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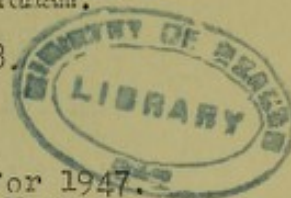


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THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1947 OF
THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
TO THE DISS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

High Common,
Wymondham.

July, 1948.



Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Holker and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1947. The Report is prepared on the lines laid down by the Ministry of Health.

Details of vital statistics of the Diss Urban District with comments thereon are given below.

The Registrar General estimates the population to be 3,398 at 31st December, 1947 and this is 17 more than in 1946. The birth rate per 1000 in the year under review was 15.92 which shows an increase of 4.39 per 1000 over the previous year. This is a satisfactory improvement so far as it goes but the birth rate in Diss is still 4.56 per 1000 less than the rate for the general population of England and Wales and this emphasises the importance of the Council's continued effort to provide homes for young married people.

The percentage of illegitimate births for 1947 reached the low figure of 1.92. This compares very favourably with 20.45% in 1945 and 5.13% in 1946.

The Still Birth Rate per 1000 total births was 19.23 which is considerably lower than in 1946.

The Death Rate for the year per 1000 estimated population was 12.36 which is slightly less than in 1946 and only slightly more than the rate for the population of the country as a whole.

The mortality rate among infants under one year was Nil for the year under review and is highly satisfactory. Neither were there any deaths of mothers as a result of child bearing. This indicates a high standard of maternal and infant care.

The year 1947 was remarkably free from any serious incidence of infectious disease. There were only 3 cases of measles and 11 cases of whooping cough notified. There was one case of Cerebro-spinal Fever and 3 cases of Scarlet Fever. The scarlet fever cases originated in the Mere Manor temporary housing huts but rapid isolation of the cases removed the possibility of a small epidemic in that quarter.

One verified case of Tuberculosis was notified during the year making a total of 15 such cases in the District which is the same as for 1946. Ten years ago - in 1937 - there were 22 notified cases of tuberculosis in Diss U.D. so that there is a satisfactory decline in the incidence of the disease over the period.

The Council may certainly derive satisfaction from a very satisfactory year from the point of view of the health of the community which it serves.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very respectfully,
J. Edgar Hoover

The following is a summary of the information received from the Bureau of Census regarding the population of the United States in 1930. The total population was 122,550,000, an increase of 15.7% over the population of 1920. The increase was due to a combination of factors, including a high birth rate, a low death rate, and immigration. The population of the United States in 1930 was the highest in the history of the country.

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The area of your District is - - - - - 3,628 acres.
 Population (Registrar-General's estimate) - - - - - 3,398
 ditto (1931 Census) - - - - - 3,421
 Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1947) - - - - - 1,108
 Rateable Value - - - - - £17,883
 Product of Penny Rate - - - - - £69.13. 4d

Vital Statistics for 1947.
Births and Deaths.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	25	25	50
Illegitimate	1	1	2
			52

Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population - - - - - 15.92

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate.	0	0	0
			1

Still Birth Rate per 1000 total births - - - - - 15.92

Deaths.

Number - 42. (19 male, 23 female).

Death Rate per 1000 estimated population - - - - - 12.36

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis and other Maternal Causes - Nil

Deaths of Infants under One Year - - - - - Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) - - - - - 4

Deaths from Infectious Diseases - - - - - 1 (Pneumonia)

<u>Analysis of Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Total (all ages)</u>
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Cancer	4
Diabetes	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	9
Heart Diseases	18
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2
Bronchitis	1
Pneumonia	1
Other respiratory diseases	1
Appendicitis	1
Nephritis	1
All other causes	3
	42

Diphtheria Immunisation.

This has become quite well established as a routine prophylactic measure for infants in the District. There were no cases of Diphtheria in the area during the year.

No. of Children who completed a course of primary immunisation in 1947.

Under five years	- - - - -	33
Five to fourteen	- - - - -	42
No. of children given a 'booster' dose	--	15

Water Supplies.

The water supply for the District is derived mainly from a borehole into the chalk within the District boundary. The supply has been adequate in quantity and quality throughout the year. The water is chlorinated before going into the mains having been previously softened to some extent. Bacteriological and chemical examinations of the water in January 1947 showed the water to be of a high standard.

No. of dwelling-houses supplied with main water : 987

Results of Chemical and Bacteriological Tests.

	<u>Raw Water.</u>	<u>Softened Water.</u>
Total Solids	51.2	46.9
Free & Saline Ammonia	.011	.002
Albuminoid Ammonia	.0014	.007
Chlorine in Chlorides	4.0	4.0
Nitrogen as Nitrates	Nil	Nil
Nitrites	Nil	Nil
Total Hardness	35.7	26.0
Permanent Hardness	15.2	13.2
Colonies per ml. on agar at 37° C	1	Nil
Bacillus Coli	Absent in 100 c.c.	Absent in 100 c.c.

Drainage and Sewerage.

No new works of importance have been carried out in the District but arrangements are in progress to improve the existing inadequate and unsatisfactory sewage disposal plant.

Slaughterhouse.

The slaughterhouse in the town was the subject of correspondence with the Ministry of Food during the year on account of the numerous complaints made by persons living in the immediate neighbourhood about noxious smells emanating from the slaughterhouse. The principal cause of the smell was found to be the storage of blood in a tank in the premises. This difficulty was satisfactorily dealt with and no serious cause for complaint

has since arisen. The slaughterhouse itself complies with all the rules and regulations as to its sanitary condition but it is badly sited in that it is closely hemmed in by surrounding inhabited dwellings which must of course interfere with the amenities of persons living and sleeping so close to a slaughterhouse.

W. W. SINCLAIR,

Medical Officer of Health

The above is a true and correct copy of the original as the same was presented to the Board of Directors of the Company on the 15th day of June, 1911, and the same was approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on the 15th day of June, 1911.

STATE OF NEW YORK

IN SENATE,
January 11, 1912.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE, IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE, APRIL 11, 1911, RELATIVE TO THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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Map of the State of New York, showing the location of the lands belonging to the State.

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The following is a list of the lands belonging to the State of New York, as of the 1st day of January, 1912.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT. YEAR 1947.

1. Number of Inspections and Particulars:-

Housing	168
ditto with Medical Officer of Health	16
Scavenging - Refuse Collection & disposal	174
Drainage	238
Markets	215
Factories	102
Infectious Diseases	13
Food - including: Butchers, Fish-fryers, Grocers and Greengrocers	201
Ice-cream - Manufacturer's premises and Vendors' Vehicles	35
Provisions - Merchants' Warehouses	17
Slaughterhouse	274
ditto with Medical Officer of Health	4
Cowsheds and Dairies	98
Vans used for human habitation	66
Shops Act, 1934	299
Rats and Mice (Destruction Act, 1919)	97
Total number of Inspections	<u>2017</u>

2. Notices:

Number of Formal Preliminary Notices	12
Number of Informal Notices	25
Number of Statutory Notices	Nil
Total	<u>37</u>

3. Nuisances:

Complaints received	4
Found on Inspection	41
Total	<u>45</u>
Abated by Formal Notice	12
Abated by Informal Notice	33
Abated by Statutory Notice	Nil
Total	<u>45</u>

4. Defects other than Nuisances:

Number found on Inspection	5
Number remedied by Informal Notice	5

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

- (1) Number of W.Cs. fixed on premises connected to the sewers during the year:-

Council Houses built and occupied (20)	40
Other houses and bungalows (8)	10
Number converted from pail-closets to W.Cs.	<u>7</u>
Total	<u>57</u>

- (2) Number of closets of each type remaining at 31st December, 1947

Number of Privy-vaults (fixed type)	63
Pail Closets (Removable Receptacles)	300
Water Closets (Houses and other premises)	824
Water Closets (Schools and Public Buildings)	65

Number of Inspections made in connection with drainage: 238

SCAVENGING.

The work of Refuse Collection is done by the Council with direct labour. This work is under the direction of the Surveyor and a 5-ton lorry is used for this purpose and other Council work. Refuse disposal is by open tipping, the land so used being surfaced with soil and later used for agricultural purposes.

The emptying and disposal of the contents of pail closets and privy-vaults is under the direction and supervision of the Sanitary Inspector. The pail closets are emptied weekly and privy-vaults as and when required.

Disposal of excreta collected within the Northern area of the district is deposited on farm land for manurial purposes. Arrangement is made for the other collected excreta to be dealt with at the sewerage works.

	<u>No. emptied.</u>	<u>Loads</u>
Pail Closets - emptied weekly	300	850
Privy-vault closets	34	36
Dustbins - emptied weekly	697	-
Cesspools emptied	8	42

CAMPING SITES.

There are no sites used or available for this purpose in the district.

VANS USED FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

Periodical visits are made as found necessary to Vans for the purpose of inspection. During the year all the vans inspected were found in a clean and satisfactory condition. Special attention is always directed to the provision of lavatory accommodation, refuse collection and proper water supply

Number of visits made during the year - - - - - 66

SWIMMING BATHS OR POOLS.

There are no swimming baths or pools available in the District.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Two cottages were dealt with and disinfected before the removal of the contents and before the demolition of the property.

DISINFESTATION OF FLEAS.

One case of a dwelling infested with fleas was dealt with during the year and disinfested.

DISINFECTION AND CLEANSING.

Number of visits in cases of infectious disease 13

Number of rooms disinfected: 10

The Infants' Department of the County Primary School was disinfected during the month of December, 1947.

HOUSING.

1. Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year 1947:

Number inspected for defects 55

Number of inspections made for that purpose 168

Number of houses recorded: Nil

Number of houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation. 19

Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit by informal action of Officer of the Local Authority 15

2. Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Formal Notices were served requiring repairs: 4

Number of houses in respect of which informal action was taken requiring repairs 15

Number of houses of which defects were remedied after formal notice and informal action:

(a) By the Owners: 29

(b) By the Local Authority Nil

3. Housing Act, 1936. Part II.

Number of representations made by the Medical Officer of Health in pursuance of Sec.11 of the Housing Act, 1936. 19

Number of statutory Notices served on the Owners Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936. Part III.

Number of Certificates issued under the Housing Act, 1936, Part III, Sec.51 4

Period for which Certificates were issued 5 years

HOUSING SUMMARY.

Unfit houses in representations to 31st December, 1947.

Number of houses of which representations were made:	19
Number of persons in occupation: Adults - 58. Children - 11	
Number of houses (included in the above) demolished	10
Number of houses (included in the above) now void and uninhabitable	3

OVERCROWDING.

HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV.

1. Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at 31st Dec. 1947.	3
2. Number of cases reported during the year	6
3. Number of cases found during the year	4
4. Number of persons concerned in such cases	39
5. Number of cases relieved during the year	13
6. Number of cases existing at 31st December, 1946	6

Particulars of dwelling-houses which have again become overcrowded after steps taken by the Officer of the Local Authority to abate the nuisance:

Number of the above relieved during the year: 2

Number of houses surveyed for the purpose of the Housing Act, 1936., Part IV to the 31st December, 1947 and recorded: 854

The present causes of overcrowding are as follows:

- (a) The return to civilian life of members of the Forces.
- (b) The number of young married people sharing a house with parents, relatives or friends.
- (c) The general shortage of reasonably low-rented housing accommodation.

YEAR 1947. NEW HOUSING ACCOMMODATION.

Number of new permanent houses built by the Local Authority and occupied during the year 1947 20

Mere Manor Estate, previously a military camp, taken over by the Local Authority for housing purposes, temporary housing.

Number of hutments occupied to 31st December, 1947. 18

New houses and bungalows built by private persons and completed by 31st December, 1947 8

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

REGISTER.

Number of Producer Retailers:	3
Number of Producer Wholesalers:	13
Number of Retail Dealers:	3
	19
Number of inspections of cowsheds and dairies	98
Number of samples taken for "Accredited" standard	4
Number of biological samples taken for "T.T." test	2

Notes of the year 1947.

4 producer wholesalers have commenced cow-keeping and registered during the year.

1 producer retailer has discontinued retailing, all milk being disposed of wholesale.

Number of retailers of milk produced in outside areas : 1

Number of retail dealers in bottled milk, licenced to use the designation "Pasteurised" milk 1

Number of "Accredited" licence producers : 2

Number of "T.T." licensed producers 3

Number of retailers retailing T.T.milk in the District 1

Number of dealers retailing in the district bottled "Pasteurised" milk : 1

Milk Sampling.

The sampling from Producers of both "Accredited" and "T.T." licensed milk is now carried out by the staff of the County Council Public Health Department.

NOTICES.

Number of informal notices served during the year: 5

Number of notices complied with : 5

Drainage.

The drainage on two farms has been reconstructed.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MEAT INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION.

Diss is a slaughtering centre under the Memoranda and Orders of the Ministry of Food and Ministry of Health.

The duties of inspection are carried out by the Sanitary Inspector of the Diss Urban District Council.

Slaughtering at the Diss Centre includes the Meat Supply of the following areas:

Diss Urban District.
Eye Borough
Depwade Rural District.
Hartismere Rural District.

Particulars of the inspections are as follows:

Number of visits of inspection to the Slaughterhouse	274
Number of visits with the Medical Officer of Health	4
Number of animals slaughtered	4152
Number of carcasses with organs examined	1147
Number of carcasses, detailed examination of organs and glands	691
Number of tuberculous carcasses examined	41

Notices during the year - Tuberculosis Order of 1938 1
Result: Form C (Article 4)
(d) Showing definite clinical signs of Tuberculosis.

A complete examination of the carcass with all organs and glands was made with the Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and dealt with pursuant to the requirements of the Order.

Cleansing of the Slaughterhouse.

1. Manure removal : The manure is removed once weekly.
 2. Condemed meat : This is removed three times weekly.
 3. Blood : The blood is now removed daily in the special containers provided for this purpose.
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SUMMARY OF DETAILS AND INSPECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1947.

<u>Slaughtering.</u>	Cattle.Calves.Sheep.Pigs.				Total
General	1124	1845	1012	171	4152
Casualties	59	15	8	58	140
Private				17	17
Emergency				28	28
T.B. Order, 1938	1				1

Condemnations.

1. All diseases except Tuberculosis					
(a) whole carcasses	4	2	12	2	20
(b) part carcasses	586	11	23	10	630
2. Tuberculosis only					
(a) whole carcasses	15	1	-	-	16
(b) part carcasses	23	1	-	1	25

<u>Weights of meat condemned:</u>	Tons.Cwts.Stones.lbs.			
(a) All diseases except tuberculosis	5	3	1	8
(b) Tuberculosis only:	4	8	7	1
Total weight condemned	9	12	0	9

Total number of visits to the slaughterhouse during the year: 278

Notes:

The town main water supply is connected.

Lighting by electricity is provided.

The drainage is connected to the main sewer.

The structure of the slaughter-house has been repaired, during the year - roof, walls and flooring.

The slaughterhouse was thoroughly cleansed and limewashed four times during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD - CANNED
AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS.

The following particulars are given of the canned and other foodstuffs condemned. These include meat, fish, vegetables and milk.

Total number of tins condemned : 558

Other foodstuffs condemned included the following:

Eggs : (Australian)	2 dozen
Dried Eggs :	9 boxes
Cake Flour :	23 packets
Cake powder :	36 packets
Preserves :	11 lbs
do :	21 lbs
Barley flakes :	12 boxes
2 boxes containing 49 meat pies	
2 boxes prunes (each 30 lbs)	60 lbs.

The following samples were taken and submitted during the year to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Norfolk County Council, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich, for bacteriological examination and report:

<u>Article.</u>	<u>No. of samples.</u>
Milk	10
Ice-cream	6

One sample of water taken from the well at a farm was also submitted for examination.

SHOPS AND STORES.

Number of inspections during the year - - - -	299
Number of shops and stores registered - - - -	85

The following defects were found existing during the year:

Insufficient lighting	N11
Cleansing of premises	5
Insufficient lavatory accommodation	1
Defective sanitary conveniences	4
Defective heating	3
Insufficient ventilation	N11
Total	<u>13</u>

NOTICES.

Number of statutory notices issued	N11
Number of defects remedied on request of Inspector	13

NOTES OF THE YEAR.

- 3 shops have had the heating arrangements improved.
- 5 shops have had the interior cleaned and painted.
- 1 shop has had the floor repaired.
- 4 defective W.Cs have been repaired.

A generally good standard is maintained in all the shops and stores in the district, special attention being given to the maintenance of cleanliness.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919.

1. Council premises.

The following premises owned and occupied by the Council and their tenants, with the exception of the refuse tip, which is rented by the Council for disposal purposes, are periodically dealt with.

- (a) Council Housing Estates.
- (b) Stores Yard and Stables premises, Chapel Street.
- (c) The Stores and Depot, No.112 Victoria Road.
- (d) Sewage Works and Disposal Grounds, Victoria Road.
- (e) Refuse tip, Rose Lane Palgrave. (Rented).
- (f) The Public Lavatory premises, Mere Street.

All the above are regularly inspected and periodically treated to prevent any possible infestation.

2. Sewers and Sewerage System.

During the year the sewers and sewerage system has been tested for any possible infestation.

Detailed results of the test and report thereon are included in this Annual Report.

3. Other premises.

All other premises reported are dealt with by the operator of the County Agricultural Committee (Pests Department) under contract with the Owner or Occupier as the case may be. The premises dealt with during the year are as follows:

- 1. Butchers' premises.
- 2. Bakers' stores and premises
- 3. Hotels and licensed premises.
- 4. Maltings and stores.
- 5. Grinding mills and premises
- 6. Granaries and stores
- 7. Fishmongers' premises
- 8. Shops and retail stores.
- 9. Grocers' premises and provision warehouses.

This Urban District is partly of a rural character and the farms and premises are the special work of the County Operator who does the necessary work by contract with the farmer concerned.

4. Inspections.

Number of inspections made during the year :

97

RODENT CONTROL.

MAINTENANCE TREATMENT FOR RATS IN SEWERS.

Record of treatment undertaken by : DISS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1. Total number of manholes in foul and connected systems : 36
2. Treatment No. 1 12/47
3. Dates of treatment: 15th, 16th and 17th December, 1947.
4. Bait used and poison used: Barium Carbonate (with sausage rusk)
5. Number of manholes baited: 36
6. Number of manholes showing prebait take Nil
7. Number of manholes showing complete prebait take Nil
8. Schemes of baiting used - Consecutive days.
9. Number of manholes test-baited in conjunction with this treatment and not including No.5 4
10. Remarks:

That the Rodent Operator, with the assistance of a man from the Surveyor's Department carried out the work under the direction of the Sanitary Inspector.

That this is a sewerage deep drainage system of the combined type.

Approximate total mileage of sewers in the Diss Local Authority's area - - 4 miles.

Approximate number of sewer connections to the sewers: 720.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919.

Maintenance treatment for rats in sewers: Treatment No.1.1947/8

<u>No.</u>	<u>Street.</u>	<u>Manholes.</u>	<u>Test points.</u>	<u>Results.</u>
	Chapel Street	2	6	Negative
A.1066.	Market Place	2	6	ditto
C.49	Mount Street	2	6	ditto
	Sunnyside	3	9	ditto
B.1077	Shelfanger Road	1	4	ditto
	Louie's Lane	2	6	ditto
	Croft Lane	4	12	ditto
A.1066	Roydon Road	4	14	ditto
B.1132	Denmark Street	2	6	ditto
C.49	Lower Denmark Street	3	12	ditto
B.1132	Park Road	6	20	ditto
A.1066	Victoria Road	5	17	ditto
		36	118.	All negative.

Observations.

The tests were carried out on the 15th, 16th and 17th December, 1947. The weather throughout the test was free from any exceptional heavy rainfall.

The flow of sewage during the period was at normal flow and velocity.

The work was carried out by the Rodent Operator with assistance of a man from the Surveyor's Department under the direction of the Sanitary Inspector.

URBAN DISTRICT OF DISS.
COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

ANNUAL REPORT.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

YEAR 1947.

1. INSPECTIONS.

<u>PREMISES.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers prosecuted.</u>
Factories with mechanical power	68	N11	N11
Factories without mechanical power	22	N11	N11
Other premises under the Act	12	N11	N11
	<u>102</u>	<u>N11</u>	<u>N11</u>

2. DEFECTS FOUND.

	<u>Number of defects:</u> <u>Found: Remedied.</u>		<u>Referred to H.M. Inspector.</u>	<u>Number in which prosecutions were instituted</u>
Want of cleanliness.	3	3	N11	N11
Improved drainage	1	1	N11	N11
Improved ventilation	1	1	N11	N11
<u>Sanitary Conveniences.</u>				
Insufficient	N11	N11	N11	N11
Unsuitable or defective:	7	7	N11	N11
	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>N11</u>	<u>N11</u>

G. HANDEL JONES,

Sanitary Inspector.

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REPORT OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

ADOPTED AT THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

Held at Washington, D. C., on the 10th day of May, 1906

BY THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Land Commissioners has caused this report to be signed by its Secretary, and the same to be attested by its Clerk, this 10th day of May, 1906.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

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