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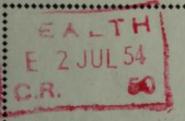
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To the Chairman and Members of the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1953.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population has increased from 6,449 in 1952 to 6,515 in 1953.

It will be noted that the birth and death rates are adjusted for comparison with England and Wales.

The birth rate (16.7) is slightly higher than last year and that for England and Wales (15.5).

The death rate (11.5) is somewhat higher than last year (10.2) and almost the same as that for England and Wales (11.4).

The chief causes of death are from diseases associated with elderly people.

The water supply was satisfactory in quantity and quality, and the Derwent Valley Scheme was completed during the year.

The scheme for the sewering of New Packington is still waiting for the consent of the Ministry.

25 Houses were completed during the year, making a total of 269 houses completed in the Post-War period, 266 of these by the local authority.

The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 284, and the number of applications received during the year was 46.

With respect to general house conditions the position is rapidly deteriorating, due to the large proportion of old property in the area.

176 cases of Infectious Diseases occurred during the year. This included 158 cases of Measles, 2 cases of Food Poisoning, and one of Poliomyelitis (Paralytic). Most of the Measles cases were notified during the month of July. This is the first time cases of Food Poisoning have been notified, and both cases were very mild. The case of Poliomyelitis was mild.

Again I must comment on the low number of children receiving immunisation against Diphtheria, particularly primary Immunisation. There must be a dangerously high percentage of the child population at present susceptible to diphtheria.

I am pleased to say the number on the Tuberculosis Register has fallen, only 2 cases having been added during the year.

I should like to express my thanks to the Staff of the Public Health Department of the County Council for their help and co-operation.

Finally, I must thank Mr. T. H. Farrell, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, and Mr. R. E. Moore, additional Sanitary Inspector for their invaluable help during the year, and to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and courtesy.

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

> A. McM. W. SEGERDAL, M.D., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

General Statistics and Social	Condi	ions	of the Area
Area			6,190 acres.
Population (Registrar General's est	imate)		6,515
Number of Inhabited Houses			2,013
Rateable Value (at 31/12/53)			£38,772
Sum represented by a Penny Rate			£152 0s. 0d.
Comparability factor—Births			1.07
Deaths			0.00

Ashby-de-la-Zouch is a market town, the chief industries of the District are:—Agriculture, Biscuit making, Soap Manufacturing and Glove Manufacturing. A number of workers engaged in Coalmining, Earthenware and Brickmaking are residents in the town. There are also two Public Parks and an Open-air Swimming Bath in the Town. No industry was noted as having a specially injurious effect on the health of the population.

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LIVE BIRTHS:		Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	 	 60	41	101
Illegitimate	 	 0	2	2
		_	-	-
Total	 	 60	43	103
		_	_	_

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 15.6 Adjusted Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 16.7

England and Wales Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 15.5

STILL BIRTHS:		Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	 	 3	1	4
Illegitimate	 	 0	0	0
			_	-
Total	 	 3	1	4
Total		 3	1	4

Crude Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 0.61 Adjusted Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 0.65

England and Wales Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 0.35

DEATHS:	Male	Female	Total
	42	33	75

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population: 11.5 Adjusted Death Rate per 1,000 population: 11.4

England and Wales Death Rate per 1,000 population: 11.4

Causes of Death in 1953

of the Office of the State of t	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	0	3
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	2	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	4	7
Coronary disease, angina	4	2	6
Hypertension with heart disease	0	1	1
Other heart disease	9	9	18
Other circulatory disease	1	4	5
Influenza	1	0	1
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	0	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	0	3
Congenital malformations	. 0	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	5	9
Motor vehicle accidents	2	0	2
All other accidents	2	2	4
Suicide	1	0	1
	-	-	-
	40	33	73
	-	-	

Death Rate from Total Maternal Causes per 1,000 Live and Still Births—0. (England and Wales 0.76).

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :-

atile of Illiants	unacı	1 year	or age	 Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	·			 3	0	3
Illegitimate				 0	0	0
				-	-	-
Total				 3	0	3
			*	-	-	

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age—29.3 per 1,000 Live Births. (England and Wales)—26.8 per 1,000 Live Births.

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :-

Midefiered surjected community for	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	0	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
		-	-
	3	0	3
	_	_	-
Chief Causes of Death in 1953:—			mend.
Diseases of Heart and Circulation		37	
Malignant Neoplasm (all forms)		8	

SECTION B

General Provisions of Health Services for the Area HOSPITALS

All hospitals are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board, with the exception of a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes. The County Homes for aged and infirm people are under the County Council. When they become ill they are the responsibility of the Hospital Board.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist Schoolroom, Ashby. An Ante-natal Clinic is held at the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, and the Tuberculosis Clinic at Markfield Sanatorium. The Tuberculosis Clinic is under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

NURSING IN THE HOME

All District Nursing and Midwifery in the home is under the County Council. A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and visits the patients in their homes.

HEALTH VISITING

This work is provided, as before, by the County Council, and is ably carried out in the Area.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester

The examinations performed on behalf of the District in the County Laboratory are as follows:—

Throat and Nose	Swabs			4
Faeces and Urine				2
Blood				3
Sputa	consin	TICL BI	T. POP	15
Water	(emm	of line	ministra)	2
Ice-cream				8
Whooping Cough	Swabs			4
Miscellaneous	Tenleh		and the	3
				-
Total				41
				-

Generally there is co-operation between the local authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and the Hospital Board, and the tendency is towards closer integration.

SECTION C

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The water is supplied by the Ashby and Swadlincote Joint Water Board and is satisfactory in quantity and quality.

Particulars of Water Supply to Dwelling Houses in the District— Internal Mains Water Supply—

No. of Dwelling Houses, 1,938. Estimated Population, 6,215.

Mains Water from External Standpipes-

No. of Dwelling Houses, 63. Estimated Population, 252.

Well Water Supply—

No. of Dwelling Houses, 12. Estimated Population, 48.

Apart from a few isolated dwellings, the whole of the urban area is supplied with water from the public mains.

Number of cases in which Pipe supply was substituted for Well Water—6.

No wells were closed or cleansed, and no samples of well water taken for analysis.

Post-War Proposals.—Completion of Derwent Valley Scheme.

Sewage Disposal.

Number of cesspools constructed during the year-Nil.

Number of cesspools abolished during the year—17.

Total number of cesspools in District on 31st December, 1953—48 (estimated).

No extension of sewers, new works or improvements during the year. Apart from New Packington, the whole district is well sewered.

The scheme for the sewerage of New Packington 28 houses—awaits the consent of the Ministry.

Closet Accommodation

Total number in District on 31st December, 1953 (Estimated) -

- (a) Privies 33
- (b) Pail closets 27
- (c) Water closets 1,909

Number of closets converted to the water carriage system during the year:—

- (a) Privies 2
- (b) Pail closets 2

No grant is made towards the cost of conversion.

Number of privies (middens) converted to pail closets during the year: 1.

Earth closets, privies, ashpits, and cesspools are cleansed by Council workmen, and disposed of on arable land and ploughed in.

Pail closets are emptied weekly, and contents disposed of in the same way.

Public Cleansing

Domestic refuse is removed weekly by direct labour over the whole area by two Karrier Bantam lorries, and the contents disposed of to two controlled tips.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

(a) Total number of complaints received 498

372

- (b) Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with
- (c) Total number of defects or nuisances dealt with 586

Particulars of Inspections Made

				Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping				17
Dalada		•	ilm	14
D				28
	11 000		-	36
Drainage Works	••			
Dwelling-houses (all purp	oses)			310
Food Premises				35
Offensive Trades				4
Refuse Collection and D	isposal		HOUSE D	300
Rodent Control	Wit D		i ()	230
Schools				7
Shops				37
Slaughter-houses				7
Smoke Observations				23
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	65			0
Verminous and Dirty Pr	remises			4
Water Supplies				24
Workshops, outworkers,	etc.			109
Other Inspections				68
and converse to the				-
	Total			1253
				-

Notices

Preliminary Notices

No of Persons, Planter 61.			Housing	Public Health
Outstanding on 1st January, 1953	4.		15	5
Issued during year			39	163
Complied with during year			28	152
Statutory action necessary		441.3	0	0
Outstanding 31st December, 1953			26	16

Statutory Notices

Statutory Notices, Nil.

Summary action, Nil.

Shops

Particulars of action taken during the year under the provisions of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950.

	Outstanding	Defects	Defects	Outstanding
15	t Jan., 1953	found	remedied	31st Dec., 1953
Sanitary	and delivery O	MORIDA		
Conveniences	0	0	0	0
Temperature	0	3	3	0
Ventilation	0	5	5	0
Washing Facilities	0	10	10	0
Lighting	0	4	4	0
Facilities for takin	g			
Meals	0	0	0	0
Regulated Build	lings			
Class of Building	No. in	No. of	Action	General
	District	Inspections	Taken	Conditions
Offensive Trades	1	4	0	satisfactory

Eradication of Bed Bugs

One house, not a council house, found infested, and disinfected with D.D.T. by means of zaldezide spray and fumigator, carried out by local authority.

To ensure that tenants' belongings are vermin free before removal to a Council house, pre-removal inspection is carried out by the Housing Manager.

Periodic inspection undertaken for the supervision of education of tenants to prevent infestation or re-infestation.

The Pet Animal Act, 1951

No premises in the area.

Rag Flock and other Filling Material Act, 1951

No premises in the area.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Inspection of district, including baiting of public sewers. Treatment of infested premises. One part-time Rodent Operator.

Schools

No action taken.

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public	
No. in Area:—	
(a) Publicly owned	1
(b) Privately owned	1
No. of Inspections	16
SECTION D	
Inspection and Supervision of Food	
Ice Cream	
Number of Premises registered :—	
(a) Manufacture and retail	0
(b) Manufacture only	0
(c) Retail only	15 .
Number of Samples taken	8
Results of Samples :	
Grade 1—8 Grade 2—0	
Grade 3—0 Grade 4—0	
Number of Samples of "Lollies" taken	4
Results satisfactory	4
Milk Supply Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors (Section	Q
Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949):—	0
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D' - ''	11
Number of Inspections made	19
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous	
year	0
Number of contraventions found during year	0
Number of contraventions remedied during year	0
Number of contraventions outstanding on 31st Dec.,	
1953	0
Bacteriological Milk Samples:	
None taken by Urban District Council.	
Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilise	ed Milk
Regulations, 1949.	
Particulars of Licences issued:—	9770
Dealers Licences—Pasteurised	1
Sterilised	0
Supplementary Licences—Pasteurised	1
Starilized	- 11

Milk (Special Design	nations)	(Raw Mi	ilk) Regula	tions, 1949.
Particulars of Lic	ences issu	ied:—		
Dealers' Lice	ences			1
Supplementar	ry Licenc	es		2
Meat and Other Fo	ods			
No. of Regional S	laughter I	Houses in	Area	Nil
No. of Animals sla	aughtered	elsewher	e	Nil
No. of Animals ex	ramined el	lsewhere	de la constitución	None known
No. of inspections	of meat a	at time of	slaughter	Nil
No. of Knackers				1
No. of visits to K	nackers Y	ards		3
Carcases Inspected	and Con	demned	pod zodani	
Number inspected				Nil
Number condemn				Nil
Meat Stalls				
Number of Inspec	ctions			Nil
Meat Shops, Meat		tc.		
Number of Inspe				46
Places where food		an mea	t) is kept	
prepared for sa	A SECTION ASSESSMENT OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR		•	
Number of Inspec				54
No or invade of Land				
	SEC	CTION I	E	
		ousing		
Houses completed d				
The state of the s	Prefab.			Aver. Rent
	Per-	Per-	Aver. Cost	inclusive or
			per House	
	Туре		n ponilisada	Rates
Local Authority	707	2	£1,650	30/- inclusive
By Private Enterprise		13	£2,000	All Owner
But the more males in horse			~	occupier
Houses in course of	erection	at end	of year:	
By Local Authority	Nil	32	Nil	Nil
By Private Enterprise	Nil	12	Nil	Nil
Samuel Control				
Total number of Po			700	226
By Local Authoric By Private Entern				43
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Applications for Council Houses	
Total number at end of year	284
Applications received during the year	46
Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.	
Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing	1
defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	109
Number of inspections made for the purpose Number of dwelling-houses (included above) which were	171
inspected and recorded under the Housing Consoli-	
dated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	0
Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so danger-	
ous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to	
under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all	
respects reasonably fit for human habitation	109
Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Fo	rmal
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in con-	
sequence of informal action by the Local Authority or	
their Officers	67
Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.	
No action taken.	
Housing Act, 1936—Part 4—Overcrowding:	
Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	22
Number of families dwelling therein	6
Number of persons dwelling therein	20
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	8
Number of persons concerned in such cases	18
Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again	
become overcrowded after the Local Authority have	PA SEL
taken steps for the abatement of overcrowdingkn	own 1
The position with respect to general house conditions is re-	
deteriorating due to large proportion of old property in the distr	ict.

Housing Summary.

Total number of houses occupied in District		2,013
Total number of Council Houses occupied in Distric	t	400

Housing Act, 1949

Number of Applications for reconditioning grants .. 2

SECTION F

Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious Diseases

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1953

Disease		Final numbers fter correction	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever		1	0	0
Measles		158	0	0
Pneumonia	lqlq.	3	0	0
Whooping Cough		9	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia		1	0	0
Food Poisoning		2	0	0
Poliomyelitis		1	0	0
Meningococcal Infection	on	1	1	0
		-	-	-
		176	1	0
			_	-

Analysis Under Age Groups according to Registrar General's Return 118d

	Scarlet	Whooping	Λ	Meningococcal
Age Period	Fever	Cough	Measles	Infection
Under 1 year	 0	1	4	0
1-2	 0	2	31	1
3—4	 0	2	33	0
5—9	 1	4	84	0
10-14	 0	0	2	0
15-24	 0	0	3	0
25 and over	 0	0	1	0
		all the same		drap-
Total	 1	9	158	1
	00		-	

Age Period	oliomyeliti Paralytic)	s Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Food Poisoning
Under 5 years	 0	0	0	0
5—14	 1	0	0	0
15—44	 0	1	1	2
45-64	 0	1	0	0
65 and over	 0	1	0	0
Age unknown	 0	0	0	0
	_			
Total	 1	3	1	2
	-	-		

The two cases of Food Poisoning were very mild, and no organisms were isolated on investigation, nor was it possible to trace the source of infection.

Immunisation against Diphtheria

Number of Children who were immunised during the period 1st January—31st December, 1953

Age at	Unde	er									
31/12/53 i.e. born in year	1953	1 1952	1951	3 1950	1949	5 1948	6 1947	7 1946	8 1945	9 1944	Total
Primary Immunisation	7	24	8	1	00-	-1	-	-	-	-	41
Booster Dose	-	-	-	-	1	16	7	-	1	1	26

Statement of Particulars appearing in the Tuberculosis Register for the year 1953

	Pulmonary			Non-P	Total		
	М.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
No. of cases on the Register at the com-							
mencement of year	15	6	21	4	4	8	29
No. of cases notified during the year	i	0	1	0	1	1	2
Number of cases restored to the Register	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Pulmonary			Non-P	Total		
	М.	F.	Total	М.	F.	Total	
No. of cases added other than by formal notifica-							
tion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of cases removed from							
Register during the year	4	2	6	1	1	2	8
No. of cases remaining on the Register at end							
of year	12	4	16	3	4	7	23

Causes of Removal

		Pulmonary		Non-Pulm	onary		
		М.	F.	М.	F.	Total	
Died		 2	0	0	0	2	
Left District		 1	2	0	1	.4	
Cured		 1	. 0	1	0	2	
		_	_	-	durktingt.	_	
Tota	ıl	 4	2	1	1	8	
		-	-	15 2 -	-	-	

There is free co-operation between the Local Authority and the Chest Physician, and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, rehousing and employment. A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily, and general practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

Resumé of Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1953, previously sent to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service, Headquarters, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

Part I of the Act

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Inspec- tions	Written notices
Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by			
Local Authorities Factories not included in which Section 7 is enforced by the	5	5	1
Local Authority	32	43	6
	E VOTE AND	-	-
Total	37	48	7
	_	_	-

2.-Cases in which defects were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more Cases).

	Number of cases in which defects were found	
Particulars	Found	Remedied
Want of Cleanliness	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
(a) not separate for sexes	1	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	3
Other offences against the Act (not in-		
cluding offences relating to Outworkers)	7	7
	_	-
	12	10
	_	- 191

Part VIII of the Act Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

	No. of Outworkers
Nature of Work	in August List
	required by Sec. 110
Lace Curtains and Nets	2





