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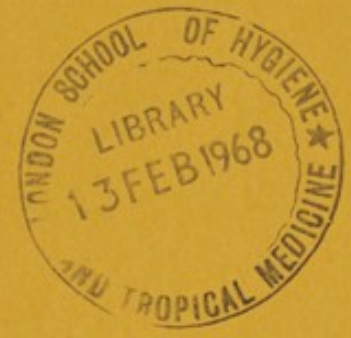
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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WALTHAM HOLY CROSS



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the Report of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year ending December 31st, 1962.



WALTHAM HOLY CROSS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE 1962.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mrs. E.M. Tuck.

MEMBERS:

Councillor: Mr. W.L. Luck (Deputy)
Councillor: Mrs. J.M. Davies.
Councillor: Mr. E.J. Clarke.
Councillor: Mr. A.N. Matthews.
Councillor: Mr. R. Maxen.
Councillor: Mr. K.W. Meekin.
Councillor: Mr. W.J. Pritchard.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ex-officio: Mrs. E.M. Tuck.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF:

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

Dr. H. Franks, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.,
Town Hall, Waltham Abbey, Tel. Waltham Cross 23222.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:

Mr. W.H. Meynell, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (1) (2)

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:

Mr. N. Cuthbertson, M.A.P.H.I. (1) (2)

(To 31.7.1962.)

Mr. P.W. Riley, M.A.P.H.I. (1) (2)

(From 1.8.1962.)

- (1) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health and Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board.
- (2) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health of Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

CLERK:

Mrs. J.G. Amy.

RODENT OPERATIVE:

Mr. T.S. Driver.

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WALTHAM HOLY CROSS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the Waltham Holy Cross
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report, including the Chief Public Health Inspector's Report, for the year ending 31st December, 1962.

In the statistical tables which follow, births and deaths have been corrected for "inward" and "outward" transfers - i.e. they refer only to persons who normally reside in the District, and they include all births and deaths among them wherever occurring. They have also been adjusted to allow for any difference in the age and sex distribution of the local population when compared with the averages for England and Wales. Infectious diseases, however, are allocated to the district in which they arise irrespective of place of normal residence of the patient.

VITAL STATISTICS

The health of the District remains satisfactory, and there was very little infectious disease during the year.

There has been no significant change in total birth rates or death rates. There were four deaths during the year from motor vehicle accidents, and nine deaths of infants under the age of one year. There were no maternal deaths from childbirth or abortion and no congenital malformations.

There were five new cases of tuberculosis notified and no deaths from this disease.

DISPOSAL OF RADIO-ACTIVE WASTES.

The Experimental Research and Development Establishment of the Ministry of Aviation at Waltham Abbey has been advised by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government that they would not oppose the discharge of radio-active substances by this establishment into the main drainage system in quantities up to two millicuries of activity per week. On receiving this information, your Surveyor and I visited the establishment, and feel satisfied that no harm to the workmen or any other persons could possibly result from such quantities, and that adequate controls and records would be maintained and would be available for our inspection at any time.

Since the matter was raised early in 1962, there has up to the present time (June 1963) been only one discharge of radio-active substances into the sewers, equivalent to one millicurie of activity, i.e. less than 1% of the quantity approved for the year.

The Establishment has acquired an "Airmec" Radiation Monitor capable of detecting and pin-pointing radio-activity in air and liquids down to minimal (background) levels; the use of this instrument has been offered to me at any time for any purpose by kind courtesy of their Scientific Officer.

In concluding, I would again like to record my appreciation to the staff of the Public Health Department for their continued help and co-operation, and the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support during the year.

H. FRANKS, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.,
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

CAUSES OF DEATH AS GIVEN BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
FOR THE YEAR 1962.

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Malignant Neoplasm, stomach | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, lung bronchus | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, breast | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms, other sites. | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 3 | 10 | 13 |
| Diabetes | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Coronary disease, angina | 19 | 4 | 23 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Other heart disease | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| Other circulatory disease | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Influenza | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Bronchitis | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Nephritis and nephrosis | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Hyperplasia of prostate | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Congenital malformations | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| All other accidents | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | <u>66</u> | <u>50</u> | <u>116</u> |

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

- (a) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS of the Local Authority (see Page 1)
- (b) LABORATORY FACILITIES. A Ministry of Health Laboratory operates at St. Margaret's Hospital Epping. Milk, water and ice cream samples are examined at the Counties Public Health Laboratories, Thresh House, Verulam Street, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1. Milk samples for biological examination are examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Chelmsford.
- (c) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. Transport of the sick and injured and maternity cases is the responsibility of the Essex County Council and is free of charge.

In cases of accident or emergency, an ambulance is obtained by dialling 999 on any Waltham Cross telephone. Where there is no dialling system it is sufficient to lift the receiver and ask for an ambulance to be sent to the place required, or to deliver the message personally to the Fire Station, Romeland, Waltham Abbey. Calls of a non-urgent nature are only accepted from responsible persons in the service, e.g. doctors, nurses, etc.

- (d) HOSPITALS. The hospitals serving the area are administered by the North-East London Regional Hospital Board.

(e) CHILD WELFARE. The Essex County Council (Forest Area) is the Welfare Authority for the district. Clinics are held at the following times at "The Cedars", Sewardstone Road, Waltham Abbey -

CHILD WELFARE CENTRE: Every Tuesday and Friday at 2 p.m.

SCHOOL CHILDREN (Minor Ailments): 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month at 10.0 a.m. No charge is made.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC: Every Monday at 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S WELFARE: 1st Monday. By appointment only.

RELAXATION CLASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: Every Wednesday afternoon. (By appointment only)

SPEECH THERAPIST: By appointment only.

UPSHIRE VILLAGE HALL (WEIGHING CENTRE): Alternate Thursdays at 2.30 p.m.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRE, BREACH BARNS CARAVAN SITE: 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 2 p.m.

(f) SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE. The Education Authority is the Essex County Council. School nurses inspect the children regularly, and there is a medical inspection at each school not less than once per year. Advice and treatment are provided at the Combined Treatment Centre at the appropriate sessions as listed above.

(g) TUBERCULOSIS SERVICE. Tuberculosis Dispensary at Honey Lane Hospital, Waltham Abbey, every Monday at 2 p.m. for new patients.

During the year the Care Association for the area covering the Chigwell, Epping, Waltham Abbey and Ongar districts continued to function. The Association assists cases awaiting admission to sanatorium in various ways and arranges also for admission of child contacts to convalescent homes. It concerns itself also with the after care of patients by assistance in obtaining materials for occupational therapy and whenever possible, suitable employment for those fit to work. The Association is supported by voluntary contributions and receives also a grant from the County Council. The Honorary Secretary is Mrs. B. Hands, 52, Dacre Gardens, Chigwell.

(h) DISTRICT NURSES', HEALTH VISITORS', MIDWIVES' SERVICES AND HOME HELPS are provided by the Essex County Council, and administered locally by Forest Area Health Sub-Committee of the Council.

The Area Medical Officer is Dr. F.G. Brown, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Municipal Offices, Woodford, E.18, from whom the following statistics have been received -

VISITS PAID BY HEALTH VISITORS

| <u>1st Visits</u> | | | <u>Re-Visits</u> | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|------------------|-----|-------|
| Under 1 year | ... | 292 | Under 1 year | ... | 775 |
| 1 - 5 years | ... | 0 | 1 - 5 years | ... | 1,249 |
| All others | ... | 146 | | | |

CASES ATTENDED BY MIDWIVES

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| (a) As midwives | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| (b) As maternity | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 |
| VISITS MADE BY HOME NURSES | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,181 |

ATTENDANCES AT ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

| | | | | | |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Ante-Natal | ... | ... | ... | ... | 465 |
| Post-Natal | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |

ATTENDANCES AT CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Infants under 1 year | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,816 |
| Children 1 - 5 years | ... | ... | ... | ... | 835 |

ATTENDANCES AT WOMEN'S WELFARE CLINICS

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------|
| Birth Control (1st visits) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Birth Control (Re-visits) | ... | ... | ... | ... | <u>68</u> |
| | | | | TOTAL | <u>77</u> |

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

(SECTIONS C, D & E)

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my 23rd Annual Report on the work carried out by the Department with particular reference to the year 1962.

All matters pertaining to public health were dealt with as expeditiously as possible. Meat Inspection again claimed precedence over other activities.

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council, Members of the Public Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Cuthbertson, Mr. Riley, and all other colleagues for their invaluable co-operation and assistance during the year.

W.H. Meynell, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

(SECTION C, P. 4 E)

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my 32nd Annual Report on the work carried out by the Department with particular reference to the year 1962. All matters pertaining to public health were dealt

with as expeditiously as possible. Most inspection again claimed precedence over other activities.

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council, Members of the Public Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Orchardson, Mr. Riley, and all other colleagues for their invaluable co-operation and assistance during the year.

W.M. Maxwell, M.B.B.S., M.A.F.H.I.,

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

SECTION C.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The number of inspections made during the year was 2,672; details regarding the nature of these inspections are given in the following tables.

The Department received 150 complaints covering a variety of subjects; all were dealt with satisfactorily.

Summary

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health and Housing Acts) | 223 |
| Number of dwelling houses inspected for other than housing defects | 65 |
| Number of premises other than houses inspected | 587 |
| Miscellaneous visits | 1,797 |
| | <u>2,672</u> |

Included in the above tables are the following classified visits:-

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Camping Sites | 50 |
| 2. Cattle Market | 50 |
| 3. General Market | 50 |
| 4. Petroleum Acts | 48 |
| 5. Licensed Premises | 33 |
| 6. Shops | 244 |
| 7. Hawkers | 24 |

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 8. Nurseries | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 92 |
| 9. Factories | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 93 |
| 10. Piggeries | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| 11. Infectious Diseases | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| 12. Rats and mice | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 |
| 13. Slaughterhouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 967 |
| 14. Swimming Pool | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| 15. Dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| 16. Drainage | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 37 |
| 17. Atmospheric Pollution | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 97 |

Details of inspections of food premises and factories are given in the appropriate sections of this report.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of dwelling houses inspected for defects (under the Public Health and Housing Acts) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 223 |
| Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal notices | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
| Statutory notices served under the Public Health Act, 1936. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |

PETROLEUM ACTS AND REGULATIONS.

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Licenses granted during 1962 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 36 |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|

48 Visits were made to ensure that the requirements of the Acts were being observed. Conditions were found to be satisfactory.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The sewers were baited as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The method of baiting heavily in parts of the system where "takes" were registered was continued with satisfactory results.

Systematic inspection of the area was made for the presence of rats and mice. The work of disinfection was effected where necessary; a free service being given to domestic premises and a charge being made for business premises.

The Contract service formerly given by the County Agricultural Executive Department and now operated by the Council was continued successfully. There was a failure to renew contracts on the part of some farmers in the area because of our inability to deal with rabbits, moles, pigeons, foxes, etc.

During the year complaints were received of wasps, ants, flies and mosquitoes. The Department was able to deal effectively with most of these but the fly remains a problem.

Works effected under the Act to the 31st December, 1962, are as follows -

| | <u>TYPE OF PROPERTY</u> | | | | <u>Agric- tura</u> |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|---|------------------------|
| | <u>Local Authority</u> | <u>Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)</u> | <u>All other (inc. Business Premises)</u> | <u>Total of Cols. 1, 2 & 3.</u> | |
| 1. No. of properties in Local Authority's District | 17 | 3200 | 562 | 3762 | 132 |
| 2. No. of properties inspected as a result of notification. | 4 | 40 | 11 | 55 | 1 |
| No. of such properties found to be infested by- | | | | | |
| (a) Common rat | | | | | |
| (Major) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (Minor) | 1 | 26 | 9 | 36 | 1 |
| (b) Mice | | | | | |
| (Major) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (Minor) | 2 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| 3. No. of properties inspected in course of survey under the Act | 25 | 843 | 125 | 993 | 90 |
| No. of such properties found to be infested by- | | | | | |
| (a) Common rat | | | | | |
| (Major) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (Minor) | 9 | 77 | 17 | 103 | 16 |
| (b) Mice | | | | | |
| (Major) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (Minor) | 1 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 2 |
| 4. Total inspections including re-inspections | 81 | 1331 | 257 | 1669 | 166 |
| 5. Total treatments carried out | 14 | 122 | 33 | 169 | 19 |

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Number of sites for which licenses have been issued by the | | | | | | | | |
| Local Authority | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Number of caravans | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 536 |
| Number of campers during 1962 (approx) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1500 |

Legal proceedings were taken against a licence for non-compliance with conditions of the licence. The case was adjourned for ten weeks to enable works to be effected as requested. All work was completed within the time laid down by the Magistrates.

Fifty visits were made during the year.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Council continued its participation in the Essex County Council's Scheme for recording pollution of the atmosphere.

Daily readings of the volumetric instrument are taken in the Department. The deposit gauge and lead peroxide instruments are submitted to the Counties Public Health Laboratories, Thresh House, Verulam Street, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1. for examination and analysis at monthly intervals.

Despite the Minister's undertaking that Crown premises would co-operate in the implementing of the Clean Air Act, the Eastern Electricity Board's Power Station at Brimsdown continues to be a major source of pollution in this area.

LICENSED PREMISES

Thirty-three visits were made to licensed premises and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

SEWERAGE

The area is sewered in the main to an outfall at the Old Sewerage works in Brooker Road. From there it is pumped under the River Lea and thence by gravity to the Middlesex Works at Deephams.

In addition the Sewardstonebury area is drained to a small but satisfactory works in Sewardstonebury; one from a small area in the Fox and Hounds district is drained to Chingford, and one farm to the Epping and Ongar Rural District.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection is made weekly from all properties in the area by two modern S.D. vehicles.

Problems of disposal are always with us but one wonders whether individual tipping is the answer. What happens when there are no more holes to be filled? One would have thought that constituent authorities North of the Thames could get together and form a Regional Board for the purpose of the destruction and disposal of refuse. A central point to be aimed at and costs apportioned accordingly.

Trade refuse is collected at a small charge.

CESSPOOLS

Cesspools are emptied quarterly by Contract.

ROADS

Council maintained streets are scavenged and gullies emptied by direct labour.

SALVAGE

Waste paper is collected and sold to a paper pulping firm. Rags and scrap metal are also collected and sold.

Pig food is collected and processed by a local firm holding contract with the Council.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Conveniences are provided for both sexes at the "Kings Oak", High Beech (during the summer months), at the Town Hall and Farm Hill Road. Unfortunately, these properties suffer seriously from wilful damage.

One deplores the fact that there is not a constant supply of hot and cold water together with paper towels in the public conveniences. It is felt that in these days when so much stress is laid on hygiene that this amenity would be readily provided.

There is a pressing need for public conveniences in the vicinity of the "Wake Arms". If and when mains water is supplied to this area the Council should seriously consider the provision of amenities.

WATER SUPPLY

The district is within the Metropolitan Water Board's area of supply. There are outlying parts of the district which do not receive the benefit of this supply and depend solely on water from shallow wells.

The water in the wells in the "Wake Arms" area although reported as "fit for domestic purposes" is extremely acid in reaction. It is extremely doubtful that the supply is adequate for the business premises concerned. One shudders to think what may happen in case of fire.

At Claverhambury, the Clapton Stadium Limited supply their dwelling houses and kennels, together with an adjoining dairy farm, with water obtained from an artesian well.

Samples of water have been obtained from wells in various parts of the district and also from the public mains and swimming pool. The swimming pool is privately owned, water being supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board. Favourable reports were received from the Analyst in each case.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956.

Ninety-two visits were made to ascertain conditions prevail on the nurseries. Some premises were satisfactory, in others it was necessary to request that some works be put in hand to comply with the requirements of the Act.

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SECTION D.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Estates Administered by the Council

| <u>Estate</u> | <u>Houses</u> | <u>Bungalows</u> | | <u>Flats</u> | | | <u>Maison-ettes</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | <u>Bed-Sitters</u> | <u>1 bed</u> | <u>1 bed</u> | <u>2 bed</u> | <u>3 bed</u> | | |
| Bechfield Walk | 96 | 14 | 4 | | | | | 114 |
| Inc. Lodge Lane | | | | | | | | |
| Bech Hill Gardens | 16 | | | | | | | 16 |
| Stokers Drive | 16 | | | | | | | 16 |
| Hooked Mile | 4 | 2 | | | | | | 6 |
| Wenny Avenue | 62 | | | | | | | 62 |
| Stbrook Road | 9 | | | | | | | 9 |
| Mountain Place | 3 | | 3 | 11 | 4 | | | 21 |
| Arm Hill Road | 2 | | | | | | | 2 |
| West Close | 10 | | | | | | | 10 |
| De Gladeway | | | 12 | | | | | 12 |
| Love Court | | 6 | | | | | | 6 |
| Gold Crescent | 48 | | | | | | | 48 |
| Market Square | | | | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Wernoster Hill | 80 | 2 | | | | | | 82 |
| Black Hill | 165 | | 2 | | | | | 167 |
| Winclesfield Estate | 160 | | | 28 | 28 | | | 216 |
| Winton Road | 1 | | 4 | | | | | 5 |
| Wardstone Street | 3 | | | 2 | 4 | | | 9 |
| Wilver Street | | | 3 | | | | | 3 |
| Wanyson Avenue | 20 | | | | | | | 20 |
| Weshire Road | 36 | | | | | | | 36 |
| | 731 | 24 | 28 | 41 | 37 | 1 | 4 | 866 |
| Required properties | 34 | | | | | | | 34 |
| <u>AND TOTAL</u> | <u>765</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>41</u> | <u>37</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>900</u> |

The total number of families rehoused in Council accommodation during the year amounted to 39 (134 persons), made up as follows.

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|--------------|
| Acquired properties | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | (11 persons) |
| Transfers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | (26 persons) |
| Re-lets | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 | (64 persons) |
| Mutual exchanges | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 | (33 persons) |

Two houses, scheduled as unfit, have been cleared and the occupants, a total of seven persons, have been rehoused in permanent accommodation.

It is anticipated that with the completion of part of the Paradise Road scheme, all the houses in the first stage of the Council's redevelopment scheme will be cleared by the end of May, 1963. A start will then be made in decanting the tenants of stage number two, (Milton Street etc.) and it is hoped most of the houses in that area will be cleared by the end of 1963.

There were nineteen private dwellings erected during the year.

Inspection of dwelling houses under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, was as follows -

1. Number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation 14
2. Number of houses the defects of which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 22

3. Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to
 - (a) The serving of notices requiring the execution of works 2
 - (b) The making of demolition or closing orders -
4. Number of notices served requiring the execution of works 2
5. Number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices 7
Outstanding 1961 5
6. Number of demolition or closing orders made ... -
7. Number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under subsection (3) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... -
8. Number of houses demolished 13

Under (8) thirteen houses were demolished in pursuance of the Council's Slum Clearance Programme.

Two houses were found to be overcrowded. Informal notices were served and abatement of the overcrowding secured.

The Urban District Council's Engineer and Surveyor is Mr. George Clarke, A.R.I.C.S., M.I.Mun.E., and the Housing Manager is Mr. E.H. Entwisle, A.R.V.A.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION OF FOOD

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ACTS, 1933 and 1952.

Ice Cream

Number of persons registered as vendors 68

Food Hawkers

Number of persons registered 16

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.

In view of the extensive alterations taking place at Waltham Abbey Abattoir, the Council, very rightly, prohibited the slaughter of cattle until alterations were completed. They were still in progress at the end of the year.

There are three licenced slaughterhouses in the area, they are -

1. Enfield Highway Co-operative Society Ltd.,
Brooker Road, Waltham Abbey, Essex.
2. Farmer Butchers Ltd.,
10, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey, Essex.
3. City Meat Wholesalers Ltd.,
Waltham Abbey Abattoir, Sewardstone, E.4.

The following animals were inspected during the year -

| | |
|-------|-----------------|
| | 7 Bulls |
| | 2,195 Cows |
| | 3,037 Steers |
| | 935 Heifers |
| | 1,571 Calves |
| | 33,936 Swine |
| | 701 Sheep |
| | 20,396 Lambs |
| | 18 Ewes |
| | <u>3 Stirks</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>62,799</u> |

The following were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption -

| |
|-------------------------|
| 1 Steer carcass |
| 1 Cow carcass |
| 7 Sheep carcasses |
| 54 Pig carcasses |
| 7 Calf carcasses |
| 229 Pig lungs |
| 462 Pig plucks |
| 494 Pig livers |
| 167 Pig heads |
| 15 Hindquarters of pork |
| 15 Hands of pork |

The following animals were inspected during the year -

- 9 Legs of pork
- 648 Cow livers
- 312 Bullock livers
- 39 Part bovine livers
- 10 Bovine heads and tongues
- 1 Bovine tongue
- 2 Bovine hearts
- 2 Bovine kidneys
- 17 Bovine lungs
- 31 Sheep plucks
- 1 Loin of lamb
- 1 Leg of beef
- 180 lbs. of meat trimmings.

Total weight of meat and offal thus surrendered as unfit for human consumption was -

11 tons, 13 cwts., 1 qtr., 11 lbs.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED -

| | <u>Cattle</u> <u>excluding</u> | <u>Sheep</u> <u>and</u> | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| | <u>Cows</u> | <u>Cows</u> | <u>Calves</u> | <u>Lambs</u> | <u>Pigs</u> |
| Number killed | 3982 | 2195 | 1571 | 21115 | 33936 |
| Number inspected | 3982 | 2195 | 1571 | 21115 | 33936 |
| ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS : | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned ... | 1 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 51 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... | 384 | 663 | - | 66 | 1263 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis | 9.6 | 30.2 | 0.44 | 0.34 | 3.88 |
| TUBERCULOSIS ONLY: | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned ... | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... | - | - | - | - | 160 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis | - | - | - | - | 0.48 |

CYSTICERCUS BOVIS

Systematic examination of all carcasses revealed four bovine heads affected by the parasite.

All meat surrendered is disposed of to reputable contractors who sterilise the unfit meat in steam digesters. The resulting product is utilised in industry. All other foods are rendered innocuous by boiling and used for pig food; where this is not practicable the articles are burnt.

The number of animals slaughtered fell by 3,300; 62,799 for 1962 against 66,102 for 1961. It will be seen that an average of over 1,200 animals a week were slaughtered and inspected. This despite the fact that the slaughter of cattle was prohibited at Waltham Abbey Abattoir from July onwards. This entailed a great deal of additional work for the Officers of the Department mostly outside of normal office hours.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933 - 1954.

There are nineteen slaughtermen licensed under the Act.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

All premises where food is prepared were inspected. The following articles were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption -

- 10 lbs. beef.
- 6 lb. tin corned beef.
- 4 lb. tin chopped pork.
- 2 lb. tin pork luncheon meat.
- 6 lb. tin pork luncheon meat.
- 2 - 8 lb. 8 oz. tins cooked ham.
- 2 - 8 lb. 8 oz. tins cooked pork shoulder.
- 19 - 20 oz. jars apricot jam.
- 7 lb. tin grapefruit.
- 7 lb. tin grapefruit segments.
- 6 lb. 8 oz. tin apples.

15½ oz. tin sago pudding.

2 - 10 oz. tins garden peas.

1 lb. 3 oz. tin processed peas.

18 boxes ¼d. stick gum (14¾ lbs.)

26 boxes Whiz bang (21½ lbs.)

Foods are sampled by the Weights and Measures Officer of the Essex County Council, and he supplies me with reports thereon.

The following samples were reported upon during 1962:-

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| Milks (14) | ... | ... | ... | Genuine |
| Whiskey (1) | ... | ... | ... | Genuine |
| Fine coffee and chicory (1) | | | | Genuine |
| Desiccated coconut (1) | ... | | | Genuine |
| Smyrna Sultanas 10's | | ... | | Genuine |
| English stewed steak in rich gravy | ... | ... | ... | Genuine |
| Blended tea (1). | ... | ... | | Genuine |
| Malt vinegar (1) | ... | ... | | Genuine |

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955.

All premises affected by the Regulations were visited during the year. 244 Visits in all being made. Satisfactory conditions were found to prevail.

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.

The Essex County Council deals principally with matters coming under this heading. I am informed that all samples taken for examination in the area were found to be satisfactory. In addition 75 samples of milk, 16 samples of ice cream and 47 samples of lollies, were submitted for examination.

The samples were submitted to the Counties Public Health Laboratories, Thresh House, Verulam Street, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1., through the Essex County Council Bacteriological Service.

Examination of ice cream samples is in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Provisional Grading system. Samples submitted were graded as follows -

| <u>Grades</u> | <u>Samples</u> |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | 12 |
| 2 | 3 |
| 3 | - |
| 4 | 1 |

Fifty samples of milk were submitted for biological examination at the Chelmsford and District Hospital.

Samples are obtained at the request of the County Medical Officer of Health and are paid for by the County Council.

Samples of milk were submitted as follows -

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuberculin Tested | 4 |
| Pasteurised | 10 |
| T.T./Pasteurised | 4 |
| C.I./Pasteurised | 4 |
| South Devon/Pasteurised | 2 |
| C.I./T.T./Pasteurised | 1 |
| Biological Examination | <u>50</u> |
| | <u>75</u> |

The increase in the number of samples submitted for biological examination was due to *Brucella Abortus* being found in a routine sample of raw milk taken from a van in the area. All animals in the herd were examined by Divisional Veterinary Officers and samples taken fortnightly by this Department. All were reported upon as negative.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

There are 73 Factories on the Register. 93 Visits were made during the year. Conditions were found to be generally satisfactory in those premises to which visits were made.

There are 48 outworkers in the area.

NUMBER AND TRADE OF OUTWORKERS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

| | | | | |
|--|------|------|-----|-----------|
| Wearing apparel | ... | ... | ... | 37 |
| Paper bags | | | ... | 1 |
| Brush making | ... | | ... | 3 |
| Stuffed toys | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Table stationery | | ... | ... | 1 |
| Coiling nylon string | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Hand-polishing table tennis bat handles | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Tennis racquet stringing | ... | ... | ... | <u>1</u> |
| | | | | <u>48</u> |

Outworkers were notified from the following areas -

| | | | | | |
|------------|-----|----|-------------------|-----|---|
| Shoreditch | ... | 2 | Bradford | ... | 1 |
| Hertford | ... | 2 | Tottenham | ... | 8 |
| Cheshunt | ... | 24 | Walthamstow | ... | 1 |
| Finsbury | ... | 2 | Chigwell | ... | 1 |
| Chingford | ... | 1 | Hackney | ... | 1 |
| | | | Dunlop Sports Co. | ... | 5 |

A number of inspections and recommendations have been made under Section 34, dealing with means of escape in case of fire.

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FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

PART I OF THE ACT

1.- INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (inc. inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

| Premises (1) | Number on Register (2) | Inspections (3) | Number of Written Occupiers notices prosecuted (4) | Number of Occupiers prosecuted (5) |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities | nil | nil | nil | nil |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 71 | 91 | 2 | nil |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) | 2 | 2 | nil | nil |
| | <u>73</u> | <u>93</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>nil</u> |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

| Particulars (1) | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | To H.M. Inspector (4) | By H.M. Inspector (5) | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6) |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Want of cleanliness (S.I.) | 2 | 2 | nil | nil | nil |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | nil | nil | nil | nil | nil |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) | nil | nil | nil | nil | nil |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) | nil | nil | nil | nil | nil |

OUTWORK

Section 110

No. of
outworkers
in August
list
required
by Sect.
110(1)(c)
(2)

No. of
cases of
default
in sending
lists to the
Council
(3)

No. of
prosecu-
tions for
failure to
supply lists
(4)

No. of
instances
of work in
unwholesome
premises
(5)

Notices
served
(6)

Prosecutions
(7)

Nature of work
(1)

37

nil

nil

nil

nil

nil

Wearing apparel-
Making etc.

1

nil

nil

nil

nil

nil

Paper bags

3

nil

nil

nil

nil

nil

Brush making

1

nil

nil

nil

nil

nil

Stuffed toys

1

nil

nil

nil

nil

nil

Table stationery

1

nil

nil

nil

nil

nil

Coiling nylon string

1

nil

nil

nil

nil

nil

Hand polishing table
tennis bat handles

3

nil

nil

nil

nil

nil

Tennis racquet
stringing

1

nil

nil

nil

nil

nil

48

nil

nil

nil

nil

nil

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

| | | | <u>Cases notified</u> | <u>Cases admitted to hospital</u> | <u>Deaths</u> |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Measles | ... | ... | 3 | - | - |
| Ac. Pneumonia | ... | ... | 3 | 3 | - |
| Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | 1 | - | - |

TUBERCULOSIS

Five new cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year.

MALES

FEMALES

Pulm.

Non.Pulm.

Pulm.

Non.Pulm.

3

-

2

-

There were no deaths from this disease.

DIPHTHERIA

No cases were reported during the year.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION SCHEMES

(1) SMALLPOX. 801 Primary vaccinations were performed, and 752 persons were re-vaccinated - as compared with last years figures of 226 primary vaccinations and 23 re-vaccinations.

(2) DIPHTHERIA. Immunisations against diphtheria have continued, 116 immunisations and 84 re-inforcing injections having been given during the year, compared with 273 and 174 in the previous year.

(3) WHOOPING COUGH. 20 Children completed the course of injections during 1962, compared with 191 in 1961.

(4) TETANUS. Four immunisations have been given during the year.

(5) POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATIONS.

Salk Vaccine

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----|
| First and second injections | ... | 207 |
| Third injections | | 324 |
| Fourth injections | | 144 |

Oral Vaccine

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----|
| First and second injections | ... | 100 |
| Third injections | | 32 |
| Fourth injections | | 43 |

SOME NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS

| <u>Disease</u> | <u>1958</u> | <u>1959</u> | <u>1960</u> | <u>1961</u> | <u>1962</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 8 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 1 |
| Diphtheria | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acute Primary Pneumonia | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Measles | 186 | 91 | 2 | 229 | 8 |
| Whooping Cough | - | 1 | 4 | 2 | - |