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SKELTON AND BROTON
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT
for the Year 1960

of the Medical Officer of Health

T. M. B. ROHAN,
M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.





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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE
SKELTON & BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the annual report for the year 1960.

The Medical Officer of Health during 1960 was Dr. P. Brodwin who resigned from the appointment early in 1961.

During the year there were 34 cases of Infectious Diseases notified. Measles, which had a complement of 304 tagged to its name for 1959, fell to 4 in 1960; naturally all those at risk had developed their own active immunity. Whooping Cough accounted for 9 notifications and it is gratifying to note that it was not responsible for any death. Here I would like to emphasize the importance of immunizing children against every disease for which protection is available; so many parents adopt the attitude that "it cannot happen to me" and fail to use the services offered by the local health authorities for the protection of their children. The total number of deaths notified during the year was 159. Diseases of the heart and circulation were responsible for most of these but deaths from cancer showed an appreciable increase over the previous year's figures.

The attendance at clinics continued to show a rising trend with more people availing themselves of the services offered.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee; Mr. Stewart, Clerk of the Council and Mr. Rhodes, Public Health Inspector, for their help and co-operation. I would also like to acknowledge the great help and hard work of Mr. Nuttall and Miss Fox in the District Health Office.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1962.

TABLE 1**Public Health Officers**

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. P. Brodbin		
Public Health Inspectors	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspector	Mr. E. Ward		Mr. W. Murray

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Skelton and Brotton Area.

Miss M. Nuttall	Health Visitor (commenced duty 1/5/60)
Miss E. A. Carswell	Health Visitor/School Nurse (resigned 17/9/60)
Miss J. A. F. Bauld	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Miss L. Sanders	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss A. Wardhaugh	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. B. R. Brown	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss M. E. Smith	District Nurse/Midwife (resigned 30/9/60)
Miss G. E. Robson	District Nurse/Midwife (commenced duty 1/10/60)
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Miss D. E. Fox	Clerk/Typist

Statistics Statistics of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1960 is 13,140, as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1959 of 13,030.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres	....	....	15,419
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books	....	....	4,259
3. Rateable Value	....	....	£88,107
4. Sum represented by a penny rate at 31/3/59	....	....	£351

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

			MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	....	....	111	114	225
Legitimate	....	....	106	111	217
Illegitimate	....	....	5	3	8
Still Births	....	....	3	2	5
Legitimate	....	....	3	2	5
Illegitimate	....	....	—	—	—

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

			MALE	FEMALE
Total	....	....	2	4
Legitimate	....	....	1	4
Illegitimate	....	....	1	—

The number of births registered being 225 gives a corrected birth-rate of 17.4 per 1,000 of the population ; compared to 17.1 for England and Wales. 6 infants under the age of one year died giving an infant mortality rate of 26.5 per 1,000 live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 21.9.

TABLE 3 — Vital Statistics

CAUSES OF DEATH

	MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	1
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningo-coccal infection	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	5	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	—	6
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	—	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	8	7
Leukaemia	—	1
Diabetes	—	3
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	10	13
Coronary Disease, Angina	19	17
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	1
Other Heart Diseases	7	14
Other Circulatory Diseases	7	2
Influenza	—	—
Pneumonia	2	2
Bronchitis	4	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	—
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	—	1
Congenital malformations	—	—
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	2	7
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1
All other accidents	4	3
Suicide	—	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—
ALL CAUSES	77	82

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 159 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 14.1 per 1,000 of population compared to 11.5 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1960

(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	16	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	7
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	4	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	9	—	—	1	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningo-coccal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases other than tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis:

One new case of respiratory tuberculosis was notified during the year and none of non-respiratory tuberculosis.

There ~~were no~~ ^{was one} deaths from tuberculosis during 1960.

TABLE 5

Immunisation and Vaccination

Immunisation against Diphtheria

	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	109	29	33	171
Reinforcing	—	5	109	114

Immunisation against Whooping Cough

	0 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
	144	—	144

Combined Vaccination (Diphtheria and Whooping Cough)

	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
	27	3	—	30

Vaccination (Smallpox)

PRIMARY	RE-VACCINATION
60	4

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

PRIMARY	REINFORCING
542	1694

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

2. National Health Service Act, 1946

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee met every two months. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service	Home Nursing
Prevention of illness: Care and After Care	Health Visiting
Ambulance Service	Midwifery
Vaccination and Immunization	Care of Mothers and Young Children.

3. Voluntary Care Committee

I would like to record the work done by this Body for the welfare of persons suffering from Tuberculosis and other illnesses. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Honorary Secretary, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough (Telephone: Guisborough 321).

4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.

No procedure has been taken during the year.

SKELTON & BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

COUNCIL OFFICES,

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

To the Chairman and Members of

Skelton & Brotton Urban District Council.

MADAM CHAIRMAN, LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my third Annual Report to the Council for the year 1960.

Housing is still the most serious public health problem in the area. At least 100 houses at the present time are fit only for demolition; many others are in need of repair but could be made reasonably fit, under the existing statutory housing standards, for perhaps 10 or 15 years. However, there are many streets of terraced houses, which on the whole, have been badly built and poorly maintained, and although they can be given a face-lift for a period they are approaching the end of their useful life. The Council will need to carry out further clearance schemes at a later date. Improvements such as the provision of baths, internal w.c's, etc., could not be made to some of these houses because of lack of accommodation and yard space. There are others, however, where this difficulty does not arise but which are structurally poor and badly arranged on the sites. Improvements should not be made in these cases. The Council could earmark such houses for clearance schemes in later years. In other words, houses in the area would be divided into those which have a life of 25 years or more, and those which have a life of less than 15 years.

I am pleased to record that the Council agreed to the appointment of an Assistant Public Health Inspector during the year. There is a lot of work to be done in this area and the increase in staff will be a great help.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their encouragement during the year, to all my colleagues for their help and co-operation, and particularly to my clerk, Mrs. M. E. Simon, whose work has been invaluable.

Certain information in the Report relating to Council housing, sewerage, improvement grants, etc. has been kindly provided by your Clerk and Surveyor.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. RHODES,

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Generally

During 1960 I spent more time in connection with closet conversions than any other aspect of the work of the Department. As 226 of the conversions completed in the year were done by the Council a considerable amount of time was spent on preparing specifications and supervising works—a total of 1,763 visits were required.

A survey in order to prepare a list of unfit houses was continued throughout the year.

Daily routine work such as meat inspection and the investigation of housing complaints, nuisances, etc. made it impossible to carry out routine inspections of food premises, factories and farms.

Further detailed comments are given under the appropriate headings.

A summary of visits made is tabulated below:—

TABLE 6

	No. of Inspections
Dwellinghouses	826
Conversions	1763
Slaughterhouses	628
Factories	—
Food Premises	28
Water Supplies	70
Drainage and Sewerage	53
Pests	36
Infectious Diseases	6
Miscellaneous	89
TOTAL	3499

WATER SUPPLY

With the exception of Charltons and some outlying farms and cottages water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Table 7 summarises the position as follows:

TABLE 7

Number of houses having mains supply in pipes inside	4080
Number of houses supplied by standpipes	166
Number of houses supplied by wells and springs	130

10 samples of water were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. Details are given in Table 8.

TABLE 8

Area	No. of Samples	Result	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Brotton	2	2	—
North Skelton	2	2	—
Skelton	2	2	—
Boosbeck	1	1	—
Lingdale	1	1	—
Charltons	2	—	2

All samples taken from the mains supply were reported to be satisfactory. Unsatisfactory samples were again obtained from the private supply at Charltons. The scheme to connect this village to the water mains of The Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board was substantially completed in December, 1960, and it is hoped that each house will have a satisfactory supply inside at an early date.

A few parts of the district served by the mains supply suffered from lack of pressure. New mains were laid in the Yeoman Street area, Skelton, and a scheme to improve the supply to the Day Street/Errington Street area of Brotton was in hand. Works were also carried out which improved the pressure to certain houses at The Hills, Skelton.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

With the exception of outlying houses and farms and the village of Moorsholm, the district is served by public sewers discharging to the sea. Sewage disposal works owned by the Council receive the sewage from the village of Moorsholm. These works are inadequate and a scheme to provide a new sewage disposal works at a cost of £20,000 is under active consideration.

Some lengths of sewer damaged by mining subsidence need re-laying. Sewers laid and repaired during 1960 were:—

New sewers laid	6" — 360 lin. yards
	9" — 170 lin. yards
Old sewers re-laid	12" — 60 lin. yards

CLOSET CONVERSIONS

The Council continued to make grants of up to £10 towards the cost of converting pan-closets to water closets.

Of the 356 conversions completed 226 were done by the Council. A considerable amount of work was involved but this method achieved quick results and although the Council were required to pay one half of the cost of the works this worked out at £10 : 5 : 6½d. per conversion—only 5/6½d. more than under the voluntary grant scheme.

It is hoped that most of the 379 remaining pan closets will have been abolished by the end of 1961. However, a number of these are situated in parts of the district which are not sewered and form a separate problem to be tackled at a later date.

Table 9 summarises the position at the end of the year.

TABLE 9

Number of conversions carried out under voluntary grant scheme	....	....	124
Number of conversions carried out by Council	....	....	226
Number of conversions carried out in connection with Improvement Grants and Standard Grants	....	....	6
Number of pan closets remaining	....	....	379

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the district.

Refuse disposal was by controlled tipping at the Brotton Tip throughout the year.

The time lost during the year in sickness amounted to 616 man/hours. For the financial year ended 31st March, 1961, the cost of the service was estimated at £7,190. Other details relating to this service were:—

Total mileage of vehicles	....	....	16,584
Loads of refuse collected and tipped	....	....	3,882
Approximate weight of refuse	....	....	7,764
Trade refuse collected—Loads	....	....	16
Bins	....	....	1,074

FACTORIES

Tables 10 and 11 give details of factory inspection work carried out during the year. It has not been possible to carry out routine inspections of the 56 factories in the area.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the

Factories Act, 1937

Part I of the Act

TABLE 10

1. Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1 to 6 are enforced	22	—	—	—
2. Factories in which Section 7 is enforced	33	—	—	—
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced	1	—	—	—
TOTALS	56	—	—	—

TABLE 11

2. Cases where defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation	0	0	0	0
Ineffective Drainage of Floors	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

No outworkers were reported in the Urban District during the year.

Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956.

Under this Act local authorities have the duty of requiring, in certain circumstances, the provision of sanitary conveniences on farms where workers are employed, and ensuring that conveniences are kept clean.

There are 90 farms in the district and it has not been possible to carry out a survey.

HOUSING

A considerable amount of my time was spent on housing repair work. All complaints were investigated and informal notices served where necessary, but it was not possible to follow up the notices in many instances. There are many houses in need of repair. Unfortunately, urgent works to roofs, eavesgutters, etc. are often neglected and soon give rise to additional defects; it is in an owner's own interest to attend to such repairs quickly. As some owners ignore both informal and statutory notices works had to be carried out by the Council in some cases—unfortunately, owing to the amount of work involved, only a limited number of houses can be dealt with in this way.

Many houses are only fit to be included in a slum clearance programme, and by the end of the year the survey necessary to prepare a list of such properties was almost complete.

TABLE 12
Housing Appendix—Statistics

1. <i>Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year</i>			
1.	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	196	
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	826	
2.	(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) (above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	—	
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	—	
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	65	
4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	121	
2. <i>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices</i>			
(1)	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	24	
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the year</i>			
A. Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957			
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	24	
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices		
(a)	By Owners	5	
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	7	
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts			
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	26	
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices		
(a)	By Owners	23	
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	1	
C. Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 26, 27 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957			
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	1	
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demo- lition Orders	—	
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses subject to undertaking or closing orders	7	
(4)	No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the premises having been rendered fit	—	

Housing Statistics—continued

4. *Housing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding*

(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	....	Not known
(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	....	1

Improvement Grants

Number of Improvement Grants made	....	....	....	31
Number of Improvement Grants refused	....	....	....	Nil
Number of Standard Grants made	....	....	....	13

Rent Act, 1957

39 visits were made to houses in connection with the Rent Act, 1957, and many enquiries were dealt with at the office.

TABLE 13

Number of applications for Certificate of Disrepair	....	6
Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued	....	1
Number of Undertakings Accepted	....	5
Number of Applications for Certificates as to Remedying of Defects	....	—
Number of Certificates as to Remedying of Defects issued	....	—
Number of Applications for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair	....	3
Number of Certificates of Disrepair cancelled	....	1
Number of Refusals to cancel Certificates of Disrepair	....	2

New Housing

Number of Council houses erected during year	....	16
Number of private houses erected during year	....	29

Council Housing

The Council own 541 houses and 5 shops as follows:—

	Houses	Shops
Skelton	131	—
Brotton	270	5
Boosbeck	108	—
Lingdale	32	—
	—	—
Total	541	5

Re-housing

No. of families re-housed during year	43
No. of housing applicants as at 31st December, 1960	233

Analysis of Waiting List

Accommodation Required	Number of applicants
Bungalows	88
Houses—	
Skelton	53
Lingdale	6
Boosbeck	8
Brotton	19
Hollybush	—
More than one estate	59
	233

FOOD

General

There are 147 food premises in the area, and 78 of these are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The premises may be classified as follows:—

Public Houses	20
Off-Licence Premises	7
Clubs (5 Workingmen's Clubs, 1 British Legion, 4 Institutes)	10
Fish and Chip Shops	14
Grocers, Confectioners, General Dealers	87
Bakehouses	6
Ice Cream Retailers	52
Butchers	14
Greengrocers	1
Cafes and Canteens	3

28 visits were made to various food premises. Regular inspections should be carried out, particularly of those premises where foods are prepared, but this has not been possible.

Milk

The Council is responsible for the issue of licences and registrations as shown in Table 14 and 15, and for retail milk sampling.

TABLE 14

Issue of Licences for Milk Dealers

Classification of Milk	Dealers' Licences
Tuberculin Tested	8
Pasteurised	20
Sterilised	4

TABLE 15

Milk Registrations

Number of Milk Distributors registered	12
Number of Dairy Premises registered	7

Samples of "Pasteurised" milks taken during the year were found to be satisfactory.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are 5 private slaughterhouses which are licensed by the Council. Two slaughterhouses are being used for the slaughter of animals for sale outside the area in addition to local trade.

In October, 1960, the Council submitted a report under Section 3 of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, on the existing and probable future requirements of the area for slaughterhouse facilities and the slaughterhouse facilities which are, or are likely to become, available to meet those requirements. The report included a recommendation that the 1st July, 1961, be the day appointed by the Minister for new construction regulations to apply to all slaughterhouses in the area. Four of the existing slaughterhouses in the area are being extended and improved in order to comply with the new construction standards. It is anticipated that one slaughterhouse will close.

The number of animals slaughtered in the area showed a large increase during the year—5,904 animals were inspected as compared with 3,215 in 1958, and 3,559 in 1959. 604 visits were made for meat inspection purposes and this figure includes regular Sunday and evening visits. In addition, 24 visits were made to slaughterhouses outside the area under an arrangement made with Saltburn and Marske U.D.C. regarding relief meat inspection work.

There are 15 licensed slaughtermen in the district.

TABLE 16

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	931	97	29	3830	1017	—
Number inspected	931	97	29	3830	1017	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	1	2	5	1	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	194	40	2	239	43	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tubercu- losis and cysticerci	20.84%	46.39%	6.2%	6.37%	4.33%	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5	—	—	—	30	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	.54%	—	—	—	2.96%	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	6	2	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	6	2	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE 17
FRESH MEAT CONDEMNATIONS DURING 1960

Reason for Condemnation	BEASTS		COWS		CALVES		SHEEP		PIGS		Total lb
	Car- case lb	Offal lb	Car- case lb	Offal lb	Car- case lb	Offal lb	Car- case lb	Offal lb	Car- case lb	Offal lb	
Actino Bacillosis	—	70	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	84
Tuberculosis	—	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	414	448
C. Bovis	—	82	—	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	121
Cirrhosis	—	294	—	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	334
Abscesses	—	190	—	32	—	—	—	14	—	1	237
Angioma	—	130	—	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	161
Pneumonia	—	18	—	—	—	4	35	1	—	8	66
Hydronephrosis	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	2	10
Milk Spots	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Bruising and Injuries	—	30	—	151	—	—	55	—	—	5	241
Parasites	—	1166	—	209	—	5	38	510	—	132	2060
Septicaemia	—	—	360	—	60	—	115	—	—	—	535
Bacterial Necrosis	—	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
Contamination	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
Miscellaneous	—	10	—	—	60	—	—	21	35	—	126
TOTAL		2124	360	524	120	9	243	546	35	574	4535
Put into Cold Storage	2911	—	1076	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3987

All food was voluntarily surrendered and, after being coloured with acid green dye, was mostly disposed of to the Council's refuse tip.

Adulteration

Sampling of food, etc. for this purpose is undertaken by the County Weights and Measures Office and the District Inspector has kindly supplied the following information regarding samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act in the Urban District during 1960.

Milk Samples	....	21
Foods other than milk		17

All the samples taken were reported to be genuine and no proceedings were instituted.

CLEAN AIR

No complaints of smoke nuisances were received during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

The rodent operator appointed jointly by Loftus U.D.C. and Skelton and Brotton U.D.C. has continued his duties in the two areas, and the arrangement has worked satisfactorily. The Council's sewers were treated twice, and no infestations were found on the second treatment.

In September a scheme to treat farms on a contract basis was started. Under this arrangement a farmer pays an amount up to £5 per annum, and in return his premises are treated on four or more occasions during the year. Eight farms are now participating in this scheme.

"Warfarin" has been used to treat all the infestations during 1960. This poison gives very good results and the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is followed.

Details of work done are set out below.

	Inspections	Treatments
Domestic Premises	15	58
Business Premises	8	3
Allotments	37	13
Farms	123	9
Council Tips and Buildings	—	5
Sewers	—	2

DISINFESTATIONS

Seven infestations were dealt with.

CARAVAN SITES

In accordance with the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, all sites in the area were reviewed. At the end of the year five sites were licensed as follows:—

Hilltop, Brotton	50 caravans
Hollybush	20 „
Airey Hill Lane, Skelton Green	15 „
Slapewath	4 „
Margrove Park Road, Boosbeck	1 „

Twenty-one visits were made to sites during the year.

KNACKER'S YARD

The Knacker's Yard at Charltons was again licensed and periodical visits were made.

