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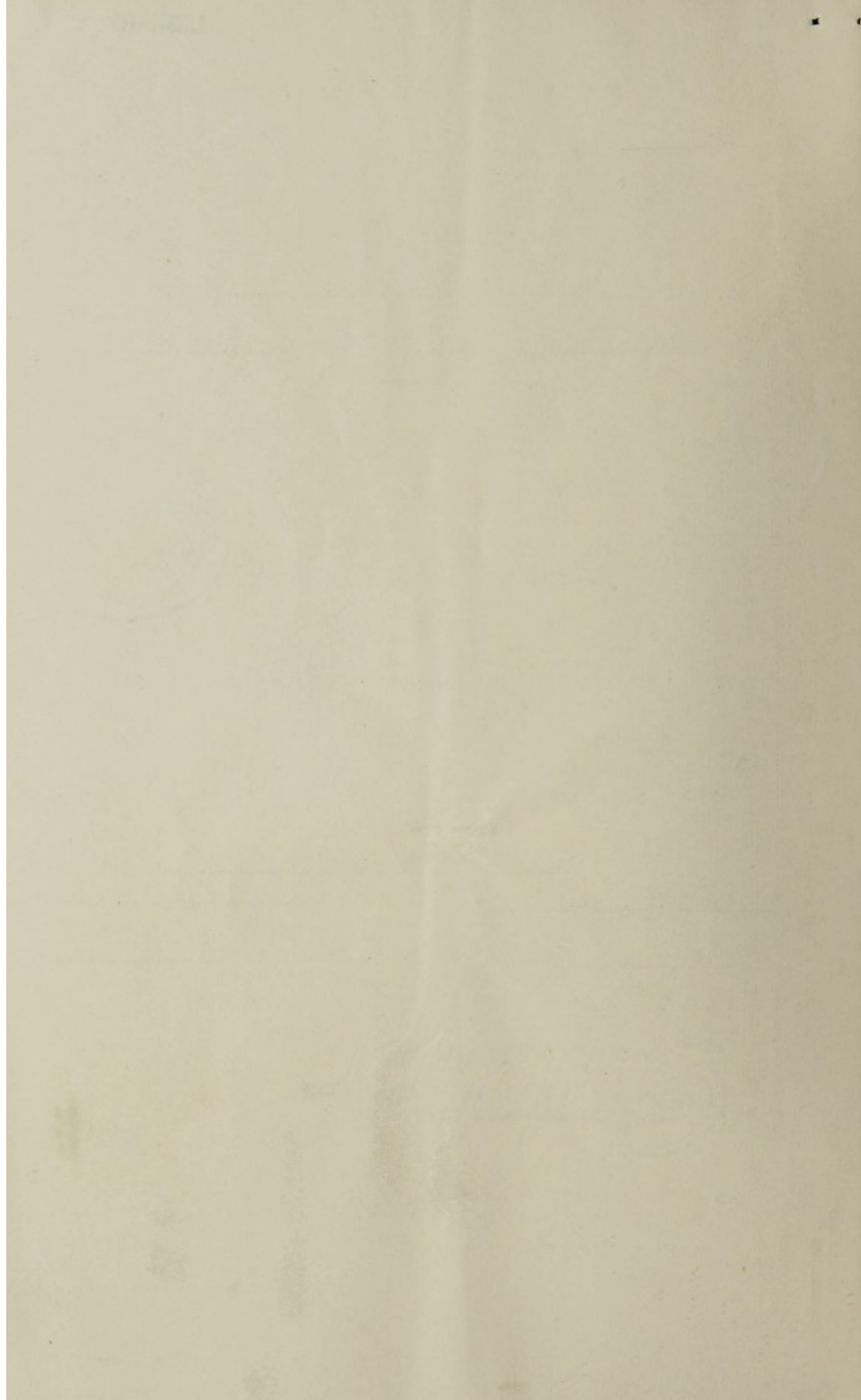
THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PETERBOROUGH
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR 1950

to which is added
The Annual Report of the
SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR



Public Health Officers of the Authority:

<u>Medical Officer of Health:-</u>	W. Anley Hawes, M.B., B.S., D.P.H. Lond. Part Time.
<u>Sanitary Inspector</u>	Mr. C. Green, M.R., San. I., M.S.I.A.



Town Hall,
Stamford.
August, 1951.

To the Chairman & Councillors of the Peterborough Rural
District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1950, to which is added the annual report of the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

During the year the estimated population has increased by 132.

The Vital Statistics for the year show that the general health of the District has been very satisfactory.

No children under the age of 1 year have died, giving an infantile mortality rate of nil as compared with 29.8 for the rest of the country as a whole. The birth rate is approximately the same and the death rate slightly below that for England and Wales. No deaths from maternal causes have occurred.

With the exception of measles (143) infectious diseases notified have been very few. No cases of diphtheria have been reported.

50 houses have been built by the Council and 12 by private enterprise during the year: but little has been done to the many sub-standard houses. 3 Police houses have been completed.

It will be seen from the Surveyor's report that sewerage disposal in the whole district is most unsatisfactory and that already the disposal system in Eye is in danger of breaking down. Owing to the particularly flat nature of the land and difficulty in disposal of effluents it is essential that if further houses are to be erected the sewerage disposal system must first be made adequate.

Housing and the necessary prior claim of sewerage disposal therefore remain the two major problems for the Council.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. ANLEY HAWES.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	28,186
Population	7,374
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book	2,147
Rateable Value	£20,498
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£75. 6. 10d.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

			M.	F.	
<u>Live Births</u>	Total	114	56	58	
	Legitimate		53	54	
	Illegitimate		3	4	
Birth Rate per 1000 estimated resident population:-					15.4
Corresponding figure for England and Wales:-					15.8
<u>Still Births</u>	Total		-	-	
	Legitimate		-	-	
	Illegitimate		-	-	
Rate per 1000 population England and Wales:-					0.37
<u>Deaths</u>	Total	79	46	33	
Death Rate per 1000 estimated resident population:-					10.7
Corresponding figure for England and Wales:-					11.6
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:-			M.	F.	
	Total		-	-	
	Legitimate		-	-	
	Illegitimate		-	-	
Deaths of all infants under 1 year of age per 1000					
	live births				0
Corresponding figure for England and Wales					29.8
Deaths of Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate					
	live births				nil
Deaths of Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate					
	live births				nil

INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES,INJURIES AND CAUSES OF DEATHS

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Tuberculosis Respiratory	0	0
Tuberculosis (other forms)	0	0
Syphilitic Disease	2	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0
Meningococcal Infections	0	0
Acute Polionyelitis	0	0
Measles	0	0
Other infective and Parasitic diseases	2	0
Malignant Neoplasm of stomach	1	0
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus	1	0
Malignant neoplasm of breast	0	2
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	0	0
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	8	1
Leukaemia & Aleukaemia	0	0
Diabetes	0	0
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	7
Coronary diseases, angina	6	2
Hypertension with heart disease	4	2
Other heart diseases	2	9
Other circulatory diseases	2	3
Influenza	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0
Bronchitis	1	2
Other Diseases Respiratory system	1	0
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	0	0
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	0	0
Nephritis & Nephrosis	0	0
Hyperplasia of Prostate	4	0
Pregnancy, Childbirth & Abortion	0	0
Congenital malformation	0	0
Other defined and ill defined diseases	3	4
Motor vehicle accidents	2	0
All other accidents	0	1
Suicide	2	0
Homicide and operations of war	0	0
	<u>46</u>	<u>33</u>

NET DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

Nil.

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM

	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	7	2	-
Pneumonia	1	1	-
Polionyelitis	2	2	-
Measles	143	1	-
Whooping Cough	14	-	-
	<u>167</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Not known	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	7
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Measles	-	2	7	5	13	18	90	6	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	143
Whooping Cough	-	2	1	1	2	3	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	14
Total	-	4	8	6	15	21	98	8	1	2	2	2	-	-	-	167

TUBERCULOSIS

	Deaths during 1950				New cases during 1950			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
10 - 15 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15 - 25 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 - 35 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 yrs.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-

FACTORY ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector).

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection.	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	19	34	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	15	36	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) ...	-	-	-	-
	34	70	2	-

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".

	Found	Remedied	Referred		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) insufficient	1	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREANursing in the Home

Under the County Council scheme District Nursing Services are available in all villages of the District.

HOME HELPS

Home Helps can be obtained through the County Council Services. Application should be made to:-

The Home Help Organiser,
County Council Offices,
Bridge Street,
Peterborough.

GENERAL HOSPITALS

Acute and Maternity admissions to the Memorial Hospital, Peterborough or Maternity Homes under charge of this hospital. Cases of long term illnesses are admitted to St. John's Hospital, Peterborough.

All the above hospitals are administered by the Peterborough No. 12 Area Hospital Management Committee.

ISOLATION HOSPITALS

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the management of the above Hospital Management Committee. No difficulty has been experienced in arranging admissions.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS(a) Provided by the Soke of Peterborough County CouncilChild Welfare

Clinics:	(a) Village Hall, Castor.	2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoon each month.
	(b) Kendall's Tea Rooms, Eye.	1st & 3rd Tuesday afternoon each month.
	(c) Village College, Glinton.	1st & 3rd. Wednesday afternoon each month
	(d) School Canteen, Helpston.	2nd Thursday & 4th Wednesday afternoons each month.
	(e) Congregational Church Schoolroom Maxey.	4th Thursday afternoon each month.
	(f) Village Hall, Newborough.	2nd & 4th Tuesday each month.

School Clinic:

at The Arthur Mellows Village
College Glinton.

Monday
mornings.

Diphtheria Immunisation

Provided by the General Practitioner Service under the County Council Scheme.

(b) Provided by the East Anglian Regional Hospital BoardTuberculosis

Under Dr. C. Bernard Royce, Consulting Chest Physician, Peterborough Group of Hospitals.

V.D. Clinic

Under Dr. N. A. Ross. 28 Fitzwilliam Street,
Peterborough.

Male Clinics

Mondays - (Weekly) 5.30 - 7 p.m.
Thursdays - (Weekly) 5.30 - 7 p.m.

Female Clinics

Wednesday - (Weekly) 5.30 - 7 p.m.
Fridays - (Weekly) 10.30 - 12 noon.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological examinations are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, under Dr. D. H. Fulton.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAWater

The supply from the Peterborough City mains has been adequate in quantity. No analyses have been carried out by this Council.

Details of water supplies to houses in the respective villages as estimated by the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

		A.		B.		
	Total No. of houses	Supplied direct to house	Population represented thereby	To Stand Pipes	Population represented thereby.	From Wells
AILSWORTH	77	23	77	48	168	6
BOROUGH FEN	84	36	126	35	122	13
CASTOR	167	85	297	58	202	24
DEEPING GATE	85	50	166	33	115	2
ETTON	49	23	81	18	63	8
EYE	648	505	1757	135	472	11
GLINTON	242	193	549	47	164	2
HELPSTON	218	136	476	75	262	7
MARHOLM	50	19	66	28	98	3
MAXEY	107	54	189	33	115	20
NEWBOROUGH	221	146	509	65	227	10
NORTHBOROUGH	109	73	245	25	87	11
PEAKIRK	88	40	140	45	157	3
SUTTON	27	10	35	14	59	3
UPTON	20	8	28	12	42	-

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES

With the exception of measles (143) the incidence of infectious diseases has been extremely low. Two cases of poliomyelitis were reported, both were admitted to Peterborough Isolation Hospital and made good recoveries.

No cases of diphtheria were reported.

FOOD POISONING

No cases were reported.

HEALTH EDUCATION

The Council adopted the Model Byelaws of the Ministry of Food for the handling, wrapping and delivery of food sold or intended for sale for human consumption and in connection with the sale or exposure for sale in the open air of food intended for human consumption.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

No action has been necessary.

Other sanitary conditions, inspection of food and housing details will be found in the following pages of the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector's report.

PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SANITARY INSPECTOR, BUILDING SURVEYOR AND
WATER ENGINEER
FOR THE YEAR 1950.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1950.

INSPECTIONS, COMPLAINTS, NOTICES

Inspections 351 Re-visits 423
Complaints received 156.

56 Informal Notices were served under Public Health and Housing Acts during the year. 5 Informal Notices were outstanding at the end of the year.

HOUSING ACTS.

70 Complaints were received during the year, of these 39 were remedied by personal calls or letters to owners. 26 were remedied by the serving of Informal Notices under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936. 5 Informal Notices were outstanding at the end of the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of Infectious Disease cases reported during the year was 10, distributed as follows:-

	<u>Eye</u>	<u>Maxey</u>	<u>Glington</u>	<u>Marholm</u>	<u>Boro' Fen</u>	<u>Helpston</u>
Scarlet Fever	2	3	2	-	-	-
Infantile Paralysis	-	-	-	1	1	1
	2	3	2	1	1	1

Total 10.

The 3 cases of Scarlet Fever at Maxey were in 1 house.

All the cases of Infantile Paralysis and all the Scarlet Fever cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

The usual visits of inquiry were made and terminal disinfection carried out.

FACTORY ACT

The number of Factories on the Register at the end of the year was 34.

Periodical inspections were carried out throughout the year and there is nothing special to report.

SHOPS ACTS.

The number of Shops on the Register at the end of the year was 46.

Periodical inspections were made throughout the year. As a result of informal action a fish shop, and a shop for the sale of ice-cream, have had various improvements made.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES

There are 5 small privately owned slaughter houses in the District, but these are only used for the occasional slaughter of Cottagers pigs.

CONDEMNED FOOD

The following articles of foodstuffs were condemned for the reasons stated.

9 March 1950.	7 lbs "Butter Dabs" Sweets.	Glass splinters.
17 July, 1950.	1 - 20 oz Tin Meat and Gravy.	Pierced and leaking condition.
25 July, 1950.	1 - 12 oz Tin Luncheon Meat.	" " "
29 Sept. 1950.	1 - 20 oz Tin Meat and Gravy.	" " "
"	4 - 8 oz Packets Beef Suet.	Mildewed condition.
"	2 - 14 oz Tins Red Cherries & Syrup.	Blown & Pierced.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS.

In accordance with the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949, all distributors of milk and dairies (other than dairy farms) in the District were registered.

PLANS

62 Plans were deposited for approval under Building Byelaws during the year, as against 65 for the year 1949.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HOUSING

22 Plans were deposited and approved, for private enterprise houses and bungalows, distributed as follows:-

Newborough 5, Glington 3, Helpston 2, Maxey 3,
Eye 2, Northborough 3, Castor 3, Deeping Gate 1.

Of these, 1 plan was amended and a further plan submitted, 1 was refused by Town & Country Planning Committee, 1 plan was cancelled, and 3 were still being considered by the Town & Country Planning Committee at the end of the year.

The number of new houses and bungalows completed by private enterprise during the year has been 12, distributed as follows:-

Glington 2, Deeping Gate 3, Newborough 4, Eye 1,
Marholm 1, Sutton 1.

In addition, 3 police houses (2 at Eye and 1 at Castor) were completed during the year.

4 private enterprise dwellings were in course of erection at the end of the year.

HOUSING SCHEMES.

A further 50 houses have been completed during the year in the parish of Glinton bringing the total completed and occupied to 62. The remaining 40 are in various stages of completion.

Work has commenced on the 6 houses at Upton, and on a further pair in Little Close, Eye.

The erection of houses at Castor, Marholm, Maxey and Newborough has not yet commenced.

HUTMENT CAMPS

The removal of tenants from the Hutment Camp at Milton Park was completed during the year and the Camp closed down.

Some of the Huts were removed to sites in the Oundle & Thrapston Rural District, some to sites in the City of Peterborough and others to a site at Marholm. The remaining huts at Milton Park were disposed of by the Ministry.

MAINTENANCE WORK ON COUNCIL HOUSES

The chief items of expenditure has been on the provision of new grates, rain water tanks, clothes posts and the repair of fencing.

The amount of repairs required to the new houses, particularly the Swedish Timber houses, has been rather surprising.

BUILDING LICENCES

The number of licences issued during the year has been :-

Inside Authorised Ceiling.

New Houses	5 @	total cost	£8,182.
Conversions and Adaptations	2 "	" "	1,200.
Caravan Site	1 "	" "	180.
Temporary Bungalow.	1 "	" "	145.
Repairs.	11 "	" "	2,504.

In addition to the above the following licences were issued outside the authorised ceiling by Special Authority from the Ministry.

New Houses.	2 @	total cost	£2,700.
Conversions and Adaptations.	1 "	" "	800.
Repairs.	1 "	" "	800.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The general position is much the same as given in my Annual Report for 1949.

A short length of 9" sewer has been laid in Eyebury Road, Eye, to drain the new School. This sewer running south is connected up to the sewers in Little Close, thereby increasing the amount that is pumped into the 6" sewer at the North End of Eyebury Road, and which runs in a Northerly direction to the Sewage Disposal Works. It will be remembered that a considerable nuisance was occasioned during the year by a back flow from this sewer into the drains of houses on the East side of Eyebury Road, the sewage coming up through the gullies and chambers, and flooding the gardens of these houses. Plans are in course of preparation for taking the whole of the sewage from this part of the village to a Pumping Station sited along the

Peterborough Road and from there into the Peterborough Corporation Sewers at Newark. Until this work is completed however, there is a grave risk that the nuisance previously experienced may recur, in which case the tenants of the houses effected may not again be as tolerant as on the previous occasion.

The temporary Sewage Disposal Works to the new Housing Estate at Glington is far from satisfactory and if the general system of sewage collection and disposal is not proceeded with within the next year or two, the present temporary system for the Housing Estate will have to be enlarged and improved considerably, as it is totally inadequate to deal effectively with the drainage from the 102 houses on this Site.

The drainage in other parts of the district is, as stated in previous reports, most unsatisfactory. Every effort is being made to keep the various dykes into which sullage water is discharged, as clear as possible, by the periodical cleansing of these dykes, but it is, to say the least, very difficult, and trouble may arise under "The River Boards Act 1948 Secs 18 and 34".

SCAVENGING

The collection of house refuse and of night-soil is carried out by Contract in a fairly satisfactory manner.

WATER SUPPLIES

The supply for the whole of the district is purchased in bulk from the Peterborough Corporation and has been satisfactory in quantity and quality. The necessary tests, bacteriological, chemical etc., are carried out by the Peterborough Corporation.

Details of houses in various parishes with taps inside and outside etc. each house, are as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total No. of Houses.</u>	<u>With Taps indoors.</u>	<u>With S/Ps.</u>	<u>Wells.</u>
Allsworth	77	23	48	6
Boro' Fen.	84	36	35	13
Castor	168	86	58	24
Deeping Gate	85	50	33	2
Etton	49	23	18	8
Eye	650	504	135	11
Glington	242	193	47	2
Helpston	218	136	75	7
Marholm	50	19	28	3
Maxey	107	54	33	20
Newborough	221	146	65	10
Northborough	109	73	25	11
Peakirk	88	40	45	3
Sutton	27	10	14	3
Upton	20	8	12	-

The total amount purchased during the year has been 50,346,000 gallons as against 49,009,000 gallons for the year 1949 an increase of 1,337,000 gallons.

47 new connections have been made to the mains during the year 27 to supply houses and 20 by Meter to supply farm premises and fields. Apart from the above some 55 new Council Houses have been connected, which explains in a large degree the increase in consumption.

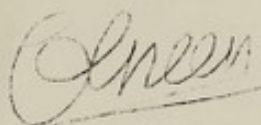
PETROLEUM LICENCES

30 licences to store Petroleum Spirit were issued during the year, the fees collected in respect of same being £19. 5. 0.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Green', written in dark ink.

April 1951.

