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PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1957

To which is added

The Annual Report of the

SURVEYOR AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. W. Anley Hawes, M.B., B.S.,  
D.P.H.Lond.


Chief Public Health Inspector.

Mr. C. Green, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

Deputy Public Health Inspector.

Mr. M.R. Gibbs, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.





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Council Offices,  
Broad Street,  
Stamford,  
Lincs.

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1957,  
with the Annual Report of the Surveyor and Chief Public Health  
Inspector.

The general health of the district has been exceedingly  
good.

There has been an increase of 3.1 per 1,000 population in  
the birth rate, and again a decrease of 1.6 per 1,000 in the  
death rate.

Apart from measles, infectious diseases notified during  
the year were few. 4 cases of acute poliomyelitis were reported,  
1 new case only of tuberculosis, and again no cases of diphtheria.

No epidemic of food poisoning occurred. 1 child was reported  
as being positive to the food poisoning germ of salmonella, and  
was given the appropriate treatment in hospital.

No action was necessary under the National Assistance Act.

10 houses and 10 old persons bungalows were completed during  
the year and plans for 46 dwellings to be built by private enter-  
prise were passed by the Council.

Progress has been made with slum clearance by Closing and  
Demolition Orders.

The work was commenced on the main drainage system of  
Castor and Ailsworth and Ministry approved the sewerage scheme  
for the parishes of Glinton, Helpston, Peakirk and Etton. When  
these two schemes have been completed a very long outstanding need  
will have been met.

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 acres |
| Estimated population.....                      | 7,680        |
| Number of inhabited houses from Rate Book..... | 2,441        |
| Rateable Value.....                            | £58,186      |
| Sum represented by Penny Rate.....             | £ 242. 1. 3. |

## EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

|                      | <u>Total</u> | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| <u>Live Births:-</u> |              |           |           |
| Total                | 147          | 74        | 73        |
| Legitimate           | 140          | 70        | 70        |
| Illegitimate         | 7            | 4         | 3         |

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 19.0  
 Comparable Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 18.24

Equivalent Birth Rate for England and Wales 16.15.

### Still Births :-

|              |   |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Total        | 2 | 2 | - |
| Legitimate   | - | 2 | - |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |

### Deaths:-

|       |    |    |    |
|-------|----|----|----|
| Total | 65 | 37 | 28 |
|-------|----|----|----|

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 8.4  
 Comparable Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 9.24

Equivalent Death Rate for England and Wales 11.475

### DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE

|              |   |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Total        | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Legitimate   | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |

### DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

|              |   |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Total        | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Legitimate   | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |

### RECORDED NUMBER OF DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE :-

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Legitimate</u> | <u>Illegitimate</u> | <u>Total Deaths.</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1945        | 1                 | 1                   | 2                    |
| 1946        | 3                 | -                   | 3                    |
| 1947        | 4                 | 1                   | 5                    |
| 1948        | 6                 | -                   | 6                    |
| 1949        | 2                 | -                   | 2                    |
| 1950        | -                 | -                   | -                    |
| 1951        | 2                 | -                   | 2                    |
| 1952        | 2                 | -                   | 4                    |
| 1953        | 4                 | 1                   | 2                    |
| 1954        | 1                 | -                   | 4                    |
| 1955        | 4                 | -                   | 2                    |
| 1956        | 2                 | -                   | 5                    |
| 1957        | 5                 | -                   |                      |

INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

INJURIES AND CAUSES OF DEATHS.

|   | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| Tuberculosis respiratory.....               | -           | -             |
| Tuberculosis (other forms).....             | -           | -             |
| Syphilitic Disease.....                     | -           | -             |
| Diphtheria.....                             | -           | -             |
| Whooping Cough.....                         | -           | -             |
| Meningococcal Infections.....               | -           | -             |
| Acute Poliomyelitis.....                    | -           | -             |
| Measles.....                                | -           | -             |
| Other Infective & Parasitic diseases.....   | -           | -             |
| Malignant neoplasm of stomach.....          | 1           | -             |
| Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus.....   | 1           | -             |
| Malignant neoplasm of breast.....           | -           | 2             |
| Malignant neoplasm of uterus.....           | -           | 1             |
| Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasm.....   | 5           | 2             |
| Leukaemia & Aleukaemia.....                 | -           | -             |
| Diabetes.....                               | -           | 1             |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system.....     | 5           | 3             |
| Coronary diseases angina.....               | 4           | 1             |
| Hypertension with heart disease.....        | -           | 1             |
| Other heart diseases.....                   | 2           | 7             |
| Other circulatory diseases.....             | 4           | 1             |
| Influenza.....                              | 1           | -             |
| Pneumonia.....                              | 3           | 1             |
| Bronchitis.....                             | -           | 2             |
| Other Diseases Respiratory system.....      | -           | -             |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.....          | 1           | 1             |
| Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea.....       | -           | -             |
| Nephritis & Nephrosis.....                  | -           | -             |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate.....                | -           | -             |
| Pregnancy, Childbirth & Abortion.....       | -           | -             |
| Congenital malformation.....                | -           | 1             |
| Other defined and ill defined diseases..... | 11          | 1             |
| Motor Vehicle accidents.....                | 1           | 1             |
| All other accidents.....                    | -           | 1             |
| Suicide.....                                | -           | -             |
| Homicide & operations of war.....           | -           | -             |
|   | <hr/> 39    | <hr/> 27      |



NET DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

|                                       | Under 1 week | 1 - 2 weeks | 2 - 3 weeks | 3 - 4 weeks | Total under 1 month | 1 - 3 months | 3 - 6 months | 6 - 9 months | 9 - 12 months | Total under 1 year |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Premature Birth and Malformation etc. | 4            | -           | -           | -           | 4                   | -            | -            | -            | -             | -                  |
| Pneumonia & Bronchitis                | -            | -           | -           | -           | -                   | -            | -            | -            | -             | -                  |
| Enteritis & Diarrhoea                 | -            | -           | -           | -           | -                   | -            | -            | -            | -             | -                  |
| Peritonitis                           | -            | 1           | -           | -           | 1                   | -            | -            | -            | -             | -                  |
| Other causes                          | -            | -           | -           | -           | -                   | -            | -            | -            | -             | -                  |
| Total                                 | 4            | 1           | -           | -           | 5                   | -            | -            | -            | -             | -                  |

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM

|                     | Total cases Notified. | Cases Admitted to Hospital | Total Deaths |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Scarlet Fever       | 3                     | 1                          | -            |
| Pneumonia           | 3                     | 1                          | -            |
| Dysentery           | -                     | -                          | -            |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | 4                     | 4                          | -            |
| Para-typhoid        | -                     | -                          | -            |
| Measles             | 250                   | 2                          | -            |
| Whooping Cough      | 1                     | -                          | -            |
| Total               | 261                   | 8                          | -            |

# 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 |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Acute Poliomyelitis | -         | -       | -  | -  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 4     |
| Scarlet Fever       | -         | -       | -  | -  | -  | -  | -   | 2  | 1  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 3     |
| Pneumonia           | -         | -       | -  | -  | -  | -  | -   | 1  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 2  | 3     |
| Dysentery           | -         | -       | -  | -  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 1     |
| Para-typhoid        | -         | -       | -  | -  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 1     |
| Measles             | -         | 3       | 19 | 21 | 34 | 29 | 141 | 2  | -  | 1  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 250   |
| Whooping Cough      | -         | 1       | -  | -  | -  | -  | -   | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 1     |
| Total               | -         | 4       | 19 | 21 | 35 | 29 | 141 | 6  | 1  | 1  | 1  | -  | 1  | -  | 2  | 261   |

## TUBERCULOSIS.

|             | <u>Deaths during 1957.</u> |   |                      |   | <u>New cases during 1957.</u> |   |                      |   |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|---|
|             | <u>Pulmonary</u>           |   | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> |   | <u>Pulmonary</u>              |   | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> |   |
|             | M                          | F | M                    | F | M                             | F | M                    | F |
| 0 - 1 years | -                          | - | -                    | - | -                             | - | -                    | - |
| 1 - 5 "     | -                          | - | -                    | - | -                             | - | -                    | - |
| 5 - 15 "    | -                          | - | -                    | - | -                             | - | -                    | - |
| 15 - 25 "   | -                          | - | -                    | - | -                             | 1 | -                    | - |
| 25 - 35 "   | -                          | - | -                    | - | -                             | - | -                    | - |
| 35 - 45 "   | -                          | - | -                    | - | -                             | - | -                    | - |
| 45 - 55 "   | -                          | - | -                    | - | -                             | - | -                    | - |
| 55 - 65 "   | -                          | - | -                    | - | -                             | - | -                    | - |
| Over 65 "   | -                          | - | -                    | - | -                             | - | -                    | - |
| Total       | -                          | - | -                    | - | -                             | 1 | -                    | - |

New cases notified during 1954 = 7  
 " " " " 1955 = 5  
 " " " " 1956 = 2  
 " " " " 1957 = 1



# FACTORY ACT.

## 1. Inspection for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

|  | Number<br>on<br>Register | Inspect-<br>ions | Number of<br>Written<br>Notices | Occupiers<br>Prosecuted |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities                       | 9                        | 9                | -                               | -                       |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority                     | 21                       | 27               | -                               | -                       |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises). | -                        | -                | -                               | -                       |
| Total  | 30                       | 36               | -                               | -                       |

## 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".

|   | Number of cases in which defects were found. |          |                                  |                       | Number of cases in which prosecutions were institute |
|---|--|----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
|   | Found  | Remedied | Referred<br>To H.M.<br>Inspector | By H.M.<br>Inspector. |  |
| Want of Cleanliness   | -  | -        | -                                | -                     | -  |
| Overcrowding  | -  | -        | -                                | -                     | -  |
| Unreasonable temperature  | -  | -        | -                                | -                     | -  |
| Inadequate ventilation  | -  | -        | -                                | -                     | -  |
| Ineffective drainage of floors  | -  | -        | -                                | -                     | -  |
| Sanitary Conveniences:-   |  |          |                                  |                       |  |
| (a) insufficient  | -  | -        | -                                | -                     | -  |
| (b) unsuitable or defective   | -  | -        | -                                | -                     | -  |
| (c) not separate for sexes  | -  | -        | -                                | -                     | -  |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | -  | -        | -                                | -                     | -  |
| Total   | -  | -        | -                                | -                     | -  |

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

### Nursing in the Home.

Under the County Council Scheme 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.

The Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, administered by the Peterborough No. 12 Area Hospital Management Committee of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

### Isolation Hospitals.

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the management of the above Hospital Management Committee.

## TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

### (a) Provided by the Soke of Peterborough County Council.

#### Child 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, Glington. | 1st Thursday & 3rd Wednesday afternoon each month. |
| (d) Village Hall, Newborough.  | 2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoon each month.            |

### School Clinic

At the Arthur Mellows Village College, Glington.

Monday mornings.

### Diphtheria Immunisation :-

Provided by the General Practitioner Service under the County Council.



(b) Provided by the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board,  
Peterborough Area Hospital Management Committee.

Tuberculosis.

The Chest Clinic,  
1 Thorpe Road,  
Peterborough.

Veneral Disease.

The Memorial Hospital  
Midland Road,  
Peterborough.

Male Clinics :-

Monday & Wednesday

5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Female Clinics :-

Tuesday

10.30 a.m. - 12 noon

Thursday

5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Laboratory Facilities

Public Health Lab-  
oratory,  
Memorial Hospital,  
Peterborough.

Bacteriological examinations are provided for Preventative Medicine of the Public Health Service and for the General Practitioner Health Service.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water

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

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

Food Poisoning.

One child of 19 months was reported as having Salmonella Enteritis. Treatment was given in the Peterborough Isolation Hospital, and the child returned home under the supervision of the County Health Visitor Service.

Health Education.

Model Byelaws of the Ministry of Food are in use in the District. Health Education leaflets are obtained from the County Offices, Bridge Street, Peterborough.

National Assistance Act.

One case only was notified for consideration under the National Assistance Act, an old person with no known relatives. Although her living conditions were far from good, she absolutely refused to accept Part III Accommodation, and as her own doctor could not certify that her health was suffering from her home conditions, no action was taken. The case is under supervision by the Health Visitor Service.



Details of Water Supplies to houses in the respective  
villages as estimated by the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

| PARISH       | Total<br>No. of<br>Houses | (a)<br>Supplied<br>direct to<br>house | Population<br>represented<br>thereby | (b)<br>To<br>Stand-<br>Pipes | Population<br>represented<br>thereby | From<br>Wells |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| AILSWORTH    | 77                        | 26                                    | 79                                   | 48                           | 177                                  | 3             |
| BOROUGH FEN  | 89                        | 47                                    | 168                                  | 35                           | 122                                  | 7             |
| CASTOR       | 211                       | 149                                   | 492                                  | 54                           | 190                                  | 8             |
| DEEPING GATE | 88                        | 56                                    | 185                                  | 31                           | 109                                  | 1             |
| ETTON        | 51                        | 25                                    | 88                                   | 19                           | 66                                   | 7             |
| EYE          | 718                       | 603                                   | 2,057                                | 111                          | 399                                  | 4             |
| GLINTON      | 302                       | 259                                   | 760                                  | 37                           | 132                                  | 6             |
| HELPSTON     | 233                       | 154                                   | 531                                  | 73                           | 256                                  | 6             |
| MARHOLM      | 62                        | 34                                    | 120                                  | 27                           | 95                                   | 1             |
| MAXEY        | 121                       | 85                                    | 281                                  | 30                           | 105                                  | 6             |
| NEWBOROUGH   | 252                       | 188                                   | 637                                  | 61                           | 215                                  | 3             |
| NORTHBOROUGH | 166                       | 130                                   | 418                                  | 31                           | 105                                  | 5             |
| PEAKIRK      | 90                        | 49                                    | 168                                  | 39                           | 139                                  | 2             |
| SUTTON       | 27                        | 10                                    | 35                                   | 14                           | 59                                   | 3             |
| UPTON        | 28                        | 18                                    | 58                                   | 10                           | 36                                   | -             |

Annual Report - Details concerning Food and Food Premises.

(1) Number of Food Premises in the area by type of business.

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| General Stores | 31 |
| Butchers       | 4  |
| Fish Shops     | 2  |
| Confectioners  | 1  |
| Canteens       | 7  |

(2) Number of Food Premises by type registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Fish Frying     | 2  |
| Ice Cream       | 25 |
| Preserved Meats | 5  |

Number of Dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 - 1954                      2

(3) The number of inspections of registered food Premises - 99

The majority of food shops in the District are small general stores with living accommodation attached. The standard of cleanliness and general hygiene is maintained, with isolated exceptions at a good standard.

(4) The method of disposal of condemned food.

Condemned meat is disposed of to a firm who deals in waste products and receipts are furnished by the butchers. 32 lbs of minced beef and 2 x 4 lbs tins of luncheon meat were condemned and disposed of for pigs swill.

(5) No special examinations were carried out of a stock or of a consignment of food.

(6) The majority of ice cream sold in the District is prepacked and all is sold from standard type of refrigerators. (Regulations 1947 - 1952).

(7) Routine inspections were carried out during the year and the redecoration of walls and ceilings at five premises was carried out following inspection.



Appendix.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

|   | Cattle<br>(excluding<br>Cows) | Cows | Calves | Sheep &<br>Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|---|-------------------------------|------|--------|------------------|------|--------|
| NUMBER KILLED (if known)  | 167                           | Nil  | Nil    | 373              | 202  | Nil    |
| Number inspected  | 167                           | Nil  | Nil    | 373              | 202  | Nil    |
| <u>All diseases except<br/>tuberculosis &amp;<br/>cysticerci</u><br>Whole carcasses condemned                 | Nil                           | Nil  | Nil    | Nil              | Nil  | Nil    |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned  | 15                            | -    | -      | -                | 8    | -      |
| Percentage of the<br>number inspected aff-<br>ected with disease<br>other than tuberculosis<br>and cysticerci | 8%                            | -    | -      | -                | 4%   | -      |
| <u>Tuberculosis only</u><br>Whole carcasses condemned   | 1                             | Nil  | Nil    | Nil              | Nil  | Nil    |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was con-<br>demned  | 8                             | Nil  | Nil    | Nil              | 6    | Nil    |
| Percentage of the<br>number inspected<br>affected with tuber-<br>culosis                                      | 5%                            | Nil  | Nil    | Nil              | 3%   | Nil    |
| <u>Cysticercus only</u><br>Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned                           | 1                             | Nil  | Nil    | Nil              | Nil  | Nil    |
| Carcases submitted to<br>treatment by<br>refrigeration  | 1                             | Nil  | Nil    | Nil              | Nil  | Nil    |
| Generalised & totally<br>condemned  | Nil                           | Nil  | Nil    | Nil              | Nil  | Nil    |





PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector, Surveyor and  
Water Engineer for the Year 1957.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the Year 1957.

Inspections, Complaints, Notices.

Inspections - 362. Revisits - 202.

Complaints received - 17.

17 Informal Notices were served under Public Health and  
Housing Acts.

15 Informal Notices (including 6 outstanding from 1956) were  
complied with.

8 Informal Notices were outstanding at the end of the year.

Housing Acts (Informal Action)

85 Informal Inspections were made during the year.

9 complaints were received during the year.

9 Informal Notices were served during the year.

8 Informal Notices (including 5 outstanding from 1956) have  
been complied with.

5 Informal Notices were outstanding at the end of the year.

Housing Acts (Statutory Action)

Number of houses rendered fit after service of Statutory Notices -  
Nil.

Number of houses on which Demolition Orders were made - 4.

Number of houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders - 6.

Number of houses on which Closing Orders were made - 8.

Number of houses demolished as a result of Closing Orders - 3.

Number of Demolition Orders revoked - 1.

Number of houses made fit after representation for closure - 1.

Infectious Diseases.

The following infectious disease cases notified during  
the year in the various villages were :

|            | <u>Scarlet Fever.</u> | <u>Poliomyelitis.</u> | <u>Food Poisoning.</u> |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Eye        | 1                     | 2                     | 1                      |
| Castor     | -                     | 1                     | -                      |
| Maxey      | -                     | 1                     | -                      |
| Newborough | 2                     | -                     | -                      |

Investigations were made and reports submitted to  
the Medical Officer of Health and disinfection carried out  
where necessary.

National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 50)

There were no cases dealt with during the year.

### Factory Act.

The number of Factories on the register at the end of the year was 30.

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Number of inspections made | - 36  |
| Informal Notices served    | - Nil |
| Complied with              | - Nil |
| Prosecutions               | - Nil |

6 certificates as to means of escape in case of fire were issued under Section 34 of the Act of 1937.

### Shops Act.

There were 49 shops on the register at the end of the year.

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Number of inspections | - 75  |
| Contraventions found  | - Nil |

### Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The number of food premises on the register at the end of the year was 39.

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Number of inspections made | - 73 |
|----------------------------|------|

| <u>Defects.</u>          | <u>Found</u> | <u>Remedied</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Dirty walls and ceilings | 5            | 5               |
| Absence of hot water     | 1            | -               |

### Milk and Dairies Regulations

There are only two registered dairies in the district and these are used only for storage purposes as all milk is bought in bottles from outside the district.

Licences issued during the year :-

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 2 | Supplementary licences to retail sterilised milk. |
| 3 | " " " " tuberculin tested milk.                   |
| 3 | " " " " pasteurised milk.                         |
| 2 | Dealer's Licences to retail sterilised milk.      |
| 2 | " " " " pasteurised milk.                         |
| 1 | " " " " tuberculin tested milk.                   |

### Slaughterhouses

There are three licenced private slaughterhouses in the district all attached to butchers shops. These have again been well maintained and kept clean during the year and the licences were renewed for a further 13 months.

### Meat Inspection

Meat inspection is carried out as soon after slaughter as practicable and 100% inspection of all carcasses and offal is maintained.



A total of 261 visits was made to the slaughterhouses and the number of carcasses examined was :-

Beasts 167. Pigs 202. Sheep 373.

The following offal was condemned and destroyed:-

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 10 Beasts livers         | - distomatosis.    |
| 4 " "                    | - abscesses.       |
| 1 " heart                | - pericarditis.    |
| 1 " intestines           | - T. B.            |
| 1 " skirt and codfat     | - T. B.            |
| 2 " livers               | - T. B.            |
| 5 " lungs                | - T. B.            |
| 1 " carcass & all organs | - T. B.            |
| 3 pigs mesenteries       | - T. B.            |
| 3 " heads                | - T. B.            |
| 1 " heart                | - pericarditis.    |
| 1 set of pigs kidneys    | - hydro-nephrosis. |

One beast was found to be affected with cysticercus bovis and was placed in cold storage for 3 weeks.

#### Unsound Food.

32 lbs of minced beef (decomposed) and 2 - 4 lb tins of luncheon meat (blown) were condemned during the year.

#### Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Deadweight Certification of Pigs.

On behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, a total of 47 pigs were checkweighed at the two approved centres and certificates issued for guarantee payments. This scheme was discontinued in this district by the Ministry in October because of insufficient number of pigs being presented for certification.

#### Rodent Control - Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Inspections made:-

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| At private dwellings    | - 382 |
| " business premises     | - 42  |
| " agricultural premises | - 60  |
| " Council property      | - 4   |

As in previous years, the majority of inspections were made at the time of inspections for other purposes.

Disinfestation treatments were carried out as follows:-

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Refuse tips       | - 3 |
| Business Premises | - 1 |
| Sewage Dykes      | - 3 |
| Private Dwellings | - 2 |

The cost of the work carried out to business premises and private houses was charged to the owners. Most owners and occupiers of premises found infested, preferred to deal with them themselves.

#### Refuse Collection

The collection of house refuse in the district is carried out fortnightly, apart from a few isolated houses where collections are made only upon request.

The work is carried out by Contract and very few complaints have been received.

#### Night Soil Collection

The collection of night-soil is also carried out by Contract and only isolated complaints have been received.

#### Plans

The number of plans submitted for approval under Building Byelaws was 93 as against 91 in 1956.

#### Private Enterprise Housing.

41 plans in connection with 46 dwellings were submitted for approval during the year. These were distributed as follows:-

Ailsworth 3, Castor 3, Deeping Gate 2, Etton 1, Eye 5, Glington 6, Helpston 3, Marholm 9, Maxey 2, Newborough 6, Northborough 7. Of these, 8 at Marholm were refused by the County Planning Committee.

The number of houses completed during the year was 40 as against 23 in 1956 and they were distributed as follows:-

Castor 5, Deeping Gate 2, Eye 3, Glington 6, Helpston 1, Marholm 1, Maxey 1, Newborough 2, Northborough 19.

This brings the total number of houses erected by private enterprise since 1945 to 226.

31 dwellings were in the course of erection at the end of the year in the following parishes:-

Ailsworth 1, Castor 1, Deeping Gate 2, Eye 4, Glington 6, Helpston 2, Marholm 1, Maxey 1, Newborough 4, Northborough 9.

#### Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants.

Improvement Grants in respect of 16 houses were approved during the year as against 23 in 1956. The total amount of grants made was £4,315. (an average of £257 per dwelling).

11 grants were in respect of tenanted properties and 5 were for Owner/Occupiers; work has been completed at 2 of the properties and is in progress at 8 others.

#### Council Housing Schemes

10 houses and 10 bungalows, all in the parish of Eye were completed during the year. There were no dwellings in the course of erection at the end of the year.

#### Council Houses

##### (a) Maintenance

External decoration to 113 pre-war council houses was nearing completion at the end of the year.



## (b) Improvement Work.

The installation of hot water systems in the remaining pre-war houses was nearing completion at the end of the year. There still remains to be done works of improvement to the houses erected in 1914, situate in Back Lane and Eyebury Road, Eye.

## Drainage and Sewerage Disposal

I am pleased to report that substantial progress has been made in connection with schemes of sewerage and sewage disposal for the district. A start was made in September on the scheme for the parishes of Castor and Ailsworth. Difficulties were experienced initially with sub-soil water in Castor but fair progress is now being made.

Ministry approval has been given to the sewerage scheme for the parishes of Glinton, Helpston, Peakirk and Etton.

The difficulties experienced in connection with the Eye Green Pumping Station and sewers were overcome by the installation of more powerful motors at the Pumping Station.

As soon as a start is made on the Glinton Sewerage Scheme, it is hoped that permission may be obtained to proceed with the scheme for Maxey, Northborough and Deeping Gate. There would then remain only the smaller villages of Marholm, Sutton and Upton and the more densely populated portion of Newborough to be dealt with. Nuisances arising from the discharge of drains etc., from houses and farm premises in the various villages into dykes and water courses, have been reduced as far as possible by regular flushing and cleansing of the dykes and water courses.

## Water Supply

The total quantity of water purchased in bulk from the City of Peterborough has been 61,813,000 gallons as against 62,465,000 gallons, a decrease of 652,000 gallons.

This decrease may be attributed to the rather wet summer and a decrease in the number of fractures in mains.

32 new services were connected to the mains during the year, 29 to new dwellings, 1 for agricultural purposes, 1 for the new cemetery at Glinton and 1 for the Crematorium at Marholm.

## Petroleum (Regulations) Act.

51 Licences were issued during the year to store petroleum spirit for private use and for sale. The total amount of fees collected in respect of the licences issued amounted to £30. 5. 0d.

Having spent two-thirds of my life in the service of the Council it is with deep regret I present this, my last Annual Report.

To all Councillors and fellow Officers, past and present, and to all the friends I have made during my association with the Council, my sincere thanks for the help and friendship extended to me over the years.

To Mr. Gibbs, who succeeds me, I wish every success.

I am, Sir and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. GREEN.



