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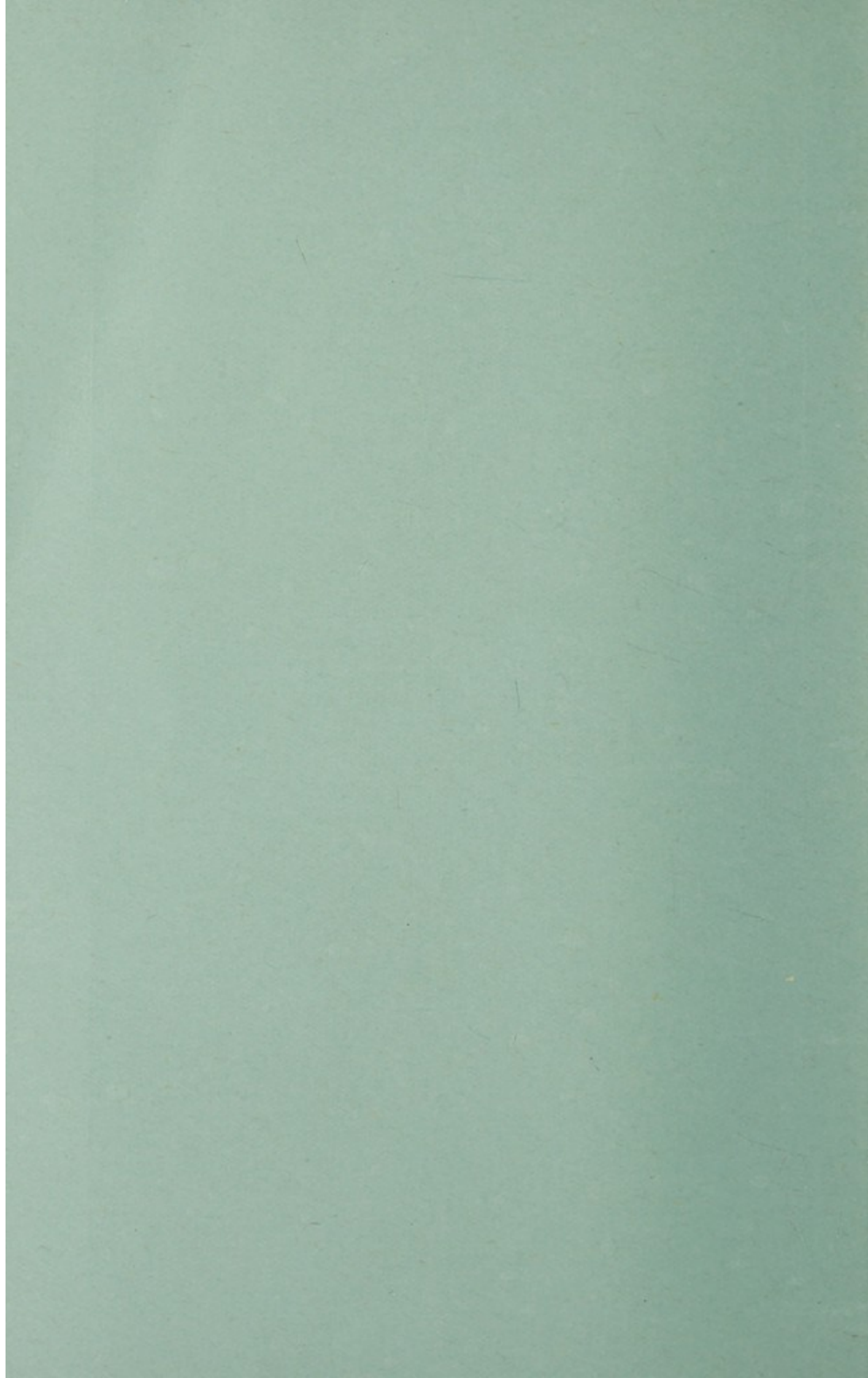
Medical Officer of Health

and the

Chief Public Health Inspector

for the

Year 1959





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**Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1959.**

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of your District and on the work of the Public Health Department for the year, 1959.

During the most part of the period covered by this report my predecessor Dr. H. P. Burrowes was your Medical Officer of Health so that my remarks and comments on the report will be brief.

The year was not marked by any spectacular moves in the health field but rather by a steady advance on all fronts. There is no doubt that the most pressing needs of the District are the abolition of bad housing and insanitary drainage methods. The Slum Clearance Programme has continued steadily at a reasonable rate, but until the problem is solved, this rate must not be allowed to slow down. It is also hoped that the enthusiasm of the Council towards sewage disposal schemes will continue until all the major works are completed.

The general health of the community judged from infectious disease notifications and from death returns continued to be good. It was pleasing to see that again there were no cases of poliomyelitis or diphtheria and only three cases of tuberculosis notified. The infant mortality rate for 1959 was 22.2, the lowest for seven years and comment is made on this in the body of the report.

In conclusion I should like to express my thanks to the members and officers of the Council for the way I was received on taking up my appointment early in December, 1959 and to the Chief Public Health Inspector and his staff for their help in the compilation of this report.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Kenneth S. Deas.

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 18,733.

The estimated population given by the Registrar General for the calculation of death rates is 19,040.

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

Cowbit	....	....	....	194
Crowland	....	....	....	986
Deeping St. Nicholas	....	....	....	584
Donington	....	....	....	669
Gosberton	....	....	....	788
Moulton	....	....	....	864
Pinchbeck	....	....	....	1276
Quadring	....	....	....	346
Surfleet	....	....	....	358
Weston	....	....	....	458
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				6523
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The rateable value of the district is £112,663 and the sum represented by a penny rate is £423.

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

LIVE BIRTHS		M.		F.	Total
Legitimate	....	165	....	140	305
Illegitimate	....	5	....	5	10
		170		145	315

Crude live birthrate per 1,000 estimated population—16.54.

STILL BIRTHS		M.		F.	Total
Legitimate	....	2	....	3	5
Illegitimate	....	—	....	—	—
		2		3	5

Still birthrate per 1,000 total (live and still) births—15.625.

### TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

	M.		F.	Total
Legitimate	167	....	143	310
Illegitimate	5	....	5	10
	172		148	320

### DEATHS

#### DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

M.		F.	Total
100	....	94	194

The number of deaths allocated to the District after the deduction of those occurring in non-residents and addition of deaths of residents which occurred outside the district was 194. This gave a crude death rate of 10.13.

#### INFANT DEATHS

Death during the first year of life

	M.		F.	Total
Legitimate	5	....	2	7
Illegitimate	—	....	—	—
	5		2	7

Death of infants under one year of age

First four weeks					First three months			The four quarters			Total
-1	-2	-3	-4	-1	-2	-3	1	2	3	4	
5	1		1	7			7				7

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births—22.2.

Legitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births—22.95.



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

Neo-natal (first 4 weeks) Mortality rate per 1,000 live births—  
19.04.

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births—3.27.

## MATERNAL DEATHS

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion—Nil.

### CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1959

	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 Infection .....	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 .....	1	3	4
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung bronchus .....	5	0	0
12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast .....	0	3	3
13. Malignant Neoplasm, uterus .....	0	0	0
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .....	9	5	14
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia .....	0	0	0
16. Diabetes .....	0	0	0
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system .....	15	14	29
18. Coronary disease, angina .....	15	17	32
19. Hypertension with heart disease .....	1	1	2
20. Other heart diseases .....	13	16	29
21. Other circulatory diseases .....	3	9	12
22. Influenza .....	1	2	3
23. Pneumonia .....	3	2	5
24. Bronchitis .....	5	1	6
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system .....	1	1	2
26. Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum .....	0	0	0
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .....	1	0	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis .....	2	1	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate .....	1	0	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion .....	0	0	0
31. Congenital malformations .....	4	1	5
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases .....	12	15	27
33. Motor Vehicle accidents .....	3	0	3
34. All other accidents .....	4	2	6
35. Suicide .....	1	1	2
36. Homicide and operations of war .....	0	0	0
Total	100	94	194



**Birth Rates, Death Rates and Infant Mortality Rates,  
in the Rural District of Spalding, 1945-1959.**

Year	No. of Births	Crude Birth Rate	No. of Deaths	Crude Death Rate	Infant Mortality Rates	Birth Rates	Death Rates	Infant Mortality Rates
1945	165	9.15	163	9.04	20.59	13.17	9.61	35.90
1946	169	8.99	182	9.68	41.90			
1947	193	10.05	191	9.95	30.08			
1948	335	18.02	171	9.20	53.73			
1949	361	19.67	187	10.19	33.24			
1950	297	15.98	215	11.57	53.87	17.12	10.28	34.78
1951	330	17.74	219	11.77	21.21			
1952	321	17.06	199	10.57	37.38			
1953	334	17.81	177	9.43	20.96			
1954	321	17.04	152	8.07	40.49			
1955	312	16.50	181	9.57	25.64	16.45	9.81	30.31
1956	283	14.99	189	10.01	38.87			
1957	323	17.10	178	9.42	37.15			
1958	325	17.13	189	9.96	27.69			
1959	315	16.54	194	10.13	22.22			

**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	16.2	16.5
Death Rate	11.14	11.6
Infant Mortality Rate	22.2	22.0

It should be emphasized that undue significance should not be attached to rates which are based on very small numbers (e.g. infant deaths) and that a comparison of such rates with those in other areas, or with earlier years may have little statistical significance. For example the infant mortality rate this year from seven deaths is 22.2, if however there had been the chance death of only one more infant the rate would have been 25.4. It is nevertheless pleasing to see the rate at last down to the region of that of the country as a whole. The 5-yearly averages shown on the previous table give a better picture of how the rate is falling.

Once again there were no deaths from infectious diseases but there were 9 deaths from accidents of all kinds. Your Council in its planning of all new development should continually be on their guard against potential road hazards and any member or officer who visit homes for one reason or another should be on the lookout for possible causes of home accidents and be prepared to give a tactful word of warning. Not enough publicity is given to the fact that there are almost as many deaths from accidents in the home as on the roads.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

#### Number of cases of Infectious Diseases :

Disease	Cases Notified		
	Total	M.	F.
Scarlet Fever	12	5	7
Whooping Cough	4	2	2
Measles	190	96	94
Acute Pneumonia	8	2	6
Erysipelas	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infectious	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—
Sonne Dysentery	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—
	214	105	109

#### Analysis of Cases of Infectious Diseases under Age Groups

Age Groups	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Acute Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Meningococcal Infection	Acute Poliomyelitis	Sonne Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Under 1 year	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—2 years	1	2	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3—4 years	2	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—9 years	9	2	116	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14 years	—	—	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—44 years	—	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—64 years	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	12	4	190	8	—	—	—	—	—	—



### Incidence of Infectious Disease in recent years

Disease		Year					
		1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Scarlet Fever	{ Cases	43	27	12	10	9	12
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	{ Cases	—	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	{ Cases	5	364	18	562	36	190
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	{ Cases	14	52	13	19	113	4
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Polio-Myelitis	{ Cases	1	2	1	2	—	—
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—

It is pleasing to note that once again there have been no cases of poliomyelitis reported in the District. Without doubt the poliomyelitis immunisation scheme has played a large part in this drop.

This table also admirably shows the biennial periodicity of measles epidemics.

TUBERCULOSIS				M.	F.	Total
Cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at 31/12/59.	{	Pulmonary ...	...	33	25	58
		Non-pulmonary ...	...	1	3	4
Cases removed from the Register as cured during 1959	{	Pulmonary ...	...	1	—	1
		Non-pulmonary ...	...	—	—	—
Cases removed from the Register due to diagnosis not being confirmed during 1959	{	Pulmonary ...	...	—	—	—
		Non-pulmonary ...	...	—	—	—
Cases removed from Register due to removal from the District during 1959	{	Pulmonary ...	...	—	2	2
		Non-pulmonary ...	...	—	—	—
Cases removed from the Register due to death during 1959	{	Pulmonary ...	...	—	—	—
		Non-pulmonary ...	...	—	—	—

### Analysis of new cases and deaths during 1959

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	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
10—15 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—25 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65 years	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Over 65 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—

### DETAILS OF CASES ON TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER 1945-59

Years	Cases at 31st December			Deaths during year	
	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary	New Cases	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary
1945	48	29	21	11	2
1946	58	35	27	3	2
1947	52	34	15	4	4
1948	60	31	18	5	2
1949	61	32	10	3	0
1950	62	29	9	3	0
1951	51	16	14	6	0
1952	54	21	20	0	1
1953	54	14	14	5	0
1954	48	5	5	1	0
1955	54	5	15	3	1
1956	55	3	5	1	0
1957	57	3	9	2	0
1958	58	3	4	1	0
1959	58	4	3	0	0



## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

### Immunisation for the year 1959 (Diphtheria)

Between the 1st January, 1959 and the 31st December, 1959, 209 children under 5 years of age, and 23 children between the ages of 5 and 14 years received the primary immunisation course (2 injections at monthly intervals).

A further 391 children were given a "booster" or secondary injection.

The following table compiled from figures supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health shows the number of children at 31st December, 1959, who have been immunised at any time.

District	Under 1 year		1 and under 5 years		5— 14 years	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Boston Borough	99	23.8	1225	74.0	3633	92.4
Spalding Urban	52	22.3	677	73.6	2072	94.6
Boston Rural	73	20.1	1014	72.8	3185	91.3
East Elloe Rural	63	24.0	898	76.8	3358	91.7
Spalding Rural	55	16.8	811	69.5	3129	96.6
Totals	342	21.3	4625	73.4	15377	93.1

When considering the figure 16.8% for children born in 1959 (i.e. under 1 year) who have been immunised by the end of the year it must be noted that only about one-third of the children could complete the protective treatment by December 31st.

## WATER SUPPLY

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

## SEWERAGE AND PUBLIC CLEANSING

During the year the plans for the sewerage of the parishes of Donington, Gosberton, Pinchbeck and Moulton were further considered. It is hoped that work will commence in Donington in 1960. In Crowland a further 61 houses were connected to the public sewer.

## HOUSING

Progress has continued to be made in the District's Slum Clearance Programme and the Council has kept to the rate originally submitted to the Ministry. There still remains much work to be done in the village of Crowland which has so many unfit and undesirable houses. Details of clearance made are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

## INSPECTION OF FOOD

Despite the difficulties that are bound to arise in a wildly 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. Evening and weekend slaughtering continues and the inspectors are to be congratulated for their work at this irksome task. In this day and age this odd-hour slaughtering is surely unnecessary and legislation to control the hours of slaughtering is overdue.

## 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	168	113
Water Supplies ; water samples	4	—
Overcrowding complaints	—	—
Moveable dwellings, Camps	42	29
Food Samples	—	—
Food Hygiene	60	199
Factories and Workplaces	17	4
Public Conveniences	7	77
Infectious Diseases	22	8
Disinfection after I.D.	1	—
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	28	5
Disinfestation	14	3
Drain Tests and Drainage Work	178	118
Housing Site Sewage Schemes	36	200
Refuse Service	58	41
Night Soil and Cesspool Emptying Service	20	24
Slaughterhouses	3	13
Public Sewerage Schemes	121	231
Improvement Grants	122	267
Nuisances—General	109	87
Miscellaneous	134	96
Meat Inspection	—	2135



## WATER SUPPLY

The following table shows the number of dwellinghouses supplied from the Council's main in each parish.

Parish	Dwellings in Valuation List	Dwellings Supplied
Cowbit	194	186
Crowland	986	942
Deeping St. Nicholas	584	519
Donington	669	641
Gosberton	788	709
Moulton	864	753
Pinchbeck	1276	1144
Quadring	346	304
Surfleet	358	320
Weston	458	430
Total	6523	5948

The percentage of dwellings supplied is 91.19%.

### Public Supplies

52 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	—	20	—	26
Satisfactory	—	1	—	5
Suspicious	—	—	—	—
Unsatisfactory	—	—	—	—

During the year two statutory notices were served, under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936 and Water Act, 1945, requiring the provision of an adequate and wholesome water supply to two houses.

## DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

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

Cesspools	Vault Closets	Cisterns, Tanks, etc.
1,943	354	38

On 111 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.

Thirty-three notices have been served during the year under the provisions of Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (30 in connection with houses in the area of the Crowland sewerage scheme and 3 for houses elsewhere) requiring the provision of adequate drainage arrangements.

The work of connecting houses to the new sewers at Crowland has proceeded satisfactorily. This troublesome and complicated work is made more difficult by the fact that many of the old houses in the village are being considered for clearance under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1957. Ill-timed action under the Public Health Act could give rise to serious difficulties if the houses are afterwards dealt with for clearance.

At the present time houses are being connected to the new sewerage system at the rate of 50 per year and any pressure to substantially increase this number could only be effective at the expense of other services in the area.

Work in connection with the housing estate sewage works has increased steadily during the past few years and the Council's employees are to be congratulated on carrying out an arduous and offensive duty in a conscientious manner. Further assistance in this work is overdue and the provision of additional transport and at least one extra labourer is necessary.

During the year the Health Department workmen cleared 63 blockages in domestic drains on Council estates.

The refuse scheme has operated during the year without any major alterations. Several minor alterations have been made to bring in outlying properties. It is hoped to continue this practice and in some cases to revert to weekly instead of fortnightly collections when the second fore and aft tipper is obtained in the coming year.



The residents of the district are now making more use of the refuse collection scheme than they did in the past, and this, coupled with the changing nature of domestic refuse, is making refuse disposal a more difficult problem. The refuse is much lighter, has less ash content for coverage and is more susceptible to fire risk than it used to be. These changes have made problems at the tips. The refuse is more difficult to consolidate and owing to its bulky unstable nature, has often to be raked and levelled by hand. This work delays the collecting gangs and to some extent detracts from the efficiency of the larger capacity fore and aft tippers. Some form of machine for levelling and consolidating refuse on the tips, such as a tractor with a bull-dozer blade and bucket, is badly needed.

Salvage collection has been maintained during the year and the sale of materials realised £1,668/3/1d.

The leasing of the Cheal Bridge tip from the British Railways has proved a useful outlet for refuse as it has been found impracticable to use the Westhorpe Road tip between Spring and Autumn.

During the year it has not been possible to get the sewage sludge moved from the pits as required. In the past this has been done by local farmers but several of these, who used to take the material regularly no longer do so. The position will be made temporarily better by the use of new pits at Gubboles Drove, but as these become full the difficulty will arise again. We lack a suitable machine in the Department, such as a tractor with a power shovel or bucket, so that the pits can be emptied as soon as the sludge is sufficiently dry to move.

On several occasions during the year under review, this work has had to be done by hand. From the workman's point of view the task is arduous and offensive and from the Council's side it is inefficient and expensive.

Ultimate disposal of the sludge can still be effected if the farmers can collect it during their slack period. The fact which causes difficulty is that the pits have to be emptied at specific times and it is not possible to wait for the quiet periods of the agricultural season.

## **FACTORIES ACT**

There are no large factories in the area which is predominantly agricultural in character. The premises in the list of factories and workplaces are 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	2458	59	15	7026	8399
Number inspected	2458	59	15	7026	8399
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>		MEAT	REJECTED		
Whole carcasses rejected	1	—	2	3	8
Carcasses of which some part or organ was rejected.	742	14	—	52	752
Percentage of carcasses affected	30.2%	25.4%	13.3%	0.4%	9.0%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses rejected	3	2	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part was rejected	137	5	—	—	158
Percentage of carcasses affected	5.7%	11.9%	—	—	1.9%



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

Article Rejected	Disease or Condition found
2 Cow Carcases and Offal	Generalised Tuberculosis
1 Beast Carcase and Offal	Moribund
3 Beast Carcases and Offals	Generalised Tuberculosis
1 Calf Carcase and Offal	Immature
1 Calf Carcase and Offal	Moribund
2 Pig Carcases and Offals	Oedema
2 Pig Carcases and Offals	Jaundice
2 Pig Carcases and Offals	Moribund
1 Pig Carcase and Offal	Bruised and unwholesome
1 Pig Carcase and Offal	Gut Oedema
3 Sheep Carcases and Offal	Oedema
4 Hindquarters of Beef	Tuberculosis
3 Forequarters of Beef	Tuberculosis
1 Shoulder of Beef	Tuberculosis
1 Loin of Beef	Tuberculosis
2 Briskets of Beef	Tuberculosis
2 Loins of Beef	Bruising
3 Forequarters of Beef	Bruising

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

135 Beasts Heads	144 Pigs Heads
95 Beast Lungs	461 Pigs Lungs
3 Beast Skirts	201 Pigs Livers
353 Beast Livers	45 Pigs Kidneys
354 Part Beast Livers	131 Pigs Hearts
8 Beast Mesenterys and Intestines	2 Pigs Mesenterys
9 Beast Kidneys	3 Pigs Feet
9 Beast Hearts	1 Pig Spleen
9 Beast Spleens	37 Sheep Livers
5 Beast Tongues	20 Sheep Lungs
2 Pig Kidneys	120 lbs. Pork Trimmings
311 lbs. Beef Trimmings	

### CYSTICERCUS BOVIS

19 Beast Carcases and Offals were found to be affected with Cysts of the tapeworm *Taenia Saginata*. The infections were all localised and the carcases and offals were consigned to "deep freeze" treatment. The percentage of carcases found to be affected with *Cysticercus Bovis* was 0.75%.

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

19 x 8 oz. tins of Tomatoes	....	....	Blown and damaged tins
7 x 14 oz. tins of Tomatoes	....	....	Blown and damaged tins
1 Large tin of Tomatoes	....	....	Blown and damaged tin
5 x 1 lb. 13 oz. tins of Peaches	....	....	Blown and damaged tins
2 x 16 oz. tins of Pineapple	....	....	Leaking tins
6 lbs. 10 oz. Luncheon Ham	....	....	Putrefaction
5 tins Yugoslavian Shoulder Ham	....	....	Decomposition
1 tin of Apricots	....	....	Leaking tin
5 tins Cherries	....	....	Blown tins
3 tins of Corned Beef	....	....	Decomposition
25 Tons 10 cwt. Italian Potatoes	....	....	Mechanical and Transport Damage
10 Tons 8 cwt. Danish Potatoes	....	....	Frost Damage
2 Tons 8 cwt. Danish Onions	....	....	Rotten

As will be seen from the list of visits made by the inspectors, during the year, meat inspection visits total more than any other seven subjects put together, and represent rather more than one official's full time duty.

## FOOD PREMISES

Generally the condition of food premises in the area has been found satisfactory. Implementation of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 has proceeded during the year, 27 informal and 15 statutory notices were served.

## ICE-CREAM

The retail sale of ice-cream from premises in the area has again been restricted almost entirely to the sale of portions pre-packed by the manufacturers.

The one manufacturer in the area has ceased to make his own ice-cream.

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The twelve private slaughterhouses continued in use during the year. Full details of the work carried out by the inspectors has already been given in the report.

Implementation of the Slaughterhouse Reports (Appointed Day) Order, 1959 will be a priority duty for the coming year, and will certainly involve many owners in considerable expense if their premises are to continue in use after the "appointed day."



## RODENT CONTROL

	Type of Property					
	Local Authority	Dwelling-Houses	Agricultural	Other Properties	Total	
Total No. of properties in the District	33	6523	1936	860	7416	
No. of properties inspected.	Following Complaints	1	92	40	17	150
	Otherwise	22	1008	432	91	1553
No. of properties found to be infested with rats	Major	1	6	8	—	15
	Minor	5	33	37	4	79
No. of properties found to be infested with mice	—	3	—	—	3	
No. of infested properties treated	6	42	45	4	97	
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	16					

The Council's Rodent Operator (Mr. Emery) has continued to do useful work in this field and has maintained good relationship with the public.

## HOUSING

### Nuisances.

39 cases of inadequate water supplies, 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 46 unfit houses were reported to the Council and the following statutory procedure was taken :—

42 Notices of " Time and place " were served.

31 Demolition Orders were made.

2 Undertakings not to relet were accepted.

6 Closing Orders were made.

Clearance Orders were made in South Street, and North Street, Crowland involving 8 houses.

A Compulsory Purchase Order consisting of 2 houses and a shop was made at Knight Street, Pinchbeck.

One notice for the repair of a house was served under Section 9 of the above Act.

### House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

#### Improvement Grants—Discretionary.

Houses inspected in full detail	28
Formal applications received for Improvement Grants	16
Improvement Grants approved	19

#### Standard Grants.

Formal applications received for Standard Grants	16
Standard Grants approved	14

### Overcrowding.

No cases of overcrowding were reported during the year.

### New Houses.

A total of 55 houses were completed on the Council's estates during the year and a further 5 commenced which had reached roof level.

70 dwellings were erected by private developers and a further 49 were commenced.



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