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ANNUAL REPORT


OF THE

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OF HEALTH

AND

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To The Chairman and Members of the Selby Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Seventeenth Annual Report on the health of the Urban District and the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1963.

Vital Statistics.

There were 200 live births registered, an increase of 37, giving a Birth Rate of 18.9 per thousand population (Adjusted Birth Rate 19.6). The West Riding County Birth Rate for Urban Districts was 17.9 and for England and Wales 18.2.

152 deaths occurred, giving a Crude Death Rate of 14.3 (Adjusted Death Rate 13.5). The aggregate County Rate was 12.7 and the rate for England and Wales 12.2. Births exceeded deaths by 48.

Five infants died under the age of one year, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 25.0. The National Rate was 20.9.

Infectious Diseases.

The incidence of notifiable diseases was low. Measles accounted for 50 of the 60 notified cases. Diphtheria has been absent from the District for seventeen years; a tribute to the good response to immunisation in the past. A high level of immunisation must be maintained if this happy state is to continue.

No case of poliomyelitis has occurred since 1958.

In late April a child patient transferred from Selby War Memorial Hospital to Yearsley Bridge Hospital was found to be suffering from Paratyphoid-B infection. As a result of this notification other cases of undefined diarrhoea were investigated bacteriologically. No other proved case was found in the town but cases came to light in the Rural District and the East Riding. There was no common source of infection uncovered, but about that time sporadic cases of Paratyphoid-B infection were occurring in York and the North Riding. There was a suggestion that the infection might have been introduced into the area by infected Chinese liquid egg used in the preparation of confectionery. The usual precautions were taken and no secondary cases occurred.

Cancer.

In the general increased number of deaths this year the 29 deaths due to malignant neoplasms showed the fourth highest number ever recorded; more than double the relatively low figure for 1962. Too much significance, however, should not be given to fluctuations from one year to another, but the overall picture shows a slow increase in cancer deaths. A careful check is kept on deaths from lung cancer, which have remained at 5 in each of the last three years.

That 28.6% of male cancer deaths in 1963 were due to lung cancer is a continuing indictment of the ubiquitous cigarette. Nor should the smokers of Selby overlook the fact that during the last ten years, 30 men and 12 women have fallen victims to the "gasping death." One out of every eight heavy cigarette smokers in Selby will end up this way, and others will die at a comparatively early age from chronic bronchitis and heart disease. I do not expect most men to have the

will-power to do anything about it, but their potential widows should start worrying now.

There are three messages I should like to get over to the public at risk:

- (1) To the eligible spinsters of the town I would say, "Don't marry a heavy cigarette smoker—he's a bad investment!"
- (2) To all parents I would say, "You may be unable or too late to help yourselves, but please make every effort to discourage your children from smoking."
- (3) To all women I would say, "You are lagging behind the men in killing yourselves with cigarettes, but you are beginning to catch up. In any case, smoking is incompatible with feminine charm, and few of you can afford to diminish your charm by sticking a cigarette in your mouth!"

Perinatal Mortality Rate.

This rate, based on the number of stillbirths and the number of infant deaths in the first week of life per 1,000 total births, has come to be regarded in recent years as a more accurate index of the wastage of infant life. The Rate in Selby is not as low as it should be, and in 1963 was 48.8 compared with the aggregate County Rate of 31.1. In a total of 205 births there were 5 stillbirths and 5 deaths in the first week of life. Whilst this figure may not appear alarming to the layman, the fact remains that of the 89 Local Authorities in the County 82 had a lower, and therefore better, Rate than Selby. It is known that the perinatal mortality rate is higher in the north than in the south of the country, but why there should be so wide a variation in the same county, with Selby, which is neither heavily industrialised nor poverty stricken, in so lowly a position, is not clear. A preliminary study does not reveal any identifiable reason and much more investigation at national level will be necessary before the preventable causes of stillbirths, prematurity and congenital malformations are discovered and eliminated.

Certain questions to which I do not have the answers at present occur to me:

- (1) Are expectant mothers continuing full-time employment too far into pregnancy?
- (2) Are harassed mothers with several small children reaching labour in an exhausted state?
- (3) Are expectant mothers skimping on their diets to keep up weekly payments on the so-called essential luxuries of modern society?
- (4) Are all expectant mothers receiving all the ante-natal care they should have and could have? Expectant mothers can have ante-natal care at the Selby Health Clinic as well as from their general practitioners, but many expectant mothers fail to make full use of the Clinic services, available in pleasant and comfortable surroundings with time to talk to the medical officer, midwives, health visitors and each other, over a cup of tea.
- (5) Are some pregnant women taking self-prescribed drugs? Since the thalidamide incident it is unlikely that doctors would prescribe anything potentially harmful in the slightest degree, but self-medication is a craze of the times. Taking a long shot, do some

pregnant women take drugs in an attempt to terminate an unwanted pregnancy which may fail to produce abortion but have a toxic effect on the foetus?

In the meantime it is the duty of everyone associated with pregnancy, parturition and infant care, to ensure that nothing beneficial to the expectant mother is neglected and that every departure from normal health is diagnosed and corrected at the earliest moment.

The world may become over-populated, but the conceiving and producing of dead or dying babies is a most uneconomic solution to the problem!

In conclusion, I must place on record my appreciation of the continued support of the Members and Officers of the Council, the loyal service of the Public Health Staffs, and the help given by the Voluntary Committee at the Clinic and the W.V.S.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

Medical Officer of Health

July, 1964.

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1963.

Area of Urban District ....	....	3,883 acres
Population (mid 1963) ....	....	10,600
Number of Inhabited Houses ....	....	3,639
Rateable Value ....	....	£340,227 (Apr. 1964)
Product of Penny Rate (estimated)	£1,352	(Apr. 1964)

VITAL STATISTICS

	SELBY U.D.	Aggre- gate West Riding U.D.s	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (Provi- sional)
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)	18.9	17.9	18.2	18.2
CRUDE DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population)				
All causes	14.3	12.7	12.0	12.2
Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0	0.05	0.04	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis	0	0.06	0.06	0.06
Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0.01	0.01	0.01
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)	1.99	1.72	1.57	—
Malignant Neoplasms	2.74	2.04	1.94	2.18
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	5.38	4.80	4.53	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	2.26	2.02	1.85	—
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	25.0	22.8	23.0	20.9
STILLBIRTHS	24.4	19.2	18.7	17.3
PERINATAL MORTALITY	48.8	31.6	31.1	—
MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of mothers in child- birth per 1,000 total births)	0	0.50	0.45	0.28

Comparability Factors:

For Births, 1.04.	Adjusted Birth Rate, 19.6.
For Deaths, 0.94,	Adjusted Death Rate, 13.5,

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES, 1963, AND MEAN RATES FOR DICENNIAL PERIODS

BIRTH RATE = 18.9

(per 1,000 population)

1901-1910	....	....	27.2	1931-1940	....	....	15.5
1911-1920	....	....	23.0	1941-1950	....	....	17.8
1921-1930	....	....	19.7	1951-1960	....	....	15.1

STILLBIRTHS = 24.4

(per 1,000 total births)

1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	....	....	28.0
1911-1920	....	....	—	1941-1950	....	....	37.5
1921-1930	....	....	38.6	1951-1960	....	....	34.1

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS = 39.0

(per 1,000 total births)

1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	....	....	38.4
1911-1920	....	....	48.4	1941-1950	....	....	56.9
1921-1930	....	....	46.5	1951-1960	....	....	27.0

INFANTILE MORTALITY = 25.0

(per 1,000 live births)

1901-1910	....	....	127.7	1931-1940	....	....	49.1
1911-1920	....	....	97.4	1941-1950	....	....	54.0
1921-1930	....	....	62.9	1951-1960	....	....	32.1

NEONATAL MORTALITY = 25.0

(Deaths in first month per 1,000 live births)

1901-1910	....	....	28.8	1931-1940	....	....	26.2
1911-1920	....	....	38.1	1941-1950	....	....	31.1
1921-1930	....	....	33.4	1951-1960	....	....	23.8

PERINATAL MORTALITY = 48.8

(Stillbirths and first week deaths per 1,000 total births)

1921-1930	....	....	61.1	1941-1950	....	....	58.8
1931-1940	....	....	65.4	1951-1960	....	....	54.8

TOTAL DEATH RATE = 14.3

(per 1,000 population)

1901-1910	....	....	13.7	1931-1940	....	....	11.7
1911-1920	....	....	13.0	1941-1950	....	....	13.0
1921-1930	....	....	11.8	1951-1960	....	....	12.9

DISEASES OF HEART AND CIRCULATION = 5.38

1901-1910	....	....	1.01	1931-1940	....	....	2.41
1911-1920	....	....	1.29	1941-1950	....	....	2.73
1921-1930	....	....	1.53	1951-1960	....	....	4.72

VASCULAR DISEASES OF CENTRAL NERVOUS
SYSTEM = 2.26

1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	....	....	1.03
1911-1920	....	....	—	1941-1950	....	....	1.50
1921-1930	....	....	1.24	1951-1960	....	....	1.75

MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS = 2.74

1901-1910	....	....	0.91	1931-1940	....	....	1.73
1911-1920	....	....	1.16	1941-1950	....	....	2.04
1921-1930	....	....	1.62	1951-1960	....	....	2.17

RESPIRATORY DISEASES = 1.98

1901-1910	....	....	1.72	1931-1940	....	....	1.57
1911-1920	....	....	1.90	1941-1950	....	....	1.80
1921-1930	....	....	2.56	1951-1960	....	....	1.65

INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES = 0

1901-1910	....	....	1.53	1931-1940	....	....	0.24
1911-1920	....	....	0.68	1941-1950	....	....	0.06
1921-1930	....	....	0.43	1951-1960	....	....	0.04

RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS = 0

1901-1910	....	....	0.94	1931-1940	....	....	0.59
1911-1920	....	....	0.92	1941-1950	....	....	0.32
1921-1930	....	....	0.72	1951-1960	....	....	0.06

NON-RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS = 0

1901-1910	....	....	0.36	1931-1940	....	....	0.16
1911-1920	....	....	0.44	1941-1950	....	....	0.08
1921-1930	....	....	0.17	1951-1960	....	....	0.03

MATERNAL MORTALITY = 0

(per 1,000 total births)

1901-1910	....	....	5.08	1931-1940	....	....	3.69
1911-1920	....	....	5.02	1941-1950	....	....	1.59
1921-1930	....	....	3.11	1951-1960	....	....	0.69

BIRTHS, 1963

			Male	Female	Total
Live Births.—Legitimate	....	....	94	98	192
Illegitimate	....	....	3	5	8
			—	—	—
		Total	97	103	200
Stillbirths	....	....	2	3	5

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1963

			Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	....	....	0	0	0
Syphilitic disease	....	....	0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	....	....	0	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, lungs, bronchus			4	1	5
Malignant neoplasm, breast	....	....	0	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	....	....	—	3	3
Other malignant neoplasms	....	....	9	5	14
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	....	....	1	1	2
Diabetes	....	....	2	0	2
Vascular lesions, nervous system	....	....	11	13	24
Coronary disease, angina	....	....	16	11	27
Hypertension with heart disease	....	....	1	1	2
Other heart disease	....	....	12	11	23
Other circulatory disease	....	....	3	2	5
Influenza	....	....	2	1	3
Pneumonia	....	....	4	3	7
Bronchitis	....	....	8	2	10
Other respiratory disease	....	....	0	1	1
Ulcer of stomach, duodenum	....	....	1	0	1
Gastritis, enteritis	....	....	0	0	0
Nephritis	....	....	0	0	0
Hyperplasia of prostate	....	....	0	—	0
Pregnancy, childbirth	....	....	—	0	0
Congenital malformations	....	....	2	0	2
Motor vehicle accidents	....	....	2	0	2
All other accidents	....	....	1	3	4
Suicide	....	....	0	0	0
All other causes	....	....	5	5	10
			—	—	—
		Total	84	68	152

INFANTILE MORTALITY Causes of Death in Age Groups

	Under 1 week	1 to 2 Weeks	2 to 3 Weeks	3 to 4 Weeks	1 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 9 Months	9 to 12 Months	TOTAL
Bronchitis	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0
Prematurity	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4
Birth Injury	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Toxaemia	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE notified during the year 1963

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED							
	At all Ages.	According to Age						
		Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 65
Small-pox ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food Poisoning ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paratyphoid Fever B	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" non-paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other forms of Tuberculosis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	50	2	21	27	...	...	...	...
Primary Pneumonia	5	...	...	...	1	3	1	...
Influenzal Pneumonia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	60	2	25	28	...	1	3	1

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases in 1963

					Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	0	0	0
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	0	0	0
				Total	0	0	0

Total cases on Register

Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	43	33	76
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	4	8	12
				Total	47	41	88

WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY URBAN DISTRICT, 1963

The Public Health Nursing Staff in this Division no longer works according to County District boundaries. Most of the figures in the following summaries refer to Selby U.D., but in a few cases the figures are those for the Urban and Rural Districts combined or for Division No. 10 as a whole.

1. BIRTHS.

Live Births	....	....	....	....	....	200
Stillbirths	....	....	....	....	....	5
Illegitimate	....	....	....	....	....	8
Males	....	....	....	....	....	97
Females	....	....	....	....	....	103

2. PREMATURE BABIES. Babies weighing 5½ lbs. or less at Birth.

			Living	Stillborn
(i) Born at home	....	....	2	1
(ii) Born in hospital	....	....	15	1
			<hr/> 17	<hr/> 2

3. HEALTH VISITING (Division No. 10 as a whole).

		First Visits	Other Visits	Total
Expectant Mothers	....	338	177	515
Children under 1	....	800	2878	3678
Children between 1 and 5	—	5861	5861
Other cases	—	2166	2166
Ineffective visits	938	1271	2209
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Total		2076	12353	14429

4. CHILD WELFARE CLINIC.

Total number of children under 5 yrs. of age who first attended the Clinic during the year:

(i) Born in 1963	....	....	....	....	368
(ii) Born 1958-62	....	....	....	....	88

Number of Sessions held:

Selby	....	....	....	....	50
Total attendance	....	....	....	....	3853
Average per session	....	....	....	....	77

Of the above, 72 East Riding children made 315 visits and 176 Selby Rural children made 543 visits.

5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Attendances at Clinic (S.U.D. and S.R.D.)	....	31
Number attending Paediatric Consultant (at Goole)	2	
Number attending County Oculist	....	245
Number prescribed Spectacles	....	102
Number attending Speech Therapy	....	10
Number inspected in School by School M.O.	....	612
Number inspected in School by School Nurse	....	4313
Number of verminous heads	....	63
Tests for Subnormality	....	1
Re-examinations	....	2
Reported to M.D. Authority as ineducable	....	0
Recommended for Residential Schools	....	0
Attending Residential Schools	....	4
Reported for Care and Guidance	....	0

The following defects were found at medical inspections:

	Requiring treatment	For ob- servation
Verminous heads	63	0
Skin	5	1
Vision	24	50
Other eye conditions	0	2
Hearing	3	7
Other ear defects	5	0
Nose and throat	4	9
Speech	1	12
Cervical glands	0	0
Heart and circulation	0	2
Lungs	0	6
Developmental	0	4
Orthopaedic	4	5
Nervous System	4	7
Psychological	2	4
Other conditions	0	2

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE (Division No. 10 as a whole)

Number inspected	....	5498
Requiring Treatment	....	3879
Offered treatment	....	2157
Treated	....	1446

6. MATERNITY SERVICES.

Ante-Natal Clinics:

Number of patients attending	....	....	....	63
Total number of attendances	....	....	....	124
Number of sessions held	....	....	....	48
Average attendance per session	....	....	....	2.6

Of the above, 8 Selby Rural mothers made 20 visits.

A Mothercraft and Relaxation Exercise Class for expectant mothers is held weekly and 516 attendances were made.

Confined in Hospital:

Leeds Hospitals	....	....	....	....	1
York Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	106
Other Maternity Homes	....	....	....	....	12
Total					119

County Midwives.

There were 86 domiciliary confinements in Selby Urban District.

The following summary of the work of the County Midwives is for Division 10 as a whole:—

Number of Midwives	....	....	8
Number of cases	....	....	356
Number of visits	....	....	12029
Gas and air analgesia	....	....	3
Trilene analgesia	....	....	267

7. HOME NURSING (Division 10 as a whole).

Number of Nurses	....	....	6
Number of cases completed	....	....	305
Number of visits	....	....	13108

8. HOME HELPS.

Home Helps were employed for 78,846 hours attending cases in the Division.

The following cases were attended in Selby U.D.:—

Maternity	....	....	....	6
Chronic Sick (Over 65)			....	64
Chronic Sick (Under 65)			....	11
Others	....	....	....	14
Total				95

9. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Immunised during 1963.	Children under 5 years	200
	Children over 5 years	16
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		216
	Refresher Dose 209
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	Total	425

Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1963

Age—Years	0—1	1—4	5—9	10—14	Total Under 15
Number	121	522	628	773	2144
Percentage	79		88		89

10. IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH during 1963.

Under 6 months	50
6 months to 1 year	71
1 to 2 years	69
2 to 3 years	8
3 to 4 years	3
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					Total	201

11. B.C.G. VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN (13 years of age).

Number of acceptances in 1963	181
Pre-vaccination Tuberculin Tests:		
Positive (not requiring vaccination)		8 (4.4%)
Negative (requiring vaccination)	165 (95.6%)
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		173
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Number vaccinated with B.C.G.	171
Number re-tested after one year	74

12. VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

Total registered, 31st December, 1963	....	....	5430
Vaccinated	....	....	5399

13. MENTAL HEALTH.

Mental Health Act, 1959.

The number of persons under care and guidance at the end of 1963 was as follows:—

	Male	Female	Total
Psychopathic	1	0	1
Mentally ill	10	10	20
Subnormal	6	11	17
Severely Subnormal	2	1	3

Admissions to Mental Hospitals by the Mental Welfare Officers during 1963 were as follows:—

	Male	Female	Total
Emergency Admissions	1	2	3
Admission for Observations	1	1	2
Admission for Treatment	—	—	—
Informal Admission	7	19	26

14. MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY 1963

The unit visited Selby during the year. 1170 people were examined; 3 abnormalities were discovered.

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION No. 10

The County Districts forming Division No. 10 are:—

Goole Borough (1,267 acres)	Selby Urban (3,882 acres)
Goole Rural (38,238 acres)	Selby Rural (33,304 acres)
Area of the Division	76,692 acres
Population (Estimated mid-1963)	45,140
(Census 1961)	44,533

DIVISIONAL HEALTH OFFICE AND STAFF

6/7 Belgravia, Goole. Telephone Goole 936 & 123.

Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer:
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Senior Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer:
MURIEL J. LOWE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer:
EILEEN M. R. BELL-SYER, M.B., B.S.

School Dental Officer:
M. R. HOLLINGS, B.Sc.D., F.D.S.R.C.S. (Eng.)

Divisional Nursing Officer:
Mrs. C. C. HOWELS.

Health Visitors and School Nurses:
Mrs. B. BEAL, Miss D. M. BUTLER, Mrs. M. DODSON, Mrs. M. HARGREAVES, Mrs. M. KELLY, Miss A. RIDSDALE, Miss D. M. ROBINSON, Mrs. A. SUTHERLAND (part-time), Mrs. M. E. WILLIAMS (assistant).

Home Nurses:
Mrs. H. B. BEAUMONT, Mrs. S. CLAYBOURN, Mrs. M. LUND, Mrs. W. E. DUFFIN, Mrs. L. A. POLLARD, Mrs. J. SAWDON.

Domiciliary Midwives:
Miss E. CLAYTON, Miss I. CAMPBELL, Miss H. ELLIS, Mrs. D. FRANKLIN, Mrs. M. E. HORNSHAW, Mrs. A. G. HORSFIELD, Mrs. M. M. HUGHES, Miss E. D. LAKING.

Mental Health Officers:
Mr. T. G. FOSTER, Miss M. J. HURLEY.

Rawcliffe Training Centre:
Supervisor: Miss C. S. LOGAN. Staff: Mrs. A. ALVEY, Mrs. E. GOODALL, Mr. R. C. HUNT, Mrs. C. M. LAZENBY, Miss D. STOCKTON.

Speech Therapy:
Miss R. M. ROGERS (Divisions 9, 10 and 11).

Welfare Officer:
Mr. N. SUTCLIFFE.

Clerical:
Senior Clerk: Mr. R. TOWELL.
Miss S. L. BRAMHAM, Mrs. M. E. BRYARS (part-time), Mrs. B. BUCKLE, Miss F. A. CAMPBELL, Mr. J. LAWTON, Mr. G. N. NOWILL, Mrs. M. READSHAW (part-time), Miss J. ROCKETT, Miss J. E. SMAJE.

CLINICS.

(30.6.64)

The following Child Welfare, Maternity, School Health Services and Specialists' Clinics are held in the New County Clinic, Raincliffe Street, Selby.

Monday 10-12: School Clinic	Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer. Miss A. Ridsdale.
Monday 10-12 and 2-4: Speech Therapy	Miss R. P. Rogers.
Monday 2-4: Ante-Natal Clinic	Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer. Miss A. Ridsdale. Mrs. A. Sutherland.
Thursday 2-4: Relaxation and Mothercraft	Midwives.
Friday 10-12: Minor Ailments	Miss A. Ridsdale.
Friday 2-4: Child Welfare	Dr. E. M. R. Bell-Syer Miss A. Ridsdale. Mrs. A. Sutherland.

A Training Centre for the training of severely subnormal children and adults is situated at Rawcliffe.

The School Oculist holds eye-testing sessions 3 times a month either at Goole or Selby.

The Children's Specialist has sessions in Goole on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, which are available to the children of Selby. Sun-ray treatment is also available at Goole.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Inspection Work 1963.

Inspections (including re-inspections of dwellinghouses)	367
Visits in connection with the letting of houses	61
Visits in connection with exchange of houses	37
Council houses inspected	15
Visits in connection with infectious diseases	3
Visits in connection with caravan sites	24
Visits re slum clearance	43
Water samples taken	4
Smoke observations (Clean Air Act)	14
Inspections re rodent infestations (Rodent Operative)	351
Cinema inspections	12
Inspections of Milk Shops and Dairies	14
Ice Cream premises	39
Fish and Chip premises	22
Sausage and Pork products	10
Bakehouses	4
Grocers and Provision Merchants	35
Restaurants, cafes and kitchens	24
Market inspections—Stalls and vehicles	360
Licensed premises	9
Visits for food inspection	215
Visits for meat inspection	261
Carcases inspected:	
Beasts	399
Pigs	274
Sheep	381
Other visits and interviews	1726
Total	4704

During the year 74 notices were served under the Public Health and Housing Acts; of these 61 were complied with.

Details of Sanitary Improvements effected as a result of inspections made and notices issued under Public Health and Housing Acts:—

Roofs repaired and made weatherproof	....	....	71
Rainwater gutters repaired or renewed	....	....	39
Rainwater downspouts repaired or renewed	....	....	23
External walls repaired	....	....	19
Fireranges and firegrates repaired or renewed	....	....	9
Wall plaster repaired	....	....	21
Ceiling plaster repaired	....	....	7
Floors repaired	....	....	19
Window frames repaired or renewed	....	....	42
Doors repaired or renewed	....	....	8
Dampness remedied	....	....	10
Miscellaneous (not included above)	....	....	67

Water Closets.

Roofs and walls repaired	....	....	15
Basins renewed	....	....	3
Flushing apparatus repaired	....	....	21
Seats repaired or renewed	....	....	5
Other defects remedied	....	....	12

Drainage.

Defective drains repaired	....	....	22
Choked drains cleansed	76

Storage of Refuse.

Defective dustbins renewed	73
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Cinemas.

No complaints received during the year and they were generally well kept.

Periodical inspections were carried out and any minor defects reported to the respective managers remedied without the service of notices.

Meat and Other Foods.

Meat.—Total weight of meat condemned: 4 cwts. 2 qrs.

Food.—Total weight of food condemned: 17 cwts. 2 qrs.

Rats and Mice Destruction. Rodent Operative.

Number of visits and re-visits	....	....	....	351
Number of complaints received	....	....	....	48
Notices given to ratproof premises	....	....	....	9

Rat Infestation of Sewers.

The sewers are treated twice each year. The method of treatment is as follows: A 10% baiting test is placed in the inspection chambers, this gives an indication as to which sections are rat infested. The infested sections are then treated with Zinc Phosphide and from the amount of this poison taken it would seem that a large number of rats were killed.

Water Supply.

All houses are provided with piped water from deep wells at Brayton. During the year 4 samples were taken for bacteriological examination. All were satisfactory.

Clean Air Act.

Ten smoke observations were made, each of 30 minutes' duration. Interviews with stokers were held regarding methods of firing. Interviews were also held with the respective managers.

Market Stalls and Vehicles.

Fifteen verbal warnings were given for minor infringements of Byelaws. In all cases the matter complained of was rectified forthwith.

Public Baths.

The water fed to the baths is from the town mains and is chlorinated in the Pumphouse at Brayton Barff. Breakpoint chlorination of the swimming water is also carried out at the Baths before the water enters the bath. The swimming water is changed every 4 hours.

HOUSING ACTS.

Herewith find particulars of condemned properties:—

The following Tables show the amount of work which has been accomplished under the Housing Acts since 1946.

Clearance Areas.

	Number of Houses		No. of Persons Displaced
	Demolished or to be Demolished	Provided	
South Parade	18	18	40
East Common	23	14	16
Standerings Yard	6	3	3
New Lane	5	5	7
Massey Row	9	9	22
14, 15, 16 Shipyard	3	3	10
49 to 59 Shipyard Road	6	5	11
1—5 Canal Side	5	5	13
19—20 Shipyard	2	2	5
3—47 Shipyard Road			

Individual Unfit Houses since 1946.

Situation	Demolished or to be Demolished	Undertaking Accepted	Houses Provided	Pop.
85 and 87 Gowthorpe	2	0	1	4
2 Church Lane	0	1	1	3
4 Church Lane	0	1	1	4
69a Wide Street	0	1	1	12
1 New Lane	0	1	1	7
3 New Lane	0	1	1	5
65 Wide Street	0	1	1	4
1 Haigh's Yard	0	1	0	0
2 Haigh's Yard	0	1	1	3
10 Shipyard	0	1	1	5
8 Market Lane	0	1	1	7
2 Market Lane	0	1	1	4
4 Market Lane	0	1	1	2
6 Market Lane	0	1	1	3
Cottage, Liversidge Sidings	0	1	1	3
8 Wren Lane	1	1	1	10
56a Micklegate	0	1	1	3
18 New Lane	0	1	1	3
12 Maltkiln Yard	0	1	1	3

Situation	Demolished or to be Demolished	Undertaking Accepted	Houses Provided	Pop.
1 Eastman's Flats	0	1	1	4
2 Eastman's Flats	0	1	1	3
Parvin's Yard	0	1	1	4
10, 12, 14 Market Lane	0	3	3	5
3 Haigh's Yard	0	1	1	4
Cottage, Ross Carr Farm	0	1	1	8
56 Ousegate	0	1	1	6
11 Dam Bank	0	1	1	3
8 Adams' Square	0	1	1	3
5 Midge Yard	0	1	1	1
6 Midge Yard	0	1	1	2
64a Ousegate	0	1	1	3
32a Church Hill	0	1	1	5
24 Millgate	0	1	1	4
1 Massey Row	0	1	1	2
43b Micklegate	0	1	1	2
Cottage, George Hotel Yard	0	1	1	0
Cottage, Nags Head Yd.	0	1	1	7
49 Shipyard Road	1	1	1	5
2 The Nook	0	1	0	1
1 & 2 Southwood's Yard.	0	2	0	0
3 Wren Lane	0	1	1	4
11 New Lane	0	1	1	5
16 Millgate	0	1	0	4
Caravan, Mount Pleasant	1	1	1	4
Caravan, Flaxley Road	1	1	1	3
1, 2 & 3 Canal Side	3	3	3	10
53, 57, 70 & 72 Millgate	0	4	4	13
22 Lock Hill	0	1	1	5
Bradfield's Yard	0	1	0	0
34 Ousegate	0	1	0	0
4 New Lane	0	1	1	1
100 Gowthorpe	0	1	0	0
Caravan, Mount Pleasant	1	0	1	2
3 & 4 Hutchinsons Yard	2	0	2	4
13 Bondgate	1	0	1	2
51 & 55 Millgate	0	2	2	6
1, 2 & 3 Denison Arms Yard	3	0	2	3
21 Lock Hill	0	1	1	2
25 Gowthorpe	0	1	1	3
1 and 2 Maltkiln Yard	0	2	2	6

Staff.

I am pleased to say that my assistant carried out her duties in a courteous and efficient manner. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Wiseman for her willing service.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

WILKINSON LITTLE,

Senior Public Health Inspector.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959**Part I.—Inspections.**

Premises	No. on Register	Inspec- tions	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories in which Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.s	73	5	0	0
Factories not included above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.s	0	0	0	0
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.s	0	0	0	0
Total	73	5	0	0

Part I.—Defects.

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to HMI	Referred by HMI	Prosecu- tions insti- tuted
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences insuffi- cient, unsuitable or defective (S.7)	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

Part VIII Outworkers.—Nil.**NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-51.**

No action under these Acts was necessary in 1963.

