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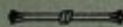
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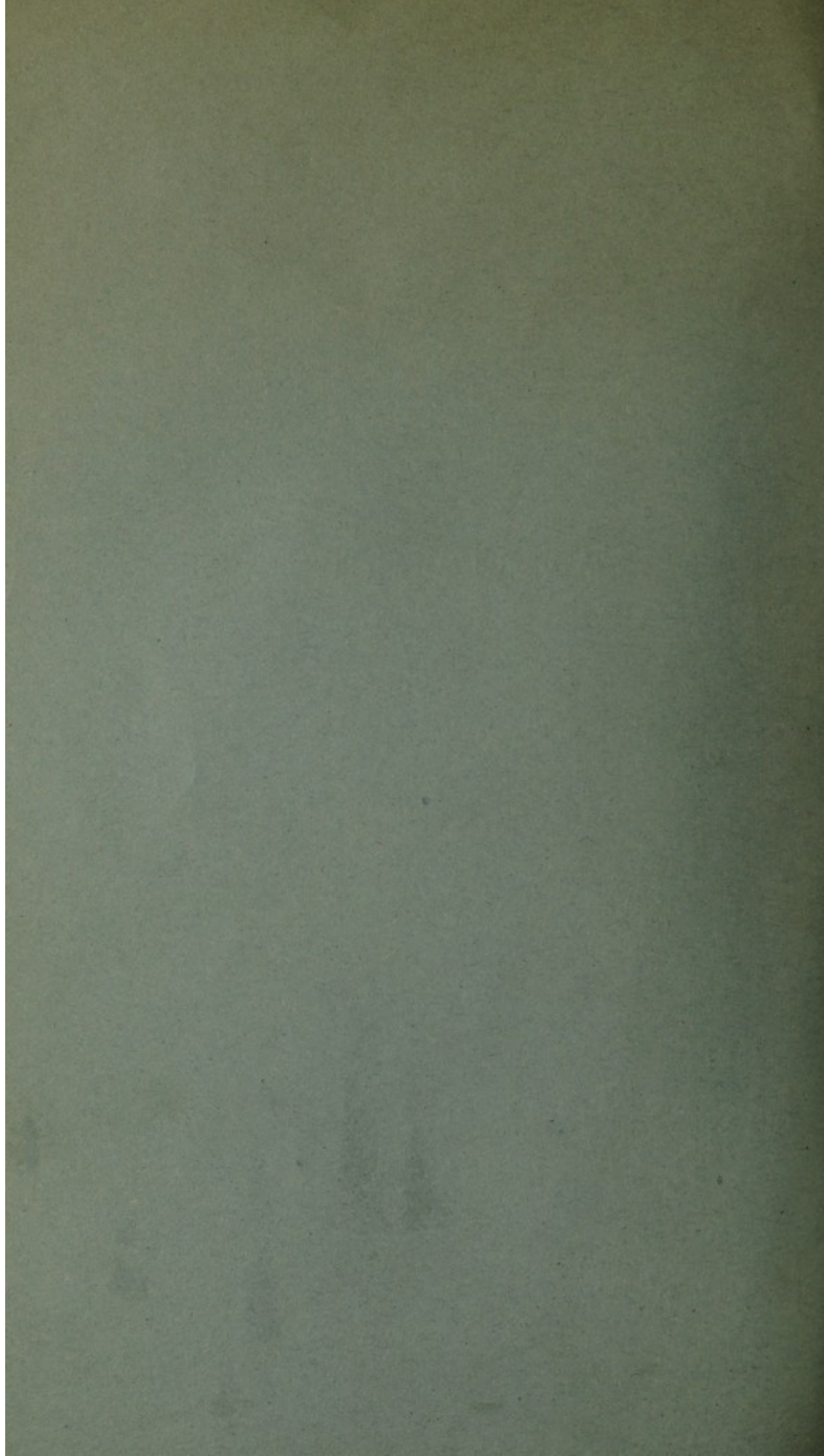
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WALSINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for
the year ended 31st December, 1965

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the report on the Public Health of the Walsingham Rural district for 1965.

The report incorporates the report of the Surveyor & Public Health Inspector. Dr. A. Carson, who was medical officer of health during 1965, accepted another post and transferred from the district on 6th March, 1966.

The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population of Walsingham Rural district for 1965 was 19,680 which was an increase of 130 over 1964. There were 308 live births and 180 deaths during 1965; an increase of 128 births over deaths. 1959 and 1965 are two years in which the population has been estimated to have increased; in the remaining years 1956 to 1965 the estimated population had decreased.

The corrected death rate for the district was 9.28 compared with a rate of 10.39 for the Administrative County of Norfolk and 11.5 for England and Wales. The 1964 corrected death rate for Walsingham district was 18.89. Two infants under 1 year of age died in 1965, the same number as in 1964, giving an infant mortality rate of 6.5 per thousand compared with 6.1 in 1964. The 1965 rate for England and Wales was 19.0, for the administrative county of Norfolk it was 16.11.

The percentage of illegitimate live births to total live births was 4.2. The comparative figures were 6.4 in 1964, 4.7 in 1963, 2.6 in 1962 and 3.9 in 1961.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis in the district during the year.

No cases of poliomyelitis were reported during the year. Measles showed an increase to 198 notifications out of a total of 228 notifications of all communicable diseases.

I should like to express my thanks to the Committee for their support and to the Staffs of the Public Health Department and the Local Health Office for their help in the compilation of this report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

LESLIE G. POOLE, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.
Medical Officer of Health

SECTION I

GENERAL STATISTICS

- (a) Area :- no change - 39 parishes; 88,818 acres.
- (b) Population :- the estimated Mid-Year Home Population for the District for 1965 was 19,680. This was 130 more than in 1964.

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Estimated Mid-Year Population	24190	23850	23680	23890	23640	22830	22390	20410	19550	19680

The total number of deaths was 180; the number of live births 308, showing a natural increase of births over deaths of 128.

- (c) The Rateable Value of the District was £452,875.
- (d) The Product of Penny Rate was £876.
- (e) Meteorological Factors:- the data, acquired by courtesy of the R.A.F. West Raynham, is shown in the table below, the figures in brackets being the corresponding data for 1964.

Month	Mean daily maximum Temp (°F)	Mean daily minimum Temp (°F)	Mean daily temperature (°F)	Total rain-fall inches	Mean relative humidity
Jan.	40.8 (38.8)	33.1 (30.6)	36.9 (34.7)	2.93 (.67)	88.75 (93.75)
Feb.	40.5 (43.9)	34.0 (34.7)	37.3 (39.3)	1.12 (.75)	86.25 (89.75)
Mar.	46.9 (41.7)	33.4 (34.2)	40.1 (37.9)	2.47 (2.81)	84.75 (86.0)
Apr.	52.7 (53.8)	38.7 (40.8)	45.7 (47.3)	2.51 (2.55)	85.0 (81.0)
May	59.7 (64.2)	45.3 (45.9)	52.5 (55.1)	1.38 (1.57)	81.0 (77.50)
June	64.4 (63.7)	48.4 (49.3)	56.4 (56.5)	2.37 (4.50)	83.0 (82.25)
July	62.8 (69.6)	50.0 (52.5)	56.4 (61.1)	4.09 (1.39)	84.75 (78.25)
Aug.	66.4 (68.9)	50.4 (52.2)	58.4 (60.5)	2.96 (1.16)	83.0 (79.25)
Sept.	61.5 (66.7)	47.5 (47.3)	54.5 (57.0)	4.26 (.53)	87.50 (76.25)
Oct.	58.3 (53.6)	44.2 (40.1)	51.3 (46.9)	.81 (2.22)	88.0 (86.75)
Nov.	44.2 (49.5)	35.2 (39.2)	39.7 (44.3)	3.42 (1.95)	87.75 (89.0)
Dec.	42.4 (41.5)	34.0 (33.4)	38.2 (37.5)	6.05 (2.16)	92.50 (88.75)

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The Registrar General's figures for live and still births in the District for 1965 were 308 and 5 respectively.

Table showing legitimate and illegitimate live births
(the figures in brackets are corresponding numbers for 1964)

Live Births	Males	Females	Totals
Legitimate	167 (153)	128 (155)	295 (308)
Illegitimate	8 (11)	5 (10)	13 (21)
Totals	175 (164)	133 (165)	308 (329)

Table showing stillbirths for 1965

Stillbirths	Males	Females	Totals
Legitimate	1 (1)	3 (1)	4 (2)
Illegitimate	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
Totals	1 (1)	4 (1)	5 (2)

Live Birth Rate

The crude rate was 15.6 per 1,000 population compared with a rate of 16.8 in 1964. The corrected birth rate (using a comparability factor of 1.01) was 15.7 per 1,000 of the population compared with a rate of 18.1 for England and Wales, and 17.26 for the Administrative County of Norfolk.

Illegitimate Births

The number of illegitimate births was 13 compared with 21 in 1964, 16 in 1963 and 9 in 1962. The percentage of illegitimate births to the total live births was 4.2% compared with 6.4% in 1964, 4.7% in 1963, 2.6% in 1962 and 3.9% in 1961.

Stillbirths

There were 5 stillbirths in 1965, 4 in legitimate and 1 in illegitimate births, giving a stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths of 15.9 compared with 6.0 in 1964. The rate for England and Wales was 15.7 for 1965, and 12.84 for the Administrative County.

Infant Deaths

Two infants under one year of age died in 1965, the same as in 1964. Both of these died during the first week of life. One, a male infant aged four days, died from prematurity, whilst the other, a female infant aged six days, died from broncho-pneumonia due to prematurity.

Infant Mortality Rate

This is calculated as the total infant deaths per 1,000 live births, and for 1965 was 6.5. Comparison of figures for the past ten years shows the following:-

1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956
6.5	6.1	14.7	17.5	16.6	27.9	13.5	27.1	29.4	21.4

The infant mortality rate for England and Wales in 1965 was 19.0, and for the Administrative County of Norfolk, 16.11.

Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is deaths in legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, and for 1965 was 3.4. In 1964 this rate was 6.5.

Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is deaths in illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, and for 1965 was 76.9.

Neonatal Mortality Rate

This is deaths of infants under four weeks of age per 1,000 live births. Of the two deaths of infants under one year, both were in infants under four weeks. The rate for 1965 was 6.5 compared with 6.1 in 1964, 11.7 in 1963 and 17.5 in 1962.

The Early Neonatal Mortality Rate was also 6.5, as both infants died during the first week of life.

Perinatal Mortality Rate

This is combined stillbirths and deaths under one week of age per 1,000 total live and stillbirths. The rate for 1965 was 22.4, compared with 12.1 in 1964, 20.2 in 1963 and 28.7 in 1962.

Maternal Mortality

No deaths occurred in 1965, therefore the maternal mortality rate is zero.

1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
3.4	6.5	11.7	17.5	12.1	20.2	28.7	22.4	12.1	20.2	28.7	22.4	12.1	20.2	28.7	22.4

Deaths from all causes

The Registrar General has recorded the following deaths and they are classified under the thirty-six headings based on the abbreviated list of International Statistical Classifications of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Deaths, 1955. Where headings are omitted from the table, there were no deaths due to these causes in the District.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	Age in Years					
				5--	35--	45--	55--	65--	75 & over
3. Syphilitic Disease	M	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	3	--	--	1	1	--	1	--
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	M	6	--	--	--	--	1	4	1
	F	3	--	--	1	1	--	--	1
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	F	4	--	--	--	--	1	1	2
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	8	--	--	1	--	--	5	2
	F	9	--	--	1	--	2	3	3
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
	F	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
16. Diabetes	M	2	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	14	--	--	1	1	1	6	5
	F	16	--	--	--	--	2	4	10
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	M	23	--	--	--	--	4	11	8
	F	9	--	--	--	--	1	4	4
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
20. Other Heart Disease	M	17	--	--	1	1	1	4	10
	F	11	--	--	--	--	1	3	7
21. Other Circulatory Disease	M	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
22. Influenza	M	2	--	--	1	--	--	1	--
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
23. Pneumonia	M	2	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
	F	5	--	--	--	1	--	2	2
24. Bronchitis	M	5	--	--	--	--	1	2	2
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	3	--	--	--	--	1	1	1
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
31. Congenital Malfor- mations	M	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
	F	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	8	1	--	--	--	--	1	6
	F	7	--	--	--	--	1	--	6
34. All Other Accidents	M	2	--	--	--	--	1	--	1
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Total All Causes	M	105	1	--	6	3	13	39	43
	F	75	1	1	2	2	8	20	41

The total number of deaths was 180.

Heart disease, with 61 deaths, headed the list of causes of death and caused 33.9% of all deaths. There were 32 cases of fatal coronary disease, these accounting for 17.8% of all causes. Vascular lesions of the nervous system, with 30 deaths, gave a percentage figure of 16.7.

If all deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system (which includes vascular lesions of the nervous system) are totalled, a figure of 93 deaths is attained - thus causing 51.7% of all deaths in the District.

Cancer caused 37 deaths giving a figure of 20.6%. Cancer of the lung and bronchus caused 9 deaths - in other words, cancer of lung and bronchus caused 24.3% of deaths from all types of cancer.

Accidents, which could be preventable, caused 1.7% of all deaths.

It is worth noting that only 2 deaths occurred in infants under one year and both were due to congenital causes.

Death rate (crude) per 1000 of estimated population	--	9.1
Death rate (corrected, using comparability factor of 1.02) per 1,000 of estimated population	--	9.28
Corrected death rate per 1,000 of estimated population for Administrative County of Norfolk (1965)	--	10.39
Death Rate for England and Wales per 1,000 estimated population (1965)	--	11.5

The comparability factors enable comparisons to be made between the rate for the District, and those of other districts, and with the country as a whole.

SECTION II

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The number of infectious diseases notified was 228, which was 103 more than last year, (measles accounted for 100 more cases).

Table showing types and numbers of infectious diseases notified in 1965.

Disease	No.
Measles	198
Whooping Cough	19
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Pneumonia	4
Food Poisoning	2
Scarlet Fever	1
Erysipelas	1

The distribution of these diseases is shown by parishes in the following table:-

Parish	Total	M.	Wh.C.	Pn.	F.P.	N.P.T.B.	P.T.B.	S.F.	E.
Binham	1	1							
Blakeney	29	28						1	
(Brinton) -- Sharrington	2	1			1				
Briston	10	9			1				
Dunton	2	2							
-- Shereford	4	4							
-- Toftrees	3	3							
Fakenham	30	28	1			1			
Field Dalling --	18	18							
-- Saxlingham	1	1							
Fulmodestone --	4	4							
-- Thursford	1	1							
-- Barney	3	1	2						
(Gunthorpe) -- Bale	3	3							
Hampton	7	6							1
Hindolveston	3		3						
Kettlestone --	5		5						
-- Pensthorpe	2	2							
Melton Constable	2	2							
Morston	1	1							
(Pudding Norton) -- Testerton	3	3							
Raynhams'	3	2				1			
Ryburghs'	29	29							
Snorings'	5		5						
Swanton Novers	1	1							
Walsinghams'	5	2	3						
Wiveton	5	5							
R.A.F. W. Raynham	43	38		4			1		
R.A.F. Sculthorpe	3	3							
Totals	228	198	19	4	2	2	1	1	1

Measles

Measles, with 198 cases, formed the bulk of infectious diseases notified.

The following table shows the distribution of measles by age groups:-

	Under 1 Yr.	1 +	2 +	3 +	4 +	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 +	Total
Males	2	8	11	12	10	51	8	-	2	104
Females	5	9	10	11	12	41	6	-	-	94
Total	7	17	21	23	22	92	14	-	2	198

This table shows that measles is a disease of childhood.

Tuberculosis

One new case of pulmonary and two new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis occurred in 1965. If reference is made to the table on Page 7 showing the causes of death, it will be seen that none was caused by tuberculosis, showing that this once dreaded disease is being controlled.

Tuberculosis in the Malsingham District in 1965

(The figures in brackets show the corresponding numbers for 1964)

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
New cases	1 (2)	- (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (5)
Inward transfers	1 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (1)
No. on Register at 31/12/65	24 (23)	16 (17)	2 (1)	4 (4)	46 (45)
	40 (40)		6 (5)		

B.C.G. Vaccination

Vaccination against tuberculosis with the B.C.G. vaccine is offered by the County Council to all school children about the age of thirteen. Of the 223 school children offered vaccination, 183 accepted, giving an overall acceptance rate for the District of 82%. In 1964 the acceptance rate was 79.6%, in 1963 76.5%, in 1962 59.8% and in 1961 58.3%.

The following table gives more information by schools of B.C.G. vaccination in the District in 1965:-

School	Number due	Number accep- ted	Tested	Read	Posi- tive	Neg.& vacci- nated	Tuber- culin Index
Melton Con- stable Sec.No.1.	53 (65)	44 (39)	43 (37)	42 (37)	1 (0)	40 (37)	2.4 (0)
Fakenham Sec. Modern	98 (153)	73 (119)	72 (110)	72 (108)	3 (6)	69 (102)	4.2 (5.5)
Fakenham Grammar	72 (110)	66 (103)	66 (98)	66 (98)	4 (3)	62 (95)	6.1 (3.0)
Total	223 (328)	183 (261)	181 (245)	180 (243)	8 (9)	171 (234)	4.4 (3.7)

(The figures in brackets show the corresponding numbers for 1964).

B.C.G. Vaccination -- Cont'd

The tuberculin index, which gives an indication of the degree of infectivity in the District was 4.4. It does not necessarily indicate tuberculous disease, as the resistance of the great majority is sufficient to overcome the invading bacteria; however, it does indicate the degree of opportunity for invasion and is thus a useful index of infectious cases in a community.

Polio-myelitis

There were no cases of poliomyelitis in the District in 1965. Immunisation is offered by the County Council.

The following table shows the number of persons immunised against poliomyelitis during 1965 in Area 8 (which comprises Walsingham and Docking Rural Districts and Hunstanton and Wells Urban Districts) and in Walsingham R.D.

Age Groups	Area 8	Walsingham R.D.
Children born in 1965	107	50
Children born in 1964	399	197
Children born in 1963	69	40
Children born in 1962	40	19
Children and Young Persons born 1945-61	98	35
Young Persons born in 1935-44	24	13
Adults born 1934 or before	9	7
Re-inforcing doses (all ages)	434	189
Total	1180	560

Smallpox

There were no cases of smallpox in the District in 1965, nor were there any in the County.

The following table shows the number of vaccinations, by age groups, carried out in Area 8 and Walsingham Rural District in 1965.

Age at date of Vaccination	Area 8		Walsingham R.D.	
	Primary	Re-Vacc.	Primary	Re-Vacc.
0 - 3 months	2	-	2	-
3 - 6 "	9	-	4	-
6 - 9 "	12	-	6	-
9 - 12 "	63	-	49	-
1 year	235	-	92	-
2 - 4 years	52	7	15	1
5 - 14 "	18	21	14	4
Total	391	28	182	5

Diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus

Nineteen cases of whooping cough occurred in 1965. There were no cases of diphtheria or tetanus.

The following table gives more information about immunisation against Diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus in Area 8 (Area 8 comprises Walsingham and Docking Rural Districts and Hunstanton and Wells Urban Districts) and in Walsingham R.D. in 1965.

		<u>Area 8</u>	<u>Walsingham R.D.</u>
Triple	Initial	601	329
	Booster	258	97
Diphtheria/Tetanus	Initial	25	9
	Booster	891	528
Diphtheria	Initial	-	-
	Booster	74	38
Tetanus	Initial	84	56
	Booster	83	39

SECTION III

REPORT

OF THE

ENGINEER, SURVEYOR, AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS

1965

Public Health Acts

Initial Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	206
Re-visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	98
Smoke Observations	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil

<u>Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act</u>	..	..					675
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Housing Acts

House inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	146
Re-visits in connection with above	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Visits in connection with application for grants under Housing Act 1949	..	..	..	..	..	..	268
Visits re Slum Clearance	..	..	..	..	..	..	39

Food and Drugs Act

Premises Inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	131
Visits re manufacture and sale of Ice cream	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Visits re Dairies and inspection of milk retailers vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	438
Visits re Shellfish	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Diseases of Animals Act, Waste Foods Order	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

Sewerage

Inspection of sewerage systems, disposal works and sewer ditches & Public Conveniences	..	..	..	..	..	..	342
Contract (Sewerage) Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	97
Closest Conversion Visits (Section 47, Public Health Act, 1936)	..	..	..	..	..	..	80

District Scavenging

Visiting workmen on rounds, investigating complaints, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	281
Refuse Tips	..	..	..	..	..	..	46

Factories Act

Inspection of Factories with power	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Inspection of Factories without power	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

Building Byelaw Inspections

Inspections during course of construction	..	..	..	..	..	..	1229
Town and Country Planning Acts & Regulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	75

Infectious Diseases

Cases investigated	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
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<u>Rooms Disinfested</u>	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
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Petroleum Acts

Installations inspected and tested	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
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Small Dwellings Acquisition Act

Valuations and visits for purposes of loan	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
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<u>Prevention of Damage by Pests Act</u>	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
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Knackers Yard

Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
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<u>Street Naming and Numbering Visits</u>	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
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<u>Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act</u>	..	..	..	..	..	..	171
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<u>Animal Boarding Establishments</u>	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
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RECORD OF INSPECTIONS - CONT'D

1965

<u>Car Parks</u>		48
<u>Water Supply</u>		
Existing Mains		137
New Contracts		52
<u>Other Inspections</u>		
Not classified under headings above but made in connection therewith		126
Total visits made		<u>4835</u>

NOTICES SERVED

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
<u>Informal Notices</u>		
Public Health and Housing Acts	91	79
Food and Drugs Act	21	22
Factories Act	1	1
Building Byelaws	78	109
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949	3	7
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960	17	9
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	<u>28</u>	<u>5</u>
Total Notices served	<u>239</u>	<u>232</u>
	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
<u>Formal Notices</u>		
<u>Public Health Acts</u>		
Permission to serve	22	7
Served	14	7
Section 42 (Drainage reconnection) served	7	62
Section 47 (closet conversion) served	44	36
<u>Housing Acts</u>		
Permission to serve	3	1
Served	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Notices served	<u>66</u>	<u>106</u>

HOUSING

(a) Slum Clearance

The following table sets out work done under this heading:-

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
Houses <u>demolished</u> as a result of formal or informal procedure	12	5
Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the period as a result of <u>informal</u> action by the Council	1	2
Number of houses <u>made fit</u> by owners as a result of formal action	9	4
Number of houses made fit after service of <u>formal</u> notices by the Council in default of owners	1	1
<u>Undertakings</u> given by owners not to relet	1	1
<u>Undertakings</u> given by owners that houses will cease to be used for human habitation	6	6
Number of <u>demolition orders</u> made during the year	1	1
Number of <u>closing orders</u> made during the year	2	-
Estimated number of unfit houses still to be dealt with following review	4	16

(b) New Dwellings

The following figures include conversions of non-domestic buildings to habitations:-

By private persons - 32 completed and 33 under construction at the end of the year.

By Local Authority - 42 completed and none under construction at the end of the year.

(c) Improvement Grants - Discretionary

Since improvement grants were introduced in 1949 the Council has authorised the following:-

(Figures shown in brackets relate to the totals up to December 1964).

Total amount notified to rank for grant	For occupation by		Grant essential to preserve house and provide amenities	Grant to improve amenities only
	Owner	Tenant		
<u>Up to December 1964</u> £113,202.13.0. (£103,440.13.0.)	132 (122)	230 (223)	84 (82)	262 (247)
<u>January to December 1965</u> £9,762.0.0. (£5,326.0.0.)	9 (10)	16 (7)	13 (2)	12 (15)

(d) Improvement Grants - Standard

Standard Grants for the installation of the five sanitary amenities, viz:- water closet, hot water supply, bath, wash hand basin, and foodstore, continue to attract attention, especially where mains water supply and sewerage has been brought to the village.

The analysis of the effect of these grants since their inception in July 1959 is as follows :-

Total amount notified to rank for grant	For occupation by:-	
	Owner	Tenant
<u>From July 1959 to December 1964</u> £ 52,735.10.0.	177 (125)	131 (105)
<u>January to December 1965</u> £19,887.0.0. (£10,978.0.0.)	40 (52)	37 (26)
<u>Reduced Standard as from August 1964 - Nil</u> (£300.0.0.)	- (-)	- (4)

(Figures in brackets relate to preceding year)

PLANS BROUGHT BEFORE THE PLANS COMMITTEE

The following table sets out the number of plans considered by the Plans Committee during the year. A total of six hundred and sixty-six plans were considered, compared with four hundred and ninety-nine last year.

<u>New dwellings</u>	<u>Alterations to Dwellings</u>	<u>Factories</u>	<u>Domestic Garages</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
102	162	3	111	144
<u>Outline applications</u>				
124	-	-	7	13

DISTRICT SCAVENGING

Negotiations continued for the hire of one length of railway cutting at Barney and the purchase of another length at Kettlestone. Use of such land formation for this purpose has the advantage of a tip with three sealed faces and should lead to better tipping conditions. A pit at Edgar has been hired from the Walsingham Estate Co.

A new replacement cesspool empties and refuse vehicle were ordered during the year.

SEWERAGE

During the year under review connecting properties to the newly laid sewers in Wighton was commenced and the Wighton contract was completed.

No progress can be reported regarding the Council's proposals for the Helton Constable and Briston area.

The surface water sewerage contract in Fakenham which was completed two years ago appears to have been successful, and no further street flooding from surcharged sewers is reported except near the Grammar School where adjustments to the road surface brought about an improvement.

No progress may be reported other than negotiations to purchase various pumping station sites for the Sculthorpe sewerage scheme.

Additional lengths of sewer ditches were piped at Sharrington and Field Dalling.

The Foreman and a sewage works attendant attended a course of lectures on the maintenance of sewage treatment works organised by the River Authority.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Paper towels are now issued in the four conveniences maintained by the Council.

PUPIL INSPECTOR

A pupil Public Health Inspector in his third year on a sandwich course spent five months in the Department to obtain practical experience.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

Five thousand and fifty-three inspections of properties were made, and seven hundred and twenty-one treatments given to dwelling houses found to be rat infested. Thirty-nine treatments were given to properties occupied by the Council, and ninety-three other properties including business premises, parish allotments, building sites, etc., were treated.

One hundred and seventy-four treatments of farm land and premises were carried out and charges made for these and other treatments to business premises amounted to £460.11.6d.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT - Cont'd

The number of men employed on this service was reduced to two during the year with the tip attendant/tractor driver continuing to be responsible for rat destruction on refuse tips.

FOOD

(a) Food preparing Premises

Type of Premises	Number of Premises	Complying with Regulation 16. (washing facilities)	No. to which Regulation 19 applies. (Provision of sink)	Complying with Regulation 19.
Bakehouses	9	9	9	9
Butchers Shops	16	16	16	16
Catering Establishments	16	16	16	16
Fish Shops	7	7	7	7
Market Stalls	9	-	-	-
Provision Stores	75	75	63	63

Market foodstalls continued to be satisfactory.

Five more premises were registered for the sale of ice-cream. Sixteen samples of ice-cream were taken, twelve being classified as Grade 1, and four as Grade 2, all being satisfactory results.

(b) Milk

There has been an increase of two registered distributors of milk in the District during the year.

One hundred and four samples were taken by the County Council Officers. All but four satisfied the phosphatase test for efficiency of heat treatment and eleven failed the methylene blue or cleanliness test.

One milk retailer was asked to appear before the Public Health Committee to explain the process of bottle cleansing performed at his dairy. This followed a complaint of a dirty milk bottle.

(c) Meat Inspection

100% inspection of meat has again been achieved this year with the co-operation of the butchers, and week-end slaughtering and inspection has been avoided.

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(c) Meat Inspection - cont'dCarcases Inspected and Condemned for the year 1965

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number Inspected	444 (459)	2 (7)	734 (778)	978 (868)
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>				
Whole Carcases condemned	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	2 (1)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	34 (29)	-- (--)	1 (5)	40 (31)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	7.6%	--	0.13%	4.1%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole Carcases condemned	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	36 (30)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	--	--	--	3.6%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	11 (6)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	11 (6)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)
Generalised and totally condemned.	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)	-- (--)

(Figures in brackets are for 1964)

(d) Slaughterhouses

The four slaughterhouses in operation have continued to maintain a high standard of hygiene.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGSCaravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

Following the issue of a site licence for a large caravan site on the coast the licensee appealed to the Holt Court against those conditions. The Bench upheld the majority of the conditions imposed. Counsel appeared for the appellant and the Council.

In connection with the same site I was authorised to take proceedings against the occupier for permitting the use of land for caravans without a site licence. The Magistrates found the site owner guilty on eight of the fifteen charges and fined her a total of £120.0.0.

FACTORIES

Factories Act 1961 Annual Report for 1965 under Section 153(1) of the Factories Act 1961

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	10	2	--	--
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	63	6	1	--
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	4	8	--	--
Total	97	16	1	--

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	--	--	--	--	--
Overcrowding (S.2)	--	--	--	--	--
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	--	--	--	--	--
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	--	--	--	--	--
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	--	--	--	--	--
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	--	1	--	--	--
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	--	--	1	--
(c) Not separate for sexes.	--	--	--	--	--
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL	1	1	--	1	--

3. Part VIII of the Act. Outworkers -- One.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

TABLE A REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	9 (27)	35 (27)	20 (3)
Retail shops	24 (77)	97 (77)	54 (3)
Wholesale shops and warehouses	- (2)	2 (2)	1 (-)
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens.	1 (12)	13 (12)	3 (-)
Fuel Storage Depots	- (1)	1 (1)	- (-)

(Figures in Brackets relate to 1964)

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises :- 184 (162)

TABLE C ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	230 (170)
Retail Shops	399 (352)
Wholesale departments, warehouses	13 (20)
Catering establishments open to the public.	56 (54)
Canteens	- (-)
Fuel Storage Depots	4 (3)
Total	702 (599)

Total males285 (238)
Total females...417 (361)

TABLE D EXEMPTIONS

No applications for exemption under the Act were made during the year.

TABLE E PROSECUTIONS

No prosecutions were made during the year.

WATER SUPPLIESPumping statistics for Walsingham Rural District for 1965

Month	<u>Houghton Pumping Station to Gunthorpe Reservoir</u>		<u>Average Daily Consumption</u>	
	<u>Total gallons 1964</u>	<u>Total gallons 1965</u>	<u>Gallons 1964</u>	<u>Gallons 1965</u>
January	10,814,000	10,954,000	348,838	353,354
February	9,996,000	10,244,000	344,689	365,857
March	11,518,000	11,796,000	371,548	380,516
April	10,872,000	11,852,000	362,400	395,066
May	12,922,000	12,340,000	416,838	398,064
June	11,650,000	12,022,000	388,333	400,733
July	13,694,000	12,552,000	441,741	404,903
August	13,529,000	13,272,000	436,419	428,129
September	12,559,000	11,710,000	418,633	390,333
October	11,454,000	12,252,000	369,483	395,225
November	10,852,000	11,776,000	361,733	392,533
December	11,136,000	11,750,000	359,225	379,032
Total	140,996,000	142,520,000		

Gunthorpe Reservoir to
Fakenham Tower

January	4,862,000	5,075,000	(1)	156,838	163,709
February	4,705,000	4,422,000	(2)	162,241	157,928
March	4,987,000	5,112,000	(3)	160,870	164,903
April	4,940,000	4,937,000	(4)	164,666	164,566
May	5,457,000	5,270,000	(5)	176,032	170,000
June	5,117,000	5,041,000	(6)	170,566	168,033
July	5,716,000	5,310,000	(7)	184,387	171,290
August	5,707,000	5,234,000	(8)	184,096	168,838
September	5,479,000	5,212,000	(9)	182,633	173,733
October	5,291,000	5,328,000	(10)	170,677	171,870
November	4,947,000	4,945,000	(11)	164,900	164,833
December	5,106,000	4,987,000	(12)	164,709	160,870
Total	62,314,000	60,873,000			

Gallons pumped from Fakenham Well included in above totals

(1)	1,610,000
(2)	1,452,000
(3)	1,719,000
(4)	1,651,000
(5)	1,958,000
(6)	1,848,000
(7)	1,678,000
(8)	1,530,000
(9)	2,078,000
(10)	1,844,000
(11)	1,662,000
(12)	1,588,000

During 1965 Total of 20,618,000 gallons were pumped from Fakenham Well.

North Creaks Bore

	<u>Total gallons</u>	<u>Daily average</u>		<u>Total gallons</u>	<u>Daily average</u>
January	851,000	27,451	July	1,428,000	46,064
February	885,000	31,607	August	1,872,000	60,387
March	593,000	19,129	September	1,227,000	40,900
April	980,000	32,666	October	1,126,000	36,322
May	1,306,000	42,129	November	1,005,000	33,500
June	1,352,000	45,066	December	998,000	32,193

The following figures show the number of houses by Parishes where Council mains water is piped into the house:-

Number of Houses with Mains Water Supply in
Walsingham Rural District

Bale	..	..	..	..	45
Barney	..	..	..	..	71
Barsham E.N.W.	..	..	..	..	64
Binham	..	..	..	..	114
Blakeney	..	..	..	..	377
Briningham	..	..	..	..	43
Brinton	..	..	..	..	30
Briston	..	..	..	..	366
Cockthorpe	..	..	..	..	16
Dunton	..	..	..	..	-
Fakenham	..	..	..	..	1,446
Field Dalling	..	..	..	..	61
Fulmodestone	..	..	..	..	51
Gunthorpe	..	..	..	..	54
Helhoughton	..	..	..	..	69
Hempton	..	..	..	..	174
Hindolveston	..	..	..	..	95
Hindringham	..	..	..	..	142
Holkham	..	..	..	..	93
Houghton	..	..	..	..	27
Kettlestone	..	..	..	..	34
Langham	..	..	..	..	85
Melton Constable	..	..	..	..	310
Morston	..	..	..	..	44
Pudding Norton	..	..	..	..	29
Raynham E.S.W.	..	..	..	..	117
Ryburgh Gt. & Lt.	..	..	..	..	152
Saxlingham	..	..	..	..	17
Sculthorpe	..	..	..	..	183
Sharrington	..	..	..	..	35
Shereford	..	..	..	..	-
Stibbard	..	..	..	..	93
Stiffkey	..	..	..	..	120
Swanton Movers	..	..	..	..	65
Snoring Gt.	..	..	..	..	95
Snoring Lt.	..	..	..	..	99
Tatterford, Tattersett	..	..	..	..	43
Toftrees	..	..	..	..	6
Thurning	..	..	..	..	5
Thursford	..	..	..	..	52
Walsingham Lt. & Gt.	..	..	..	..	369
Warham	..	..	..	..	80
Wighton	..	..	..	..	108
Wiveton	..	..	..	..	62
Wood Norton	..	..	..	..	50
Total	..	..	..	..	<u>5,591</u>

Twelve houses are supplied by standpipes.

The estimated total population supplied was approximately 21,000 and the number of houses 6,253 (including 25 caravans)

Connections to the main were made, 176 being domestic supplies, 31 metered and 15 other premises.

Extensions to the mains by direct labour were :-

212 yards of 4" main at Heath Lane, Fakenham.

150 yards of 4" main at Hempton.

255 yards of 4" main at Rudham Stile Lane, Fakenham.

68 yards of 3" main at Moor End, Stibbard.

Work was commenced on laying 860 yards of 4" main at Great Ryburgh (Testerton).

AUGMENTATION OF REGIONAL MAINS SUPPLY

A contract agreement with Messrs. George Stow and Company Limited for the sinking and testing of boreholes at Houghton St. Giles and North Creak was executed in October. By the end of the year boring had been completed at Houghton and preparation was being made for test pumping.

TABLE SHOWING RESULTS OF ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Sources of Samples and dates taken	Houghton St. Giles Public Supply	Little Shoring Public Supply	North Creake Public Supply	Fakenham Public Supply. Tap at Baron's Hall 23rd August, 1965
Appearance	30th Nov. 1965 Clear	22nd Dec. 1965 Slightly Opalescent trace brown deposit.	22nd Dec. 1965 Clear	Clear
Nature of deposit	Nil	Iron compounds	Nil	Nil
Colour	Nil	Faint yellow	Nil	Nil
Reaction	Neutral 7.1	7.0 neutral	7.1 Neutral	7.6 faintly alkaline
Taste	Satisfactory	Reruginous	Slightly Reruginous	Satisfactory
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	neg. trace	0.03	0.02	neg. trace
Albuminoid Nitrogen	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.01
Nitrate Nitrogen	5.0	Nil	2.5	7.5
Nitrite Nitrogen	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chlorine as Chlorides	28	24	28	28
Permanganate Value (4 hr)	0.25	0.3	0.20	0.25
Total hardness	315	300	310	320
Temporary hardness	245	270	275	245
Metals in solution	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fluoride	Not given	0.10	0.10	Not given
Opinion	Suitable for drinking and general purposes.	Provided iron is removed by suitable treatment .. Fit.	Suitable for drinking and general purposes	Suitable for use as a public supply

