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RYDE, I.W.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR 1967

including the separate Report of the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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(as constituted at 25th May, 1967)

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS 1967

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Act, 1963)

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
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RYDE, I.W.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,
Ryde Borough Council.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1967 in accordance with the direction of the Minister of Health.

The birth rate (18.7) was again higher than the rate for England and Wales (17.2) and once again there was a high proportion of illegitimate births (10.5%). Why Ryde has such a serious problem of illegitimacy is unknown. This has been brought to the notice of the County Council on several occasions. Apart from the social, moral and health problems involved, these children are often a costly burden on the ratepayers.

The infant mortality rate was only twelve per thousand, compared with twenty per thousand last year. The death rate was unchanged.

Infectious diseases did not present any major problems. Immunisation continued to control some of the more serious diseases such as diphtheria. In the past a high proportion of the children in the district have been immunised at local authority clinics. During the year, however, arrangements were made to hand over most of this work to General Practitioners. In districts such as Ryde, where the standards of family doctoring are so high, this new policy should work well.

There were a number of complaints about noise. These complaints varied from squealing pigs to low flying aircraft and included pop singers, juke boxes and workshop machinery. Noise appears to be a feature of modern life which we have to endure, but there must be some limit of tolerance. People who come to Ryde for a holiday or to retire, expect a certain amount of peace. In some parts of the country there are "smokeless zones" and if the Isle of Wight could be designated a "noiseless zone" I am sure many would welcome the idea.

In previous reports I have commented upon the fouling of pavements by dogs and at last one public spirited resident has reported an incident that he witnessed. The dog owner was fined. This is the only way of controlling negligent dog owners and it is hoped that other people will take similar action if the opportunity arises.

The disposal of the Borough refuse on an open tip continued to be a matter of concern. The Council has, however, given this matter very careful consideration and progress has been made towards introducing more modern methods of disposal. When open tips have been eliminated there should be fewer problems with rats and flies.

Some households continue to take unpasteurised milk and it is necessary to report that unpasteurised milk is still dangerous.

My thanks are again due to Mr. Dunmore and the staff for their hard work and

enthusiasm. Mr. N.A. Hillier joined us as a Technical Assistant and has concentrated on improving the working conditions in shops and offices. His ability to cope with this aspect of his work and his interest in other tasks in the department, have enabled the Public Health Inspectors to give more attention to the duties for which they are specially trained and qualified.

Finally, I should like to thank the Chairman and Committee for their encouragement and support. The co-operation and respect that has existed between members and officers has again contributed to the morale and efficiency of the department.

Yours faithfully,

D.W. QUANTRILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

(1) GENERAL

Area in acres	...	...	...	...	7,876
No. of inhabited dwellings according to rate books (as at 31/3/68)	...	...	...	...	8,339
Rateable value (as at 31/3/68)	...	...	...	...	£834,297
Sum represented by ld. rate (1967/68)	...	...	...	...	£3,326
Rainfall	...	...	...	...	32.13 inches
Sunshine	...	...	...	...	1,856.4 hours

(2) VITAL

Population (Registrar's Figure)	...	...	...	21,200
BIRTHS				
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		
No. of live legitimate births	145	152	...	297
No. of live illegitimate births	21	14	...	35
Live birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population			...	15.7
Comparative factor (births)	...	...	...	1.19
Comparative Birth Rate	...	...	...	18.7
Live Birth Rate England and Wales	...	...	...	17.2 (Prov.)
Total live and stillbirths	...	...	...	336
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		
No. of legitimate stillbirths	2	2	...	4
No. of illegitimate stillbirths	-	-	...	-
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	...	...	...	11.9
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	...	...	...	10.5
DEATHS				
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		
Total number of deaths	135	161	...	296
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	...	...	...	13.9
Comparative factor (deaths)	...	...	...	0.75
Comparative death rate	...	...	...	10.4
Death rate England and Wales	...	...	...	11.2 (Prov.)
No. of deaths of legitimate infants	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		
under 1 year of age	1	2	...	3
No. of deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year of age	1	-	...	1
Death rate all infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	12.0
Death rate legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	10.1
Death rate illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	28.6
Infant Mortality Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	...	18.3 (Prov.)
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	...	...	...	6.0
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	...	...	...	6.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate	...	...	...	17.9
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)	...	...	...	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and stillbirths	...	...	...	Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE					Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	-	(-)	1 (-)
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	-	(-)	1 (1)
Diphtheria	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Measles	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	-	(1)	- (-)
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	6	(2)	3 (1)
" " lung, bronchus	...	...	...	11	(6)	1 (1)
" " breast	...	...	...	-	(-)	9 (4)
" " uterus	...	...	...	-	(-)	2 (3)
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	20	(12)	24 (17)
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	1	(1)	- (-)
Diabetes	...	...	...	1	(-)	1 (2)
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	21	(24)	21 (18)
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	30	(41)	25 (27)
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	1	(2)	5 (2)
Other heart disease	...	...	...	10	(21)	24 (26)
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	4	(1)	7 (2)
Influenza	...	...	...	-	(1)	- (2)
Pneumonia	...	...	...	7	(9)	11 (3)
Bronchitis	...	...	...	11	(12)	6 (2)
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	2	(1)	- (2)
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	1	(1)	4 (-)
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	1	(2)	1 (-)
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	1	(-)	1 (-)
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	-	(1)	- (-)
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	1	(1)	1 (1)
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	4	(7)	8 (6)
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	-	(1)	2 (-)
All other accidents	...	...	...	2	(1)	2 (4)
Suicide	...	...	...	-	(2)	1 (6)
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	...	135 (150)	161 (130)

N.B. Figures for 1966 are entered in brackets.

Prevalence of Infectious
and other Diseases

Disease				Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	...	...		-	-	-
Diphtheria	...	...		-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	.	...		2	2	-
Meningitis (Unspecified)	.	...		-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...		-	-	-
Erysipelas	...	...		1	-	-
Acute Encephalitis (Infective)		...		-	-	-
Measles	...	...		324	-	-
Whooping Cough	...	...		6	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...		-	-	-
Pneumonia	...	...		-	-	-
Dysentery	...	...		-	-	-
Food Poisoning	...	...		-	-	-
Malaria	...	...		-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	...	...		-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	...	...		-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...		-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)		...		2	2	-
Tuberculosis (Meninges & C.N.S.)		...		-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Other)	...	...		1	1	1
Totals				336	5	1

Age	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Malaria	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Whooping Cough	Measles	Meningococcal Infection	Meningitis (Unspecified)	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Acute Encephalitis (Infective)	Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	Acute Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	Tuberculosis (Meninges & C.N.S.)	Tuberculosis (Other)	Paratyphoid Fever
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 and under 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	129	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 "	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	324	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

Total number of outbreaks	Nil
Number of sporadic cases	Nil
Number of deaths	Nil

Infectious and Other Diseases Return from Head Teachers of Schools

Mumps	23
Chickenpox	12
German Measles	3
Measles	92
Scarlet Fever	1
Coughs and Colds	63
	<u>194</u>

Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944

Number of samples taken during 1967	73
Number of samples found to be T.B. positive	Nil
Number of samples in which Brucella Abortus was isolated	Nil

Tuberculosis 1967

AGE PERIODS	Totals	New Cases				Totals	Deaths			
		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
		M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F
0 and under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1 " " 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5 " " 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10 " " 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15 " " 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20 " " 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25 " " 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
35 " " 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
45 " " 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
55 " " 65	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
65 " " 75	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
75 and over	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total ...	3	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	

Table showing the number of new cases and deaths from Tuberculosis during the period 1957 - 1967.

New Cases				Deaths		
	Pulm.	No.-Pulm.	Total	Pulm.	Non-Pulm.	Total
1957 ...	15	1	16	-	-	-
1958 ...	11	1	12	2	-	2
1959 ...	12	3	15	1	-	1
1960 ...	17	-	17	2	-	2
1961 ...	9	-	9	1	-	1
1962 ...	11	1	12	1	-	1
1963 ...	8	2	10	3	-	3
1964 ...	10	-	10	1	-	1
1965 ...	5	1	6	1	-	1
1966 ...	5	-	5	-	-	-
1967 ...	2	1	3	-	1	1

Child Welfare Clinics

<u>Name of Clinic</u>		<u>Place where held</u>		<u>How often held</u>
Ryde	...	Well Street	...	Every Wednesday and *Friday 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.
Binstead	...	The Institute	...	Every Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.
St. Helens	...	Church Institute	...	First Thursday, 2.45 p.m.
Seaview	...	Methodist Sunday School	...	First Monday, 2.30 p.m.

* Doctor in attendance

✗ Closed May, 1967.

Factories Act, 1937

Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1967 for the
Borough of Ryde, in the County of the Isle of Wight.

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

Premises	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	8	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	116	21	2	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' Premises)	-	1	1	-
Total ...	124	22	3	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found -

	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	2	3	-	2	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
Total ...	5	6	-	4	-

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,
Ryde Borough Council.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I submit herewith my eighteenth Annual Report, Dr. Quantrill, Medical Officer of Health, having authorised publication as a separate part of his Report.

The report is divided into four sections and set out in very much the same pattern as in recent years.

I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health, and departmental Chief Officers and their staffs for their support and co-operation whenever requested. Again throughout the year under review, and as always, my Assistant, Mr. Leslie Jordan, has effectively handled the large and varied amount of work that he has had to deal with, particularly in the main Town area - my especial thanks to him.

Following upon the retirement of Mr. Rugman, on 31st March, after having held a temporary appointment in the Department for the administrative duties of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, the Council decided to increase the establishment of the Department with the addition of a Technical Assistant, and Mr. N.A. Hillier, B.E.M., was appointed to this post, since when he has completed the original survey work under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, and now also administers several miscellaneous duties undertaken by the Department, i.e. hackney carriages, Shops Act (Closing Hours), routine petroleum stores inspections, etc. He also has an excellent all-round knowledge of office administration, and has been able to relieve Miss Boyce, our clerk, of some of her very considerable clerical duties.

Mr. Goble, the Rodent Operative, has again had frequent calls from the general public for his services which he has efficiently and effectively given.

Yours faithfully,

STANLEY DUNMORE

Senior Public Health Inspector.

Section I - Sanitary Circumstances

Complaints

259 (319) general complaints were received and dealt with during the year. This figure does not include complaints concerning rodent infestations.

Water Supply

The I.W. River & Water Authority are the body responsible for the provision of water supplies throughout the Island, and an adequate supply of pure and wholesome water was maintained to all parts of the Borough throughout the year.

No contamination of supplies has occurred.

There are approximately 8,339 inhabited dwellings in the Borough, with a population of 21,200. All houses, etc., are connected direct to the mains supplies and no wells or stand-pipes are in use.

Mains water is supplied to:-

Domestic Premises	...	...	7,987
Commercial Premises	...	...	1,245
Industrial Undertakings	...	...	30
Other Undertakings	...	...	8
Entertainment and Recreational Premises			55
Education and Cultural Premises	...		21
Crown Premises	22
Miscellaneous	201
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			9,569
			<hr/>

The last available chemical analysis indicated that the fluoride content was less than 0.1 p.p.m.

Drainage Matters

The bulk of the Borough's foul drainage, and much of its surface water, is discharged, untreated, through long outfalls, well beyond low-water mark, into the strong currents of the Solent flowing eastwards into the open sea. The large Eastern sewer outfall has been extended by a further 140' seawards. The purification works serving St. Helens and Havenstreet have dealt satisfactorily with the sewage of these localities. The long-awaited scheme to sewer the Kitehill and Fishbourne areas, together with a treatment works, is under construction, and will be completed during 1968. When this scheme is completed it will be true to say that the arrangements for sewerage and sewage treatment generally throughout the Borough are reasonably adequate. Plans are in course of preparation for the construction of new full treatment sewage plants in the Binstead and Swanmore districts.

The Borough Surveyor's pumping scheme to cope with the occasional flooding which has recurred throughout the years in the Strand locality, has, after much discussion been decided upon, and the necessary installations, with a pumping capacity of 25,000 gallons per minute, will now be going ahead.

The Council's mechanical emptier vehicle has adequately dealt with the septic tanks and cesspools which serve small groups and individual houses within the Borough - a small total in all.

Alterations or new drainage works relative to existing buildings are supervised by myself or Mr. Jordan. 70 such works have been supervised, including 10 which necessitated action under Section 24, Public Health Act, 1936.

Public Cleansing

This service is operated by the Borough Surveyor. All districts in the Borough receive at least a once-weekly collection, and a trade refuse collection service is also provided.

An estimated total of 14,500 tons was collected and dumped at the tip near Nettlestone. The Public Health Committee fully appreciate that the tip's life is now very limited, and they have agreed in principle that pulverisation is the answer to their problem. As yet they have not decided upon the type of plant to instal and will be inspecting different types of plant in operation elsewhere in the country before deciding upon the one most suited to local requirements. The necessary land adjoining the present tip has been acquired as the site for the eventual new plant. The paper sack storage scheme introduced on the Binstead housing estate is proving quite satisfactory and an economic success. The Borough Surveyor is anxious to extend paper sack storage, especially to the villages and large new housing estates.

The Council's fleet of refuse collection vehicles is a modern one and has coped with the collection efficiently. One vehicle has had modifications added to deal with snow clearance or oil pollution on the beaches should either problem arise.

The tip has received regular checks by the Rodent Operative, and during the summer, exposed surfaces of refuse received regular spraying with suitable insecticides.

Revenue from salvaged paper and cardboard during the year amounted to £1,010 and £123 from the sale of rags and metals. A salvage incentive scheme operates for the Council's refuse collection staff.

Verminous Premises

Disinfestations were carried out at 34 premises. Most of the infestations were of a minor nature, none proved difficult to deal with, and all were effectively eradicated. Infestations comprised 15 cockroaches, 11 fleas, 3 ants, 4 flies and 1 red spider mites. In addition, 74 wasps' nests and 5 bees' nests were destroyed during the summer and autumn.

Rodent Control

The rodent (rats and mice) destruction service is operated by the Department, which provides a contract service for 65 business premises and a free service for householders. Business premises not having a contract were treated if requested, and charged for work done. Mr. Goble, our Rodent Operator, again dealt efficiently with the necessary destruction work, and some details of what this involved are set out as follows :-

During the year, 530 complaints were received, and 3,734 visits were made for the purposes of treatments and routine inspections.

Council Properties			Dwellinghouses (including Council Houses)			Agricultural Premises			All other premises (including Business Premises)		
Inspected	Infested		Inspected	Infested		Inspected	Infested		Inspected	Infested	
	Rats	Mice		Rats	Mice		Rats	Mice		Rats	Mice
46	20	3	475	353	36	43	26	4	179	41	23

Although the past year has not been remarkable for any spectacular incidents, nevertheless satisfactory progress has been made in controlling the many and varied pests reported by the public.

It was gratifying to note a slight decrease in the numbers of infestation by rats: several areas which have given much trouble in the past have now been cleared completely, and it is hoped that regular inspection will ensure that this progress is maintained. As in past years, all these infestations were by the common rat, and there is no indication that the black or ship rat has made its appearance here.

During the summer months it was found necessary to treat certain parts of the foreshore where visitors had been leaving the remains of their picnic meals or liberally feeding sea birds.

Following the usual practice, routine visits were made to the refuse tip and sewage works, treatments being carried out when required.

Once again sewer manholes in selected areas were test baited, and results indicated that they were still free from rats.

Public parks, recreation grounds and allotments have been inspected from time to time, together with land surrounding the old people's homes.

During the period when Foot and Mouth disease was rife and the Island designated a controlled area, routine visits to farms and smallholdings were suspended, and treatments only undertaken when requested, the appropriate safety measures being observed.

Mice, both in business premises and in dwellinghouses, continue to show a welcome decrease, and it is hoped that this will continue.

Circumstances required that more time had to be spent on the destruction of wasps nests and other insect pests, and for a period work was undertaken for the Rural District Council during the illness of the Rodent Operator.

Whilst searching the neglected grounds of a large property, a considerable number of the highly poisonous plant *Datura Stramonium* (commonly called Thornapple) was discovered growing where they were easily accessible to children, and, in view of the toxic nature of all parts of these plants, permission was obtained from the owner of the property to uproot and destroy them.

Caravans and Camping

There have been no particular changes as regards caravans stationed in the Borough. Five of the six camps have permanent licences, and the remaining one is now rapidly being brought up to the full standard, and will then be recommended for a permanent licence. None of the sites is very large, and all are used only for seasonal letting. A watch is kept for any individual caravans which appear from time to time in private gardens, etc., and steps taken to ascertain their use and advise owners of the law appertaining to caravans.

There are also five licensed tentage sites in the Borough. Again, none of these sites is very large, and all of them are adequately equipped and well operated. In addition, the Boys' Brigade have a permanent, well equipped camping site at St. Helens, and a small number of Scout units have set up camp locally for short periods.

No complaints concerning the caravan or tentage sites were received during the year from any of the large numbers of visitors who availed themselves of these holiday facilities in the Borough.

The three large chalet type holiday establishments (Warners', Puckpool and St. Clare, and Nodes Holiday Centre) have again proved very popular and were excellently operated.

Swimming Pools

The Council's paddling pool at the eastern end of the Canoe Lake has continued to give the Borough Surveyor problems as regards maintaining a reasonably pure state. The pool does not have a water circulatory system, and control of contamination is dependent upon dosing the pool with chlorine by hand.

Twelve samples were taken from the swimming pools for bacteriological examination. Two samples were unsatisfactory and were investigated - the follow-up tests were satisfactory.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The survey of premises in the Borough required to be registered was completed and totalled 384. The number of different kinds registered are as follows :-

Retail Shops	213
Wholesale Departments	17
Catering and Canteens	61
Fuel	1
Offices	92
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	384

715 visits were made to licensed premises.

The total number of persons employed in registered premises was 1814 - 641 males and 1173 females.

5 accidents were reported - 3 were in shops, one in a catering establishment and one in an office. All the accidents were investigated but no breach of the Regulations was disclosed.

No applications have been made for exemptions.

64 Informal Notices were served on occupiers of premises for failing to comply with certain requirements of the Act. By the end of the year 93% of such premises were in full compliance.

Advice has been requested by various employers on a number of different aspects of the Act, but the most common problem during the summer months has been that of ventilation and high temperatures. Although no set standard of requirement has been laid down in the Act, the requirement for an "adequate" supply of either fresh or artificially purified air has resulted in the installation in a number of premises of extractor fans, and fans of the heater/cooler circulatory type, where previously no thought had been given to providing such equipment, and where considerable improvement of working conditions has resulted with the improvement of ventilation. As an example, in one shop engaged in the sale of electrical appliances, the temperature at mid-morning on 13th June at the sales desk was 82°F. This was due to a combination of heat from the many lighted lamps on display, and poor ventilation. As a result of representations that were made to the firm concerned, additional extractor and input fans were installed, and the temperature during the summer months then remained at an acceptable level. Advice given on this and all such problems was based on the standards set out in the British Code of Practice, issued on behalf of the British Standards Institute.

Only three complaints were received from employees during the year, and in each case the complaint was investigated and found to be justified. It is significant, however, that in each instance it was not the employee concerned that made the complaint, but the complaint was made either through a relative or friend.

Summary

Whilst the day to day administration of the Act is going well, some form of increased publicity of the Act on a National scale, particularly those parts of the Act dealing with accidents, space standards and cleanliness, would be of great help in the task of inspection, and in a more general awareness of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act among the managers and employees.

Factories Acts, 1937-59 and 1961

There are 124 (118) premises registered as factories in the Borough, of which 116 (110) have power installed. With the exception of several purpose-built factories which have become established in recent years and engaged in light industry, the great majority of the factories are small.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no registered common lodging houses within the Borough.

Noise Abatement Act

Four complaints lodged by residents referred to a specific noise in the vicinity of their properties, and these were investigated, the operators interviewed, and the problem resolved by informal action.

Two referred to excessive noise from music inside a teenagers' discotheque and a licensed club and noise created outside both the premises by the patrons of the premises, one referred to an excessively noisy extractor fan in a restaurant kitchen, and the fourth to squealing pigs in a small piggery.

Summary of Inspections and Visits

Complaints	...	...	102
Public Health Act	...	...	118
Re-visits to Premises under Notice -			
Public Health Act	...	...	131
Interviews with Owners, Agents,			
Builders, etc.	...	...	667
Work in Progress	...	...	336

Summary of Inspections and Visits (cont.)

Insanitary Houses and Rooms	...	...	38
Verminous Premises or Rooms	...	...	25
National Assistance Act	...	...	3
Infectious Diseases	...	...	6
Drainage Inspections and Tests	...	...	407
Septic Tanks, Cesspools, etc.	...	...	17
Camping Sites, Caravans, Tents and Houseboats	...	...	61
Stables, Piggeries, Poultry, etc.	...	...	11
Factories with Power	...	...	21
" without "	...	...	1
Out-workers' Rooms	...	...	1
Schools	...	...	2
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	...	...	715
Foreshores, Streams, etc.	...	...	7
Vacant Land and Dumps	...	...	52
Common Yards and Passages	...	...	14
Swimming Pools	...	...	31
Clean Air Act - Smoke Nuisances	...	...	16
Rodent Infestations	...	...	7
Dangerous Structures	...	...	21
Offensive Trades	...	...	4
Noise Nuisances	...	...	10
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	94

Nuisances Abated and Defects Remedied

Drains and Sec.24, Public Health Act, 1936, Sewers			
Cleared of Obstructions	...	...	63
Drains and Sec.24, Public Health Act, 1936, Sewers			
Repaired, Reconstructed or Altered	...	...	70
Inspection Chambers Provided or Repaired	...	...	38
Offensive, etc., Accumulations Removed	...	...	18
Dirty Premises Cleansed	...	...	10
Contraventions Remedied in Factories, etc.	...	...	5
Contraventions Remedied in Camping Sites, Caravans			
and Houseboats	...	...	3
Dangerous Structures made Safe or Demolished	...	...	4
Smoke Nuisances Abated	...	...	8
Animals - Nuisances Abated	...	...	3
Noise - Nuisances Abated	...	...	4

SECTION II - Housing

The Council's housing units now number 836 (204), comprising 14 four-bedroomed houses, 447 three-bedroomed houses and flats, 269 two-bedroomed houses and flats, 40 one-roomed flatlets, and 66 bed/sitting-room units. During the year, 35 new houses and flats were completed, and the replacement of the 16 pre-fabs in Arundel Close by 36 new units (houses and flats) is well under way.

Mr. R. Lugg is the Council's Housing Manager, and he reports that he had a total of 406 applicants on his registers (250 for general housing and 156 for old people). Both these lists have increased over those of last year. Despite the steady rate of Local Council house building and a high rate of private building, little or no impression has been made on the numbers of people requiring housing accommodation - in fact it is apparent that the greater the building programme the longer becomes the lists of applicants!

Although the Credit Squeeze became fully effective in 1967, the local building industry kept up a high rate of private house building. The Council's Building Inspector (Mr. R. Bartrum) reported that 369 plans for Building Regulations approval had been deposited at his office. In the year under review, 180 houses were completed and 36 new units were provided as a result of conversions of buildings.

However, the Credit Squeeze has shown its considerable effect in that the number of Advances made under the Council's S.D.A.A. Scheme fell sharply to 56 (89 last year, 131 in 1965). In addition, 17 Discretionary and 33 Standard Improvement Grants were approved.

The Oakfield Re-development Scheme has made some slight progress in that some further old properties within the area have been acquired by the Council, but as yet it has not been possible to start clearance of the site. The completion, next year, of the Council's three new blocks of flats nearby, which will provide new accommodation for a number of families from the Improvement Area will, I hope, accelerate the re-development.

During the year, Closing Orders were made in respect of 4 "parts of buildings"; an Undertaking to carry out works to make the premises fit for habitation was accepted in respect of 1 flat, 2 Closing Orders and 1 Undertaking were cancelled, and 6 houses were demolished.

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	192
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	...	360

Details of Inspections, Visits, etc.

Complaints	...	...	...	107
Public Health Act	...	...	...	121
Re-visits to Premises under Notice - Public Health Act	...	...	...	90
Housing Acts	...	...	...	71
Re-visits to Premises under Notice - Housing Acts	...	...	...	78
Interviews with Owners, Agents, Builders, etc.	...	...	...	569
Improvement Grants (Standard)	...	...	...	134
Improvement Grants (Discretionary)	...	...	...	57
Water Samples	...	...	...	2
Overcrowding	...	...	...	2
Rent Act	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	42

Nuisances Abated and Defects Remedied

Chimneys and Stacks Repaired	...	...	5
Ceilings Repaired, Renewed or Provided	...	...	14
Dampness Abated	...	...	60
Doors Repaired or Renewed	...	...	4
Eaves Gutters Repaired, Renewed or Provided	...	...	11
Fireplaces Repaired or Renewed or Means of Heating Provided	...	...	6
Floors Repaired or Renewed	...	...	12
Food Stores Provided	...	...	31
Roofs Repaired or Renewed	...	...	27
Rainwater Pipes Repaired or Renewed	...	...	6
Sinks Repaired or Renewed	...	...	1
Sashcords Provided or Repaired	...	...	8
Walls (External) Re-pointed or Repaired	...	...	5
Walls (Internal) Repaired	...	...	18
Windows Repaired or Renewed	...	...	28
Water Supplies Provided or Repaired	...	...	2
Waste Pipes Cleared, Repaired or Renewed	...	...	3
New Bathrooms Provided	...	...	33
New W.C.'s. provided	...	...	33
W.C. Compartments Repaired	...	...	4
W.C. Pedestals provided	...	...	33
W.C. Cisterns provided, repaired or renewed	...	...	34
Wash-hand Basins provided	...	...	31
Hot Water supplies provided or repaired	...	...	31
New Dustbins provided	...	...	3
Yards and Passages paved or repaired	...	...	1

SECTION III - Inspection and Supervision of Food

During the year there have not been any significant changes in the local food industry - i.e. food shops, restaurants, hotels, dairies, etc. These premises have received routine inspections, and in general the proprietors and managers have maintained a satisfactory standard of hygiene in their premises and given good quality service to their customers. This trade becomes ever more complex to the traders as well as the customers, since almost every day sees new 'lines' come on to the market, backed by massive advertising to pressurise both retailer and customer to buy. Commodities are packed in a great variety of ways and proper storage and observation of keeping times are essential. Use of deep freeze and chilling methods where required, must be reasonably observed by all concerned if the end product is to turn out to be of the required and expected quality. In general, too, food premises proprietors have continued to be able to employ suitable responsible labour, which in itself goes some way to a satisfactory operation of the industry.

Classification of Food Premises

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/67, the table below sets out details of food premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, grouped in categories of trade carried on in them, including information relating to Regulations 16 and 19 :-

Classification of Food Premises (cont.)

Category	Total No. of Premises	Fitted to comply with Reg. 16	Reg. 19 Applicable	Fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Bakehouses	12	12	12	12
Fishmongers and Poulterers	8	8	8	8
Butchers	18	18	18	18
Dairies and Milk Distributors	29	-	-	-
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	12	12	12	12
Grocers	58	58	58	58
Restaurants, Cafes, etc.	61	61	61	61
Licensed Premises (Full Licences)	66	66	66	66
Bread and Cake Shops	12	12	12	12
Fried Fish Shops	10	10	10	10
Hotels	24	24	24	24
Private Hotels and Guest Houses	(a)100	(x)	100	(x)
Small Boarding Houses	(b)250+	(y)	250+	(y)
Clubs	6	-	-	-
Confectioners	26	26	-	-
Totals	692	307	631	281

(a) Estimated number of premises normally capable of sleeping 10 or more persons.

(b) Estimated number of premises normally capable of sleeping less than 10 persons - in operation for short periods only.

(x) Only a limited number of premises have been inspected - due to shortage of time and staff.

(y) No small boarding-houses have been inspected.

Food Complaints

During the year there has been a noticeable reduction in the number of complaints concerning food which was found to contain 'foreign bodies'. Five such complaints were investigated and reported upon to the Public Health Committee, who, after full consideration of all the circumstances, issued severe warnings to each of the offenders concerned. The five cases are summarised as follows :-

1. Extensive mould and deterioration in packaged cheese.
2. Cigarette filter tip in a tin of corned beef.
3. Piece of polythene wrapper in a sausage.
4. Mouldy steak pie.
5. Saltpeter bag in joint of bacon.

Meat and Other Foods - Inspection

There are no slaughterhouses within the Borough - supplies of fresh meat come from Newport and nearby mainland counties. There is one meat distribution depot established in the town. Quality of both meat and fish has continued to be good.

The following quantities of meat and tinned and packaged foods were condemned as unfit and destroyed:-

Meat (Home Killed)	...	...	...	...	75 lb.
Meat (Imported)	...	...	...	...	190 lb.
Poultry	...	...	...	...	276 lb.
Fish	...	...	...	...	145 lb.
Bacon	...	...	...	...	192 lb.
Cooked Meats	...	...	...	...	146 lb.
Cheese	...	...	...	...	4 lb.
Gherkins, Olives and Nuts	...	...	...	...	2
Meat, Milk, Fruit, Vegetables, Fish					997 (1349) tins
etc.	...	...	...	...	and jars.

Contents of 3 refrigerated storage cabinets - breakdowns.

Poultry Inspection

- (i) There are two poultry processing establishments within the Borough. One which breeds all its young birds operates throughout the year. It is not a large factory and processes an average of about 500 birds per week. The other is attached to a retail premises, and only operates occasionally at busy seasonal periods.
- (ii) 44 visits were made to the premises.
- (iii) The total number of birds processed was approximately 22,100.
- (iv) The birds processed were turkeys, ducks, broilers and capons.
- (v) 0.19% of the birds were rejected as unfit for human consumption.
- (vi) 330 lb. of poultry was rejected as unfit for human consumption.
- (vii) Both establishments are adequately equipped. Both the operators of these premises have long experience in the poultry trade, and visits have been limited to periodic inspections. No disease problems occurred - rejections of birds were mainly confined to malformations, i.e. localised abscesses, etc. The operators are selective as regards their sources of supply, and suspect birds are rejected at that stage.

Food Analysis

During the year ended 31st December, 1967, the Food and Drugs Authority (I.W. County Council) officials took samples of various food commodities, and submitted them for analysis, and the Chief Officer has supplied the reports thereon, which are as follows:-

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Commodity	No. Taken	Remarks
Sweets & Chocolate	4	
Biscuits	1	
Instant Coffee	2	
Buttered Rolls	3	
Milk	3	2 samples Channel Island milk deficient in fat. 1 sample milk contained white substance which appeared to be milk solids.
Cream	3	1 sample Double Cream - Composition satisfactory, but carton not labelled with name and address of packer.
Ice Cream	2	
Preserves	1	
Deer (for Pesticide Residues)	1	
Cheese and Cheese Products	1	
Miscellaneous Foods	6	
TOTAL	27	

MILK

Type	Appropriate tests	Number of samples		
		Passed	Failed	Void
Untreated	Methylene blue	60	14	11
Pasteurised	Methylene blue	23	0	6
	Phosphatase	29	0	0

Milk Supplies

All milk sampling for the Borough is undertaken by the I.W. County Council, since they are the responsible Food & Drugs Authority.

36 (33) distributors are registered, and 9 (9) premises registered as dairies. All milk sold is designated, the bulk of which is pasteurised and supplied from a factory in Newport, and the remainder is pasteurised in a small plant operated by a local dairyman.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16

Premises registered under the above Act and Section, and which comply with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, are:-

Registered for the Manufacture of Sausages and/or Preserved Foods	27
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Registered for the Manufacture, Storage/Sale of Ice Cream	123
		<u>150</u>

Ice Cream

122 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream, the majority of which are shops which sell only wrapped ice-cream manufactured by the national producers. There are four local manufacturers producing ice-cream in small, satisfactorily equipped factories, who sell their products from their local shops and mobile vans which operate throughout the Island, and the national producers have storage depots on the Island, providing an excellent distribution service.

Bakehouses

12 (12) bakehouses were in operation, none of which is underground. Except for three firms who manufacture and deliver bread, the bakehouses are small and attached to shop premises.

Licensed Premises

There were 66 premises with full licence operating in the Borough. Management and operation of these premises has been of a good and satisfactory standard, and no complaints respecting them were received.

Details of Inspections, Visits, etc.

Complaints	... ..	22
Interviews with Owners, Agents, Builders, etc.	...	191
Re-visits to Premises under Notice - Food and Drugs Act	... ..	41
Butchers' Shops	... ..	35
Fishmongers and Poulterers	... ..	23
Greengrocers	... ..	10
Grocers and Other Food Shops	... ..	50
Bakehouses	... ..	11
Fried Fish Shops	... ..	8
Ice-Cream Premises	... ..	26
Restaurants and Kitchens	... ..	99
Food Stalls	... ..	13
Licensed Premises	... ..	83
Food Factories	... ..	52
Hotels	... ..	49
Food Inspection	... ..	66
Milk Distributors	... ..	10
Food Poisoning Enquiries	... ..	6
Miscellaneous	... ..	32

Number of Contraventions Remedied in:-

Butchers Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Grocers and Other Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Restaurants and Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Hotels	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Ice-Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Food Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Summary of Notices Served (Sections I, II and III)

Public Health Act (Informal)	...	...	...	...	...	117
Public Health Acts (Formal)	...	...	...	...	...	7
Housing Acts (Formal)	...	...	...	...	...	4
Factories Act	...	...	...	...	...	5
Food and Drugs Act	...	...	...	...	...	50
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	...	...	...	...	...	123

SECTION IV - MISCELLANEOUS

Duties carried out in addition to those contained in the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959, include the following:-

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936

During 1967/68, commencing 1st May, 1967, 40 premises were licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit. (Total gallonage: 73,200). In addition, 12 Petroleum Mixtures Licences were issued. 286 visits were made to the petroleum establishments for the purpose of ascertaining that the Acts and Regulations were being complied with, and to inspect any work in connection with new installations, alterations or repairs.

All petrol tanks over 20 years old in the Borough were required to have ullage tests before being re-licensed, 23 such tanks were tested, three of which failed the test and were taken out of use, and as a safety measure they have been filled with concrete or water.

One new retail filling station in Quarry Road was constructed and came into use in 1967.

Shops Act - Closing Hours

The Department is responsible for the compliance with "hours of closing" by shops within the Borough, as required by the Shops Act and several operative Closing Orders made by the Council. Considerably increased supervision has been possible this year, and 244 visits were made. In addition, some 40 advisory copies of the Shops Act, 1950 were distributed.

Hackney Carriages and Drivers

The local byelaws governing hackney carriages licensed to ply for hire on the Council's stands are administered by the Health Department, and here too increased supervision has been applied. 153 inspections were made of 52 licensed vehicles.

70 drivers for these vehicles were also licensed by the Council, and subject to similar surveillance.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Four pet shops are licensed by the Council. These have received 10 visits and found to be operated in accordance with their licence conditions. The Council required the proprietors to supply pamphlets with animals sold, advising on their care.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

The same two establishments as previously licenced have had their licences renewed since both have continued to be satisfactorily operated and have maintained the required standards. One establishment boards small dogs and cats, and the other takes cats only.

Lectures and other Educational Activities

Mr. Jordan has again given his much appreciated assistance to the I.W. Group Hospital Management Committee by giving a series of lectures and demonstrations on public health subjects which are included in the syllabus of the examination courses taken by the student nurses.

I attended the Annual Conference of Public Health Inspectors held at Eastbourne in September, and Mr. Jordan attended a Week-end School held at Oxford in April, organised by the Public Health Inspectors' Association. Both of us attended a short Poultry Hygiene and Inspection Course held during the Spring at the Portsmouth Highbury Technical College under the auspices of the Ministry of Health.

