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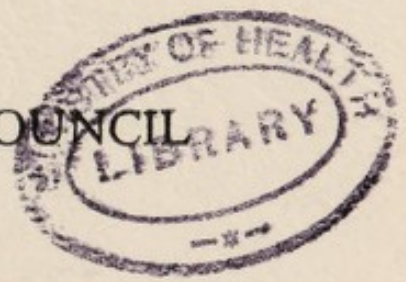
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE UCKFIELD
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1949. The report is prepared on the lines indicated in Ministry of Health Circular No. 2/50 dated 25th January, 1950.

The Birth Rate is 13.85 per 1,000 population compared with 16.7 for England and Wales.

The Crude Death Rate is 12.69; corrected for comparability in age and sex distribution with the country as a whole, this becomes 9.64, compared with 11.7 for England and Wales.

Heart diseases are responsible for over one third of the total deaths.

The Tuberculosis death rate is .24 compared with .45 for England and Wales.

No deaths occurred during the year from Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Measles, Typhoid Fever or Diarrhoea under two years of age.

Infectious Diseases.

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year was nearly three hundred and fifty more than in 1948, this being mainly due to an increase of three hundred and ninety-five in the number of measles cases. More than half of the measles cases occurred in the parishes of Crowborough and Withyham.

Six cases of poliomyelitis were notified during the period August to November, five of which were admitted to hospital. There were no deaths. Investigations failed to reveal the source of the infection and no contact was traced between the patients, all of whom lived in different parishes.

The number of cases of whooping cough notified was the lowest since 1939.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The scheme described in my report for 1948 continues to make satisfactory progress. The percentages of immunised children in the 1—5 and 5—15 age groups have increased to 97.3 and 98.7 respectively.

Fifty-eight children under one year were immunised.

No case of diphtheria has been notified in the District since November, 1946.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

During the year the Council have arranged for the burial of two persons under the provisions of Section 50 of the Act, the total cost of the funerals amounting to £34 3s. 6d. Neither of the deceased persons qualified for a death grant from the National Insurance Scheme, and none of the Council's expenditure was recoverable.

Food Supplies.

Although this report is concerned with the year 1949 perhaps a word regarding the Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 and which came into operation on March 26th, 1950 will not be out of place.

The aim of these byelaws is to secure the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practices in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food, and in connection with the sale or exposure of food for sale in the open air. Provision is made for the protection of food during transit, in store, and when exposed for sale, and every person who handles, wraps or delivers food must take all necessary steps to protect it from contamination by dust, dirt, mud, animals, flies, etc., including contamination by other persons. Part III of the Byelaws deals exclusively with the sale and exposure for sale of food in the open air and implies that all persons selling in open market, or from stalls and vehicles in the street, must take all necessary steps to prevent contamination of the food.

The penalties for an offence against any of these byelaws are (1) a maximum fine of £5 and (2) in the case of a continuing offence, a further fine not exceeding forty shillings for each day during which the offence continues.

Copies of the Byelaws have been distributed among the food traders throughout the district and the various requirements are being explained to them. I anticipate that compliance with this legislation will be largely achieved by informal action; greengrocers have already taken under cover fruit and vegetables previously displayed in the open.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN PETRIE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT, 1949.

Area	...	...	...	...	...	112,099 acres
Population (Registrar-General's estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	41,370
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	.37
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	12,386
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£331,867
Sum represented by one penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	£1,299
Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	13.85
Death rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	12.69
Infantile Mortality Rate	...	...	...	...	...	27.92

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.		<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Legitimate	...	281	264	545
Illegitimate	...	14	14	28
				<hr/> 573 <hr/>
Deaths.		<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
		252	273	525
				<hr/> 525 <hr/>

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT.

Cause of Death.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal fever	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	5	5	10
Other forms of tuberculosis	—	—	—
Syphilitic diseases	1	—	1
Influenza	4	1	5
Measles	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis and polioencephalitis	1	—	1
Acute infantile encephalitis	1	—	1
Cancer	34	42	76
Diabetes	—	1	1
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	24	40	64
Heart diseases	95	82	177
Other diseases of circulatory system	6	14	20
Bronchitis	13	16	29
Pneumonia	11	12	23
Other respiratory diseases	4	6	10
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	3	1	4
Diarrhoea under 2 years	—	—	—
Appendicitis	—	—	—
Other digestive diseases	6	4	10
Nephritis	10	7	17
Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis	—	—	—
Other maternal causes	—	—	—
Premature birth	1	—	1
Congenital deformity	4	8	12
Suicide	3	2	5
Road traffic accidents	1	—	1
Other violent causes	6	5	11
All other causes	19	27	46
	<hr/> 252 <hr/>	<hr/> 273 <hr/>	<hr/> 525 <hr/>

BIRTH RATE, CIVILIAN DEATH RATE AND ANNUAL ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR, 1949.

	Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population.		Annual Death Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population								Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	
	Live Births.	Still Births.	All Causes.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid.	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria.	Tuberculosis.	Influenza.	Acute Poliomyelitis & Polioencephalitis	Pneumonia.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years)	Total Deaths under 1 year.
England and Wales ...	16.7	0.39	11.7	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.45	0.15	0.01	0.51	3.0	32
126 County Borough and Great Towns including London ...	18.7	0.47	12.5	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.52	0.15	0.02	0.56	3.8	37
148 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000 -50,000 at 1931 Census)	18.0	0.40	11.6	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.42	0.14	0.02	0.49	2.4	30
London ...	18.5	0.37	12.2	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.52	0.11	0.01	0.59	1.7	29
Uckfield Rural District	13.85	0.31	12.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.12	0.02	0.55	0.00	27.92
Puerperal Sepsis Other Maternal Causes												
Maternal Mortality Rates for England and Wales per 1,000 total births ...	...											0.71
Maternal Mortality Rates for Uckfield Rural District ...	...											—

(A dash (—) signifies that there were no deaths).

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1935-1949.

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births.						Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total										
1935	38,160	231	214	445	5	5	10	11.92	254	250	504	13.20	7	7	14	30.76	49
1936	38,480	238	227	465	11	5	16	12.50	238	213	451	11.72	12	12	24	49.90	30
1937	38,480	210	218	428	13	7	20	11.64	263	256	519	13.48	7	8	15	33.48	71
1938	38,500	224	230	454	8	10	18	12.25	218	219	437	11.35	11	6	17	36.01	35
1939	38,780 (a) 41,010 (b)	232	208	440	13	10	23	11.94	247	233	480	11.70	6	2	8	17.28	17
1940	44,350	233	220	453	18	8	26	10.80	255	300	555	12.51	8	9	17	35.49	76
1941	43,760	241	242	483	35	32	67	12.57	273	317	590	13.48	13	8	21	38.18	40
1942	40,750	301	274	575	36	33	69	15.80	244	294	538	13.20	17	12	29	45.03	106
1943	39,360	296	263	559	47	53	100	16.74	255	319	574	14.58	14	8	22	33.38	85
1944	37,200	309	269	578	74	62	136	19.19	247	278	525	14.11	13	8	21	29.41	189
1945	36,830	230	216	446	67	59	126	15.53	255	277	532	14.44	12	7	19	33.21	40
1946	39,270	345	314	659	33	35	68	18.51	245	264	509	12.96	13	6	19	26.13	218
1947	40,190	327	318	645	28	21	49	17.27	263	282	545	13.56	19	9	28	40.35	149
1948	40,900	325	286	611	14	15	29	15.65	247	255	502	12.27	7	3	10	15.63	138
1949	41,370	281	264	545	14	14	28	13.85	252	273	525	12.69	8	8	16	27.92	48

(a) Population for calculation of Birth Rate.

(b) Population for calculation of Death Rate.

**PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES.**

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year :—

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Food Poisoning ...	2	1	—
Malaria	1	—	—
Measles	538	2	—
Pneumonia	19	1	—
Poliomyelitis	6	5	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	1	—
Scarlet Fever	26	19	—
Typhoid Fever	1	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	34	—	—
TOTALS ...	628	29	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1949.

	England and Wales.	126 C.B.'s and great towns in- cluding London.	148 Smaller towns Resident Population 25,000—50,000 at 1931 Census.	London Adm. County.	Uckfield Rural District.
NOTIFICATIONS :—	Cases per 1,000 Civilian Population :—				
Typhoid Fever ...	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever ...	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.00
Scarlet Fever ...	1.63	1.72	1.83	1.46	0.63
Whooping Cough ...	2.39	2.44	2.39	1.70	0.82
Diphtheria ...	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.00
Erysipelas ...	0.19	0.20	0.19	0.17	0.00
Smallpox ...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles ...	8.95	8.91	9.18	8.54	13.00
Pneumonia ...	0.80	0.91	0.65	0.55	0.46
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.18	0.15
Acute Polioencephalitis	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00
Food Poisoning ...	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.19	0.05

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.
CASES IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS.

	Under one year.	1 year.	2 years.	3 years.	4 years.	5—10 years.	10—15 years.	15—20 years.	20—35 years.	35—45 years.	45—65 years.	Over 65 years.	Age Unknown.	TOTALS.
Food Poisoning ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2
Malaria ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles ...	13	39	46	45	48	262	48	10	14	3	4	2	4	538
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	5	—	5	5	—	19
Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	1	—	6
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	2	2	2	16	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	26
Typhoid Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Whooping Cough ...	1	3	3	4	4	15	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	34
TOTALS ...	14	42	51	52	54	296	57	13	24	3	9	9	4	628

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE VARIOUS PARISHES.

	Food Poisoning.	Malaria.	Measles.	Pneumonia.	Poliomyelitis.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Typhoid Fever.	TOTALS.
BUXTED	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	3	—	7
CROWBOROUGH	2	1	188	2	—	1	12	3	—	209
DANEHILL	—	—	24	1	—	—	1	3	—	29
FLETCHING	—	—	34	—	—	—	—	4	—	38
FOREST ROW	—	—	23	5	1	—	1	—	1	31
FRAMFIELD	—	—	9	—	1	—	1	—	—	11
FRANT	—	—	21	3	—	—	3	—	—	27
HADLOW DOWN	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
HARTFIELD	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	10
ISFIELD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LITTLE HORSTED	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	5
MARESFIELD	—	—	3	3	1	—	—	7	—	14
MAYFIELD	—	—	3	2	—	—	1	9	—	15
ROTHERFIELD	—	—	47	—	—	—	4	—	—	51
UCKFIELD	—	—	52	—	1	—	—	4	—	57
WADHURST	—	—	12	1	1	—	1	—	—	15
WITHYHAM	—	—	106	—	—	—	—	1	—	107
TOTALS	2	1	538	19	6	1	26	34	1	628

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1949.

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
5	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
15	3	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
25	7	6	2	2	1	2	—	—
35	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	3	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
55	3	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 years and upwards ...	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
TOTALS	21	15	4	6	3	4	—	—

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The following tables show the position with regard to immunisation at 31st December, 1949 :—

One to five years of age in Districts :—

<i>District.</i>	<i>No. of Children</i>	<i>Number Immunised</i>	<i>Percentage Immunised</i>
Blackboys	35	35	100
Blackham	11	11	100
Cousley Wood	22	22	100
Danehill	94	94	100
Fairwarp	27	27	100
Fletching	31	31	100
Frant	56	56	100
Hadlow Down	18	18	100
High Hurstwood	29	29	100
Maresfield	28	28	100
Mark Cross	26	26	100
Piltdown	12	12	100
Forest Row	134	133	99
Hartfield	93	92	99
Rotherfield	81	80	99
Uckfield	264	262	99
Framfield	56	55	98
Mayfield	109	107	98
Five Ashes	31	30	97
Isfield	35	34	97
Wadhurst	182	176	97
Withyham	39	38	97
Nutley	57	55	96
Eridge	23	22	95
Buxted	52	49	94
Groombridge	52	49	94
Crowborough	452	421	93
Little Horsted	9	8	90
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	2,058	2,000	97.2
Being immunised at Doctors' Surgeries and not included above	70	70	100
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	2,128	2,070	97.3
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Five to Fifteen years of age—Attending elementary schools :—

<i>School.</i>	<i>No. of Children</i>	<i>Number Immunised</i>	<i>Percentage Immunised</i>
Danehill	123	123	100
Fairwarp	39	39	100
Fletching	68	68	100
Hadlow Down	43	43	100
Hammerwood	28	28	100
Hartfield	94	94	100
Heron's Ghyll R.C.	24	24	100
Maresfield	61	61	100
Mark Cross	41	41	100
Nutley	148	148	100
Rotherfield	158	158	100
Wadhurst R.C.	20	20	100
Forest Row	251	249	99
Framfield	103	102	99
Groombridge	180	178	99
St. John's	96	95	99
Uckfield R.C.	164	162	99
Whitehill	416	411	99
Buxted	136	134	98
Eridge	61	60	98
Frant	63	62	98
Sir Henry Fermor	281	275	98
Uckfield Parochial	377	372	98
Blackham	34	33	97
Five Ashes	38	37	97
High Hurstwood	33	32	97
Wadhurst V.P.	279	272	97
Mayfield	208	200	96
Withyham	25	24	96
Jarvis Brook	56	52	93
Isfield	26	24	92
Little Horsted	35	32	91
Blackboys	44	39	89
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	3,753	3,692	98.4
Attending County Schools	435	431	99.1
Attending Private and Residential Schools	908	906	99.8
Attending Schools outside the District	214	212	99.1
Over 5 years, Schools unknown ...	233	232	99.6
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	5,543	5,473	98.7
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INFANT WELFARE CENTRES, WEIGHING CENTRES AND ANTE-NATAL CLINICS IN THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT.

<i>Name of Centre.</i>	<i>When held.</i>
BUXTED—	
"Sanctuary," Buxted (Weighing Centre only) 	2nd Monday in each month.
CHELWOOD GATE—	
Chelworth, Chelwood Gate 	4th Thursday "
CROWBOROUGH—	
Wesleyan Hall 	2nd and 4th Tuesdays "
CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S—	
Women's Institute Hall (Weighing Centre only) 	3rd Wednesday "
DANEHILL—	
Scouts Hut, Danehill 	2nd and 4th Tuesdays "
FAIRWARP AND MARESFIELD—	
Village Hall, Fairwarp 	1st Wednesday "
FIVE ASHES—	
The Institute (Weighing Centre only) 	4th Friday "
FOREST ROW—	
Village Hall (Ante-Natal) 	1st and 3rd Thursdays " 3rd Thursday "
FRAMFIELD—	
Church Hall 	2nd Thursday "
FRANT—	
Village Hall 	2nd and 4th Fridays "
(Ante-natal) 	4th Friday "
GROOMBRIDGE—	
The Hut 	2nd and 4th Mondays "
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM—	
British Legion Hall, Hartfield 	1st and 3rd Fridays "
JARVIS BROOK—	
Memorial Hall 	2nd and 4th Fridays "
MAYFIELD—	
Congregational Church Hall 	1st and 3rd Fridays "
NUTLEY—	
Forest Dene 	4th Friday "
ROTHERFIELD—	
British Legion Hut 	3rd Friday "
UCKFIELD—	
County Clinic 	1st Tuesday "
(Ante-natal) 	3rd Tuesday "
WADHURST—	
The Institute 	1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays "
(Ante-natal) 	2nd Tuesday "

Laboratory Facilities.

Arrangements are made for the examination of specimens, taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 23506).

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the Laboratory any time up to 7 o'clock from Mondays to Fridays and before 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out by telephoning to the Director, Dr. Jameson (telephone number Preston 6960).

Ambulance Services.

It is the duty of the County Council under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

In East Sussex this is being done mainly by arrangement with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the British Red Cross Society and other voluntary organisations.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted direct from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows:—

<i>Parishes Served.</i>	<i>Ambulance Station.</i>	<i>Telephone Number.</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances.</i>
Buxted (North part)	Caffyns Garage, Beacon Road, Crowborough.	Crowborough 532 Mon. to Fri. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	2
Crowborough Mayfield (North part)		At all other times Crowborough 822	
Rotherfield Withyham			
Forest Row Hartfield	Phillips Garage, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 488	2
Hadlow Down Mayfield (South part)	Caffyns Garage, Heathfield.	Heathfield 313	1
Frant Wadhurst	Monson Road, Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 2840	3
Buxted (South part)	Caffyns Garage, Uckfield.	Uckfield 282	1
Danehill Fletching Framfield Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield			

Cases of infectious disease are removed by ambulances maintained at the isolation hospitals.

SANITARY SUPERVISION.

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts ...	1,582
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts	614
Inspections made of cowsheds, dairies and milk shops	695
Visits to bakehouses	90
" " factories (with power, 106, without power, 42	148
" " butchers' shops and slaughterhouses	240
" " knackers' yards	6
" " fish-frying premises	16
" " food premises	335
" " ice cream premises	115
" " shops (under Shops Act)	226
" " hop-pickers' lodgings	23
" " licensed premises	142
" in connection with tents, vans and sheds	41
" " " " infectious diseases	74
" " " " water supplies	491
" " " " eradication of bed bugs and other vermin	26
" " " " rats and mice destruction	2,846
" " " " sanitary accommodation at schools	19
" " " " public conveniences, halls, etc.	3
" " " " requisitioning	52
Miscellaneous visits	220
Interviews	228
No. of drain tests carried out	224
" " water samples taken	157
" " milk samples taken	243
" " ice cream samples taken	23
" " rooms disinfected and disinfested	68
" " preliminary notices served	228
" " " " complied with	202
" " statutory Notices served	17
" " " " complied with	12

BYE-LAWS RELATING TO HOP-PICKERS.

Twenty-three visits were made to hop-pickers' lodgings during the season.

A total of eighty-eight lodgings were provided on the seven farms where imported pickers were employed, and the occupants comprised sixty-eight families, including twenty-one males, one hundred and nineteen females and eighty-seven children.

Two preliminary notices were served during the period.

The following improvements have been made to lodgings as a result of earlier representations :—

No. of huts cleansed and limewashed	88
No. of closets improved	2
Cases of overcrowding abated	2
No. of unfit huts no longer in use	7
No. of new huts erected	7

FACTORIES.

One hundred and forty-eight visits were made to factories during the year. Of these, one hundred and six were factories in which mechanical power was used.

Inspections for purposes of provision as to health.

PREMISES.	NO. ON REGISTER.	INSPEC- TIONS.	NOTICES.	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	45	42	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	142	106	14	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	187	148	14	—

Cases in which defects were found.

PARTICULARS.	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED.
	FOUND.	REMEDIED.	REFERRED.		
			To H.M. INSPECTOR.	By H.M. INSPECTOR.	
Want of cleanliness ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences :					
(a) insufficient	2	1	1	1	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	7	9	—	3	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	5	5	—	—	—
TOTALS	14	*15	1	4	—

* Includes cases from previous year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supplies.

Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, which came into operation on the 1st October of this year, repeals the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 and provides for the registration of dairy farms and dairy farmers by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, but the registration of milk distributors and other dairies remains the responsibility of the District Council. The execution and enforcement of the regulations on dairy farms, so far as they relate to diseases communicable to man, also remains the responsibility of the District Council.

At the end of September the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries were furnished with a list of dairy farmers registered by the Council under the following classifications :—

Producers of milk	...	...	...	...	...	453
Producers and Retailers of Milk	...	...	...	...	...	39

The alteration in procedure also involved amendments in the Council's register of milk retailers (now known as milk distributors) as shown below :—

Number of producers and retailers of milk deleted from the register on the 31st October, 1949	...	...	...	...	39
Number of distributors remaining on the register	...	...	...	...	16

A total of 695 inspections were made during the year and twenty informal notices served requiring improvements or repair to cowsheds and dairies. Thirty-eight notices were complied with.

The following is a summary of the improvements made :—

New cowsheds erected	...	...	...	...	11
New dairies erected	...	...	...	...	18
Farm buildings converted into cowsheds and dairies	...	...	...	...	13
Cowsheds repaired	...	...	...	...	15
Dairies repaired	...	...	...	...	9
Cowsheds and dairies cleansed	...	...	...	...	10

No. of samples of milk taken for Bacteriological examination	...	...	...	...	115
Passed Methylene Blue and Coliform Tests	...	...	...	...	82
Passed Methylene Blue Test only	...	...	...	...	6
Passed Coliform Test only	...	...	...	...	5
Failed both tests	...	...	...	...	22
No. of samples of milk taken for Biological examination	...	...	...	...	128
No. containing Tubercle Bacilli	...	...	...	...	1

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-1943.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949.

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949, which came into operation on the 1st October of this year, re-enact, with amendments, the provisions of the 1936-1948 regulations.

Two sets of regulations have been made relating to :—

- (a) raw milk, and
- (b) pasteurised and sterilised milk.

So far as raw milk is concerned, producers must be licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and dealers by the District Council.

The Council will similarly be responsible for licensing dealers of "pasteurised" and "sterilised" milk, but the duty of licensing premises where the milk is actually heat treated is placed on the Food and Drugs Authority, which for this district, is the East Sussex County Council.

Licences were issued to milk dealers as under :—

To bottle Tuberculin Tested milk	...	...	...	...	8
To retail Tuberculin Tested milk already bottled	...	...	...	...	2
To retail Accredited milk	...	...	...	...	1
To retail Pasteurised milk	...	...	...	...	4

Six samples of designated milk were submitted to the Bacteriologist for examination, four of which were satisfactory. In the case of the two unsatisfactory samples, details were forwarded to the Milk Production Officer of the East Sussex County Council with a view to inspections being made to the producers' premises.

ICE CREAM.

Registration of Premises.

Total number of registered premises :—

For manufacture	...	...	...	...	5
For storage and sale	83

Number of premises registered during the year :—

For storage and sale	51
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Sampling.

Number of samples taken	23
Passed Methylene Blue and Coliform Tests	12
Failed Methylene Blue and Coliform Tests	...	...	...	...	10
Failed Coliform Test	...	...	...	...	1

The eleven samples which failed to pass the tests were from ice cream manufactured outside the District. The local authorities concerned were informed of the results of the analysis and given the names of the manufacturers.

It has since been ascertained that four of the seven manufacturers have ceased to sell ice cream in this district and of the others, action has been taken to obtain the necessary improvements.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

During the year a survey of all the food premises and shops in the district was made. This entailed visits to three hundred and forty premises and the recording of the conditions found to exist. The premises visited were :—

(1) Catering establishments, including hotels, restaurants, snack bars, etc.	...	...	...	...	90
(2) Inns and public houses (not included above)	...	...	...	...	56
(3) Food shops and premises	...	...	...	...	194

(1) The catering establishments have been inspected with a view to effecting improvements in the general hygiene. Managers and proprietors and, where-ever possible, kitchen staff, have been interviewed, and suggestions have been put forward for improved methods. On the whole these premises were found to be in a fairly satisfactory condition, some being very good and the standard of hygiene quite high. Of the ninety premises visited, eighty-four were served with main water and a constant supply of hot water was available in seventy-seven cases.

(2) Attention has been directed also to glass washing facilities and sanitary accommodation in Inns and beer houses in the district. It was found that of the fifty-six premises visited, thirty-seven were provided with a constant

supply of hot and cold water, seventeen had cold water but no constant supply of hot water, and two premises had totally inadequate facilities. The Brewery Companies are very conscious of the need for improved facilities at their premises and many of them have already made improvements in accordance with suggestions from this department. Cellars and pipelines have also been included in the survey, and it is interesting to note that the Brewers' Inspectors pay regular attention to this aspect of the business and usually visit the premises for this purpose fortnightly.

(3) The survey included one hundred and ninety-four visits to shops and premises where food is handled, stored or prepared, and particular attention was paid to hand washing and general cleanliness. It was found that in one hundred and twenty-seven premises there was a constant supply of hot and cold water for the use of the staff, and the remaining sixty-seven premises had only cold water laid on, but hot water was available from gas boilers, kettles, or other means. It is the aim, of course, to obtain a constant supply of hot water at each premises where food is handled.

Summary of Improvements carried out.

No. of premises provided with constant supply of hot water	11
No. of premises provided with supply of main water	3
No. of kitchens or preparing rooms cleansed, redecorated or improved	13
No. of new sinks provided	9
No. of premises with improved sanitary accommodation	23
No. of premises with increased sanitary accommodation	3
No. of premises with improved ventilation and lighting	2

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

During the year two hundred and forty visits were made to slaughter-houses and butchers' shops.

The inspection of meat at the Ministry of Food's centralised slaughter-house, situated at Uckfield, was carried out by the District Sanitary Inspectors.

The total weight of foodstuffs surrendered was 6 tons, 18 cwts, 3 qrs., 4½ lbs.

Carcases inspected and condemned.

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS
Number slaughtered	450	149	925	1488	218
Number inspected	450	149	925	1488	218
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	3	1	2	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	130	50	3	105	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	28.89	35.57	0.43	7.19	3.21
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned	4	9	1	—	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	38	26	—	—	8
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	9.34	23.49	0.11	—	4.59

Of the 925 calves killed, 62 were heifer calves.

The following tables show that sixteen carcasses and ninety-eight parts or organs were found to be affected with tuberculosis and that six carcasses and three hundred and sixty-six parts or organs were affected with diseases other than tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis.

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows.</i>	<i>Cows.</i>	<i>Calves.</i>	<i>Pigs.</i>
Whole carcasses and organs ...	4	9	1	2
Forequarters ...	2	1	—	—
Hindquarters ...	—	1	—	—
Heads and tongues ...	19	13	—	8
Lungs ...	26	19	—	—
Livers ...	4	3	—	—
Miscellaneous ...	1	1	—	—

Other Diseased Conditions.

CATTLE, excluding Cows.

7 Heads and tongues ...	Actinomycosis
1 Portion of hindquarter ...	Echinococcus Cysts
1 Portion of hindquarter ...	Bruising
Stomach and intestines ...	Peritonitis
3 Tripes ...	Decomposition
2 Lungs ...	Echinococcus Cysts
1 Liver ...	Ditto
1 Spleen ...	Ditto
1 Set of Kidneys ...	Ditto
1 Skirt ...	Ditto
1 Tripe ...	Ditto
3 Lungs ...	Abscesses
3 Lungs ...	Cysts
1 Lungs ...	Distomatosis
1 Lungs ...	Actinomycosis
3 Lungs ...	Encysted Distoma Hepaticum
108 Livers ...	Distomatosis
10 Livers ...	Abscesses
6 Livers ...	Angiomatosis
6 Livers ...	Cirrhosis
1 Liver ...	Cysts

Cows.

1 Carcase and organs ...	Emaciation associated with mammitis and Toxaemia
1 Carcase and organs ...	Dropsy and Toxaemia
1 Carcase and organs ...	Septicaemia
1 Head and tongue ...	Abscesses
2 Heads and tongues ...	Actinomycosis
1 Portion of forequarters ...	Abscesses
2 Lungs ...	Ditto
2 Lungs ...	Echinococcus Cysts
1 Lungs ...	Distomatosis
1 Intestines ...	Johnes Disease
3 Tripes ...	Decomposition

2 Udders	...	...	...	Mastitis
2 Sets of Kidneys	...	...	...	Hydronephrosis
45 Livers	...	...	...	Distomatosis
9 Livers	...	...	...	Angiomatosis
3 Livers	...	...	...	Cirrhosis
2 Livers	...	...	...	Actinomycosis
1 Liver	...	...	...	Abscesses

CALVES.

1 Carcase and organs	...	...	...	Dropsy and Emaciation
2 Portions of forequarter	...	...	...	Bruising and Inflammation
1 Stomach	...	...	...	Putrefaction

SHEEP.

1 Carcase and organs	...	...	...	Pleurisy, Peritonitis and Oedema
1 Carcase and organs	...	...	...	Oedema and Pneumonia
1 Portion of forequarter	...	...	...	Pneumonia and Abscesses
1 Leg	...	...	...	Bruising
1 Head	...	...	...	Damaged by Dogs
8 Lungs	...	...	...	Pneumonia
1 Lungs	...	...	...	Strongylus R.
79 Livers	...	...	...	Distomatosis
7 Livers	...	...	...	Parasitic Cysts
6 Livers	...	...	...	Tenuicollis Cysts
2 Livers	...	...	...	Abscesses
2 Livers	...	...	...	Echinococcus Cysts

PIGS.

Intestines	...	...	...	Peritonitis
Intestines	...	...	...	Putrefaction
Intestines and stomach	...	...	...	Inflammation
2 Sets of Kidneys	...	...	...	Hydronephrosis
1 Leg	...	...	...	Abscesses
2 Legs	...	...	...	Bruising and lacerations
1 Lungs	...	...	...	Pleurisy
1 Liver	...	...	...	Cirrhosis

Foodstuffs Voluntarily Surrendered.

418 lbs.	Imported beef	...	...	Bone Taint
318 lbs.	Home killed beef	...	...	Ditto
32 lbs.	Pork brawn	...	...	Decomposed
88 lbs.	Corned beef	...	...	Ditto
12 lbs.	Bacon	...	...	Bone Taint
4 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.	Haslet meat	...	...	Mould
25 tins	Meat	...	...	Blown and/or Damaged
16 stone	Fish	...	...	Decomposed
89 tins	Fish	...	...	Blown and/or Damaged
67 lbs.	Sugar	...	...	Contaminated (coal dust)
56 tins	Vegetables	...	...	Blown and/or Damaged
78 tins	Milk	...	...	Ditto
13 tins	Fruit	...	...	Ditto
13 tins	Preserves	...	...	Ditto
2 tins	Spaghetti	...	...	Ditto
3 tins	Paste	...	...	Ditto
3 tins	Soup	...	...	Ditto
1 tin	Tomato juice	...	...	Ditto
1 tin	Sandwich spread	...	...	Ditto
1 tin	Christmas pudding	...	...	Ditto

7 jars	Pickles	...	...	...	Decomposed
14 bots.	Ketchup	...	...	...	Fermentation
21 c'tns	Powdered soup	...	...	...	Mouldy
2 cases	Oranges	...	...	...	Decomposed
41 box.	Gruyere cheese	...	...	...	Mouldy
16 pkts.	Plain flour	...	...	...	Infested with larvae
1 pkt.	Shredded suet	...	...	...	Decomposed

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Licences for the period ending 31st December, 1949, were issued in accordance with the provisions of the Act to thirty-four persons to slaughter animals.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE.

The following are particulars of the work carried out by the Council's two Rodent Operators during the year :—

	<i>Rats.</i>	<i>Mice.</i>
No. of complaints received	173	53
No. of premises infested	160	52
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiries	127	18
No. of premises disinfested :		
(a) dwelling houses and schools	238	51
(b) Council properties viz. : Sewage Disposal Works and Refuse Tips	5	—
(c) business premises (other than food premises)	9	1
(d) food premises	26	5
Total number of visits	2846	

Financial Arrangements.

Subject to the Council's compliance with certain conditions, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries offered to continue the consolidated grant of 50% of approved net expenditure incurred on the maintenance of rodent control. The Council accepted the offer.

Commercial and industrial premises, with the exception of those occupied by the Council, do not qualify for grant-aid, the intention being that any expenditure should be fully reimbursed by the occupiers and that no part should fall on public funds. Occupiers of business premises have, therefore, been charged the actual cost of labour and materials used.

Occupiers of private dwelling-houses pay a modified charge based on the number of poison points laid.

Sewer Rat Treatment.

Test-baiting of the various sewerage systems in the District will be commenced in January, 1950.

When tests were last carried out in the late summer of 1948, two of the thirteen systems were found to be slightly infested, and the necessary treatments were carried out.

Refuse Tips and Sewage Works.

Inspections are made at regular intervals of the Council's refuse tips and sewage works and, when necessary, treatments are carried out.

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS.

The work of eradicating insect pests with D.D.T. solution and powder was carried out during the year by the Rodent Operators under the supervision of the District Sanitary Inspectors.

Details of the work are as follows :—

BUGS.

No. of premises disinfested	...	...	...	...	4
No. of visits	...	...	...	...	8

FLEAS.

No. of premises disinfested	...	...	...	...	2
No. of visits	...	...	...	...	4

FLIES.

No. of premises disinfested	...	...	...	...	3
No. of visits	...	...	...	...	6

COCKROACHES.

No. of premises disinfested	...	...	...	...	2
No. of visits	...	...	...	...	6

HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

1.	(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	324
	(b) Total number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	1,582
2.	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above which were inspected and recorded	...	...	...	11
3.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	8
4.	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	146

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	112
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

1.	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936
	(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	(b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :—							
	(i) By owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
	(ii) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
2.	Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—							
	(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
	(b) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—							
	(i) By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1948)	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
	(ii) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

3.	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	8
	Note : In all cases undertakings were given by the respective owners not to use the premises for human habitation until rendered fit to the satisfaction of the Council.	
(b)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	2
(c)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Time and Place—Section 11 ...	2

Rural Housing Survey.

Since the completion of the housing survey in 1948 a number of houses have been completely renovated and others have been dealt with under the demolition section of the Housing Act, 1936. This has necessitated alterations to the categories in which the dwellings were at that time placed, as shown below :—

10	category 3a	houses now	category 2	
6	" 3b	" "	" 3a	
2	" 3b	" "	" 1	
1	" 5x	" "	" 3a	
4	" 3b(4)	" "	" 2	
6	" 3b	" "	" 2	
7	" 3a(4)	" "	" 2	
2	" 5y	" "	" 2	
2	" 3a	" "	" 2	
2	" 3a	" "	converted into one house now category 1.	
4	" 5y	" "	demolished	
1	" 3b(4)	" "	"	
1	" 5y	" "	not previously inspected.	
1	" 2	" "	not previously inspected.	

The table of categories show in my 1948 annual report has been amended accordingly and the revised figures are as follows :—

CATEGORY 1.

Satisfactory in all respects	1,118
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CATEGORY 2.

Minor Defects	3,460
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CATEGORY 3.

Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvements :—

(a) Suitable for action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	3,198
(b) Suitable for action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, but structurally capable of being reconditioned	564

CATEGORY 4.

Agricultural Cottages structurally capable of being reconditioned (included in Category 3) :—

(a)	Suitable for action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	461
(b)	Suitable for action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, but structurally capable of being reconditioned	...	...	...	...	...	122

CATEGORY 5.

Unfit for human habitation and suitable for early demolition :—

(x)	Agricultural Cottages	...	...	...	...	24
(y)	Other dwellings	...	...	...	...	104

Repairs and Improvements.

The works of repair and improvement enumerated below were completed during the year :—

INTERNAL.

Dampness in floors remedied	...	...	...	...	37
Dampness in walls remedied	...	...	...	...	67
Floors relaid or repaired	...	...	...	...	70
Walls repaired or cleansed	...	...	...	...	117
Ceilings repaired or cleansed	...	...	...	...	92
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	33
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	29
Windows repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	71
Doors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	37
Other woodwork repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	11
Fireplaces and flues repaired	...	...	...	...	21
Cooking stoves provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	21
Washing coppers provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Food stores provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	14
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	10
Sinks provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	51
Sink wastes trapped or provided	...	...	...	...	6
Ceiling heights increased	...	...	...	...	1
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	1

EXTERNAL.

Walls repaired	...	...	...	...	28
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	28
Chimney stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	20
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	23
Air space at rear increased	...	...	...	...	1
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	2
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	2
Paving provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	9
Yards cleansed	...	...	...	...	1

DRAINAGE.

New systems provided	...	...	...	...	...	70
Systems repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	28
Systems cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	25
W.C's. provided	...	...	...	...	...	71
W.C's. repaired, cleansed or ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	26
W.C's. flushing apparatus provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	72
E.C's. converted to W.C's.	...	...	...	...	...	11
E.C's. repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	7
Main water supply provided	...	...	...	...	...	76
Wells repaired	...	...	...	...	...	5
Miscellaneous repairs and improvements	...	...	...	...	...	3

New Houses.

During the year, one hundred and eighty-six new houses were erected by the Council and thirty by private enterprise.

Details of the various classes of houses erected by the Council are given :—

<i>Parish.</i>	<i>Type.</i>	<i>No. of Houses.</i>
Buxted (Gordon Road)	Flats	4
	D	4
Buxted (High Hurstwood)	C	2
	D	2
		—————12
Crowborough	A (convertible)	2
	B	2
	C	4
	D	10
	Flats	8
	Aireys	10
		—————36
Fletching	C	2
		————— 2
Forest Row	A	2
	C	6
	D	2
	Flats	8
		—————18
Framfield	A	4
	C	4
	D	4
		—————12
Frant	A	2
	C	2
		————— 4
Hadlow Down	C	2
		————— 2
Isfield	D	2
		————— 2
Maresfield (Fairwarp)	C	2
	D	2
		————— 4
Maresfield (Nutley)	A	2
	C	6
	D	2
	Flats	4
		—————14

Mayfield	...	...	...	...	B	2	
					C		
					D	2	
					Special (3 Bedrooms)	2	
					Flats	8	
							18
Rotherfield	...	...	...	...	A	2	
					C	6	
					D	4	
							12
Uckfield	...	...	...	...	A	2	
					B	4	
					C	6	
					D	6	
					Flats	4	
							22
Wadhurst	...	...	...	...	A	4	
					D	2	
							6
Withyham (Groombridge)	...	...			A	2	
					D	8	
					C	2	
							12
Withyham (Blackham)	...	...			A	2	
					C	4	
					D	4	
							10
							186
	A	...	...	3 Bedroom, Parlour.			
	B	...	...	3 " "			
	C	...	...	2 " No parlour.			
	D	...	...	3 " "			
	Flats	...	...	1 " "			
	Airey	...	...	3 " Parlour.			
	A Convertible	...	...	1 Unit 2 Bedrooms, Parlour.			
				1 " 4 " "			

Conversions.

Seventeen dwelling houses were converted to accommodate forty-four family units.

Requisitioned Properties.

Two properties were requisitioned during the year and converted to accommodate four family units.

Number of applicants on the Council's waiting list for housing accommodation on 31st December, 1949 840

Number of applicants housed during the year :—

(a)	In pre-war houses	...	...	...	...	38
(b)	In requisitioned properties	26
(c)	In new houses erected by the Council	185

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Water Supplies.

During the year, extensions of water mains, apart from those necessary for housing sites, were carried out as follows :—

(1)	Ringles Cross	...	...	...	...	70 yards
(2)	The Highlands, Uckfield	...	...	...	...	125 "
(3)	Cansiron Lane, Hartfield	...	...	...	...	1,070 "
(4)	The Sussex Oak, Blackham	...	...	...	...	767 "
(5)	Gatehouse Lane, Framfield	...	...	...	...	1,300 "

The first three were necessary to replace numerous small pipe-lines laid many years ago.

Connections to the Council's water main were made as follows :—

Danehill Parish	...	...	...	...	...	85
Framfield Parish	...	...	...	...	...	161
Hartfield Parish	...	...	...	...	...	13
Isfield Parish	...	...	...	...	...	6
Maresfield Parish	...	...	...	...	...	15
Uckfield Parish	...	...	...	...	...	12
Withyham Parish	...	...	...	...	...	4

The laying of water mains to the parishes of Danehill and Framfield was completed late in 1948.

Monthly samples of water were taken for bacteriological and chemical analysis from the mains supplies of all water undertakers who operate in the District, viz. :—

- The Crowborough District Water Company.
- The Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.
- The East Grinstead Gas and Water Company.
- The East Surrey Water Company.
- The Uckfield Rural District Council.

A survey to establish a " public health need " for a piped water supply was carried out in the parish of Fletching, and negotiations are in progress for an extension of the Council's water main.

The following table gives details of samples of water taken for analysis from wells and springs supplying private dwelling houses :—

No. of samples taken for bacteriological analysis	...	...	...	...	98
No. of samples reported satisfactory	...	...	...	...	46
No. of samples reported unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	52
No. of houses connected to the water main following formal action by the Council	...	...	...	...	1
No. of houses connected to the water main following informal action by the Council (including a number from the previous year)	...	...	...	...	76
No. of wells repaired following informal action by the Council	...	...	...	...	5

Position relating to Piped Water Supplies.

PARISH	No. of separate dwellings having main water supply.	Estimated number of Inhabitants.	No. of separate dwellings having standpipes.	Actual number of Inhabitants.
Buxted	516	1,703	1	4
Crowborough	2,070	6,831	—	—
Danehill	189	624	—	—
Fletching	22	73	—	—
Forest Row	766	2,528	—	—
Framfield	232	766	—	—
Frant	261	861	10	27
Hadlow Down	186	614	2	8
Hartfield	435	1,435	—	—
Isfield	124	409	4	12
Little Horsted	13	43	—	—
Maresfield	585	1,930	—	—
Mayfield	873	2,881	—	—
Rotherfield	762	2,515	—	—
Uckfield	1,048	3,458	—	—
Wadhurst	1,055	3,481	—	—
Withyham	759	2,505	17	47
	9,896	32,657	34	98

The exceptionally dry weather experienced during the summer produced serious problems. The source of supply at Nutley proved quite insufficient to meet the needs of the dwellers of Danehill where people living on higher levels suffered serious inconvenience. In order to meet the need as far as possible a temporary intake was made on a small stream, a short distance from the purification plant and the pumping station.

Notices were posted in the parishes of Maresfield and Danehill, asking consumers to economise in the use of water. A loud-speaker van also toured the district for the same purpose.

At Blackham where the Council supplies water purchased in bulk from the Crowborough District Water Company, a failure of supply occurred on a number of occasions, especially at weekends, due to the pressure in the Crowborough Company's mains being insufficient to secure delivery from the hill at Highfields. With a view to overcoming this recurring problem the Surveyor has recommended and the Council have agreed to construct a steel tank having a capacity of about one and a half days supply.

During the year it was necessary to cart water to meet the domestic needs, where private supplies had failed, as follows:—

Mayfield Flat.
Pitdown.
Nursery Lane, Framfield.
Palehouse Common, Framfield.
Upton's Mill, Framfield.
Horsted Lane, Little Horsted.

The problem which arose during the season, clearly indicated an urgent need for improvement and much larger sources of supply.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No extensions to the sewers have been made during the year.

SALVAGE.

The scheme for the collection of salvage in the District has been carried out successfully during the year, and the Surveyor to the Council has supplied the following interesting record of the materials collected and sold.

SALVAGE—Sale of Materials for the year ending 31st December, 1949.

	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	£	s.	d.
Aluminium		13	9	29	8	3
Ashes		132 yds.		26	8	0
Bones	2	10	109	14	12	10
Brass		11	32	20	5	2
Copper			60	1	18	8
Cullett	290	0	0	290	0	0
Feathers			64	1	6	8
Gramophone Records			96		13	7
Horsehair			30		15	0
Iron	28	4	28	46	5	4
Metal—White			54	1	6	4
Paper Waste	328	14	81	2187	8	1
Rags	29	4	80	616	6	9
Rubber		6	68		18	1
String		15	102	6	12	6
Syphons		26 Syphons			10	10
Tins	57	12	38	71	15	7
Zinc		5	72	3	19	0
	<u>739</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>£3,320</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>