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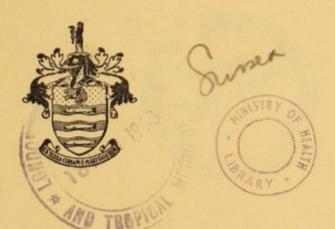
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
WORTHING LODGE,
STOKE ABBOTT ROAD,
WORTHING.
August, 1958.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Worthing.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I present herewith my eleventh Annual Report on the Health of Worthing, together with the Meteorological Observations for the year.

Statistics.—The general health of the town was satisfactory during the year. The Infantile Mortality Rate of 19.2 per 1,000 is the second lowest on record and compares with a figure of 23.0 for England and Wales as a whole.

Infectious Diseases.—For the tenth year in succession there were no cases of diphtheria. This is indeed a tribute to immunisation, and it is hoped that vaccination against poliomyelitis will prove equally successful.

The care of the aged.—The care of the aged continues to be a major problem, but an excellent beginning was made by the conversion of a large house into flatlets specially designed to meet the needs of old people. The total number of "units of accommodation" for aged persons in the Borough at the end of the year was 118; this is well below the 300 suggested in my Annual Report for 1954, but further additions have been made this year and the need is continually being reviewed. Also during the year, hospital provision for geriatric cases was improved by 50 additional beds at Swandean Hospital.

At the end of the report there is a short summary of the work carried out in the Borough under the National Health Service Act, 1946, Part 3 Services.

I should like to express my appreciation of the helpful support and the interest taken in all the Health Services of the Borough by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and by other Members of the Council.

I also wish to record my sincere thanks to Dr. Aitken, my Deputy, to Mr. White and the District Inspectors and to every member of the staff for all their assistance and co-operation.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient servant.

> G. H. PRINGLE, Medical Officer of Health.

HEALTH COMMITTEE:

(as at 31st December, 1957)

Chairman: COUNCILLOR A. J. BARRETT

Vice-Chairman: COUNCILLOR MRS. D. STAPLETON SKINNER, B.A.

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COUNCILLOR MRS. H. M. PERYER

HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF:

(as at 31.12.57)

Medical Officer of Health

G. H. PRINGLE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health

J. C. AITKEN, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector ... S. S. WHITE, M.A.P.H.L., A.M.I.P.H.E.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector ... H. F. JOWETT, M.A.P.H.I.

District Public Health Inspectors: ... M. BLAKE

P. E. CHATTELLE, M.A.P.H.I.

G. T. PARSONS, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerical Staff:

Chief Clerk: T. L. CANTON

Clerks: Miss P. Moakes

MRS. H. M. J. BUTLER

MRS. P. M. LOWE

MISS B. H. GIBSON

Meteorological Observers: ... T. L. CANTON

M. BLAKE

Other Staff:

Rodent Operators: ... F. J. MARIGOLD

J. H. OGLESBY

Disinfector and General Assistant: F. A. McLoughlin

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1957

Area of Municipal Borough, including foreshore 8512.742 acres
Population (Census 1921) 31,520
Population (Census 1931) 46,230
Population (Census 1951) 69,431
Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population (1957) 72,860
Number of inhabited houses (1921)
Number of inhabited houses (1957)
Rateable Value (1957)
Sum represented by a penny rate, 1957 £7,224
BIRTH RATE. 9.6 per 1,000 population. Birth-rate after correction by the factor received from the Registrar-General, 13.1 per 1,000. (Number of births, 697). England and Wales, 16.1 per 1,000.
DEATH RATES (all causes). 18.4 per 1,000 population. Death rate after correction by the factor received from the Registrar-General, 9.9 per 1,000. (Number of deaths, 1,338).
England and Wales, 11.5 per 1,000.
Infant rate, 19.2 per 1,000 live births. (Number of deaths, 13).
England and Wales, 23.0 per 1,000 live births.
Maternal rate, nil.
England and Wales, 0.47 per 1,000 births.
Tuberculosis rate, 0.04 per 1,000 population. (Number of deaths, 3).
England and Wales, 0.09 per 1,000 population.
MEAN ANNUAL TEMPERATURE (1957) 51.9 degrees Fahr.
HOURS OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE (1957), 1,836.4 hours; daily average, 5.03 hours; Summer, 7.02 hours; Winter, 3.03 hours.
TOTAL RAINFALL (1957) 25.30 inches

VITAL STATISTICS

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid-year population of Worthing was 72,860, as compared with 71,580 in 1956, and this estimate has been adopted for the purposes of the statistics contained in this Report.

BIRTHS

The number of registered births (live and still) was 697, namely: -

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births-Legitimate	 641	309	332
Illegitimate	 36	18	18
Still Births-Legitimate	 16	12	4
Illegitimate	 4	2	2

The Registrar-General provides a factor for the purpose of rendering the birth-rate of the Borough comparable with that of a district the population of which is of standard age and sex distribution. Accordingly the birth-rate is now multiplied by this factor which represents the birth-rate for comparison with other districts. The birth-rate of Worthing for 1957 adjusted in this manner is raised from 9.6 to 13.1 per 1,000 of the population. The birth-rate for England and Wales is 16.1 per 1,000.

Birth-rate per 1,000 population:-	
Live Births	9.3
Still Births	0.29
Birth-rate per 1,000 population after applying "Area Comparability Factor":—	
Area Comparability Factor .—	
Live Births	12.3
Still Births	0.40
Birth-rate (Live and Still) per 1,000 population	9.6
Birth-rate (Live and Still) per 1,000 population	
after applying "Area Comparability Factor"	13.1
Still Birth-rate per 1,000 (Live and Still) births	28.7

Illegitimate births numbered 40, or 5.74 per cent. of the total births.

STILL - BIRTHS

The registration of still-births is made compulsory by the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953.

During 1957 there were 20 still-births registered to Worthing residents representing a still-birth rate of 28.7 per 1,000 births (live and still) registered. Of the 20 still-births four were registered as illegitimate.

DEATHS

The number of deaths registered in the Borough during 1957 was 1,321. Of these 201 were deaths of non-residents and were transferred to the districts in which the persons ordinarily resided. There were, on the other hand, 218 deaths of Worthing residents registered outside the Borough. The total (corrected) number of deaths assigned to the Borough was 1,338 (males 567, females 771). This gives a recorded death-rate of 18.4 compared with 11.5 for England and Wales. This recorded death-rate, however, which is a crude rate, cannot be used to compare the mortality with that of other districts as the populations of all areas are not similarly constituted as regards the proportions of their sex and age group components.

The Registrar-General supplies an "Area Comparability Factor" and the crude death-rate multiplied by this figure can then be compared with the death-rate of the country as a whole or with the mortality of any other local area. The corrected death-rate so obtained is 9.9 per 1,000 population.

INFANT MORTALITY

During 1957 the deaths of 13 infants under one year of age were registered. The total number of live births registered during the year was 677, giving an infantile mortality rate of 19.2 per 1,000 live births.

The infantile mortality rate for England and Wales in 1957 was 23.0.

There were 11 deaths of infants during the first four weeks of life (or 84.6 per cent. of the total infant deaths) as compared with 13 deaths (or 59.1 per cent.) in 1956.

The causes of the 13 infant deaths are shown in detail on page 16.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

CANCER MORTALITY

The number of deaths of Worthing residents from cancer was 262 (males 110, females 152) as compared with 245 in 1956, 228 in 1955, 235 in 1954, 224 in 1953 and 203 in 1952. The death-rate from the disease per 1,000 of the population was 3.59. The deaths from cancer constitute 19.6 per cent. of the total Worthing deaths during the year.

The following gives the comparative average death-rates from cancer in Worthing for quinquennial periods since 1910:—

1910-1914	 	1.32	1940-1944	 	3.11
1915-1919	 	2.01	1945-1949	 	3.06
1920-1924	 	1.94	1950-1954	 	3.43
1925-1929	 	2.29	1955	 	3.27
1930-1934	 	2.33	1956	 	3.42
1935-1939	 	2.53	1957	 	3.59

The following table shows the localisation of the disease in the case of the 262 deaths recorded.

	Localis	sation		No. of deaths							
				Male	Female	Total					
Stomach			A.A.	 14	9	23					
Lungs				 34	14	48					
Breast				 _	38	38					
Uterus				 -	8	8					
Other and	unspe	cified	organs	 62	83	145					
			Total	 110	152	262					

In a year in which so much attention has been focussed upon the relationship between lung cancer and smoking, it is noted that the number of deaths from lung cancer as set out in the above table is the highest yet recorded—a sombre matter which makes one doubt whether enough is being done to warn children and young people of the health dangers of heavy cigarette smoking.

The mortality from cancer during the last 20 years is shown as follows:

Year	Dea	aths	Total	Death rate per 1,000 of the
Tear	Males	Females	Total	population
1938	64	87	151	2.56
1939	57	106	163	2.66
1940	82	104	186	2.73
1941	69	92	161	2.88
1942	76	113	189	3.47
1943	79	90	169	3.22
1944	68	109	177	3.27
1945	80	124	204	3.48
1946	76	120	196	3.02
1947	84	116	200	3.00
1948	80	103	183	2.71
1949	95	118	213	3.10
1950	87	150	237	3.47
1951	104	144	248	3.64
1952	87	116	203	3.01
1953	92	132	224	3.16
1954	97	138	235	3.43
1955	100	128	228	3.27
1956	105	140	245	3.42
1957	110	152	262	3.59

This death rate is considerably higher than that for the country as a whole, and to a great extent this is accounted for by the high proportion of aged persons resident in the Borough. The rate for England and Wales in 1957 was 2.09 per 1,000 population.

INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA MORTALITY

There were 74 deaths from these diseases as against 68 in 1956, 48 in 1955, 46 in 1954, 74 in 1953 and 46 in 1952. The mortality rate per 1,000 of the population was 1.01, as compared with 0.95 in 1956, 0.69 in 1955, 0.67 in 1954, 1.09 in 1953 and 0.68 in 1952. The rate for England and Wales in 1957 was 0.71 per 1,000 population.

TUBERCULOSIS MORTALITY

Deaths from tuberculosis numbered 3, of which all were due to pulmonary tuberculosis.

The death-rate from tuberculosis was 0.04 per 1,000 population, compared with 0.08 in 1956, 0.13 in 1955, 0.19 in 1954, 0.04 in 1953 and 0.31 in 1952.

The rate for England and Wales in 1957 was 0.09 per 1,000 population.

DEATHS FROM HEART DISEASE

Of the 1,338 deaths, heart disease caused roughly 1 in every 3 (males 185, females 283). It represented 34.9 per cent of the total deaths from all causes and was equivalent to a death rate of 6.40 per 1,000 of the population.

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^{*} Per 1,000 Population (unadjusted) ** Per 1,000 Live Births.

[†] Per 1,000 Total (Live & Still)

TABLE II

BIRTHS

The following table shows the number of births, and birth rate of Worthing, for the last 40 years.

		Total Births	Males	Females	Birth Rate	Adjusted Birth Rat
1918		419	219	200	12.9	
1919		376	179	197	12.1	_
1920		583	281	302	18.5	_
1921		487	265	222	15.5	_
1922		404	221	183	12.8	_
1923		401	214	187	12.8	
1924		426	249	177	13.3	_
1925		442	223	219	13.4	-
1926		423	218	205	12.1	MI
1927		432	223	209	11.9	_
1928		462	223	239	12.2	
1929		494	242	252	11.9	_
1930		534	278	256	12.6	
1931		553	299	254	12.5	
1932		513	256	257	11.0	
1933		514	255	259	10.6	
1934		615	292	323	11.9	
1935		621	296	325	11.5	
1936		687	340	347	12.4	
1937		729	378	351	12.4	
1938		712	347	365	10.8	
1939		763	400	363	12.4	
1940		657	362	295	9.6	
1941	**	590	305	285	10.1	
1942	**	724	346	378	13.3	-
1943		775	417	358		
1944		924	491	433	14.3	
1945		811	427	384	17.1	
1946		1059	536		13.8	
1947		1003	527	523	16.3 15.0	
1948		861	453	476	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	MI
1949		818	444	408	12.8	
1950	**	714		374	12.0	12.4
1951		699	350	364	10.4	12.4
1951		658	383	316	10.3	12.2
1952			328	330	9.7	11.5
1953		613	321	292	9.0	10.7
		659	324	335	9.6	12.8
1955		671	354	317	9.6	12.8
1956		701	368	333	9.8	12.0
1957		697	341	356	9.6	13.1

The birth rate for England and Wales for 1957 was 16.1 per 1,000.

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(Dotted line represents Rate for England and Wales)

DEATHS

The total number of deaths assigned to Worthing after allowing for inward and outward transfers was 1,338, 567 males and 771 females, giving a crude death rate of 18.4 per 1,000 population.

The corrected death rate after adjustment is 9.9.

	-	Crude Death Rate	Adjusted Death Rate
1939 .		16.9	11.0
940 .		17.6	11.1
941 .		18.7	(no comparability factor issued).
942 .		20.5	"
943 .		20.4	"
944 .		19.2	"
945 .		20.0	,,
946 .		18.8	"
947 .		18.7	,,
948		16.3	"
949		17.8	10.0
950 .		19.5	10.9
1951	 	20.2	11.1
952	 1.	18.3	10.1
953	 	19.3	10.6
954 .		19.0	9.7
955 .		18.2	9.3
956		20.6	11.1
957	 	18.4	9.9

The death rate for England and Wales was 11.5

TABLE III. CAUSES OF DEATH — 1957

Tuberculosis, other 3 — Syphilitic Disease 4 2 Diphtheria — — Whooping Cough — — Meningococcal infections — — Acute Poliomyelitis — — Measles — — Other infective and parasitic diseases — — Malignant neoplasm, stomach 14 9 Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus 34 14 Malignant neoplasm, Uterus — 38 Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms 62 83 Leukaemia aleukaemia 3 4 Diabetes 1 3 Vascular lesions of Nervous System 87 153 Coronary disease, Angina 100 101 Hypertension with heart disease 5 23 Other circulatory disease 14 33 Influenza 3 10 Pneumonia 42 19 Bronchitis 26 4	All Causes		Males 567	Females 771
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The principal	cause	s of d	eath	during	the year	were:	_	
Heart Diseases								 468
Cancer								 262
Intra-cranial va-	scular	lesions	s					 240
Pneumonia								 61

DEATHS, AGE GROUPS - 1957

Age	Deaths	Age	Deaths
Under 1 year	13	35 to 44 years	15
1 to 2 years	3	45 to 54 ,,	64
3 to 4 ,,		55 to 59 ,,	44
5 to 9		60 to 64 "	88
10 to 14		65 to 69 ",	88
15 to 19 ,,	2	70 to 79 ,,	458
20 to 24 .,		80 to 89 ,,	422
25 to 34 ,,	8	90 years and over	76
T	otal number of de	eaths 1,338	

This analysis shows that 71.4 per cent. of the deaths were of persons aged 70 years of age and upwards.

The number of deaths occurring in the four quarters of the year was as follows:—

		Deaths	Adjusted Death rate per 1,000 Population	Rate for England & Wales
First Quarter	 	356	10.4	12.2
Second Quarter	 	327	9.7	10.6
Third Quarter	 	246	7.3	9.7
Fourth Quarter	 	409	12.2	13.4
		1338	9.9	11.5

BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES,

AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES, 1937—1957

Years	No. of births	Unadjusted Birth rate per 1,000 of the population	No. of deaths	Unadjusted Death rate per 1,000 of the population	Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 births
1937	729	12.4	916	15.6	45
1938	712	10.8	917	15.5	29
1939	763	12.4	1035	16.9	23
1940	657	9.6	1165	17.6	49
1941	590	10.1	1044	18.7	36
1942	724	13.3	1116	20.5	35
1943	775	14.3	1073	20.4	32
1944	924	17.1	1037	19.2	44
1945	811	13.8	1173	20.0	39
1946	1059	16.3	1223	18.8	48
1947	1003	15.0	1251	18.7	31.9
1948	861	12.8	1103	16.3	23.8
1949	818	12.0	1209	17.8	19.5
1950	714	10.4	1336	19.5	30.8
1951	699	10.3	1375	20.2	24.6
1952	658	9.7	1235	18.3	16.7
1953	613	9.0	1308	19.3	26.6
1954	659	9.6	1299	19.0	29.6
1955	671	9.6	1269	18.2	19.8
1956	701	9.8	1474	20.6	32.3
1957	697	9.6	1338	18.4	18.7

It will be noted from this table that the number of deaths has always exceeded the number of births during the last 21 years. There has been no "natural increase of the population" (i.e. excess of births over deaths) since the year 1921.

TABLE V

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The number of deaths under one year of age was 13 (all males), giving an infant mortality rate of 19.2 per 1,000 live births. The corresponding rate for England and Wales for the year under review was 23.0.

	Year	No. of Infant Deaths	Proportion per 1,000 live births	Percentage of Total Deaths at all ages	Infant Mortality Rate in England and Wales
1932		 20	39	2.5	65
1933		 18	38	2.5	64
1934		 12	20	1.6	59
1935		 25	40	3.4	57
1936		23	35	2.6	59
1937		 33	45	3.6	58
1938		 20	29	2.2	53
1939		 18	23	1.7	50
1940		 32	49	2.7	55
1941		 22	36	2.1	59
1942		 25	35	2.2	49
1943		 24	32	2.2	49
1944		 40	44	3.8	46
1945		 31	39	2.5	46
1946		 50	48	4.2	43
1947		 31	31.9	2.4	41
1948		 20	23.8	1.8	34
1949		 16	19.5	1.3	32
1950		 22	30.8	1.6	30
1951		17	24.6	1.3	30
1952		 11	16.7	0.9	28
1953		 16	26.6	1.2	27
1954		 19	29.6	1.5	26
1955	- ::	 13	19.8	1.0	26 25
1956		22	32.3	1.5	24
1957		 13	19.2	1.0	23

The causes of deaths of children under one year for the last 5 years are as follows:—

Course of		Deaths of infants under one year of age.							
Cause of Infant Deaths	I	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957			
Premature Births		6	8	6	5	2 3 2			
Congenital Malformations		2	1	_	4	3			
Pneumonia		3	2	1	8	2			
Atelectasis		2	3	2	_	_			
Asphyxia		1	_	_	1	1			
Spina Bifida		1	-	_	-				
Gastro Enteritis		_	_	1	1	_			
Inflammation of Lungs			1	_		-			
Intra-Cranial Haemorrhage			1	1	1	2			
Meningitis		_	2		_				
All other causes		1	1	2	2	3			
TOTALS		16	19	13	22	13			

TABLE VI

INFANTILE DEATHS - 1957

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES AND AGES AT DEATH

Cause	Age in weeks				Total under 1 Month		onth	5	Total (All			
		0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	Month	1-2	2-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	Ages)
Prematurity		2	-	-	_	2	-	_	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia		_	1	-	-	1	-		-	_	1	2
Asphyxia		1	-	-	_	1		_	_	-	-	1
Congenital Malformations		3	-	-	-	3	-	_	-	_	_	3
Intra-Cranjal Haemorrhage	**	2	-		_	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Causes		2	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	3
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(Dotted line represents Rate for England and Wales)

WATER SUPPLIES

The water supply undertaking is owned and managed by the Borough Council.

The following information regarding the water supply has been supplied by Mr. H. A. Leader, Assoc.M.Inst.C.E., Assoc.M.Inst.W.E., Borough Water Engineer.

- 1. The water supply of the statutory area has been very satisfactory in both quality and quantity throughout the past year.
- Bacteriological examinations are made once a fortnight of both the raw and chlorinated water, whilst chemical examinations of the raw water are made once a month.
- 3. The water has no plumbo-solvent action.
- 4. No contamination of supplies has been reported.
- 5. The population supplied during the year ended December, 1957, was 77,786, all supplies being direct to the houses and no standpipes being used. The area supplied includes the Parishes of Clapham, Patching and Sompting, and in the entire area there are 73 houses (approximate population 200) without a piped water supply. In addition, water was supplied to the Worthing Rural District Council, and re-distributed by that Authority to a population of 13,044.

THE COUNTIES PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES

66 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

Chemical Water Report

The sample of water marked 48" Borehole, Broadwater Pumping Station, received here on 11.12.57, has been chemically examined as follows:—

CHEMICAL RESULTS IN PARTS PER MILLION

Appearance Clear and bright Colour Nil	Metals Absent Turbidity 11
pH 7.3	Odour Nil
Electric Conductivity 460	Free Carbon Dioxide 20
Chlorine present as Chloride 25	Total Solids 315
Hardness: Total 235—	Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate 200
Carbonate 200; Non-carbonate 35	Nitrite Nitrogen Absent
Nitrate Nitrogen 6.0	Oxygen Absorbed 0.10
Ammoniacal Nitrogen 0.000	Residual Chlorine Absent
Albuminoid Nitrogen 0.000	

This sample is clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and free from iron and other metals. The water is hard in character but not unduly so, and it contains no excess of salinity or mineral constituents in solution. It is of the highest standard of organic quality.

From the aspect of the chemical analysis these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

20th December, 1957.

(Signed) GORDON MILES, B.SC., F.R.I.C.

THE COUNTIES PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES

66 Victoria Street,

London, S.W.1.

Chemical Water Report

The sample of water marked 48" Borehole Pump, Patching Pumping Station, received here on 9.1.57, has been chemically examined as follows:—

CHEMICAL RESULTS IN PARTS PER MILLION

Appearance Bright with very few particles	Albuminoid Nitrogen 0.000 Metals
Colour Nil	Turbidity Less than 3
pH 7.3	Odour Nil
Electric Conductivity 420	Free Carbon Dioxide 14
Chlorine present as Chloride 19	Total Solids 280
Hardness: Total 230—	Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate 195
Carbonate 195; Non-carbonate 35	Nitrite Nitrogen Absent
Nitrate Nitrogen 4.2	Oxygen Absorbed 0.10
Ammoniacal Nitrogen 0.000	Residual Chlorine Absent

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and free from iron and other metals. The water is hard in character but not unduly so, and it contains no excess of salinity or mineral constituents in solution. It is of the highest standard of organic quality.

From the aspect of the chemical analysis the results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

(Signed) GORDON MILES, B.SC., F.R.I.C.

16th January, 1957.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL, BRIGHTON

Bacteriological Water Analysis

On sample marked 48" Borehole, Broadwater Pumping Station.

Lab. Ref. No. 231291.

Received 10.12.57.

Plate Count. 1 day at 37°C.

less than 1.

Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.—less than 1.

Date of report, 12.12.57.

J. E. JAMESON, Director.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL, BRIGHTON

Bacteriological Water Analysis

On sample marked 48" Borehole, Patching Pumping Station.

Lab. Ref. No. 204435.

Received 8.1.57.

Plate Count. 2 days at 37°C.

less than 1.

Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.—less than 1.

Date of report, 10.1.57.

J. E. JAMESON, Director.

SWIMMING BATHS

These were regularly inspected by the Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Inspectors. Frequent examinations of the water were carried out and the results showed that a satisfactory standard of purity was maintained.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Infectious Diseases

The following are the infectious diseases which are now notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health:—

Scarlet fever

Whooping cough

Diphtheria

Measles

Acute pneumonia (primary or influenzal)

Meningococcal infection

Acute poliomyelitis-

paralytic

non-paralytic

Acute encephalitis-

infective

post-infectious

Dysentery

Ophthalmia neonatorum

Puerperal pyrexia

Smallpox

Typhoid and Para-typhoid fevers

Food poisoning

Erysipelas

Malaria

Cholera

Plague

Typhus fever

Relapsing fever

Tuberculosis (all forms)

NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES — 1957 (Corrected in Cases of Revised Diagnosis)

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35-44	1	1	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	11
25–34	1	1	-	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	9
20-24	1	1	1	-	7	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
15–19	1	1	1	1	1	ı	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	2
10-14	9	1	9	11	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25
5-9	00	1	109	106	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	224
4	2	1	27	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	54
60	1	1	29	18	1	1	ı	1	1	1	1	1	ı	1	1	47
71	1	1	21	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	44
-	1	1	19	13	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35
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DIPHTHERIA

For the tenth year in succession there were no cases of Diphtheria in the Borough.

Immunisation before a child is 12 months old and a reinforcing injection at 5 years of age should still be considered an absolute rule for all.

MEASLES

Notifications for the year numbered 203. No deaths occurred and only 3 cases needed hospital treatment.

WHOOPING COUGH

Notifications for the year numbered 230, of which 4 cases were admitted to hospital. There were no deaths.

SCARLET FEVER

The number of confirmed cases was 16, of which 9 were treated in hospital. There were no deaths, and in all cases admitted to hospital modern treatment modified the severity of the disease, shortened its duration and completely eliminated any complications.

ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS (INFANTILE PARALYSIS)

There were 6 confirmed cases during the year, 5 paralytic and one non-paralytic. Five of the cases were treated at Swandean Hospital and one at Foredown Hospital. Four paralytic cases made a complete recovery and one was transferred to the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

At the end of December, 1957, a total of 1,385 children had been vaccinated. Details of the scheme are given on page 59 of the Report.

INFLUENZA (ASIAN TYPE)

In common with other parts of the country this type of influenza reached epidemic proportions towards the end of the year. The number of working days lost and the nuisance value of the epidemic was high, but on the whole few cases of a severe nature were encountered.

ADMISSION OF CASES TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE HOSPITALS

The following Worthing cases were admitted during the year:

Swandean Hospital

	Scarlet fever				9
	Streptococcal sore t	throat			1
	Measles				3
	Whooping Cough				4
	Mumps				1
	Erysipelas				1
	Acute poliomyelitis	(paralytic)			4
	,, ,,	(non-paraly	tic)		1
	Food Poisoning				1
	Influenza				1
	Glandular fever			1	2
	Gastro-enteritis				1
	Acute broncho-pneu	ımonia	**		1
	Herpes zoster				1
	Observation cases				8
					-
					39
Chiches	ter Isolation Hospi	tal			
	Observation case				1
Foredow	n Hospital				
	Acute poliomyelitis	(paralytic)			1

TUBERCULOSIS

32 cases of tuberculosis were added to the Register during 1957:-

Pulmonary—Males	 17	Non-Pulmonary—Males	2
Females	 12	Females	1
	_		_
	29		3

68 cases were removed from the Register, and 1 old case was restored.

Tuberculosis Cases on the Register at 31st December, 1957 -

	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary Non-pulmonary	222 39	181 49	403 88
Totals	261	230	491

Table showing new cases in 1957 and mortality

		New cases			Deaths			
Age periods	Pulr	nonary	Non-pu	lmonary	Pulmonary Non-pulm		monary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	М	F
Under 1 year		_	_	_	_	_	_	_
1-4 years	. 1	-	_	_		-	_	_
5—14 ,,		1	_	_	-	-	_	-
15-24 ,,	. 4	1	1	-	-	-	_	-
25-34 ,,		3	1	_	-	-	_	-
35-44 ,,	. 3	4	_	_	-	_	_	_
45-54 ,,	. 1	1	_	-	-	_	_	_
55-64 ,,	. 6	_	-	1	-	-	_	-
65 years and over .	. 2	2	-	-	3	_	_	_
TOTALS	. 17	12	2	1	3	_	_	

CHART SHOWING WORTHING TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE SINCE 1925 RATE PER 1,000 6.0 0.7 0.5 0.3 4.0 0.3 0.0 0.1

(Dotted line represents Rate for England and Wales)

The following table shows the mortality from tuberculosis (all forms) since 1935:—

Aleman and a second			Death Rate per 1,000 of the population				
Year		Deaths	Worthing	England and Wales			
1935		36	0.67	0.72			
1936		25	0.45	0.69			
1937		42	0.72	0.70			
1938		31	0.52	0.64			
1939		26	0.34	0.64			
1940		48	0.70	0.70			
1941		39	0.70	0.73			
1942		23	0.42	0.66			
1943		33	0.63	0.67			
1944		23	0.42	0.63			
1945		32	0.54	0.62			
1946		22	0.34	0.55			
1947		26	0.38	0.55			
1948		23	0.34	0.51			
1949		18	0.26	0.45			
1950		25	0.37	0.36			
1951		18	0.26	0.31			
1952		21	0.31	0.24			
1953		3	0.04	0.20			
1954		13	0.19	0.28			
1955	100.00	9	0.13	0.15			
1956		6	0.08	0.12			
1957		3	0.04	0.09			

It has not been necessary to take action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

FOOD POISONING

No. of notifications			 		6
Outbreaks due to identified	agents:-	_			
(a) Outbreaks	1	Cases		3	

The three cases occurred among residents at a hotel and potted shrimps was the suspected food. The symptoms were vomiting and diarrhoea but the illness lasted only a few hours, was mild, and the patients recovered quickly after treatment. Staphylococci were isolated from the shrimps.

(b) Single cases

Salmonella infection was responsible for these cases, two occurring at home and one in hospital. There were no deaths.

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGNS

As in previous years, lectures and discussions have been given by the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public Health Inspector to a number of local organisations. Food traders' organisations have been approached and lectures given to food handlers.

THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, AND NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Amendment) ACT, 1951

Section 47. Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No legal proceedings were necessary during the year. In the few cases where difficulties occurred, informal action was sufficient to cope with the situation.

Section 50. Burial of the Dead.

Under this Section of the Act it was necessary to arrange for the burial of eleven persons where no suitable arrangements were being made.

STAFF MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Medical examinations are undertaken by the Department in connection with Borough Council appointments and admissions of student teachers to training colleges. During the year, 85 such examinations were carried out, details of which are as follows:—

Department		Males	Females
Town Clerk's .		 1	4
Borough Engineer's .		 18	_
Medical Officer's .		 7	_
Borough Treasurer's .		 7	2
Borough Water Enginee	r's	 4	-
Education		 2	4
Entertainments and Pub	licity	 1	1
Borough Librarian's .		 1	8
Civil Defence .		 1	_
Entrants to Training Co	olleges	 5	19
		Cambridge Co	_
Tota	1	 47	38
		_	

Occasionally similar examinations are carried out at the request of other Local Authorities and during 1957 two such examinations were undertaken.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE BOROUGH

Report of Mr. S. S. White, Chief Public Health Inspector.

GENERAL INSPECTIONS

General inspections included the following:-

Houses			 	 	174
Factories			 	 	475
Bakehouses			 	 	69
Restaurant Kitchen	s, Cante	ens	 	 	304
Dairies			 	 	33
Ice Cream Premise	S		 	 	65
Food Premises			 	 	1,754
Schools			 	 	40
Drainage			 	 	644
Smoke Observation			 	 	20
est a s			 	 	30
Pest Destruction			 	 	182
Merchandise Mark	s Act		 	 	41
Miscellaneous				 	677
Re-visits to supervi					995
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332 Public Health nuisances or contraventions were recorded and 287 were remedied before the end of the year.

SANITARY DEFECTS AND NUISANCES RECORDED INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING :-

Houses:

	Roofs defective			 	55
	Rainwater conductors defective			 	35
	Chimney stacks and external w	alls defec	tive	 	38
	Verminous			 	8
	Wall plaster defective			 	67
	Wall dampness			 	52
	Cooking ranges, fireplaces defe			 	15
	Window frames or cords defect	ive		 	63
	Floors, staircases defective			 	37
	Insanitary yards			 	9
	Vacant land insanitary				8
Dr	ainage :				
	Requiring reconstruction			 	28
	Defective condition			 	45
	Choked				116
	W C's defective				26

COMPLAINTS

			9			
1,024 complaints were	received	and inve	estigated.	They a	re classiff	ind on
follows:—				They ar	c classii	ieu as
Housing, general defects						50
Dampness			1	14		59
Overcrowding						46
Insanitary premises						9
Smoke nuisances						15
Vacant land-insanitary						16
Gardens—insanitary					**	25
Animals improperly kept						24
Drains or sewers choked						7
Defective drainage systems		**	**			100
W C'e defective		***				29
Refuse bine		**	* *	**		9
Smells						5
Vermin						29
Flies						13
Wasps						18
Cockroaches, etc.						55
Woodworm						35
Rats						8
Mice						301
						179
Rabbits						12
Pigeons						3
Miscellaneous						27
Numarana assetti						21

Numerous complaints arise annually because of unneighbourly actions, such as excessive smoke from frequent bonfires, feeding wild pigeons, improper keeping of poultry and the dumping of refuse on vacant plots of land. Very few of these complaints constitute an offence which can be dealt with under public health legislation but they do cause much annoyance and unpleasantness amongst neighbours, whereas a little consideration would obviate needless provocation.

HOUSING

Slum Clearance

The Ministry's Inquiry was held in May and the whole of the properties represented were confirmed except for two shop properties (Broadwater Street East and Clifton Road) as follows:—

COMPULSORY PURCH	IASE OR	DERS:	
Clifton Road			 41 properties
High Street			 2 "
CLEARANCE ORDERS	:		
Broadwater Street West Street	East		 9 properties
South Street, Tarris			 5 ,,
- Street, Tallin	ıg	150	 3

In addition to the above, the Scheme included 12 individual properties and 15 houses owned by the Worthing Corporation, making a total of 87 houses involving 202 persons.

Housing Inspections

Total number of dwelling-houses inspected	(Public	
Health Act or Housing Act)		174
No. of houses closed		6
No. of houses repaired after informal notice		76
Action under Statutory Powers:		
(a) Public Health Acts		7
(b) Housing Act, 1957		14
Defects remedied by:		
(a) Owner		18
(b) Corporation in default		3

THE RENT ACT, 1957

This Act came into operation in July, 1957, its main objects were: -

(a) to decontrol houses over a certain rateable value;

(b) permit limited increases in rents of houses remaining under rent control and giving tenants the right to request landlords to carry out repairs. Where a landlord fails to give an undertaking to remedy defects, the tenant may apply to the local authority for a Certificate of Disrepair, the possession of which prevents the proposed rent increase.

It was rather surprising that far more use was not made of this Act by tenants.

The following details show the position after the Act had been in operation for six months.

Applications for Certificate of Disr	epair:-	-	
No. of applications			 32
No. of Certificates issued: -			 22
(a) in respect of some defects	S		 15
(b) in respect of all defects			 7
No. of Certificates refused			 2
No. of Undertakings			 8

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 - CARAVANS

There is no licensed camping site within the Borough.

At the end of the year one caravan was controlled under annual licence.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS RODENT CONTROL

No. of complaints-Rats				301
Mice				179
No. of visits by Rodent Operators				3,442
No. of visits to Agricultural Premises				861
No. of premises cleared from rodents				428
Amount of poison bait taken				503 lbs.
Work carried out on payment: -			No. 1911	
Central & Local Government I	remises-	-Rats	19	
		Mice	19	
Agricultural premises—Rats			19	
Other business premises—Rats			33	
Mice			54	
Total revenue—;	£149 6s. (

No charge is made for the service of a Rodent Operator at private houses.

INCIDENCE OF COMPLAINTS.—Despite the progress made in rodent control there has been no reduction in the number of complaints relating to rat infestations and there has been a gradual increase during recent years in the number of mice complaints received; an experience common to most parts of the Country and the only explanation is that the "free service" has made householders more willing to report the sight of a rat or mouse.

It is interesting and encouraging to note however that considerably fewer serious infestations are found and a smaller quantity of poison is being consumed.

SEWER RATS. Two treatments of the sewers were carried out. 63 chambers were found to be rat infested during the winter treatment and 162 during the summer treatment. Nearly 4 cwt. of prebait or poison was laid.

801 chambers were baited, involving approximately 2,571 visits.

OTHER PESTS

Advice or treatment was given in 131 cases as regards annoyance caused by wasps, woodworm, beetles, flies, moles, ants, pigeons, rabbits and adders.

At 81 premises disinfestation treatment was carried out on payment, to destroy beetles (40), wasps' nests (34), and woodworm (7).

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

1,450 articles fumigated by steam disinfection included the following:

DI I		tollowing.			
Blankets					105
Sheets, etc					43
Pillows, bolsters, cushions	**				976
Quilts, eiderdowns, overlays					271
Carpets and rugs					47
Miscellaneous					4
Number of rooms disinfected					40 50
Number of rooms disinfested					202
Revenue received:— For disinfection					
For disinfection				£115	10s. 7d.
con dismiestation				£89	8s. 5d.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

42 visits were made in connection with cases of infectious disease or food poisoning notified to the Medical Officer of Health and for enquiries trelating to sources of illness, contacts, housing conditions and means of sisolation.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

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

	Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 to be enforced by Local Authorities . Factories not included in (i) in which Section is enforced by the Local Authority . Other Premises in which Section 7 is enfort by the Local Authority (excluding out-work premises)		Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Written Notices					
(i)	to be e	nforced	by Loc	al Aut	horitie	s		29	48	2
(iii) (iii)	is enfor	rced by emises	the Loc	al Aut	hority tion 7	is enfo	orced	238	439	5
							rkers'	22	32	5
	TOTAL							289	519	12

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

			Number of cases in which defects were found				
Particulars					Referred		
			Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)			8	3	_	_	
Overcrowding (S.2)				_	-	_	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)			3	1	-	-	
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)			1			-	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)			-	-	-	700	
(a) insufficient			4	1	-	-	
(b) unsuitable or defective			7	4	_		
(c) not separate for sexes			1	_	-	-	
Other offences against the Act (not	inclu	iding		1			
offences relating to Outwork)			7	3	4	5	
TOTAL			31	12	4	5	

OUTWORKERS. Local firms employ 61 persons at work in their own homes within the Borough and 17 residing elsewhere. 4 Outworkers are employed by firms outside the County.

FIRE ESCAPE. Three Certificates of Adequate Means of Escape in Case of Fire were granted during the year, making a total of 69 operative within the Borough.

SHOPS ACT, 1950-SEC. 38.

43 Certificates are in opereration as regards exemption in respect of sanitary accommodation or washing facilities. Suitable alternative facilities are available in each case.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

Four premises were registered, and one licensed, pursuant to the requirements of the above Act.

Two samples of rag flock or other fillings were taken and analysed pursuant to the Act and Regulations. These were satisfactory.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There is no offensive trade or business in the Borough.

NOTICES SERVED TO REMEDY DEFECTS OR ABATE NUISANCES OR CONTRAVENTIONS

Act			I	nformal	Statutory
Public Health Act, 1936—				,	ordinator y
Section 92 (defects and nui	sances)			57	3
" 39 (drainage and a	ppliances)		-	41	3
" 44-45-46 (water clo	sets)			13	2
" 75 (refuse bins)				12	1
Smoke Abatement				6	
Housing Act, 1957				83	10
Food Hygiene Regulations				68	8
Milk and Dairies Regulations				3	
Prevention of Damage by Pests	Act, 1949			14	
Factories Acts, 1937-1948				31	
	Tr.		and the same of		_
	То	tal		328	27
Notices relating to income				E real	Harrison I.

Notices relating to insufficient or defective refuse bins on reports by the Cleansing Superintendent .. 371

Sewers serving approximately 116 houses found to be in a defective or choked condition were repaired or cleansed by the Corporation.

13 houses were re-drained to main sewers and the cesspools abolished. The drainage system was reconstructed, or partly so, at 19 premises.

FOOD EXAMINATION

1. Meat

There is one slaughterhouse in the Borough at which 10,838 animals (951 beasts, 1,304 calves, 2,940 sheep and 5,643 pigs) were slaughtered during the year.

551 visits were made to the slaughterhouse, involving late night and Sunday attendances, to ensure that every carcase was examined before the meat left the slaughterhouse.

Seven persons were licensed to slaughter animals under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933-1954.

All animals were slaughtered with the aid of mechanically operated humane instruments.

The Model Byelaws for Private Slaughterhouses 1956 have been adopted.

Approximately 5\frac{1}{2} tons of meat were found to be diseased and unfit for food. This was salvaged for animal feeding, fat rendering or fertilizers. Meat found to be diseased included:—

Entire Carca	ses:					
Beasts			 			8
Calves			 			17
Sheep			 			8
Pigs			 			45
Offals:			Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Heads a	nd Tor	igues	 15	-	-	35
Livers (c	or part)		146	2	65	503

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed Number inspected	553 553	398 398	1,304 1,304	2,940 2,940	5,643 5,643	_
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcases condemned	1	2	17	8	43	_
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	105	146	2	65	503	_
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	19.2	37.2	1.4	2.5	9.7	-
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned	1	4	-	_	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	21	_	_	37	_
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber-culosis	0.7	6.3	-	_	0.7	-
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	_	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	4	_	_	_	_	-
Generalised and totally con- demned	_	_	_	_	_	-

2. Milk

488 samples were taken and the following is a synopsis of the types of examination and the results:—

Examination for Bacterial Cleanliness.

Designation	N	o. taken	Unsatisfactory
Tuberculin Tested	 	62	9
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	 	78	_
Pasteurised	 	93	The second second

Graded Milk. The following annual licences were granted under the appropriate Regulations:—

To	retail Tuberculin Tested or	Tuberci	ulin	
	Tested Pasteurised Milk			25
	Pasteurise			2
	retail Pasteurised or Sterilised	Milk		50
Sup	pplementary, Sterilised Milk			1

Examination for M. Tuberculosis and Brucella Abortus. 181 supplies were examined. All were negative for M. Tuberculosis; 7 were positive for Brucella Abortus and 40 positive to the Brucella Ring test.

The following is a six year comparison table: -

		*					
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	Total
No. of samples examined	155	178	189	161	181	181	1045
M. Tuberculosis—Positive	2	2	4	1	_		9
Brucella Ring-Positive	74	64	47	47	57	40	329
Brucella Abortus-Positive	24	12	14	9	12	7	78
Brucella Melitensis-Positive	2	1	_	1			4
Result incomplete	7	4	10	21	13	12	67

Arrangements have been made for fewer of these samples to be taken next year.

Examination to detect adulteration or abstraction. 74 samples of milk were analysed, details of which are given on page 40.

3. Ice Cream

3 premises are registered for the manufacture of ice cream and 190 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream, mostly prepacked.

14 samples were taken and analysed for bacterial cleanliness and all proved to be satisfactory:—

Grade I .. 10 Grade II .. 4

The requirements of the Heat Treatment Regulations are rigidly enforced, particularly as regards protecting ice cream from contamination by dust or unclean apparatus, etc., during its manufacture, storage or sale.

65 visits were made to ice cream premises, and manufacturers and retailers of loose ice cream were advised as regards the necessity for, and general use of, detergents and sterilizing agents for the cleansing of cabinets, apparatus and utensils.

4. Other Foods

Requests from local food tradesmen to examine foodstuffs of a doubtful character are received almost daily, and the undermentioned were found to be diseased or unsound and were condemned as being unfit for human food:—

			Tins, Jars	Other
Peas		 	 112	
Baked Beans		 	 97	
Brussel Sprouts		 	 14	
Potatoes		 		31 cwt.
Spinach		 	 14	
Carrots		 	 23	
Other vegetable	es	 	 12	
Soup, tinned		 	 69	
squares		 	 328	
Meat, fresh		 		440 lbs.
tinned		 	 187	
ham, ba	con	 		68 lbs.
Chickens, fresh	١	 		75 lbs.
Fish, wet		 		322 lbs.
tinned		 	 177	
Fruit, tinned		 	 213	
fresh		 		6 cwt.
Jam, etc		 	 35	
Tomatoes		 	 73	
Milk, tinned		 	 31	
Cheese		 		32 lbs.
Lemonade Pov	vder	 	 10	
Eggs, frozen		 	 3	
Margarine		 		25 lbs.
Cakes		 		23 lbs.
Salad cream		 	 38	

FOOD HYGIENE

The approximate number of trade food premises is shown below: -

(i)	Kind of Business	No.	Per 10,000 Pop.
	Restaurants, cafes	110	15
	Grocers, dairy shops	170	23
	Butchers and fishmongers .	79	11
	Fruiterers, greengrocers .	57	8
	Bread and flour, confectioners .	44	6
	Confectioners, tobacconists, etc	140	19

- (ii) 90 premises are registered for the manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food for sale.
 227 premises are registered for the manufacture, storage or sale of ice cream.
 17 premises are registered as dairies.
- (iii) 1,349 inspections were made of food premises, excluding sampling visits.
- (iv) Lectures relating to clean food education were given to traders' associations and other local organisations whenever an opportunity arose.
- (v) Details of meat inspection at the slaughterhouse and the disposal of condemned meat is given on page 36.
- (vi) Details of foods condemned as being unfit for human consumption on examination at the request of a trader are shown on page 38.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

The Food Hygiene Regulations came into full operation on 1st July, 1956.

81 premises were inspected to ascertain whether the requirements of the Regulations were being observed, making a total of 658 since the Regulations came into operation. The premises included restaurants, cafes, food shops, canteens and hotel and boarding house kitchens. 68 written notices relating to contraventions, together with a printed abridged synopsis of the Regulations, were posted to traders engaged in the handling of food for public consumption. Verbal requests and advice were also given in a large number of instances.

A summary of the defects found is shown below, also in brackets the totals of defects found since the Regulations came into operation:—

Al	osen	ce	0	t:
	A	de	qu	at

	Adequate supply of hot water				
	Wash hand be :		 	41	(264)
	Wash hand basin		 	27	(181)
	Towel, soap, requisites		 	19	(115)
	First Aid equipment	4.			10000000
	Clothing accommodation			16	(149)
	"Wash hands" notice		 	2	(57)
	Sink		 	33	(235)
	Sink		 	3	(16)
D	efects, cleansing, etc.:				()
	Food rooms requiring re-decorat				
	Tables and equipment	ion, etc.	 	20	(107)
			 	13	(36)
	Improper storage of refuse		 	4	(22)
10	ther contraventions:				()
		Sales and a			
	Lighting or ventilation unsatisfac	ctory	 	2	(7)
	Sleeping room vents into food ro	oom	 	2	(6)
	Smoking offences				
V.	ans and stalle (2	(8)
*	ans and stalls (various contraventions	s)	 	9	(26)
				-	1 mm 1/1

In seven cases it was necessary to report to the Health Committee the failure of tradesmen to comply with Regulation requirements, viz. three hoteliers, one butcher, one cake confectioner, one fishmonger and one grocer. No court proceedings were necessary.

Complaints relating to unclean food:

13 complaints were received and appropriate action was taken in respect of:—

Milk-dirty bottle		 	1
Milk-glass, etc., within bottle		 	2
Orange Squash-insect in bottle		 	1
Bread-containing foreign matte	r	 	2
Cakes-contaminated by maggot	s	 	1
Cakes—mouldy		 	1
Meat Pies-mouldy		 	2
Meat Sausage Rolls-mouldy		 	1
Sugar-contaminated by mice	3 3 3 3	 	1
Chickens—decomposed		 	2
Soup Powder		 	1

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

74 samples of milk were submitted for analysis by the Public Analyst: -

Description		No. Analysed
Milk, Pasteurised	 	 19
Milk, Channel Island	 	 23
Milk, T.T. Pasteurised	 	 5
" Sterilised	 	 1
" Raw	 	 11
Cream	 	 15

Two samples of churn raw milk were deficient in fat, 7.3% and 3.3%.

One sample of bottled Pasteurised milk was 13.3% deficient in fat.

Subsequent samples proved to be genuine in each case.

All other samples were genuine.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Meteorological Observations for 1957

FOR THE YEAR 1957

The Meteorological Station is in Beach House Park, which is 25.00 feet above Ordnance Datum. Here all the instruments, except the Fortin Standard Barometer and the Sunshine Recorder, are kept.

The shade thermometers, in a Stevenson screen, are: --self-recording maximum, self-recording minimum, dry bulb and wet bulb.

All thermometers are Fahrenheit and are verified at the National Physical Laboratory, Kew.

A self-recording minimum thermometer is used for registering the temperature on the grass.

Three earth thermometers are in use at various depths-1ft. 4ft. and 6ft.

There is an official five-inch Copper Rain Gauge, Meteorological Office pattern, also a Dines Tilting Siphon Automatic Rain Recorder.

The Campbell-Stokes Sunshine Recorder is fixed on a platform at the top of Christ Church Tower, 111 feet above mean sea level and 84 feet above ground level.

All instruments at the local Meteorological Observatory are examined and tested periodically by Officers of the Meteorological Office, Air Ministry, Harrow, Middlesex.

A code report is sent by telegram each evening to the Meteorological Office, London, and the leading newspapers are supplied with reports from that Office.

Weekly reports are sent to the local newspapers, and a full report monthly to the Meteorological Office, Harrow, for publication in their journals. Rainfall statistics are supplied to the British Rainfall Organisation.

The daily weather report of the Air Ministry, the previous day's sunshine card and a collection of charts and records are also exhibited in the windows of the information bureau at the Pier.

This report contains statistics showing the means for the year of Barometric pressure, Air and Earth temperatures, Sunshine, Wind and Humidity, compared with the averages for a series of years.

Observations are taken every day throughout the year at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

ABSTRACT OF OBSERVATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1957

Total amount of bright sunshine: 1,836.4 hours.

Number of days with sunshine: 307.

Rainfall: 25.30 inches.

Number of rain-days (.01 inch or more): 162. Number of wet days (.04 inch or more): 113.

Highest barometric reading: 30.711 inches on January 11th.

Lowest reading: 28.886 inches on December 11th.

Warmest days: June 15th and 16th (82°).

Coldest nights: December 17th and 18th (25°).

Coldest days: January 14th, December 16th (37°).

Warmest night: July 3rd (65°).

Warmest month (by day): July (average temperature 69°).

Coldest month (by night): December (average temperature 37°).

Mean Temperature: 51.9°.

Mean relative humidity: at 9 a.m. 79.2%.

Lowest temperature on the grass: 20° on February 21st.

Wettest day: November 3rd (1.27 inches).

Sunniest day: June 13th (15.5 hours).

Number of days snow or sleet fell: 1

Number of days hail fell: 3.

Number of days thunder heard: 12.

Number of ground frosts: 43.

Number of days with wind at gale force: 6.

Number of days with fog: 5.

BRIGHT SUNSHINE

The duration of bright sunshine for the year was 1,836.4 hours.

This amount is 41.0 per cent, of the time during which the sun was above the horizon, giving a daily mean of 5.03 hours. The average yearly sunshine for the previous ten years was 1,873.8 hours. During this period the year with the highest record was 1949, when 2,128.9 hours were recorded, whilst the year 1954 was the lowest with 1,687.3 hours. The sunniest day was June 13th, when 15.5 hours were recorded.

June, with 327.1 hours, was the sunniest month, and January with 70.7 hours, was the least sunny.

A sunless day is one on which less than 6 minutes of bright sunshine are recorded.

RAINFALL

The rainfall for the year 1957 was 25.30 inches. This amount is 2.13 inches below the Normal and 1.73 inches below the previous ten years' average.

The month of April was the driest with 0.10 inch, falling below the Normal amount by 1.47 inches. It was the driest April since 1912. February was the wettest month with 4.26 inches, this amount being 2.29 inches above the Normal. The heaviest day's rainfall was 1.27 inches on November 3rd. There were 162 days on which 0.01 inch or more rain fell, compared with 153 days which is the average number for the previous ten years.

One inch of rainfall is equivalent to 100.925 tons per acre or 14.4686 millions of gallons per square mile.

SUMMER RAINFALL. Total for six months (April 1st to September 30th) was 11.54 inches, compared with an average summer rainfall for the previous ten years of 11.93 inches.

WINTER RAINFALL. Total for six months (October 1st to March 31st, 1957/8) was 15.03 inches, compared with an average winter rainfall for the previous ten years of 14.74 inches.

HUMIDITY

The mean relative humidity of the atmosphere (percentage of saturation of the air) at 9 a.m. was 79.2%, compared with the previous five years' average of 81.1%.

BAROMETER

The mean barometric reading for the year was 30.018 inches (when reduced to sea level and to a temperature of 32° Fahr.), the average for the previous five years being 30.029 inches. The highest reading for the year was 30.711 inches on January 11th, and the lowest reading was 28.886 inches on December 11th. The absolute range for the year was 1.825 inches and the average range for the previous five years 1.939 inches.

One inch barometric pressure is equivalent to 70.727 lbs. per square foot.

TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for the year was 51.9° Fahr.' which is 0.9° above the Normal. Since 1881 the warmest year was 1949 with a mean temperature of 52.8°. The highest shade temperature for 1957 was 82° recorded on June 15th and 16th, and the lowest 25° on December 17th and 18th. The extreme range of temperature was 57° compared with the average range of 58° for the previous five years. The temperature on the grass fell below 30.4° on 43 nights. The lowest temperature on the grass was 20° during the night of February 21st.

EARTH TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures at various depths in the earth were as follows:—

Surface 1 ft.	Highest 68.5°	Date July 6th	Lowest 37.6°	Date January 18th
4 ft.	62.6°	August 9th	45.0°	January 22nd, 23rd and 24th
6 ft.	60.0°	August 12th-20th inclusive	46.4°	March 9th

WIND

Percentages of direction of wind from 730 observations taken at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. throughout the year:—

	9 a.m. %	6 p.m. %		9 a.m.	6 p.m.
N.	10.2	7.7	S.	7.6	4.9
N.E.	18.6	16.2	S.W.	22.8	29.1
E.	5.2	4.1	W.	11.2	15.4
S.E.	8.2	7.7	N.W.	16.2	14.9
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TABLE 1 - CLOUD AND HUMIDITY

Month.	Month.			Amount 1–8	Mean Relative Humidity	Mean Humidity previous 5 years 1952–1956
			9 a.m.	6 p.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.
January			5	6	% 19	% 88
February			5	5	87	87
March			6	5	87	83
April			5	5	70	75
May			5	4	71	73
June			3	3	69	77
July			5	5	78	76
August			5	5	75	78
September			7	5	80	80
October			5	5	83	84
November			5	6	78	86
December			5	5	82	90
Year 1957			5	5	79	Yearly average 81

TABLE 2 - BRIGHT SUNSHINE - 1957

The following is an Extract from the Table of Official Returns of the Meteorological Office, and shows the relative positions of Mainland stations in the South—Eastern Coastal area.

Station		Suns	shine (Hours)
Littlehampton	 1.	 	1867.5
Hankham	 	 	1859.4
Bognor Regis	 	 	1844.0
WORTHING	 	 	1836.4
Bournemouth	 	 	1827.5
Eastbourne	 	 	1822.4
Seaford	 	 	1811.5
Brighton	 	 	1807.7
Margate	 	 	1807.4
Hastings	 	 	1786.5
Portsmouth	 	 	1767.5
Folkestone	 	 	1760.3
Ramsgate	 	 	1756.2
Dover	 	 	1749.3
Bexhill	 	 	1728.2
Whitstable	 	 	1674.6
Southampton	 	 	1637.1
Herne Bay	 	 	1634.8

TABLE 3 — BRIGHT SUNSHINE

	Total	Average for 30	Hours	Percentage	Dave	Most in		Monthly Totals	otals	
Month	Bright	years 1921-1950	Daily		with	one day	Hi	Highest	Lo	Lowest
				0		cinor.	Hours	Year	Hours	Year
January	70.7	19	2.28	105	20	7.5	109.9	1940	34.5	1912
February	93.1	83	3.33	114	20	8.5	140.3	1949	29.8	1947
March	117.7	147	3.80	80	27	10.9	220.8	1907	95.3	1916
April	0.061	182	6.53	105	26	11.8	267.2	1912	105.3	1905
May	243.5	232	7.86	105	31	14.8	353.1	1909	148.9	1932
June	327.1	243	10.90	134	29	15.5	327.1	1957	143.5	1909
July	186.9	232	6.03	81	31	12.6	369.0	1161	133.8	1944
August	205.7	219	6.64	94	30	13.7	298.4	1899	112.6	1912
September	131.5	169	4.38	78	25	9.01	262.6	1898	97.1	1945
October	120.7	125	3.89	76	28	8.6	9.181	1919	6.18	1915
November	76.3	92	2.54	100	19	8.0	131.3	1909	44.4	1934
December	73.2	63	2.36	911	21	9.7	0.96	1946	22.3	1956
Year 1957	1836.4	1838	5.03	6.66	307	15.5	369.0	July 1911	22.3	Dec. 1956
		High	nest an	Highest and Lowest Year Totals	Year Tot	als	2141.0	1899	1600.2	1913

TABLE 4 - BRIGHT SUNSHINE

	Campbell-Stokes	Bright	Sunniest Da	iys
Year	Recorder Bright Sunshine Hours	Sunshine Days	Day	Hours
1937	1668.3	317	June 6th	14.4
1938	1796.4	310	June 21st	15.3
1939	1809.7	310	June 1st	15.4
1940	1976.8	323	July 1st	15.2
1941	1791.7	317	June 25th	15.2
1942	1711.6	312	June 5th	14.8
1943	1864.8	313	June 24th	14.9
1944	1765.5	315	June 24th	14.9
1945	1783.9	309	June 17th	14.8
1946	1790.7	307	July 10th	15.1
1947	1896.8	294	June 10th	14.9
1948	1916.9	319	May 18th	14.9
1949	2128.9	317	July 10th	14.8
1950	1805.4	312	June 16th	15.1
1951	1838.4	297	June 19th	15.1
1952	1917.0	317	June 30th	15.1
1953	1885.1	302	July 24th	14.3
1954	1687.3	301	June 20th	14.4
1955	1936.4	305	May 30, June 1	14.9
1956	1726.7	311	July 25th	14.9
1957	1836.4	307	June 13th	15.5
Average for 20 years 1937—1956	1829.9	310		

TABLE 5 — RAINFALL

1957	Total Rain- fall	Difference from the Normal	Greatest Fall in 24 hours beginning 9 a.m.	.01 in.	r of Days ith .04 in. or more	Total Rain Days
January	 ins. 1.87	ins. —0.45	ins. 0.55	17	12	17
February	 4.26	+2.29	0.88	20	17	20
March	 1.37	-0.59	0.24	14	9	14
April	 0.10	-1.47	0.05	3	1	3
May	 0.86	-0.79	0.25	11	5	11
June	 1.59	-0.14	0.51	9	7	9
July	 3.89	+1.85	0.46	19	15	19
August	 1.97	-0.27	0.65	14	10	14
September	 3.13	+1.07	0.80	19	12	19
October	 1.51	-2.11	0.54	12	8	12
November	 2.96	-0.22	1.27	7	5	7
December	 1.79	-1.24	0.36	17	12	17
Year	 25.30	-2.13	1.27	162	113	162

TABLE 6 — RAINFALL

		No. of Days	Greatest	Fall in a Day
Year	Rainfall in inches	Rain fell (0.01 inch or more)	Amount in inches	Day and Month
1937	31.59	162	0.87	4th February
1938	22.95	156	0.75	24th September
1939	34.42	171	1.41	13th October
1940	30.13	148	1.50	3rd November
1941	25.83	139	1.36	4th June
1942	24.62	129	1.06	25th October
1943	23.68	145	1.74	13th January
1944	22.14	136	1.22	20th October
1945	22.98	138	2.05	10th July
1946	30.96	170	2.02	16th August
1947	24.31	139	0.94	10th March
1948	25.23	154	1.41	6th August
1949	23.90	120	1.34	20th October
1950	26.95	157	0.89	20th November
1951	37.98	184	1.40	11th June
1952	28.54	175	1.29	30th September
1953	24.33	125	1.22	12th October
1954	30.28	188	1.81	25th July
1955	24.75	140	1.40	22nd September
1956	24.08	148	0.97	4th September
Average for 20 years	26.98	151	2.05	10th July 1945
1957	25,30	162	1.27	3rd November

TABLE 7 - BAROMETRIC PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE

1957	(Redu	metric Pro iced to Sea d 32° Fah	Sea Level Air Temperature in S						
	Mean	Extre	mes.	Mean	s of	Mean	Difference	Extr	emes
	Inches.	Highest	Lowest	A Max.	B Min.	of A & B	from Normal	Max.	Min.
1	20.161	20 -11		0	0	0	0	0	0
January	30.161	30.711	29.622	46.4	38.5	42.5	+1.6	51	31
February	29.728	30.524	28.908	47.8	39.6	43.7	+2.8	52	30
March	29.934	30.300	29.475	52.8	45.0	48.9	+5.1	57	33
April	30.196	30.458	29.880	55.6	43.7	49.7	+1.7	67	34
May	30.075	30.311	29.601	58.7	46.0	52.3	-1.2	65	36
June	30.053	30.567	29.699	68.5	53.6	61.1	+2.0	82	46
July	29.959	30.324	29.568	69.5	58.9	64.2	+1.7	78	53
August	29.951	30.398	29.217	68.0	56.3	62.1	-0.5	74	48
September	29.972	30.361	29.477	63.6	52.4	58.0	-1.4	70	37
October	30.088	30.377	29.596	59.8	49.2	54.5	+1.6	65	39
November	30.117	30.548	29.091	49.2	41.4	45.3	-0.9	57	34
December	29.982	30.503	28.886	46.5	37.2	41.9	+0.1	53	25
Year 1957	30.018	30.711	28.886	57.0	47.0	52.0	+1.0	82	25

TABLE 8 — WINDS

			9	a.m. O	BSERVA	TIONS.—	-DIREC	TION.	
Month.	N.	N.E.	E.	S.E.	S.	S.W.	W.	N.W.	Calm
January	 1	6	0	0	2	12	4	6	-
February	 2	1	0	4	5	7	5	4	-
March	 0	1	4	9	3	8	6	0	-
April	 5	14	2	4	1	2	0	2	-
May	 3	10	2	1	5	8	0	2	_
June	 3	8	1	3	2	9	1	3	_
July	 0	3	1	2	2	9	7	7	
August	 4	1	2	2	3	6	5	8	_
September	 4	1	1	3	2	7	5	7	_
October	 2	7	3	0	0	7	4	8	2000
November	 7	8	1	1	0	3	2	8	_
December	 6	8	2	1	3	5	2	4	-
Year 1957	 37	68	19	30	28	83	41	59	-

Month.		6	p.m.	OBSERV	ATIONS	.—Dire	CTION.		
Wiontin.	N.	N.E.	E.	S.E.	S.	S.W.	W.	N.W.	Calm
January	 1	6	0	0	1	12	4	7	-
February	 1	1	0	3	3	9	6	5	-
March	 0	0	5	6	1	14	4	1	-
April	 3	13	1	2	2	6	1	2	-
May	 4	7	0	5	3	8	3	1	_
June	 3	9	0	3	3	6	5	1	_
July	 1	1	0	4	0	10	8	7	_
August	 0	1	2	. 1	2	12	6	7	-
September	 3	1	1	1	0	9	7	8	-
October	 1	4	2	2	0	10	6	6	-
November	 8	7	2	1	1	4	1	6	-
December	 3	9	2	0	2	6	6	3	-
Year 1957	 28	59	15	28	18	106	57	54	-

Summary of observations taken at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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VIS	-	9 a.m.	2	4	5	11	14	8	41	=	7	7	4	3	87
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		6 p.m.	14	00	4	9	-	3	6	1	4	6	9	7	59
		9 a.m.	9	7	2	3	1	4	3	4	2	4	9	6	15
	Н	6 p.m.	6	5	6	-	7	1	2	3	1	4	6	3	35
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MIS	H	6 p.m.	2	-	7	m	1	1	1	1	7	-	4	4	19
		9 a.m.	6	2	2	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	0	20
	& E	6 p.m.	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	2
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KEY TO TABLE 9 - VISIBILITY

Bearing	S.E.	Ē	ш	s.	S.W.	W.	N.W.	N.W.	W.N.W.	ші	ш	W.S.W.	E.S.E.
View Point	Office Door	Office Gate	Office Gate	Office Window	Christ Church Tower				и и	" " "	66 66		25 25 35
Object	Chestnut tree on opposite side of road	Chestnut tree outside entrance to "Ryecroft"	N.W. corner of Town Hall	Christ Church Tower	Holy Trinity Church Spire	Heene Church Tower	Tarring Church Tower	Top of High Salvington Hill	Highdown Hill	Portslade Gas Works Chimney	Hills beyond Brighton	Selsey Bill	Beachy Head
Description of visibility	Dense Fog	Dense Fog	Thick Fog	Fog	Moderate Fog	Mist or Haze	Poor	Moderate	Good	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Abnormal
Actual	21 yards	45 ,ds	110 yards	220 yards	430 yards	1100 yards	14 miles	23 miles	44 miles	6§ miles	12½ miles	18‡ miles	27 miles
Standard Distance	22 yards	44 yards	110 yards	220 yards	440 yards	1100 yards	11 miles	2½ miles	44 miles	6½ miles	12½ miles	18g miles	25 miles
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TABLE 10 - CLIMATE OF WORTHING - 1900 - 1957

			Т	emperatu	res			Rainf	all	Sunshine	
			Means			Extr	remes		Number		
Year	9 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Range	Mean	Min.	Мах.	Amount at Observ- atory	of days rain fell		Year
129	-			Degrees				Inches			
9900	51.2	44.9	56.2	11.3	50.6	20.9	79.0	26.33	182	1885.6	11900
9901	50.2 50.2	43.6	55.8 55.0	12.2	49.7 49.6	22.9 21.8	80.7	21.45	139	2017.0	1901
9903	50.9	45.2	55.4	10.2	50.3	23.7	78.0 78.2	23.77 32.19	157 189	1661.7 1749.2	1902
9904	50.4	44.3	55.5	11.2	49.9	23.8	77.4	26.85	163	1748.4	1903
905	50.1 50.6	42.2 44.3	55.6 56.1	11.4 11.8	49.1 50.2	23.9 24.9	77.1	24.63	162	1715.3	1905
906	50.0	45.1	54.8	9.5	50.2	20.4	78.6 76.1	30.44 21.78	173 158	2010.6 1776.8	1906
908	50.9	44.1	56.1	12.1	50.1	16.0	80.2	22.15	146	1991.3	1907
909	49.7 50.8	43.0 44.5	54.6 55.9	11.6	48.8 50.1	19.9	81.2	32.11	178	1958.6	1909
910	52.8	45.1	58.0	12.9	51.5	21.9 25.4	73.8 87.9	32.57 31.68	191 149	1731.0	1910
912	51.6	45.0	56.6	11.6	50.8	19.0	84.2	35.95	192	2115.0 1609.9	1911
913	52.1 52.7	45.9 45.2	57.4	11.5	51.6	26.2	79.0	34.98	170	1600.2	1913
915	51.1	43.8	57.9 56.3	12.7 11.8	51.5 50.5	23.2 24.7	78.2 77.1	31.31 36.64	164 152	2000.5	1914
916	51.2	44.7	56.3	11.6	50.5	.25.0	77.0	32.89	182	1801.3 1658.0	1915
917	49.2 51.0	43.0	54.6	11.6	48.8	20.7	79.0	25.49	147	1804.7	1917
919	49.4	44.7 42.9	56.5 54.9	11.8 12.0	50.6 48.9	20.0 22.0	78.0 78.5	24.41	165	1856.5	1918
920	51.7	45.6	56.6	11.0	51.1	23.0	76.0	28.54 26.40	158 139	1788.5 1692.1	1919
921	53.4	46.4	58.8	12.4	52.6	27.6	86.7	13.26	108	2101.5	1921
922	50.1 50.8	43.9 44.5	54.8 55.6	10.9	49.3 50.1	25.2 24.0	78.2	25.71	159	1781.2	1922
9924	50.8	45.4	55.3	9.9	50.1	25.0	86.0 74.6	30.62 32.65	170 159	1805.9 1759.6	1923
9925	49.8	44.7	55.9	11.2	50.3	24.0	80.2	34.70	158	1955.8	1924
926	51.6 50.8	45.7 45.0	56.7 55.8	11.0	51.2	21.8	83.3	28.57	160	1677.7	1926
927	51.9	45.0	57.0	10.8	50.4 51.0	22.4	78.1 82.0	34.88 32.84	165 161	1731.4	1927
9929	50.9	44.1	56.0	11.9	50.0	13.0	80.0	29.71	134	1999.1 2062.5	1928
930	52.0	46.9	56.4	9.5	51.3	26.0	82.6	28.31	169	1821.4	1930
932	51.0 50.5	45.0 45.1	55.0 55.8	10.0	50.0 50.5	21.0 23.0	77.0 80.0	25.80	147	1610.5	1931
933	52.0	45.5	56.4	10.9	51.2	23.6	81.2	23.91 20.40	148 125	1616.7 2102.6	1932
934	52.1	45.6	57.5	11.9	51.8	24.0	82.0	27.49	139	1811.0	1934
935 936	51.8 51.3	46.1 45.4	56.6 55.9	10.5	51.3	25.6 27.1	83.8 81.3	37.74	173	1805.2	1935
937	51.5	46.3	57.2	10.9	51.8	26.0	76.8	27.42 31.59	169 162	1675.0 1668.3	1936
938	52.7	46.1	57.1	11.0	51.6	19.5	82.5	22.95	156	1796.4	1938
939	51.8 50.0	45.8 45.0	56.5 56.0	10.7 11.0	51.2	20.0 16.0	81.5 80.0	34.42	171	1809.7	1939
941	50.3	44.0	56.0	12.0	50.0	22.0	83.0	30.13	148 139	1976.8 1791.7	1940
942	50.0	44.8	55.3	10.5	50.5	19.0	83.0	52	129	1711.6	1941
943	52.0 51.3	46.0 45.4	58.0 56.2	12.0 10.8	52.0 50.8	28.0 26.0	80.0	23.68	145	1864.8	1943
9945	52.5	46.5	57.2	10.5	51.2	19.0	81.0 80.0	22.14 22.98	136 138	1765.5 1783.9	1944
946	51.6	45.5	55.7	10.2	50.6	23.0	76.0	30.96	170	1790.7	1945
947	51.3 52.6	45.7	56.1	10.4	50.9	15.0	90.0	24.31	139	1896.8	1947
949	53.3	46.6 47.2	57.6 58.4	11.0	52.1 52.8	17.0 29.0	88.0 81.0	25.23 23.90	154 120	1916.9	1948
950	52.1	46.1	56.7	10.6	51.4	24.0	81.0	26.95	157	2128.9 1805.4	1949
9951 9952	51.9 50.7	46.0	56.3	10.3	51.2	22.0	76.0	37.98	184	1838.4	1951
953	51.9	45.0 46.2	56.0 57.1	11.0	50.2 51.7	23.0 25.0	82.0 80.0	28.54 24.33	175	1917.0	1952
954	51.0	45.3	56.0	10.7	50.7	18.0	75.0	30.28	125 188	1885.1 1687.3	1953
955	51.0	44.8	56.4	11.6	50.6	25.0	84.0	24.75	140	1936.4	1955
956	49.9 52.2	44.2 46.8	55.0 57.1	10.8	49.6 51.9	16.0	77.0	24.08	148	1726.7	1956
	J4.4	40.0	37.1	10.5	51.9	30.0	82.0	25.30	162	1836.4	1957
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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

Part III Services

The day-to-day administration of the Part III Services provided under the National Health Service Act is delegated to the Worthing County Health Sub-Committee. This section summarises the work carried out in the Borough during the year.

SECTION 22. CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Child Welfare Centres:

There are five Child Welfare Centres in the Borough situated as follows: -

- (1) The Central Clinic-Monday and Friday afternoons.
- (2) Church Hall, Durrington-Second and fourth Thursday afternoons in each month.
- (3) St. Mary's Hall, Goring-Second and fourth Thursday afternoons in each month.
- (4) St. Richard's Hall, Maybridge-First, third and fifth Thursday afternoons in each month.
- (5) Free Church Hall, Findon Valley-First and third Wednesday afternoons in each month.

1,270 infants and children made a total of 8,595 attendances at all centres during the year. The number of infants who first attended at the centres during the year whilst they were under one year of age was 521, equivalent to 77.3 per cent, of the notified live births.

Ante- and Post-Natal Clinics:

The following is a summary of attendances, etc., at these clinics: -

The	following is a sum	mary	of attenda	inces, etc	e., at these	chnics:
Medical	Officer's Clinic:					
	No. of clinics					32
	New cases					90
	Total attendances					197
	Average attendance	e per	session			6.2
Midwive	es' Clinic:					
	No. of clinics					46
	New cases					145
	Total attendances					578
Ante-Na	ital Relaxation Exe	rcises	Clinic:			
	New cases					52
	Total attendances					297

DENTAL SERVICE

The following tables give details of the treatment carried out during the year:—

(a) Numbers provided with dental care:

	Examined	Needing treatment	Treated	Made dentally fit
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	9	6	5	4
Children under five	157	71	67	64

(b) Forms of dental treatment provided:

	ths			Scalings	Silver	Inlays	hs	Dent	ures
	Extractions	General Anæsthetics	Fillings	or Scaling and gum treatment	Nitrate treatment	Crowns or In	Radiographs	Complete	Partial
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	19	2	6			-	-	2	1
Children under five	44	14	251	-	14	-	-	-	-

Dental X-rays are carried out at Worthing Hospital and arrangements exist for the supply of dentures locally.

CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS

All infants weighing up to 5½ lbs. at birth are included under this heading and in Worthing a special note is made on the notification of birth cards in respect of all infants whose birth weight is 5½ lbs. or less.

Special arrangements for the care of premature infants in their own homes are made within the Midwifery and Health Visiting Services, and infants who cannot be cared for at home are admitted to hospital.

Premature infants born in hospital are notified to the Department on discharge and are kept under supervision by the Health Visitors and invited to attend the Welfare Centres.

Thirty-two premature live births were notified, of which eight occurred at home. Nine premature still-births were also notified.

SECTION 23. MIDWIFERY

The following is a summary of the work of the domiciliary midwives:-

Confinements attended-				
as midwife				157
				59
as maternity nurse	5.5	1.0	**	
Analgesia administered—				
as midwife				119
	* *	100		53
as maternity nurse	1.1			33
Pethidine administered-				-
as midwife				79
as maternity nurse				48
Nursings—				
as midwife				3,399
				409
as maternity nurse				
Ante-natal visits			* *	1,718

Notification of Births. 677 live births and 20 still-births were registered during the year.

SECTION 24. HEALTH VISITING

Seven Health Visitors devote half their time to duties connected with the Health Services provided under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

The following are details of visits made by the Health Visitors during the year:—

Expectant and nursing mothers-total visits	 	385
	 	653
Re-visits to infants under 1 year of age	 	2,285
Children 1-5 years—total visits	 	3,502
Infectious disease visits	 	87
	 	116
Visits to aged and infirm persons	 	724
Visits in connection with domestic help service	 	467
Other visits	 	100
Total No. of families or households visited	 	2,448

SECTION 25. HOME NURSING

The services of the Home Nurses are provided on the recommendation of a doctor to any patient requiring such service. The nursing staff at the 31st December comprised an Area Nursing Officer, 16 full-time and 5 part-time Home Nurses.

The following table gives particulars of the number of cases dealt with during the year under review:—

No. of cases	attended	by Home Nurses	 	2,353
No. of visits	paid by	Home Nurses	 	68,016

SECTION 26. VACCINATION AND 1MMUNISATION

Vaccination:

(a) Smallpox

Vaccinations are carried out by Practitioners as a part of the General Medical Service, and a fee is payable by the County Council for the Record of the vaccination which the Practitioner supplies in each case.

The following table gives details of the vaccinations carried out during the year:—

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated)

Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated	315	27	27	36	44	449
Number re-vaccinated	_	_	7	51	284	342

(b) Poliomyelitis

The poliomyelitis vaccination scheme, limited in 1956 to children between two and nine years of age, was extended in 1957 to include all children between the ages of six months and fourteen years. During the year 782 children were vaccinated at the Clinics and 469 by private doctors. At the end of December, 1957, a total of 1,385 children had been vaccinated.

At the time of writing this Report the position has completely changed owing to supplies of Salk vaccine being imported from the United States and Canada. Up to the end of June, 1958, a total of 4,299 children had been vaccinated.

(c) Influenza (Asian Type)

During the year the Ministry of Health issued a vaccine designed to give protection against Asian type influenza for the use of Hospital staff, General Practitioners and Local Health Authority staff who care for the sick in their own homes. A total of 55 persons were vaccinated at the Central Clinic.

Diphtheria Immunisation:

During the year, 468 children under five years and 9 children aged five to fifteen years were immunised. 59 were immunised at the Clinics and 418 by private doctors. In addition 253 children received reinforcing injections.

SECTION 27. AMBULANCE SERVICES

The St. John Ambulance Brigade acts as agent for the County Council in operating the Ambulance and Hospital Car Services in the Borough of Worthing.

During the year the Worthing Ambulance Division carried 7,941 patients, covering a total distance of 66,837 miles.

SECTION 28. PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE & AFTER-CARE

1. Tuberculosis:

The Health Visitors continued to attend at the Chest Clinics held at Worthing Hospital. They also made 116 visits to patients in their own homes.

The Worthing Area Committee of the Sussex Rural Community Council has met quarterly and has been instrumental in helping a number of patients and their families.

2. Care and After-Care:

Close liaison exists between the Hospital Almoners, the County Care Almoner and the Health Visitors, and numerous visits were made to chronic sick cases and aged persons (see Health Visitors' statistical table).

3. Prevention of Illness:

The Health Visitors continued to play an important part in health education during the year; in addition, exhibition stands relating to various aspects of the Health Services were erected in the clinics, and the Medical Officer of Health either arranged or gave a number of talks to local organisations in the Borough.

SECTION 29. DOMESTIC HELP

This service continues to provide Domestic Help in cases of illness, aged persons, maternity cases and other cases of need. Applications for help are only approved on the recommendation of a doctor or midwife, and all circumstances are carefully investigated in order to assess the amount of help required.

A charge is made for the services of a Domestic Help, the amount being determined according to the financial circumstances of the applicant.

Applications for Assistance	Maternity Cases	Tuber- culosis Cases	Chronic Sick inc. aged & infirm Cases	Other Cases	Total
(a) No. of cases receiving assistance at 1st January, 1957	6	7	236	38	287
(b) No. of new applications received	70	2	207	196	475
(c) No. of cases in (b) assisted	57	2	195	186	440
(d) No. of cases in (b) approved, but for which assistance was not available	_	_	-	_	
(e) No. of cases in (b) not approved		_	-	-	-
(f) No. of applications in (b) withdrawn: (i) Before arrangements made	10		10	6	26
(ii) After arrangements made	3	_	2	4	9
(g) No. of cases in (a) and (b) completed during the year	63	4	188	174	429
(h) No. of cases receiving assistance at end of year	-	5	243	50	298

Number of Domestic Helps employed at 31st December, 1957:—
(a) Whole-time—1: (b) Part-time—58.