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CANNOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Chairman of the Council W.E.Hawthorne Esq., J.P.
Vice-Chairman Mr.J.Walton.
Chairman of the Public Health Committee.. ... Mr.J.Walton.

Public Health Staff.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Duncan T. McAlinsh, M.C., M.A., M.B., Ch.B.
Acting Medical Officer of Health.

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR.

G. Richardson, M.S.I.A., Certificate S.I.E.J.B.
Cert: for Meat and Food Inspector.

ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTOR.

(From 1st April, 1945)

R.A.B. Margoschis, M.S.I.A. Certificate S.I.E.J.B.

CLERKS.

Miss L.E. Eccleshall.

Miss D.M.Morris. (Left 30.9.45.)
Miss J.Johnson. (From 3.9.45 to 30.9.45.)
Mrs. B.R.Gibbs. (From 23.11.45.)

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee of the Cannock Rural District Council:-

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1945 on the health and sanitary conditions of the district: a report from your Chief Sanitary Inspector is included.

Of the Infectious Diseases, there were 468 cases of measles, mainly in the first five months of the year. The type was of moderate severity, and one death was attributable to this disease.

Of diphtheria there were 29 cases and no deaths. The number of children protected by immunisation showed an increase on last year, and can be counted a satisfactory number.

Towards the end of 1944, it was realised that the appointment of an Additional Sanitary Inspector would be necessary to bring the number of Sanitary Inspectors up to the normal pre-war number of two. Mr. R. A. B. Margoschis, an ex-service man, was appointed and commenced duty in April 1945. His main task has been the survey of houses in the district: and by the end of the year over 750 houses had been examined and scheduled.

In early Autumn the Government Billeting of Evacuees in this district came to an end.

I acknowledge with thanks the willing and loyal assistance given me by the Senior and Additional Sanitary Inspectors: and by Miss Eccleshall in the Clerical Department.

To you, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I wish again to express my thanks for help given during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Duncan T. McAlinsh.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

17th July, 1946.

Statistics of the Area.

Area (in acres) 55,256 - unchanged.

Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population 22,040.

Number of inhabited houses according to the rate book:- 6130.

Rateable Value is £93,726 and a penny rate produces £365.

BIRTHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Live Births.	221.	196.	417.
Legitimate.	204.	191.	395.
Illegitimate.	17.	5.	22.
Still Births, of which 2 females were Illegitimate.	5.	7.	12.

Birth Rate per 1,000 population for the district 18.92

Birth Rate per 1,000 population for England and Wales, 16.1

Still Births 27.97 per 1,000 total (live & still) Births,

Still Birth rate .54 per 1,000 population,

Still Birth rate England & Wales .46 per 1,000 population.

DEATHS.

Total:- 270 Male. 147 Female. 123

Local Adjusted Death Rate. 12.25 per 1,000 population.

Death Rate for England & Wales. 11.4 per 1,000 population.

The Maternal Mortality Rate for the country was 1.79 per 1,000 total Births. (live & still).

The Maternal Mortality Rate for the district was 2.39 per 1,000 total births. (live & still).

During the year there was one death from Maternal Causes.

The Main Causes of Death over the past three years were:-

	<u>1945.</u>	<u>1944.</u>	<u>1943.</u>
Diseases of Heart & Circulation ...	96	69	77
Respiratory Diseases	35	30	21
Malignant Disease	35	22	31
Violence, including suicide... ..	13	9	18
Malformation & Premature Birth ...	14	22	9
Tuberculosis	11	11	11

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:- 28, five of which were illegitimate.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births 67.46
 Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live Births 58.23
 Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births 227.27

Deaths from Measles (all ages) 1.
 " " Whooping Cough (all ages) 2.
 " " Diarrhoea (under 2 years) 2.

INCIDENCE OF SCARLET FEVER, DIPHTHERIA
 AND PNEUMONIA DURING THE TEN YEARS.

1936 - 1945

	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Pneumonia.
1936.	90	14	32
1937.	189	33	39
1938.	105	46	37
1939.	43	75	36
1940.	35	64	37
1941.	67	26	26
1942.	80	40	32
1943.	87	29	41
1944.	39	31	26
1945.	28	29	14

IMMUNISATION OF CHILDREN AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

	1945.	1944.	1943.	1942.	1941.	1940.
Age under 5 years.	263	248	450	608	542	Nil.
Age 5 years and over, but under 15 years.	15	6	807	150	689	196

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.
DURING THE YEAR 1945.

DISEASE.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	28	26	-
Diphtheria	29	29	-
Puerperal Pyrexia... ..	5	3	-
Erysipelas	10	-	-
Pneumonia	14	3	10
Meningitis	2	2	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever.	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-
Sonne Dysentary	6	2	1

TUBERCULOSIS YEAR 1945.

	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 to 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 and upwards..	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
5 " 	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
10 " 	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
15 " 	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
20 " 	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
25 " 	1	3	-	-	1	2	-	-
35 " 	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 " 	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 " 	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
65 " 	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS.	8	6	3	-	5	6	-	-

DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS CASES
IN
CANNOCK RURAL DISTRICT.

PARISH.	DIPHTHERIA.	SCARLET FEVER.	MEASLES.	WHOOPIG COUGH.
Brewood.	-	1	63	-
Cheslyn Hay.	12	4	160	18
Dunston.	-	-	5	-
Sharehill.	-	-	18	4
Essington.	3	9	34	2
Featherstone.	-	-	17	1
Great Wyrley.	11	7	98	10
Huntington.	1	1	29	-
Penkridge.	-	4	18	1
Stretton.	-	-	4	-
Katherton.	2	-	12	-
Slymhill.	-	2	-	1
Weston-under-Lizard.	-	-	2	-
Wolverhampton.	-	-	4	-
Wolverhampton.	-	-	2	-
Wolverhampton & Bednall.	-	-	1	-
Wolverhampton.	-	-	1	-
TOTALS.	29	28	468	37

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The ambulance provided by Cannock R.D.C. continued to give service during the year.

Among other work patients were taken to and from the following Hospitals:-

- 51. cases removed to Wolverhampton Royal Hospital.
- 11. cases removed from Wolverhampton Royal Hospital.
- 45. cases removed to Staffordshire Infirmary.
- 5. cases removed from Staffordshire Infirmary.
- 67. cases removed to Walsall General Hospital.
- 8. cases removed from Walsall General Hospital.
- 22. cases removed to Womens Hospital Wolverhampton.
- 12. cases removed from Womens Hospital Wolverhampton.
- 43. cases removed to Cheslyn Hay Isolation Hospital.
- 13. cases removed to Cannock P.A. Hospital.
- 2. cases removed from Cannock P.A. Hospital.
- 1. case removed to Wolverhampton Eye Infirmary.
- 1. case removed from Wolverhampton Eye Infirmary.
- 1. case removed to Q.V.N.I. Wolverhampton.

ANTI-NATAL CLINICS AND WELFARE CLINICS IN CANNOCK RURAL DISTRICT.

These clinics are under the arrangement of Staffordshire County Council:-

Child Welfare Clinics:-

Brewood and Featherstone each week.
Cheslyn Hay, Essington, Great Wyrley, Huntington,
Wheaton Aston, and Penkridge - Fortnightly.

Anti-Natal Clinics:-

Featherstone and Great Wyrley - Fortnightly.

Report of Sanitary Inspector.

ANTHRAX.

During the year 10 suspected cases of Anthrax were reported compared with 8 in the previous year.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The chief water supplies in the district remain the same and are obtained from the South Staffordshire Water Works Co., and the Wolverhampton Corporation which supply Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Huntington, Hatherton, Penkridge and the larger portion of the parishes of Brewood, Stretton, Essington, Sharesill, Featherstone, Hilton, Lapley, Wheaton Aston, and Saredon. The Stafford Corporation supplies Coppenhall and Dunston. During the year the Hamlet of Laney Green was provided with piped water from South Staffordshire Water Works Co., It is estimated that 4,250 out of 6,130 houses have a piped water supply.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Summary of Inspections and Work done during 1945.

Number of houses inspected.....	763
Re-inspections, calls etc.,.....	250
Nuisances found.....	128
Nuisances abated.....	62
Slaughterhouse Licences renewed.....	14
Meat & Food Inspection.....	30
Cowsheds and Dairies Inspected.....	41
Petrol Licences renewed.....	42
New Petrol Licences granted.....	3
Carbide Licences renewed.....	1
Drainage Work examined.....	18
Cases of Infectious Disease investigated.....	63
Cases of Infectious Disease removed.....	61
Houses disinfected after Infectious cases.....	63
Reports on Infectious cases to M.O.H.....	599
New Licences, Slaughter of Animals Act 1933.....	1
Renewal Licences, Slaughter of Animals Act 1933..	31
Informal Notices issued.....	350
Statutory Notices issued.....	70
Number of Privies converted to Water Closets.....	3
Water Samples taken.....Chemical.....	18
.....Bacteriological....	18
Milk Samples taken.....	20
Pan lavatories substituted for Privy Middens.....	7

	Pasteurised.	Tuberculin Tested.	Accredited.
Supplementary Milk Licences.	4	2	1
Dealers Licence.	-	-	2
Pasteuriser's Licence.	-	-	-

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

The survey in this district commenced in April 1945 but did not get under way until June. At the close of the year 763 houses had been inspected and classified.

Each house, or row of houses, is separately considered and put into one of the five classes agreed on by the Staffordshire Rural Housing Advisory Committee. Of the houses inspected 5.09% are considered satisfactory in all respects while 4.6% are considered totally unfit.

The results of the Survey so far are as follows:-

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| <u>Statutory Notices.</u> | 40 Statutory Notices had been served affecting some 70 houses, and requiring provision of a proper water supply, adequate closet accommodation and dustbins. |
| <u>Informal Notices.</u> | In addition 53 Informal Notices have been served affecting some 350 houses. These are served mainly on Class 2 and 3 houses requiring urgent repairs to be carried out and on Class 4 and 5 only to maintain them in a weatherproof condition. |
| <u>Overcrowding.</u> | The Houses are also considered with regard to Overcrowding, thus bringing the 1936 Overcrowding Survey up to date and incorporating it on the same House Report sheet. It has been found that in 36 cases the number of people occupying the house is in excess of the permitted number, this represents 4.7% of the houses inspected. |

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

During the year Public Cleansing by direct labour was continued in the Parishes of Brewood, Penkridge, Stretton and Lapley, and the populated parts of Weston-under-Lizard, Brineton, Blymhill and extended to Huntington, Acton Trussell and Bednall.

The emptying of cesspools in the Parishes of Brewood, Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Saredon, Essington, Huntington, Featherstone, Hilton, Shareshill and Hatherton was done as in previous years by the council's cesspool emptier.

The regular fortnightly and weekly collections have been maintained by your Contractor in the Parishes of Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Essington, Shareshill, Saredon, Hilton, Featherstone and Hatherton.

G. Richardson.

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

