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**URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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OF THE  
**MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH**  
AND  
**SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

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Clerk: Mrs. BARBARA WISEMAN,



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

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my twentieth Annual Report on the health of the Urban District, and the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1966. Your Public Health Inspector, Mr. W. Little, retired in August after 30 years, and I included a tribute to his valuable services in the 1965 report. I welcome his successor, Mr. Norman Buckle, and am appreciative of the smooth and efficient way in which he has taken over the Health Department.

#### **Vital Statistics.**

226 live births were registered, a decrease of three, giving a Birth Rate of 21.0 per thousand population (Adjusted Birth Rate 21.8). The County aggregate Rate for Urban Districts was 17.8 and for England and Wales 17.7. Two stillbirths occurred.

135 deaths occurred, giving a Crude Death Rate of 12.5 (Adjusted Death Rate 11.9). The aggregate County rate was 12.9 and the rate for England and Wales 11.7. Births exceeded deaths by 91.

5 infants died under the age of one year, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 22.1. The County rate was 20.1 and the National rate was 19.8.

No maternal death has occurred for twelve years, in fact there has been only one maternal death in the last twenty years.

#### **Infectious Diseases.**

Notifiable diseases totalled 238, of which 223 were measles. An unusual feature was that 142 cases of measles occurred during the month of August. So far as is known no child protected in the 1964/65 measles vaccination trial was affected.

#### **Cervical Cytology.**

During the year there was a demand from the ladies of the town that cancer smear tests for the early detection of malignant disease of the neck of the womb should be made available in Selby. This valuable screening test had been slowly becoming available throughout the country for a limited category of women, but a shortage of laboratory technicians skilled in the reading of the test led to deferment in many areas. However, as a result of the initiative of a local lady and the Member of Parliament for the Barkston Ash Division, the Minister of Health promised a limited service for Selby before the end of the year. The County Clinic was equipped in anticipation and the medical staff trained in the technique, and from November onwards cases have been tested at the rate of 50 a month. To begin with tests had to be restricted to women 35 years of age and over, but the age limit has now been lowered to 25 years. Priority was given also to women with three or more children. The response was excellent, and within two weeks



of the first session there were more than enough applications to fill the quota of tests for six months. It is obvious from the applications that they come from what might be called the better informed section of the community. There must be several hundred women at risk who have not heard of the scheme or the risk, and it is hoped that by persuasion, education, encouragement and example they will take the test and be reassured. Every married woman, whether a mother or not, should be tested every five years, and it is hoped that by the end of 1967 all women willing to be tested can be seen. The test takes only a few minutes and is carried out by experienced women doctors in comfortable surroundings.

#### **Wardens for the Elderly.**

The scheme inaugurated in 1965 has been well received, and a second Warden was appointed during the year. The expansion of the scheme to include elderly persons living in private houses will require the appointment of at least one additional warden in 1967.

#### **Mental Health.**

Government restrictions have led to the deferment of the much needed new wing for adults at the Rawcliffe Training Centre until the 1969/70 building programme. As the result of a generous offer by the Round Table Clubs of Selby and Goole there is every prospect of a small training swimming pool being installed in the Centre during 1967.

The Day Social Club at Snaith for convalescing mental illness cases is serving a useful purpose, and so far six of those attending have been rehabilitated to full or part-time employment. As the Club is run in co-operation with the De la Pole Hospital, most of the patients are drawn from Goole and Thorne. The Club is open to recommended patients from Selby, but so far there have been few referrals from the York hospitals. Doubtless the psychiatrists there prefer to have their patients attend in York, and the patients are not adverse to making the journey.

Finally, I record my thanks for 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.R.V.S.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

August 1967.

Medical Officer of Health.

**GENERAL STATISTICS, 1966**

Area of Urban District ....	....	3,883 acres
Population (mid 1966) ....	....	10,760
Number of Houses ....	....	3,798
Rateable Value ....	....	£369,629 (Apr. 1967)
Product of Penny Rate (estimated)		£1,481 (Apr. 1967)

**VITAL STATISTICS**

	<b>SELBY U.D.</b>	<b>Aggre- gate West Riding U.D.s</b>	<b>West Riding Admin. County</b>	<b>England and Wales (Provi- sional)</b>
<b>BIRTH RATE</b> (per 1,000 population)	21.0	17.8	18.0	17.7
<b>CRUDE DEATH RATES</b> (per 1,000 population)				
All causes ....	12.5	12.9	12.1	11.7
Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0.09	0.03	0.03	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis ....	0	0.05	0.05	0.04
Other forms of Tuberculosis ....	0	0	0	0.01
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) ....	1.21	1.88	1.72	—
Malignant Neoplasms ....	1.77	2.16	2.00	2.25
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	5.30	4.77	4.48	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ....	1.67	2.02	1.87	—
<b>INFANT MORTALITY</b> (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	22.1	20.1	19.8	19.0
<b>STILLBIRTHS</b> ....	8.8	14.9	14.4	15.4
<b>PERINATAL MORTALITY</b> ....	26.3	25.9	25.1	26.3
<b>MATERNAL MORTALITY</b> (Deaths of mothers in child- birth per 1,000 total births)	0	0.31	0.25	0.26

**Comparability Factors:**

For Births, 1.04.	Adjusted Birth Rate, 21.8.
For Deaths, 0.95.	Adjusted Death Rate, 11.9.



# **BIRTH AND DEATH RATES, 1966 AND MEAN RATES FOR DICENNIAL PERIODS**

## **BIRTH RATE = 21.0**

(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
				1961-1965	....	....	18.1

## **STILLBIRTHS = 8.8**

(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
				1961-1965	....	....	17.5

## **ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS = 39.5**

(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
				1961-1965	....	....	43.9

## **INFANTILE MORTALITY = 22.1**

(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
				1961-1965	....	....	17.9

## **NEONATAL MORTALITY = 17.7**

(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
				1961-1965	....	....	12.7

## **PERINATAL MORTALITY = 26.3**

(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
				1961-1965	....	....	28.7

## **TOTAL DEATH RATE = 12.5**

(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
				1961-1965	....	....	13.1



## DISEASES OF HEART AND CIRCULATION = 5.30

1901-1910	....	....	1.01	1931-1940	....	....	2.41
1911-1920	....	....	1.29	1941-1950	....	....	2.73
1921-1930	....	....	1.53	1951-1960	....	....	4.72
				1961-1965	....	....	5.37

VASCULAR DISEASES OF CENTRAL NERVOUS  
SYSTEM = 1.67

1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	....	....	1.03
1911-1920	....	....	—	1941-1950	....	....	1.50
1921-1930	....	....	1.24	1951-1960	....	....	1.75
				1961-1965	....	....	1.91

## MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS = 1.77

1901-1910	....	....	0.91	1931-1940	....	....	1.73
1911-1920	....	....	1.16	1941-1950	....	....	2.04
1921-1930	....	....	1.62	1951-1960	....	....	2.17
				1961-1965	....	....	2.10

## RESPIRATORY DISEASES = 1.21

1901-1910	....	....	1.72	1931-1940	....	....	1.57
1911-1920	....	....	1.90	1941-1950	....	....	1.80
1921-1930	....	....	2.56	1951-1960	....	....	1.65
				1961-1965	....	....	1.62

## INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES = 0.09

1901-1910	....	....	1.53	1931-1940	....	....	0.24
1911-1920	....	....	0.68	1941-1950	....	....	0.06
1921-1930	....	....	0.43	1951-1960	....	....	0.04
				1961-1965	....	....	0.00

## 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
				1961-1965	....	....	0.02

## 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
				1961-1965	....	....	0.00

## 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
				1961-1965	....	....	0.00

**BIRTHS, 1966**

			Male	Female	Total
Live Births.—Legitimate	....	....	119	98	217
Illegitimate	....	....	6	3	9
			—	—	—
		Total	125	101	226
Stillbirths	....	....	1	1	2

**CAUSES OF DEATH, 1966**

			Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	....	....	0	0	0
Syphilitic disease	....	....	0	0	0
Other infective diseases	....	....	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	....	....	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, lungs, bronchus	....	....	2	0	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	....	....	0	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	....	....	—	0	0
Other malignant neoplasms	....	....	9	2	11
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	....	....	0	1	1
Diabetes	....	....	0	1	1
Vascular lesions, nervous system	....	....	6	12	18
Coronary disease, angina	....	....	17	13	30
Hypertension with heart disease	....	....	4	0	4
Other heart disease	....	....	7	6	13
Other circulatory disease	....	....	3	7	10
Influenza	....	....	0	0	0
Pneumonia	....	....	1	5	6
Bronchitis	....	....	4	3	7
Other respiratory disease	....	....	0	0	0
Ulcer of stomach, duodenum	....	....	0	0	0
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	....	....	4	0	4
All other accidents	....	....	0	3	3
Suicide	....	....	2	2	4
All other causes	....	....	7	6	13
			—	—	—
		Total	70	65	135



# 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
Prematurity	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bronchitis ....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Asphyxia ....	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	5

# CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

## notified during the year 1966

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 ... ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Scarlet Fever ... ..	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
Paratyphoid Fever B ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
"    "    non-paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Other forms of Tuberculosis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ... ..	223	8	115	99	1	...	...	...
Primary Pneumonia ... ..	3	...	...	...	1	...	2	...
Influenzal Pneumonia ... ..	5	...	1	...	...	...	3	1
Whooping Cough ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ... ..	238	8	117	101	2	...	9	1



## TUBERCULOSIS

## New cases in 1966

				Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	....	....	....	2	0	2
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	....	0	0	0
			Total	2	0	2

## Total cases on Register

				Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	....	....	....	28	20	48
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	....	4	3	7
			Total	32	23	55

## WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY URBAN DISTRICT, 1966

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	....	....	....	....	....	....	226
Stillbirths	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Illegitimate	....	....	....	....	....	....	9
Males	....	....	....	....	....	....	125
Females	....	....	....	....	....	....	101

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

				Living	Stillborn
(i) Born at home	....	....	....	2	0
(ii) Born in hospital	....	....	....	7	2
				<hr/> 9	<hr/> 2

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

		First Visits	Other Visits	Total
Expectant Mothers	....	237	144	381
Children under 1	....	870	3403	4273
Children between 1 and 5	....	2872	3622	6494
Other cases	....	—	6076	6076
Ineffective visits	....	651	1591	2242
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total		4630	14836	19466

### 4. CHILD WELFARE CLINIC.

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

(i) Born in 1966	....	....	....	....	328
(ii) Born 1961/65	....	....	....	....	21

Number of Sessions held:

Selby	....	....	....	....	50
Total attendance	....	....	....	....	4550
Average per session	....	....	....	....	91

## 5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Attendances at Clinic (S.U.D. and S.R.D.)	....	155
Number attending Paediatric Consultant (at Goole)		1
Number attending County Oculist	....	232
Number prescribed Spectacles	....	88
Number attending Speech Therapy	....	15
Number inspected in School by School M.O.	....	795
Number inspected in School by School Nurse	....	3942
Number of verminous heads	....	56
Tests for Subnormality	....	6
Re-examinations	....	1
Reported to M.D. Authority as ineducable	....	0
Recommended for Residential Schools	....	2
Attending Residential Schools	....	4
Reported for Care and Guidance	....	0
Audiometry tests by School Nurse	....	209
Audiometry tests by School M.O.	....	75

The following defects were found at medical inspections:

				Requiring treatment	For ob- servation
Verminous heads	....	....	....	56	—
Skin	....	....	....	4	9
Vision	....	....	....	93	30
Other eye conditions	....	....	....	1	1
Hearing	....	....	....	5	8
Other ear defects	....	....	....	3	2
Nose and throat	....	....	....	8	27
Speech	....	....	....	5	13
Cervical glands	....	....	....	1	—
Heart and circulation	....	....	....	2	2
Lungs	....	....	....	4	3
Developmental	....	....	....	1	—
Orthopaedic	....	....	....	15	17
Nervous System	....	....	....	—	1
Psychological	....	....	....	2	12
Enuresis	....	....	....	11	3
Other conditions	....	....	....	1	2



## 6. MATERNITY SERVICES.

**Ante-Natal Clinics:**

Number of patients attending	....	....	....	2
Total number of attendances	....	....	....	6
Number of sessions held	....	....	....	50

A Mothercraft and Relaxation Exercise Class for expectant mothers is held weekly and 559 attendances were made.

**Confined in Hospital:**

Leeds Hospitals	....	....	....	....	2
York Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	124
Other Maternity Homes	....	....	....	....	11
Total					137

**County Midwives.**

There were 101 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	....	....	371
Number of visits	....	....	8738
Gas and air analgesia	....	....	0
Trilene analgesia	....	....	246

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

Number of Nurses	....	....	6
Number of cases completed	....	....	397
Number of visits	....	....	10788

## 8. HOME HELPS.

Home Helps were employed for 81,497 hours attending cases in the Division.

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

Maternity	....	....	....	4
Chronic Sick (Over 65)	....	....	....	57
Chronic Sick (Under 65)	....	....	....	9
Others	....	....	....	5
Total				75

## 9. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Immunised during 1966.	Children under 5 years	163
	Children over 5 years	10
		<hr/> 173
	Refresher Dose	.... 283
		<hr/> Total 456

Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1966

Age—Years	0—1	1—4	5—9	10—14	Total Under 15
Number ....	72	626	652	681	2031
Percentage ....	85.6		83.3		84.1

## 10. IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH during 1966.

Under 6 months	....	....	....	....	....	55
6 months to 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	17
1 to 2 years	....	....	....	....	....	76
2 to 3 years	....	....	....	....	....	7
3 to 4 years	....	....	....	....	....	—
					Total	155

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

Number of acceptances in 1966	....	179
Pre-vaccination Tuberculin Tests:		
Positive (not requiring vaccination)	53	(23.8%)
Negative (requiring vaccination)	....	170 (76.2%)
Number vaccinated with B.C.G.	....	170

## 12. VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS.

Total registered, 31st December, 1966	....	....	7008
Vaccinated	....	....	6913

## 13. MENTAL HEALTH.

**Mental Health Act, 1959.**

The number of persons under care and guidance at the end of 1966 was as follows:—

	Male	Female	Total
Psychopathic	1	0	1
Mentally ill	9	13	22
Subnormal	6	11	17
Severely Subnormal	2	1	3

Admissions to Mental Hospitals by the Mental Welfare Officers during 1966 were as follows:—

	Male	Female	Total
Emergency Admissions	2	1	3
Admission for Observation	0	0	0
Admission for Treatment	1	0	1
Informal Admission	4	14	18

## 14. MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY 1966.

The Unit did not visit Selby during 1966.

**NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-51**

An elderly vagrant found living rough was removed on an Order to Part III accommodation in January. He absconded in April and resumed his travels.



## 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-1966)	45,840
(Census 1961)	.... 44,533

### DIVISIONAL HEALTH OFFICE AND STAFF

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Miss D. M. E. GOLDTHORPE.

Health Visitors and School Nurses:  
Mrs. B. BEAL, Miss D. M. BUTLER, Miss M. M. CHOONG, Mrs. M. DODSON, Mrs. M. HARGREAVES, Miss A. RIDSDALE, Miss D. M. ROBINSON, Mrs. A. SUTHERLAND (part-time).  
Assistants: Mrs. F. JARY, Mrs. E. A. ZAPH.

Home Nurses:  
Mrs. H. B. BEAUMONT, Mrs. S. CLAYBOURN, Mrs. M. LUND, Mrs. W. E. DUFFIN, Mrs. V. HARRIS, Mrs. S. E. HERRON, Mrs. J. SAWDON.

Domiciliary Midwives:  
Mrs. M. M. APPLEBY, Miss E. CLAYTON, Miss I. CAMPBELL, Miss H. ELLIS, Mrs. D. FRANKLIN, Mrs. M. E. HORNSHAW, Mrs. A. G. HORSFIELD, 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. J. ELLIS, Mrs. E. ROSE, Miss D. STOCKTON.

Speech Therapy:  
Vacant.

Welfare Officer:  
Mr. N. SUTCLIFFE.

Clerical:  
Senior Clerk: Mr. R. TOWELL. Deputy Senior Clerk: Mr. G. N. NOWILL. Mrs. N. ALMOND, Miss K. D. AVIS, Miss S. L. BRAMHAM, Mrs. M. E. BRYARS (part-time), Miss K. KISTELL, Mr. J. LAWTON, Mrs. M. READSHAW (part-time), Miss J. E. SMAJE.

## CLINICS

(30.6.67)

The following Child Welfare, Maternity, School Health Services and Specialists' Clinics are held in the 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

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.

Dr. L. Wittels 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.



## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a report on the work of the Health Department during 1966. I am indebted for much of the report to the work carried out by my predecessor, Mr. W. Little, who retired from the office of Public Health Inspector in August, 1966.

### PART I—FOOD HYGIENE AND INSPECTION

#### (a) Meat and Food Inspection.

Two private slaughterhouses were licenced by the Council under the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, at the beginning of the year, and both licences were renewed in July, 1966, for a further twelve-monthly period.

All animals slaughtered were inspected and marked under the provisions of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, and the following table gives details of these inspections:

	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
Number inspected ....	264	407	2
Number killed ....	264	407	2
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:			
(a) Whole carcasses condemned ....	0	0	0
(b) Part or some organ condemned	28	0	0

No carcasses or parts of carcasses were condemned for tuberculosis or cysticerci and the animals killed were of a high standard.

Regular visits were paid to a bacon wholesale warehouse and to retail shops and school canteens to inspect meat and food as necessary. The following gives quantities of food surrendered or condemned:—

	Tons	Cwts.	Lbs.
Meat at slaughterhouses ....		6	10
Meat at wholesale premises ....		19	107
Canned meats ....		2	39
Frozen foods ....		3	102
Canned fruit, fish and vegetables ....			82
	1	13	4

Unsound food was disposed of by incineration or burying on the refuse tip.

The Council did not make any Orders under the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations, 1966, to specify days and times of slaughtering, as no difficulty was experienced in obtaining one hundred per cent inspection.

At the beginning of the year eight slaughtermen's licences were renewed for a period of twelve months.

## **(b) Food and Drugs Act, 1955.**

### **(i) Milk Supplies.**

No samples of milk were taken by the Urban District Inspector but regular samples were taken by the West Riding County Council. Ten samples of Pasteurised milk satisfied the Methylene Blue and Phosphatase tests, and one sample was found to give a positive result for Brucellosis on the Ring test. A culture, however, showed a negative result and a further sample submitted to the Ring test was negative.

### **(ii) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.**

The following list gives details of premises subject to these regulations with information on washing facilities:—



Type of Business	No.	No. of premises with wash-hand basins	No. of premises requiring facilities for washing food	No. of premises having facilities for washing food
Butchers Shops ....	20	20	20	20
Bakehouses & Bread Shops	10	10	8	10
Catering Premises ....	12	12	12	12
Food Wholesalers ....	2	2	2	2
Fried Fish Shops ....	10	10	10	10
Grocers ....	36	36	31	33
Greengrocers ....	13	13	13	13
Licensed Houses ....	28	28	28	28
Sweets, etc. ....	16	16	7	9
School Canteens ....	4	4	4	4
Wet Fish Shops ....	1	1	1	1
	152	152	136	142

Seven written notices were served during the year and the defects remedied. Some premises still rely on portable wash basins, and every effort is being made to provide fixed basins where possible.

### (iii) Registered Premises.

The following premises are registered under the provisions of the Act:

Manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Food ....	8
Sale and Storage of Ice-cream ....	42

No ice-cream is manufactured within the district. Ice-cream is also available from seven mobile vans and eight premises exempt from registration (i.e. cafes, cinema).

One sample of ice-cream was examined and reported by the Public Health Laboratory as Grade 1.

### (iv) Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

An open market is held on Mondays and sixteen stalls sell food. These stalls were regularly inspected throughout the year. Towards the end of the year the new Regulations were issued to come into operation on 1st January, 1967; a survey was made and all stall occupiers informed of their liabilities under the new Regulations.

## PART II — HOUSING.

No Clearance Areas were declared during the year and no Orders made to demolish or close unfit houses. Early in 1966 a clearance programme of fifty houses was accepted by the Council.

Nineteen informal notices were served on owners to carry out repairs and the work was completed by the year end.

Improvement of private houses was continued, and I am indebted to your Surveyor for the following figures:—

No. of applications for Standard Grants received	33
No. of dwellings improved during the year	34
Amount paid in grants	£4108/6/9

Since the introduction of the present system of grants in 1959 it is interesting to note that 185 houses have been improved by voluntary requests with the aid of Council grants.

Although the Housing Act, 1964, makes provision for the declaration of Improvement Areas, many consider the machinery difficult to administer, and no such area improvement was contemplated by the Council during the year.

### Rent Act, 1957.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received.

### Houses in Multiple Occupation.

Selby is fortunate in not having a large number of houses let off to separate families, and at the end of the year only 12 were known. These were being visited and the requirements of the Act enforced.

### New Development.

New housing development was continued by the Council and private developers, the Council commencing to build 32 two-bedroomed bungalows on D'Arcy Road. Private developers built 65 houses during 1966.

## PART III — MOVABLE DWELLINGS.

At the beginning of the year one site at Millgate, Selby, was licensed under the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, and following complaints about its condition the Council allowed the operator six months to comply with the licence conditions. These were carried out, and regular inspections ensured compliance with the licence conditions.



A further site was not licensed until near the end of the year owing to the necessity of solving planning difficulties. A licence was eventually issued and the operator then took steps to provide the necessary sewage treatment plant and was in the process of obtaining quotations at the year end.

Number of site licences operating as at 31/12/66 ....	2
Maximum number of caravans permitted ....	47
Actual caravans on sites ....	32

No tented camping sites are available within the area of the Urban District, but as the popularity of this type of holiday is on the increase it is possible that such a facility will be provided in the future. Although not applicable to the subject under consideration, it is interesting to note that a national organisation has provided a floating hostel on the Selby Canal, and it would appear that Selby could become a tourist centre by virtue of its excellent situation and amenities.

## PART IV — CLEAN AIR.

### (i) **Industrial Smoke Control.**

Observations of industrial chimneys were taken over the period under review but no notices were issued and no legal proceedings instituted. Generally speaking the larger factories have adequate plant to comply with the provisions of the Act. At one factory a decision had been taken to change over from coal to oil firing in 1967, and the Council's Baths Committee have agreed to the installation of an underfeed stoker for the Baths boiler. These improvements should show a further decline in industrial emissions.

### (ii) **Domestic Smoke Control.**

No smoke control areas have been declared or are envisaged for the time being. An increase in the use of smokeless fuels, however, is noticed, particularly in new development and by persons finding that solid smokeless fuels, gas and electricity do give improved conditions in the home.

## PART V — HYGIENE IN WORK PLACES.

### (a) **Factories Act, 1961.**

Local authorities have power under this Act to deal with cleanliness, overcrowding, etc., in factories without power, and sanitary accommodation in factories where mechanical power is used. The table gives details of this work:

Premises	No. 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 ....	1	0	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	71	12	2	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excl. out-workers' premises) ....	6	3	0	0
Total ....	78	15	2	0

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases prosecutions instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ....	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ....	2	1	0	2	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	0	4	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ....	0	0	0	0	0
Total ....	6	5	0	6	0

### Outwork.

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in Aug. list required by Sec. 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel— Making, etc. ....	2	0	0	0	0	0



**(b) Office, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.**

The table gives details of registrations and general inspections. A total of 51 contraventions of the Act were noted during the year. One accident was reported.

Class of Premises	No. of Premises registered during year	Total No. at end of year	No. receiving a general inspection
Offices ....	6	45	12
Retail Shops ....	12	101	26
Wholesale Shops, Wareh'ses	—	5	—
Catering Establishments ....	1	13	4
	19	164	42

**PART VI—PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS.**

During the first part of the year rodent control was carried out by one operator working every alternate week. For some time during the summer no operator was employed and consequently only urgent work carried out. No treatments of sewers could be carried out during the year.

Towards the end of the year the Council agreed to the appointment of a full-time rodent operator/handyman, and it was then possible to begin the expansion of this work.

The table gives details of work carried out.

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1 Number of properties in district ....	4594	23
2 (a) Total number of properties (incl. nearby premises) inspected following notifications ....	68	—
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats ....	56	—
(ii) Mice ....	11	—
3 (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification ....	27	—
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats ....	20	—
(ii) Mice ....	—	—

## **PART VII — ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.**

### **(a) Nuisances.**

The abatement of nuisances is one of the primary duties of the health official, and complaints investigated include such items as dust from works, drain smells, accumulations of offensive matter, worn out dustbins, etc. At the beginning of the year four informal notices were outstanding and twenty-two issued during the year. Twenty-one were abated, leaving five outstanding at the year end. 64 visits were made to release and cleanse obstructed drains and sewers.

Although in rather a different category, several complaints were made of dogs fouling public streets and places, and it is hoped that all owners of these pets will take every care to ensure that the public, and particularly small children, are not subjected to nuisance by unhealthy and obnoxious deposits.

### **(b) Sewage Disposal.**

Work was well in hand by the year end, under the direction of your Surveyor and Consulting Engineers, on the provision of sewage disposal works for partial treatment of sewage, together with relay pumping stations, main pumping sewer and outfall sewers.

### **(c) Refuse Collection.**

Under the direction of your Surveyor an excellent weekly collection of refuse is carried out; disposal is by controlled tipping on the Bondgate tip. Regular treatments of the tip for rat and fly infestations were carried out.

### **(d) Water Supply.**

Water is supplied throughout the district by the Pontefract, Goole and Selby Joint Water Board. No bacteriological samples were obtained in 1966, but a group of samples taken early in 1967 from dwellings, etc., showed the water to be of a satisfactory standard. Apart from isolated premises, all properties have a water supply piped inside the dwellings, shops, etc.

### **(e) Swimming Bath.**

An additional amenity provided during the year was the opening of a children's pool in addition to the main bath. Water to both pools is supplied from the mains, where it is



subject to chlorination, and breakpoint chlorination is carried out at the Baths. Four samples of water from the baths were examined at the laboratory and were satisfactory.

(f) **Noise Abatement Act, 1960.**

No complaints were received of noise nuisance.

(g) **Public Health Laboratory Service.**

Bacteriological examination of swimming bath, ice-cream and food specimens were undertaken by the Public Health Laboratory at Hull, and one records thanks to the Director, Dr. McCoy, and his staff, for their help.

## **PART VIII.**

May I, in conclusion, thank Mrs. B. Wiseman for her great help and assistance, and also the Members and Officers of the Council for their help, kindness and understanding.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

N. BUCKLE,

Public Health Inspector.

July, 1967.

