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ABBREVIATED REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1945.

Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health - W. Anley Hawes, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., Lond.  
Part Time.

Sanitary Inspector - Mr. C. Green, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I herewith beg to submit my report for the year 1945.

SECTION A.

Area .....	14,545 acres.
Total Population .....	1993.
No. of Inhabited Houses .....	509.
Rateable Value .....	£15,603.
Sum represented by Penny Rate .....	263.18.2d.

SOCIAL CONDITION - The main industry is agriculture.

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<u>Live Births.</u>	Total	38	15	23	) Birth Rate per 1,000 of
	Legitimate	35	12	23	) estimated resident pop-
	Illegitimate	3	3	0	) ulation - 19.0

Still Births.  
Legitimate 1

<u>Deaths.</u>	Total	17	9	8	) Death Rate per 1,000 of
					) estimated resident pop-
					) ulation - 8.5

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 .....	26.9
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate births ...	28.9
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate births .	Nil.

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

Deaths from Whooping Cough ..... Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs of age) .. Nil.

Corresponding rates for England and Wales :-

Birth Rate .....	16.1
Death Rate .....	11.4
Death Rate per 1,000 live births	
of all Infants under 1 year of age	46.0

There has been an increase in the Birth Rate of the District of 3.0 compared with 1944.

There has been a decrease in the Death Rate of the District of 14.5 compared with 1944.

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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 - VOLUNTARY AND PUBLIC.

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

## SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) WATER.      BARNACK.      The villages of Barnack, Pilsgate, Bainton, Ashton and Ufford have a piped supply of water obtained from the Council's bore hole at Pilsgate.

Quality of water -      Samples of raw water at source taken during the year for bacteriological analysis have shown very satisfactory results.

Quantity of water -      Has been adequate. It is estimated that 70-75% of dwelling houses are supplied direct from public mains, the remainder depend on neighbouring standpipes.

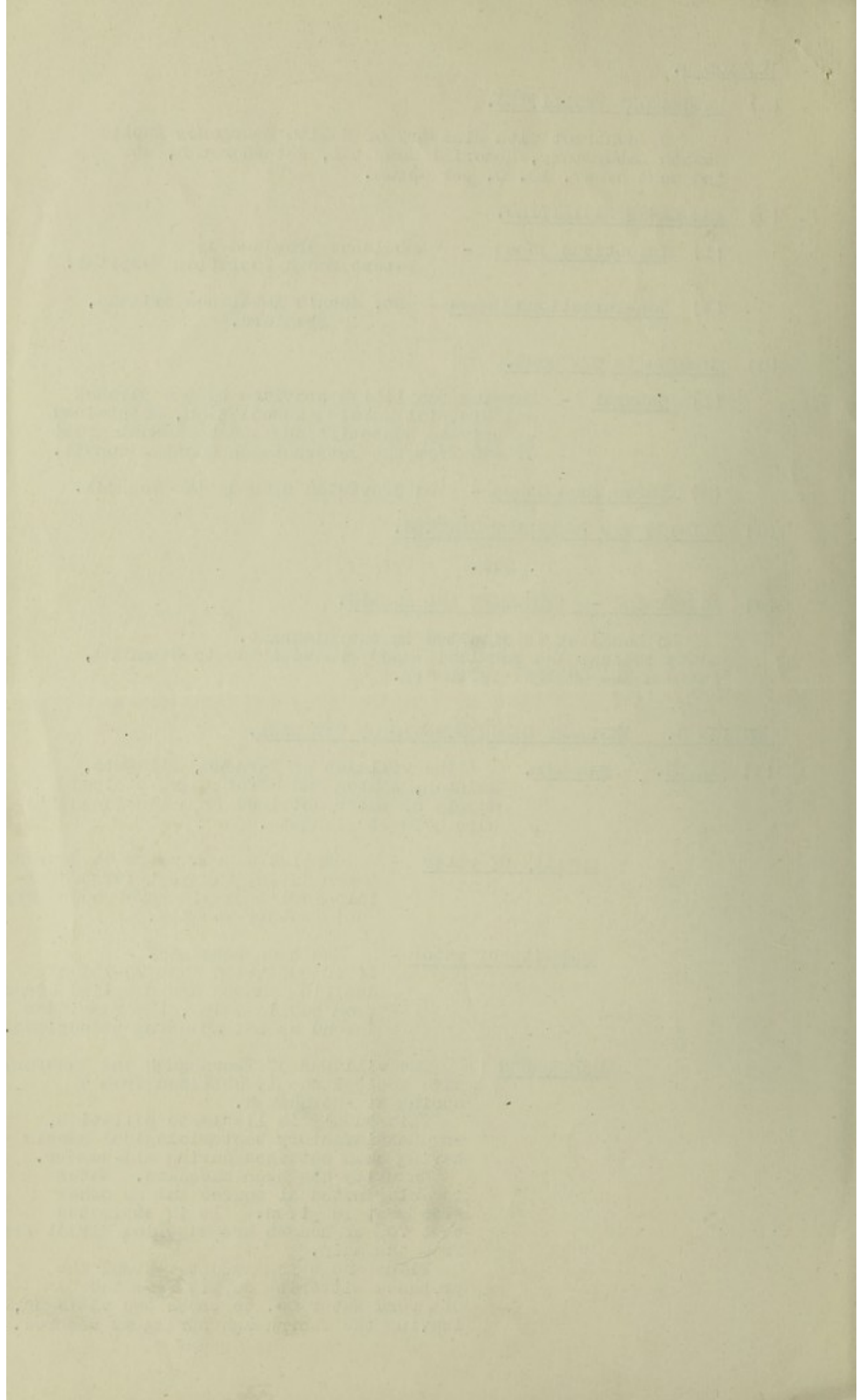
### THORNHAUGH

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

This supply is liable to pollution, an unsatisfactory bacteriological sample having been obtained during mid-summer.

Quantity has been adequate. Water is chlorinated at source and no other treatment is given. It is estimated that 70% of houses are supplied direct from the main.

Plans are being made to extend the proposed Wittering supply from the Stamford Water Co. to these two villages, leaving the Thornhaugh spring as reserve.



(2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Difficulty has been experienced in providing adequate collection of night soil and greater difficulty in obtaining suitable sites for disposal, owing to the intense cultivation of all land.

At the request of the Council, a plan for a complete sewerage system in the whole District has been prepared by Consulting Engineers and will shortly be ready for submission to the Ministry of Health.

2. (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 - 7 received. Necessary action taken in all cases.

No. of inspections made - 78. Re-visits - 135.

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, or those houses known to be liable to recurring defects.

Only 6 Informal Notices were served.

Salvage of Waste.

A small amount only has been collected. Owing to lack of volunteer help, collection has now ceased.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a). MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

2 Wholesale and 1 Retail licences were granted and 1 Wholesale and two butter producing licences were cancelled during the year.

Particulars of Register at end of year:-

Producers (Wholesale)	-	13.
Do. (Retail)	-	6
Do. (Butter only)	-	4
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The cowsheds, dairies etc, of the larger cowkeepers are well up to standard, the remainder maintain a reasonable standard of cleanliness, but many of the cowsheds and dairies are well below the standard required, and will have to be dealt with in the very near future.





Plans - 15 plans were submitted for approval during the year.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1934:-

Slaughter Houses ..... None in use.

BAKEHOUSES.

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 £3. 3. 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.

The incidence of notifiable infectious diseases has been extremely low during the year. No diphtheria, 3 cases only of Scarlet Fever, 1 Whooping Cough, 36 measles and 1 meningitis.

The last measles epidemic occurred in 1941.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Free immunisation of all children of school and pre-school age is provided free of cost:-

- (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.

Percentage Immunization in relation to child population:-

Children who had completed full course of immunization up to 31. December 1945.

Under 5 years.	-	44%
5 - 15 "	-	72%
All children under 15		61.77%

Number of cases of diphtheria in the District :-

1945	-	0
1944	-	0
1943	-	0
1942	-	0
1941	-	1
1940	-	3

SCABIES.

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

No facilities for ambulance transport are now available.



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Number of houses infected ..... 8

Number treated at Stamford Clinic  
during the year:-

Males .....	3
Females .....	12
Children .....	9
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	24.

BED BUGS.

No case of infestation has been reported  
during the year.

PEDICULOSIS.

3 persons were found to be suffering from  
pediculosis. All were treated at the Stamford Clinic.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES. (Other than Tuberculosis).

	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	3	2	0
Pneumonia.	1 Service.	1 Service.	-
Malaria.	-	-	-
Meningitis.	1	1	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever.	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	1	-	-
Measles.	36 2 Service.	-	-

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. Nothing to report.

(c) TUBERCULOSIS. New cases and mortality during  
the year:-

Years.	New cases.				Deaths.			
	Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
25 - 35.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

*B. H. H. H.*

Medical Officer of Health.

July 1946.

