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SAXMUNDHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR  
1963

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To: The Chairman and Members of the Saxmundham Urban  
District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report on the  
Health and Sanitary State of the District for the Year 1963.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

D. W. RYDER RICHARDSON.  
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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS:-

|   | TOTAL     | MALE     | FEMALE    |
|---|-----------|----------|-----------|
| <u>LIVE BIRTHS:-</u>  |           |          |           |
| Legitimate  | 15        | 6        | 9         |
| Illegitimate  | 1         | -        | 1         |
|   | <u>16</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>10</u> |
| Birth Rate: 10.7  |           |          |           |
| Birth Rate (Illegitimate): 6.7 of total<br>live births                |           |          |           |
| <u>STILLBIRTHS:-</u>  |           |          |           |
| Legitimate  | 1         | -        | 1         |
| Stillbirths per 1000 Live Births 60                                   |           |          |           |
| <u>TOTAL OF LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS:- 17</u>                             |           |          |           |
| <u>DEATHS:-</u>   |           |          |           |
| Death Rate: 20 per 1000   | 30        | 14       | 16        |
| Deaths from Puerperal Causes  |           |          | None      |
| Deaths of Infants   |           |          | None      |
| Deaths from Cancer  |           |          | 4         |
| Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea,<br>under 2 years' old |           |          | 2         |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There was a mild outbreak of Measles in the Spring and early Summer, with no deaths. Two cases of Pneumonia occurred; one, notified, recovered; the other found postmortem following sudden death.

WATER SUPPLY.

On the 1st October, 1963 the East Anglian Water Company, Lowestoft, took over the responsibility of supplying water within the district. This takeover followed discussions regarding the purchase by the Company of the Council's undertaking and forms part of a regrouping of water supplies within the area.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Council have instructed Messrs. Binnie and Partners, Artillery Row, Westminster, London, S.W.1., to investigate and report on the adequacy of the sewers and the functioning of the sewage disposal works.

1. HOUSING

|     |  |    |
|-----|--|----|
| (a) | No. of Houses inspected .....  | 25 |
| (b) | No. unsatisfactory .....   | 12 |
| (c) | No. rendered fit:-   |    |
|     | (1) Informal .....   | 11 |
|     | (2) Formal - Public Health Acts .....  | -  |
|     | (3) Formal - Housing Acts .....  | -  |
| (d) | No. Demolition Orders secured .....  | -  |
| (e) | No. dwellings included in Clearance Orders secured .....   | -  |
| (f) | No. demolished informally .....  | -  |
|     | No. demolished under (d) above .....   | -  |
|     | No. demolished under (e) above .....   | -  |
| (g) | No. of dwellings in respect of which or part of which Closing Orders were made (including Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953) ..... | -  |
| (h) | No. cases of overcrowding known to exist at end of 1962 .....  | 1  |
| (i) | No. cases of overcrowding relieved during the year .....   | 1  |
| (j) | Total No. new houses erected:-   |    |
|     | (i) by Local Authority .....   | -  |
|     | (ii) by Private Enterprise .....   | 2  |
| (k) | No. of new houses allocated for slum clearance .....   | -  |
| (l) | No. of new houses in 1963 estimates allocated for slum clearance .....   | -  |
| (m) | No. of Improvement Grants approved during the year:-   |    |
|     | Standard Grants .....  | 4  |
|     | Discretionary Grants .....   | 2  |
|     | No. of Improvement Grants completed during the year:-  |    |
|     | Standard Grants .....  | 2  |
|     | Discretionary Grants .....   | 2  |

2. FOOD PREMISES

Number of Food Premises in the area, and type of business:-

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Confectioners ..... | 5  |
| Grocers .....       | 6  |
| Fishmongers .....   | 1  |
| Butchers .....      | 2  |
| Snack Bars .....    | 1  |
| Cafes .....         | 1  |
| Greengrocers .....  | 3  |
|                     | 19 |

|     |                                      |    |
|-----|--------------------------------------|----|
| (a) | No. of premises inspected .....      | 11 |
| (b) | No. of inspections made .....        | 29 |
| (c) | No. found to be unsatisfactory ..... | 2  |

|     |   |   |
|-----|---|---|
| (d) | No. rendered satisfactory:-   |   |
|     | (1) Informally .....  | 2 |
|     | (2) Formally .....  | - |
| (e) | No. of premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955:- |   |
|     | (1) Ice Cream - Manufacture .....                                       | - |
|     | - Storage or Sale only .....  | 6 |
|     | (2) Sausages, preserved food, etc. ....                                 | 2 |
| (f) | No. of Ice Cream samples taken for bacteriological examination .....    | - |
|     | No. of samples found to be unsatisfactory .....                         | - |
| (g) | No. of licensed slaughter houses .....                                  | 2 |

3. FOOD INSPECTION

(a) Meat Inspected.

Is 100% inspection being carried out?

Yes

|   | Cattle<br>excluding<br>Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs | Pigs |
|---|-----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| Number killed .....   | 307                         | -    | 3      | 343                   | 486  |
| Number inspected .....  | 307                         | -    | 3      | 343                   | 486  |
| <u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>  |                             |      |        |                       |      |
| Whole carcasses condemned ....  | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -    |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .....   | 3                           | -    | -      | -                     | 1    |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ..... | .97                         | -    | -      | -                     | .21  |
| <u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>  |                             |      |        |                       |      |
| Whole carcasses condemned ....  | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -    |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .....   | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | 7    |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis .....                                   | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | 1.44 |
| <u>Cysticercosis</u>  |                             |      |        |                       |      |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .....   | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -    |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration .....   | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -    |
| Generally and totally condemned   | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -    |
| Brief Analysis of "Other Causes":-  |                             |      |        |                       |      |
| Parasitic, Abscesses.   |                             |      |        |                       |      |



6. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959.

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

| Premises<br>(1)  | Number<br>on<br>Register<br>(2) | Number of          |                           |                                |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|  |                                 | Inspections<br>(3) | Written<br>notices<br>(4) | Occupiers<br>prosecuted<br>(5) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities:   | 3                               | 1                  | -                         | -                              |
| (ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority:  | 21                              | 2                  | -                         | -                              |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises):<br>Building sites and Slaughterhouses. | 2                               | 7                  | -                         | -                              |
| TOTAL  | 26                              | 10                 | -                         | -                              |

(b) Cases in which DEFECTS were found: NIL.

7. OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134): NIL.

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