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DRIFFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1939

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Medical Officer of Health:	ALAN MILNER M.B. Ch.B.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Driffield Rural District Council.

My report for the past year is a very much shortened one as advised in the Minister of Health's circular of 19th July, 1940.

The past year, from a Public Health point of view, has been remarkable in this area because of the reception and housing of a large number of evacuees from Hull and Sunderland. Despite the influx of children and mothers from these towns and the consequent visiting and contacts with various sources no epidemic or even increase in infectious disease has been apparent as was almost to be expected.

Other noteworthy points are that housing work has gone ahead and that the water supply has practically been completed.

GOVERNMENT EVACUATION SCHEME

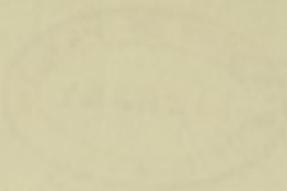
This Rural District is a Reception Area under the above scheme and arrangements were made to accommodate large numbers of the civil population. All the houses were visited by specially appointed persons and information obtained as to available accommodation.

The evacuation of HULL took place on the 1st and 2nd September and the following numbers were received and billeted in this district.

Unaccompanied School Children		526
Other persons:-		
Helpers and Teachers	112	
Mothers & Young Children	<u>332</u>	<u>444</u>
	Total	<u>970</u>

The evacuation of SUNDERLAND took place on the 9th and 10th September, and the following numbers were received and billeted in this district.

Unaccompanied School Children		790
Other persons:-		
Helpers & Teachers	109	
Mothers & Young Children	<u>244</u>	<u>353</u>
	Total	<u>1,143</u>



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The total numbers originally received and the numbers remaining in the district on the 31st December were as follows:-

	School Children	Pre School Children	Expectant Mothers	Non Expectant Mothers and others	Teachers	Helpers	Total
Numbers originally received	1316	350	11	215	120	101	2113
Numbers remaining on 31st Dec. 1940	808	27	2	26	52	36	949
Percent. of evacuees returned home during this period	38.60	98.28	81.81	83.35	40	64.35	55.08

Health and General Condition of School Children

A large majority of the children were weighed and measured soon after arrival. This was repeated prior to the closing of school for Christmas and in almost every case considerable increases were registered both in weight and stature.

Many cases of skin diseases have occurred amongst the children - impetigo and scabies being particularly prevalent.

The establishment of a Sick Bay to treat skin diseases and other ailments is being considered. This will prove to be of the greatest value and will remove an unreasonable burden from the householders.

SECTION A

VITAL STATISTICS

Area: 98,423 acres  
 Rateable Value: £32,202  
 Product of a Penny Rate: £126

BIRTHS

		Total	M.	F.
Live Births	1. Total Births	152	76	76
	2. Legitimate	142	70	72
	3. Illegitimate	10	6	4
Still Births	1. Total	5	3	2
	2. Legitimate	4	2	2
	3. Illegitimate	1	1	-

Birth Rate: 14.4 per 1,000 population  
 Illegitimate Birth Rate: 9.4 " " "  
 Still Birth Rate: 3.8 " " total births.

DEATHS

	Total	M.	F.
All Ages	152	58	67
Death Rate	9.7 per 1,000 population		
Infants under 1 year	12	"	"
Infantile mortality rate	84.5 per 1,000 live births		

The total number of children registered in the district at the first inspection was as follows:-

Age Group	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 5	100	120	220
5 to 10	150	180	330
10 to 15	200	250	450
15 to 20	250	300	550
20 to 25	300	350	650
25 to 30	350	400	750
30 to 35	400	450	850
35 to 40	450	500	950
40 to 45	500	550	1050
45 to 50	550	600	1150
50 to 55	600	650	1250
55 to 60	650	700	1350
60 to 65	700	750	1450
65 to 70	750	800	1550
70 to 75	800	850	1650
75 to 80	850	900	1750
80 to 85	900	950	1850
85 to 90	950	1000	1950
90 to 95	1000	1050	2050
95 to 100	1050	1100	2150
Total	10500	12500	23000

Details of School Inspections  
at District Schools

A large majority of the children were returned and returned soon after arrival. It was reported that in the absence of school for Christmas and in almost every case the children had been registered both in winter and summer.

The work of this division has been carried out by the children - inspectors and regular visits particularly in winter.

The establishment of a list of children who have been returned and other children is being completed. This will prove to be of the greatest value and will remove all uncertainty from the authorities.

SECTION 4

VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Births	Deaths	Total
1910	100	120	220
1911	150	180	330
1912	200	250	450
1913	250	300	550
1914	300	350	650
1915	350	400	750
1916	400	450	850
1917	450	500	950
1918	500	550	1050
1919	550	600	1150
1920	600	650	1250
1921	650	700	1350
1922	700	750	1450
1923	750	800	1550
1924	800	850	1650
1925	850	900	1750
1926	900	950	1850
1927	950	1000	1950
1928	1000	1050	2050
1929	1050	1100	2150
1930	1100	1150	2250
1931	1150	1200	2350
1932	1200	1250	2450
1933	1250	1300	2550
1934	1300	1350	2650
1935	1350	1400	2750
1936	1400	1450	2850
1937	1450	1500	2950
1938	1500	1550	3050
1939	1550	1600	3150
1940	1600	1650	3250
1941	1650	1700	3350
1942	1700	1750	3450
1943	1750	1800	3550
1944	1800	1850	3650
1945	1850	1900	3750
1946	1900	1950	3850
1947	1950	2000	3950
1948	2000	2050	4050
1949	2050	2100	4150
1950	2100	2150	4250
1951	2150	2200	4350
1952	2200	2250	4450
1953	2250	2300	4550
1954	2300	2350	4650
1955	2350	2400	4750
1956	2400	2450	4850
1957	2450	2500	4950
1958	2500	2550	5050
1959	2550	2600	5150
1960	2600	2650	5250
1961	2650	2700	5350
1962	2700	2750	5450
1963	2750	2800	5550
1964	2800	2850	5650
1965	2850	2900	5750
1966	2900	2950	5850
1967	2950	3000	5950
1968	3000	3050	6050
1969	3050	3100	6150
1970	3100	3150	6250
1971	3150	3200	6350
1972	3200	3250	6450
1973	3250	3300	6550
1974	3300	3350	6650
1975	3350	3400	6750
1976	3400	3450	6850
1977	3450	3500	6950
1978	3500	3550	7050
1979	3550	3600	7150
1980	3600	3650	7250
1981	3650	3700	7350
1982	3700	3750	7450
1983	3750	3800	7550
1984	3800	3850	7650
1985	3850	3900	7750
1986	3900	3950	7850
1987	3950	4000	7950
1988	4000	4050	8050
1989	4050	4100	8150
1990	4100	4150	8250
1991	4150	4200	8350
1992	4200	4250	8450
1993	4250	4300	8550
1994	4300	4350	8650
1995	4350	4400	8750
1996	4400	4450	8850
1997	4450	4500	8950
1998	4500	4550	9050
1999	4550	4600	9150
2000	4600	4650	9250
2001	4650	4700	9350
2002	4700	4750	9450
2003	4750	4800	9550
2004	4800	4850	9650
2005	4850	4900	9750
2006	4900	4950	9850
2007	4950	5000	9950
2008	5000	5050	10050
2009	5050	5100	10150
2010	5100	5150	10250
2011	5150	5200	10350
2012	5200	5250	10450
2013	5250	5300	10550
2014	5300	5350	10650
2015	5350	5400	10750
2016	5400	5450	10850
2017	5450	5500	10950
2018	5500	5550	11050
2019	5550	5600	11150
2020	5600	5650	11250
2021	5650	5700	11350
2022	5700	5750	11450
2023	5750	5800	11550
2024	5800	5850	11650
2025	5850	5900	11750
2026	5900	5950	11850
2027	5950	6000	11950
2028	6000	6050	12050
2029	6050	6100	12150
2030	6100	6150	12250
2031	6150	6200	12350
2032	6200	6250	12450
2033	6250	6300	12550
2034	6300	6350	12650
2035	6350	6400	12750
2036	6400	6450	12850
2037	6450	6500	12950
2038	6500	6550	13050
2039	6550	6600	13150
2040	6600	6650	13250
2041	6650	6700	13350
2042	6700	6750	13450
2043	6750	6800	13550
2044	6800	6850	13650
2045	6850	6900	13750
2046	6900	6950	13850
2047	6950	7000	13950
2048	7000	7050	14050
2049	7050	7100	14150
2050	7100	7150	14250
2051	7150	7200	14350
2052	7200	7250	14450
2053	7250	7300	14550
2054	7300	7350	14650
2055	7350	7400	14750
2056	7400	7450	14850
2057	7450	7500	14950
2058	7500	7550	15050
2059	7550	7600	15150
2060	7600	7650	15250
2061	7650	7700	15350
2062	7700	7750	15450
2063	7750	7800	15550
2064	7800	7850	15650
2065	7850	7900	15750
2066	7900	7950	15850
2067	7950	8000	15950
2068	8000	8050	16050
2069	8050	8100	16150
2070	8100	8150	16250
2071	8150	8200	16350
2072	8200	8250	16450
2073	8250	8300	16550
2074	8300	8350	16650
2075	8350	8400	16750
2076	8400	8450	16850
2077	8450	8500	16950
2078	8500	8550	17050
2079	8550	8600	17150
2080	8600	8650	17250
2081	8650	8700	17350
2082	8700	8750	17450
2083	8750	8800	17550
2084	8800	8850	17650
2085	8850	8900	17750
2086	8900	8950	17850
2087	8950	9000	17950
2088	9000	9050	18050
2089	9050	9100	18150
2090	9100	9150	18250
2091	9150	9200	18350
2092	9200	9250	18450
2093	9250	9300	18550
2094	9300	9350	18650
2095	9350	9400	18750
2096	9400	9450	18850
2097	9450	9500	18950
2098	9500	9550	19050
2099	9550	9600	19150
2100	9600	9650	19250

## Causes of Death were:-

Scarlet Fever	2	Influenza	1	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1
Cancer	13	Diabetes	3	Other tuberculosis disease	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	7	Heart disease	24	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	3
Bronchitis	4	Other circulatory diseases	7	Acute and Chronic Nephritis	5
Pneumonia	7	Liver diseases	2	Other defined diseases	15
Other respiratory diseases	2	Digestive "	2		
Congenital debility (prematurity)	3	Senility	17		
		Violence	6		

SECTION BGeneral Provision of Health Services of the Area.

In this Section little change of note has taken place in this area.

SECTION CSanitary Circumstances of the AreaWATER

Water Supply Scheme. Work on the Council's Scheme for the whole area has been proceeded with, and was near completion at the end of the year. Stand-taps for general supply have been erected in the villages and private services are being connected up.

Bacteriological Examinations. Eight samples of water have been obtained and forwarded to the Clinical Research Association Ltd., London, for bacteriological examination.

All these samples have been taken from private wells, the reports on which show that five were fit for drinking and three unfit, the latter being discontinued and water for domestic purposes taken from the Council's main.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The character and efficiency of the drainage and sewerage in the various parishes remain the same as set out in my Annual Report for 1937.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

No material change from the conditions as set out in my previous reports has been made.

For all the new houses that have been erected, water closets have been provided.

The village of MAFFERTON is the only one in which the collection of Night-soil is undertaken. The work is let out by contract, the night-soil becoming the property of the Contractor who disposes of it on land in his own occupation.

The scavenging of refuse from the R.A.F. Station, and of indestructible household refuse from the villages is carried out by Contract and disposed of by tipping.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The work done in the Public Health Department during the year is shown in the following tabular statement compiled by the Senior Sanitary Inspector:-

(The numbers marked x appear also under Section D, "Housing" or include numbers which appear under that heading).

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1. (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 92
2. Number of dwelling houses (included in sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 Nil
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices:-  
 Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Sanitary Inspector 11
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:-  
 No Statutory action taken during the year.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

During the year, the Minister confirmed Clearance Orders in respect of 49 houses submitted to him in the previous year.

The Council's Housing Scheme, as regards building in hand, was completed during the year in the parishes of Kilham, Kirkburn, Middleton, Nafferton and North Frodingham.

SECTION E

Inspection and Supervision of Food

The following tables show what has been done by way of inspection:-

MILK SUPPLY

No. of Dairies and Cowsheds on the Register	502
" " Cows (approximately)	1400
" " Inspections made	141
" " Defects found and remedied	33

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

No. of Slaughter-houses on the Register	18
" " Inspections of Slaughter-houses	491
" " Defects found and remedied	38
" " Ordinary visits for purpose of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924	368
" " Special visits on account of occasional slaughter and suspected diseased meat	23
" " Licensed Slaughtermen on Register	37

The following table shows the numbers of each class of animal killed and inspected, the approximate number of animals killed being arrived at after careful consideration:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>excluding</u> <u>Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>and</u> <u>Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed (approx.)	850	55	32	600	8,000
Number inspected	420	31	19	220	6,200

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1. Number of inspections made for the purpose of  
 2. Number of dwelling houses (included in schedule (1) above)  
 which were inspected and reported under the Housing  
 Regulations, 1925

3. Number of offences during the year which were reported  
 under the Housing Regulations, 1925  
 4. Number of dwelling houses reported as in compliance with  
 the Housing Regulations, 1925  
 5. Number of dwelling houses reported as not in compliance with  
 the Housing Regulations, 1925

GENERAL COMMENTS

During the year, the Minister continued to exercise his powers in respect of  
 the Housing Regulations, 1925, and in particular in respect of the  
 powers conferred on him in the previous year.

TABLE I

Inspection and Classification of Houses

The following tables show that has been done by way of inspection

<u>ALL HOUSES</u>	
No. of houses and contents of the register	522
Houses (approximately)	1470
Inspection made	141
Houses found and reported	22

HEAVY AND LIGHT CASES

No. of heavy cases on the register	18
" " " " " "	421
" " " " " "	28
" " " " " "	288
" " " " " "	28
" " " " " "	27

The following table shows the number of cases of each class of offence which  
 occurred, the approximate number of houses affected and the number of  
 cases reported.

TABLE II - OFFENCES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>	<u>Number of houses affected</u>	<u>Number of cases reported</u>
1925	28	18	28
1926	28	18	28

	<u>Cattle excluding Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis:-</b>					
Whole Carcasses condemned	3	2	3	19	14
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	11	3	1	3	21
<b>Tuberculosis only:-</b>					
Whole Carcasses condemned	6	2	-	-	6
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	5	-	-	41

SECTION F

Prevalence and Control over Infectious and other Diseases

The following cases were notified:4

Whooping cough	2 cases
Scarlet Fever	45 "
Diphtheria	10 "
Enteric Fever	1 "
Erysipelas	3 "
Pneumonia	14 "

Deaths were:- Pneumonia 7; Scarlet Fever 2.

All the diphtheria, most of the Scarlet and the Enteric case were admitted to the Isolation Hospital.

Tuberculosis

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
65 upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

No action has been found necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1935.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

ALAN MILNER, M.B.

"The Elms",  
Nafferton.

Case No.	Age	Sex	Occupation	Address	Onset of Illness	Course of Illness
1	25	M	Teacher	123 Main St.	Jan 15	...
2	30	F	Homemaker	456 Oak St.	Jan 20	...
3	40	M	Businessman	789 Pine St.	Jan 25	...
4	50	F	Retired	101 Elm St.	Jan 30	...
5	60	M	Farmer	202 Maple St.	Feb 5	...

RESULTS  
Investigation and Control of Infectious Diseases and other  
Illnesses

The following cases were identified:

Case No.	Age	Sex	Occupation	Address
6	20	M	Student	303 Cedar St.
7	25	F	Homemaker	404 Birch St.
8	35	M	Businessman	505 Spruce St.
9	45	F	Homemaker	606 Willow St.
10	55	M	Retired	707 Poplar St.

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DISCUSSION

Case No.	Age	Sex	Occupation	Address	Onset of Illness	Course of Illness
11	20	M	Student	808 Hickory St.	Feb 10	...
12	25	F	Homemaker	909 Walnut St.	Feb 15	...
13	30	M	Businessman	1010 Chestnut St.	Feb 20	...
14	35	F	Homemaker	1111 Sycamore St.	Feb 25	...
15	40	M	Businessman	1212 Dogwood St.	Feb 30	...
16	45	F	Homemaker	1313 Redwood St.	Mar 5	...
17	50	M	Businessman	1414 Cypress St.	Mar 10	...
18	55	F	Homemaker	1515 Juniper St.	Mar 15	...
19	60	M	Businessman	1616 Fir St.	Mar 20	...
20	65	F	Homemaker	1717 Hemlock St.	Mar 25	...

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