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ARNOLD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, 1945.

Public Health Department,
 Council House,
 Arnold,
 September, 1946.



To the Chairman and Members of the
 Arnold Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Report of the health of the District for 1945. In spite of restrictions and limitations, it shows a satisfactory state of health in the community.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population.....					18390	
Births	Live	338	Boys	175	Girls	163
	Still	6				
	Illegitimate	29				
Deaths		205	Males	94	Females ...	111
Infantile Deaths	...	14	(Illegitimate 3)			
	7 of these deaths were due to Immaturity or Congenital defects.					
Maternal Deaths	Nil.				

		<u>England & Wales.</u>
Live Birth rate per 1000 of the population	18.3	16.1
Death rate per 1000 of the population	11.14	11.4
Infantile death rate per 1000 live births	41.4	46.0
Deaths under 2 years per 1000 live births from Diarrhoea and Enteritis	Nil	5.6

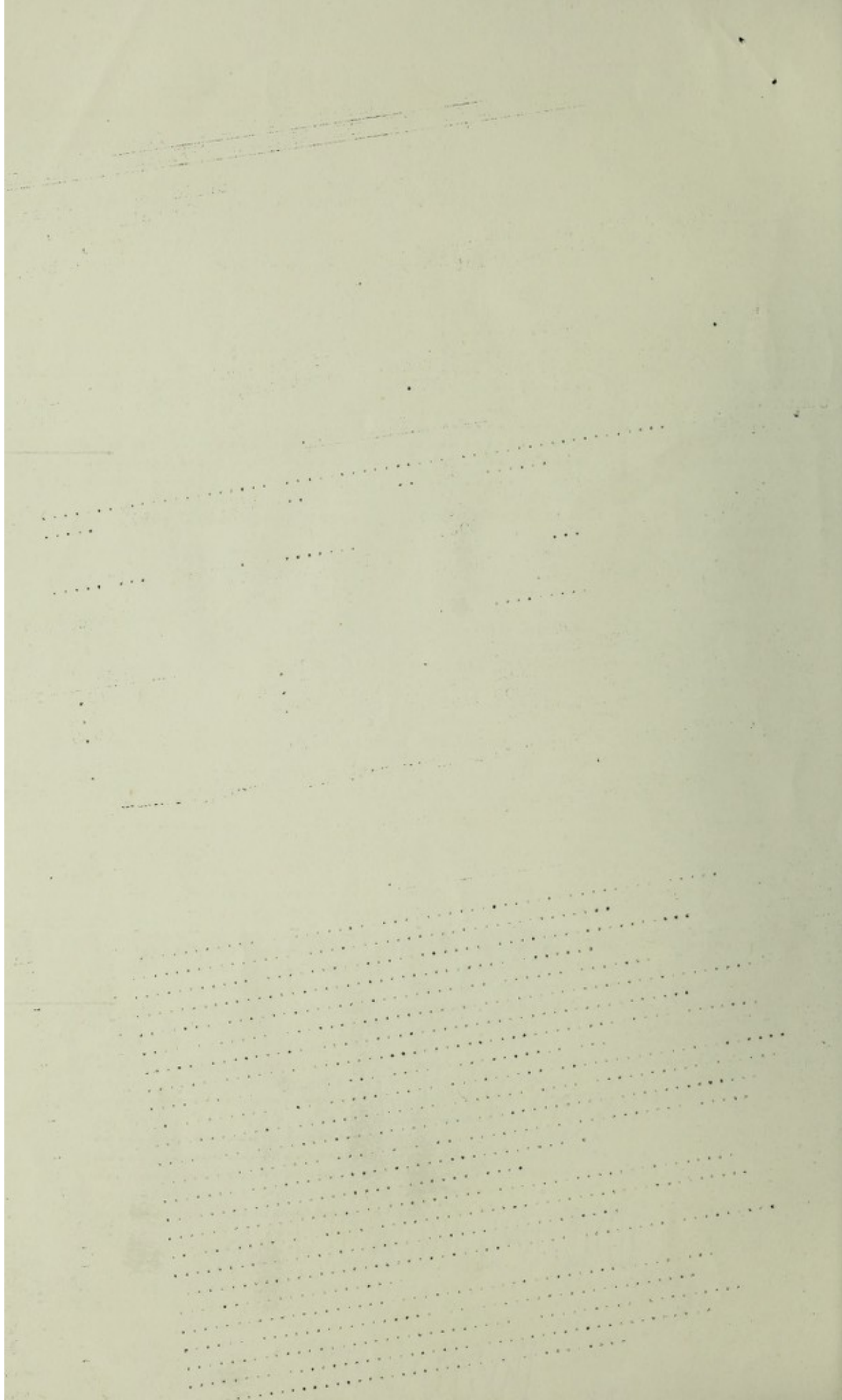
These figures show a fairly high birth rate and a average general and infantile death rate.

The natural increase or excess of births over deaths is 133.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Diphtheria	1	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-
Polio-Myelitis.....	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	3
Other Tuberculosis.....	-	1
Influenza.....	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	1
Syphilis	-	2
Diarrhoea under 2 years.....	-	-
Cancer	10	18
Diabetes.....	1	-
Bronchitis.....	4	8
Pneumonia	3	7
Other Respiratory Diseases.....	4	6
Disease of the Brain (Vascular)	11	16
Peptic Ulcer	7	-
Appendicitis.....	1	-
Other Digestive disease	2	2
Nephritis	1	1
Violence, Suicide and Road Traffic Accidents.....	5	4
Premature Birth	2	1
Congenital Defects.....	4	-
Heart Disease	19	24
All other Causes	14	11
Other Circulatory disease.....	1	6

Totals:- 94 111



About one third of these deaths were in persons over 75 years. No deaths were recorded from Typhoid, Puerperal Fever, Scarlet Fever, Influenza and Measles.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN 1945.

	Notified	Deaths	Removed to Hospital ..	11
Scarlet Fever	44	Nil		
Whooping Cough	44	2		
Diphtheria	5	1		4
Measles	264	-		-
Pneumonia	3	10		2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-		-
Erysipelas	6	-		-
Dysentery (Military)	3	-		3
Tuberculosis (Lung)	14	6	(removed to	
" (other)	2	-	(Sanatorium 4?)	

Some Small Pox contacts from overseas were kept under observation and remained well.

The number of children immunised against Diphtheria in 1945 was:-

Under 5 - 264
Over 5 - 275

Making 88.6 of the child population protected since the start in 1941.

TUBERCULOSIS .

Age groups	Notified		(Non-Respiratory)		DIED		(Non-Respiratory)	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 to 15	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 to 25	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35	3	5	-	-	-	2	-	-
35 to 45	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
45 to 55	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
55 to 65 & over	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:-	5	9	-	2	3	3	-	-

No. of cases on Register	1945 January 1st	102.
No. of cases added or restored to register		2
No. of cases removed from register		13
No. of cases on register December 31st, 1945		107
No. of new notifications ... 16 as against 16 in 1944 .		
No. of cases written off as recovered		3

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GENERAL REMARKS.

Scabies in 1945. There was no prevalence of this complaint.

Real Cases.....) 39
Doubtful Cases.....)
Lotion or ointment given	39 Cases
Baths (Local Authority).....	17
Home Baths	22
Attendances to M.O.H. for advice and treatment.....	81

Pediculosis. 12 Bottles of Lothane Oil were sold or given away to as many cases.

The Council's Ambulance facilities are adequate, but an additional "sitter" car would relieve the B.R.C. Ambulance maintained by the Council. There is a working arrangement with Carlton U.D.C. and Debdale Isolation Hospital.

Disinfections: were carried out in 58 cases of infectious or contagious diseases.

House refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

The water supply is constant and from the Company's mains.

Inspection of Meat and other Foods.

Meat: Number of visits 86
 Unsatisfactory conditions, found -2-
 Meat condemned..... 175

Other Foods. Number of visits 372.
 Unsatisfactory conditions...6
 89-Condemnation certificates given Biscuits, eggs, Butter, Dates, Prunes, Oatmeal, Bacon and tinned foods, (191947-tins).

Housing. Housing Inspection..... 722.

and 616 defects remedied, informally.
218 defects were remedied under Statutory Notice, 18 by Owners and 200 by local Authority.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

This service has a separate Sub-Committee of the Health Committee with one third co-opted members.

There are two Health Visitors and a part-time Clerk, and a rota of voluntary helpers. There is a joint consulting Obstetrician and a joint consulting Paediatrician.

The Cripple's Guild and the Children's Hospital in Nottingham see cases referred to them by the M.O.H.

The Ante-Natal Clinics are attended by the four general Practitioners in the district, who in difficult cases can refer the patient to the consulting Obstetrician through the M.O.H.

The Midwives are supervised by the County. It is hoped that the County will further a scheme for training Midwives in Gas and Air Analgesia.

Births notified by Midwives.....	178)	
Births notified by Institutions -Nursing Homes.....	144)	338
Births notified by unknown sources.....	16)	

Home Visiting:-

Ante-Natal.....	164
Visits under 1 year	808
Visits over 1 year.....	1550
Special visits.....	295

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There are 3 separate Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.

The total attendances were 10, 528 children under 5 years and 9,610 Mothers.

328 new infants received cards and 33 children over 1 year.

The Ante-natal Clinic held 47 sessions; saw 188 expectant mothers who made 712 attendances.

7 mothers attended post-natally.

26187 bottles of Orange Juice.
3379 bottles of Cod Liver Oil.
674 Capsules of Cod Liver Oil.
24-cwts of Dried Milk Foods.

DENTAL TREATMENT.

Expectant and Nursing Mothers.

Referred for dental inspection.....	49
Attendances made	262
Inspected.....	37
Commencing course of treatment.....	35
Extractions.....	180
"Gas" administrations.....	--
Fillings inserted.....	63
Impressions taken for dentures.....	45
Dentures inserted.....	27
Miscellaneous operations.....	52
Completed cases.....	29

Pre-Schoolchildren.

Referred for dental inspection.....	15
Attendances made.....	29
Inspected.....	14
Commencing course of treatment.....	14
Extractions.....	22
"Gas" administrations	2
Fillings inserted.....	10
Teeth dressed.....	9
Miscellaneous operations.....	1

The care of the premature infant and the illegitimate child has been stressed recently, with hospital treatment for prematures under 4-lbs and foster parents for the illegitimate through the Office of a County Lady Almoner. There will not be any material life-saving in the case of premature infants unless a unit can be established in a hospital, away from General Wards, where a competent and experienced staff can deal with the intricacies of feeding, warmth and freedom from infection, that such infants require.

This Authority has the required outfit for lending out privately to homes where the infant is premature.

MILK.

Public Analyst's Report.

T.T. Milk	8 samples taken	3 complied	5 failed to comply
Accredited Milk	17 " " "	12 " "	5 " " "
	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>

No. of informal samples of milk tested by the Inspectors:

/Over--

Taken by Inspector	31 samples	31 correct.
Submitted by milk vendor	2 "	2 "
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	33	33
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14 samples of food stuffs were analysed and found genuine.

19 Pasteurised milk samples were analysed and only 9 found correct.

Yours faithfully,

B. C. STEVENS, M.D., D.P.H.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

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