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BOROUGH OF BRACKLEY

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

for the Year 1957

To The Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors of the Borough of Brockley.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1957.

The Vital Statistics for the Borough compare fairly favourably with those for the Country generally, except the infant mortality rate which is the highest recorded for the Borough for many years. There were no epidemics of infectious disease and the total number recorded is quite low.

Your obedient Servant,

Arthur Lucas, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health.

December 1959

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Public Health Committee.

Councillor E.V.G.H.Wherry, Chairman; Councillor E.A.Tutton, Vice Chairman, The Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor R.J.Staniforth, Councillor L.S.Coles; Councillor G.C.Hodges, Councillor W.S.Pope, and Councillor R.T.Spreckley.

Public Health Officers

Medical Officer of Health: Arthur Lucas, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., D.P.H., Also holds appointments of:-Medical Officer of Health, Brackley Rural District Council Medical Officer of Health, Northampton Rural District Council Medical Officer of Health, Northampton Rural District Council Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Northamptonshire County Council and Assistant School Medical Officer of Health Northamptonshire County Council.

Public Health Inspector: Clifford Morgan, C.R.S.H., who also holds the appointment of Borough Surveyor.

Summary of Vital Statistics, 1957

Area of Borough (acres)	 1,685
Population, estimated mid-year	 3,090
Number of inhabited houses, end of 1957	 ••• 986
Rateable Value of Borough 1st October 1957	 £28.717
Sum represented by a Ponny Rate	 ··· £118

Extract from Vital Statistics for the Year

births:			Moles	Females	Total	Eng. & Wales
Legitimate			30	17	47	
Illegitimate Birth-rate per	1.000	of the	1 estimated	- population	1	16.1

<u>Still-births</u>: One still-birth was recorded during the year; this is equivalent to a still-birth rate per 1,000 (live and still-births) of 20.4. The rate for the Administrative County is 18.80 and that for England and Wales, 23.4 same Report of the Meland Collars of House

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	Male	Female Total
Deaths (all causes)	. 21	23 44
Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated pop Deaths from puerperal causes:-	ulation: 14.2;	Eng.& Wales 11.5
Puerperal sepsis	nil	
Other Puerperal causes	••• ••• nil	
Infant Mortality:		
Deaths of infants under one year This is equivalent to an infant mortality	rate of 62.5.	. 3
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)		
Deaths from Measles		. nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough		. nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of a		. nil
Deaths from Pregnancy, child-birth or abo	ort ion	. nil

Area: There was no change during the year in the administrative area of the Borough which remains at 1,685 acres.

Pepulation: The resident mid-year population of the Borough as estimated by the Registrar-General was 3,090 which is the same as the previous year, and vital statistics are based on this figure.

Deaths: The total number of deaths assigned to the Borough by the Registrar-General, after adjusting for inward and outward transferable deaths is 44. The death-rate calculated in the mid-year estimated population is 14.2 as compared with 10.97 for the administrative County of Northamptonshire and 11.5 for England and Wales.

A table giving a list of the causes of death in the Borough for the year under review classified under the various causes if given on page 3.

Births: The number of births which occurred in the Borough during the year was 48. This is equivalent to a birth-rate of 15.5. The rate for the administrative County was 17.03 and that for England and Wales, 16.1

Infant Mortality: Three infant deaths under one year of age were recorded during the year. The rate per 1,000 live births was 62.5 This rate is high and is the highest recorded for many years.

The following table gives the birth-rate, death-rate and infant-mortality rate for the Borough, the administrative County of Northamptonshire and England and Wales for the past five years:-

	Birth-rate			Birth-rate Death-rate			Infa	Infant Mortality Rate		
Year	Brackley	Northampton	England &	Brackley	Nor thampton	England &	Brackley	Northampton	England &	
	Borough	shire	Wales	Borough	shire	Wales	Borough	shire	Wales	
1953	17.0	16.16	15.50	10.20	11.51	11.40	nil	24.70	26.80	
1954	17.1	15.20	15.20	12.80	11.04	11.30	58.8	23.49	25.50	
1955	19.2	15.49	15.00	13.50	11.38	11.70	nil	20.79	24.90	
1956	20.3	16.67	14.60	10.00	11.24	11.30	15.8	19.68	23.80	
1957	15.5	17.03	16.10	14.20	10.97	11.5	62.5	22.53	23.0	

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Registered Causes of Death, 1957

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	Causes	Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	1	1
2	Tuberculosis, other forms,,,	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease		-	-
4 1	Diphtheria		-	-
5	Whooping Cough		-	-
6	Meningococcal infections		-	-
7	Acute Poliomyelitis		-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases		-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	. 1	-	1
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	-	-
12	Malignent neoplasm, breast	-	-	-
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	_	- 10	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	2	4
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	a hadaan	-	-
16	Diabetes	. 1	-	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	. 3	6	9
18	Coronary disease, angina	2	5	7
19	Hypertension with heart disease	_	1	+
20	Othor heart disease	. 3	4	7
21	Other circulatory disease		-	1
22	Influenza		-	-
23	Pneumonia		1	1
24	Bronchitis			1
25	Other disease of respiratory system		_	-
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum			-
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea			-
28	Nonbritis and nonbrasis			1
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32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.		2	4
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	Homicide and operations of War	-		-
	All causes	21	23	44

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SECTION B GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory Facilities: The examination of pathological specimens and samples of water is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Oxford. The service is free and Medical Practitioners in the Borough submit pathological specimens direct to the laboratory.

Ambulance Facilities: Cases of infectious disease requiring hospital treatment are removed and treated at the Isolation Hospitals at Northampton or Oxford.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade continued to operate their Service during the year. The Service operates under contract with the Hospital Managament Authority and was available for the removal to hospital of surgical and noninfectious cases. The service, which is available by day and night is free and is a great asset to residents of the Borough and surrounding area.

Treatment Centres and Clinics: The Infant Welfare Clinic continued to operate during the year and sessions were held on the second Thursday of every month at the Women's Institute, Manor Road. Orthopaedic Clinics, Vision Clinics and Dental Clinics for School Children which are organised by the County Council operated during the year under review. Preventive and after-care services for tuberculosis cases are administered by the County Council.

Nursing in the Home: The County Council operate a complete service within the Borough and "Home Helps" are available in connection with infirm or chronic cases treated at home. The "After-Care" Committee which was established during the year 1955, continued to operate, and a body of willing workers organised efforts to obtain funds, and collect clothing for distribution to those in need.

SECTION C SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supply: The main supply of water for the Borough is from a deep well with a fifteen inch bore hole at the bottom. A submersible electric pump is used to raise the water to two storage tanks of 120,000 and 12,000 gallons capacity respectively. The water is chlorinated but not filtered and samples taken perodically and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination showed that it was of good bacterial purity.

Water from the supplementary main of the Bucks Water Board System was used during the year in order not to make undue demands in the Council's well and not unduly reduce the head level of the water in the borc-hole. No water was taken from the supplementary main during Jenuary February and Marchof the year under review and the toal gallonage taken from this source during May to December was 3,571,210.

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<u>Sewage Disposal</u>: The sewage disposal works comprising two filter beds, two sedimentation tanks, humus lagoons and electrical plant for lifting the level of one outfall sewer continued to function fairly satisfactorily. Difficulty is experienced in treating **increased** volumes during heavy rains. With the exception of thirty-one houses in outlying parts of the district where levels will not permit connection with the system of sewers, all premises are connected to the sewerage.

<u>Rivers and Streams</u>: No complaints were received regarding pollution of the River Ouse into which the effluent from the sewage works discharges.

Camping Sites; There are not camping sites in the Borough.

Smoke Abatement: No action was found necessary in connection with smoke abatement.

Swimming Pool: The public swimming pool owned by the Council was used during the year and was filled with water from the Council's mains. Chloros is regularly added to the water in order to maintain a reasonable standard of purity, but it is not practicable to obtain a constant residual chlorine content in such a large volume of water as 60,000 gallons when the water is changed only three or four times during the season.

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<u>Public Cleansing</u>: House refuse was collected weekly using direct labour and a "Bantam" Karrier refuse collecting vehicle fitted with sliding covers. One part of the Borough is covered on Thursdays and the other on Fridays. Refuse is disposed of by tipping within the Borough at a point where no nuisance is caused.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act: The provisions of this Act functioned during the year and a part-time operative is engaged. The service was free to all house premises but a charge was made for treatment at business premises. This method works satisfactorily and no major infestations occurred, as occupiers of business premises are glad to avail themselves of the service and householders readily report the presence of any rodents in and around the precincts of their homes. Warfarin with oatmeal baits is used and good results were obtained. Sewers were tested with sausage rusk but no take was observed. The number of premises inspected was as follows:-

Local Authority		s			3
Dwelling houses					45
All other, incl	uding bu	siness	premi	SCS	15
Agricultural pr	emises				2
Total					65

The number of minor infestations found was 22 and these were treated with good results. The refuse tip and sewage disposal works were regularly testbated.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR

Number of visits and inspections :-

Visits and inspections at slaughter-house	 	154
Inspections of butchers' shops	 	24
Number of old drainages tested	 	6
Number of new drainages tested	 	8
Inspections of bakehouses	 	10
Inspections of meat hawkers' vons	 	12
Housing inspections	 	125
Inspections of fried fish shops	 	16
Inspections of other food shops	 	40
Inspections in connection with rodent control	 	65
Inspections of factories and workshops	 	22

SECTION D

HOUSING

Slum Clearance: No action was taken during the year in connection with 21 houses which have been scheduled as unfit for human habitation. These were included in a statement submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in 1955 as being unfit for habitation within the meaning of Section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable for action under Section 11 or Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936. These houses are required to be demolished within a period of five years from the year when the statement was submitted to the Ministry.

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No Council houses were erected during the year under review. The total number of **Council** houses built since the War is 204. The number of private enterprise houses completed during the year was 7 and there were 3 under construction at the end of the year.

Improvement Grants: Under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1949, owners of dwelling-houses may apply to the local authority for a grant towards providing additional amenities to their houses, such as the provision of constant hot-water, indoor sanitation, bathroom etc., and the local authority may subject to the submission of plans and competitive tenders for the work, give a grant towards the cost which may be up to fifty per cent of the total cost, subject to a maximum grant of £400. During the year under review five grants were made, a total cost of £787.

SECTION E INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

<u>Milk Supply</u> The number of retailers in the Borough is 3 who hold supplementary licences for the sale of Tuberculin Tested, Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised and Pasteurised Milk. All milk retailed in the Borough is produced outside the area ..

The Food Pyriene Regulations: These Regulations provide for the cleanliness of food premises, hygenic methods of handling food, the cleanliness of persons engaged in the food trads and the action to be taken when they suffer from or are carriers of certain infections. There are 24 shops in the Borough where food is sold served or prepared for sale. These were visited regularly to see that the provisions of the Regulations were being observed. Retailers continued to display notices requesting the public to refrain from taking dogs into their shops.

Meat. and Other Foods: The licenced slaughter-house continued to operate during the year, The numbers of animals slaughtered were as follows :-

Bovine	Sec.		 	301
Sheop	and	lambs	 	896
Pigs			 	523
Calves			 	14.

Regular visits were made to the slaughter-house and upon inspection meat and offal weighing 6 cwts 1 gr. 18 lbs were found to be diseased unfit for consumption and were voluntarily surrendered.

Diseased meat and offal were regularly collected by a reputable merchant for further utilisation.

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The following cases of infectious disease were reported during the year :-

Scarlet Fever	· · · ·	 	 2
Whooping Cou	gh	 	 14
Measles		 	 2
Dysentery.		 	 2
Pneumonio		 	 1

All patients made good recoveries with the exception of the case of pneumonia which terminated fatally.

Vaccination and Jumunisation: The following details of vaccination and inmunisation carried out during the year have been supplied by Dr. C.M. Smith, County Medical Officer of Health to whom I am indebted :-

Vaccination:	Under 1	1	2-4	<u>5-14</u>	<u>15 & over</u>	Total	
Primary	30	2	14	5	5	56	
Re-vaccination	-	-	1	11	18	30	
Polimyelitis Vaccination:							
Children born in:	1957. 56.	55.54	. 53.	52. 51	. 50. 49. 48	. 47. <u>Total</u>	
Number	- 1	1 7	12	8 14	21 12 27	21 124	
IMMUNISATION:	Under 1.	1. 2.	3.	4. 5-	9. 10-14. <u>T</u>	otal Booster	
Diphtheria Immunisation only:	-		-	- 1	2	3 5	
Combined diphtheria Whooping Cough:	26	5 8	-	1 1	3	44 13	
Total Diphtheria Immunisations:	26	5: 8	-	1 2	2 5	47 18	
Whooping Cough only	7: -		-				
Number of children who have comleted a full Course of Diphtheria Immunisation.							
Age at 31.12.57 i.e. born in year:	Under 1 1957		2 1955		+ 5-9 10-1 953 1948- 194 1952 194	3- under 15	
Number immunised:	3	34	39	37 3	26 185 14		

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<u>Tuberculosis:</u> There were no new cases of tuberculosis reported during the year. One case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified as having removed from the Borough. The numbers of cases remaining on the Register at the end of the year were as follows:-

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		Males.	Females	Total
Pulmonary	 	 2	5	7
Non-pulmonary	 	 3	1	4
Total	 	 5	6	11

