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ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health,
for the year ended 31st. December, 1942.



To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health, sanitary circumstances, vital statistics and various activities of the Health Department of your District for the year 1942.

As instructed by the Ministry of Health in Circular 2604 the report is prepared on the lines indicated in Circular 2514, and must only be considered as an Interim Report. It only deals with essential and urgent matters which have affected the Public Health during the year.

Statistics of the Area.

Area - 26,128 acres.
Estimated number of inhabited houses according to the rate book -
Rateable Value 242,155. 3059.
Product of penny rate 2102.
Population 11,500.

Extract from Vital Statistics of the year.BIRTHS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	Male	Female	Total.
Legitimate	23	79	162
Illegitimate	1	2	3
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	<u>24</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>165</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 of the Civilian population - 14.5.

Still Births.

Legitimate	1	5	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
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	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

DEATHS.

	63	60	123
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Death rate per 1,000 of the Civilian population - 10.6

Natural increase of population (excess of births over deaths) 42

Number of persons dying in, or in consequence of childbirth :-

From puerperal Sepsis	0
From other maternal causes	0

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of infants under one year of age :-

	Male	Female	Total.
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	0	0	0

Infant Mortality Rate under one year per 1,000 births - 30.2

DEATHS FROM SELECTED CAUSES.

	Male	Female	Total.
Cancer (all ages)	8	5	13
Measles	0	0	0
Heart Disease	7	14	21
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
Influenza	2	1	3
Diphtheria	0	1	1

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEAR.

There have been no new developments or changes in the following services during the year :- Laboratory facilities, Nursing in the Home, Treatment Centres, Clinics and Hospitals.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

There have been no extensions carried out by the Council to any of their water schemes during the year.

Four new service connections have been made to the Hartington Scheme, four to the Doveridge Scheme and twenty four to the Bradley Scheme. The latter includes supplies to an R.A.F. Station and Emergency Hospital.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No new works have been carried out in respect to sewerage or sewage disposal.

Refuse Collection.

Since the Council purchased a 2½ ton Austin Lorry the work of refuse collection has been carried out by direct labour. Fortnightly collections are now carried out in Doveridge in addition to the seven villages previously collected.

The collection of salvage is carried out in every Parish in the District and the following amounts of various classes of goods have been collected and sold:-

	T.	C.	Q.
Paper	63	16	1
Rags	12	8	3
Scrap Iron	38	5	0
Bones	4	4	3
Rubber	17	12	0
	<u>136.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>3.</u>

Housing.

Owing to the difficulties of obtaining labour and materials for repairs, routine housing inspections have been discontinued, and only nuisances are dealt with as reported. In this respect, 240 inspections have been made.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Regular and systematic inspections of all butchers' shops and bakehouses have been made. The following amounts of various types of tinned food have been certified as unfit for food -

- 115 tins pork and beans.
- 18 tins pork luncheon meat
- 400 tins condensed milk
- 46 tins salmon.

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

The particulars of the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during the year are set out in the following tables.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	7	7	0
Diphtheria	5	5	1
Enteric Fever (including typhoid)	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0
Pneumonia	9	9	4
Erysipelas	2	2	0
Measles	40	0	0
Whooping Cough	3	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	2	2	0
Dysentery	1	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS.

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

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1942.

<u>Respiratory.</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
8	13	1

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H.H.HOLLICK.

Medical Officer of Health.

January, 1944.