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Urban District Council of Padiham

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the

Year Ending December 31st, 1967

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Health Department,
PADIHAM.

July, 1968.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present this Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Urban District of Padiham, for the year ending 31st December, 1967.

There is a small decrease of 10, in the estimated mid-year population, not a lot, but both surprising and a little worrying, after eight years steady growth. The cause for concern is that the fall is despite the new private housing estates, bringing in new residents, and a natural increase, or excess of births over deaths, of about 30. The loss of population from East Lancashire, of which so much is heard, could be due to the educational opportunities available now for children. When they get their degrees, diplomas and other various qualifications, there is not the diversity or number of posts in their home areas, to absorb them all, so they are obliged to remain away, settling in the larger commercial and industrial centres.

On the last day of 1966, one of the staff of the Day Nursery was notified as suffering from Dysentery. By the end of the first week in January, other members of staff and children had succumbed, and all the rest had been tested to determine whether they were symptomless carriers of the disease. More and more children fell ill, and an extensive epidemic was feared, as contacts, and even contacts of contacts became positive. That only 34 cases was the final total, was entirely due to painstaking (and abuse-taking) contact tracing, collecting samples, record keeping and sheer determination by the Chief Public Health Inspector. A specimen of faeces had to be collected from each contact, and successive samples from treated patients until three consecutive ones proved negative. Over 500 faecal samples were collected and sent to the Public Health Laboratory.

Advantage is still being taken of the Council's generous interpretations of the Standard Grant schemes for the modernisation of dwelling houses. A further 57 applications for grants were approved in 1967, bringing the grand total to 500 - 13% of the houses in the District. The Government has ambitious plans for urban renewal, and it is anticipated that the Council's progressive policies will continue, even if drastic measures are required - demolishing houses to shorten terraces, demolishing terraces to provide gardens, light and air, and demolishing areas for landscaping, trees and playgrounds. "Operation Springclean" started towards the end of the year, and plans were made to clear some of the little patches of dereliction, of which there are too many, and for which the North is unhappily noted.

Several samples of unpasteurised milk were found on examination, to be infected by Brucellosis (Undulant Fever) bacteria. Hitherto, reliance had been placed on the persuasion of milk producers to put things right. Clearly this had been a failure, and it is now our policy to take legal action to ensure that milk from cows known to be, or suspected of producing polluted milk, is heat-treated before being sold to retail consumers.

I acknowledge, with sincerity, the continued good work of my colleagues in the Public Health Department, and thank the Committee for their interest and advice.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. V. DYER.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	976
Population (Census 1961)	9,893
Population (Estimated middle 1967)	10,200
Number of inhabited houses (according to Rate Book at the end of 1967)	3,819
Rateable Value	£359,642.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,403

The Social conditions were generally quite good. The chief industries are cotton and silk weaving and light engineering trades.

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION: The population as estimated by the Registrar General for mid 1967 is 10,200.

BIRTHS: 187 Live Births belonging to the District occurred during 1967, as follows:-

		Males	Females	Total
Live Births	(Legitimate)	88	83	171
	(Illegitimate)	8	8	16
		96	91	187
Stillbirths	(Legitimate)	-	-	-
	(Illegitimate)	1	-	1

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths 5.0
Total Live and Stillbirths 188.

Comparative particulars with regard to live births over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
Total Live Births	187	183	173	179	170
Crude Birth Rate per 1000 estimated popln.	18.3	17.9	17.0	17.7	16.9
Adjusted Rate	20.3	19.9	18.9	19.6	18.8

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births: 8.5

INFANT DEATHS: All infants under 1 year of age 10

INFANTILE MORTALITY:	(a)	All infants per 1000 live births	53.0
	(b)	Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	58.5
	(c)	Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate births	62.5
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:	(a)	Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	6
	(b)	Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	32.1
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:	(a)	Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age	5
	(b)	Rate per 1000 live births	26.7
PERINATAL MORTALITY:	(a)	Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week of age	6
	(b)	Rate per 1000 total births	32.0

Comparative particulars with regard to infant mortality over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
53.0	43.7	Nil	33.5	23.5

MATERNAL MORTALITY:	(a)	Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	Nil
	(b)	Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths	Nil

DEATHS: 160 Deaths belonging to the District occurred during 1967 as follows:-

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths within the Urban District	39	40	79
Deaths outside the Urban District in Hospitals, Institutions etc.	44	37	81
	83	77	160

Comparative particulars with regard to deaths over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
Total Deaths	160	149	131	134	162
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estmd. population	15.7	14.6	12.9	13.2	16.1
Adjusted Rate	15.5	13.9	13.1	13.4	16.3

The following table gives the ages at which deaths occurred, also the causes of all deaths belonging to Padiham during 1967.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 4 wks.	4 wks & under 1 yr.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	M.	F.	Total
Syphilitic Disease										1		1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach										1		1	-	1
Lung, Bronchus							1	1		1	1	3	1	4
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms								1	1	3	5	5	5	10
Leukaemia, and Aleukaemia							1					-	1	1
Diabetes									1			-	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System								1	3	10	12	12	14	26
Coronary Disease Angina								6	5	8	16	17	18	35
Hypertension with Heart Disease										1	2	2	1	3
Other Heart Disease							1	1	1	1	12	4	12	16
Other Circulatory Disease									1	1	5	5	2	7
Pneumonia	1	3									3	5	2	7
Bronchitis							1	2	1	3	6	10	3	13
Other Diseases of Respiratory System											1	1	-	1
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea										2		-	2	2
Nephritis & Nephrosis								1		1		-	2	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate											1	1	-	1
Congenital Malformations	1				1							1	1	2
Other Defined and Ill-defined causes	4	1	1		1	1			1	1	7	7	10	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents						2	1					2	1	3
All Other Accidents							1	1	1		1	3	1	4
Suicide							2			1		3	-	3
Total All Causes	6	4	1	-	2	3	8	14	15	35	72	83	77	160

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1967

No new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year. Two males aged 60 and 70 were taken off the Register as Recovered, one male aged 81 was removed from the Register as deceased and one male aged 52 removed out of the District and was struck off the Register. All these four were Pulmonary cases.

CASES ON THE REGISTER AT THE 31st DECEMBER, 1967.

On the Register at the end of December, 1967, there were 28 cases of Tuberculosis (25 Pulmonary and 3 Non-Pulmonary) as follows:-

	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	Over 65	TOTAL
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	2	8	2	5	5	2	25
Non-Pulmonary								
Gland of Neck	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Perianal	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Renal Tract	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	1	4	8	2	5	6	2	28

VENEREAL DISEASE

Treatment is a function of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board, and inquiries or cases brought to our notice are directed to the clinic in Burnley.

ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

The Burnley and District House of Help act as agents for the County Council, and carry out all the necessary arrangements, combining efficiency with understanding.

LABORATORY WORK

This work is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Meadow Street, Preston as and when necessary.

The Lancashire County Council provides and maintains the following, with delegation to the No. 6 Divisional Health Committee, on which Padiham Urban District has representation.

AMBULANCE SERVICE. The District is served by the purpose-built County Ambulance Station at Altham, and there are five vehicles providing day and night cover. The average time taken to reach a patient, after receipt of an emergency call in 1967, was 8 minutes, and to hospital, 25 minutes.

CHILD WELFARE SERVICE. The Infant Welfare Centre and School Clinic for the Urban District is at Parish Street.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE. There are two District Midwives assigned to Padiham, who reside within the District, namely Miss. R. M. S. Catterall and Mrs. S. H. Murphy.

HOME NURSING. This service is in the capable hands of Sisters K. M. Cox and A. Goodwin, and Nurses Gears and Townes.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

	Per 1,000 Estimated Population.	
	Crude Live Birth Rate.	Crude Death Rate.
Mean of 5 years 1962 - 1966	17.1	14.8
Year 1967	18.3	15.7
Year 1966	17.9	14.6
Change in 1967 on 5 years average 1962 - 1966	+ 1.2	+ 0.9
Change on Previous Year	+ 0.4	+ 1.1

	MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE.		DEATH RATE.
	per 1,000 Live Births.	per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths.	of Infants under 1 yr. per 1,000 Live Births.
Mean of 5 years 1962 - 1966	Nil	Nil	27.6
Year 1967	Nil	Nil	53.0
Year 1966	Nil	Nil	43.7
Increase or decrease in 1967 on 5 years average 1962 - 1966	Nil	Nil	+ 25.4
Change on previous year.	Nil	Nil	+ 9.3

YEAR.	BIRTHS.	DEATHS.	POPULATION.
1959	143	155	9,860
1960	148	130	9,830
1961	171	145	9,920
1962	160	170	9,950
1963	173	162	10,050
1964	179	134	10,130
1965	173	131	10,170
1966	183	149	10,210
1967	187	160	10,200

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES	Under 1 yr.	1- 3	3- 5	5- 10	10- 15	15- 25	25- 65	Over 65	Total cases rem'd to Hosp.	Deaths in Hosp. of pers. belg. to District.
Measles	26	2	7	11	5	-	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	34	1	14	10	2	-	1	6	-	-	-
	61	3	21	22	7	-	2	6	-	-	-

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

WATER SUPPLIES. Padiham is supplied with a constant supply of water from the mains of the Calder Water Board and there were no new sources of supply during the year. The water is of good quality and in good supply. All dwelling houses within the District, except four, are supplied direct from public mains. The four exceptions, which are supplied by spring water are isolated farm dwellings and are a considerable distance from the nearest public main.

SUPPLIES TO HOUSES. The number of houses supplied direct from public mains is 3895.

WATER SAMPLING. Number of Bacteriological examinations. 14

Public Mains. Results:- 12 Satisfactory. 2 Unsatisfactory.

The Calder Water Board were informed of the two unsatisfactory samples.

SWIMMING BATHS. At present there is no Swimming Bath within the District. The Council, however, now have a Swimming Bath under construction and this should be completed in March, 1969.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL. The sewage is carried by gravity feed to the Disposal Works, just outside the District Boundary, at Altham. Treatment is by means of screens, detritus tanks, settlement tanks, sprinkler filters and contact beds. The effluent from the works is discharged into the River Calder.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

Number of Privy Middens.	Nil.
Number of Pail Closets.	There are five only at isolated dwellings and these are emptied by the tenants.
Number of Fresh Water Closets.	5871.
Number of Waste Water Closets.	577.

Conversions during the year.

Number of Pail Closets to fresh water closets.	Nil.
Number of waste water closets to fresh water closets.	32.
Number of waste water closets abolished.	18.
Number of houses on the water carriage system.	3890.

Chief Sanitary requirement of the District. The conversion of all waste water closets to the fresh water system. The Council, pay a grant of £15., and £20 if an inspection chamber is provided.

PUBLIC CLEANSING. This is carried out by direct labour with two vehicles, a Karrier 12 cu. yard Fore and aft Tipper, and a Karrier 20 cu. yard continuous loader.

Domestic and Trade refuse is collected weekly, and in some instances when requested, trade refuse is removed three times per week.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council's Tip at Lumb Wood. The tip has an estimated life of about 18 months but the Council is endeavouring to make alternative disposal arrangements and leave this site during 1968.

Number of Moveable Dustbins. 4772.

SALVAGE. In September the Salvage Depot was severely damaged by fire and had to be completely re-roofed and re-wired. This had an adverse effect on the output of baled waste paper. During April the market value of tins, carpets, mattresses etc., really slumped and it became impossible to dispose of these items for salvage purposes. Consequently, the salvage figures are again down on the previous year.

YEAR.	WEIGHT OF SALVAGE.			TOTAL REVENUE.		
	T.	C.	Q.	£.	s.	d.
1959	237.	15.	0.	1225.	13.	1.
1960	257.	6.	1.	1883.	16.	2.
1961	229.	13.	3.	1546.	3.	9.
1962	238.	13.	0.	1426.	4.	7.
1963	289.	4.	3.	1832.	8.	0.
1964	286.	1.	2.	1834.	16.	2.
1965	233.	3.	0.	1863.	0.	0.
1966	196.	10.	3.	1507.	17.	8.
1967	137.	3.	3.	906.	18.	0.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1967. (Including Housing).

Number of Complaints received	522
Number of Premises visited	2129
Number of Visits made	3572
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	152
Number of Defects remedied	140
Number of Notices served (Statutory)	5
Number of Notices served (Informal)	94

Number of inspections and visits made during the year:-

Houses - Public Health Act	101
Houses - Housing Act	22
Houses - Improvement Grants	132
Shops Act, 1950	341
Clean Air Act	194
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	164
Revisits to property	155
Factories	42
Butchers	44
Bakehouses	19
Fish Fryers	19
Ice-cream	63
Samples	112
Domestic Refuse Collection	374
Trade Refuse Collection	145
Refuse Disposal	219
Salvage	219
Miscellaneous	67
Street Cleansing	233
Offensive Trades	20
Smoke observations	14
Grocers	107
Greengrocers and Fish	27
Snack Bars	26
Licenced Premises	60
Other Food Shops	61
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	96
Yards & Passages	33
Drainage	47
Canteens	3
Water Supply	21
Vermin	14
Infectious Diseases	451
Noise Abatement	1
Pet Animals Act, 1952	1
Day Nurseries	46
	3693

Interviews	523

Defects remedied and Other Improvements Executed:-

Waste Water closets cleared	14
Water closet compartment repaired	4
External pointing carried out	12
Rainwater pipes renewed, repaired or cleared	9
Defective firegrates	1
Defective Drainage	12
Defective sinks	1
Roofs repaired	7
Water Supply	1
Eaves gutters renewed, repaired or cleared	9
Internal ceiling plaster renewed	4
Internal wall plaster renewed	5
Doors repaired	5
Window frames renewed or repaired	7
Yard gates provided	2
Defective path repaired	1
Defective chimney stack	3
Insufficient ventilation	2
Accumulation of refuse	8
Dustbins provided or renewed	135

DISINFESTATION. Sixteen dwellings were treated during the year, nine for cockroach infestation, four for flea infestation, two for bugs, and one for beetles. D. D. T. powder with Pyrethrum, Multispray and Gammexane Smoke Generators were used.

CAMPING SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS. There are no caravans or sites licensed under the Public Health Act, 1936, and no licenses have been applied for under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

HOUSING

CONDITION. The majority of the houses are stone built and of the terraced type. This type of property is on an average 70/80 years old and in general are quite well maintained, due to the fact that quite a large percentage of them are owner occupied. However, some of the landlords of tenanted property only carry out the minimum amount of maintenance and a careful check is kept on these properties.

NEW BUILDINGS. During the year 10 houses were completed by private enterprise and 4 by the Local Authority.

OVER-CROWDING. No new cases were reported during the year.

INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1)	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects under the Public Health or Housing Acts.	136
	(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal made for the purpose.	354
	(c) Number of dwellings found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	56
(2)	Total number of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:-	
	(a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time).	20
	(b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made.	107

HOUSES DEMOLISHED. In Clearance Areas:	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation	7	22	10
(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	2	6	2

Unfit Houses Closed:-		Displaced during year	
	Number	Persons	Families
(i) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil

Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:-

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(i) After informal action by local authority.	42	Nil
(ii) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts.	Nil	Nil
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	Nil
(iii) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	---

Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement grants, etc.:-

Action during year:	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected in schemes of	
	Private bodies or individuals	Local Authority.
(i) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority.	Nil	---
(ii) Approved by Local Authority	Nil	---
(iii) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry.	Nil	Nil
(iv) Finally approved by Ministry	Nil	Nil
(v) Work completed	Nil	Nil
(vi) Additional separate dwellings included in (v) above.	Nil	Nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts, 1961 and 1964. Standard Grants:-

Action during year:	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected.
(i) Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to full standard	57
(ii) Applications approved by local authority for improvement to reduced standard.	Nil
(iii) Total applications approved by local authority.	57
(iv) Work completed.	61
(v) Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings.	Nil

	1967	Total
Number of Applications received	58	497
Number of Applications not dealt with	1	1
Number approved	57	484
Number refused	-	12

Standard Amenities Approved

	1967	Total
Baths	30	331
Wash-hand Basins	30	327
Hot Water Supply to Bath	30	266
Hot Water Supply to Wash-hand Basin	30	263
Hot Water Supply to Sink	23	231
Water Closet	61	422
Food Store	55	409
Total Amount of Grants approved	£5,203. 0. 0.	£50,954. 18. 9.

Grants Paid

Total Grant Paid.	£5,039. 5. 0.	£41,532. 7. 1.
Number Paid	61	439

WAITING LIST

The following tables give an overall picture of the housing demands for the district, as at the end of the year.

In Lodgings	Padiham	Out of District	Total
Man and Wife - no children	11	-	11
Man and Wife - one child	1	-	1
Man and Wife - four children	1	-	1
	13	-	13

Tenants of Houses	Padiham	Out of District	Total
Man and Wife - no children	16	5	21
Man and Wife - one child	32	5	37
Man and Wife - two children	9	4	13
Man and Wife - three children	-	5	5
Man and Wife - four children	2	1	3
Man and Wife - seven children	2	2	4
	61	22	83

Elderly Person's Accommodation

	Padiham	Out of District	Total
In Lodgings	7	-	7
Tenants of houses	63	4	67
	70	4	74

Grand Total 170

Number of new houses erected during the year 14.

Number of houses erected under the various acts:-

i.	Housing Act, 1919.	31
ii.	Housing Act, 1923/24.	170
iii.	Housing Act, 1930/36.	228
iv.	Housing Act, 1936/46.	21
v.	Housing Act, 1946/51.	260
vi.	Housing Act, 1957.	161
		871

RENT ACT, 1957.

No applications for certificates have been received during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY.

Number of registrations effected during the year.	6
Total number of Distributors of Milk on the Register at the end of the year.	65

The Lancashire County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority and all Dealer's Licenses are issued by the County Council in accordance with Section 12 of the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

MILK SAMPLING. During the year 73 samples of milk were obtained, 60 of which were Raw Milk (Tuberculin Tested), 8 Pasteurised and 5 Sterilised. These samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination with the following results:-

Type of Test.	No. of Samples.	Results.
Tuberculosis.	31	22 satisfactory, 9 no result.
Brucellosis ring test.	59	52 negative, 3 positive and 4 equivocal.
" culture test.	5	4 negative, and 1 no result.
" Biological test.	31	22 negative, and 9 no result.
Methylene Blue.	10	10 satisfactory.
Phosphatase.	8	8 satisfactory.
Turbidity.	5	5 satisfactory.

ICE CREAM SAMPLES. Twenty-five samples of Ice-Cream were obtained during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. Twenty-one samples were Grade 1, and four were Grade 2.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE FACILITIES. There are no public or private slaughterhouses in operation within the District.

Three persons applied for and were granted licences to slaughter animals.

FOOD POISONING. No cases of Food Poisoning were reported during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960. The number of Food Premises by type of business in the District at the end of 1967 was as follows:-

Type of Business.	Number.	Number of Inspections.
General Grocers and provision dealers.	54	107
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game etc.)	10	27
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game etc.)	1	2
Meat Shops (butchers, cooked and preserved meats, tripe etc.)	16	44
Bakers and/or confectioners.	13	25
Fried Fish shops.	9	19
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream.	10	61
Licenced premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes and snack bars.	33	86

(1)	Total number of Food Premises subject to the above mentioned Regulations.	146
(2)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16.	146
(3)	The number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies.	145
(4)	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19.	145

Number of food premises, by type registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, the Lancashire County Council Acts or other local Act:-

Type of Business.	Number Registered.	Number of Inspections of registered premises during year.
Butchers.	10	36
Confectioners.	12	21
Cafes.	4	15
Off licences.	14	28
Grocers.	30	63
Sweets, Ice-Cream etc.	9	21

POULTRY INSPECTION.

(1)	Number of poultry processing premises within the district (plucking only).	1
(2)	Number of visits to these premises.	94
(3)	Number of birds processed during the year.	37,879
(4)	Types of birds processed.	Mainly hens.
(5)	Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption.	1%
(6)	Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption.	1161 lbs.
(7)	The poultry plucking is carried out under hygienic conditions and full co-operation is given by the owner as regards inspection.	

FOODSTUFFS.

The following foodstuffs were examined, condemned for original use, surrendered for disposal and destroyed.

Type of Food.	Quantity condemned.
Tinned Fruit	72¼ lbs.
Tinned Vegetables.	55 "
Tinned Fish.	2 "
Tinned Rice Pudding.	17 "
Corned Beef.	2½ "
Tinned Milk & Cream.	9¾ "
Tinned Ox Tongue.	1 "
Tinned Luncheon Meat.	14½ "
	174 lbs.

Fresh Beef.

Shoulder Steak.	60 lbs.

FOOD SAMPLING.

50 samples of other foods including 25 samples of milk (four of which were Channel Islands milk) and those set out below were submitted to the County Analyst:-

1 Camphorated Oil B.P.	1 Fish Paste.
1 Liquid Paraffin.	1 Plain Flour
1 Aludrox.	1 Omelette Mix.
1 Ampicillin Capsules.	1 Poultry Seasoning.
1 Jam.	1 Parsley Flakes.
1 Crab Mayonnaise.	1 Hazelnut Spread.
1 Whey Cream.	1 Bacon, canned.
1 Food Colour.	3 Lettuce.
2 Biscuits.	1 Batter Mix.
1 Fruit Curd.	1 Cucumber.
1 Cheese.	1 Seasoning.

The County Analyst gave adverse reports about the following:

Type of sample.	Result of Analysis.	Action taken.
Formal milk.	Fat 2.70%. Deficient 10% fat.	Vendor notified.
Formal milk.	Fat 2.90%. Deficient 3.3% fat.	Vendor notified.

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7	3	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	50	42	1	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	3	7	Nil	Nil
Total	60	52	1	Nil

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1934.

Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

	Number on Register.	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Cases in which defects were found
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7	3	NIL	-
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Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
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(b) Unsuitable or Insanitary	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Part V111 of the Act - Outwork.

Nil.

Classification of Factories and Workshops:

Abrasive crushing and grinding	2
Bakers and Confectioners	11
Boiled sweet makers	2
Boot repairers and cloggers	3
Cotton weaving etc	3
Cotton waste	3
Dry Cleaners	1
Electrical generation	2
Electrical engineering	3
Gas appliances	1
Heating plant engineers	1
Hide and Skin	1
Hospital clothing maker	1
Joinery	3
Jute pulling	1
Leather (artificial chamois) manufacturers	1
Motor Spring manufacturers	1
Motor vehicle repairer	3
Minerals (Aerated) waters	1
Printers	3
Paint Manufacturing	1
Poultry plucking	1
Rag and fent sorting	1
Rayon fabric weaving	1
Ready mixed concrete manufacturers	1
Reed makers	1
Salvage packing	1
Silk weaving	1
Tripe dressers	1
Velvet weaving	1
Wadding (laminated)	1
Warp knitting	1
Wireless/Television	2

i. The number of Factories now in the Register is 51

ii. The number of workplaces now in the Register is 9

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

Classification of Shops as Shown in the Register.

Boots, Shoes	4
Builders Merchants	1
Butchers	10
Cafe	4
Chemist	4
Cooked foods	3
Confectioners	11
Cycle Dealers	1
Draper	6
Dyers and Cleaners	3
Electrical appliances	3
Fancy goods	1
Fish Fryers	9
Fishmonger	1
Furniture Dealer	2
General Dealers	4
Gas Appliances	1
Greengrocers	10
Grocers	54
Hairdresser - Gentlemen's	4
Hairdresser - Ladies	7
Hardware	5
Heating and Sanitary Appliances	6
Jeweller	1
Newsagent	6
Newspaper Office	2
Optician	1
Outfitters - Gentlemen's	2
Outfitters - Ladies	3
Off Licence	10
Paint and Wall-paper	4
Photographers	2
Petrol and Oil	3
Pet Shop	1
Potato merchant	1
Public Houses	16
Stationers and printers	4
Sweets and tobacco	10
Timber merchant	1
Tobacconists	1
Handyman's Supplies	2

In accordance with the policy laid down by the County, limited inspectoral duties under the Act were delegated to the Public Health Inspector, and in fulfilment of these duties, 341 visits were undertaken.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The following offensive trades are in existence within the District:-

Tripe Boiler	1
Fish Fryers	7

The various premises have been inspected on 22 occasions.

As there is still no evidence of the local rag dealer doing any business in bones, the premises are not included in the list of offensive trades.

Byelaws made under Section 108 of the Public Health Act, 1936, by the Council for the regulation of offensive trades, businesses, or manufacturers, and the trade or businesses of fish frying, apply in the district.

The trades affected are:-

Blood boiler and dryer.
Tallow melter, fat melter or fat extractor.
Tripe boiler.
Glue Maker and size boiler.
Rag and bone dealer.
Fish fryer.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1952.

One person has been licenced for the keeping of pets for sale.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963.

There are no such establishments within the district.

DISEASE OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957.

No. of plants licensed at the 1st April, 1967.	1
No. of plants licensed during the year.	Nil.
No. of licences cancelled or revoked.	Nil.
No. of inspections.	2
No. of prosecutions.	Nil.

AGRICULTURAL ACT, 1956.

Sanitary Conveniences on Farms.

The farm properties in this district are visited at frequent intervals, and all matters which require inspection are dealt with. It has not been found necessary to take any action under the above Act.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Action relating to rodent control during year:-

	Type of Property	
	Non-agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district.	4452	14
(b) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	164	-
(c) No. of (b) infested by - rats.	53	-
mice.	44	-
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	212	2
(e) No. of (d) infested by - rats.	12	-
Mice	6	-

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Tripe boiler.
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CLEAN AIR ACT.

There are now seven smoke control orders operative within the district.

No. 1 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st September, 1961.

No. 2 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st November, 1962.

No. 3 and 4 Smoke Control Orders became operative on 1st July, 1963.

No. 5 and 6 Smoke Control Orders became operative on 1st November, 1963.

No. 7 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st December, 1966.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

No. of registered premises at end of year:

Offices	23
Retail Shops	59
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	5
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..	11
Fuel storage depots	Nil

No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises. 101

No. of registered premises which received a general inspection. 54

No. of exemptions current at end of year .. .. Nil.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

No contraventions observed.

HEATING APPLIANCES (FIREGUARDS) ACT, 1952.

No contraventions observed.

CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 1961. (The Oil Heaters Regulations, 1962).

No contraventions observed.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The Lancashire Rivers Board is responsible for the supervision and protection of rivers and streams in the district.

SOCIAL WELFARE.

The Health Department continues to be available for liason work. The principal activity has been to provide contact with the Home Help Organiser. Several cases were dealt with.

3 cases of aged persons needing care were investigated, and passed on to the proper authority.

ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME and HEALTH EDUCATION.

A policy of propaganda by displays of posters and the distribution of handbills was continued.

SMOKE CONTROL ACT.

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No. 5 and 6 Smoke Control Orders became operative on 1st November, 1954.
No. 7 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st December, 1954.

CLEAN AIR ACT.

No. of registered premises at end of year:

Offices	55
Retail Shops	55
Residential flats, warehouses	5
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..	17
Coal storage depots	311

No. of Visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises. 401

No. of registered premises which received a general inspection. 32

No. of complaints current at end of year .. .. 121.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960.

No contraventions observed.

PUBLIC HEALTH (OZONE) ACT, 1954.

No contraventions observed.

CLEANING IN BUILDINGS ACT, 1956. (The Old Bedford Regulations, 1890).

No contraventions observed.

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The Health Department continues to be available for liaison work. The principal activity has been in providing contact with the Home Help Organisation. Several cases were dealt with.

A course of lectures on Home Nursing was arranged, and general use is the project actively.

ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME and HEALTH EDUCATION.

A posting of propaganda by displays of posters and the distribution of the ROSPA was continued.

STREET SCAVENGING.

The scavenging of streets is carried out by a mechanical street sweeper, gully emptier, two manual sweepers and one part-time sweeper.

Building activities have constantly been the cause of much concern. Extra cleansing has been necessary to keep the situation in hand.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The two urinals and three public lavatories were cleansed daily throughout the year.