still births, (England & Wales 15.7) against 18.6 in 1964.

The Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births was 10.86 (England & Wales 11.5) compared with 12.14 in 1964.

All these figures follow national trends fairly closely.

Later in the report the Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. R.J. Lewis,

gives an interesting account of the year's activities in the Borough, and I extend to him my thanks for his able and continued support in the compilation of this Annual Report.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,
WILLIAM MOORE,

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department, 8, Oswald Road, OSWESTRY, Shropshire.

31st July, 1966.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1965

Live Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	89 3	85 7	174
	92	92	184
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population			15.28
Live Birth Rate after correction by comparability	factor		14.82
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live bi	rths .		5.43
Still Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	1	2
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still bi	rths .		10.7
Total Live and Still Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	90	86	176
	93	93	186
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1 -	2
Later to the report the Guide Distribute the	1	1	2
Infant Mortality Rates Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate l Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate	ive bir		10.86

1,000 total live births)	10.86
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	10.86
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	21.50
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	0.00
Deaths from Monsles (pl) area)	Total
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	4 -
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (all ages)	-
Deaths from all other causes 62 62	124
Death Rate per 1,000 population	10.29
Death Rate after correction by comparability factor	10.70

BIRTHS, DEATHS, STILL BIRTHS, INFANT MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY,

FOR THE YEAR 1965

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						-	-	-	-	-
OSWESTRY M.B.	Live Births	Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Total Deaths	Death Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Still Births	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	Infant Deaths	Infant Rate Deaths per 1,000 Live Births	Maternal Deaths	Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births
	184	184 15.28	124	10.29	2	10.7	2	10.86	# F F	00.00
COUNTY OF SALOP (1964)	3	18.58	5,796 18.58 3,418	10.96	105	17.79	108	18.63	2	0.34
ENGLAND AND WALES	864,000 18.0 549,320	18.0			11.5 13,800	15.7	16,414	19.0	219	0.25

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE	1965	1964
Tuberculosis, respiratory Other forms of Tuberculosis Syphilitic disease Diphtheria Whooping Cough Meningococcal infection Acute Poliomyelitis Measles Other infective and parasitic diseases Malignant neoplasm, stomach Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus Malignant neoplasm, breast Malignant neoplasm, uterus Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms Leukaemia, aleukaemia Diabetes Vascular lesions of the nervous system Coronary disease, angina Hypertension with heart disease Other circulatory disease Influenza Pneumonia Bronchitis Other diseases of the respiratory system Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	1965	1586241269562-4823
Influenza Pneumonia Bronchitis Other diseases of the respiratory system Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea Nephritis and Nephrosis Hyperplasia of prostate	6 9 1	- 4 8
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion Congenital malformations Other defined and ill-defined diseases Motor vehicle accidents All other accidents Suicide Homicide and operations of war	1 6 - 3 1 -	1 12 2 3 -

	Deaths M. F.	S H	Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
OSWESTRY M.B.	11 8 8	11	22	1.82
COUNTY OF SALOP	素	277	621	1.99
ENGLAND & WALES	57,464 48,874	8,874	106,338	2.22

INFANT MORTALITY

	per 1,000	2 hive births
Combined Total		
Tota	M. F	1 1
9 - 12 months	M. F.	1
6 - 9 months	M. F.	1
1-3 3-6 6-9 9-12 Total months months	M. F. M. F. M. F. M. F. M. F.	-
1 - 3 months	M. F.	1 1
7 days -	i. F.	1
2 2	F.	-
1 - 7 days	F. M. F. M.	1
Under 1 1 - 7 days	M. F.	- 1
OSWESTRY	M.B.	

NEO-MATAL MORTALITY

DSWESTRY W. M. B. M. B.	Deaths of Percentage of Rate per infants total infant 1,000 under 1 month deaths Live Births	F. Total 100 10.86
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NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

ping	F.		1 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	11	
Whooping	M.	1		7	7	1		1	,	1			2	
Scarlet	표.	1		1	'	1		'	-	-	1	'	-	
Sc	M.	1	1 1	1	1	Н	Н	1	1	1	1	1	2	
lmia	F.	1	THE	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	
Opthalmia Neonatorum	. M.	7	100	1	,			1	1		T.	1	1	
Measles	F.	7	15	4	4	9	1	2	-	-	Bengan	7	77	
Mea	M.	1,	1 7	4	2	+	'	7	-	1	1	1	15	
Food	표.	1	1 1		1	CHELLO		-	1	1	I	1	-	
Fo	M. B	-		1	1			1	,	-	1	1	1	
Age	1012	0,	S	7.	-+7	5	10-	15-	25-	45-	65 & over	unknown	Total	

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The state of the s								-				
Disease	Jan.	Jan. Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Mar. Apr. May Jun. Jul. Aug.	Aug.		Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	Nov.	Dec.
Food Poisoning	3.7	1	,	1	- 0	7	1	1	1	,	1	,
Measles	2	1 17	2	7	2	1		10	2	2	2	
Opthalmia		-										
Neonatorum					1 2	,		,	-1	1		
Scarlet Fever	1	П	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	'	,	1
Whooping Cough	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	,	1	2	,	ı
			1	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-

SCHEDULE P.

	-		-	
Age	Visit	Vaccine Injection	ion	Internal
1 to 6 months	1	Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus 1	h stos	to 6 weeks
- College	2	Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus 2 2	4	to 6 weeks
	2	Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus 3 3		
7 to 10 months	4	Poliomyelitis 1 }		
	5	Poliomyelitis 2 { Oral vaccine	7	4 weeks
Slow	9	Poliomyelitis 3 \		
18 to 21 months	2	Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus 4		
	i As	Smallpox during first 2 years		
	LA	but preferably at 12 months.		
School entry	1	Poliomyelitis 4; diphtheria,	1 1	
		tetanus.	in in	
8 to 12 years	1	Diphtheria, tetanus, smallpox	-	
	1.5	revaccination.		
Over 12 years		B.C.G. vaccines may be given to	12	
		children aged 10 years or more,	IS SOUND	
		at the discretion of the medical	al confu	
		officer of health.		
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VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

The following tables on vaccination and immunisation are supplied by the courtesy of Salop County Council Health Department.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following received second injections of salk vaccine or third injections of quadrilin in 1965.

			dren 065/1950	Oth	ers
OSWESTRY	BOROUGH	c.c.	G.P.	C.C.	G.P.
			67	10000	-

The following received third doses of oral vaccine in 1965.

		dren 965/1950	Others		
OSWESTRY BOROUGH	c.c.	G.P.	c.c.	G.P.	
	186	25	56	-	

The following received re-inforcing doses of oral or salk vaccine or quadrilin in 1965.

OSWESTRY	isod in 1965	Chil born 19	Others		
	BOROUGH	c.c.	G.P.	c.c.	G.P.
		138	45	13	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION 1965

OSWESTRY BOROUGH	Under 5	5-14	Total	Re-inforcing injections	
MOLLI	188	11	199	343	

SMALLPOX VACCINATION 1965

OSWESTRY BOROUGH	Percentage of children under the age of 1 year vaccinated	Under 1	1	2-4	5-15	Over 15	Total	Revac- cinations
	20.0	35	94	21	14	11	175	45

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION 1965

OSWESTRY	BOROUGH	Total numbers Immunised in 1965			
38		186			

TETANUS IMMUNISATION 1965

OSWESTRY BOROUGH	Total numbers Immunised in 1965			
1 29.5	318			

B.C.G. VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

The following scheme is operated by the Salop County Council.

B.C.G. vaccination against Tuberculosis is available, with parental consent to:

- (a) School children in the year preceeding their fourteenth birthday;
- (b) children of 14 years who are still at school and students for further education, teacher training colleges, technical colleges and other establishments for further education; and,
- (c) whole school clinics, which may include a few children under 13 years of age for convenience.

The table on page 17 gives the particulars of schools in the Oswestry Borough visited for B.C.G. vaccination purposes during 1965.

All positive reactors (to the Mantoux Tests) together with their school and home contacts are routinely followed up and X-rayed.

B.C.G. VACCINATION 1965

o Loodes	Refusals	No. of Consents	No. of Children	Skin Test Readings	No.
SCHOOLS		recerved	tested	pos. Neg.	
Oswestry Boys' High School	3	09	53	2 48	94
Oswestry Girls' High School	4	77	2	2 63	62
Oswestry Technical College	a T	100	г	-	П
Oswestry Boys' Modern School	o to	72	65	2 59	28
Oswestry Girls' Modern School	2	85	70	3 60	57
Oswestry Roman Catholic School	EE.	Not vi	Not visited during 1965.	ng 1965.	MC MC
Private Schools	n le	erof	1 1		
Bellan House School	n n	Not v	Not visited during 1965	ng 1965.	
Oswestry Grammar School	dro dro		Ditto		
Queens Park School	CAR.	10	Ditto	ano.	.0.
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the pupils come from Oswestry Rural District. A proportion of

TUBERCULOSIS 1965

At the end of the year the total number of cases on the register was seventy-seven; forty-seven males and thirty females.

The Mass Radiography Unit visited the Borough at two-monthly intervals throughout the year.

Details of notification are as follows:-

	Respiratory		Non-res	Non-respiratory		
The Street of Control	M.	F.	M.	F.	М.	tal F.
Civilian cases	1	Persons	d Young	na nachli	1	2 sw.
Service cases Transfers	2	ī	blo Zod o	() 02 of	2	1
TOTAL	3	lolon	1943 edd	10 -agos	3	1
Cured Left District Deaths	3 -	2	.dilamyo.	1	3 -	3 2 -

Number of cases on the Register at the end of the year:-

Respiratory		Non-res	Total		
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
44	21	3	9	47	30

Number of primary notifications during the year . . . 1

Death Rate (Respiratory Tuberculosis) per 1,000 . . . 0.00

Death Rate (Respiratory Tuberculosis) per 1,000 population

England and Wales 0.42

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Apart from routine medical inspections which I carry out in schools and clinics, I carry out from time to time -

- (a) Pre-employment Examination of all entrants to local government service employed by Oswestry Borough Council.
- (b) Examination to ascertain the fitness of children (aged 13 years and over) to engage in part-time work outside school hours. The scope and duration of this employment is strictly controlled by law. (Children and Young Persons Act, 1933).
- (c) All entrants to the teaching profession.
- (d) The assessment of the fitness of various individuals to continue their present employment.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CLINICS

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946 the County Council, the local health authority, provide child welfare clinics. The Clinic in Oswestry is held at 30, Upper Brook Street every Wednesday from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus are provided as well as vaccination against smallpox. Facilities are also available for immunisation against poliomyelitis.

Welfare foods - orange juice, cod liver oil preparations, other

vitamin preparations, powdered milk and cereals for babies - are all on sale at the clinics. These welfare foods are also on sale daily except Thursday.

The Clinic is staffed by experienced health visitors who can advise mothers on any problem connected with the rearing, feeding and management of babies and young children. A doctor is always in attendance.

DENTAL CLINICS

The Salop County Council provides a dental service for expectant and nursing mothers and for pre-school age and school age children. The aim of the School Dental Service is to ensure that, as far as is practicable, children will leave school without the loss of permanent teeth, free from dental disease and irregularity, and trained in the care of their teeth.

The dentist holds frequent weekly sessions in the clinic at Upper Brook Street, Oswestry.

CHILD GUIDANCE CLINICS

Two weekly sessions are held in Shrewsbury and two in Wellington. Sessions are also held in all parts of the county as and when the need arises. A Child Psychiatrist was appointed in 1965.

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Tuberculosis: The Chest Physician attends at the Oswestry and District
Hospital every Friday from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and at
the Chest Clinic, Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury, every
Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Venereal Disease: Treatment is available at No.1, Belmont, Shrewsbury as follows:-

Females: Monday - 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Thursday - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Males: Tuesday - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Under the National Health Service Act, it became the duty of the County Council, the local health authority, to make provisions for securing that ambulances and other means of transport are available for the conveyance of persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness and expectant mothers or nursing mothers, from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

HOME HELP SERVICE

This service is provided by the Salop County Council as one of its functions under Part III of the National Health Service Act. It helps to maintain the aged and the sick in their homes. This excellent service is run in Oswestry and District by the supervisor Mrs. Crombie who has 22 home helps under her control.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action was taken under the above Act by the Medical Officer of Health during 1965.

HOSPITAL FACILITIES

The following hospitals and clinics are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board which was constituted in accordance with the National Health Service Act.

Oswestry and District Hospital.

The Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital.

The Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury.

Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury.

Monkmoor Hospital, Shrewsbury.

The Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory facilities are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury. The Bactriologist is Dr. A.C. Jones, the Pathologist, Dr. G. Grant.

This service undertakes work for local authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. It is particularly invaluable in the expeditious dealing with the bacteriological examination of food samples.

NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

The following figures supplied by the Shropshire branch include donors resident in the Oswestry Rural District. Public spirited members of the community continue to support the twice yearly sessions of this valuable service, but new volunteers are constantly needed to replace those leaving the district or reaching 'retiring age', and to keep pace with the ever increasing demand for blood transfusion as a part of Hospital treatment. Those of us who have received blood transfusions for ourselves or a member of our family, owe a debt of gratitude which no money can repay to these donors.

Attended	Bled	New Donors
279	264	62

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

I am indebted to the Water Engineer of the West Shropshire Water

Board for the following figures on rainfall and water consumption in the area.

Rainfall at Penygwely Reservoirs for the year was:-

No.1 - 52.425 inches.

No.2 - 52.206 inches.

Rainfall at Mount Reservoir - 44.655 inches.

Total consumption of water for the year was 156,252,000 gallons.

The following figures are supplied by the kind co-operation of the Borough Surveyor.

- (1) Number of premises supplied from public mains 4,516
- (2) Number of population supplied from public mains 12,040 (Est.).
 - - (2)12,033 (Est.).
 - (b) by means of standpipes (1) 2
 - (2) 7

Thirteen houses have private systems, four have wells and another four are supplied by Liverpool supply. One other house is supplied by Oswestry Rural District supply.

REPORTS OF ANALYSIS

(Raw Water)

CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL RESULTS

Physical:					
Colour (Hazen)	25		Conductivity @ 20°C	120 mici	romhos/cm.
Turbidity	14 mg/1		Total Solids @ 180°C	90 mg/1	L.
	pH		7.41		
Chemical:					
Chloride (Cl)	13.0 r	ng/l.	Total Hardness (CaCO3) 36	mg/1.
Ammonia, Free & Saline (N)	0.050	under -	Calcium (CaCO3)	26	11
Ammonia, Albuminoid (N)	0.075	"	Non Carbonate Hardnes	s 18	"
Nitrate (N)	2.2	11	Free Carbon Dioxide	3.2	"
Nitrite (N)	0.034	11	Iron (Fe)	0	io Tipi
Oxygen Dissolved	11.52	o"[por	Aluminium (Al)	0	(H)
Oxygen Absorbed	2.24	11	Lead (Pb)	0	"
Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	18	11	Manganese (Mn)	0	"
validation envisorements	Free Chl	lorine	0 mg/l.		
Will the assessment the	BACTERIO	OLOGICA	L RESULTS		
Plate count Yes	astrel a	gar, 24	hrs. @ 37°C 10 p	er ml.	
Probable number	r of coli			r 100 ml	
Probable numer	of Bact.	. coli	Type 1 Prese	nt per 10	00 ml.

REPORTS OF ANALYSIS

(Filtered Water)

CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL RESULTS

Physical:	Insogali	b ogawa			
Colour (Hazen)	0		Conductivity @ 20°C	100 mid	cromhos/cm.
Turbidity	0		Total Solids @ 180°C	67 mg/	/1.
8 II	pH		7.51		
Chemical:					
Chloride (Cl)	15.0	mg/1.	Total Hardness (CaCO3) 39	mg/l.
Ammonia, Free & Saline (N)	0	.11	Calcium (CaCO ₃)	28	11
Ammonia, Albuminoid (N)	0.025	"	Non Carbonate Hardness	s 21	11
Nitrate (N)	2.6	11 000	Free Carbon Dioxide	4.2	11
Nitrite (N)	0.011	11	Iron (Fe)	0	11
Oxygen Dissolved	10.72	11	Aluminium (Al)	0.20	11
Oxygen Absorbed	0.52	11	Lead (Pb)	0	11
Alkalinity (CaCO3)	18	11	Manganese (Mn)	0	11
	Free Cl	hlorine	Trace mg/1.		
	BACTERIO	OLOGICA:	L RESULTS		
Plate count Yea	strel a	gar, 24	hrs, @ 37°C 0.	per ml	
Probable number				2.0	0 1
	y 2 days			per 10	
Probable number	of Bact	t. coli	Type 1 O.	per 10	O ml.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of premises connected to public sewers	4,482
Number of premises connected to satisfactory private	
Sewage disposal works Number of premises without satisfactory means of sewage disposal	5
REFUSE DISPOSAL	
Number of Wards in the town	6
Number of Wards where refuse is collected	6
Method of collection: Direct labour.	

REPORT

OF

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Your Worship, Aldermen and Councillors,

It now seems quite certain that Oswestry Borough Council will no longer exist as a 'Sanitary Authority' after April, 1967, due to its amalgamation with, or inclusion in, Oswestry Rural District Council. This Annual Report will therefore be the last report which will be presented to the Borough Council.

The formation of the new, larger, authority is being done in the interests of efficiency and the public good, but Oswestry Borough Council can rightly claim that in the field of public health it has been both efficient and has looked after the public interests, and has done so for many years. It is an authority which, with very few exceptions, has had all its households connected to main sewerage and water for many years, and with few exceptions households have had indoor water and have not shared water closets. It has a weekly refuse collection coupled with a bin hiring scheme. Vermin in the town is kept well under control, the sewers have been cleared of rats and rat infestations in the town are small and sporadic.

The clearance of substandard housing which started before the war and was held up by the war, commenced again in 1953, before the national restarting of slum clearance, and this report shows that with a clearance area of 125 houses nearly re-developed, two further areas totalling over 100 houses have been declared.

Food hygiene has been continuously pressed; for example, standards higher than those in the 1966 Market Food Hygiene Regulations have operated in the town for several years, no open food stuff other than fruit or vegetables being sold on the outdoor market, and the indoor market hall having plenty of sinks and basins with hot and cold water.

Health Education has covered a wide field by talks to various groups, film shows and, in conjunction with the local press, newspaper supplements. The Department has a permanent window display on a wide range of topics.

Air Filter apparatus has been operated in this office since 1957 and forms part of the National Air Pollution survey, and two separate publicity weeks have been held on the subject of using smokeless fuels for home heating.

Oswestry Borough Council is therefore disappearing as a Sanitary
Authority, but its record as one shows that it has fully played its part
in the general progress of environmental health during the last 40 years.

Once again I must express my appreciation to my assistant Mr. Plant, the administrative clerk Miss Williams, and to Miss Jones for their continued loyalty and support.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

R. J. LEWIS,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SECTION I = CONTROL OF FOOD

A district Council such as Oswestry is concerned with bacterial rather than chemical standards, which are dealt with by the County Council Health Department. This bacterial standard control is based on

- (1) The inspection of meat when slaughtered to ensure that disease carrying meat is not sold to the public. All meat is inspected before its removal from the place of slaughter and is stamped to certify that it has been inspected.
- (2) The inspection of premises where food is prepared and sold to ensure that bacterial contamination of food is kept within safe limits. The Food Hygiene Regulations give standards for the provision and maintenance of equipment and the cleanliness of premises.
- (3) In addition, health education is necessary so that food handlers know the proper way to use the facilities provided and the reasons for using them (viz washing hands in the basin provided with the soap, towel and hot water provided, after using the toilet).

The following tables give the statistics for this work. It shows, amongst other things that in the final event legal action is taken to enforce the necessary standards.

CONTROL OF FOOD

MEAT INSPECTION

					-
	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1,600	-	8	8,235	4,331
Number inspected	1,600	-	8	8,235	4,331
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS			test		
Whole carcases condemned		1	2	2	9
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	350	ı		88	414
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	21.87	1	25.0	1,105	9.55
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY			erios e es		1
Whole carcases condemned		1	-	1	m
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1		- F	1	235
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	1	-	7	5.49
Cysticercus Bovis generalised	(carcase and offal condemned) (carcase frozen) - 9 (head and offal condemned)	d offal ozen) - ffal co	condemne 9 ndemned)	d) - Nil	

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SLAUGHTERING FACILITIES

These consist of

- (a) A slaughterhouse run by a company formed by the local butchers (Oswestry & District Wholesale Meat Supply Co., Ltd.).
- (b) Two small private slaughterhouses.

Animals slaughtered and inspected

Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
1,600	8	8,235	4,331

DETAILS OF CONDEMNATION

Cattle

Abcesses 33 & 1 part Livers; 6 Lungs.	Fascioliasis 152 Livers;
Actino- mycosis/bacillosis 14 Heads; 1 Tongue.	3 Lungs; 1 Heart; 1 Pluck.
Adhesions Liver; Spleen.	Fatty Change 1 Liver.
Angioma 15 Livers.	Pericarditis 2 Hearts.
Adenoma l Liver.	Peritonitis 5 & 1 part Livers; 1 Spleen; 1 Stomach.
Cysticercus Bovis 9 Heads & Offal.	Pleurisy 57 Lungs.
Contamination 7 Lungs; 2 Hearts; 2 Lights.	Pneumonia 3 Lungs.
Congestion 3 Lungs.	Tenuicollis 1 Liver.
Echinococci 9 Livers; 12 Lungs.	<u>Ulcer</u> 1 Tongue.

Calves 1 Carcase - Jointill. 1 Carcase - Bacterial Intoxication.

Details of condemnation continued

Sheep

Arthritis 1 Leg.

Echinococci 17 Livers; 3 Plucks.

Fascioliasis 33 Livers; 1 Pluck.

Filaria 5 Livers.

Injury 5 Legs.

Multiple Haemorrhages 2 Loins.

Odema 1 Ewe; 1 Lamb & offal.

Parasites 9 Livers.

Peritonitis 1 Liver.

Pleurisy/Pericarditis/Peritonitis 2 Plucks.

Septicaemia 1 Carcase & offal.

Strongylus 2 Livers; 1 Pluck.

Tenuicollis 2 Plucks; 11 Livers.

Pigs

Abcesses 2 Heads; 1 Pluck.

Actinobacillosis 4 Heads; 1 Breast.

Adhesions 48 Plucks; 1 Sow's Pluck; 1 Lungs; 1 Heart.

Ascarides Lumb. 152 Livers; 6 Plucks; 1 Lungs.

C. Pyogenes 3 Heads.

Congestion 4 Lungs.

Echinococci 2 Sow's Livers; 2 Plucks; 2 Livers; 1 Heart; 1 Sow's Lungs.

Erysipelas 1 Carcase (216 1bs).

Fasciolaisis 1 part Liver.

Gastro-Enteric Fever 1 Carcase & offal.

Hydatid Cysts | Liver; | 1 Sow's Pluck.

Hydro Nephrosis 1 Kidney.

Injury 2 Forequarters.

Pericarditis 1 Heart.

Peritonitis 6 Livers; 1 Carcase (80 lbs).

Pleurisy 10 Lungs.

Pneumonia 17 Lungs; 3 Livers.

Pleurisy/Pericarditis/
Peritonitis 92 Plucks; 1 Heart;
1 Sow's Pluck; 1 Lungs;
1 Carcase (56 lbs).

Pneumonia/Pleurisy 1 Lungs; 1 Heart.

details of condemnation continued

Chopped Ham

Pigs continued			
Pyaemia 1 Sow & offal	(290 lbs.).	Tenuicolli	s. 7 Livers.
<u>Cirrhosis</u> 2 Livers.		1 Should 2 Forequ	is 226 Heads; 1 Lungs; er; 4 Sow's Heads; arters; 1 Liver; es & offal.
Total weight condemned			
Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
4,260	135	275	5,746
OTHER UNSOUN	ID FOOD SURRENI	DERED OR CONDEMN	ED
Canned Meats			1bs.
Other Foods			150
FC	OOD AND DRUGS	ACT, 1955	
Number of Prosecution	ons under Sect	ion 2	1
Number of Prosecution	ons under Sect	ion 8	ent de action galest
Number of complaints	of foreign bo	odies in food	7
Food	Foreig	gn body	Action taken
Butter	Ranc	idity	Warning letter
Bread (l) Iron oxide,	, oil & dough	Warning letter
(2) Dead	mites	Warning letter

Paint scrapings

Warning letter

Foreign bodies cont.

Food	Foreign body	Action taken
Meat Pie	Mound growth	Warning letter
Iced Bun	Mosquito	Warning letter
Potato Crisps	Nut	Prosecution
Total amount of Fines	and Costs imposed	£25.0.0
	FOOD HYGIENE	
Number of offences prosecute	ed under Food Hygiene (General) Regulations - 7
GENERAL GENERAL SO		
Reg.14		2
Reg.19		1
Reg.23		1
Reg.24		1
Total amount of Fines	and Costs imposed	£33.0.0
being made up as follows:-		
A confectionery s	hop and cafe'	£20.0.0
A bakery firm		£10.0.0
A bakery firm's f	oreman	£3. 0.0

Contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations for which notices were served.

Regulation Number	No.	Number of otices served
5	Insanitary premises	4
6	Cleanliness of equipment	4
8	Protection of food from contamination	on 12
14	Sanitary conveniences including wash-your-hands notices	30
16	Provision and maintenance of personal washing facilities	27
17	First aid materials	15
18	Accommodation for clothing	1
20	Lighting of food rooms	2
21	Ventilation to food room	2
23	Cleanliness and repair of food rooms	24

Following is a list of the various food premises in the Borough.

(a) Bakehouses

- (i) Baking bread and confectionery 3
- (ii) Catering and confectionery 35

Hotels, Cafes, Snack Bars and Factory Canteens are included in this figure. Most of these premises have refrigerated storage, and use a recognised steriliser-detergent for washing-up. A number have dishwashing machines which steam sterilise, or double-unit sterilising sinks.

(b)	Butchers 19
(c)	Fish Friers 9
(d)	Wet Fish
(e)	Grocers 43
(f)	Greengrocers 11
(g)	Sweets 24
(h)	Licensed Houses
(i)	Market Halls (Powis Hall) 1
(j)	Mobile Shops
	(i) Grocery
	(ii) Greengrocery
(k)	Milk and Dairies
	Oswestry is a specially designated area; the bulk of
	milk being processed outside the town and distributed by
	local dealers. No complaints were received of lack of
	keeping quality or failure to maintain the high standard
	of dairy hygiene which is now normally expected.
(1)	Ice Cream
	(i) Producers Nil
	(ii) Retailers 69

SECTION 2 = CONTROL OF LIVING CONDITIONS

During 1965 the progressive re-development and occupation of Clearance Area No.1 (Rope Walk) coincided with the declaration of Clearance Area No.2 (Castle Street) and Clearance Area No.3 (Gate Street/Llwyn Road.

No.2 Area comprises 15 houses, 1 shop with living accommodation, 1 fish and chip shop, 1 milk store and 1 disused office.

No.3 Area comprises 88 houses, 2 public houses, 1 bakery and 2 shops. Both areas were made the subject of Compulsory Purchase Orders.

The Public Inquiry into Clearance Area No.2 Compulsory Purchase Order was held in October, 1965, and the Order was confirmed with two regradings.

The Public Inquiry into Clearance Area No.3 will be held in 1966.

Some individual properties were dealt with by way of Closing Orders or Undertakings.

The statistics following give details of action taken on the existing clearance area.

Publicity on clean air and atmospheric pollution was continued.

CONTROL OF LIVING CONDITIONS - HOUSING

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1965

太太	Lin	Lin	Nil Nil	Lin	Lin	Lin	Lin
Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Reported as closed up to 31st December 1964 Reported as closed since 31st December 1964			
Unfit for human habitation	Included by reason of bad arrangement	On land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or Section 17 (1) Housing Act 1957	Local authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	Houses included in unfitness orders Number of houses made under para 2 of the Second Number of separa Schedule to the land compen-	Number of separate dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed
IN OR ADJOINING	CLEARANCE AREAS declared under	Section 42 of the Hsg Act 1957	NOT	IN OR	CLEARANCE	AREAS	Number of a
Ą	HOUSES		DEMOLISHED		guring	the	

1 4	Nil	Lin Nil	77 N11	Lin	区	Lin	Lin	20	Lin	2	Nil	Nil	Lin
Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein	Number of dwellings	demolished in or adjoining clearance areas demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas	Companies talescent	in or adjoining clearance areas	demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas closed		by owner	(a) by	(a) as rocar	a clearance order	r under	nder
Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act 1961	Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 Housing Act 1957	PARTS OF BUILDINGS CLOSED under Section 18 Housing Act 1957	From houses to be demolished in or adjoi	From houses to be closed From parts of buildings to be closed	to be	From houses to be demolished not in or a From houses to be closed	From parts of buildings to be closed	After informal action by local authority	Housing Act 1957	After formal notice under Public Health Acts	After modification or revocation of a cl under Section 21 Housing Act 1961	After determination of a demolition order under Section 24 Housing Act 1957	After determination of a closing order under Section 27 Housing Act 1961
B UNFIT HOUSES	CLOSED during the year in	pursuance or closing orders or undertakings	C Number of PERSONS	DISPLACED during year	D Number of	FAMILIES	during year	떠	UNFIT		HOUSES	MADE FIT	

CONTROL OF LIVING CONDITIONS - HOUSING

‡2	יט י	2	Nil Nil	Lin	Nil	Nil		NI
fit)	houses separate dwellings	nerein	houses separate dwellings therein	Number of houses	herein			No. of occupants
t houses made	r of	contained therein	Number of Number of contained	Number of houses	contained therein	ation	e included in	orders.
DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED (Other than unfit houses made fit)	Under Section 48		Under Section 17 (2)	Under Section 46		Licensed for temporary accommodation under section 34 or 53 - No. of houses	Houses in clearance areas other than those included in	orders or compulsory purchase orders
	Dotained	200	for temporary	accom-	modation	Licensed f	clearance	ed orders
HICH DEFECT	NOTETROO	MOTTEGOL	AT	PO PO	YEAR		Houses in	confirmed
F HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS	9	INFIT HOUSES	N	TEMPORARY USE	(Hsg.Act 1957)	DIESE TOD	H PURCHASE OF	HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

CONTROL OF LIVING CONDITIONS

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

(A)	INDUSTRIAL		
1.	Dark Smoke	Number of contraventions recorded	Nil
		(a) successful prosecutions	Nil
		(b) unsuccessful prosecutions	Nil
2.	Furnaces (section 3)	(a) notifications received	Nil
	(section 3)	(b) applications for prior approval	1
		(c) number of applications granted	1
3.	Grit and dust	(a) number of contraventions	Nil
	(section 5)	(b) type of plant involved:-	Nil
4.	Colliery Spoilbanks	(a) number of spoilbanks	Nil
		(b) number causing nuisance	Nil
		(c) any remedial action being taken (water sprays, soil, etc.)**	Nil
5.	Height of chimneys	(a) number of plans submitted showing new chimneys	1
		(b) number approved	1
		(c) number of chimneys erected not complying with the approval plans	Nil
		(d) number of chimneys erected outside the control of Section 10	Nil

CONTROL OF LIVING CONDITIONS - CLEAN AIR

(B)	DOME	STIC	
	No.	of smoke control areas	
1.	(a)	In operation at 31st December, 1965	 Nil
	(b)	Number of dwellings	 Nil
	(c)	Acreage covered	 Nil
2.	(a)	Confirmed by Minister but not operative at 31st December, 1965	 Nil
	(b)	Number of dwellings	 Nil
	(c)	Acreage covered	 Nil
3.	(a)	Awaiting confirmation by Minister at 31st December, 1965	 Nil
	(b)	Number of dwellings	 Nil
	(c)	Acreage covered	 Nil

CONTROL OF LIVING CONDITIONS

COMMON LODGING HOUSE

There is one privately owned common lodging house in the Borough, this being in a poor state, and due to re-development in the area has only a limited life.

CINEMAS

The two cinemas had their annual inspection and a Certificate regarding their cleanliness, ventilation and adequacy of facilities was submitted to the Magistrates.

LICENSING ACT, 1961

Registered Clubs are inspected at the time of initial registration and thereafter at annual intervals.

VERMIN CONTROL

The elimination of rats in the sewers is a major achievement, and one that would not have seemed possible ten years ago. The town still has scattered rat infestations which tend to form a pattern showing rats moving in from the fields outside the town, especially along the small streams.

Mice infestation are less frequent also, but do rapidly build up in old shops. The making of contracts with various business premises does mean that a percentage immediately telephone a complaint of infestation, and in this way act as a network of 'look-out posts'.

The occurrence of Warfarin resistance in the County, though not actually yet in the Borough, may present some problems in the future and the position is being carefully watched.

SECTION 3 = CONTROL OF WORKING CONDITIONS

In recent years District Councils had been having a decreasing responsibility in this field, but with the introduction of the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, the duties are once again a vital part of the work of the Health Department. 1965 was the first full year for the operation of this legislation and the tables show the work that has been carried out. Of course quite a lot of the work required in 1965 was completed at the beginning of 1966 and is not included. All premises were inspected and, where necessary, notices served. The maintenance of adequate temperatures during the winter months will require active enforcement, and for many premises will necessitate a radical change from past attitudes and methods.

Work under the Factory Acts has diminished over the years as nearly all workshops are using some 'mechanical power' and come under the Factory Inspectorate. It is time that the enforcement of this Act was reorganised along the lines of the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act. The blank columns of the Factory Act returns must be included in this report and are an indication of the outdated official attitude to this legislation.

CONTROL OF WORKING CONDITIONS

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year		
Offices	2	82	37		
Retail Shops	18	182	142		
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	1	10	1		
Catering estab- lishments open to the public, canteens	districts 80 encorage 80 encorage 80 encorage 80	17	4		
Fuel storage depots	otossb-	-	-		
Totals	21	291	184		

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES UNDER THE ACT 427.....

In this Schedule -

"general inspection" means any inspection of premises to which the Act applies which is undertaken for the purpose of ascertaining whether all the relevant provisions of the Act and instruments thereunder are complied with as respects those premises; and "registered premises" means any premises in respect of which a notice under section 49 of the Act has been received by a local authority or by the London County Council and the expression "premises registered" shall be construed accordingly.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(B) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section	Number of Contraventions	found	Section	Number of Contraventions	found
4	Cleanliness	45	13	Sitting facilities	7
5	Overcrowding	1	14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	1225
6	Temperature	78	15	Eating facilities	4
7	Ventilation	21	16	Floors, passageways and stairs	29
8	Lighting	7	17	Fencing of exposed parts of machinery	10 mg
9	Sanitary Conveniences	35	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	data
10	Washing facilities	62	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	Econ.
11	Supply of drinking water	,ēs	23	Prohibition of heavy work	egely
12	Clothing Accommodation	10	24	First Aid Box	43
	TOP STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE P	TO SHE	HICKS SEEDS	TOTAL	342

CONTROL OF WORKING CONDITIONS

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	Number	Number of			
Premises (1)	on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be en- forced by Local Authorities	12	6	-	-	
<pre>(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enfor- ced by the Local Authority</pre>	110	5	- - -	-	
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-workers' premises		-	- -	-	
Total	122	11	-	-	

2 - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

	sential -ne	Numbe	r of case	Number of cases in which		
	Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied	To H.M.	rred By H.M. Inspector (5)	prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want	of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-		-
Overca	rowding (S.2)		-	-	-	-
Unreas	sonable temperature(S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inade	quate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-		

	Numb	er of case	Number of cases in which		
Particulars	Found	Remedied			prosecutions were instituted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	_	-	633_0.01	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-		_
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	-	-10 10 03	241	1000 pt 1000 p
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-			-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-			13 500 (313)
Total	1	-	-	-	

PART VIII OF THE ACT Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

	S	ection 133	Section 134			
Nature of work	No. of Out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	to supply	unwhole-	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel apparel etc.,	-		-	- (8,8	150	-
Cleaning and Washing	-	-	_		-	-
Household linen						-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

and the second s	Se	ection 133		Sect	ion 134	
Nature of work	No. of Out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply Lists	unwhole-	Notices served	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Lace, lace cur- tains and nets			-	-		-
Curtains and furniture hangings	_		-			-
Furniture and upholstery	-	- 1	-	-	-	-
Electro-plate	-			-		-
File making			-	-	-	-
Brass and brass articles	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fur pulling				-	-	-
Iron and Steel cables and chains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron and Steel anchors & grapnels	-	-	-		-	-
Cart gear			-	-	-	-
Locks, latches and keys	-	-	-	-	-	-
Umbrellas, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial flowers	- 1		-	-	-	-
Nets other than wire nets	- 7	-	-	-	-	-
Tents			-	-	-	-
Sacks			-	-	7-17	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

	soli la la	Section 133		Sec	tion 134	
Nature of work	No. of Out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply Lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises	Notices served	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Racquet and tennis balls		-	-	-	-	100 Tests
Paper bags	-	-		-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	-	-	-	-	_	-
Brush making	10.11-		-	-	-	-
Pea Picking	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feather sorting	-	-	-	- 28	-	-
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc.	-	-		-11 00	-	201000
Stuffed toys	-	-	-	- 1 = 1		o north ga
Basket making		-	-	-	-	-
Chocolates and sweetmeats	-	-	-	-	-	
Cosaques, Christmas stock- ings, etc.	-	-	- :		012 1	-
Textile weaving	-	- =	-	-	-	-
Lampshades	-	-	-	-	-	2.70
Total			-	-	-	-



