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BOROUGH OF BASINGSTOKE

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

July 1945



To :-

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Basingstoke.

I beg to present my report for the year 1944, the lateness of which is caused by the necessary statistics not being received earlier.

Yours faithfully,

M. Avent.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

1.

Population - Registrar General's estimate..... 15,990

BIRTHS

	Total	Male	Female	
Legitimate	267	138	129	Birth rate 18.4
<u>Live births</u>				England & Wales
Illegitimate	28	12	16	17.6
Still births	4	3	1	Rate per 1,000 births - 14.

<u>DEATHS</u>	172	90	82	Death rate - 10.7 England & Wales 11.6
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Death rate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births..... 27  
England and Wales..... 46

Deaths from Measles.....	Nil
Whooping cough.....	Nil
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....	Nil
Cancer.....	27
Heart and arterial diseases.....	45
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	4
Non- Pulmonary ".....	1

1948-1949  
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The Bureau of the Census has been authorized to collect data on the number of persons in the United States who are employed in the various occupations and industries of the country. This information is needed for the purpose of determining the economic status of the population and for the purpose of planning for the future.

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Occupation	Number of persons	Percentage of total
1. Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	1,200,000	1.2%
2. Manufacturing and construction	1,800,000	1.8%
3. Commerce, transportation, and communication	1,500,000	1.5%
4. Services	1,300,000	1.3%
5. Unemployed	1,000,000	1.0%

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2.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

	<u>Notified</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital</u>
Diphtheria	4	3
Scarlet Fever	56	20
Whooping Cough	17	
Measles	3	
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	
Erysipelas	2	
Anterior Poliomyelitis	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	15	
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	23	

ISOLATION HOSPITALAdmissions

	<u>Scarlet Fever</u>	<u>Diphtheria</u>	<u>Total</u>
Borough	20	3	23
Basingstoke Rural District	10	2	12
Kingsclere & Whitchurch R.D.	2	1	3

3.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

No. of children who have completed treatment.....	260
Under 5 years.....	211
5 years and under 15 years.....	49

The Town was again fortunate in having a small amount of Infectious Disease, most of which was of a mild nature. During the current year a widespread epidemic of measles has covered most of the country, including Basingstoke.

Scabies continues to occur more than normally : 203 cases were treated at the Clinic during the year.

4.

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply of the Town has been analysed regularly and frequently and the Analyst's reports show that chemically and bacteriologically it is a very satisfactory supply. Only a very small number of houses have a private independent supply and are not connected to the main.



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODMeat and Other Foods

467 visits have been made to the slaughterhouse and other food premises during the year, and 4,544 carcasses have been inspected. In all 3 tons. 1 cwt. 2 qtrs.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. of food have been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This weight does not include canned and packeted foods not usually sold by weight.

Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed	22	38	1,652	2,436	396	4,544
Number inspected	22	38	1,652	2,436	396	4,544
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	3	4	2	4	-	13
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	12	10	1	18	11	52
Percentage diseased.	68.1	36.8	0.18	0.90	2.77	1.43
<u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	3	1	-	1	7
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	7	-	-	2	11
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis	18.1	26.3	0.06	-	0.75	0.39


Notices

192 notices (written and verbal) were served during the year.

Complaints

196 complaints have been received.





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# SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

## Classified statement of Premises inspected.

Inspections under the Housing and Public Health Act.....	329
Works in progress.....	57
Reinspections.....	141
Visits to slaughterhouse.....	164
Knackers Yard.....	2
Visits to food premises.....	303
In connection with infectious diseases.....	33
Public conveniences.....	17
Shops Acts.....	5
Rats and Mice Destruction Act.....	92
Overcrowding.....	1
Watercourses.....	7
Petroleum Act.....	10
Factories Act.....	18
Cow sheds and Dairies.....	5
Marine Stores.....	1
Interviews.....	154
Miscellaneous visits.....	101
Schools.....	1
Total	750

## DRAINAGE

Smoke tests applied....3

## INFECTED ROOMS AND ARTICLES

Rooms disinfected.....	27
Blankets       ".....	32
Books           ".....	45

## TABLE II.

## DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS REMEDIED

<u>Water supply</u>	Pittings repaired.....18
<u>Water Closets.</u>	Reconstructed or new provided..... 5
	New pans fixed.....13
	Defective flush pipes repaired.....19
	Cisterns repaired or renewed.....31
	Apartment lighted, ventilated etc..... 1
	Walls, floors, roofs etc. repaired.....10
<u>Soil pipes</u>	Repaired or renewed..... 1





TABLE II (Cont.d.)

<u>Drains.</u>	Reconstructed.....	6
	Cleansed.....	15
	Repaired.....	3
	Cesspools cleansed or repaired.....	2
<u>Manholes</u>	New provided.....	1
	Repaired and covers renewed.....	1
<u>Ventilation shafts</u>		
	Fresh air inlets repaired.....	1
<u>Sinks, Baths etc. and Waste pipes</u>		
	New sinks provided.....	2
	Waste pipe repaired.....	5
	Waste pipe renewed.....	2
	Waste pipe trapped.....	2
<u>Ash bins</u>	New bins provided.....	25
<u>Yard paving</u>	Newly paved.....	1
<u>Dampness</u>	Roofs repaired.....	11
	Gutters and rain water pipes repaired..	11
	External walls pointed or repaired.....	2
<u>General</u>	Walls and ceilings repaired.....	26
	Rooms cleansed.....	11
	Verminous rooms cleansed.....	25
	Stairs repaired.....	1
	Windows and doors repaired etc.....	25
	Floors repaired.....	12
	Stoves repaired.....	13
	Defective and smoky chimneys repaired..	3
	Coppers repaired.....	6
	Food stores provided.....	2
	Accumulations removed.....	23
	Rat nuisance abated.....	29
<u>Urinals</u>	Repaired or cleansed.....	1
<u>Other matters</u>		
	Cowsheds cleansed etc.....	1
	Animals improperly kept (remedied).....	6
	Yards cleansed.....	3

