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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE BEAMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1944. INCLUDING STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD 1938 - 1944

	PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF						
Medical Officer of Heal Sanitary Inspector & Su Veterinary Surgeon (Par Clerk to the Medical Of	t time) K.I. Marshall M.R.C.V.S.						
	STATISTICS OF THE AREA						
Area in acres	58,693						
Registrar General's est	imate of Population 7,646						
No. of innapited houses	(according to rate books) at end of 1944 2,523						
Rateable value	£37,443						
Sum represented by a Per	nny Rate £166.13.5.						
EXT	PRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS						
Live Births M. F.							
All births 71 75 Legitimate 66 68 Illegitimate 5 7	Birth rate per 1000 resident population = 19.1						
Total births146							
Still Births M. F.							
All still births 1 - Legitimate Illegitimate 1 -	Still birth rate per 1000 resident population = 0.13						
Total still births	1						
Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.							
M. F.							
Total 5 2 Legitimate 5 1							
Legitimate 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Death rate all Infants per 1000 notified births = 47.9						
Deaths from Puerperal Ca	uses Nil.						
	per 1000 live & still births Nil,						
Deaths M. F.							
Total Deaths 57 64	Death rate per 1000 estimated resident population = 15.83						

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES

_		1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
	Typhoid & Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-		-	-
	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
11	Whooping Cough	2	-	-	1		-	2
	Diphtheria	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Tuberculosis of							
	Respiratory System	2	2,	3	2	3	1	1
	Other forms T.B	1	-		1	-	1	1
	Syphillitic Diseases	-	-	9	-	-	-	-
	Influenza	3	2	9	33	2	5	5
2.	Measles	1	-	-	3	-		-
	Acute Poliomyelitis &							
1	Polio Enceph	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Acute Inf. Enceph.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
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	Oesoph (m) Uterus (f)	-	-	2	-	2	2	3
1.	Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum	-	11 20	-	2	7	7	2
5.	Cancer of Breast			540 147 154	2 1 6 1 10	3392951951	2	2 2 13 1 7 7 7 3 4 2 2
	Cancer All Other Sites	16	20	10	ż	0	70	73
3.	Diabetes			1	1	3	17	1
3	Intracranial Vasc. Les.	7	-	7.7	10	9	11	7
	Heart Disease	29	27	37	22	15	23	27
۶.	Other Dis. Circ. System	29	4	1	2	ĭ	í	3
	Bronchitis	1	5	5	5	9	9	Á
	Pneumonia	2	27 4 5 2	4	2 5 2	5	í	2
	Other Resp. Dis	7	-	-	1	ī	12 10 31 23 1 9 1 3	2
	Ulcer of Stomach or							
	Duodenum	1	1	-	-	-	1	2
	Diarrhoea (Under 2 yrs)	1	-	-	1	-		-
	Appendicitis	1	-	-	7	1		3
	Other Digestive Dis	4 2	2 2	3	3 3	2 3	33	1
5.	Nephritis	2	2	3	3	3	3	4
·	Puer. & Post. Abort							
	Sepsis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Maternal Causes	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
	Prematurity	6		4	4	***	2	2
	Con. Mal. Birth. Inj.		1					,
	Inf. Dis	-	4	3	5	3	1	6
	Suicide	-	4 3	3 3 7 18	5 1 2 1 23	- 4	-	-
	Road Traffic Accidents	-		-	2	-	. 2	2 4
	Other Violent Causes	4	1	7	1	4	-	
	All Other Causes	14	35	18	23	9	21	22
						87		

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- 3 -OTHER VITAL STATISTICS

1938	1939	Panel			
	- 7777	1940	1941	1942	1943 1944
7,635	7,624	7,939	8,531	8,293	8,038 7,646
£29603	£30572	£30762	£35769	£36070	£37312 £37443
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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The Council only own one piped supply, namely in Beaminster Parish. This supply, which is continuously chlorinated, yields approximately 100,000 gallons per day, and serves a population of 1,700. There are piped supplies in the villages of Chedington, Corscombe, Evershot, melbury Osmond, Fowerstock, South Perrott and Thorncombe, all privately owned. The remaining villages depend upon wells. Under the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944, messrs. Lemon & Blizzard, on behalf of the Council, made a comprehensive survey of the area. Their Report has been sent to the Dorset County Council for their approval and co-ordination into the schemes for supplying areas adjacent to the Beaminster Rural District. 34 samples were taken for bacteriological analysis, 27 of these from the Beaminster supply which is sampled monthly. 5 samples from the latter were unsatisfactory and appropriate steps were taken to rectify the pollution.

Drainage & Sewerage

Messrs. Lemon & Blizzard, the firm of Chartered Civil Engineers & Surveyors, were asked to report on sewerage to the Council, in connection with the Rural Water Supplies & Sewerage Act. Apart from a few septic tanks, the streams and rivers act as the sewers, with the result that most of these water courses are grossly polluted. This is especially so at Beaminster where the river Brit is very foul.

Sanitary Inspections

The following Inspections were carried out during the year:-

All Purposes	1094			
Informal Notices	230	No.	complied	with129
Statutory Notices	5	"	"	" 5
Shops	5 2			
Factories	5			
Foodstuffs	21 180			
Drains	180			
Housing	243			
Milk & Dairies				
Infectious Diseases	15			
Refuse & Salvage	219			
Nuisances General	152			
Building Bye-Laws	97			
Petrol Storage	-5			
Water Supplies	96			
Knackers Yards	5			

The following foodstuffs were condemned:-

Food	Quantity	Food	Quantity
Cheese	6 1bs.	Tea	25 lbs.
Sugar	6 "	Ootoa	80 "
Biscuits	24 "	Baçon	37 "
Fish	80 "	Co i fee	11 bottles.

Meat.

All the slaughtering for West Dorset is done at a Slaughterhouse situated in the Bridport Rural District. The carcases are inspected on every day that slaughtering takes place, by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the four Councils concerned.

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Cowsheds & Dairies

No.	of	Persons on Register at end of 1944	461
		Dairy Farms & Dairy Premises on Register	460
11		Dairy Farms Inspected	44
11		Inspections	60
		Notices served13 No. complied with	17
11		milkshops Inspected	1
		Notices served Nil No. complied with	Nil

HOUSING

No. of dwelling houses inspected 180 No. of Inspections. 243
No. found to be unfit for human habitation30
No. found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for
human habitation 22
No. of houses in which various defects were remedied 25 No. of new houses erected 4
No. of houses owned by the Local Authority90
Approximate No. of working class houses in the district 1800

Under the Housing of Agricultural Workers Wartime Emergency Act, 4 new houses were erected at Corscombe.

The Council, for part of their Post War Housing programme, have acquired the following sites:-

Parish.	Area.	Proposed No.
Stoke Abbott Bowood. Salway Ash Beaminster Thorncombe Helstock Hershwood Netherbury Mosterton	l acre l acre de acres de acre	6 2 34 20 8 8

RODENT CONTROL

In conjunction with the Bridport R.D.C., a full time Rodent Officer was appointed. A survey of the built up areas in the district was made, after which, those areas found to be inferted were gone over with a view to the destruction of the rats.

The Council were offered, and accepted, delegated powers under the Rats and Mice Destruction Act by the County Council, but as the latter Authority were already responsible for Rodent Control in over 90% of the area, it seems that the work of the two Authorities is overlapping and that the control would have been much better in the hands of one Authority.

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INTECTIOUS DISE,ASES NOTIFIED DURING 1944

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	DISEASE	Coses of	5													Total Cocoo	Dont ha 1
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	Diphtheria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	'	'	1		1		District	District.
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	Pulmonery Tuberculosis	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	-	1	4 -	۱ ۲	1
	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	н	· cu	1	Н	1		, 0	1 1
1	Measles	0	1	cu	1	Н	1	m	N	1	Н	1	1	1	1		1
1	Whooping Cough	68	r÷	9	4	9	9	33	12	1	-	1	1	1	cu	2	1
	TOTALS106	90	н	00	7	7	1	38	16	4	6	2	9	4	9	15	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES 1938 - 1944

DISEASE	Cases	1938 1939 Cases:Deaths Cases:Deaths	Cases:	Desths	1940 Cases:Deaths	Deaths	-	1941 Cases: Deaths	1942 Cases:Deaths		1943 Cases:Desths		1944 Cases:Deaths	14 Desths
Smallpox	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
Diphtheria	9	1	2	1	3	-		1		1		1	1	1
Erysipelas	4	1	5	1	4	1	Н	1		1	. 7	1	9	-
Scarlet Fever	17	1	9	1	4	1	∞	1	16	н	82	1		1
Fuerperal Pyrexia	Н	1	1.	1		1		1	···	1	···	1.	Н	1
Puerperal Fever	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1		1	1.	1		1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	i	1	1	ı		н	1	1	1	1	. 1	1	×	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	N	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	1	1	н	1	1	1		- 1	1	ı	1	1
Dysentery	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1		1	г.	1
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Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	1	Н	1.	cu	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	4	н
Leasles	Not	Not known	н	1	09	1	277	2	32	1	36	1		1
Whooping Cough	Not	Not known	Not	known	12 :	1	. 09	7		1	31 :	1	. 89	N
	97	7	हा	2	108	٠	370	7	72	4	120	3	107	7

The 7 cases of Diphtheria occurring from 1941 to 1943 were not immunised. There was a sharp outbreak of Measles in 1940 and 1941 which, fortunately, was of a fairly mild nature. Whooping Cough was prevalent in 1941 and 1944.

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INVESTIOUS DISEASES

From the <u>Schools</u> the following cases of Infectious and other Diseases were reported:-

57			Whooping Cough	7	cases	of	Chickenpox
25	"	"	Impetigo	2	11	11	Tonsilitis
25	11	11	Measles	2	#	11	Blepharitis
22	11	11	Mumps	1	11	11	Dirtiness
17	III	11	German Measles	1	11	11	Cold & Cough
15	11	11	Influenza	1	11	11	Eczema
15	11	11	Ringworm	1	"	11	Verminous Condition.
10	11		Jaundice	ī	11	11	Pustular Condition.
9	"		Scabies	ī	11	11	Nettlerash
3	11	11	Pyrexia				

TUBERCULOSIS New Cases and Mortality

Age Periods		nary	Non-F	Pulmonary F.		DEAT nary F.		Pulmonary F.
0 - 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	- :	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	2	-	2	-	-	-	- :	-
25 - 35	1	2	-	1	-	-	- :	-
35 - 45	-	:-	-	-	-	-	-	1
45 - 55	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	_	-	-	- :	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	2	2	2	1	-	-	1

Particulars of deaths as follows:

Pulmonary. M. 50 years. Masseur. Duration of disease 3 months. Non-Pulmonary F. 42 years. Private Secretary. Duration of Disease 10 months.

New Cases & Mortality 1938 - 1944

	NEW C		DEATHS Pulmonary Bon-Pulmonary			
	Pulmonary M. F.	Non-Pulmonary M. F.	Pulmonary M. F.	M. F.		
1938	4:4	1 : 2	1:1	1 : -		
1939	1 2	1 1	2 -	- : -		
1940	4 : 4	2 -	2:1	-:-		
1941	1:3	1 :-	1:1	- 1		
1942	6 : 5	1 1	1 2	- : -		
1943	5 : 4	1 2	1 -	1: -		
1944	4:2	2 2	1:-	- 1		
TOTALS	25 24	9 8	9 5	2 2		

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The following tables show the position with regard to Diphtheria Immunisation in Beaminster Rural District as at the end of 1944.

	Sation in Be	Total	SCHOOLS		Total	Total	Percent
	School	Regist	er.Locals	Temp'y . Resident			ls.Locals
	ter Grammar Boys'	153	148 51	5	142	2 8	
"Gi Broadwi	rls'& Infan	+01 7 05	110	15 14	49 96	8	96% 96% 88%
uneding	ton		58	Closed.	54	4	93%
Drimpton	n	34	31	3	27 26	3	87%
Eversno	5	779	27 84	28	26 74	368	96
norditci	Manor	28	22 24	4	11	1	90% 50%
nooke	d	3.5	15	-	24 14	4	100%
wellonia	Usmond	. 53	45	11 4	45	10	93%
Mosterto	n	. 23	15 45 49 19 42	4	44 15	4	90%
Netheron	ck	47	31 48	10	15 40 25 48 18	6	95%
TISHIDISHA	m	70	48 18	16	48	8	100%
South Pe	rrott	. 44	41	3	35	4 6 8 8 1 3	100% 85%
Stoke AD	bott	22	17	Closed			
TOTALS .	be	. 86	75	11	17 56	Nil 10	100% 75%
TOTALS .		.1,118	955	163	860 1	.04	91%
Month.			nity and (e Cer Injec		Special in each	Clinics village Injec	held school. 2nd.
January		1		4	5		7
February	********	2		1	12		11
March		2		-	2		1
April	******	5		1	-		_
May	*******	-		3	-		2
June		2		4	5		5
July	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4		2	29		. 20
August	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	-		-	-		1
September October		7		7	-		_
Tovember		3		4	2		2 .
ecember		5		5	-		_
OTALS		3	••••	3			8
		34		34	63		57
umper of	coildren	2 60	-				
umper of	children ag	ed 0 -	5 years i	n Beamins	ter R.D.	58	39

Percentage..... 55%