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CLACTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.The Chairman and Members of the Clacton Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my twentieth Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the District for the year 1940.

The year has been the most exceptional in the history of the District and a most difficult one for all concerned in the work of its Government. During the first quarter of the year Clacton was a reception area and had to carry out all the extra duties which this entailed, during the second quarter it became a neutral area, and finally finished up in June as an evacuation area with only one fifth of its normal population left. A certain number, however, had returned by the end of the year; the estimated population then being about 7,000. The number of inhabited houses cannot be stated with any degree of accuracy and the sum represented by a penny rate is also uncertain. Like the report for 1939, that for 1940 will deal only with a few of the more essential matters leaving most of the records and statistics to be dealt with in a more comprehensive report at the end of the War.

Area (acres)	6,470
No. of Inhabited Houses	Uncertain
Rateable Value	£296,141
Sum represented by a penny rate	About £300
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	16,680

Ages at Death from all Causes.
(Local Registrar)

Under 1 year	5
1 year and under 2 years	2
2 " " " 5 "	1
5 " " " 15 "	-
15 " " " 25 "	4
25 " " " 45 "	18
45 " " " 65 "	50
65 years and upwards	168
Total	248

The birth rate for the year was 12.6, the death rate 1.5, and corrected infant mortality rate 26 per 1,000 live births.

Infant Mortality.

There were 5 infants deaths registered in the district 2 from Broncho Pneumonia, 2 from Congenital Heart Disease, and 1 from Premature Birth.

With the exception of a number of cases of Cerebro-spinal Fever in the early part of the year, all of whom recovered, there was no unusual incidence of disease or of conditions affecting the public health.

General Provision of Health Services.

There are several changes to record in the Public Health Staff. Mr Shadick who had been Sanitary Inspector for many years died at the end of 1939. Mr Norfolk, clerk in the Public Health Department joined the force and we obtained a temporary lady clerk who left in June so that we had no clerical assistance during the latter half of the year. The Death Register, which had been closed, was reopened, also the staff of nurses being reduced to two who were taken over by the Essex County Council for District Work.

Table of the Causes of Death.

	M	F
Respiratory Tuberculosis	5	3
Other Tuberculosis	-	1
Syphilitic Diseases	1	-
Influenza	12	6
Acute Encephalitis	-	1
Cancer of Uterus	-	1
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	3	3
Cancer of Breast	-	5
Cancer of other sites	9	7
Diabetes	2	1
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	10	9
Heart Disease	29	34
Other Circulatory Diseases	6	9
Bronchitis	8	6
Pneumonia	6	3
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach	3	-
Other Digestive Diseases	1	4
Nephritis	2	3
Puerperal Sepsis	-	1
Congenital Defects & Premature Birth	2	1
Suicide	1	3
Road Traffic Accidents	1	1
Other Violent Deaths	9	3
All Other Causes	17	13
	128	119
Isolation Hospital	10	-

The Birth Rate for the year was 12.5, the Death Rate (Crude) 14.8 and corrected 11.1, and the Infant Mortality Rate 25 per 1,000 live births. There were 5 still births.

	Adm	Di	Car	Remain	Dearl	High	No	Covered	Temporal
1st Quarter	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
2nd Quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd Quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th Quarter	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	12	-	15	2	2	4	2	35	1

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14	14	Respiratory Tuberculosis
1	1	Other Tuberculosis
1	1	Syphilitic Diseases
12	12	Influenza
1	1	Acute Encephalitis
1	1	Cancer of Uterus
2	2	Cancer of Stomach and Intestine
1	1	Cancer of Breast
7	7	Cancer of other sites
1	1	Diabetes
10	10	Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions
29	29	Heart Disease
8	8	Other Circulatory Diseases
8	8	Bronchitis
8	8	Pneumonia
1	1	Other Respiratory Diseases
1	1	Ulcer of Stomach
4	4	Other Digestive Diseases
2	2	Nephritis
1	1	Proximal Epilepsy
1	1	Genital Defects & Premature Birth
1	1	Suicide
1	1	Road Traffic Accidents
2	2	Other Violent Deaths
12	12	All Other Causes
119	119	

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Coincident with the general evacuation all the nursing homes except one closed down and the private midwives left the town except two.

The staff consists of a part time Medical Officer of Health and two full time Sanitary Inspectors.

Infectious Disease 1940.

Disease	Total Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Small Pox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	5	2	-
Diphtheria	4	4	-
Enteric Fever	2	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2	-
Pneumonia	5	4	18
Erysipelas	7	-	-
Chicken Pox	21	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	9	9	-
Measles	12	2	-

Isolation Hospital 1940.

	Admitted	Died	Cured	Remaining in Hospital	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Measles	Cerebro spinal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia
1st. Quarter	9	-	6	3	1	3	2	3	-
2nd. Quarter	5	-	6	2	1	1	-	1	2
3rd. Quarter	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th. Quarter	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	15	-	15	5	2	4	2	5	2

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Measles	12	2	-
Cerebro-spinal fever	6	0	-
Chicken Pox	21	-	-
Warts	7	-	-
Scarlet fever	8	4	18
Pneumonia	3	2	-
Paratyphoid	3	2	-
Enteric fever	3	2	-
Diphtheria	4	4	-
Scarlet fever	5	2	-
Small Pox	-	-	-

Isolation Hospital 1940.

Admitted	Discharged	Remaining in Hospital	Scarlet fever	Diphtheria	Measles	Cerebro spinal fever	Paratyphoid
1st. Quarter	2	0	1	2	2	2	-
2nd. Quarter	2	0	1	1	-	1	2
3rd. Quarter	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
4th. Quarter	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
12	12	2	2	4	2	4	2

Tuberculosis - New Cases and Mortality during 1940

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
25	2	3	-	-	1	1	-	-
35	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
45	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
55	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	-
Totals	4	8	1	3	6	3	-	-

Of above, 4 left the District, 9 had treatment in Hospital or Sanatorium.

The total number of cases of Tuberculosis of all forms on the register at the end of the year was :-

A Pulmonary Tuberculosis		
(1) Male		10
(2) Female		21
B Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis		
(1) Male		3
(2) Female		8
		42

The total number on the register is less than usual the reason being that a certain amount of evacuation took place among the tuberculous who are normally resident in the District.

No action was required under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936.

Infectious Disease.

The incidence of the usual infectious diseases was very low during the year and the only item of note is the appearance of 9 cases of Cerebro-spinal Fever, all of whom were sent to Hospital and recovered, no doubt as the result of modern methods of treatment. Cerebro-spinal Fever used to be a very fatal disease. The laboratory arrangements for the examination of pathological specimens continued with the Counties Public Health Laboratories but we also had the help of the

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	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Immunisation.

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In the spring inoculation against diphtheria was offered to the children attending the Welfare Centre and some of the younger school children, the work being carried out by the Medical Officer of Health at the Welfare Centre, but it had no sooner got under way than it was cut short by an extensive evacuation of the population. It was resumed again in the autumn when some had returned. The method of treatment adopted during 1940 was that all children received .1 c.c. of A.P.T. for the first dose, and .5 c.c. of A.P.T. for a second dose with a four weeks interval between the injections. No schick tests were carried out. A form of consent signed by a parent is required in all cases and full records are kept.

The number of children treated during 1940, including those done at Grooms Orphanage was :-

Groom's Orphanage	114
Welfare Centre	94
	<u>208</u>

In addition to the above fully immunised cases 82 received a first dose in December making a total of 290 treated during the year.

II Typhoid Fever.

Having regard to the possibility of contamination of the water supply as a result of enemy action, it was deemed advisable to offer immunisation against typhoid fever to the A.R.P. personnel and such others of the public as desired this protection.

The following availed themselves of these facilities.

A.R.P. personnel	45
Others	29
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Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1 Water Supply.

The total quantity of water supplied during the year was 223,965,000 gallons a decrease of 22.4% on the figure for the previous year. The water was obtained from the following sources :-

Tendring Hundred Waterworks Co.	145,664,000
Great Bently Well	78,301,000
	<u>223,965,000 gallons</u>

The water was maintained at full pressure, and there were no restrictions. Samples taken from the sources and from mains in the Town showed that the supply was of a high degree of bacterial purity. There were no extensions to the mains during the year, but larger mains to replace small old ones were laid in the following roads :-

Marine Parade	558 yards
Beach Road	118 "
Holland Road	230 "

2 Sewerage and Drainage.

The Surveyor reports that owing to the restriction on expenditure because of the war, no new work was commenced during the year.

About 280 yards of surface water sewerage was laid in Hereford Road and 175 yards in Holland Main Road under the contract in hand for the making up of roads in the Eastern part of Holland-on-Sea.

Over 1,000 yards of sewers were laid as part of the Western Drainage Scheme Contract (First Portion) including the 24 inch and 51 inch sea outfalls and the 51 inch pipe line between West Road and the sea wall bordering the golf course. It is intended that this portion of the scheme designed as a storm outfall in the complete scheme, shall operate for the time being as a foul sewer outfall to relieve the pressure on the existing sewerage system.

The constructional portion of the settlement tanks and sludge digestion scheme at Holland Haven Sewage Works is practically complete and part of the pumps and other machinery has already been installed.

Closet Accommodation.

Number of Privies in Clacton	Nil
Number of Pail Closets	1117
Number of Cesspools	482
Number of Wells	26
Number of houses with Cesspools and Wells	35
Number of Pail Closets converted	Nil
Number of Cesspools abolished	2
Number of premises redrained and connected to Public Sewer	2

1. Water Supply.

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145,884,000	Tending Banded Waterworks Co.
78,391,000	Great Bentley Well
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Closest Accommodation.

111	Number of Privies in Clifton
111	Number of Pail Closets
422	Number of Cesspools
22	Number of Wells
22	Number of houses with Cesspools
22	and Wells
111	Number of Pail Closets converted
2	Number of Cesspools abolished
2	Number of premises retained and connected to Public Sewer

Work of the Sanitary Department.

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Sanitary Department during the past year :-

Eradications of Bed Bugs.

(a)	Number of Council Houses inspected	0
	" " " " disinfested	0
	" " other houses inspected	11
	" " " " disinfested	11
	Number of private houses disinfested by private contractor (Hydrogen Cyanides)	0
	Number of private houses disinfested by private contractor (Insecticides)	0
	Total Houses disinfested.	11

In addition, 2 houses disinfested Lice
2 " " Fleas

Methods Employed.

- (b) Stripping of skirting etc., where necessary, spraying with insecticides, fumigation with sulphur candle and other special fumigators. Steam disinfection of bedding.
- (c) No action has been required so far in respect of removal of tenants to council houses
- (d) The work has been carried out by Local Authority and by private contractor (See above)

Sanitary Administration.

Special Visits	2704
Special Visits re nuisances	239
Re-inspections, Ordinary	248
Re-inspections, Housing	61
Interviews with Owners, Builders etc.,	78
Piggeries inspected	18
Stables inspected	12
Smoke Observations	-
Cinemas inspected	-
Celluloid Regulations inspections	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	16
Preliminary Notices served	66
Statutory Notices served	2
Letters to Owners re nuisances	36
Premises at which nuisances abated: General	81
Premises at which nuisances abated: Housing	24
Improvements following Preliminary Notices	100
Improvements following Statutory Notices	1
Improvements without Notices	71

Infectious Disease.

6 cases Cerebro-Spinal Fever
2 cases Diphtheria
2 cases Scarlet Fever
45 rooms, bedding etc., disinfected
32 lots bedding steam disinfected
2 lots clothing steam disinfected

Infectious Diseases (cont)

The following were found to be diseased, unfit for human consumption:-
4,000 blankets disinfected A.M.P.C.
9 Lots bedding disinfected A.M.P.C.
31 library books disinfected
1 library book destroyed
9 A.R.P. Vehicles disinfected

Milk and Dairies Orders.

16 Samples of Accredited Milk were submitted to the Bacterologist for examination.

of these, 5 samples of Accredited Milk failed to comply with prescribed conditions.

16 Samples of Ordinary Milk were submitted to the Bacterologist for examination as to the general cleanliness and the presence or otherwise of B. Coli.

Of these, 7 samples were unsatisfactory in as much as they gave positive B. Coli results.

1 Sample of Pasteurised Milk submitted for examination.

1 Sample of T.T. Milk submitted for examination

All except two of the producers in this area hold Accredited Licences.

There has been little cause for complaint in connection with production and distribution.

Water Analysis and Examination.

Samples taken :-

13 from Great Bently Pumping Station

7 from Town Supply

All the samples were found to be wholesome in character and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

Meat and Food Inspection.

The following visits were made :-

Slaughterhouse	261
Butchers Shops	174
Restaurant Kitchens	2
Hawkers Premises	5

Inspected :-

410 carcasses of Beef and Offal
33 carcasses of Pork and Offal
1211 carcasses of Mutton and Offal
174 carcasses of Veal and Offal

All the slaughtering for this area is carried out at the Government Slaughterhouse, Old Road.

Co-operation by the Government Officials has resulted in smooth working and absence of friction.

Meat and Food Inspection (cont.)

The following were found to be diseased, unfit for human food and destroyed.

Tubercular.

41 Beasts Lungs	3 Carcases Beef and Offal
13 Beasts Mesenteric Fats	2 Beasts Spleens
10 Beasts Livers	1 Beasts Heart
3 Beasts Heads	1 Pigs Lungs and Heart.

Other Diseases.

37 Beasts Livers	7 Beasts Lungs
2 Beasts Heads	2 carcases Beef and Offal
1 Beasts Spleen	1 Beasts Skirt
4 Sets Tripe	5 Pigs Mesenteric Fats
1 Pigs Liver	1 Pigs Pluck
1 Pigs Lungs and Heart	1 Pigs Forehock
1 Leg Pork	26 Sheeps Livers
3 Legs Lamb	2 Shoulders Lamb
1 Sheeps Kidney	2 lbs Beef Trimmings

7 tins Fruit, 2 tins Vegetables, 5 tins Fish, 3 tinned Hams, 1 Gammon, 1 tin Corned Beef, 2 boxes Calves Sweetbreads (23 lbs Each) 2 bags Ox Sweetbreads (30 lbs each)

Public Cleansing.

Owing to evacuation of the civil population the amount of refuse for collection and disposal was considerably reduced. Refuse from Military Establishments and other Billets is received at the Disposal Works. Salvage work has been intensified with satisfactory results.

A total 2624 tons of refuse was collected at a net cost of approximately £1412 including depreciation and loan charges. Income from Trade Refuse was £105.

Collection is by rear loading mechanical vehicles. Disposal is by incineration and controlled tipping. 2851 tons were dealt with at a net cost of £850.

Income from the sale of Salvaged Material, clinker etc., was £450, Waste Paper, £434.

Port Sanitary Regulations.

No action was required during the year.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

There were 304 expectant mothers on the register during the year and they made 373 attendances at the Doctor's clinics, and 300 attendances at the Ante-Natal Clinics.

Infant Clinics.

The attendances made by children under 5 years of age were 3,559.

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41 Beasts Lungs	3 Carcasses Beef and Offal
13 Beasts Mesenteric Fat	3 Beasts Spleens
10 Beasts Livers	1 Beasts Heart
3 Beasts Heads	1 Pigs Lungs and Heart

Other Diseases.

37 Beasts Livers	5 Beasts Lungs
3 Beasts Heads	3 Carcasses Beef and Offal
1 Beasts Spleen	1 Beasts Skirt
4 Beasts Tripe	3 Pigs Mesenteric Fat
1 Pigs Liver	1 Pigs Pluck
1 Pigs Lungs and Heart	1 Pigs Forehook
1 Leg Pork	20 Sheep Livers
3 Legs Lamb	2 Shoulders Lamb
1 Sheep Kidney	2 lbs Beef Trimmings

7 tins Fruit, 2 tins Vegetables, 5 tins Fish, 3 tinned Beans, 1 Gammon, 1 tin Corned Beef, 2 boxes Canned Sweetbreads (25 lbs each) 2 bags On Sweetbreads (30 lbs each)

Public Cleansing.

Owing to evacuation of the civil population the amount of refuse for collection and disposal was considerably reduced. Refuse from Military Establishments and other Billies is received at the Disposal Works. Salvage work has been intensified with satisfactory results.

A total 2884 tons of refuse was collected at a net cost of approximately £1415 including depreciation and loan charges. Income from Trade Refuse was £105.

Collection is by rear loading mechanical vehicles. Disposal is by incineration and controlled tipping. 2881 tons were dealt with at a net cost of £2850.

Income from the sale of Salvaged Material, clinker etc., was £450, Waste Paper, £434.

Port Sanitary Regulations.

No action was required during the year.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

The total number of births notified during the year was 158, of which 70 were notified by medical practitioners and 88 by midwives. There were 5 still births. There were 12 midwives on the register of whom 5 were employed by the District Nursing Association, but owing to evacuation, 8 left the District, leaving 2 private midwives and 2 of the District Nursing Associations, who were taken over by the Essex County Council. The District Nursing Association's midwives attended 108 of the cases or 66%.

Analysis of Midwifery and Maternity.

	Midwifery	Maternity	Total
1 Domiciliary			
(a) District Nursing Assoc.	60	19	79
(b) Independent Midwives	13	9	22
(c) Private Trained Nurses	-	3	3
(d) Untrained Women	-	1	1
2 Maternity Homes and Hospitals			
(a) Nursing Assn's Home	20	9	29
(b) Ellisdene Nursing Home	-	25	25
(c) Waltham Nursing Home	3	1	4
(d) Clacton & District Hosp.	-	-	-

Health Visiting.

The number of visits paid by the Health Visitor to children from birth to 5 years of age was 3,014. She also paid 22 visits as Infant Life Protection Visitor. At the end of the year there were no homes on the register and no boarded out children.

Orthopedics.

62 children received treatment for various conditions, making 110 attendances.

Ultra Violet Ray Treatment.

63 received treatment, making 1,181 attendances.

Dental Treatment.

There were 9 dental clinics with 68 attendances.

Eye Clinics.

There were 8, with 21 attendances.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

There were 204 expectant mothers on the register during the year and they made 373 attendances at the Doctor's clinics and 300 attendances at the Ante-Natal Classes.

Infant Clinics.

The attendances made by children under 5 years of age were 3,339.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

Food and Medicines.

Infant Foods, Oil and Malt, Vitrol etc., were sold at cost price as in previous years. The total amount of fresh milk supplied free or at loss than cost during the year 1940 was 10,741 pints which is a great advance on previous years. 193 lbs of dried milk were also supplied free.

Evacuated Mothers and Children.

During the early part of the year Glasgow was a reception area and extra provision had to be made in two out-lying districts of the town for the attendance of evacuee children who made 483 attendances. They also had the same facilities as Glasgow children for the provision of milk etc.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

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