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BILLESDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1944

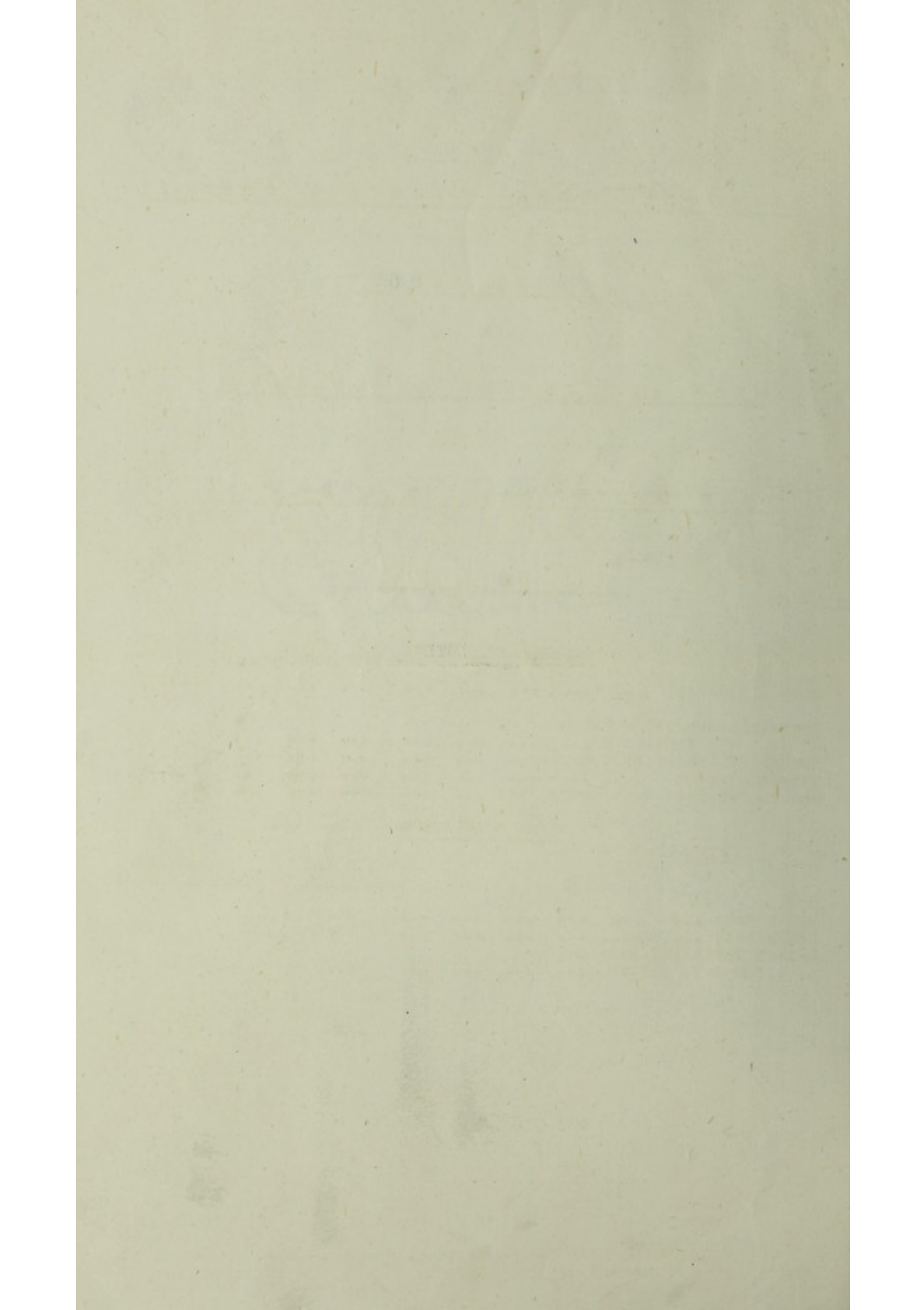
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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) ... ..	49,728
Registrar General's estimate of population... ..	6,756
Number of inhabited houses..	2,135
Rateable value ... ..	£33,799
Sum represented by a penny rate ... ..	£136

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Rate for District</u>	<u>Rate for England &amp; Wales</u>
Birth Rate ... ..	21.9	17.6
Death Rate ... ..	11.8	11.6
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ... ..	27.0	46



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE  
AREA

1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.  
Camb.,

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Sanitary Inspector - A. E. Sweeting, Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board. Associate of the Royal Sanitary Institute. Member of the Sanitary Inspectors Association.

The Sanitary Inspector is also Surveyor and is a whole-time Officer.

(11) Laboratory Facilities.

The following examinations from your area were carried out during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

Milk examinations (bacteriological)	99
Swabs for Diphtheria	14
Sputa for T.B.	14
Sewage and water analyses	39
Urine (general and bacteriological)	7
Urine for T.B.	3
Miscellaneous	3
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	179
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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (1) WATER

Samples of water taken for analysis:-

	<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Bact.</u>
Tells ... .. Unsatisfactory	-	1
Piped Supply... ..	-	-
Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water ... ..		64
Number of Parishes with piped water supply:-		
from public mains ... ..		8
from private reservoirs.. ... ..		9

For the whole of the year there has been an acute shortage of water at Tilton and for part of the year at Cold Newton, with the result that it had to be carted two or three times a week. It is gratifying to note that the Council is taking active steps to improve conditions in Parishes where there is not a mains supply. A Consulting Engineer has been engaged and alternative Schemes for supplying the whole of the District are being considered.



ORIGINAL ARTICLES

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Number of cesspools in the District  
at the end of 1944 ... ..

403

During the year practically one full length of sewer was relaid, a sewer in Billesdon was diverted and improved and an outfall dyke properly constructed and fenced off. The small Sewage Disposal Works in Thurnby were thoroughly overhauled and well over two-thirds of the outfall ditches in the District were cleansed. Arrangements are being made to deal with these outfall ditches systematically in order that each one is cleansed at least once a year. Many of the sewers in the District are in very poor condition and as this fact is realised by the Council they have appointed an Engineer to prepare schemes for the proper sewerage of the whole of the area.

(1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in the District at the end of 1944:-

(a)	Privies ... ..	117
(b)	Pail Closets ... ..	1424
(c)	Water closets... ..	575

Number of privies converted to pail closets during the year ... .. Nil  
Number of privies converted to Water Closets... .. 6

(11) PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is removed and disposed of as follows:-

Contract Great Glen and Burton Overy - disposal by crude dumping. Direct labour - Thurnby, Houghton, Stoughton, Billesdon, Scraftoft, Hungerton, Tilton, Skeffington and Keyham - disposal by controlled tipping.

Means adopted for the cleansing of earth closets, privies, ashpits and cesspools:-  
Contract Great Glen and Burton Overy. Direct labour - Thurnby, Houghton, Stoughton, Tilton, Scraftoft, Hungerton, Billesdon, Skeffington and Keyham. Disposal by trenching into arable land for night soil and disposal on grass for cesspools.

This service has considerably improved during the year and the number of complaints received during the past few months have been very few. It is hoped that a scheme for the scavenging of the whole District will be prepared and submitted for consideration during 1945. In the past, the Council have only had what might be termed temporary tipping and depot sites but schemes are being considered for a more permanent tip and depot site.

(111) SLAVAGE

Salvage is collected by the Local Authority in scavenged Parishes and in all Parishes by Mr. G. R. Palmer, the Council's Hon. Salvage Officer working with Salvage Stewards in the villages. Village dumps have been formed under Mr. Palmer's directions and are cleared as soon as he is notified by the Organiser that material constituting a load has accumulated. All classes of salvage, excluding pig food, are collected.

(1v) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading should be for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report:-

Total number of complaints received ... ..	113
Total number of defecos or nuisances discovered ... ..	113





Nature of inspections:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re-visits</u>
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	66	149
Tents, Vans, etc.	3	-
Slaughterhouses	-	-
Food Premises	4	-
Dairies and cowsheds	16	-
Offensive trades	-	-
Animal Keeping	-	-
Workshops, etc.	4	-
Shops	-	-
Other Premises	45	-
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	138	149
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NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	-	-
Issued during the year	19	93
Complied with during year	6	92
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st. December	13	1
(Some of the necessary works are in hand, but not yet completed.)		
 <u>Statutory</u>	 <u>Housing</u>	 <u>Other</u>
Outstanding 31st. January	-	-
Issued during year	15	-
Complied with during year	1	-
Outstanding 31st. December	14	-

The Statutory Notices served are made up as follows:-

Served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	6
" " Section 11 " " " "	4
" " Section 15 " " " "	5
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD(a) MILK SUPPLY

	<u>Cowkeepers</u>	<u>Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk other than Cowkeepers.</u>
Number on the Register ... ..	136	40
Number of inspections of Premises...	16	1
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year ... ..	1	-
Number of contraventions found during the year ... ..	-	-
Number of contraventions remedied during the year ... ..	1	-
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st. December ... ..	-	-





### TOTAL CONTRAVENTIONS

	<u>Outstanding from</u> <u>previous year</u>	<u>Found during</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Remedied during</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Outstanding</u> <u>31st. Dec.</u>
Cleansing	-	-	-	-
Structural alterations	-	-	-	-
Utensils	-	-	-	-
Other	-	1	1	-

### MILK SAMPLING

Four samples were taken during the year and each of them proved to be of Grade 1 Standard. An endeavour will be made to carry out a good deal more sampling during the coming year.

### (b) OTHER FOODSTUFFS

A quantity of tinned foods have been surrendered as being unfit for human consumption. The main causes were found to be 'blown' and badly damaged tins.

### H O U S I N G

#### 1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	66
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	149
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ...	25
		Number of inspections ...	61
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	7
(4)		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 ...	59

#### 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers...	9
Number rendered fit by owners ...	6

#### 3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

Number of Notices served ...	6
The work of repair at a number of these houses is in hand but not yet completed	





PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND  
OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	8	-	-
Whooping Cough	11	-	-
Measles	9	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-
Malaria (Military)	1	1	-
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1	1	-

AGE GROUPS

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Under one</u>	<u>1 - 2</u>	<u>2 - 3</u>	<u>3 - 4</u>	<u>4 - 5</u>	<u>5 - 10</u>	<u>10 - 15</u>	<u>15 - 20</u>	<u>20 - 35</u>	<u>35 - 45</u>	<u>45 - 65</u>	<u>65 &amp; over</u>
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	2	1	1	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	1	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Malaria (Military)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1944

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
25 - 35	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
	3	1	-	1	2	1	-	-

SCABIES CLINIC

In September of this year a Scabies Clinic was set up at the Council Offices, Thurnby, and during the period ending 31st. December, 1944, 8 patients were successfully treated.

With the exception of one, all cases have been amongst evacuees, and as it was primarily for this reason the Clinic was started it would appear to be meeting an important need.

