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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

is to the

Sanitary Conditions of the Hartismere Rural

District for the year 1951.

(Presented by the Acting Medical Officer of Health)

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1951. I do this on behalf of Dr. M.A. Dawson who is at present on sick leave, and the report is based on information and figures collected during her time of office.

Examination of the figures in this report shows that the state of health in Hartismere Rural District has been most satisfactory during the past year.

There have been outbreaks of Whooping Cough, Measles and Scarlet Fever, but the district has otherwise had very few cases of notifiable infectious diseases.

The percentage of children who have been immunised against diphtheria is regrettably low. It is hoped that parents will not be lulled into a false sense of security, because cases of Diphtheria are no longer very prevalent. Diphtheria germs are still being carried round and every child who has not been immunised is liable to contract the disease.

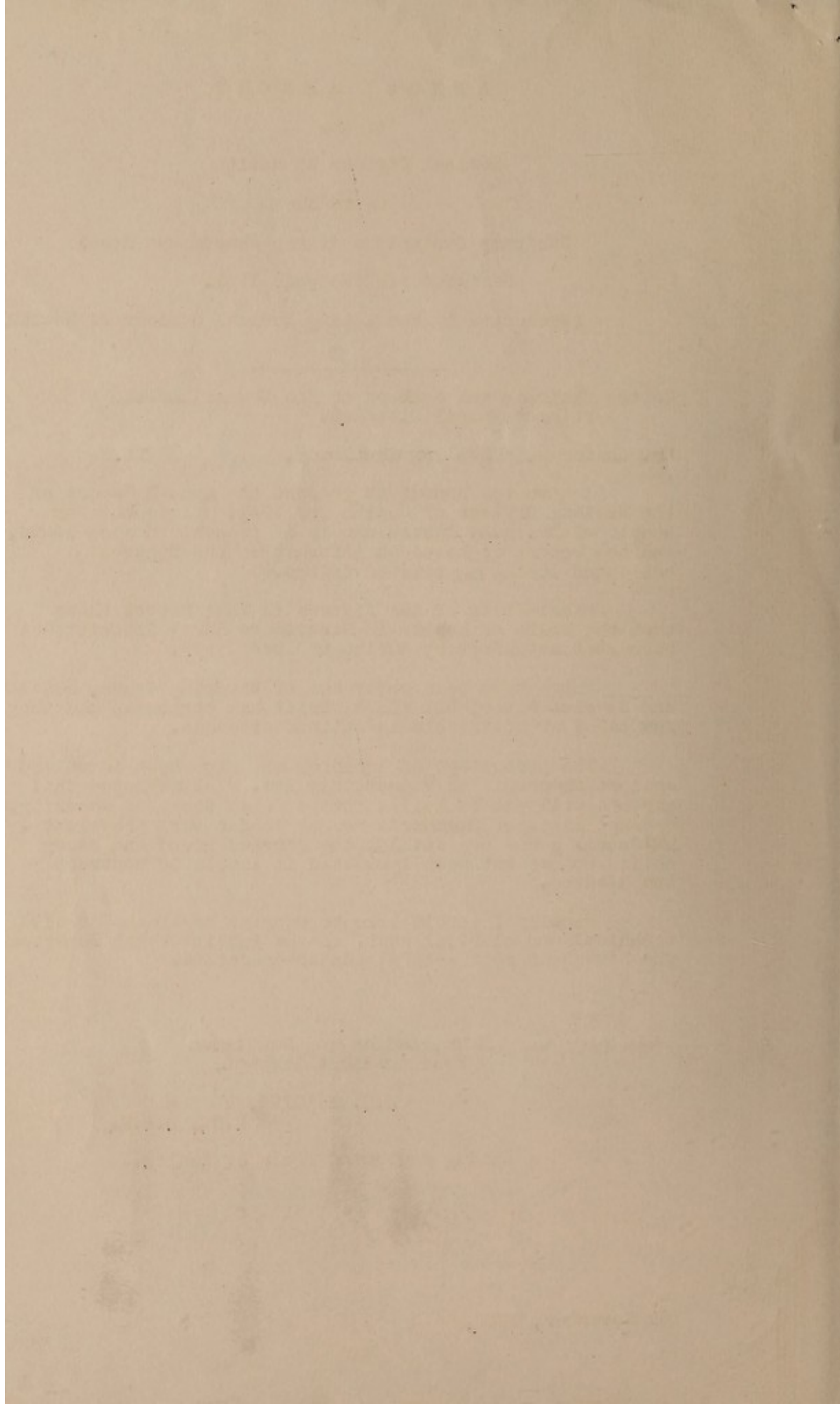
Finally I should like to express my thanks to all technical and clerical staff of the Public Health Department, who have been most helpful and co-operative.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant,

K.M. HARDING,
M.D., D.P.H.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

5th November, 1952.



GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	96,486 acres.
Population, (Census 1951)	17,319
Population (Register General's mid-year estimate)	17,190.
No. of inhabited houses	5,930
Rateable Value	£43,586
Product of penny rate	£183. 9s. 4d.

<u>VITAL STATISTICS.</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate births	129	139	268
Illegitimate births	8	8	16
Total births	137	147	284

Birth rate per 1,000 population	16.5
Rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	15.5.
Comparability factor	1.22.

Stillbirths	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	3	4	7
Rate per 1,000 live births	24.6		
Rate per 1,000 population	0.41		
Rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	0.36		

Maternal Mortality Nil

Infant Mortality

Deaths of infants under 1 year	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	4	7
Illegitimate	-	1	1
	3	5	8

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (England and Wales)	29.6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	28.2

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	126	132	258

Death rate per 1,000 population	14.4
Death rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	12.5
Comparability factor	0.80

<u>Causes of Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	2
Tuberculosis, other	2	-
Whooping Cough	-	2
Other infectious and parasitic diseases	1	1
Malignent neoplasm, stomach	3	6
" lung bronchus	3	1
" breast	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1
Diabetes	2	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	17	19
Coronary disease, agina	13	10
Hypertension, with heart disease	4	3
Other heart disease	28	38
Other circulatory disease	6	3
Influenza	4	8
Pneumonia	2	2
Bronchitis	8	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2
Hyperplasm of prostate	3	-
Congenital malformation	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11	12
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	4	-
	<u>126</u>	<u>132</u>

Infectious Diseases

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

Scarlet Fever	21
Whooping Cough	146
Poliomyelitis, non paralytic	1
Measles	96
Pneumonia	8
Enteric Fever	1
Food poisoning	8
Jaundice	6

Tuberculosis

At the beginning of the year there were 75 cases on the register (39 pulmonary: 36 non-pulmonary). During the year 11 new cases were notified, and 6 deaths, 2 removals from the district and 3 recoveries occurred. There were 82 cases on the register at the end of the year. The discrepancy in the figures for the end of the year and the figure that can be calculated from the number of cases removed and notified during the year, is explained by the fact that the register was at this time sent to the County Hall for comparison, when it was found to be incorrect owing to errors of notifications and removals over a long period.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following information:-

Pre-school population (0 - 4)	1409	
School population (5-14)	<u>2580</u>	3989
No. of pre-school children immunised	694	
No. of school children immunised	<u>1601</u>	2295
% pre-school children immunised		49.25
% all children immunised		57.53
"Booster" treatment 1951		62

Biological Examination of Milk, 1951.

(a)	Number of samples examined	74
(b)	Number found to contain tubercle bacilli	1
(c)	Number found to contain brucella organisms	10

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

The following details have been abstracted from the annual report of the Medical Officer submitted to the Minister of Labour and National Service:-

No. of factories with mechanical power	55
No of factories without mechanical power	16
Other premises - Building sites etc	25
No. of inspections made	84
No. of defects found	7

National Assistance Act, 1948

It was not necessary to take any action under Section 47 of this Act.

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5th November, 1952.

