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REPORT

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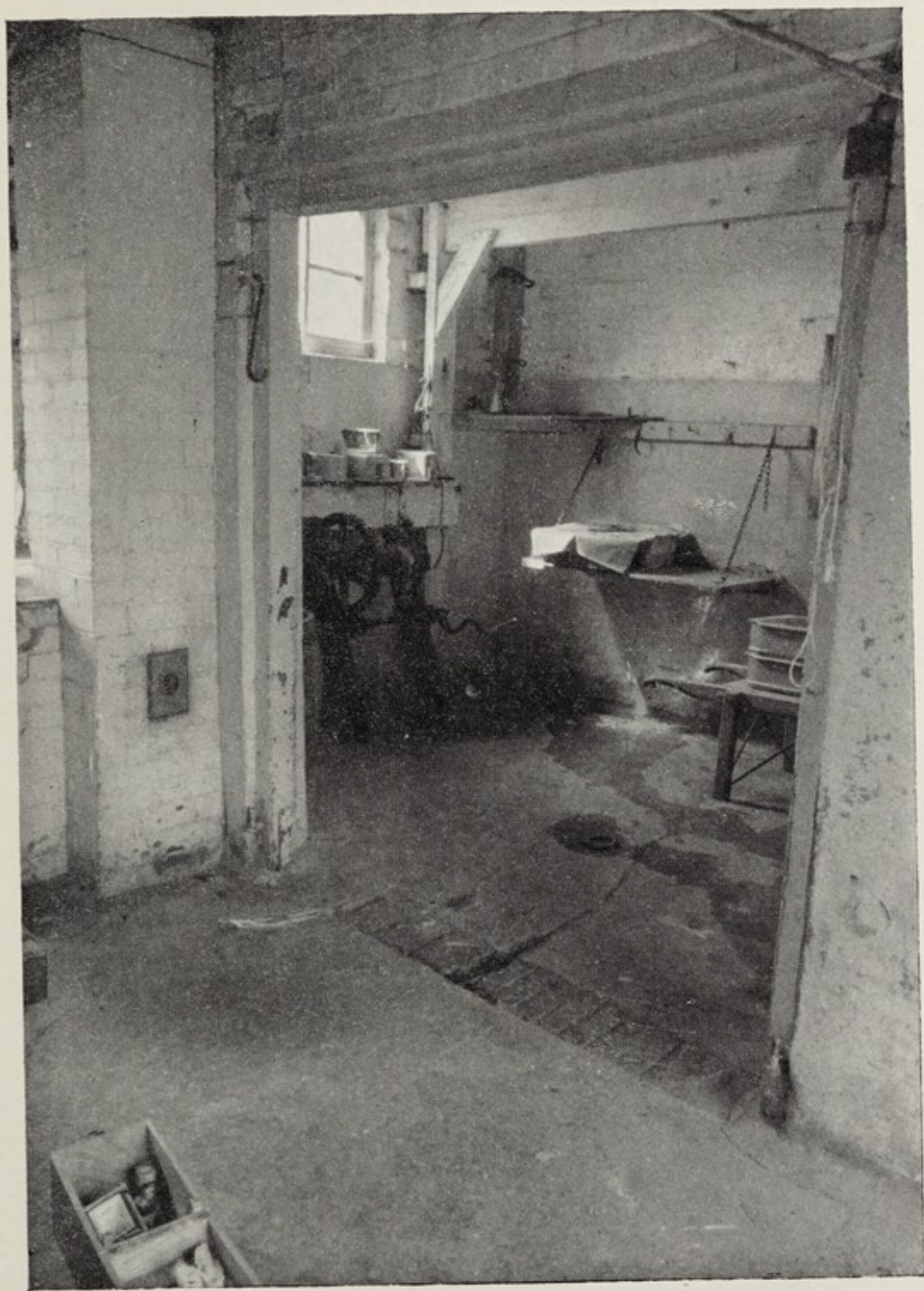
Chief Public Health Inspector

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Year 1958

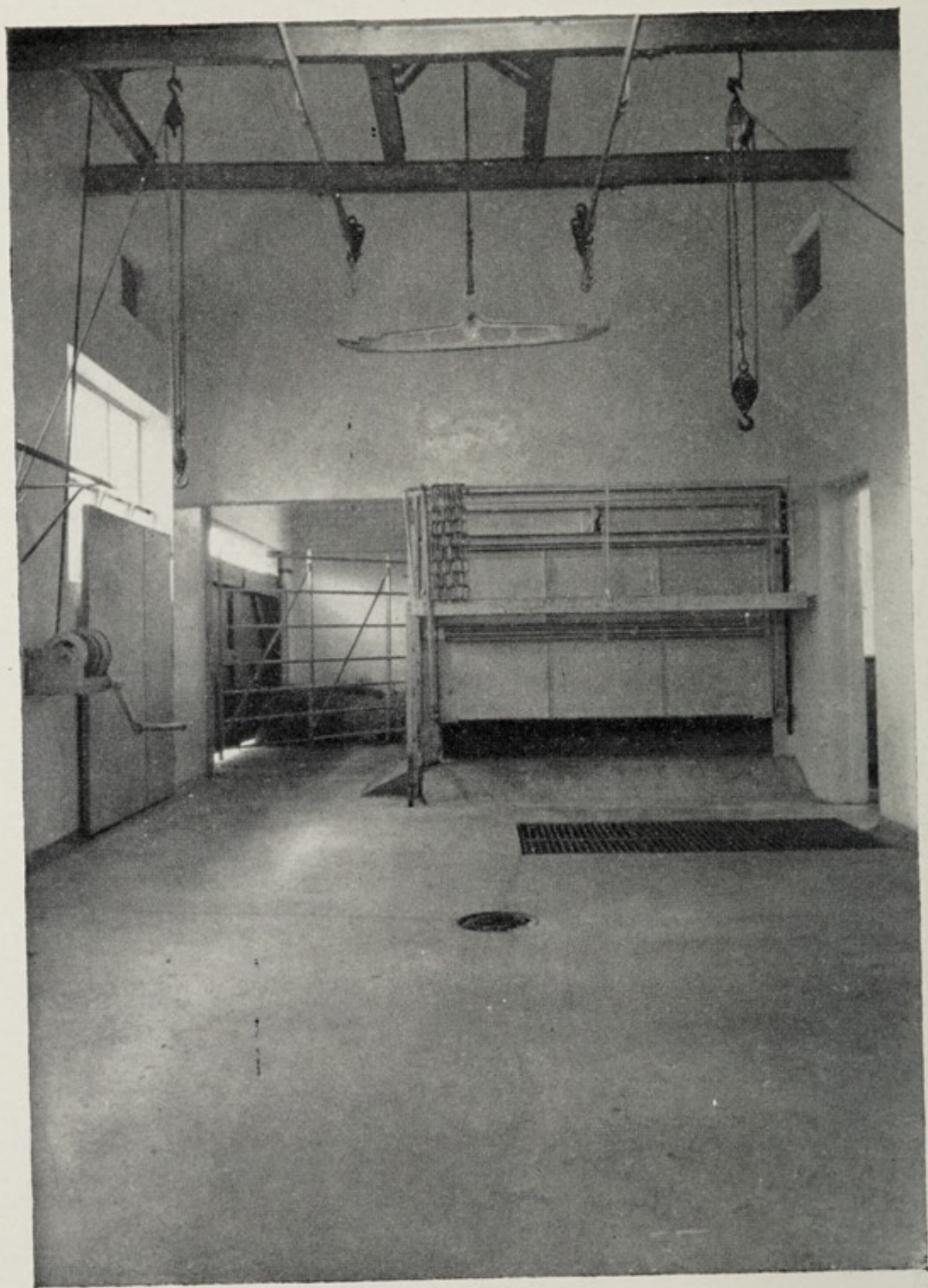






PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE—IN USE UP TO FEBRUARY, 1959.

These badly designed, unhygienic slaughterhouses are being replaced by modern, well designed, slaughterhouses (*see over*).



PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE OPENED FEBRUARY, 1959.

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Spalding Rural District Council,
Council Offices,
Priory Road,
Spalding.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Spalding Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the health of your District for the Year 1958.

One Slum Clearance scheme was completed in May, 1958 as a result of which 10 families are moving into new homes this year. In addition 23 individual unfit houses were dealt with and 14 families re-housed. The value of these operations cannot be measured accurately but I am sure that there is a considerable improvement in health and happiness as a result of the re-housing activities of the Council. On the other hand it must always be remembered that re-housing creates its own social problems and a considerable amount of misunderstanding and perplexity can result if the families who are involved are not kept regularly informed of all developments. This is particularly so in the case of old people, some of whom are overwhelmed, sometimes, by the size and modern facilities of a conventional two bedroomed bungalow. The Council needs to give special consideration to the needs and anxieties of lonely old people.

The numerous drains, dykes and ditches which abound in your district do, from time to time, create a nuisance for one reason or another. Unfortunately the various statutory authorities are not always willing to tackle these problems. Each Authority stands firm on a legal pin-point when what is needed is a bold march forward on a proud basis of co-operation. Only in this way can we hope to remove the chronic irritating little nuisances which do arise from these water-ways, and while not a serious risk to health, are none the less trying for those who happen to be living nearby.

I remain,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. P. BURROWES,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

The area of the district is 87,758 acres with a resident population (1951 census) of 18,723.

The average population given by the Registrar General for the calculation of death rates is 18,970.

The number of inhabited houses according to the rate books is distributed as follows :

Cowbit	...	...	...	...	194
Crowland	...	...	...	...	980
Deeping St. Nicholas	...	...	...	...	584
Donington	...	...	...	...	659
Gosberton	...	...	...	...	771
Moulton	...	...	...	...	853
Pinchbeck	...	...	...	...	1239
Quadring	...	...	...	...	345
Surfleet	...	...	...	...	348
Weston	...	...	...	...	452
Total					<hr/> 6435 <hr/>

The rateable value of the district is £104,957 and the sum represented by a penny rate is £385.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LIVE BIRTHS				M.		F.		Total
Legitimate		155	...	160	...	315
Illegitimate		5	...	5	...	10
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				160		165		325

Live birth rate per 1,000 estimated population—16.79.

Illegitimate live births—3.08% of total live births.

STILL BIRTHS				M.		F.		Total
Legitimate		3	...	5	...	8
Illegitimate		1	...	—	...	1
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				4		5		9

Still birth rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births—26.95.

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

				M.		F.		Total
Legitimate		158	...	165	...	323
Illegitimate		6	...	5	...	11
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				164		170		334

DEATHS

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

M.		F.		Total
103	...	86	...	189

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population—10.96.

INFANT DEATHS

Deaths during first year of life.

				M.		F.		Total
Legitimate		5	...	4	...	9
Illegitimate		—	...	—	...	—
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				5		4		9

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births—27.69.

Legitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births—28.57.

Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births—Nil.

Neo Natal (First Four Weeks) Mortality rate per 1,000 live births—24.62.

MATERNAL DEATHS

Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion—Nil.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1958

	M.	F.	Total
1. Respiratory Tuberculosis	0	0	0
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0	0
3. Syphilitic disease	0	0	0
4. Diphtheria	0	0	0
5. Whooping Cough	0	0	0
6. Meningococcal infections	0	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
8. Measles	0	0	0
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	0	0
10. Malignant neoplasm stomach	5	3	8
11. Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	3	1	4
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	1	1
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	0	0
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	12	13	25
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	2	0	2
16. Diabetes	0	2	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	15	12	27
18. Coronary disease, angina	17	8	25
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
20. Other heart diseases	18	14	32
21. Other circulatory diseases	5	5	10
22. Influenza	0	1	1
23. Pneumonia	4	2	6
24. Bronchitis	0	1	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	0	0	0
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	0	0
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	0	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	3	2	5
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	0	0	0
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0
31. Congenital malformations	1	2	3
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	10	14	24
33. Motor vehicle Accidents	4	0	4
34. All other accidents	1	3	4
35. Suicide	1	1	2
36. Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0
Total	103	86	189

CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG INFANTS—1958

Table 1

CAUSES OF DEATH		Age First Year											
		First Four Weeks				First Three Months			The Four Quarters				Total
		0-1	-2	-3	-4	*0-1	-2	-3	*1	2	3	4	*0-1
a	{ Congenital Malformations	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	-	-	-	3
	{ Prematurity	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
	{ Atelectasis and Dis. of Early Infancy	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
	{ Marasmus, Debility and Icterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
b	{ Diarrhoea & Diseases of Digestive System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ Urinary Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ Diseases of Circulation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
c	{ Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
d	{ Convulsions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ Inflammation of Brain and Membranes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
e	{ Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
f	{ Tuberculosis of :—												
	{ (a) Brain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ (b) Abdomen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ (c) Lungs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	{ (d) Other Forms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
g	Syphilis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
h	Accidents due to Difficult Labour	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
i	Other Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL CAUSES		7	1	-	-	8	1	-	9	-	-	-	9

* This column includes all deaths in preceding columns.

COMMENTARY ON THE VITAL STATISTICS

The figures for the Live Birth Rate and the Death Rate have been corrected by using the comparability factor supplied by the Registrar General. This factor makes a correction for the age and sex composition of the local population and these figures may therefore be compared with those for England and Wales.

	Spalding Rural District	England and Wales
Live Birth Rate	16.79	16.4
Death Rate	10.96	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate	27.69	22.5

There were eight deaths from accidents as compared with no deaths from any of the acute infectious diseases. Your Council co-operated fully with the County Council in the Home Safety Campaign which was organised in November 1958 but there is need for a sustained effort if the number of deaths and injuries from accidents in the home is to be diminished. All officers who visit homes for one reason or another should be on the lookout for potential hazards in the home and be ready to give a tactful word of warning.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Number of cases of Infectious Diseases :

Disease	Cases Notified		
	Total	M.	F.
Scarlet Fever	9	3	6
Whooping Cough	113	58	55
Measles	36	21	15
Acute Pneumonia	3	2	1
Erysipelas	1	1	—
Meningococcal Infection	2	2	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	1
Sonne Dysentery	4	2	2
Food Poisoning	1	—	1
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Total	170	89	81
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Table 2
Analysis of Cases of Infectious Diseases under Age Groups

Age Groups	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Acute Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Meningococ- cal Infection	Acute Polio- myelitis	Sonne Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Under 1 year	—	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1—2 years	—	12	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
3—4 years	2	18	10	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5—9 years	7	58	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14 years	—	14	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
25—44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
45—64 years	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	1	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	9	113	36	3	1	2	—	4	1	1

Table 3
Incidence of Infectious Disease in recent years

Disease		Year					
		1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Scarlet Fever	{ Cases	19	43	27	12	10	9
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	{ Cases	—	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	{ Cases	347	5	364	18	562	36
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	{ Cases	65	14	52	13	19	113
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Polio- Myelitis	{ Cases	1	1	2	1	2	—
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

		M.	F.	Total
Cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at 31/12/58.	Pulmonary ...	33	25	58
	Non-pulmonary ...	1	3	4
Cases removed from the Register as cured during 1958	Pulmonary ...	1	0	1
	Non-pulmonary ...	—	—	—
Cases removed from the Register due to diagnosis not being confirmed during 1958	Pulmonary ...	—	—	—
	Non-pulmonary ...	—	—	—
Cases removed from Register due to removal from the District during 1958	Pulmonary ...	1	1	2
	Non-pulmonary ...	—	—	—
Cases removed from the Register due to death during 1958	Pulmonary ...	1	—	1
	Non-pulmonary ...	—	—	—

Analysis of new cases and deaths during 1958

Table 4

Age group	New cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pul.		Pulmonary		Non-pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—15 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—25 years	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 years	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 years	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Over 65 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—

DETAILS OF CASES ON TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER 1952-58

Year	Cases at 31st December				Deaths during year			
	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary
1952	54	21	...	...	0	1	...	...
1953	54	14	...	...	5	0	...	...
1954	48	5	...	...	1	0	...	...
1955	54	5	...	...	3	1	...	...
1956	55	3	...	...	1	0	...	...
1957	57	3	...	...	2	0	...	...
1958	58	3	...	...	1	0	...	...

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Immunisations for the year 1958 (Diphtheria)

Between the 1st January, 1958 and 31st December, 1958, 194 children under five years of age, and 23 children between the ages of 5 and 14 years received the primary immunisation course (3 injections at monthly intervals).

A further 266 children were given a "booster" or secondary injection.

The following table compiled from figures supplied by the County Medical Officer shows the numbers and percentage of the child population immunised during the years 1944-58 inclusive.

Table 5

District	Under 1 year		1 and under 5 years		5— 14 years	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Boston Borough	72	17.2	1236	81.8	3644	92.2
Spalding Urban	42	17.8	689	82.5	2160	97.7
Boston Rural	43	11.7	1005	72.6	3149	89.8
East Elloe Rural	48	18.1	961	64.2	3455	91.4
Spalding Rural	41	12.4	830	71.1	3003	95.0
Totals	246	15.2	4721	75.4	15411	92.8

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Table 5 shows that the number of infants in your district who are being immunised against diphtheria is becoming dangerously low. The isolation of families in your area and the fact that the Local Health Authority have considered it wise to give separate injections for diphtheria and whooping cough all the year round may have caused many parents to surrender to the inconvenience involved and not to bother at all. This is a dangerous attitude and should be avoided.

WATER SUPPLY

The water supplied throughout your district is obtained from artesian wells. Samples are taken regularly and submitted for bacteriological analysis. The results are mainly "Highly Satisfactory" or "Satisfactory."

There seems little doubt that the Council's water supply will be taken over by a Board in the near future. It is possible that the problem of the high fluorine content in the Crowland water supply may be dealt with.

SEWERAGE AND PUBLIC CLEANSING

During the year plans for the sewerage of the parishes of Donington, Gosberton, Pinchbeck and Moulton were considered. It is hoped to start work in Donington in the near future. The problem of the disposal of cesspool fluid will, however, continue for many years to come and the Council should therefore endeavour to obtain a site which can be used for this purpose.

HOUSING

Reference has already been made to the Slum Clearance in West Pinchbeck. There is still a considerable number of unfit houses to be demolished and some parishes, particularly Crowland, will require special attention.

INSPECTION OF FOOD

Despite the difficulties that are bound to arise in a widely scattered district your Public Health Inspectors have been able to improve the conditions in many food premises and have at the same time maintained a very high standard of meat inspection.

I am particularly pleased with the way in which the butchers in your area have conformed to the Council's desire that the slaughterhouses should be improved. They have all put themselves to considerable trouble and expense and the photographs on the frontispiece bears record what of has been achieved.

**SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA AS REPORTED
BY THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

Visits

The following table shows the number of visits made during the year by the Public Health Inspectors.

Subject of Visits					Initial Visits	Routine or Revisits
Housing Act 1957	...	...	...	...	166	269
Water Supplies : water samples	...	...	...	...	4	1
Overcrowding Complaints	...	...	...	...	1	1
Moveable Dwellings ; Camps	...	...	...	...	33	21
Food Samples	...	...	...	...	6	4
Food Hygiene	...	...	...	...	78	120
Factories and Workplaces	...	...	...	...	15	16
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	10	67
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	26	12
Disinfection after I.D.	...	...	...	...	4	—
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	...	...	...	...	6	5
Disinfestation	...	...	...	...	3	2
Drain Tests	...	...	...	...	161	149
Housing Site Sewerage Schemes	...	...	...	...	17	293
Refuse Service	...	...	...	...	58	29
Night Soil and Cesspool Emptying Service	...	...	...	...	12	10
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	7	41
Public Sewerage Schemes	...	...	...	...	570	202
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	80	110
Nuisances—General	...	...	...	...	149	87
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	117	75
Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	—	2070
Total					1523	3584

WATER SUPPLY

The following table shows the number of dwelling houses supplied from the Council's mains in each parish.

Parish	Dwellings in Valuation List		Dwellings Supplied
Cowbit	...	194	186
Crowland	...	980	937
Deeping St. Nicholas		584	504
Donington	...	659	631
Gosberton	...	771	679
Moulton	...	853	741
Pinchbeck	...	1239	1110
Quadring	...	345	304
Surfleet	...	348	304
Weston	...	452	424
Total		6435	5820

The percentage of dwellings supplied is 90.44%.

WATER SAMPLES

Public Supplies.

78 samples of water were taken by the staff of the Water Department and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological analysis with the following results :—

Remarks of Analyst	BORE			
	Deeping St. James	Deeping St. N'las	Don- ington	Pinch- beck
Excellent	30	30	—	44
Satisfactory	2	—	—	—
Suspicious	—	1	—	—
Unsatisfactory	—	1	—	—

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

Details of work done during the past year are as follows :—

Cesspools	Vault Closets	Cistern, Tanks, etc.
2,509	371	51

On 97 occasions the cesspool machines were used to remove sludge from the settlement and humus tanks at the sewage disposal works on the Housing Estates. In addition the collection and disposal of pail closet contents has been maintained throughout the year.

The refuse collection scheme has operated during the year without any major alterations. The area of collection has again increased slightly by small alterations of the routes to bring in outlying properties.

Salvage collection has been maintained during the year and the sale of materials realised £1,540/4/4d.

The new refuse freighter came into operation during the year and has proved a most efficient vehicle.

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES

There are no large or heavy industrial factories in the area which is almost 100% agricultural in character. The premises in the list of factories and workplaces are composed of village blacksmiths, carpenters, bakers, garages and similar premises. They are in the main, family businesses and present no serious problems in administration.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk Distributors.

All milk retailed in the area is designated bottled milk.

Designated Milk.

The following annual licences to use special designations in relation to milk sold in the district were issued :—

	Principal Licences	Supplementary
Pasteurised Milk	7	4
Sterilised Milk	17	4
Tuberculin Tested Milk	7	1
T.T. (Pasteurised)	1	3

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Class of animal	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	2510	159	16	Exact figure not known 4019	8169
Number inspected	2510	159	16		8169
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>		MEAT	REJECTED		
Whole carcasses rejected	2	1	2	7	6
Carcasses of which some part or organ was rejected.	492	12	—	36	1056
Percentage of carcasses affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	19.7%	8.2%	12.5%	1.1%	13.0%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses rejected	2	6	—	—	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was rejected	144	24	2	—	130
Percentage of carcasses affected with Tuberculosis	5.8%	18.8%	12.5%	Nil	1.6%

Details of Meat and Offals rejected are contained in the following list :—

Article Rejected			Disease or Condition found
6	Cow Carcases and Offals	...	Generalised Tuberculosis
2	Beast Carcases and Offals	...	Generalised Tuberculosis
1	Calf Carcase and Offals	...	Immature
1	Calf Carcase and Offals	...	Blown and Unwholesome
1	Cow Carcase and Offals	...	Metritis and Severe Bruising
2	Beast Carcases and Offals	...	Generalised Cysticercus Bovis
2	Pig Carcases and Offals	...	Gut Oedema
4	Pig Carcases and Offals	...	Oedematous
5	Lamb Carcases and Offals	...	Fevered and Severe Bruising
1	Lamb Carcase and Offals	...	Emaciation
1	Sheep Carcase and Offals	...	Toxaemia
1	Pig Carcase and Offals	...	Generalised Tuberculosis
1	Side of Beef and Offals	...	Tuberculosis
2	Forequarters of Beef	...	Tuberculosis
2	Hindquarters of Beef	...	Bone Taint
1	Side of Beef ... ..	...	Abcesses and Gross Contamination

The following offals were rejected for various reasons too numerous to be set out in detail :—

211	Beast Livers	229	Pigs Livers
136	Beast Lungs	585	Pigs Lungs
250	Part Beast Livers	144	Pigs Hearts
86	Beast Heads and Tongues	40	Pigs Kidneys
10	Beast Kidneys	118	Pigs Heads
6	Beast Mesenteric Fats	5	Sheeps Livers
1	Beast Spleen	210	lbs. Pork Trimmings
2	Beast Hearts	90	lbs. Beef Trimmings

CYSTICERCUS BOVIS

27 Beast carcasses and offals were found to be affected with Cysts of the tapeworm *Taenia Saginata*. Two of these were generalised infections which necessitated carcasses and offals being destroyed, the remaining 25 were localised infections and were consigned to "deep freeze" for three weeks. Percentage of carcasses found to be affected with *Cysticercus Bovis* was 1.01%.

The following list gives details of other foods rejected for various reasons.

1	Tin Ox Tongue	...	Decomposition
2	Tins Rock Lobster	...	Decomposition
7	lb. New Zealand Cheese	...	Excessive Mould Growth
19	x 8 oz. Tins Tomatoes	...	Blown and Damaged Tins
7	x 14 oz. Tins Tomatoes	...	Blown and Damaged Tins
1	large Tin of Tomatoes	...	Blown and Damaged Tin
5	x 1 lb. 13 oz. Tins Peaches	...	Blown and Damaged Tins
1	x 16 oz. Tin Pineapples	...	Damaged tin
6	lb. 10 oz. Luncheon Ham	...	Commencing putrefaction

FOOD PREMISES

The conditions of food premises in the area has been found generally satisfactory. Implementation of the Food Hygiene Regulations has proceeded satisfactorily during the year and defects found were mainly the absence of the additional facilities required by the Regulations, i.e. separate wash-hand basins with hot and cold water.

ICE-CREAM

The retail sale of ice-cream in the area is restricted almost entirely to the sale of portions pre-packed by the manufacturers.

One small business operates using the complete cold mix. On analysis the ice-cream was reported satisfactory.

Four samples of "iced-lollies" were all reported satisfactory by the laboratory.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Twelve private slaughterhouses continued in use during the year and visits for meat inspection purposes were by far the heaviest section of the Public Health Inspectors' duties and involved regular over-time each week.

With the passing of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations 1958, almost all the premises again fell short of statutory requirements, and it is doubtful if several of the slaughterhouses can ever be brought up to the required standard.

The failure of the Ministry to make a clear early statement of the final requirements is causing considerable misunderstanding and resentment in the trade. The effect of this recent legislation will be felt when the Regulations become operative.

The time is long overdue when Local Authorities and the Slaughtering Industry may put their house in order and be confident that it will stay so for a reasonable number of years.

RODENT CONTROL

		Type of Property				
		Local Authority	Dwelling- Houses	Agricul- tural	Other Properties	Total
Total No. of properties in the District		33	6435	1772	763	9003
No. of properties inspected.	{ Following Complaints	6	169	118	18	311
		27	882	526	106	1541
No. of properties found to be infested with rats	{ Major	1	—	27	—	28
		2	130	118	19	269
No. of properties found to be infested with mice		—	5	—	—	5
No. of infested properties treated		3	135	145	19	302
No. of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act	{ Requiring treatment	—	—	—	—	—
		Requiring structural works	—	—	—	—
No. of cases in which work was carried out in default		—	—	—	—	—
Legal proceedings		—	—	—	—	—
No. of “ Block ” control schemes carried out		NINE				

The amount of work carried out in this field reflects credit on the Council's Rodent Officer, Mr. F. Emery, who has established and maintained good relationship with the public.

HOUSING

Nuisances.

55 cases of housing defects, drainage and refuse nuisances were investigated during the year and informal notices were served as necessary.

Slum Clearance, Housing Act, 1957.

During the year 87 unfit houses were reported to the Council including 11 Clearance Areas and 1 Compulsory Purchase Order. The following statutory procedure was taken :—

25 Notices of “ time and place ” were served.

19 Demolition Orders were made.

1 Undertaking not to re-let was accepted.

3 Closing Orders were made.

The eleven Clearance Areas, involving 42 houses, are as follows :

Northorpe Road, Donington	(No. 1)	Clearance Area 1958.
Station Street, Donington	(No. 1)	Clearance Area 1958.
Silver Street, Moulton	(No. 1)	Clearance Area 1958.
Main Road, Surfleet	(No. 1)	Clearance Area 1958.
Small Drove Lane, West Pinchbeck	(No. 1)	Clearance Area 1958. (Confirmed).
Glenside, West Pinchbeck	(No. 1)	Clearance Area 1958. (Confirmed).
Glenside, West Pinchbeck	(No. 2)	Clearance Area 1958. (Confirmed).
Glenside, West Pinchbeck	(No. 3)	Clearance Area 1958. (Confirmed).
Six House Bank, West Pinchbeck	(No. 1)	Clearance Area 1958. (Confirmed).
Six House Bank, West Pinchbeck	(No. 2)	Clearance Area 1958.
Blackwell's Row, Quadring	(No. 2)	Clearance Area 1958.

One house on which a Closing Order was placed in 1957 was included in Six House Bank, West Pinchbeck (No. 2) Clearance Area.

The Compulsory Purchase Order for Swinton Cottages, Quadring Road, Gosberton, was confirmed in November, 1958. This involved a further four houses.

Improvement Grants.

Houses inspected in full detail ...	...	...	...	27
Formal application for improvement grants	...	...	...	15
Improvement Grants approved	...	...	...	4

Overcrowding.

During the year 1 case of overcrowding was reported and abated.

New Houses.

A total of 6 houses were completed on the Council estates during the year and a further 28 were commenced of which 21 had reached roof level at the end of the year.

37 dwellings were erected by private developers and a further 36 were commenced.

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