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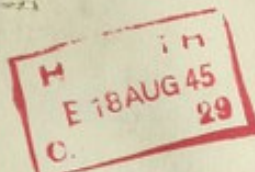
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CLACTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

for the Year 1944.

To,
The Chairman and Members of the
Clacton Urban District Council.



Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my twenty fourth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the District during 1944.

It is again a War-time report and is therefore restricted to a few essential statistics, which however should be sufficient to secure continuity.

The health of the District has been satisfactory and Infectious Disease has been limited to 23 cases of Scarlet Fever, 7 of Measles, and 1 of Whooping Cough, also 1 of Dysentery, so far as notification by Medical Practitioners is concerned; no doubt some of the minor infections escape notification as a Doctor is not always called in for these.

There were no circumstances seriously affecting the inhabitants, a considerable proportion of whom are still evacuated to safe areas. Three out of the six largest schools are not in use for Educational purposes.

The Public Health Staff consists of The Medical Officer of Health, two Sanitary Inspectors, one Health Visitor and two female clerks (one temporary).

The general standard of cleanliness continues satisfactory and no special measures on Circular 2813 were required. Cases of Scabies, of which a few were met during the year, were treated with Benzyl Benzoate.

The population for 1944 supplied by the Registrar General is 11, 340 which is rather less than half the 1938 figure.

General Statistics.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	210	110	100
Illegitimate.	22	11	11
Birth rate per 1,000 of the population			20.4
<u>Stillbirths</u>	4	2	2
Rate per 1,000 of the population			.35
<u>Deaths.</u>		104	107
Death rate per 1,000 of the population			18.6
<u>Puerperal Deaths.</u>			
1. Puerperal Sepsis.			Nil.
2. Other Puerperal Causes.			2.
Rate per 1,000 Births			8.4
<u>Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age.</u>			
All Infants per 1,000 live births			38.7
Legitimate per 1,000 legitimate live births			38.1
Illegitimate per 1,000 illegitimate live births			45.4

General Statistics continued.

Cancer Death Rate	2.1
Deaths from Measles	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	nil
Pulmonary Tuberculosis Death Rate	.17
Other Tuberculosis Death Rate	nil

Infant Mortality.

	1 day	1 week	1 month	3 months	6 months	9-12m.
Broncho Pneumonia	-	-	2	-	1	2
Pyloric Stenosis	-	1	-	-	-	-
Prematurity	1	-	-	-	-	-
Difficult Labour	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes	-	1	-	-	1	-
	2	2	2		2	2

Table of the Causes of Death.

	M.	F.
Whooping Cough	-	1
Respiratory Tuberculosis	2	-
Influenza	3	2
Measles	-	1
Infantile Encephalitis	1	-
Cancer of Stomach	1	3
Cancer of Breast	-	4
Other forms of Cancer	6	10
Diabetes	1	-
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	14	16
Heart Disease	42	35
Other Circulatory Diseases	3	2
Bronchitis	4	6
Pneumonia	1	4
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	1
Appendicitis	-	1
Other Digestive Diseases	2	3
Nephritis	-	1
Non-Septic Maternal Deaths	-	2
Premature Births	1	-
Other Infantile Deaths	3	1
Road Traffic Accidents	2	3
All other causes	18	11
	104	107

Ages at Death from all Causes.

Under 1 year	10
1 year and under 2 years	1
2 years " " 5 "	2
5 " " " 15 "	-
15 " " " 25 "	2
25 " " " 35 "	4
35 " " " 45 "	4
45 " " " 55 "	15
55 " " " 65 "	29
65 " " " 75 "	62
75 " and upwards	86
	215
1 age unknown	1
	216

Infectious Diseases 1944.

Disease	Total Notified.	Admitted to Hospital .	Total Deaths.
Small Pox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	23	16	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	5
Erysipelas	1	1	-
Chicken-Pox	-	-	-
Measles	7	-	1
Whooping Cough	1	-	1
Dysentery	1	-	-
Jaundice	5	-	-

Tuberculosis 1944.

Age Period	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	3	5	2	-	-	-	-	-
35	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	7	5	2	5	2	-	-	-

The number of cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at the end of 1944 was:-

A. Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

1.	Male	14
2.	Female	19
		<u>33</u>

B. Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

1.	Male	11
2.	Female	11
		<u>22</u>

Of the notified cases 6 had Sanatorium treatment, 3 left the district and 1 was found to be non-tuberculous; none of the cases died during the year.

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

Immunisation.

During the year 194 children under 15 years of age were immunised against Diphtheria, making a total of over 1,600 since inoculation was started.

At the end of 1944 it was estimated that about 66.1% of children under 5 years and 65.6% of children between the ages of 5 and 15 had been immunised. This is a small improvement on last year but is not yet satisfactory.

There were no Anti-Typhoid inoculations during the year.

Sewerage and Drainage.

No new work under this heading has been carried out during the year.

Water Supply.

During the year 1944 Clacton Water Dept. supplied 251,644,000 gallons of water, being an increase of 18,173,000 gallons over the output of 1943, that is an increase of 7.8%.

The Water was obtained from;

Tendring Hundred Waterworks Co.,	171,196,000 gallons
Great Bentley Pumping Station	<u>80,448,000 gallons</u>
	<u>251,644,000 gallons</u>

Throughout the year the water supply was maintained at adequate pressure and regular and frequent samples were submitted to the Bacteriologist for examination. The reports state that the water examined was pure and wholesome and of the highest standard of bacterial purity.

In Clacton 28 houses with a population of 50 are supplied by standpipes; while in the Jaywick area about 1,000 timber houses used mostly as a summer camp, also have standpipes.

Port Sanitation.

No action under this heading was required during 1944.

Work of the Sanitary Department.

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Department during 1944.

Sanitary Administration.

Special Visits.....	3,265
Special Visits re Salvage.....	480
Special Visits re Nuisance.....	556
Re-Inspections.....	1,221
Interviews with Owners, Builders, etc.....	190
Piggery Inspections.....	151
Back Yard Inspections.....	239
Stable Inspections.....	19
Factory (Non-Power) Inspections.....	14
Factory (Power) Inspections.....	61
Bakehouse (Non-Power) Inspections.....	9
Bakehouse (Power) Inspections.....	58
Shops - Sanitary Accommodation.....	18
Fish Priers.....	16
Air Raid Shelters - Surface - Inspections.....	214
Air Raid Shelters - Underground - Inspections.....	36
Hairdressers Premises Inspected.....	21
Licensed Victuallers.....	4
Cinemas.....	2
Camping Ground Inspections.....	2
Preliminary Notices Served.....	194
Statutory Notices Served.....	25
Improvements following Preliminary Notices.....	371
Improvements following Statutory Notices.....	17
Improvements without Notice.....	282
Total Improvements.....	670

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Food unfit for Human Consumption cont.

Herrings.....	23 boxes
Beasts Liver.....	1
Boiled Sweets.....	5½ lbs.
Pigs Heads.....	19½ lbs.
Bacon.....	44 lbs.
Butter.....	8½ lbs.
Sugar.....	19 lbs.
Cake.....	12 lbs.

Rats and Mice (destruction) Act.

157 Visits by Inspectors.
876 Visits by Operators.

Upon receipt of complaint premises are visited, baits, Poison, etc., laid, and all other necessary work done to assist in the extermination of Rats.

During the year all farms and farm land abutting the Council's land at Rush Green were treated for the destruction of Rats by the Essex War Agricultural Executive Committee. The Council's Land, Buildings and corn stack were also included in this scheme.

Various sections of the seweres were also treated and test-baited with negative results.

Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

Collection is made by rear loading mechanical vehicles and a horse drawn wagon.

Disposal is by incineration and controlled tipping.

Total cost of Collection.....	£1,875	5s	1d.
Total cost of Disposal.....	£ 559	14s	7d.
Income from Trade Refuse amounted to.....	£ 31	0s	0d.
Income from sales of Salvaged Materials.....	£ 782	0s	0d.
Income from sale of Waste Paper.....	£ 613	0s	0d.
Tons collected by the Council.....	1,728		
Delivered by the Military.....	296		
Total dealt with at Disposal Works.....	2,024		tons.

Maternity and Child Welfare Year 1944.

Total Births	201	Male	114	Female	87
Stillbirths	2	Male	1	Female	1
Notified by Medical Practitioners				108	
Notified by Midwives				93	

Domiciliary,

	Midwives.	Maternity Nurses	Total
1. District Nurses	91	33	124
2. Independant Midwives	2	-	2
3. Private Trained Women	-	3	3

Maternity Homes and Hospitals.

1. Ellisdene Nursing Home	72
2. St. Mary's Hospital, Colchester. (Notified Outside Area.)	8
3. Heath Hospital, Tendring (Notified outside area.)	15
4. Improvised Maternity Homes (Ministry of Health.)	3
5. Old Mill House, St. Bentley. (Notified Outside Area.)	8
6. Ipswich and Suffolk Hospital. (Notified Outside Area.)	2

Housing Act 1936.

Re-Inspections of Repairs, etc.....	160
Repairs Completed.....	20
Special Inspections re Timber (Flooring).....	125
No. of Dwelling houses inspected and recorded.....	96
Visits in connection with same.....	195
Special inspections re flushing tanks.....	12

Disinfections.

36 Rooms, Bedding, etc., - re Infectious Disease.

Steam Disinfections.

21 lots of bedding, carpets, etc., re Moths.

Vermin.

4 Premises fumigated re Vermin.
2 Premises fumigated re Moths.

Milk and Dairies Orders.

Cowshed Inspections.....	73
Dairy Inspections.....	145

16 Samples of Accredited Milk were submitted to the Bacteriologist for examination. Of these 3 samples proved to be unsatisfactory in as much as they gave positive B.Coli results.

12 Samples of Ordinary Milk were submitted to the Bacteriologist for examination as to the general presence and cleanliness, or otherwise, B.Coli results- of these 2 proved unsatisfactory.

5 Samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk were submitted for examination of these 1 sample of T.T.milk failed to comply with prescribed conditions.

1 Sample of Pasteurised Milk was taken during the year.

Water Analysis and Examination.

Samples taken-

12 from Great Bentley Pumping Station.
8 from Town Supply.

Meat and Food Inspection.

The following visits were made

Butchers and Food Shops.....	185
Restaurants.....	49

The following were found to be unfit for human food.

Tins of Meat.....	52
" " Milk.....	1,007
" " Fish.....	82
" " Beans.....	98
" " Other Vegetables.....	7
" " Fruit.....	1
" " Soup.....	106
" " Jam.....	40
" " Pork and Beans.....	13
Jars of Meat Paste.....	2
Chocolate.....	15 slabs
Biscuits.....	2-25lb tins
Sausages.....	39 lbs.
Cooked Ham.....	21½ lbs.
Fish Cakes.....	8 dozen
Meat Pies.....	4½ gross
Beef.....	75 lbs.

Maternity Homes and Hospitals cont.

7. Colchester Borough Maternity Home (Notified outside Area.)	3	
8. London Hospital (Notified Outside Area.)	1	
1. Attendances at Ante-Natal Clinic	642 no. on Register	198
2. Attendances at Ante-Natal Class	308	
3. Attendances at Post-Natal Clinic	10	
4. No. of Visits (Ante-Natal) paid by Health Visitor.	69	

Health Visits.

1. No. of visits to children under 5 years	1,167
2. No. of visits to children under 9 years, as Infant Life Protection Visitor 19. To Homes 2	

Orthopaedics.

19 children receiving treatment made total of 48 visits.

Ultra Violet Ray.

No. of Children under 5 years 24
 No. of school children 28, making a total of 460 visits between November 24 and December 31 1944.

Dental Treatment.

Expectant Mothers	20
Mothers	9
Children under 5 years	3

Eye Clinic.

13 children under 5 years attended.
 3 New cases were supplied with glasses.

Infant Clinics.

Clacton, 95 Clinics held, attendances of children under 5 being	6,739
Holland, 9 Clinics held, attendances of children under 5 being	254

Immunisation.

172 children under 5 years were Immunised (2 Injections.)

Food and Medicines.

Cow and Gate Milk Food	4,136 packets.
Ostermilk	.308 tins
Trufood	1,654 tins
Colact	244 tins
Lactogal	329 tins
Maternity Outfits	180

Also Oil and Malt, Virol, and Drugs were sold. In addition to the above National Dried Milk, Vitamins and Cod Liver Oil were distributed at the Clinics.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed) W.A. Milne.

(Medical Officer of Health.)

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