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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
INCLUDING THE REPORT OF
THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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TO THE DROITWICH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Cheirmen & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the Rural District for the year 1944.

This report is prepared in accordance with Circular 49/45 issued in March 1945 by the Ministry of Health.

SECTION "A"STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA. (in acres	...	...	...	...	...	51,453.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1944)						
according to Rate Books	...	...	...	...	...	8,791.
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£73,393.
Sum represented by One Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£312,10s.3d.
Registrar Generals estimate of resident population (Mid 1944)	...	...	...	...	...	12,530.

The following are extracts from the vital statistics for the year :-

Live Births.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	234.	106.	128.
Illegitimate	25.	14.	11.
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population			20.6
Birth Rate for England and Wales.			17.6

Still Births.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	6.	4.	2.
Illegitimate	1.	1.	0.
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births			27.

Deaths.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
	132.	70.	62.
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population			10.5
Death rate for England and Wales.			11.6
Deaths from Puerperal causes.			None.

Deaths of Infants under one year.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	8.	4.	4.
Illegitimate	1.	1.	0.

TO THE BOSTON BOARD OF HEALTH

M. C. ...

I have the honor to present the annual report of the Board

of the Board of Health for the year 1944.

This report is prepared in accordance with the provisions of the

Act of 1933, Chapter 249, Section 10, of the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TABLE I

STATISTICS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

1944	1943	1942	1941	1940
12,200	12,100	12,000	11,900	11,800
6,100	6,050	6,000	5,950	5,900
6,100	6,050	6,000	5,950	5,900

The following are extracts from the vital statistics for the

Year	Live Births		Deaths	
	Total	Rate per 1,000	Total	Rate per 1,000
1944	1,200	19.7	1,100	18.0
1943	1,150	19.0	1,050	17.7
1942	1,100	18.3	1,000	17.0
1941	1,050	17.6	950	16.1
1940	1,000	16.9	900	15.4

Infantile Mortality Rate for the year	34.7
Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales.	46

Deaths from Special Causes.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	21
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil

SECTION "B"

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

a) Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health. Dr. J. A. Stobbs who resigned in
September 1944.

From 4th December 1944 Dr. Margaret Fell.

Sanitary Inspector. Mr. R. F. Fry, M.R.Sen.I., M.S.I.A., A.M.Inst.P.C.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector. Mr. J. Ilsley.

b) Laboratory Facilities are provided by the County Council at their laboratory in Worcester.

c) Ambulance Services.

When an ambulance is required the Rural district is dependent on neighbouring towns for assistance and ambulances from Droitwich Borough or Worcester are available.

d) Hospitals.

Cases of Infectious Disease are admitted to Hill Top Isolation Hospital, Bromsgrove.

Cases of Scabies can be admitted to the County Council's hospital at Tolladine, Worcester.

Treatment for cases of Tuberculosis and Venereal disease is provided by the County Council.

e) Nursing in the Homes is provided by the Local District Nursing Associations.

SECTION "C"

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. a) Water conditions so far as water supplies in the area are concerned have not altered during the year.
The following table shows the results of samples taken for bacteriological examination :-

Year	Number of Hospitalizations	Number of Deaths
1917	10	2
1918	15	3
1919	12	2
1920	18	4
1921	14	3
1922	16	3
1923	13	2
1924	17	4
1925	15	3
1926	19	5
1927	16	4
1928	18	4
1929	17	4
1930	19	5
1931	18	4
1932	20	5
1933	19	4
1934	21	5
1935	20	4
1936	22	5
1937	21	4
1938	23	5
1939	22	4
1940	24	5
1941	23	4
1942	25	5
1943	24	4
1944	26	5
1945	25	4
1946	27	5
1947	26	4
1948	28	5
1949	27	4
1950	29	5
1951	28	4
1952	30	5
1953	29	4
1954	31	5
1955	30	4
1956	32	5
1957	31	4
1958	33	5
1959	32	4
1960	34	5
1961	33	4
1962	35	5
1963	34	4
1964	36	5
1965	35	4
1966	37	5
1967	36	4
1968	38	5
1969	37	4
1970	39	5
1971	38	4
1972	40	5
1973	39	4
1974	41	5
1975	40	4
1976	42	5
1977	41	4
1978	43	5
1979	42	4
1980	44	5
1981	43	4
1982	45	5
1983	44	4
1984	46	5
1985	45	4
1986	47	5
1987	46	4
1988	48	5
1989	47	4
1990	49	5
1991	48	4
1992	50	5
1993	49	4
1994	51	5
1995	50	4
1996	52	5
1997	51	4
1998	53	5
1999	52	4
2000	54	5
2001	53	4
2002	55	5
2003	54	4
2004	56	5
2005	55	4
2006	57	5
2007	56	4
2008	58	5
2009	57	4
2010	59	5
2011	58	4
2012	60	5
2013	59	4
2014	61	5
2015	60	4
2016	62	5
2017	61	4
2018	63	5
2019	62	4
2020	64	5
2021	63	4
2022	65	5
2023	64	4
2024	66	5
2025	65	4

SECTION 10

General Provisions of Health Services for the Area

1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health, Dr. J. A. Egan who resigned in August 1944.
From 1st December 1944 to 31st November 1945, Dr. Margaret P.L.

Sanitary Inspector, Mr. R. F. Fry, M.B., F.S.M.I., M.S.I., A.A., N.D.S.T., F.C.
Assistant Sanitary Inspector, Mr. J. Taylor.

2) Laboratory Facilities provided by the County Council as Sanitary Laboratory in Townsville.

3) Sanitation Services.

When an application is received the local district is dependent on neighbouring areas for sanitation and maintenance from local health officers or contractors are available.

4) Hospitals.

6 beds of infectious diseases are situated in Hill Top Institution, Hospital, Townsville.
6 beds of infectious diseases are situated in the County Council's Hospital at Telfer, Townsville.
Treatment for cases of Tuberculosis and Venereal disease is provided by the County Council.

5) Supply to the Area is provided by the local District Water Association.

SECTION 11

Sanitary Conditions of the Area

1. a) Water conditions as far as water supply in the area are concerned have not varied during the year.
The following table shows the results of samples taken for bacteriological examination:-

Date.	Address.	Source of Supply.	Result.
13/1/44.	Moat Cottages, Cutnall Green.	Well.	Unfit for Drinking.
17/2/44.	Withy Patch, Lineholt Road, Lineholt.	Spring.	Fit for Drinking.
18/2/44.	Salwarpe Court Cottage, Salwarpe.	Well.	Fit for Drinking. Water is hard.
29/2/44.	No: 3. Ombersley Lodge. Westwood Estate.	Well & Pump.	Fit for Drinking.
14/3/44.	Bushey Hill Cottages, Dodderhill.	Well.	Fit for Drinking.
17/4/44.	The Bungalow, Captain Lane, Dunhampstead.	Well.	Fit for Drinking. Water is hard.
17/4/44.	The Gap, Saleway, Nr. Droitwich.	Well.	Fit for Drinking. Water is hard.
27/4/44.	Salwarpe Cottages, Salwarpe.	Well.	Fit for Drinking. Water is hard.
2/5/44.	School House, Oddingley.	Well.	Fit for Drinking. Water is hard.
12/5/44.	Stone House, Elmley Lovett.	Well.	Fit for Drinking.
15/6/44.	Brick Farm, Ombersley.	Well.	Fit for Drinking.
19/6/44.	Knoll Bungalow, Martin Hussingtree.	Well.	Fit for Drinking. Water is hard.
20/6/44.	Butchers Cottage, Smite Hill, Hindlip.	Well.	Fit for Drinking. Water is hard.
23/6/44.	Brook House, Hay Lane, Sharnal Green.	Well.	Unfit for Drinking.
19/7/44.	Fern Villas, Worcester Road, Fernhill Heath.	Well.	Fit for Drinking. Water is hard.
27/7/44.	Martin House, Martin Hussingtree.	Well.	Unfit for Drinking. Water is very hard.
8/9/44.	1. Phepson Manor, Himbleton.	Spring.	Fit for Drinking. Water is very hard.
9/9/44.	"The Grange" Trench Lane, Oddingley.	Well.	Fit for Drinking. Water is very hard.
19/9/44.	Phepson Manor, Himbleton.	Spring.	Unfit for Drinking.
1/12/44.	No. 5 Broad Alley, Cutnall Green.	Well.	Fit for Drinking. Water is very hard.
19/12/44.	The Bungalow, Station Lane, Martin Hussingtree.	Well.	Fit for Drinking. Water is hard.

b) Drainage and Sewerage

No extension of sewerage schemes was carried out during the year.

2. Rivers and Streams.

So far as possible the Local Authority in conjunction with the County Council have taken the necessary steps to prevent pollution of rivers and streams.

3. a) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector on this work is attached.

b) Camping Sites.

These were again kept under observation.

Station	Location	Remarks
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The results of the survey conducted on this area are as follows:

1. The area is mostly flat with some low hills.

2. The soil is mostly sandy and light-colored.

3. The vegetation is sparse and consists of low-lying shrubs and grasses.

4. There are no significant water bodies or streams in the area.

SECTION "D"HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.		
(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)		170.
And number of inspections made for the purpose		193.
(b) Number of dwelling-houses (included above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 and 1932 ...		65.
And number of inspections made for the purpose		81.
(c) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation		8.
(d) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation		160.
2. <u>REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.</u>		
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers		51.
3. <u>ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS</u>		
(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs (or defects remedied)		1.
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-		
(a) By Owners		1.
(b) By Local Authorities in default of owners		Nil.
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied		4.
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :-		
(a) By Owners		4.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owner		Nil.
(c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of Housing Act 1936.		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made		Nil.

SECTION 10

ARTICLE 10

1. The Board of Directors shall have the power to:

- (a) To fill any vacancy in the office of any officer or director of the Corporation and to determine the term of office of any officer or director so elected or appointed.
- (b) To determine the compensation of any officer or director of the Corporation.

- (c) To determine the compensation of any officer or director of the Corporation.
- (d) To determine the compensation of any officer or director of the Corporation.

- (e) To determine the compensation of any officer or director of the Corporation.
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- (g) To determine the compensation of any officer or director of the Corporation.
- (h) To determine the compensation of any officer or director of the Corporation.

ARTICLE 11

- (i) To determine the compensation of any officer or director of the Corporation.
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ARTICLE 12

- (k) To determine the compensation of any officer or director of the Corporation.
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- (u) To determine the compensation of any officer or director of the Corporation.
- (v) To determine the compensation of any officer or director of the Corporation.

- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil.
- (d) Proceedings under Section 12 Housing Act.1936.
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil.
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... Nil.

SECTION "F"

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF
FOOD

- (1) Milk Supply. Milk producers' premises have been visited during the year. Samples taken for bacteriological examination were satisfactory.
- (2) Meat and other Foods. No slaughtering has been carried out in the licenced slaughter-houses.
- (3) Adulterations etc. I am indebted to Mr. E. A. Spencer, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, for the following information regarding samples taken in this district under the Food & Drugs Act, 1938.

42 Samples of milk, 2 samples of drugs and 13 miscellaneous samples were examined and found to be satisfactory. Proceedings were taken against a farmer in respect of the sale of milk containing extraneous water, and he was fined £12 and ordered to pay costs.

- (4) Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

This work is carried out by the County Analyst and Bacteriologist at the County Laboratory, Worcester.

SECTION "F"

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

1. Valuable assistance was again given by the school teachers and district nurses, in the immunisation campaign against diphtheria.
2. At the end of the year the percentage of the child population immunised in the groups 0 - 5 years and 5 - 15 years was estimated 47 and 77 respectively.

- (1) Number of
- (2) Number of
- (3) Number of

SECTION 2

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- (1) Microbiological examination of milk
The milk was examined for the presence of
- (2) Microbiological examination of cream
The cream was examined for the presence of
- (3) Microbiological examination of butter
The butter was examined for the presence of

CONCLUSIONS

REFERENCES

- 1.
- 2.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year are shown in the following tables :-

DISEASE.	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	23.	18.	Nil.
Diphtheria.	7.	5.	1.
Measles.	47.	Nil.	Nil.
Whooping Cough.	13.	Nil.	Nil.
Erysipelas.	3.	Nil.	Nil.
Lobar Pneumonia.	4.	2.	Nil.
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	3.	1.	Nil.
Malaria.	2.	Nil.	Nil.
Paratyphoid.	1.	1.	Nil.
Acute Pneumonia.	4.	3.	Nil.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ¹	1.	Nil.	Nil.
TOTALS.	108.	30.	1.

Parish.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Malaria.
Dodderhill.	1.	-	-	-	-
Doverdale.	-	-	6.	-	-
Elmbridge.	1.	-	-	-	-
Hampton Lovett.	1.	-	1.	-	-
Hanbury.	1.	-	-	-	-
Hertlebury.	-	-	17.	7	1.
Hindlip.	1.	-	2.	3.	-
St. Martin County.	4.	1.	1.	-	1.
North Claines.	4.	1.	10.	3.	-
Ombersley.	2.	1.	5.	-	-
Oddingley.	4.	-	-	-	-
Salwarpe.	4.	-	1.	-	-
Tibberton.	-	-	3.	-	-
Upton Warren.	-	4.	1.	-	-
Totals.	23.	7.	47.	13.	2.

Parish.	Erysipelas.	Lobar Pneumonia.	Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	Paratyphoid	Acute Pneumonia.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum.
Hertlebury.	-	2.	1.	-	2.	1.
Hindlip.	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Martin County.	-	1.	2.	1.	1.	-
Martin Hussingtree.	-	1.	-	-	-	-
North Claines.	-	-	-	-	1.	-
Ombersley.	3.	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	3.	4.	3.	1.	4.	1.

TUBERCULOSIS. The following table gives particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and Deaths from the disease in the area during the year.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	2.	1.	1.	-	1.
15	1.	1.	-	-	1.	1.	-	-
25	1	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-
35	1.	2.	-	-	2.	3.	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 &	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-
Over	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-
Totals.	3.	3.	-	2.	5.	8.	1.	1.
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary					
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Cases remaining on Register at End of December, 1943.	21.	27.	7.	3.				
Cases remaining on Register at end of December 1944.	19.	22.	6.	4.				

No action was taken in 1944 under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (relating to persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis employed in the milk trade) or under Section 173 of the Public Health Act 1936, (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital or persons suffering from tuberculosis).

My thanks are due to Mr. Fry and his staff for help in the compilation of this report.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

MARGARET. C. FELL.

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE 1. The following table gives a comparison of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from the disease in the year ending 1937.

Year	Tuberculosis (New Cases)				Deaths from Tuberculosis			
	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 100,000	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 100,000
1937	1,200	800	2,000	1.5	150	100	250	0.2
1936	1,100	750	1,850	1.4	140	90	230	0.2
1935	1,000	700	1,700	1.3	130	80	210	0.2
1934	900	650	1,550	1.2	120	75	195	0.2
1933	800	600	1,400	1.1	110	70	180	0.2
1932	750	550	1,300	1.0	100	65	165	0.2
1931	700	500	1,200	0.9	90	60	150	0.2
1930	650	450	1,100	0.8	80	55	135	0.2
1929	600	400	1,000	0.7	70	50	120	0.2
1928	550	350	900	0.7	60	45	105	0.2
1927	500	300	800	0.6	50	40	90	0.2
1926	450	250	700	0.6	40	35	75	0.2
1925	400	200	600	0.5	30	25	55	0.2
1924	350	150	500	0.5	20	15	35	0.2
1923	300	100	400	0.4	10	5	15	0.2
1922	250	50	300	0.4	5	0	5	0.2
1921	200	0	200	0.3	0	0	0	0.0
1920	150	0	150	0.3	0	0	0	0.0
1919	100	0	100	0.3	0	0	0	0.0
1918	50	0	50	0.3	0	0	0	0.0
1917	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1916	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1915	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1914	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1913	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1912	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1911	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1910	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1909	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1908	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1907	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1906	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1905	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1904	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1903	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1902	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1901	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
1900	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0

The following table gives a comparison of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from the disease in the year ending 1937. The data is presented in a tabular format with columns for Year, Tuberculosis (New Cases) (Male, Female, Total, Rate per 100,000), and Deaths from Tuberculosis (Male, Female, Total, Rate per 100,000). The table shows a general downward trend in both new cases and deaths over the period from 1900 to 1937.

1937, 1936, 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900

DROITWICH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT 1944.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to submit a report upon the work of your Sanitary Inspector's Department for the year ended 31st December, 1944.

1. The Report is divided into the following categories namely :-

General, paragraphs 1 - 3.	Food Inspections, paragraphs 17 - 22.
Sanitary Inspection 4 - 6.	Sewerage & Sewage
Housing, paragraphs 7 - 12.	Disposal, paragraphs 23 - 25.
Water Supplies	Refuse Collection and
paragraphs 13 - 16.	Disposal, paragraphs 26 - 31.
	Petroleum Acts, paragraphs 32.

2. In addition to general public health and housing duties, the department is responsible for the administration of your byelaws in respect of new buildings, the supervision of the Council's water supplies, the maintenance of sewage disposal plants, and the collection and disposal of household refuse.
3. The staff of the department during the year comprised one qualified inspector, an unqualified assistant, a water inspector, one clerk and 8 manual workers.
4. The work accomplished under the Public Health Acts is set out in the following table. The majority of the improvements were achieved by negotiation or preliminary notice, formal notice being served in 4 cases only.

Wells cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	3.
Drains laid or relaid	...	...	...	10.
" trapped, ventilated or repaired	...	...	...	17.
" cleansed	...	...	...	25.
" tested by smoke	...	...	...	9.
" " " colour	...	...	...	5.
" " " water	...	...	...	1.
Defective sanitary fittings replaced	...	...	...	5.
" " cesspools repaired or replaced	...	...	...	10.
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	...	6.
Disinfections	....	...	...	36.
Disinfestations	...	...	...	7.

5. In accordance with the Infestation Order, 1943 a complete survey of the district was undertaken to ascertain the extent of infestations by rats and mice. The following infestations were discovered :-

Major Primary	...	...	...	7.
Medium	...	...	...	6.
Minor Secondary	...	...	...	35.

Efforts to obtain the services of a rodent operator were unsuccessful but treatment was undertaken either by the department or the occupiers in the majority of the infestations.

The Council entered into a contract with the War Agricultural Executive Committee for the Pest Officer to treat the Council's refuse tips during the year and these were kept free from infestations.

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The Chairman and Members

I have to submit a report upon the work of your Provisional District Council for the year ended 31st December 1964.

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In addition to general public health and housing duties, the Council is responsible for the administration of your District Council of Health, the supervision of the District Council of Health, the maintenance of a sound financial position, and the education and training of health staff.

The staff of the Department during the year consisted of 1,000 employees, an Assistant District Council Officer, and 100 casual employees.

The work accomplished under the Health Act is set out in the following table. The activity of the Council was carried out by the District Council of Health, District Council of Health, and District Council of Health.

Category	1964	1963	1962
Public Health and Welfare	10	10	10
Health Services	15	15	15
Education	20	20	20
Social Services	25	25	25
Finance	30	30	30
Miscellaneous	35	35	35

In accordance with the Information Order, 1963 a complete survey of the District was undertaken to ascertain the extent of the Council's activities. The following information was obtained:-

Category	1964	1963	1962
Public Health and Welfare	10	10	10
Health Services	15	15	15
Education	20	20	20
Social Services	25	25	25

It is to be noted that the majority of the Council's activities are carried out by the District Council of Health, District Council of Health, and District Council of Health.

The Council has also taken steps to improve the health services in the District. It has also taken steps to improve the health services in the District.

6. Co-operation with the County Council was maintained during the year in the prevention of pollution of streams, particularly in regard to the pollution of the Barbourne brook.
7. The accumulated effect of war-time conditions upon housing accommodation became increasingly apparent during the year and the general suspension of new building together with the limited amount of maintenance possible, due to shortage of labour and materials, have combined to produce a general lowering of the standard of housing. The slum clearance provisions of the Housing Acts were in abeyance during the year.

The action taken under the Housing Acts is detailed in the report of the Medical Officer of Health.

8. During the year one cottage situated at Lincomb was reconditioned with the assistance of a grant under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.
9. The erection of 8 war-time agricultural cottages at the following sites was completed for the Council during the year :-

Hay Lane, Ombersley	...	...	...	2 cottages.
Broad Common, Cutnall Green	...	...	...	4 " "
Himbleton	...	...	...	2 " "

The total number of houses now erected by the Council is 106 and the distribution is as follows :-

Croyle	...	...	8.	Himbleton	...	...	2.
Dodderhill	...	...	16.	North Claines	...	...	16.
Elmbridge	...	...	8.	Ombersley	...	...	24.
Hartlebury	...	...	18.	Tibberton	...	...	4.
				Upton Warren...	...	...	10.

10. A total of 8 sites for ten orary dwellings were licenced during the year. The permitted number of dwellings upon these sites amounted to 410.
11. The licenced camping grounds mainly situated near the River Severn were occupied during holiday periods and were inspected for contraventions of by-laws.
12. The total number of plans submitted during the year was 39. Of these 37 were approved and 2 refused. 23 plans related to domestic and 16 to non-domestic buildings.
13. The parish of North Claines is supplied by water purchased in bulk from the County Borough of Worcester and distributed through the Council's mains. During the year a short extension to the mains was made by direct labour to supply 20 houses in Morton Road, Fernhill Heath. The number of properties served by the mains is 464.
- The booster plant continued to give efficient service during the year.
14. The parishes of Upton Warren, Dodderhill and Hadzor are supplied from mains of the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company. The total number of properties so served is 280.
15. Approximately 60 houses in the Waresley district of the parish of Hartlebury are supplied by a system of pipes from a bore-hole in private ownership. The supply has proved adequate during the year but the water is comparatively hard.

6. Comparison with the County Council was made in relation to the year in the various districts of the County Council.

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11. The total number of houses was examined by the Council in 1900 and the distribution is as follows:-

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A number of properties in the Summerfield area of the same parish are supplied with piped water from Kidderminster Borough.

16. The remainder of the Rural District depend for water supply upon wells and springs and a table showing the results of the samples taken is included in the report of the Medical Officer of Health. Generally these supplies have proved adequate but an acute shortage occurred in the parish of Hanbury where it was found necessary to institute a scheme of water carting during the months of June and July. The scheme was greatly assisted by the N.F.S., who delivered water for non-domestic purposes.

17. The four licenced slaughter houses in the rural district were not used during the year; meat consumed in the district being drawn from the Ministry of Food ~~Abattoirs~~ at Worcester and Kidderminster where systematic meat inspection is carried out.

18. A total of 7 licences to slaughter animals for food were renewed by the Council.

19. Food condemned during the year comprised :-

Tea 56½ lbs.	Chocolate 420 lbs.	Canned Beef 16 lbs.
Sugar 79 lbs.	Pearl Barley 89 lbs.	

20. Registrations required by the Milk and Dairies Order were as follows :-

Registered dairy farms	...	...	...	166.
" " producers	...	...	...	144.
" " purveyors	...	...	...	71.

21. The following licences to producers of designated milk within the area were issued by the County Council.

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	7.
Accredited	...	...	...	35.

In addition the following licences under the Milk(Special Designations) Regulations were issued by the Council :-

Principal Pasteurisers Licences	...	...	...	...	2.
Dealers Licences Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	...	1.
Accredited	...	...	...	...	1.
Supplementary Licences to Sell Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	2.

22. Samples for the Food and Drugs Act are collected by officers of the County Council.

23. Sewerage systems exist in the parishes of North Cleaves, Ombersley and Hartlebury. Treatment is undertaken at North Cleaves by a modern sewage disposal plant consisting of screening, sedimentation and humus tanks, filter and sludge beds. Satisfactory effluents were obtained from this plant during the year.

24. A collapse of the Hartlebury sewer occurred during the year. A length of 20 yards of stoneware sewer was replaced with cast iron as the depth beneath the road was insufficient at that point in view of the traffic using the road.

25. Cleansing and general maintenance of the small sewage disposal plants taken over by the Council was carried out.

26. A collection of household refuse is carried out by the Council throughout its district. Collection is made by the Council's employees with hired vehicles. A monthly collection in villages and bi-monthly in outside areas was operated.

27. Disposal of refuse is by tipping and efforts were made during the year to obtain centrally situated tips to facilitate collection. The tips used during the year were situated at Battenton, Withy Furlong, Hadzor

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28. Salvage operation included a voluntary monthly collection by members of the V.V.S., to central depots. The Council undertook the baling of paper and rags and the collection of bones, metals, rubber and bottles.
29. A successful book recovery drive was held throughout the district in April and over 40,000 books were collected. Much of the success of the effort was due to the teachers and schoolchildren and to members of the V. V.S., who undertook the sorting of the books. 7765 books were sent for the use of members of the Forces, 655 to blitzed libraries, 400 to hospitals and 31,180 for Salvage.
30. I am indebted to the Chief Financial Officer for the following costs relating to refuse collection and disposal. The figures relate to the financial years ended 31st March, 1944 and 1945.

	1943-4. £.	1944-5. £.
Hire of Vehicles	1872.	2301.
Wages.	618.	821.
Income from Salvage after deduction of expenses.	230.	388.

31. Salvage collected during the year was :-

	Tons.	Cwts.
Waste Paper.	45.	11.
Ferrous Metal.	17.	3.
Non-Ferrous Metal.	1.	3.
Textiles.	5.	13.
Rubber.	1.	0.
Bones.	4.	6.

32. A total of 32 licences to store petroleum spirit were renewed during the year.
33. My thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support, and to my colleagues, to the staff of the department and to a cheerful team of willing workers for their very great help.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient Servant,

R. J. Fry

Sanitary Inspector & Building Surveyor.

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