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*Mitcham :*

*H. G. Mather, Caxton Works, Lower Green*





# **Borough of Mitcham**

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## **HEALTH REPORT FOR 1941**

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my annual report for the year 1941. There was no epidemic of infectious disease, but there was a definite increase in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever notified.

The birth rate was the lowest on record and the infant mortality rate was the highest since 1929. The death rate was, however, lower than in 1940.

Lady Robertson generously offered to subscribe the capital cost of a Day Nursery for the Borough. A survey, however, showed little demand at the time, and Lady Robertson's offer was not accepted. A request was made to the County Education Committee to consider the establishment of Nursery classes in the Borough, and application for approval of three Nursery classes was made to the Ministry of Health. At the end of the year approval was sought for the establishment of a Day Nursery at Eagle House.

In November, the Scabies Order provided compulsory powers for the treatment of this condition and marked a step forward in its control. Arrangements made at Mitcham Baths for the treatment of cases should prove satisfactory.

Efforts to obtain diphtheria immunisation of children under fifteen years of age were intensified. All schools were visited and every parent was given the opportunity of having their child protected. A good response was obtained.

The Maternity and Child Welfare services were satisfactory. A high proportion of the expectant mothers and of infants attended the Ante-Natal Clinics and Welfare Centres respectively.

With the decrease in the severity of air raids there has been a gradual return home of evacuees, and housing accommodation is now becoming very limited, and will prove an important problem in the future.

Woodlands Maternity Home continued to give satisfactory service, although only the ground floor was available for cases.

I wish to take this opportunity of placing on record my appreciation of the valuable assistance received from the members of the staff and of the voluntary helpers who have given so much of their time and energy.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the members of the Council for the encouragement and consideration that they have given me.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

A. ASHWORTH,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

Public Health Department,  
Mitcham Court,  
Mitcham.



## BOROUGH OF MITCHAM

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### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - - COUNCILLOR H. L. GAUNTLETT

His Worship the Mayor (Alderman E. J. D. Field, J.P.)

Alderman—

S. L. Gaston, J.P.

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G. W. Cole	W. F. Hill	F. P. Howard	T. A. Murch
G. W. Pearce	Mrs. C. Randall	Sir I. Wilson	

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - - - MRS. C. RANDALL

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Councillors—

A. E. Cubison	Miss G. D. Francombe	H. Conway
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Mrs. E. Watson	Sir I. Wilson	

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Miss E. C. Chart	Mrs. D. L. Chappell	Miss K. Farewell-Jones
Mrs. C. Norman	Dr. G. Stoker	

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Aldermen—

C. Woods	A. H. Bailey	W. Dalton
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His Worship the Mayor (*ex-officio*)

Alderman W. Dalton	Councillor A. T. Gidden
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## STAFF

### Medical Officer of Health

(a) A. Ashworth, M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.T.M.

### Assistant Medical Officer

Florence M Parsons, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

### Consulting Gynaecologist

J. V. O'Sullivan, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.

### Consultant in Diseases of Infants

N. L. Lloyd, Esq., M.B., M.R.C.P.

### Consultant in Ear Diseases

W. H. B. Magauran, M.D., F.R.C.S.

### Consultant in Diseases of the Eye

A. J. Cameron, F.R.C.S., D.O.M.S.

Chief Sanitary and Meat Inspector.      Petroleum Inspector

Shops Act Inspector

K. J. Gutteridge, Cert. S.I.B.

### Assistant Sanitary and Meat Inspectors

A. H. Riley, Cert. S.I.B.      L. Gleed, Cert. S.I.B.

Superintendent Health Visitor and Infant Life Protection Visitor

Mrs. E. S. Wray

### Assistant Health Visitors

Miss G. Russell-Harris      Miss Hinds      (b) Miss M. Burke  
(c) Miss E. Oakes      (d) Miss P. Thompson      (e) Miss O'Riordan

### Matron of Woodlands Maternity Home

Miss G. M. Evans

### Clerks

J. B. A. Roodhouse and L. J. Bellingham, H.M. Forces

Mrs. M. Odam      (f) Miss V. Valentine (temporary)

(a) Appointed 1.8.41

(b) Resigned 31.3.41

(c) Appointed 24.3.41

(d) „ 11.8.41

(e) Resigned 18.2.41

(f) Engaged 3.2.41

# REPORT

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	2,935 acres
Population, Census 1921	...	...	...	...	35,119
"          "      1931	...	...	...	...	56,856
Registrar-General's estimate of population mid-year, 1941	...	...	...	...	52,440
Number of inhabited houses, 1921	...	...	...	...	7,150
"          "      1931	...	...	...	...	13,187
"          "      1941	...	...	...	...	17,500
Rateable Value, 1941	...	...	...	...	£497,388
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	...	...	...	...	£1,875

### STATISTICS.

		Total	Male	Female	Rate per 1,000 of population
<b>LIVE BIRTHS.</b>					
Legitimate	...	686	366	320	
Illegitimate	...	26	9	17	
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total	...	712	375	337	13.57

		Total	Male	Female	Rate per 1,000 total births
<b>STILL BIRTHS</b>					
Legitimate	...	23	15	8	
Illegitimate	...	2	1	1	
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total	...	25	16	9	33.92

	Total	Male	Female	Rate per 1,000 of population
DEATHS.	580	318	262	11.06

Deaths from disease and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth :—

				Rate per 1,000 total births
From puerperal sepsis	...	...	2	—
From other puerperal causes	...	...	2	—
Total	...	...	4	5.42

Deaths of infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	55.4
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live legitimate births	...	...	...	50.2
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live illegitimate births	...	...	...	173.9

Deaths from :—

Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	84
Whooping cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	2
Diarrhœa (under two years of age)	...	...	...	...	1

#### VITAL STATISTICS

During the year 712 live births were registered as belonging to this district, of which 375 were males and 337 were females, as compared with 934 last year.

The live birth rate for the year was equal to 13.57 per 1,000 of population, as against 15.4 per 1,000 last year.

The birth rate for England and Wales was 14.2 per 1,000, as against 14.6 per 1,000 last year.

#### ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

The number of births registered as being illegitimate was 28, as compared with 27 last year.

The illegitimate rate was equal to 3.79 per cent. of the total births, as against 2.81 per cent. in 1940.



## STILL BIRTHS

The number of still births registered was 25, of which 16 were males and 9 females.

## PERCENTAGE OF BIRTHS OCCURRING IN INSTITUTIONS

Year	Total births	Births in hospitals, etc.	Percentage of births occurring in institutions
1929	961	309	32.1
1930	1129	367	32.4
1931	1143	370	32.3
1932	1084	381	35.1
1933	1010	420	41.5
1934	982	428	43.5
1935	969	474	48.9
1936	1033	497	48.1
1937	976	501	51.3
1938	1028	569	56.3
1939	966	518	53.7
1940	854	453	53.0
1941	737	408	55.4

Number of births notified by midwives in 1941	566
" " " doctors and others in 1941	171

## DEATHS

During the year 580 deaths were registered, of which 318 were males and 262 were females, as compared with 716 deaths last year.

The death rate for the year was equal to 11.06 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 11.8 per 1,000 in 1940.

The death rate for England and Wales was 12.9 per 1,000 civilian population for the year 1941, and 14.3 per 1,000 for 1940.

The birth rates, death rates per 1,000 of population, and the infantile mortality rates for the years 1915-1941 are shown in the following table:—

Year	Births per 1,000 population		Deaths per 1,000 population		Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births	
	MITCHAM	England and Wales	MITCHAM	England and Wales	MITCHAM	England and Wales
1915	28.9	21.8	12.7	15.7	78	110
1916	23.0	21.6	10.1	14.3	71	91
1917	18.0	17.8	11.8	14.2	75	96
1918	17.9	17.7	14.8	17.3	77	97
1919	17.0	18.5	10.2	14.0	58	89
1920	27.8	25.4	9.2	12.4	50	80
1921	23.1	22.4	11.1	12.1	70	88
1922	20.9	20.6	11.0	12.8	61	77
1923	21.5	19.7	9.4	11.6	59	69
1924	20.3	18.8	9.2	12.2	55	75
1925	18.2	18.3	9.6	12.2	54	75
1926	21.5	17.8	9.9	11.6	63	70
1927	20.9	16.7	9.8	12.2	45	69
1928	20.4	16.7	8.8	11.7	48	65
1929	19.1	16.3	11.2	13.4	72	74
1930	19.3	16.3	8.2	11.4	49	60
1931	19.2	15.8	9.8	12.3	42	66
1932	18.0	15.3	8.4	12.0	43	65
1933	16.1	14.4	8.8	12.3	37.1	64
1934	15.6	14.8	9.1	11.8	51.6	59
1935	15.6	14.7	7.7	11.8	49.5	57
1936	15.4	14.8	9.1	12.1	48.0	59
1937	14.3	14.9	8.5	12.4	43.4	58
1938	15.1	15.1	8.3	11.6	38.0	53
1939	15.2	15.0	8.6	12.1	31.0	50
1940	15.4	14.6	11.8	14.3	46.0	55
1941	13.57	14.2	11.06	12.9	55.4	59



### INFANT MORTALITY

During the year 35 deaths were registered as occurring in infants under one year of age:—

		Males		Females		Total
Legitimate	...	20	...	11	...	31
Illegitimate	...	2	...	2	...	4
Total	...	22	...	13	...	35

as compared with 43 deaths last year.

The infantile mortality rate for the year is equal to 55.4 per 1,000 live births, as against 46 per 1,000 last year.

The infant mortality rate for England and Wales was 59 per 1,000 for 1941 and 55 per 1,000 for 1940.

### MATERNAL MORTALITY

During the year four deaths were registered as being due to diseases or accidents of pregnancy, compared with one death last year. The following is a summary of the causes of death:—

- One death due to general septicaemia following abortion.
- One death due to toxæmia following incomplete abortion.
- One death due to bilateral pulmonary tuberculosis.
- One death due to hæmorrhage following abortion due to a double uterus.

All maternal deaths occurring within the district are enquired into personally by the Medical Officer of Health, and a confidential report is forwarded to the Chief Officer of the Ministry of Health.

### INQUESTS

Inquests were held on 14 residents dying within the district and on 13 Mitcham residents who died outside the district, a total of 27. In addition the coroner held 68 post-mortems without inquests.



The following table shows the results of the findings of these inquests:—

Inquests	Number
Deaths from natural causes ... ..	5
Deaths from accidents:—	
Fall from moving car ... ..	1
"      "      fire tender ... ..	1
Falls ... ..	5
Collision with lorry ... ..	1
Deaths from misadventure ... ..	7
Lysol poisoning ... ..	1
Deaths from suicide:—	
Falls from window ... ..	2
Coal gas poisoning ... ..	1
Gunshot wound ... ..	1
Causes unascertainable ... ..	1
Manslaughter ... ..	1
Total ... ..	<u>27</u>

## DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1941

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Typhoid and paratyphoid ... ..	...	...	...
Measles ... ..	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ... ..	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ... ..	1	1	2
Diphtheria ... ..	...	1	1
Influenza ... ..	8	5	13
Encephalitis lethargica ... ..	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ..	...	4	4
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System...	28	19	47
Other Tuberculous Diseases ... ..	4	6	10
Syphilitic Diseases... ..	2	2	4
General Paralysis of the insane, tabes dorsalis ... ..	...	...	...
Cancer, malignant disease ... ..	46	38	84
Diabetes ... ..	2	3	5
Cerebral Hæmorrhage ... ..	14	24	38
Heart Disease ... ..	79	71	150
Aneurism ... ..	...	...	...
Other Circulatory Diseases ... ..	3	3	6
Bronchitis ... ..	17	14	31
Pneumonia (all forms) ... ..	18	7	25
Other Respiratory Diseases ... ..	1	2	3
Peptic Ulcer... ..	6	1	7
Diarrhœa, &c. (under two years) ... ..	...	1	1
Appendicitis... ..	1	1	2
Cirrhosis of the Liver ... ..	...	...	...
Other Diseases of the Liver, etc... ..	...	...	...
Other Digestive Diseases ... ..	5	5	10
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ... ..	5	6	11
Puerperal sepsis ... ..	...	2	2
Other Puerperal causes ... ..	...	2	2
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, etc. ... ..	13	9	22
Senility ... ..	...	...	...
Suicide ... ..	4	...	4
Other Violence ... ..	31	15	46
All other causes ... ..	26	19	45
Road Traffic Accidents ... ..	4	1	5
<b>Total... ..</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>580</b>
Special Causes :—			
Small Pox ... ..	...	...	...
Poliomyelitis ... ..	...	...	...
Polio-encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...



Birth-rates, Civilian Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality, and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1941.

(Provisional figures based on weekly and quarterly returns.)

	England and Wales.	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London.	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Popula- tions 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 census).	London Admin- istrative County.	Mitcham
Rates per 1,000 civilian population.					
Births—					
Live ... ..	14.2	14.7	16.4	8.9	13.57
Still ... ..	0.51	0.58	0.60	0.33	0.47
Deaths—					
All causes... ..	12.9	14.9	13.0	16.3	11.06
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	—
Scarlet fever ... ..	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	—
Whooping cough ... ..	0.96	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.03
Diphtheria ... ..	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.03	0.01
Influenza ... ..	0.19	0.17	0.20	0.15	0.24
Smallpox ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ... ..	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	—
Notifications—					
Typhoid fever ... ..	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04	—
Paratyphoid fever ... ..	0.09	0.12	0.09	0.05	0.07
Cerebro-spinal fever ... ..	0.25	0.31	0.20	0.30	0.23
Scarlet fever ... ..	1.47	1.49	1.51	1.01	1.39
Whooping cough... ..	4.39	4.37	4.50	3.50	3.58
Diphtheria ... ..	1.25	1.53	1.19	0.93	1.49
Erysipelas ... ..	0.30	0.36	0.27	0.50	0.36
Smallpox ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ... ..	10.33	8.27	10.47	4.77	3.73
Pneumonia ... ..	1.25	1.53	1.04	1.07	0.40
Rates per 1,000 live births.					
Deaths under one year of age	59	71	56	68	55
Deaths from diarrhoea and enteritis under two years of age ... ..	5.1	7.5	4.6	6.8	1.40
Rates per 1,000 total births (i.e., live and still)					
Maternal mortality (excluding abortion)—					
Puerperal infection (No. 147)	0.48	Not available			2.71
Others ... ..	1.75				2.71
Total ... ..	2.23				5.42
Notifications—					
Puerperal fever ... ..	11.91	15.64	9.43	2.29	—
Puerperal pyrexia ... ..				19.3*	2.71

\* Including Puerperal fever.



## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological examinations for this district are carried out at the Wandle Valley Isolation Hospital.

The following number of specimens from this borough have been examined during the year:—

Swabs for diphtheria	...	...	...	609
Sputa for tubercle	...	...	...	61
				—
Total				670

### HOSPITALS.

*For General Cases.*—The Wilson Hospital, which is situated within the district, receives accidents and general cases. Other general hospitals available for the district are the Nelson Hospital (Merton), the Croydon General Hospital, and the South London Hospital for Women (Clapham). The large London hospitals are also within easy reach of the district.

*For Infectious Diseases.*—The Council is one of the constituent authorities forming the Wandle Valley Joint Hospital Board, and cases of infectious disease from this area are treated at their hospital situated at Beddington Corner, Mitcham Junction.

*For Small Pox Cases.*—By an arrangement with the Surrey County Council cases of small pox are admitted to the Small Pox Hospital, Clandon.

### AMBULANCES

The Ambulance service for the district is quite adequate at present, and the following arrangements have been made:—

*For General and Accident Cases.*—Two ambulances have been provided by the Council for the removal of general and accident cases. The total number of cases removed during the year was 873, of which 284 were accident cases, and 589 private removals.

*For Infectious Disease Cases.*—The Wandle Valley Joint Hospital Board have provided two motor ambulances for the removal of cases of infectious disease to the Isolation Hospital.

### MIDWIVES

The Surrey County Council are the local supervising authority for midwives. At present there are 10 midwives practising in this borough, four of whom are on the staff of the Woodlands Maternity Home and who do no district work. Four municipal midwives have been appointed for this Borough, the Borough Council acting as agents for the Surrey County Council, who are the local supervising authority.

### HEALTH VISITING

There are five health visitors employed in visiting the mothers and children in this district. The Superintendent Health Visitor is responsible for the general supervision of the welfare centres, ante-natal clinics, etc., and also does the visiting of tuberculous patients and acts as Infants Life Protection Visitor.

### NURSING IN THE HOME

There are three nursing associations in the Borough. The following are the returns from each association for year ended December 31st, 1941:—

	No. of Nurses	No. of patients visited during 1941	No. of visits paid during 1941
St. Barnabas ... ..	1	99	4,029
South and East Wards	3*	405	9,395
Christchurch ... ..	2*	142	2,620
Totals ... ..	6	646	16,044

\* One part time.

### CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

#### WELFARE CLINICS

Infant Welfare Centres are held at the following places:—

*Sunshine Hall, Park Road.*—Sessions are held every Monday afternoon,



*St. Barnabas Church Hall, Gorringe Park Avenue.*—Sessions are held every Tuesday afternoon.

*Sherwood House, Commonsides East.*—Sessions are held every Thursday morning.

*Church Road Centre.*—Sessions are held every Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Parsons attends all sessions.

#### ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Ante-natal clinics are held at the following places:—

*Woodlands Maternity Home.*—Sessions held on Friday mornings for patients who have booked for the Woodlands Maternity Home. The total attendance of expectant mothers at this clinic was 1,990, the number of mothers attending being 245.

*Mitcham Court.*—Sessions are held on the first three and the fifth Tuesdays in each month. The total attendance of expectant mothers was 809, the number of mothers attending being 179.

The municipal midwives also hold a clinic at Mitcham Court on Wednesday afternoons. The total attendance was 974, and the number of mothers attending was 301.

98.37 per cent. of the mothers of children born during the year attended the ante-natal clinics (including Woodlands Maternity Home Clinic), as compared with 74.14 per cent. last year.

#### POST-NATAL CLINIC

A post-natal clinic is now held at Mitcham Court on the fourth Tuesday of each month, and 109 mothers attended this clinic during the year. This number represents 14.7 per cent. of mothers who were confined during the year.

#### HOME HELPS

In order that mothers may be relieved of the worry of house-keeping during confinement and the lying-in period, the Council



have a Home Help scheme, details of which were given in the annual report for 1935. During the year 14 mothers availed themselves of this scheme.

#### SUNLIGHT TREATMENT

Arrangements have been made with the Wilson Hospital for giving sunlight treatment at a cost of 2s. per treatment per patient. No patients were sent during the year.

#### ORTHOPÆDIC CLINIC

Arrangements have been made with the Wilson Hospital, Mitcham, for children in need of orthopædic treatment to attend the orthopædic clinic of this hospital. During the year 24 cases were referred to this clinic, as compared with 36 cases in 1940.

#### X-RAY EXAMINATIONS

Arrangements have been made with the Wilson Hospital, Mitcham, for the X-ray examination of women attending the ante-natal clinic. The majority of the examinations are made to determine the presentation of the child in doubtful cases, and also to confirm the diagnosis of twins.

During the year 26 women attended for this examination, as compared with 16 last year.

#### INFANT LIFE PROTECTION

The Superintendent Health Visitor has been appointed the Infant Life Protection Visitor for this district.

Frequent visits during the year are paid to the homes of the foster children.

A strict supervision is kept on these homes, and no cause was found to remove any infant from the care of the foster mother during the year.

The following are the number of foster mothers and children on the register:—

Number of foster mothers on register, December 31, 1941	...	...	...	...	15
Number of children on register, December 31, 1941	...	...	...	...	15
Number of children who have died during the year	...	...	...	...	1
Number of children on whom inquests were held	...	...	...	...	1
Number of registrations withdrawn	...	...	...	...	—
Number of prosecutions	...	...	...	...	—
Number of visits paid by the Infant Life Protection Visitor	...	...	...	...	94
Number of foster mothers who have evacuated taking foster children with them	...	...	...	...	2

Findings of inquest on the child who died 10.4.41—"Regurgitation of stomach contents into air passage—Misadventure."

#### NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

The Society does very valuable work in the Borough and there is very close co-operation between the officials of the Public Health Department and the officers of the Society.

During the year 13 cases were dealt with by the Society.

These cases affected the welfare of 37 children, and 49 visits were made by the Society's Inspector in connection therewith.

#### WOODLANDS MATERNITY HOME

The Woodlands Maternity Home, Devonshire Road, Colliers Wood, was established by the Council in 1924.

#### STAFF

The staff consists of a matron, two sisters, two staff nurses and five pupil midwives. All the staff are State registered nurses and, with the exception of the pupil midwives, hold the certificate



of the Central Midwives' Board. The Home is recognised as a Part II. training school for midwives.

### HOME

The Home can accommodate 15 patients at a time, but bookings are limited to 26 patients per month.

The following table shows the number of births which has occurred in each year since the opening of the Home:—

	Number of births				
1924 (August to December)	...	...	...	...	42
1925	...	...	...	...	129
1926	...	...	...	...	240
1927 (10 months)	...	...	...	...	177
1928	...	...	...	...	265
1929	...	...	...	...	298
1930	...	...	...	...	318
1931	...	...	...	...	259
1932	...	...	...	...	239
1933	...	...	...	...	285
1934	...	...	...	...	285
1935	...	...	...	...	299
1936	...	...	...	...	314
1937	...	...	...	...	309
1938	...	...	...	...	297
1939	...	...	...	...	254
1940	...	...	...	...	239
1941	...	...	...	...	215

Number of maternity beds in the institution (exclusive of isolation and labour beds), 15.

Number of maternity cases admitted during the year, 214.

Average duration of stay, 14 days.

Number of cases delivered by (a) midwives, 199—1 twin labour; (b) doctors, 16.

Number of cases in which medical assistance was sought by a midwife in emergency, 23.



Number of cases notified as (*a*) puerperal fever, nil; (*b*) puerperal pyrexia, nil.

Number of cases of pemphigus neonatorum, nil.

Number of infants not entirely breast-fed while in the institution, 3.

Number of cases notified as ophthalmia neonatorum, nil.

Number of maternal deaths, nil.

Number of infants' deaths—(i) stillborn, 5; (ii) within 10 days of birth, 3.

An ante-natal clinic is held every Friday at the Home, and patients who have booked are expected to attend.

#### NUTRITION

During the year 6,720 lbs. of dried milk have been supplied free or at cost price to mothers and children under five years of age in the Borough.

Arrangements were also made for necessitous nursing and expectant mothers to receive free meals.

REPORT OF THE INFANT WELFARE AND ANTE-NATAL CENTRES, 1941.

Particulars	Park Road Centre, four sessions monthly	St. Barnabas Centre, four sessions monthly	Church Road Centre, four ses-sions monthly	Sherwood Park Centre, four sessions monthly	Mitcham Court	Woodlands Maternity Home	Midwives Clinic, Mitcham Court	Total
Number of new cases registered during year of—								
Children under one year of age ...	125	174	202	133	—	—	—	634
Children over one year and under five years of age ... ..	61	36	55	41	—	—	—	193
Number of children in attendance at end of year—								
Under one year of age ... ..	134	128	162	104	—	—	—	528
Over one and under five years of age	60	344	389	237	—	—	—	1030
Total attendances of children under one year of age ... ..	1452	2098	2042	1173	—	—	—	6765
Total attendances of children over one year of age ... ..	774	656	400	960	—	—	—	2790
Total attendances at centres... ..	2226	2754	2442	2133	—	—	—	9555
Average attendances at centres ...	45.4	56.2	47.1	46.3	—	—	—	48.75
Percentage of infants under one year of age attending centres of total notified births ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	89%
Total attendances of expectant mothers ... ..	—	—	—	—	809	1990	974	3773
Average attendances of expectant mothers ... ..	—	—	—	—	16.5	39.8	19.8	25
Number of expectant mothers who attended during year ... ..	—	—	—	—	179	245	301	725
Percentage of total notified births represented by the number of expectant mothers attending all clinics ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	98%

VISITS PAID BY HEALTH VISITORS, 1941.

	Mrs. Wray	Miss Russell Harris	Miss O'Riordan	Miss Hinds	Miss Oakes	Miss Thompson	Total
Primary ante-natal visits ... ..	33	40	9	41	40	15	178
Subsequent ante-natal visits ... ..	15	10	2	20	10	2	59
Primary birth visits ... ..	1	180	37	226	124	57	625
Subsequent visits to infants ... ..	—	693	179	798	482	183	2335
Visits to children over 1 and under 5 years of age	—	1359	109	1027	741	453	3689
Visits <i>re</i> stillbirths ... ..	—	10	—	6	3	1	20
Visits <i>re</i> deaths of infants under one year of age	—	4	—	5	4	4	17
Visits <i>re</i> cases of ophthalmia neonatorum ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Visits <i>re</i> cases of puerperal pyrexia ... ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Primary visits to cases of tuberculosis ... ..	100	—	—	—	—	—	100
Subsequent visits to cases of tuberculosis ...	583	—	—	—	—	—	583
Special visits, and infant life protection visits...	427	—	—	—	—	—	427
Infectious disease visits ... ..	16	26	—	13	11	39	105
	1180	2322	336	2136	1415	754	8143



## REPORT ON MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

### CHILD WELFARE

Child Welfare Sessions are held at four centres, thus serving every part of the Borough. Four sessions are held each month at each centre.

The total number of attendances at the infant welfare centres was 9,555, as compared with 7,424 in 1940. Of these, 827 were new cases, 634 being infants under one year of age, and 193 being children over one but under five years of age. The total number of attendances of infants under one year was 6,765, and of children between one and five years of age, 2,790.

At the end of the year there were 528 infants under one year and 1,030 children between one and five years of age attending the centres, making a total of 1,558.

The average attendance at each individual centre was:—

Park Road	...	...	45.4
Church Road	...	...	47.1
Sherwood Park	...	...	46.3
St. Barnabas	...	...	56.2

giving an average of 48.75.

The percentage of infants under one year of age attending the centres was 89 per cent. of the total number of notified births.

### SUPPLY OF FOOD AND MEDICINES

Dried food, cod liver oil emulsion, Virol and Parrish's Food were sold at the centres, and in necessitous cases supplied free. Arrangements were such that necessitous children needing dried food other than that supplied at the clinics could obtain this free.

Liquid or National Dried Milk can now be supplied free in necessitous cases on application to the local Food Office.

Arrangements for the distribution of vitamins to children under 2 years of age were made at the Welfare Centres, the Food Office and at British Restaurants

## GENERAL REMARKS

The nutrition, clothing and cleanliness of the children continued to be of a very high standard, and the children attended the centres very regularly.

Mothers were encouraged to bring their children to the clinics for advice. Children found to be suffering from any pathological condition were referred to the family doctor or hospital, a letter giving particulars of the case being sent with the patient.

## ANTE-NATAL CENTRES

One Ante-Natal Clinic is held each week at Mitcham Court and one clinic each week in connection with Woodlands Maternity Home.

A clinic for cases booked by the midwives is held each Tuesday at Mitcham Court.

The total number of expectant mothers attending the centres was 725, the total number of attendances being 3,773, the average attendance 25.4. Of the total number of notified births, 98.3 per cent. of the mothers had attended the ante-natal centres.

The average attendance at each individual centre is shown in the following table:—

*Table to Show Average Attendance at Each Centre*

		Number of expectant mothers attending	Number of attendances	Average attendance
Woodlands ...	...	245	1,745	39.8
Mitcham Court	...	179	630	16.5
Midwives Clinic	...	301	673	19.8

## GENERAL REMARKS

The clinics were reserved as in previous years for those cases entering Woodlands, hospital, or for evacuation, or who were to be confined in their own homes and attended by midwives. Any patient who was to be attended by her own doctor was advised to attend him or her for her ante-natal supervision.

Any patient found to be suffering from any serious pathological condition was referred to her own doctor or to hospital, a letter giving details of the conditions present accompanying the



patient in either case. Letters were sent to midwives who referred patients to the clinics, and midwives were welcomed at the centres, the patients' ante-natal notes being available for their perusal.

Cod liver oil emulsion, Virol or Parrish's Food, and extra nourishment were supplied free to necessitous and debilitated patients.

#### POST-NATAL CENTRE

A Post-natal Centre is held at Mitcham Court each month. Leaflets are given to the patients when they leave Woodlands Maternity Home and to the patients attending the various ante-natal clinics giving them information about this clinic and the purpose for which it is intended.

The total number of women who attended the post-natal clinic was 109, the average attendance being 9.

#### DENTAL TREATMENT

Dental treatment is available to children under five years of age and to expectant and nursing mothers, the patients being referred from the infant welfare, ante-natal and post-natal clinics.

*Attendances at the Dental Clinic were as follows:—*

Expectant Mothers	...	...	15
Post-Natal Cases	...	...	8
Children under 5 years	...	...	28
Total	...	...	51

*Work carried out.*

	Mothers	Children
Inspections	23	28
Extractions under local anæsthesia	—	1
Extractions under gas	16	22
Impressions	7	1
Dental Adjustments	7	—
Scaling	1	—

In necessitous cases assistance was granted by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee towards the cost of new dentures application for this help being considered by the Committee and grants made according to the scale adopted by the Council,



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Number of Council houses found infested during year	58
Number of other houses found infested during the year	44
Number of houses disinfested during the year ...	102
Number of Council houses disinfested by Council staff	58
Number of Council houses disinfested by Contractors	nil
Methods employed:—	

75 room treated with sulphur dioxide (Cescones).

160 rooms treated with insecticide sprays (Lethane or Solitox) (inclusive of rooms treated on more than one occasion).

No private houses are treated by the Council staff, but advice is given and material supplied at cost price on request.

Number of private houses disinfested by owners or occupiers after notice ... ..	44
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The furniture of tenants moving into Council houses from verminous premises is disinfested by hydrogen cyanide. This work is done by a firm of contractors. During the year the furniture from 12 houses was so treated. Council houses are inspected, and reinspected after treatment, by the Council's staff of women housing managers.

### SCHOOLS

The supervision of the public elementary schools is under the control of the Education Department of the Surrey County Council.

The sanitary fittings, etc., however, are inspected periodically by the sanitary inspectors.

*Water Supply.*—All schools have a constant supply of water from the mains of the Metropolitan Water Board.

*Medical Inspection.*—The medical inspection of school children is carried out by the Education Department of the Surrey County Council.

*Closure of Schools.*—No school has been closed by the local authority during the year.

*Infectious Diseases.*—Scholars in contact with a case of infectious disease are excluded from school, the period of the exclusion being that set out in the memorandum of the County School Medical Officer to the Surrey Education Committee. The head teacher of the school concerned is always notified of this exclusion and the reason for same.

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## THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of Mitcham

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a summary of the visits and works carried out in the Borough by myself and the District Sanitary Inspectors:—

Total number of visits paid	...	...	...	...	3304
Number of complaints received and investigated	...				330
Number of premises inspected	...	...	...	...	1534
Number of premises revisited	...	...	...	...	403
Number of houses measured for permitted numbers,					
Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	34
Number of nuisances discovered	...	...	...		378
Number of nuisances abated without reports	...				129
Number of nuisances abated after reports	...	...			58
Number of intimidatory notices served	...	...			196
Visits to butchers and other food shops	...	...			142
Visits to factories	...	...	...	...	55
Visits to stables and piggeries	...	...	...	...	35
Visits to refuse dumps	...	...	...	...	10

Details of visits to other premises are enumerated in other sections of the report.



*Character of Work Done*

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Rainwater gutters and piping repaired or renewed	...						18
Ventilation under floors provided or improved	...						8
Dampness to ground floor rooms remedied	...	...					19
Water service pipes repaired	...	...	...	...			10
Waterclosets: repairs to roof, walls, doors and seats							19
Flushing apparatus repaired or renewed	...	...					25
Water storage cisterns cleansed or covered	...	...					24
Water supply to houses reinstated	...	...	...				7
Back yards and sculleries paved or repaired	...	...					6
Flooring of rooms repaired	...	...	...	...			9
Rooms cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...				145
Repairs to internal plastering of walls and ceilings	...						159
Repairs to sinks and waste pipes	...	...	...				26
Window frames and sashes repaired	...	...	...				52
Windows made to open	...	...	...	...	...		8
Sashcords provided	...	...	...	...	...		24
Drains tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Drains repaired and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...		163
New watercloset pans and traps provided	...	...					16
Repairs to firegrates	...	...	...	...	...		6
Repairs to washing coppers	...	...	...	...	...		6
New dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...		49
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...		28
Rooms disinfected, after infectious disease	...	...					191
Repairs to chimney eaves	...	...	...	...			6
Repairs to piggeries	...	...	...	...	...		3
Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	...	16

All ponds and ditches in the Borough where mosquito breeding was possible were sprayed with paraffin twice early in the year.

*Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.*—Eighty licences to store petroleum and cellulose solutions were granted, totalling 147,800 gallons. A licence was also issued for 20 cwt. of carbide of calcium to be stored.

## UN SOUND FOOD DEALT WITH.

Beef	...	...	4490 lbs.	Bacon	...	...	16 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Mutton	...	...	631 "	Eggs	...	...	1150
Pork	...	...	45 "	Flour	...	...	34 lbs.
Offal	...	...	4928 "	Salmon	...	...	35 tins
Corned beef	...	...	204 "	Potatoes	...	...	392 lbs.
Fish	...	...	354 "				

Number of visits to Meat Depot 20 ... ... 575

Yours obediently,

K. J. GUTTERIDGE,

*Chief Sanitary Inspector.*

## HOUSING STATISTICS

## 1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.—

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	430
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purposes	... ..	483

## 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:—

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	...	196
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## 3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:—

Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	... ..	nil
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- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—

(a)	By owners ... ..	nil
(b)	By local authority in default of owners ...	nil

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

#### *Formal Samples.*

20 formal samples were taken, as follows:—

Milk ... ..	16	Shredded Suet... ..	1
Premier Jus ... ..	1	Lemon Cordial... ..	1
Pork Sausage ... ..	1		

#### *Informal Samples.*

40 informal samples were taken, as follows:—

Cocoa ... ..	3	Egg Powder ... ..	2
Sardines ... ..	2	Tinned Peas ... ..	2
Salmon Paste ... ..	1	Custard Powder ... ..	1
Tomato Sauce... ..	1	Pearl Barley ... ..	1
Coffee and Chicory ... ..	1	Sausage Meat ... ..	1
Jam ... ..	1	Flour ... ..	2
Chocolate Roll ... ..	1	Beef Suet ... ..	1
Fruit Chutney ... ..	1	Mustard ... ..	1
Porage Oats ... ..	1	Lemon Cordial ... ..	1
Vinegar ... ..	2	Yorkshire Pudding Pdr. ... ..	1
Cooking Fat ... ..	1	Glycerine ... ..	3
Pepper ... ..	1	Syrup of Figs ... ..	1
Rice ... ..	1	Gregory Powder ... ..	2
Mint ... ..	2	Quinine ... ..	2

Nine warning letters were sent to suppliers of samples slightly below standard.

No proceedings were taken,



## MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) ORDER, 1936

During the year the Council granted the following number of licences under the above named Order:—

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	4
Pasteurised	...	...	...	7
Pasteurising Plant	...	...	...	1
Supplementary Licences—				
Pasteurised	...	...	...	4
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	4

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

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

The total number of certificates of notification received during the year was 591.

### CONTACTS, SUSPECTS, ETC.

The Medical Officer of Health may be called in consultation by medical practitioners to see patients in their homes.

The monthly incidence of infectious disease was:—

	Small Pox.	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Typhoid Fever	Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Dysentery	Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	Poliomyelitis	Measles	Whooping Cough	Food Poisoning	Totals
January ...	...	8	1	...	3	3	...	1	...	2	...	44	...	...	62
February ...	...	7	...	...	4	3	...	...	...	2	...	26	1	...	43
March ...	...	9	3	...	1	4	1	1	...	2	...	27	3	...	51
April ...	...	3	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	2	...	9	6	1	25
May ...	...	12	19	...	1	2	...	...	...	2	...	29	38	...	103
June ...	...	2	4	...	2	3	...	1	...	1	...	27	35	...	75
July ...	...	4	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	31	2	62
August ...	...	5	6	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	30	1	50
September ...	...	8	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	9	2	38
October ...	...	4	9	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	...	31
November ...	...	11	5	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	14	...	36
December ...	...	2	5	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	15
Total ...	...	75	72	...	19	22	2	3	...	12	...	194	186	6	591

# CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1941.

DISEASE	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED													TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH WARD							Total Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	At all Ages	At Ages—Years												G.P.	C.W.	U.M.	L.M.	P.B.	P.H.	L.T.		
		Under 1 year	1 and under 2 years	2 and under 3 years	3 and under 4 years	4 and under 5 years	5 and under 10 years	10 and under 15 years	15 and under 20 years	20 and under 35 years	35 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and over									
Pneumonia ... ..	22	...	...	2	2	1	3	...	2	6	1	2	3	3	9	...	...	2	5	3	1	...
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	12	2	...	...	1	...	3	2	1	1	1	1	...	3	2	...	1	5	...	1	12	4
Erysipelas ... ..	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	5	7	3	3	2	4	...	5	2	3	13	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	...
Food Poisoning ... ..	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	3	...	...
Typhoid Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ... ..	194	5	16	20	23	18	99	6	4	3	...	...	...	18	54	18	10	48	18	28	9	...
Whooping Cough ... ..	186	10	13	28	29	23	79	2	1	1	...	...	...	23	27	11	15	23	45	42	12	1
Diphtheria ... ..	72	...	3	1	3	4	36	12	5	5	1	2	...	2	28	10	7	19	3	3	72	...
Scarlet Fever ... ..	75	1	3	6	4	24	19	8	8	2	...	...	...	14	20	8	7	9	8	9	72	...
Totals ... ..	591	21	35	58	62	70	239	30	24	25	8	12	7	67	142	53	40	113	83	93	194	5

NOTE: G.P.—Gorringe Park  
C.W.—Colliers Wood

U.M.—Upper Mitcham  
L.M.—Lower Mitcham

P.B.—Phipps Bridge  
P.H.—Pollards Hill

L.T.—Long Thornton



INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS, 1922-41.

DISEASE	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
Small Pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	7	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ...	178	110	87	106	104	145	102	134	113	105	174	240	392	143	171	192	150	61	48	75
Diphtheria...	84	35	59	201	87	76	75	133	129	49	32	40	83	80	104	89	64	27	36	72
Typhoid Fever ...	1	2	1	4	2	6	3	4	9	2	3	3	...	3	5	...	1	...	...	...
Continued Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever ...	3	2	1	5	6	9	4	6	1	7	5	1	1	2	2	1	...	...	...	...
Anthrax ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	1	...	6	...	...	2	1	4	...	...	1	4	1	1	3	1	2	1	13	12
Cholera ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ...	13	15	11	10	13	14	10	22	22	17	11	31	30	20	22	16	8	19	17	19
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Diarrhoea ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chicken Pox ...	26	91	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Typhus Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poliomyelitis ...	...	4	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neona- torum	3	6	7	5	12	10	3	3	1	3	4	2	2	4	3	1	3	3	1	3
Polio-encephalitis...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia ...	30	19	39	42	30	62	54	57	35	45	52	37	45	35	36	32	43	...	30	22
Malaria ...	8	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia...	...	...	...	...	1	14	9	5	6	9	4	9	6	4	11	5	4	7	2	2
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	16	186
Food Poisoning ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	6
Totals ...	347	287	246	376	259	340	270	375	319	242	288	368	560	293	357	338	275	125	468	591

## CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER

Twelve cases occurred during 1941, and four patients unfortunately died.

## INFLUENZA

During the year thirteen deaths from influenza were recorded. Eight were males and five females. The previous year five deaths were registered.

## PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

By an arrangement with the London County Council cases of ophthalmia neonatorum can be treated at Whiteoaks Hospital, Swanley Junction, Kent.

Blind children are looked after by the Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind.

## OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

During the year three cases of ophthalmia neonatorum were notified:—

Cases Notified	Treated		Vision Unim- paired	Vision Impaired	Total Blind- ness	Deaths
	At Home	In Hospital				
3	2	1	3	nil.	nil.	nil.

## SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS

The school intimation notices of infectious disease are always compared with the notifications received from the medical practitioners. If any case on the school return is found to be unnotified, investigations are made in order to find out if the patient is receiving medical attention.

The school notices also give fairly accurate estimate of the prevalence of non-notifiable infectious disease, such as chicken pox, mumps, etc. The numbers so notified are reported on under various diseases mentioned later in this report.

## CANCER.

The number of deaths from cancer registered during the year was 84, of which 46 were males and 38 were females.

Cancer is mainly a disease of the digestive system, with the exception of its preference for the generative system in females. The site distribution for 1941 was as follows:—



Digestive organs	...	...	...	10 cases
Genito-urinary organs	...	...	...	12 „
Breast	...	...	...	3 „
Other sites	...	...	...	59 „
Total				84 „

The following table shows the number of deaths from cancer, together with the death rate as compared with England and Wales:—

Year	Number of Deaths		Death Rate per 1,000 of population			
			Mitcham	England and Wales		
1915	...	26	...	.77	...	1.22
1916	...	21	...	.63	...	1.16
1917	...	17	...	.50	...	1.19
1918	...	25	...	.72	...	1.19
1919	...	31	...	.89	...	1.18
1920	...	34	...	.94	...	1.16
1921	...	31	...	.87	...	1.21
1922	...	34	...	.94	...	1.22
1923	...	33	...	.90	...	1.26
1924	...	42	...	1.11	...	1.29
1925	...	48	...	1.29	...	1.33
1926	...	44	...	1.14	...	1.36
1927	...	46	...	1.13	...	1.37
1928	...	58	...	1.27	...	1.42
1929	...	66	...	1.33	...	1.43
1930	...	73	...	1.25	...	1.45
1931	...	81	...	1.41	...	1.48
1932	...	68	...	1.0	...	1.51
1933	...	52	...	.86	...	1.52
1934	...	70	...	1.1	...	1.56
1935	...	61	...	1.0	...	1.58
1936	...	80	...	1.2	...	1.61
1937	...	76	...	1.1	...	1.63
1938	...	103	...	1.5	...	1.66
1939	...	73	...	1.12	...	1.64
1940	...	94	...	1.55	...	1.66
1941	...	84	...	1.6	...	1.67

## TUBERCULOSIS

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925, during the year.

During the year 100 new cases of tuberculosis were notified, viz.:—

		Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	... ..	59	24	83
Non-Pulmonary	... ..	7	10	17
Total	... ..	66	34	100

The total number of deaths registered as occurring from tuberculosis was viz.:—

		Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	... ..	28	19	47
Non-Pulmonary	... ..	4	6	10
Total	... ..	32	25	57

		England and Wales	Mitcham
Death rate from respiratory tuberculosis			
per 1,000 population	... ..	0.57	0.89
Death rate from non-pulmonary tuber-			
culosis per 1,000 population	... ..	0.12	0.19





The sources from which information as to the above mentioned cases was obtained are as follows:—

		No. of Cases	
		Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
Death returns ...	(a) From Local Registers ...	...	...
	(b) Transferable deaths from Registrar General ...	...	...
Posthumous notifications ... ..		3	1

Number of cases removed from register during 1941:—

Reason	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Cases
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Withdrawal of notification...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Recovery from disease ...	1	2	3	1	2	3	6
Death ... ..	28	19	47	4	6	10	57
Otherwise ... ..	11	16	27	3	7	10	37

The ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to the total tuberculosis deaths is as follows:—

Non-notified tuberculosis deaths	...	4
Notified tuberculosis deaths	...	53
Percentage of non-notified T.B. deaths (all forms)	...	7 per cent.
Percentage of non-notified pulmonary T.B. deaths	...	6 ..

Treatment for cases of tuberculosis is under the control of the Surrey County Council.

A dispensary has been established at London Road School, Mitcham. Arrangements have been made by this Borough for



the examination of sputa from cases or suspected cases of tuberculosis, and during the year 61 such examinations have been made.

#### TUBERCULOSIS CARE COMMITTEE

The Mitcham Tuberculosis Dispensary area comprises the Boroughs of Mitcham and Beddington and Wallington.

#### *Functions of the Committee*

1. To alleviate want or distress amongst tuberculous people, providing, where necessary, extra nourishment, clothing, bedding, coal, surgical appliances, travelling expenses and help in the home.
2. To care for the families of patients in sanatoria so that their changed economic circumstances shall not result in impaired health, and that the sufferer shall not be harassed by undue anxiety.

#### *Assistance to Patients—1941*

Number of persons assisted during 1941	33
Receiving supplies of milk, butter, eggs, continuously for 12 months ... ..	6
"    "    "    for 6-9 months ... ..	8
"    "    "    under 6 months ... ..	14
Fares for family to visit sanatorium ...	4
Clothing, bedding, supplied through the medium of Committee ... ..	4
Tuberculous persons who have received special consideration <i>re</i> housing ... ..	3
Pocket money ... ..	4
Repayment of debts ... ..	1

#### SMALL POX

No case of small pox was notified during the year 1941.

#### SCARLET FEVER

The number of cases notified during the year was 75, this being 27 more than last year. 72 were removed to hospital. No deaths were registered from this disease during the year.

## DIPHTHERIA

Seventy-two cases were notified during the year and all the cases were removed to hospital for treatment. All the contacts are swabbed as a routine measure, and school contacts supervised by the staff of the school medical service.

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

A diphtheria immunisation clinic is held at Mitcham Court every week. During the year 2,891 children have been immunised. Diphtheria prophylactic is also given to the medical practitioners in the district free of charge.

## TYPHOID FEVER

No case was notified during the year.

## DIARRHŒA AND ENTERITIS UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE

One death was registered during the year.

## ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA

No cases were notified during the year.

## CHICKEN POX

One hundred and four cases of chicken pox were notified by the head teachers of the schools in the district.

## MUMPS

Eighteen cases of mumps were notified by the head teachers of the schools in the district.

## IMPETIGO

Eighteen cases of impetigo occurred in school children during the year.

## SCABIES

Eighteen cases of scabies occurred in school children,



### ERYSIPELAS

Nineteen cases were notified. Thirteen cases were removed to hospital. No deaths from this disease were registered.

### PUERPERAL PYREXIA

Two cases were notified during the year.

### PNEUMONIA

Twenty-two cases of primary pneumonia were notified during the year. The number of deaths from all forms of pneumonia, some of which are not notifiable, was 25, of which 18 were males and 7 females.

## WANDLE VALLEY JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD

Cases admitted to the hospital during the year ended December 31, 1941.

DISEASE	Beddington & Wallington		Coulsdon & Purley		Merton & Morden		Mitcham	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Diphtheria ... ..	11	1	6	...	24	...	82	2
Scarlet Fever... ..	19	...	27	...	70	...	69	...
Typhoid ... ..	2	...	3	...	6	...	7	...
Erysipelas ... ..	2	...	1	...	2	...	11	...
Tonsillitis ... ..	3	...	2	...	..	...	5	...
Measles ... ..	1	...	3	...	11	...	9	...
Influenza ... ..	1	...	2	...	...	...	6	...
Whooping Cough ...	7	2*	7	...	20	1*	14	1†
Rubella ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Meningitis ... ..	5	...	1	...	12	2	10	1
T.B. Meningitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Chicken Pox ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
Puerperal Fever ...	...	...	1	...	2	...	3	1‡
Admitted with mother	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
Abscesses & Septic Sores	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Septicaemia ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Dermatitis (including Scabies) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Poliomyelitis... ..	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
Enteritis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Heat Rash ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Pneumonia ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
	52	3	57	...	154	3	226	8

\* One Beddington & Wallington death and one Merton & Morden death.  
Whooping Cough with Convulsions.

† One death Whooping Cough and Broncho Pneumonia.

‡ One death Septic Abortion.



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