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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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Clevedon Urban District, for the year 1944.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

The following is a brief report upon the health of the town, with vital statistics for the year 1944, together with your Sanitary Inspector's report for the same period.

Public Health Staff.

G. MACLEOD, M.C., M.A., M.D., D.P.H. M.O.H. (part-time)
I. J. LEACH, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., F.I.A.S., Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Total Area of Clevedon Urban District	3,292 acres.
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population	9,429
Number of Inhabited Houses and Flats	2,641
Rateable Value	£75,658
Sum represented by a penny rate	£305 (estimated)

Live Births.	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	77	67	154
Illegitimate	7	3	

Birth Rate per 1000 of the population 16.3

Of 268 births registered locally 210 were at local Maternity Homes, and 58 only on the District.

Still Births.	Male	Female	Total.
Legitimate	2	2	4

Rate per 1000 births - 25.9

Deaths.	Male	Female	Total
	67	88	155

Death Rate per 1000 - 16.4 (uncorrected)
Average age at death - 71.4

Deaths of Infants under

one year of age; Male 1 Female 0 Total 1
Infant Mortality Rate - 6.4.

Deaths of Infants under one year occurred as under:-

Under 1 week	- 1
1 - 4 weeks	- nil
1 - 6 months	- nil

Deaths from some specified causes:

Cancer	33
Heart & Circulatory Diseases	55
Pneumonia	3
Other Respiratory Diseases	13

Notifiable Diseases:	Total	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	7	4	-
Enteric Fever	1	1	-
Measles	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	8	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	1 (?)	1	-
Dysentery	1 (Forces)	1	-
Malaria	2 (Forces)	2	-
Pneumonia	5	-	3
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

Tuberculosis Deaths.

Pulmonary 1 Female died aged 34, and 2 Males died aged 51 and 67 respectively.

Other Tuberculosis Nil.

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Notifications:		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
Age Periods		Male	Female	Male	Female.
1	- 5	-	-	-	-
5	- 15	-	-	-	1
15	- 25	1	4	-	-
25	- 35	3	2	1	1
35	- 45	1	-	-	-
45	- 55	-	-	-	-
55	- 65	2	-	-	-
Totals		7	6	1	2

There is little of importance to record of the year 1944. The health of the people generally has been wonderfully good and there has been no serious visitation of epidemic disease. In May and June when we had cold N.E. winds there was a number of streptococcal throat infections, but it is significant that again there has been no single case of diphtheria during the year. The response to appeals for immunisation against diphtheria has been satisfactory.

The heat-treated milk supplied to the schools has given rise to anxiety owing to the receipt of poor or equivocal bacteriological reports on samples submitted for examination. The poor results are probably due to faulty technique by war-time staff.

The majority of new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis are entrants from other areas or discharged persons from the services. But it is a little disturbing to find some cases of Tubercular glands in younger children.

All ambulance, hospital, nursing and ancillary services have continued their good work during the year.

I have to acknowledge with thanks the help obtained from the Council's staff, the County Council Laboratory, and the Naval Medical School.

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) G. MACLEOD.

16th July, 1945.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR Inon J. Leach
M.R.San.Inst., M.R.I.P.H., M.I.Hygiene for the year
ending 31st. March, 1945

Gentlemen,

The following is a brief report of duties carried out during the year ending the 31st. March, 1945.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT

The various supplementary wartime regulations under the Act have presented a difficult and arduous task for the Food Inspector and the Shopkeeper owing to

1. The delay in transporting goods
2. The unskilled handling of goods
3. The insufficient examination of goods at the source of production.

Many shopkeepers have co-operated admirably, in spite of the shortage of supplies, in an effort to prevent any suspected unsound foodstuffs from reaching the public, and in giving information to assist me in contacting the producers and reasons for the cause of the unsound foodstuffs. It is possible that some undetected or examined unsound foodstuffs have been and may in the future, be purchased. Very little evidence has been given, however, that purchasers are concerned about the purity of the Foodstuffs they purchase, apart from Milk. Regarding the latter a useful amount of information has been conveyed which has been of value, while much information has been assumption only. It should, however, be known that any information which will assist in the distribution of sound foodstuffs only. Below is a summary of Foodstuffs condemned from among those examined during the year:-

7 tins	Baked Beans
112 "	Milk
63 "	Fish (Pilchards, Sardines, Salmon)
10 "	Marmalade and Jam
27 "	Meat
7 "	Vegetables
324 lbs.	Bacon
29 lbs.	Beef
32 lbs.	Butter
19 packets	Cake and Pudding Mixture
7 tins	Soup
2 "	Fruit
224 lbs.	Sugar

DISINFECTATION & FUMIGATION The Mechanical Fumigator in Strode Road has been in considerable use during the year due to the fumigation of bedding used by the war-time services as a precautionary measure. The following is a list of articles, rooms, houses etc. which have been dealt with:-

32 Beds	148 Pillows
5 Sheds	3 Flats
4 Rooms	18 Houses
215 Mattresses	1 Overlay
425 Blankets	2 Sheets
9 Rugs	3 Quilts

MILK

There are in the Clevedon Area

13 Producers 9 Producer Retailers 13 Retailers

under the "Special Designation Order" there are

3 Accredited Herds 1 Pasteurising Milk Producer
1 Heat-treated Milk Retailer

During the year thirty-one (31) samples have been taken for Bacteriological etc. testing. The following is a schedule of results:-



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			Result of Test
9	samples of Accredited Milk		Satisfactory
15	" " Ordinary Milk for T.B. test		1 not satisfactory, cow traced and removed from herd
7	" " Pasteurised Milk		1 not satisfactory - technical error
1	" " Heat Treated Milk		1 not satisfactory
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In my opinion the results indicate an improved condition in the production of Milk especially in view of the difficulties during the war period. It is hoped, however, that further improvements may be observed and that the new machinery set up under the Ministry of Agriculture will enable Local Authorities to enforce improvement in buildings and water and sanitary services. Improvements have been carried out in several cowsheds. One new Dairy has been built. Notification regarding limewashing has been complied with.

May I point out a matter which has been pointed out by me before, and should, I think, be stressed very strongly. It is, that however satisfactorily the milk is produced, it can be quickly contaminated in and around the home after purchase. During various inspections I have seen Milk in open bottles or basins on the kitchen table while house cleaning is in progress, or in the larder adjacent the kitchen with the door open, also in basins in the larder with uncleaned vegetables and other things crowded around it. A lot of contamination could be obviated if householders would keep the milk in the larder or safe and cover it with butter cloth or fine muslin.

WATER Four samples have been taken of the Public Water Supply for examination and tests, and in each the water has been free from contamination and quite satisfactory.

Samples of the Water have also been taken by the Clevedon Water Co. and sent to a Bacteriologist with satisfactory results.

NUISANCES - Public and Private No extraordinary nuisances have occurred during the year, except that there has been quite an infestation of fleas in a large number of houses and industrial buildings, and an infestation of flies in two or three areas. Many troublesome cases have been dealt with, I think they have been dealt with satisfactorily. Cases of Beetles, Cockroaches and Bugs have been few. Many sanitary nuisances have been satisfactorily dealt with. Altogether 103 nuisances have been abated.

COUNCIL HOUSES The Council now own 118 houses. Many repairs have been carried out during the year including new floors, repairs to floors, windows, doors, fencing. Approximately 70 sanitary defects have been attended to.

POST WAR HOUSING Lay out Plans have been prepared for 144 houses and have been approved by the Ministry of Health and Town Planning.

Plans for the general layout of Roads, Sewers and Services have been prepared and approved in principle by the Ministry of Health. Detailed Drawings are in preparation so that tenders may be invited.

Plans have been prepared for the Layout of twenty (20) temporary houses in the South Clevedon Playing Fields and approved by the Ministry of Health.

Detailed Drawings are in preparation and Specifications have been prepared for the construction of roads, services and drainage, and will be ready for inviting tenders in a few days.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION - PLANS The Plans submitted to the Council and The District Town Planning Committee have numbered 21 of which 19 have been approved, one rejected and 1 withdrawn. These Plans do not all represent buildings for housing accommodation.

Specifications and Plans have been prepared for the conversion into Flats of six houses, the approval of same obtained from the Ministry of Health, tenders invited and forwarded to the Ministry of Health for the selection of Contractor. The work has been carried out on 5 houses.

Nine families have been housed, another two families will be housed as soon as the conversion of the 6th. house is completed.

By arrangement with the tenants of the cottages adjacent to the Fumigation Depot in Strode Road, the two cottages have been converted into three also the second storey of the Fumigation Depot converted into temporary living accommodation. By these conversions two families who were without houses have now been accommodated.

It should be borne in mind that the housing situation is still acute, possibly increased by the war activities. There are in this district as in others which have not been blitzed, families living in conditions which would not be tolerated in ordinary peacetime. Many properties are overcrowded, many living in Basements which were closed in prewar days, many in inadequate rooms temporarily converted.

I understand that the Ministry will shortly be calling for a survey of housing conditions and I foresee many difficult problems in the near future for, in addition to the needs of those mentioned above, the fighting services will, and should, in my opinion, claim favourable consideration.

It appears to me that the needs will not be met in reasonable time by the usual orthodox method of waiting for permanent houses, in view of so many prevailing conditions also unavoidable restrictions. I think a definite pressure should be made for more temporary houses as these can be erected quickly and will meet the immediate needs of married couples or with say one child.

SEWERS ETC. Although there have been some isolated defects and difficulties here and there, I am of the opinion that the main sewage system has fulfilled its functions reasonably satisfactorily, in spite of the increased population and wartime industries. The extension of the system is a matter which will call for consideration if developments take place on any extensive scale or if preparation is to be made for offering facilities for light industries within the Clevedon area.

Slight flooding has occurred on one or two occasions in some areas after exceptional storms during the period of tide lock, but more often the cause has been through the gully gratings becoming covered by leaves or rubbish, or the gullies not having been cleared through lack of sufficient labour owing to the labour shortage and having to use street sweepers on other work the grit and rubbish in the streets has not been cleared as one would like.

The back flap check valves at the outfall of the main sewers have been examined periodically and greased. Four new gullies have been built, all sumps have been cleaned out. A defective branch sewer in Herbert Terrace has been renewed. A defective and broken length of outfall sewer near Ladye Bay has been repaired. All main sewers have been examined as far as possible through manholes and appear to be working satisfactorily. A case of foul matter finding its way into a ditch in Tickenham Road has been satisfactorily dealt with after considerable investigation.

RATS & MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT 1919. INFESTATION ORDER S.R. & O. 680.1943

Instructions under this order have been proceeded with and an endeavour made to bring the infestation under control. The area has been divided into working districts under a block scheme and inspections have proceeded district by district, but isolated bad infestations throughout the area have, however, been dealt with as well.

Notices have been issued as cases have been found and the signature of the occupier or owner obtained accepting responsibility for payment or if this is refused a notice has been served giving a period for the occupier to abate the infestation and a further inspection made at the expiration of that period.

Excellent results have been obtained and numerous letters of appreciation and satisfaction have been received.

These findings have been noted, and the results will be noted as soon as the investigation of the case is completed.

In connection with the finding of the evidence in the case, it is noted that the evidence in the case is not sufficient to establish the guilt of the accused. It is noted that the evidence in the case is not sufficient to establish the guilt of the accused.

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A scheme for the treatment of sewers is in preparation in accordance with the conditions and orders of the Ministry of Food. Equipment etc. has been obtained from the Ministry and the estimated cost for the scheme will be presented to them for approval, and if approved the cost will be re-imbursed by them.

Herewith the cases treated to date, exclusive of pre-baiting:-

Cases treated and freed of infestation at
date of inspection 350

SHOPS ACT - YOUNG PERSONS ACT A few cases have been investigated in regard to young persons Act and matters adjusted satisfactorily to the complainants. A survey of the whole of the Shops in the District will be made and a full report will be submitted as soon as this work can be done.

HOUSE REFUSE This service has presented considerable difficulties and headaches owing largely to lack of suitable labour and sickness among the men. However, I am convinced the householders have not on the whole suffered much inconvenience.

Commendation is due to the elderly and some physically unfit men who have constantly carried out the work when there have not been sufficient other men to run the service.

I estimate that over 2000 tons of Refuse has been handled this year.

SALVAGE In view of Clevedon being mainly a residential town and with few industries and factories, it is agreed by the Ministry of Supply and the County Council that Clevedon has done exceptionally well. A very high comparative position among authorities has been maintained. The tonnage now being collected has fallen off slightly as is the case throughout the country.

Posters and newspaper articles and other notices have been displayed constantly drawing attention to the urgent need of Salvage of all kinds, and will be required for a considerable time. There is a special need for Pig Swill.

Return of Salvage collected, gross sales value and cost for the year are as follows:-

PAPER	121tons	18cwt					
METALS	9	5	2qrs				
TINS	14	11	2				
RAGS	9	3	2	SALES	£971	3	2
BONES	5	12	3	COST	749	18	10
RUBBER	1	5	-				
Sales	161tons	16cwt	1qr.		£221	4	4 GROSS
Sales KITCHEN WASTE	259 tons			SALES	£407	15	-
				COST	193	12	11
					£214	2	1
Sales	£1378	18	2				
Cost	943	11	9				
	£435	6	5				

Inon Heach

IJI/MES/ 18th. June, 1945

Engineer, Surveyor and
Sanitary Inspector

A review for the purpose of determining the
relationship with the conditions of the industry at large
is being made. The Board of Directors has authorized
this for the purpose of being able to make a report
thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

Respectfully,
The Board of Directors

Very truly yours,
The Board of Directors

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Jan	1	Jan	1	Jan	1	Jan	1
Feb	2	Feb	2	Feb	2	Feb	2
Mar	3	Mar	3	Mar	3	Mar	3
Apr	4	Apr	4	Apr	4	Apr	4
May	5	May	5	May	5	May	5
Jun	6	Jun	6	Jun	6	Jun	6
Jul	7	Jul	7	Jul	7	Jul	7
Aug	8	Aug	8	Aug	8	Aug	8
Sep	9	Sep	9	Sep	9	Sep	9
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