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ABSTRACTED REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1944.

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Part Time.

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My Lord and Gentlemen,

I herewith beg to submit my report for the year 1944.

SECTION A.

Area	14,046 acres.
Total Population	2,000.
No. of inhabited houses	602.
Rateable Value	£10,612.
Sum represented by Penny Rate	260.

SOCIAL CONDITION - The main industry is agriculture.

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<u>Live Births.</u>	Total	32	15	17	Birth rate per 1,000 of
	Legitimate	31	15	16	estimated resident pop-
	Illegitimate	1	1	1	ulation - 16.

Still Births. Legitimate. 2.

<u>Deaths</u>	Total	23	13	10	Death rate per 1,000 of
					estimated resident pop-
					ulation - 23.

Deaths from puerperal sepsis Nil.

Deaths from other puerperal causes Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births ...	Nil.
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births ...	Nil.
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births .	Nil.

Deaths from measles (all ages) ... Nil.

Deaths from whooping cough ... Nil.

Deaths from diarrhoea ... Nil.

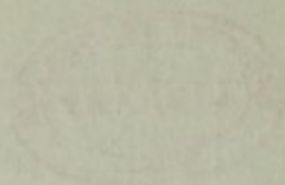
(under 2 yrs of age) Nil.

Corresponding rates for England & Wales:-

Birth Rate	17.6
Death Rate	11.6
Death Rate per 1,000 live births	
of all infants under 1 year of age	46.

There has been an increase in the Birth Rate of the District of 1.0 compared with 1943.

There has been an increase in the Death Rate of the District of 10.0 compared with 1943.



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SECTION B.

(a). LABORATORY FACILITIES.

By contract with Ministry of Health Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, at the cost of £7. 10. 0. per annum.

(b). AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(1). Infectious Cases - Ambulance provided by Peterborough Isolation Hospital.

(2). Non-infectious Cases - St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Stamford..

(c). Nursing in the Home.

(1). General - Nursing facilities provided by the Barnack and District Nursing Association, maintained by private subscriptions and an annual grant of £20 from the Peterborough County Council.

(2). Infectious Cases - No provision made by the Council.

(d). CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

Nil.

(e). HOSPITALS, PUBLIC AND VOLUNTARY.

No hospital is situated in the District. Acute medical and surgical cases are admitted to Stamford Rutland & General Infirmary.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1). WATER. - Barnack. The villages of Barnack, Fillingate, Sainton, Ashton & Ufford have a piped supply of water obtained from the Council's bore hole at Fillingate.

Quality of water - Samples of raw water taken during September 1944 showed unsatisfactory bacteriological results.

Investigation for any local source of pollution proved negative and subsequent bacteriological examinations were satisfactory. As this water from the Lincolnshire limestone is very similar to that of a neighbouring bore-hole in Stamford, which also showed a temporary contamination at about the same time, it was assumed that the contamination originated at some distance.

Water is chlorinated at source; no other treatment is given.

Quantity - Adequate.

70 - 75% of dwelling houses are supplied direct from public mains - the remainder depend upon neighbouring standpipes. A surface well supplying 14 cottages

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at Southorpe Terrace in the parish of Barnack was found to be heavily polluted by bacteriological examination. Cleaning and repairing of well produced unsatisfactory results. Application has been made to the Ministry for permission to connect these houses to the main Barnack supply.

Thornhaugh -

The villages of Thornhaugh and Mansford have a piped supply obtained from a spring at Thornhaugh.

Water has been satisfactory in quantity and quality.

Water is chlorinated at source, no other treatment is given.

70% of dwelling houses are supplied direct from mains.

(2). DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The district is without any sewage disposal system. At the request of the Council a complete survey of the District has been made by a consulting Engineer and plans have been prepared for the post war installation of a sewage disposal system.

(1). CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. -

Pail closet.

(2). PUBLIC CLEANSING -

By the Council scavenger of pail closet and dry-house refuse, throughout the District.

(3). SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Complaints - Formal - 18 received. Necessary action taken in all cases.

No. of inspections made - 57. Re-visits - 83.

18 informal notices have been served under Public Health and Housing Acts during the year.

(4). SCHOOLS.

Pail closets are in use in all schools. Barnack has a twice weekly collection by scavenger.

SECTION D. - HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

Owing to the shortage of labour and materials the practice is still to inspect houses only upon complaint.

Apart from a few verbal requests to owners to carry out repairs, only 3 informal Notices have been served during the year. These, together with the verbal requests have been complied with.

The above figures are very low, but it must not be assumed that the housing situation is satisfactory. On the contrary, it will be very necessary as soon as the war is over, if not before, to carry out a systematic house to house inspection throughout the District. This will entail a considerable amount of work and additional staff will be required.

Salvage of waste.

Materials salvaged during the year have been :-

	T.	wt.	qrs.	lbs.		£.	s.	d.
Paper & books.	3	2.	3	0	value	25	7	2
Textiles.	2	3	14		"	2	4	3
Bones.	5	0	0		"	1	4	4
Totals.	3	10	2	14		28	15	9.

Salvage collection has only been possible owing to the valuable help from voluntary effort in the village. The amount is considerably less than last year.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a). Milk and Dairies Order.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

New premises registered during the year:-

Producers (wholesale) - 0.

Particulars of Register at end of year :-

Producers (wholesale)	-	10.
Do. (Retail)		5.
Do. (Butter only)		5.
		<u>20</u>

Periodical inspections have been made throughout the year.

Considering the shortage of labour, cowsheds and dairies are kept reasonably clean.

Plans.

Four plans were submitted for approval; three were approved and the work carried out in two instances.

(b). Meat and other Foods. - Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924:-

Slaughter houses None in use.

Bake-houses :-

Number in use in the District ... 3.

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Patients suffering from Typhoid, Para-Typhoid, Cerebro spinal Fever, Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital at a weekly charge of £5. 5. 0. per case. Hospital accommodation has proved adequate.

Small-pox accommodation is provided at the Kesteven and Rutland Small-pox Joint Committee's Hospital (20 beds), at Shacklewell Hollow.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.

Free immunization of all children of school and re-school age is provided free of cost by :-

- (a) The County Council: Inoculations are being performed by the County Medical Officer of Health.

(b). The District Council under the General Practitioners' service of 2/6 per inoculation with a maximum of 5/- per child.

(a). Immunizations performed during the year:-

1 - 5 yrs of age - 30. (7 performed at Stamford Clinic).
5 - 15 " " " - 5.

(b). No record of any inoculations having been performed.
No fees claimed.

% of child population immunised in the District:-

	Sept/41.	June/42.	Dec/42.	June/43.	Dec/43.	June/44.	Dec/44.
Under 5 yrs.	3.6%	54.5%	77.7%	63%	64.6%	72.0%	74.5%
5 - 15 yrs.	37.2%	86%	96.4%	73%	75%	73.6%	72.4%

No case of Diphtheria has been reported, during the year.

SCABIES.

Patients are treated at the Stamford scabies Clinic by contract with the Kesteven County Council at the cost of 1s. 1s. 0. per case, and 5/- for protective treatment.

The scheme provides for a visit to the infected house by a trained Health Visitor, and also transport to and from the Clinic where distance renders this essential.

In no cases have persons refused treatment. Details of treatment given at the Stamford Clinic during the year ending 31st. December 1944:-

Number of houses infected	...	...	5.
Number of adults - Men	...	...	2.
Women	...	...	8.
Children	...	...	7.

A total decrease of 5 treated compared with 1943.

BED BUGS.

No case of infestation has been reported during the year.

PEDICULOSIS.

No cases were reported. No facilities for disinfecting persons exist in the District, reliance would have to be placed in the use of Stamford Cleansing Centre.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES. (Other than Tuberculosis).

	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	3	2	-
Pneumonia.	2 + 2 Service.	1 Service.	-
Malaria.	1 "	1 "	-
Menigitis.	1 "	1 "	-
Diphtheria.	1 "	1 "	-
B. Dysentery.	1	1	-
E. Typhus.	1	-	-
Typhoid Fever.	1 Service.	1 Service.	-
S. Cough.	7	-	-
Measles.	1 + 1 "	-	-

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Births	4,000,000	4,100,000	4,200,000	4,300,000	4,400,000	4,500,000	4,600,000	4,700,000	4,800,000	4,900,000	5,000,000
Deaths	1,500,000	1,600,000	1,700,000	1,800,000	1,900,000	2,000,000	2,100,000	2,200,000	2,300,000	2,400,000	2,500,000

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Deaths	1,500,000	1,600,000	1,700,000	1,800,000	1,900,000	2,000,000	2,100,000	2,200,000	2,300,000	2,400,000	2,500,000

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NON-NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Nothing of importance to report.

- (a). CANCER. - There has been no undue prevalence of Cancer in the District.
- (b). PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. Nil.
- (c). TUBERCULOSIS. - New cases and mortality during 1944:-

	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Resp.</u>		<u>Non-Resp.</u>		<u>Resp.</u>		<u>Non-Resp.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
15 - 25 yrs.	2	(Service)	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 45 "	1	"	-	-	1	v	v	-

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Medical Officer of Health.

July 1945.

Summary of Information to Report

1. Subject - There has been no change in the situation in the district.

2. Location - All.

3. Remarks - For same and details during 1944.

Date		Location		Remarks	
1944	1	1	1	1	1
1944	2	2	2	2	2
1944	3	3	3	3	3
1944	4	4	4	4	4
1944	5	5	5	5	5
1944	6	6	6	6	6
1944	7	7	7	7	7
1944	8	8	8	8	8
1944	9	9	9	9	9
1944	10	10	10	10	10

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