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R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year

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ROBERT H. CLAYTON, M.D., M.P.H., DIRECTOR

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of Cosford,
in the County of West Suffolk, for the year ending
31st December, 1942.

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Public Health Offices,
Westgate House,
Bury St. Edmunds.

June, 1943.

To:-

The Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of Cosford.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg to submit for your favourable
consideration my seventh Annual Report as Medical Officer of
Health, being for the year ended 31st December, 1942.

Except in the case of items for which full
particulars are required by the Minister of Health, the
report has been limited on his instructions, owing to the War.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBT. H. CLAYTON,
M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

also Medical Officer of Health Newmarket Urban,
Mildenhall, Thingoe & Thedwastre Rural Districts and

Assistant County Medical Officer of Health -
West Suffolk.

Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor
and Petroleum Officer.

W.M. Taylor, A.R.San: Inst.: Meat
Cert: R. S. I.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	48,530 acres
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population mid-year	9,748
Rateable value	£25,539
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book	3,098
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£120

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	143	71	72
Illegitimate	6	3	3
<u>Stillbirths.</u>			
Legitimate	6	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Deaths.</u>	126	57	69
<u>Birth Rate.</u>	Cosford 15.3 England & Wales 15.8		
<u>Stillbirth Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births</u>	"	38.7	
<u>Death Rate per 1000 resident population</u>	"	12.9	" 11.6
<u>Death Rate of Infants under 1 year.</u>			
All Infants per 1000 live births	"	40.3	" 49
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate births	"	42.0	
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate births	"	Nil	

6 deaths of infants under 1 year occurred, (2 male and 4 females, all legitimate). No deaths from maternal causes, 19 deaths from Cancer and no deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough or Diarrhoea (under 2 years) were recorded.

On the following page is a table giving the causes and the number of deaths occurring at the various age groups. The totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures. The deaths are classified under the Headings given in the Manual of the International List of Causes of Deaths - 1938.

The Birth Rate of 1942 is higher than those for the previous five years.

The Death Rate is the lowest recorded in my seven annual reports. Of the 126 deaths 85 = 67% occurred at age 65 years or over and of these, 32 = 25% of the total occurred at age 80 years or over.

CAUSES OF DEATHS.		Deaths at the sub-joined ages of "RESIDENTS" whether occurring in or beyond District.															
HEADING.	M = Male F = Female	Under 1 Year		1 and under 15		5 and under 15		15 and under 25		25 and under 45		45 and under 65		65 and upwards		TOTAL = Registrar General's Figures	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
2	Cerebro - Spinal Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
3	Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
6	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
9	Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
14	Cancer of Stomach & duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	1
15	Cancer of Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
16	Cancer of All Other Sites	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	2	4	3	8	6
17	Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
18	Intra:cranial vascular lesions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	5	8	7	9
19	Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	4	16	16	17
20	Other Disease of Circulatory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
21	Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	3	4
22	Pneumonia	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3
27	Other Digestive Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	3
28	Nephritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	3
31	Premature Births	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
32	Congenital malformations, birth injury, infantile disease	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
34	Road Traffic Accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
35	Other Violent Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
36	All Other Causes	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	9	9	10	13
Total Males		2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	12	-	38	-	57	-
Females		-	4	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	5	-	9	-	47	-	69

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(ii) (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge, under the Directorship of Dr. A.W. Downie, carried out, in addition to the usual public health bacteriological examinations, the examination of water samples, milk samples and provided diphtheria immunisation materials and measles serum.

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| (b) <u>AMBULANCE FACILITIES.</u> | } | No change. |
| (c) <u>NURSING IN THE HOME.</u> | | |
| (d) <u>CLINICS & TREATMENT CENTRES.</u> | | |
| (e) <u>HOSPITALS.</u> | | |

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER.

All public supplies were satisfactorily maintained throughout the year. A pump house, a new bore and pump and approximately three miles of pumping main were constructed from Nedging to Wattisham. Sixteen new consumers were connected to the Districts public mains. 63 water samples were taken during the year - 42 from the public mains (of which none were unsatisfactory) and 21 from other sources (18 of which were unsatisfactory. Warning notices were posted where required.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

8 new drains were inspected and 26 cesspools emptied during the year.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

During 1942 Drainage Boards whose jurisdiction covers rivers and streams in the area continued the clearing and deepening of water courses in the District as part of their agricultural policy.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Night Soil Collection is carried out at Lavenham, Bildeston and Boxford. 4 water closets and 3 pail closets were constructed during the year.

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Although the salvage drive for paper, bottles, jam jars, rags and metals reduces the amount of household refuse for disposal, accumulations are forming and the need for a refuse collection scheme is increasing.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following particulars of sanitary work during 1942 have been supplied to me by Mr. Taylor:-

Number of Inspections.

Houses under the Public Health and Housing Acts.	88
Building Byelaws.	7
Tents, vans, sheds.	1
Factories.	18
Shops.	34
Schools.	20
Cowsheds & Dairies.	180
Butcher's premises.	18
Samples (Milk 1, Water 63)	64
Dumps & tips.	33
After Infectious Disease.	4
Miscellaneous.	117
Salvage.	122
Food preparing premises.	23
Re-inspections.	152
Slaughterhouses, meat inspection.	8

Total:- 889

Factory Act, 1937.

18 visits to Factories were made. Absence of closet accommodation at one was remedied.

(iv) SHOPS AND OFFICES.

34 visits were paid to inspect heating, lighting and ventilation arrangements.

(v) CAMPING SITES.

No applications for Licence to occupy a site were made in 1942.

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT.
(vii) SWIMMING BATHS & POOLS. } No change.

(viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Complaints of bed bugs in three non-council houses were received. Thermotox was used successfully by the Local Authorities Officer.

4. SCHOOLS.

The water, washing and sanitary arrangements were inspected during 20 visits.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

1.(1)(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	88
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	106
(2)(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	14
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	14
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding Sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	39

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 21

3. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which | |
| (a) Demolition Orders were made | Nil |
| (b) Undertakings accepted not to relet for human habitation | 2 |
| (c) Undertakings accepted to repair in specified time | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | Nil |

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

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| (a)(i) Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year | 5 |
| (ii) Number of families dwelling therein | 7 |
| (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein | 32 |
| (b) Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year | 6 |
| (c)(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | 3 |
| (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases | 19 |
| (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority having taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | Nil |
- 3 dangerous structures were demolished during the year.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK SUPPLY.

No. of registered Cowkeepers & Dairymen	71
No. of registered Dairies	1
No. of visits to Cowsheds & Dairies	180
No. of notices issued in respect of unclean methods	10
No. of notices issued in respect of unclean premises	9
No. of registered premises found to require structural alterations	7
Work completed	3
No. of buildings adapted and brought into use	9
Samples taken for analyses	1
Legal proceedings	Nil

Hope for a permanent increase in the standard of clean milk production lies in education within the industry. At present constant reminders as to the necessity for cleanliness often result in only temporary improvement.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No. of Registered Slaughterhouses	Nil
No. of Licensed "	1
No. of Visits to "	8

119 lbs of beef, 30 lbs of canned meat and small quantities of tinned milk, fruit, rabbit and salmon were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Emergency casual slaughtering was in operation for one month during the year.

(c) <u>ADULTERATION, ETC.</u>	} No change
(d) <u>CHEMICAL & BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.</u>	
(e) <u>NUTRITION.</u>	
(f) <u>SHELL-FISH (Molluscan)</u>	
(g) <u>WATER CRESS.</u>	

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES.

ALL NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR, 1942.

	Total Cases Notified.	Age in Years:											Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
		-1	1	2	3	4	5-10	15	20	35	45	65		
Enteric Fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	5	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	3	1
Whooping Cough	5	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Diphtheria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	1	1	-
Measles	10	1	2	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Total:-	35	3	3	2	2	3	6	1	1	5	4	1	6	6

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and Mortality during 1942.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
25 - 35	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
35 - 45	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 65	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total	4	3	-	3	3	-	-	-

41 cases remained on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year, Respiratory Male 16, Female 14 and Non-Respiratory Male 3, Female 8.

The number of notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) in 1942 was 35 - a considerable improvement on the 436 of 1941.

By the end of 1942 65% of children under 5 years of age and 98% of children between 5 and 15 years of age had completed the Diphtheria Immunisation course.

During 1942 62 cases of Scabies were treated - 45 under the old arrangements and 17 at the Centre equipped and staffed by this Authority and opened in September.

