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ALTON URBAN DISTRICT.PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1951.STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

AREA	4,085 Acres.
RATEABLE VALUE	£62,019.
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE	£245.
POPULATION.	8,614.
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES	2,550.

VITAL STATISTICS.(1) BIRTHS :-

		<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>Live Births</u>	Legitimate	64	53	117
	Illegitimate	9	1	10
		<u>73</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>127</u>

Rate per 1,000 of estimated population 14.74
 Rate per 1,000 of estimated population (England & Wales) 15.5

<u>Still Births.</u>		<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	Legitimate	2	-	2
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
		<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>

Rate per 1,000 Total Births (Live & Still) 15.7
 Rate per 1,000 Total Births (Live & Still) (England & Wales) 16.36

(2) DEATHS :-

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>All causes</u>	56	44	100

Rate per 1,000 of estimated population 11.6
 Rate per 1,000 of estimated population (England & Wales) 12.5

Infant Mortality.

Infant Mortality (Deaths under 1 Year)

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age 40.00
 " " " " " 1 " (England and Wales) 29.6

<u>Causes of Death:-</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1: Tuberculosis Respiratory.	2	-	2
2: " Other.	2	-	2
3: Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-
4: Diphtheria	-	-	-
5: Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6: Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7: Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-
8: Measles.	-	-	-
9: Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10: Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1	2
11: " " lung, bronchus	1	-	1
12: " " breast	-	6	6
13: " " uterus	-	-	-
14: Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	1	4	5
15: Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	-	-
16: Diabetes	-	-	-
17: Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	7	14
18: Coronary disease angina	7	3	10
19: Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
20: Other heart disease	7	12	19
21: Other circulatory disease	2	1	3
22: Influenza	2	-	2
23: Pneumonia	4	3	7
24: Bronchitis	-	-	-
25: Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1
26: Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	1	1	2
27: Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	-	-
28: Nephritis & nephrosis	1	-	1
29: Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2
30: Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31: Congenital malformations	-	1	1
32: Other defined & ill-defined diseases	12	3	15
33: Motor vehicle accidents.	1	-	1
34: All other accidents	2	1	3
35: Suicide	-	-	-
36: Homicide & operations of war.	-	-	-
	<u>56</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>100</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:-

The total number of Notifications of Infectious Diseases during the year, excluding Tuberculosis was 178.

The cases were as under:-

Acute Primary Pneumonia	9.
" Influenzal "	1.
Lobar Pneumonia	1.
Bacillary dysentery	3.
Measles	158.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1.
Scarlet Fever	3.
Scarletina	1.
Food Poisoning	1.

The total number of cases of Tuberculosis notified was 12 detailed as under:-

Lungs	10.
Spine	1.
Cervical Adenitis	1.

A total of 80 cases of Tuberculosis were on the register during the year.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION :-

A total of 101 Immunisations were carried out during the year, i.e. 88 Primary and 13 "Booster" or Re-enforcing Injections.

WATER SUPPLY.

Generally the water supply has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity during the year.

The supply is chlorinated and samples are sent regularly for both chemical and bacteriological examination. All samples have had satisfactory reports.

The water is not liable to plumbo-solvent action.

All properties in the Town and Holybourne areas have piped supplies and the scheme for the piped supply of water to Beech is awaiting delivery of pipes for commencement, but for the National priorities for the Defence Programme the scheme would have been commenced at the end of the year.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

No major works were carried out during the year. It is understood that the scheme for the alteration of the Sewage Disposal Works will be temporarily deferred owing to cuts in capital expenditure.

RIVERS & STREAMS.

All rivers and streams in the Area are under the jurisdiction of the Thames Conservancy Board. Samples of effluent from the Disposal Works are sent for analysis.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The collection of house refuse and salvage, and the scavenging and cleansing of roads, footpaths, and alleyways have been carried out as usual.

The disposal arrangements are as previously reported.

SHOPS AND BAKERIES.

It was not necessary to take any formal action under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 during the year. Informal notices were necessary in the case of two shops and have been complied with.

CAMPING SITES.

A total of twelve Camping Sites have now been authorised for individual caravans, five of which were issued during the year. All are in order.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Action was taken in respect of one factory.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Two cases of verminous premises were discovered during the year, one being fleas and one bed bugs. Disinfestation was carried out with satisfactory results.

FACTORIES.

It has been necessary to ask for the provision of a proper fireproof building for the storage of cellulose at one factory. This has been complied with.

DISINFECTIONS.

A total of five disinfections were carried out during the year, bedding being treated in all cases.

RESTAURANTS & CAFES.

Constant supervision is being maintained. No action was necessary during the year.

RODENT CONTROL.

During the year a total of 328 surveys of properties were carried out and 134 infestations dealt with as well as regular treatments of the Sewage Disposal Works and Pumping Station. Tests and poison baiting of sewers and four block surveys of large areas were carried out.

HOUSING.

- (1) Inspection of dwelling houses.
 - (i) a. Number of houses inspected for defects. 41.
 - b. Houses inspected for the purpose. 169.
 - c. Council House inspections. 584.
 - (ii) a. Number of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing consolidated Regulations. Nil
 - b. Number of inspections made for the purpose. Nil
 - (iii) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to Health as to be unfit for human habitation. Nil.
 - (iv) Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 27.
- (2) Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. 21.
- (3) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-
 - Number of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of Formal Notice
 - (a) By owners 2
 - (b) By Council in default of owners. Nil.
 - Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-
 - (a) Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936. Nil
 - (b) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936. Nil
 - (c) Proceedings under Part IV of the Housing Act, 1936. Nil

During the year 547 re-inspections of works and repairs to houses, including Council Property have been made.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Drainage	72
Piggeries	3
Tents, Vans etc	3
Factories	21
Meat shops	7
Food shops	34
Other shops	15
Restaurants & cafes	15

Fried Fish shops	8
Disinfestations.	7
Bak-houses	9
Dairies	26
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SCHOOLS.

Sanitary accommodation and water supplies of Schools continue to be satisfactory.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS:-

i. Milk & Dairies.

Constant supervision of pasteurising plants has been carried out for and behalf of the Hampshire County Council. There were no infringements of the regulations. During the year 15 samples of Pasteurised and 14 Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised were sent for analysis and found to be satisfactory.

ii. Ice Cream.

One retailer manufactured ice cream in the town, whereas the remainder sell pre-packed or loose ice cream bought in bulk and stored in suitable refrigerators. During the year six premises were registered for the sale of ice cream.

iii. Meat and other food.

The usual complete co-operation was received from the officials at the Ministry and Slaughtermen at the local slaughter house.

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number Killed.	1121	361	675	1846	257
Number inspected.	1121	361	675	1846	257
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	2	6	8	3	9
Carcasses of which some part was condemned.	184	72	12	41	48
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis.	16.59	21.60	3.11	2.38	22.18
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	6.	10	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part was condemned.	62	36	-	-	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	6.06	12.74	-	-	1.55

Apart from meat condemned at the slaughter house the following canned food has been condemned:-

39 cans vegetables.
104 cans fruit.
94 cans meat.

62 cans fish.
 43 cans milk.
 7 cans soup.
 7 cans jam.
 25½ lbs smoked salmon.
 30½ lbs canned ham.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Part 1 of the Act.

I. INSPECTIONS for purposes as to health.

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices
i. Factories in which Section 1.2.3.4. & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	12.	5	-
ii. Factories not included in i in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	39	16	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	1	-	-
	<u>52</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>-</u>

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	Found.	Remedied.
Want of cleanliness.	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-		
(a) Insufficient	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES. :-

The provision of Health Services in the area remain the same as in the past. Their existence is of incalculable value to the General Public. These include the services of Local Authority Officers, i.e. Assistant County Medical Officers, Dental Surgeons, Inspectors of Foods & Drugs, Health Visitors and District Nurses and Midwives.

The Local Authority has provided facilities for the chemical and bacteriological examination of all food stuffs, milk, water and also for the examination of clinical material. Provision has been made for Child Welfare Centre, Anti-natal and Orthopaedic Clinics. Facilities exist for nursing in the home by District Nurse and Midwife.

The Inwood Cottage Hospital, Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital and the Infectious Diseases Hospital meet all the requirements of the town in the matter of treatment and care of Medical, Surgical and Infectious cases. Provision has also been made outside the area by the Local Authority for the care and treatment of small pox, orthopaedic puerperal sepsis and ophthalmia neonatorum and maternity cases. Sanatoria for the reception and care of tuberculosis also exist outside the area.

One Maternity and Nursing Home is maintained by private enterprise and situated in the area. These premises are registered and regularly visited by officers of the Local Authority. The General Hospital is now receiving maternity cases under the Health Scheme. The regular inspection of "Boarded out" children is carried out by Officers of the Local Authority and the submission of necessary returns in regard to new admissions is made to the Local Authority.

An Ambulance Service is maintained in the area for the transportation of medical, surgical and infectious cases.

