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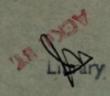
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#### Additional Public Health Inspector:

LESLIE ARTHUR SCHOFIELD, CERTIFIED S.I.E.J.B., M.A.P.H.I.

## WELLINGBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT

SUMMARY OF VITAL S	STATIS	TICS,	1964	
Area (in acres)				33,116
Population 1931 (census)				12,760
Population 1951 (census)				13,002
Population 1964				13,950
Number of separate dwellings occupied	1.4.64 (	approx	.)	5,018
Number of separate dwellings occupied				3,558
Rateable Value 1.4.64			£	464,496
Estimated Product of a penny rate 1964		*******	Missana	£2,003
•				
LIVE BIRTHS.	Total	Male	Female	Rate
Legitimate	233	119	114	
Illegitimate	14	9	5	
	247	128	119	17.69
STILLBIRTHS.	Total	Male	Female	Rate
Legitimate	2	1	1	
Illegitimate	_	_	_	
	2	1	1	0.14
	Total	Male	Female	Rate
DEATHS (all causes)	139	61	78	9.99
DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSE	S—			
Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	-	-	_	
Total				Nil
INFANT MODIALITY - note for 1 000 1	1.:			
INFANT MORTALITY—rate for 1,000 I		is.	2	
Legitimate	3	_	3	
Illegitimate			_	
	3	_	3	12.15
Deaths from (a) Cancer (all ages)				20
(b) Manalan (-11)	*******	Henri		28 N::1
,, ,, (b) Measies (all ages), ,, , (c) Whooping Cough (all ag	res)	-	- Common	Nil Nil
" (d) Diarrhœa (under 2 years		- Marine		
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July, 1965.

#### To the Chairman and Members of the Wellingborough Rural District Council:

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. JAMES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present a report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Rural District during the year 1964. This report is written on behalf of my predecessor Dr. P. X. Bermingham whose untimely death occurred in the closing days of the year under review, after an illness which had incapacitated him from duty during several months of the year.

This report would have been the 17th report of Dr. Bermingham's service to the Council and on studying his previous reports I am impressed by the clarity and incisiveness coupled with wisdom which is revealed in each example. His death is undoubtedly a serious loss to the Council.

The Report is set out as usual and is in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/65.

In Section A (Natural and Social Conditions), there has been an increase of 110 in total population, and the birth rate in the area is the highest since the War at 17.69 per 1,000, though this does not reach the figure for England and Wales. There were again two Stillbirths giving a rate of 0.14 per 1,000 population. The Infant Mortality fell to 12.15 per 1,000 live births and this is a great reduction on the previous year. In respect of Deaths, there has been a decrease in the rate. The total deaths were 139, which gives a rate of 9.99 per 1,000 population as compared with 11.48 per 1,000 in 1963. As is usual in this area, analysis of the causes of death reveals persons dying of heart disease as the most important cause, 81 deaths being notified. Cancers in general were next in total number with 28—almost exactly the same figure as last year. Cancer of the lung continues to show the low figure of three deaths during the year—again the same as in 1963.

Section B—contains the General Provision of Health Services in the area, including hospitals, clinics, welfare centres.

Section C—describes the sanitary circumstances of the area including water supply, sewage disposal and refuse collection all of which were satisfactory.

Section D—describes the activities of the Council in respect of new buildings and slum clearance together with private construction. This is very rewarding work as the re-housing of a family under good conditions usually lifts the general health of the constituent members.

Section E—deals with food inspection, which is a fundamental duty of the local authority. It should be noted here that the testing of ice-cream and the inspection of food premises has been stepped up during the year, 175 inspections having been performed.

Section F—deals with infectious diseases. It is satisfactory to be able to report that in the major acute infectious illnesses, Smallpox, Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis, Dysentery, Paratyphoid, Typhoid, no cases of any of these have been reported. This is particularly satisfying in the case of poliomyelitis. However, there were four cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis notified.

Section H-includes statistical tables and other information.

In general, therefore, the year has been unusual in its high birth rate and lowered death rate, and has shewn relative freedom from acute infectious illnesses.

In conclusion I would like to thank all those who have assisted me, a newcomer, to prepare this report on behalf of Dr. Bermingham, and in particular Mr. Cowles and Miss Pearson without whose help and knowledge of the area, it would have been impossible to carry out this task. I am sure that Dr. Bermingham would also have wished to thank all those who joined together to lighten his task in the later months of 1964.

I have the honour to be.

Your obedient servant,

R. F. McKNIGHT,

Medical Officer of Health.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I wish to express my thanks to the following for information supplied and contained in this report:

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SURVEYOR AND HOUSING OFFICER.

TREASURER.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

ENGINEER TO THE HIGHAM FERRERS AND RUSHDEN WATER BOARD.

#### SECTION A.

#### NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

AREA.—The Wellingborough Rural District covers an area of 33,116 acres. The density of population is 2.4 persons per acre and the Housing factor is 2.9 persons per house.

POPULATION.—The population figures given by the Registrar General in his returns for 1964 is 13,950 which is an increase of 110 over the previous year. The natural increase, which is number of births in excess of deaths was 108, which is 53 more than last year.

DEATHS.—There were 139 deaths which gives a rate of 9.99 per thousand of population. This is a considerable decrease on the rate for the previous year which was 11.48 per thousand. The death rate for England and Wales for 1964 was 11.3. Table No. 1, Section H, gives the classification of causes of death broken down into age incidence. As in previous years deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system figured largest as a group, 81 individuals dying of diseases which can be included in this group of categories. Cancers of all types followed, 28 deaths being due to this cause. It is interesting to note that the incidence of deaths due to carcinoma of the lung and bronchus in the Wellingborough Area is low, only three male cases being reported. This figure is the same as in 1963 and is of considerable interest in view of the higher rate which is revealed in other areas. The death rate from cancer per thousand of population was 2.08.

No deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis or other Tubercular diseases were recorded and this is the third year in succession that this has occurred.

BIRTHS.—There were 247 live births recorded which gives a birth rate of 17-69 which is the highest birth rate since 1946 and is a considerable increase on 1963. Before 1946 comparable records are not available and so it is difficult to say how this figure compares with earlier times but it would appear that it is one of the highest on record. The birth rate for England and Wales for 1964 was 18-4.

STILLBIRTHS.—There were two stillbirths during the year and the rate per thousand of the population was 0.14. This is the same as in 1963.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.—There were 14 illegitimate births which is two less than the previous year and compares with the average year for this area. The rate per thousand of population for the year was 1.01 as compared with 1.15 for the previous year.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.—No deaths were recorded for the ninth year in succession.

INFANT MORTALITY.—Three infant deaths were recorded which is half the figure for 1963. The infant mortality rate per thousand live births for the year was 12.15. The rate for the previous year was 28.03

and this is a very considerable reduction. This compares also with the rate for England and Wales of 20.0. Table No. 10 in Section H gives the causes of infant deaths.

NEONATAL MORTALITY.—This is a sub-division of the Infant mortality rate and concerns infant deaths that occur in the first four weeks of life. Two infant deaths occurred in this period giving a rate of 8-9 per thousand live births. The rate for the previous year was 14-01 and the year before that, 16-66. There is a further classification of infant deaths and this concerns deaths that occur within the first week of independent existence and two deaths occurred in this period and so the rate per thousand live births is 8-9. The rate for the previous year was 14-1 and for 1962, 16-66.

#### SECTION B.

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

LABORATORY SERVICE.—The area is served by two laboratories, the Public Health Laboratory at Northampton which comes under the direction of Dr. Hoyle, and the laboratory at Kettering General Hospital, with a branch at Park Hospital, Wellingborough, which comes under the direction of Dr. Voss. Samples of water, milk, ice-cream, etc., are examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Northampton. Both the Northampton and Kettering laboratories assist in the examination of specimens in connection with the control of infectious diseases.

AMBULANCE SERVICE, NURSING IN THE HOME AND HOME HELP.—These services are provided by the County Council and the area is well served.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.—The Oxford Regional Hospital Board is responsible for these services which are as follows:

General Hospitals-Northampton and Kettering.

Gynæcological and Children-Wellingborough Hospital.

Acute Medical Cases, Skins & Children—Highfield Hospital, Wellingborough. Chronic Sick, the Aged and Persons in Need of Care and Attention—Park Hospital, Wellingborough, St. Mary's Hospital, Kettering.

Maternity-Park Hospital, Wellingborough.

Tuberculosis-Rushden House Sanatorium.

Out-Patient facilities are available at the two General Hospitals and also at the Rushden Memorial Hospital, The Hayway, Rushden.

Psychiatric Out-Patient every Thursday afternoon, Rock Street Clinic, 2-15 to 5-15 p.m.

Infectious Diseases—Harborough Road Hospital, Northampton.

Orthopædic—Orthopædic Rock Street Clinic, Wednesday afternoons.

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES AND CLINICS.—The County Council provide these services and the following Welfare Centres are held in the District:

Bozeat-Church Hall, 2 p.m.: 4th Wednesday of the month.

Great Doddington-Parish Hall, 2 p.m.: 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Earls Barton-Baptist School Rooms, 2 p.m.: 2nd and 4th Friday,

Irchester-Parsons' Hall, 2 p.m.: 1st and 3rd Friday.

Isham, Little Harrowden and Orlingbury are served by the Mobile Clinic which operates on the first Monday of each month.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, & NATIONAL ASSIST-ANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.—Under Section 47 of this Act the Council are responsible for persons in need of care and attention and who are not receiving this in their own homes and in such circumstances it may become necessary to remove these persons to suitable accommodation where they will receive this attention. Compulsory removal is only used as a last resort. Several old persons were visited during the year but no action was necessary under this Act during the year.

#### SECTION C.

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY.—Water for the Wellingborough Rural District is supplied by two Boards, the Mid-Northamptonshire and the Higham Ferrers and Rushden Water Board. All parishes in the area have a treated and piped supply.

The following parishes receive a supply from the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board: Isham, Hardwick, Lt. Harrowden, Gt. Harrowden, Orlingbury and Sywell.

The Higham Ferrers and Rushden Water Board supply: Bozeat, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Gt. Doddington, Earls Barton, Ecton, Mears Ashby, Wilby, Grendon, Irchester, Lt. Irchester, Strixton and Newton Bromswold.

The sources of supply for the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board are from reservoirs situated at Pitsford, Cransley, Thorpe Malsor, Ravensthorpe and Hollowell. The main reservoir, Pitsford, has a capacity of about 4,000 million gallons. The treatment works situated here consist of softening, filtration and finally chlorination. All water sold by the Board is treated.

The sources of supply for the Higham Ferrers and Rushden Water Board are as follows:

Sywell Reservoir—which has a capacity of approximately 236,000,000 gallons. The catchment area is  $68\frac{1}{2}$  acres and the reservoir receives its supply from springs, two small brooks and surface rainwater. Treatment consists of filtration by means of slow sand filters, rapid gravel filtration and chlorination.

Hardwater Crossing, Wollaston—the source of supply is from wells sunk in the Nene river gravels. Treatment consists of mechanical filtration followed by chlorination.

Ditchford—This source is from gravels adjacent to Ditchford lake. Collector ducts are laid in the gravels and the water extracted is brought to the treatment works. Treatment consists of rapid gravel filtration, partial softening, aeration and chlorination.

Further sources of supply are from a gravel well at Earls Barton and springs at Grendon.

#### WATER CONSUMPTION.—Wellingborough Rural Area:

-	513,000 gallons
	380,000 gallons
	134,000 gallons
	33.04 gallons
inner	11.66 gallons
	187,921,000 gallons

New Services: Private 146, Council 9 (but these may serve more than one house per service).

QUALITY OF WATER.—A chemical analysis of a sample of water taken during the year gave the following result:

Reaction - pH 7.5

Physical Characters - Good

Treated water at Earls Barton:

The

111	iysicai Chai	acters	- 00	ou.	Reactio	n pii	, ,
e Sample co	ntained:-						
Chloride							3.25
Ammonia	(Free and	Saline)	-	-			absent
Ammonia	(Albumino	id)		-	-		0.0082
Oxygen al	osorbed in 3	hours	at 37	°C.			0.0610
Nitrates (e	expressed as	nitrog	en)	-			0-25
Nitrites			-		-		absent
Poisonous	metals			**********			absent
Calcium		-				-	10.32
Magnesiur	n	-	*******			mound	0.88
Alkalinity	(CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	-	***************************************			******	23.0
Hardness:	Total					-	25.4
1	Permanent	*******	**********	errored.		-	10.4
	Temporary	,					15.0

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION OF DEPOSIT:

None.

Remarks: The water as evidenced by the sample is fit for drinking purposes.

RAINI	ALL.	_				
			1964	1963	1962	1961
Sywell	-		16·35 ins.	22·23 ins.	18-91 ins.	20·80 ins.
Wollaston			16.61 ins.	21·32 ins.	18.61 ins.	19·18 ins.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL, DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—Again there has been much activity in the Rural District with regard to sewage disposal plants. A summary of the work in progress is as follows:

Easton Maudit — The Council have instructed their Consultant Engineers to prepare a scheme for disposal of sewage from this parish which, with Hardwick, a similar very small community, is the only parish without a proper disposal system.

Earls Barton — The new contractor commenced work during October on the completion of new sewers and disposal works in this Parish and by the end of the year good progress had been made. It is hoped that the new works will be operational during the summer of 1965 and all work completed by October, 1965.

Little Irchester — A small scheme is being prepared to enable the sewage from this Parish to be pumped into the Wellingborough Urban District for treatment in their disposal system.

Wollaston — The Council have taken up the matter of trade effluent with factories in this Parish and work is being undertaken to secure an effluent capable of being adequately treated at the disposal works.

Routine sampling of effluents from the Council's modern works during the year gave results as follows:

			Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Bozeat	********		9	2	11
Great Dodd	lington	-	6	1	7
Grendon	-		8	1	9
Sywell		*******	7	3	10
Wollaston	*********	-	10	27	37

Three hundred and eighty-nine supervisory visits were made to the works during the year.

SWIMMING POOLS.—There is only one public swimming pool in the area and that is situated at Overstone. There is a swimming pool at the Secondary Modern School, Wollaston.

Results of samples taken for bacteriological examination during the year were as follows:

		No. of Samples	Very Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Sywell _		7	7	Nil
Wollaston Sch	ool	5	5	Nil

DISINFECTION.—Five rooms were disinfected following cases of infectious diseases. Arrangements are made with Rushden U.D.C. for the disinfection of articles of clothing or bedding associated with infectious diseases.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT.—51 domestic and other premises were treated during the year. Test baiting and treatment of sewers were carried out in the Spring and Autumn.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.—The Council carry out weekly collection of household refuse and arrangements can be made to have trade refuse tipped. Tipping is carried out at the Gipsy Lane Tip by arrangement with the Wellingborough U.D.C. The following table shows the days for collection in the different parishes:

Parish				Day					Tip
Bozeat				Tuesday					Irchester
Doddington, Great				Wednesday					Irchester
Earls Barton				Thursday and	f Frida	v			Irchester
Easton Maudit				Tuesday					Irchester
Ecton				Wednesday					Trehester
Grendon			- 11	Tuesday					Irchester
Hardwick				Thursday					Irchester
Harrowden, Great	* *	**		Thursday		**			Irchester
Harrowden, Little		**		Thursday	**		**		Irchester
Irohaeter				Monday and	Wedne	neday	* *	* *	Irchester
	* *		+ +			csuny	* *	* *	Irchester
Ishani				Monday	**				
Mears Ashby				Monday			* *	* *	Irchester
Newton Bromswold				Thursday Fo	rtnight	ly			Irchester
Orlingbury				Monday	**				Irchester
Strixton		**	* *	Tuesday					Irchester
Sywell				Wednesday		**			Irchester
Wilby				Wednesday					Irchester
Wollaston				Tuesday					Irchester

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT. 1960.—There are seven licensed residential sites in the area. On six of these sites all work required to satisfy the licensing conditions have been completed. There are also two holiday sites and additional work is still being carried out on these.

#### SECTION D.

#### HOUSING

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government in their post-war housing schemes have approved the erection of 957 houses for the Rural District. At the end of the year under review 936 of these houses had been completed and the remainder were under construction. Fifteen houses were completed during the year, which is twelve more than the previous year, but in view of the very restricted housing programme, the progress was reasonably satisfactory. At the end of the year 21 dwellings were under construction.

There does not appear to be any falling off in the number of houses built by private enterprise. One hundred and ten houses were completed during the year, which is 67 more than the previous year, and at the end of 1964 there were one hundred and twenty-five houses under construction.

Forty-six applications for Standard Grants were received during the year, a decrease of six on the previous year, and fifty-three Improvement Grants were completed. Approval was also given to twenty-four applications for Discretionary Grants and eighteen units of accommodation were completed under the scheme during the year.

There was an increase in the number of applications for Council houses and the number at the end of 1964 was 237 compared with 228 at the end of 1963.

Tenders for the modernisation of thirty-nine pre-war Council houses were accepted and the work will commence in 1965.

SLUM CLEARANCE.—The following is a summary of all properties dealt with under the various programmes up to 31st December, 1965:

	(a) Closing Orders determined			******	42	
	(b) Demolition Orders revoked	-		-	6	
	(c) Following undertakings being	ng given	by owner	s	11	
					_	59
(2)	Dwellings demolished:					
	(a) Clearance Orders		******		89	
	(b) Demolition Orders			-	268	
	(c) Closing Orders	-	********		67	
	(d) M.O.H. Certificates		-	-	29	
	(e) Informally	-		-	26	
	(f) Undertakings			-	2	
						481
(3)	Dwellings still not demolished:					
	(a) Clearance Orders		******		6	
	(b) Demolition Orders				36	
	(i) approved for other	uses		21		
	(ii) not approved for ot	ther uses		52		
				-	73	
	(d) Undertakings given by own	ners not t	o re-let f	or		
	human habitation			-	7	
						122

Properties dealt with dur follows:	ring th	e peri	iod co	vered	by this	report are a
Closing Orders				*******		8
Demolition Orders						3
Houses demolished		p				10
Houses demolished	inform	ally				3

#### SECTION E.

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SAMPLES.—Eleven milk samples were taken during the year and the results were as follows:

			No. of Samples		Result
(1)	Tuberculin Tested	Milk	0	0	satisfactory
(2)	Tuberculin tested,	Pasteurised	2	2	,,
(3)	Pasteurised		9	9	,,

Routine sampling of milk is carried out by the authorities in whose areas Pasteurisation plants are situated. Even though there is not a pasteurisation plant in the area it is advisable to take routine samples as the authority is responsible for milk sold in the area.

ICE-CREAM.—44 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream. Forty-five samples of ice-cream were taken for examination and the results were as follows:

These results are satisfactory.

FOOD PREMISES.—During the year 175 inspections of food premises were carried out. It is only by such inspections that a high standard of hygiene can be maintained and this is one of the most important duties of the Public Health Inspectors.

Table No. 12 in Section H gives a summary of the work carried out by the Inspectors during the year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.—Two slaughterhouses are licensed in the area. Since the coming into force of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, all carcasses now are required by law to be inspected and to be suitably marked when this has been done. A charge is also made for this service. 235 visits to slaughterhouses were made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year. The following table gives details of the number of beasts slaughtered and the results of inspections:

Number killed	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	P:gs	Horses
(if known)	234	_	_	896	401	_
Number inspected	234	_	_	896	401	_
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	_	_	_	_	_	_
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	28	_	_	2	14	_
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	11-9	_	_	0.2	3-5	_
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcases condemned	_	-	_	_	_	_
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	_	_	_	_	_	_
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	_	_	_	_	_	_
Cystercercus Bovis. Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	_	_	_	_	_
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	_	_	_	-	_	_
Generalised and totally condemned	_	_	_	_	_	_

The quantity of	f food	condemned	l as	unfit for	human	cons	umption	was:
Meat						810	lbs.	
Tinne	ed and	other food	S			175	Ibs.	

#### SECTION F.

# PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

SMALLPOX.—No cases have occurred in the area for many years. The vaccination figures are not available and it is difficult to keep check on the vaccination state of the population. This is due to the fact that figures are not coming from County Hall to District Medical Officers of Health and it is considered that these figures are likely to be low owing to the age at which vaccination is now recommended by the Ministry of Health. The Ministry have been for some time recommending that vaccination should take place in the second year of life and in an active youngster this does lead to greater difficulties. It should always be borne in mind that Smallpox occurs in the Indian sub-continent and in Africa from time to time and these areas are only half a day's flying time from this country. However, the requirements of Health Control are stringent and large numbers of vaccination certificates are brought to Swanspool for authentication during the course of the year.

SCARLET FEVER.—Eight cases were notified during the course of the year, five boys and three girls and the cases were distributed throughout the year and there was no special age group. Two cases were removed to hospital.

DIPHTHERIA.—The area has been clear of this infectious disease for 18 years. Here again the immunisation of children is a fundamental to the public health and it is to be hoped that as many young mothers as possible will continue to take advantage of the triple vaccine which is available for the control of Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus and they will continue to obtain these through either their own doctor or the various clinics run by the County.

WHOOPING COUGH.—14 cases of Whooping Cough were reported and they were generally distributed throughout the year. Last year there were seven cases.

POLIOMYELITIS.—This is the sixth year in succession in which no cases have been reported in the area and cover by live vaccine appears to be satisfactory though detailed figures are not available.

INFLUENZA.—In previous years the occasional death has been attributed to Influenza but no such instance occurred in 1964.

PNEUMONIA.—Two cases of pneumonia were notified and six persons are reported as having died from this disease. This may seem an unusual state of affairs but in fact the pneumonia involved in the death of these persons, in the majority of cases, is a terminal event and is not strictly the classical lobar pneumonia notifiable under the Regulations.

ERYSIPELAS.—One cases was notified in an elderly gentleman. No cases were notified in 1963.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.—One case was notified.

MEASLES.—44 cases of measles were notified during 1964 as compared with 210 in 1963 and 11 in 1962. This indicates that 1964 was not a 'measles year' and demonstrates the tendency of this disease to occur in alternate years. As far as the clinical features of the disease were concerned the distribution was, as is usual in this illness, mainly amongst the 2–7 years old with no sex differentiation. Section H shows tables giving further details of this and other infectious diseases.

DYSENTERY.—No cases were notified. Two cases were notified in the previous year.

INFECTIVE HEPATITIS.—No notifications were received during the year.

FOOD POISONING.—No cases were notified. One case was notified in 1963.

TYPHOID AND PARATYPHOID.—No cases were notified in the area during 1964. However, during the year a person was notified as a suspected case of typhoid but on further bacteriological investigation the diagnosis was not confirmed. Great interest was taken at that particular time in all possible suspected cases in view of the incidence of typhoid in the Aberdeen area.

TUBERCULOSIS.—Four cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified during the course of the year but no cases of Non-Respiratory. In 1963 one case of Respiratory Tuberculosis was notified. There were no deaths attributed to this disease during the year. The last death recorded in the district was in 1961. Table No. 5 in Section H gives further details.

Three persons were admitted to Rushden Hospital and five discharged during the year.

The number of persons in the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year was as follows:

		Males	Females	Total
Non-Respiratory	 	 4	13	17
Respiratory	 	20	20	40

#### SECTION G.

#### FACTORIES ACT, 1961

There are 91 factories in the Rural District which shows an increase of two in the previous year. Nine inspections were made and as a result of these inspections one written notice was served. Table No. 14 in Section H gives further information.

The number of Outworkers on the August list was 34. No action was necessary in respect of Sections 133 and 134 which concerns homework.

# SECTION H. STATISTICAL TABLES, 1964 CAUSES OF DEATH

TABLE No. 1

Causes of Death Sex	xa	Total All	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under	<i>I</i> -	7	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
		2001		mar.									
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	I
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other infective and parasitic disease		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	M	2	1	1	1	1	I	1	1	-	1	-	1
_	H	1	1	1	1	1	I	1	1	1	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	M	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	ı	7	1	-
	H	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	I	1	1	1	1
N	M	1	1	1	1	1	I	1	1	1	1	1	1
_	H	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	7	1	1.
	II.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	ı	1	1	
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms   N	×	7	1	1	1	1	I	-	1	1	7	٠,	- 1
_	H	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	-	-
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
N	M	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	ı	ı	١.	1.
	I,	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	- (	- (
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	9	1	1	1	I	I	1	1	7.	1	70	71
	H	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7	7	
~	M	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	00	9 0	4 0
	H	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	ı	1	7		00
19. Hypertension with heart disease	M	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1.	1.	1
	H	2	1	1	1	1	ı	1	1	ı	- (		1
~	M	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.	7.	- '	0 0
	H	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	0	0

TABLE No. 1-continued.

	Causes of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under I year	1-	5	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
21.	Other circulatory disease	M	1 3	11	11		1	11	1	1	-	1	1-	
22.	Influenza	Y N	0   44			111		111	111		111	111	-11-	1   71
24.	Bronchitis	×Σμ	100		111	111		111	111	111	111	2	-11	اس
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	Σü	- 1	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	- 1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhea	×π	11-	111	111	111	111	111	111	111	111	111	111	11-
30.33.	Nephritis and nephrosis Hyperplasia of prostrate Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion Congenital malformations	- Z	1111-		1111-	1111	1111	1111		1111			11111	-1111
32.	Other defined and ill-defined disease	ZH	- 64	12	-	111	111	111	111	111	111	111		1-2
33.	Motor vehicle accidents All other accidents	×π	100	111	111	111	111	111	1.11	111	111	111		1-0
35.	Suicide Homicide and operations of war	MA	2	111	111	111	111	111	111	111	-11	111	-11	111
	TOTAL—ALL CAUSES	MH	61 78	2	1-	11	11	11	-	-	00 FC	13	16	23 42

## DEATHS FROM SELECTED CAUSES

TABLE No. 2

Year	Pulm	on- nonary culosis	The Control of the Co	nonary rculosis	Ca	ıncer	Hear	ises of t and Vessels	Pneu and Resp	nchitis monia other iratory eases
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1946	2	-15	5	-39	22	1.75	61	4.86	20	1.59
1947	2	·16	3	-23	25	1.96	93	7.31	17	1.33
1948	-	-	5	.39	19	1.48	87	6.81	13	1.01
1949	-	-	3	-23	16	1.23	89	6.86	22	1.69
1950	2	-15	4	.30	29	2.18	89	6.71	18	1.35
1951	-	_	3	.23	22	1.69	75	5.76	29	2.23
1952	3	-23	3	-23	24	1.69	101	7.76	9	0.69
1953	-	_	-	_	15	1.04	75	5.21	9	0.62
1954	-	_	_	_	35	2.45	68	4.76	12	0.84
1955	-	_	1	-07	32	2.27	85	6.04	9	0.63
1956	1	.07	-	_	36	2.64	97	7.13	8	0.58
1957	-	-	-	-	33	2.42	86	6.32	6	0.44
1958	-	-	3	.21	40	2.85	87	6.21	6	0.42
1959	-	-	1	-07	26	1.83	92	6.48	13	0.93
1960	-	-	1	.06	18	1.21	90	6.07	17	1.14
1961	-	_	1	.07	19	1.39	72	5.27	19	1.39
1962	-	_	_	-	25	1.82	66	4.80	18	1.30
1963	-	_	-	-	29	2.09	82	5.92	26	1.87
1964	-		-		28	2.01	81	5.82	12	0.86

# COMPARISON OF STILLBIRTHS, ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS AND MASCULINITY OF BIRTH

TABLE No. 3

	Stillbirths	s per 1,000	Illegitimate	Male births per
Year	Population of all ages	Total Births live and still	births per 1,000 live births	1,000 live female births
1946	-39	22.32	105-02	1,027
1947	-39	22.02	58-55	1,055
1948	-54	30-56	72.07	947
1949	-38	23-80	51.28	1,029
1950	-15	10-81	32.78	1,033
1951	-69	48-38	39-54	1,082
1952	-15	10.36	47.12	1,122
1953	-34	25.51	36.64	989
1954	·14	10-86	65.93	1,246
1955	-49	37.03	71.42	1,166
1956	-22	15.38	31-25	828
1957	-29	23-39	35-92	1,287
1958	-50	37-43	16.66	1,090
1959	-14	10-15	20-51	875
1960	·26	17-85	45.45	1,136
1961	-36	22.52	55.29	990
1962	.07	4.10	41.66	967
1963	-14	9.25	74-67	1,229
1964	•14	8.03	56.68	1,075

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1964 AND PREVIOUS YEARS

TABLE No. 4

					Dea	ths	
	Estimated	1	Births	Unde	er 1 year	A	ll ages
Year	Population	No.	Rate per 1,000	No.	Rate per 1,000	No.	Rate per 1,000
1946	12,530	219	17-47	15	68-49	152	12.13
1947	12,720	222	17-45	7	31-49	189	14.85
1948	12,760	222	17-39	13	58-55	153	11.99
1949	12.960	205	15.81	8	39.02	172	13-27
1950	13.250	183	13.81	7	38-25	170	12.83
1951	13,000	177	13.61	7	39-54	186	14.30
1952	13,000	191	14.69	3	15-18	174	13.38
1953	14,370	191	13-29	6	31.45	128	8.90
1954	14.270	182	12.76	2	10-98	144	10.09
1955	14,070	182	12-93	6	32.96	153	10.87
1956	13,600	192	14-11	4	20.83	176	12.94
1957	13,590	167	12.28	2	11.97	156	11-47
1958	14,000	180	12.85	2	11-11	161	11.50
1959	14,180	195	13.75	4	20.51	160	11.28
1960	14,820	220	14.84	7	31.81	161	10.86
1961	13,660	217	15.88	4	18-43	137	10-02
1962	13,770	240	17-42	4	16.66	139	10-09
1963	13,840	214	15.49	6	28.03	159	11.48
1964	13,950	247	17-69	3	12.15	139	9-99

# NEW CASES OF, AND DEATHS FROM, TUBERCULOSIS, 1964

Table No. 5

		New	Cases			De	aths	
Age Periods	Respi	iratory	No respir	on-	Respi	ratory		on- ratory
	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male	Male	Fe- male
- 1	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	_
- 5	-	_	-	_	_	-	_	-
— 15	-	-	_	_	-	_	_	_
— 25	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	_
— 35	1	-	_	_	_	_	-	_
— 45	_	1	_	_	_	-	_	_
— 55	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	_
— 65	1	_	_	_	-	_	_	_
65 +	_	1	_	_	-	_	_	_
TOTALS	2	2	_		_	_	_	_

## MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(Other than Tuberculosis) 1964

TABLE No. 6

Disease	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	1	8
Pneumonia	-	-		-	1	-	-		-	-	-	1	2
Measles	4	6	5	6	-	6	6	2	7	1	-	-	44
Whooping Cough	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	2	1	5	1	14
Erysipelas	-	-	-		_	1	_	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-		_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Para-Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	8	5	6	1	8	9	4	9	3	7	3	70

## AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(Other than Tuberculosis) 1964

													TABL	E No	). 7
Disease	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-10	-15	-20	-35	-45	-65	65+	All Ages	Removed to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	2	5	1	-	-		-	-	8	2	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1	1	2	-	-
Measles	-	6	5	10	3	16	4	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	2	3	1	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	_	_	-	_	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	-	_	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	-	-	-	-	-
Para-typhoid	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Poliomyelitis	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	_
TOTAL	1	6	7	13	6	26	7	-	1	-	. 1	2	70	2	-

## INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(other than Tuberculosis)

#### IN INDIVIDUAL PARISHES, 1964

TABLE No. 8

Parish	Scarlet Fever	Pneumonia	Measles	Whooping Cough	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia	Diphtheria	Policmyelitis	Food	Dysentery	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Para-typhoid	Malaria	TOTAL
Bozeat	_	_	2	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	2
Doddington, Great	-	1	13	2	-		-	_	_	-	-	-	-	16
Earls Barton	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	4
Easton Maudit	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
Ecton	-	-	1	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Grendon	2	-	2	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Hardwick	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
Harrowden, Great	-	-	-	5	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	5
Harrowden, Little	_	_	_	4	_	_	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Irchester	2	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Irchester, Little	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Isham	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	7
Mears Ashby	=	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newton Bromswold		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orlingbury	-	-	12	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Strixton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sywell	_	_	_	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
Wilby	_	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Wollaston	3	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	10
TOTALS	8	2	44	14	1	1	-	_	_	-	-	-	-	70

# MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH AGE AND SEX INCIDENCE

Table No. 9

		Med	isles	Whoopin	ng Cough
Age Peri	ods	Males	Females	Males	Females
- 6 months		_	_	_	1
- 12 months		-/	_	-	-
— 18 months		_	_	-	_
- 2 years	*******	2	4	_	_
- 2½ years		2	1	_	2
- 3 years		2	_	_	_
- 4 years		5	5	1	2
- 5 years		3	2	_	1
- 10 years		5	12	2	3
- 15 years		1	_	_	2
15 years +	******* Distan	_	_	_	_
ALL AGES		20	24	3	11
TOTALS		4	14		14

#### CAUSES OF DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR

TABLE No. 10

	Age in weeks								
Cause of Death	-1	-2	-3	-4	5-52	Total			
Whooping Cough	_	-	_	-	-	_			
Tuberculous diseases	_	_	_	_	-	_			
Measles	_		-	_	_	_			
Convulsions	_	-	_	-	-	_			
Bronchitis and Pneumonia	_	-	-	_	_	_			
Enteritis and Diarrhœa	-	_	-	-	_	_			
Congenital Malformations	_	-	_	_	1	1			
Premature Birth	1	-	_	-	_	1			
Injury at Birth	-	_	-	_	_	_			
Asphyxia and Atelectasis	_	_	_	_	_	_			
Congenital Debility	_	_	_	_	_	_			
Hæmolytic Disease	_	_	_	_	-	_			
Other Causes	1	_	_	_	-	1			
TOTALS	2	_	_	_	1	3			

## HOUSING PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1964

1.	Number of hou Health to			to	be erecte			oved by	the	Minis	stry of	957
2.	(a) Number of been appr							ns and h	nouse	plan	s have	49
	(b) Number of	house	es cont	aine	d in such	ı ap	prove	d lay-o	uts			957
3.	Superficial area 4 of the S											
	(a) Non-parlou	r type		be	drooms	X		- 1			846	
	(a) Iton pariot	ıı type	2			L	"	**	"		868	
			2		**	K	**	,,	"		872	
			1		"	M	**	**	**		916	
			-		"	N	**	,,	23		952	
				3	.,,	0	"	"	"		965	
				3	,,	P	**	,,	"	mond	972	
				3	"	j	**	"	**	********	946	
				3	"	Н	"	,,	"		937	
				3	,,	G	**	,,	"		914	
					"	F	"	**	**	**********	912	
				3	"		**	**	**	********	850	
				3	**	D	33	**	9.9		927	
				3	,,	V	22	"	**			
	the second			3	**	В	**	"	,,,	******	900	
	Conve	rtible	3 to	4	"	E	**	,,	"		903	
	(b) Parlour ty	pe.		3 be	drooms	I	type	square	feet		800	
	(0) 1			Dup	olex	R	,,	,,	,,		840	
	(c) Bungalow.			2 be	drooms	Q	,,	,,	,,		745	
	(c) Dungaron.			2	,,	T	,,	,,	,,		635	
				2	"	Y	,,	,,	,,		616	
		1 h	edroon		persons	U		**	,,		564	
		1		1		S	***		"		349	
			"		,,	Z	**	"		-	384	
		1	**	1	,,	_	27	"	**			
	(d) Flats.	2	,,	4	,,	A	,,	,,	**		718	
4.	Number of h	ouses	for wh	ich	tenders l	have	been	invited	1	,		180
5.	Number of h	ouses	the ere	ction	of which	ch h	ave b	egun				957

## SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS, ETC.

Number of visits and inspections	3	-			-	possess	1,651
Slaughterhouses on Register	-	-	territoria,				2
Number of Slaughtermen License	ed					********	5
Visits to Slaughterhouses					*******	possess	235
Visits to Butchers' Shops							12
Number of Bakehouses							5
Visits to Bakehouses	-						19
Food condemned as unfit for hu	man co	nsumpt	ion				985 lbs.
Premises Licensed to sell Ice-crea	ım					*******	44
Blocked Sewers and Drains	-		*******			*******	53
Insanitary Drainage						*******	2
Defective ventilating shafts	-					******	2
Sewer connections							51
Cesspools cleansed							244
Insanitary Closet accommodation							2
Insanitary Ashbins					-		8
Offensive Accumulations							6
Smoke and Dust nuisance	-				-		22
Rat infested premises	street .	******	-			********	116
Premises infested with flies, etc.							21
Animals kept as to be a nuisance	-					*******	4
Inspection of Food Premises	*******		*******				175
Housing Act inspections					-	2000000	168
Licenses issued under Milk (Spec	ial Des	ignation	n) Regu	lations,	1960	*******	10
Offensive Trades			-		******		6
Infectious Diseases investigations	3						9
Number of rooms fumigated	-					********	5
Samples of water taken							15
List of Outworkers			-		******	*******	34
Caravan Sites Act, 1960							22
Noise Abatement Act							9
H.C.N. Fumigation Regulations		*******		p	-		1
Animal Boarding Establishments	-			*******	******		9

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961 for the year 1964.

## PART I. OF THE ACT

 INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises		Number	Number of			
		on Register	Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted	
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	_		_	_	
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	91	9	1	_	
(iii)	Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	_	_	_	_	
	Total	91	9	1	_	

#### 2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

	No. of	No. of cases in			
Particulars			Ref	which prosecu-	
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. inspector	tions were instituted
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	_	_	1 .	_
(b) Unsuitable or defective	_	_	_		_
(c) Not separate for sexes	_	_	_		-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to					
Outwork)	-	-	_	-	_
Total	1	_	_	1	_

## PART VIII. OF THE ACT — OUTWORK

		SECTION 13	3	Si	ECTION 134		
Natureof Work	No. of out- workers in August list required by Sect. 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises	Notices served	Prosecu- tions	
Wearing apparel—  Making, etc  Cleaning & Washing	34	_	_	_	-	_	
Box Making			_	_			
Curtains and Furniture					-	-	
hangings	-	-	_	-	-	-	
Furniture & Upholstery	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carding, etc., of Buttons, etc.	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Stuffed Toys	-	-	-	-	-	_	
TOTAL	34	-	-	_	_	_	



