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HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.ANNUAL REPORTOFTHE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTHFOR THE YEAR 1949

Rotherwick.

June, 1950.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1949.

Population.....19,180.

|                          | <u>Total.</u> | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> |  |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| Live (Legitimate Births) | 323           | 163          | 160            | )Birth rate 18.0.                                |
| (Illegitimate Births)    | 24            | 17           | 7              | )England & Wales<br>)16.7.                       |
| Still Births             | 3             | 2            | 1              | )Rate per 1,000<br>)Total Births 8.6.            |
| Deaths                   | 235           | 134          | 101            | )Death rate 10.58.<br>)England & Wales<br>)11.7. |

Death rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 births - 34 (England & Wales 32).

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Deaths from Heart and Arterial Disease | - 84 |
| " " Cancer                             | - 35 |
| " " Tuberculosis                       | - 6  |
| " " Suicide and Violence               | - 5  |
| " " Pneumonia                          | - 13 |
| " " Influenza                          | - 2  |

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Scarlet Fever.....            | 7   |
| Pneumonia.....                | 4   |
| Poliomyelitis.....            | 5   |
| Whooping Cough.....           | 7   |
| Measles.....                  | 384 |
| Erysipelas.....               | 2   |
| Tuberculosis - all forms..... | 22  |

The amount of infectious diseases was small apart from a moderate epidemic of Measles. The Poliomyelitis cases included three severe ones with permanent crippling results.

The scheme of immunisation against Diphtheria was continued. 272 children completed the course of treatment.

WATER.

It is estimated that 87% of the dwellinghouses in the district are connected to a water main.



Analysis of the Hartley-Wintney parish supply has been regularly carried out and is uniformly satisfactory.

A number of the polluted wells in various places became dis-used as a result of connections to the public mains.

#### SEWERAGE.

The provision of modern amenities in the home increases the use of water and the need for sewers. They are specially needed in Hawley and to a less degree in Yateley and Crondall.

#### MILK.

During the year under review 39 samples of milk were taken from producers in this area, with the following results:-

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Satisfactory.....   | 30 |
| Unsatisfactory..... | 9  |

Steps were taken to secure improvement in unsatisfactory cases.

On the 1st October, 1949, the Milk & Dairies Regulations 1949 became operative, transferring the control and registration of cowkeepers from the Local Authority to the Ministry of Agriculture, with increased powers of control.

The Local Authority is now responsible for the supervision of Distributors only.

#### FOOD.

The following table shows the quantity of food condemned as unfit for human consumption during 1949.

|                   |          |                   |          |              |          |             |        |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| <u>Meat</u>       | 859 lbs. | <u>Fish</u>       | 377 lbs. | <u>Fruit</u> | 106 lbs. | <u>Eggs</u> | 151    |
| <u>Vegetables</u> | 60 lbs.  | <u>Other Food</u> | 111 lbs. | <u>Milk</u>  | 43 Tins. | <u>Jams</u> | 4 lbs. |
| <u>Flour</u>      | 88 lbs.  |                   |          |              |          |             |        |

There were 27 cases of emergency slaughter of food animals; all were inspected and most were passed fit for human consumption.

#### HOUSING.

The following new houses have been completed since the war:-

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| (Council built   | 126) |
| (Privately built | 87)  |
| (Conversions     | 71)  |
| (Huts            | 336) |
| (Prefabs.        | 29)  |

#### HOUSING SURVEY.

2,851 houses have been surveyed, of which 414 have been scheduled as unfit for habitation and incapable of being rendered fit at a reasonable cost. The survey is now nearly complete.

Where essential repairs are necessary owners are approached, and an appreciable amount of work has been done.

Yours faithfully,

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Medical Officer of Health.