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County Hall,
Newport, I.W.

October 1940.

To the Members of the Isle of Wight
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Circular 1961 of the Ministry of Health of the 16th February 1940, which is a guide as to the contents and arrangement of the Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report, suggests that during the period of the war reports should be curtailed. A further circular 2067 dated the 19th July urges the necessity for further curtailment of these reports and suggests that only interim reports should be made. For this reason this present report is composed mainly of statistical tables.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. S. WALLACE,

Medical Officer of Health.

Section A.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	57,463
Estimated Population (1939)	...	...	...	A 15530 B 15960
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939) according to rate books	...	...	...	5,507
Rateable value	...	...	...	£110,895
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	£ 444

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE
YEAR

Live Births -	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate ...	162	85	77
Illegitimate ...	17	10	7

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 11.5

Still Births -	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate ...	7	4	3
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-

Birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births-
37.6

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Deaths ...	232	119	113

Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 14.5

- A. For calculation of birth rates.
- B. For calculation of death rates.

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar General's Short List).

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 (Live & still)births
No. 29 puerperal sepsis	-	-
No. 30 other puerperal causes	2	10.7
Total	2	10.7

Death rate of infants under one year of age-

All infants per 1,000 live births	... 22.3
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	24.7
Illegitimate " " " illegitimate live births.	Nil.

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	... Nil.
" " Whooping Cough(all ages)	... Nil.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil.
" " Cancer (all ages)	... 43

BIRTHS.

The total number of births was 186. This gives a birth-rate of 12.0 per 1,000 living, the birth-rate for England and Wales generally being 15.6

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths was 232, giving a crude death-rate of 14.5 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population. The Registrar General gives a comparability figure of 0.73 which makes a comparative death-rate of 10.6; the death-rate for England and Wales being 12.1

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The total number of deaths under one year of age was 4. This gives an infantile mortality rate of 22.3 per 1,000 registered live births, the rate for England and Wales generally being 50.

Section B.-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(i) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health: W.S. Wallace, M.B., ChB., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspectors:-

H.B. Cullin, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

F.W. Buxton, A.M.I.M.C.E., M.R.S.I.

C.V. Smith, Cert.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Section C. -

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Mr. T.W. Robertshaw resigned during the year and Mr. C.V. Smith was appointed in his place.

The total number of visits of inspection paid by the three Inspectors was 4520.

Section D. -

HOUSING.

The total number of dwellinghouses inspected under the Housing and Public Health Acts was 913 and the number of inspections and re-inspections was 1341.

The number of houses found not in a reasonable state of repair was 81 and the number rendered fit in consequence of informal action was 68.

Four houses were found to be absolutely unfit for human habitation.

One formal notice under the Housing Acts was made and seven houses were the subject of demolition orders.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

CARCASES INSPECTED OR CONDEMNED.

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs.	Pigs
Number killed(if known)	75	32	295	695	2049
Number inspected ...	75	32	292	683	2038
<u>All diseases except T.B.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	5
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned. ...	3	3	1	16	53
Percentage of the Number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	4.0	9.37	0.34	2.34	2.84
<u>Tuberculosis only -</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	1	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned. ...	3	7	-	-	160
Percentage of the Number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	5.33	25.0	0.34	-	7.89

NON-NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The prevalence of non-notifiable Infectious Diseases is estimated from the weekly returns of the Head Teachers of the schools. These returns for the year show that there were 45 cases of Whooping Cough, 39 of Chicken Pox, 5 of Mumps, 183 of Influenza, 6 of Measles, 5 of Ringworm and 11 of German measles.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever ...	23	17	-
Diphtheria ...	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	2	1	-
Pneumonia ...	6	-	-
Erysipelas ...	2	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-
Totals ...	33	18	-

AGE AT DATE OF NOTIFICATION.

AGE.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 and under 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 " " 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 " " 4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 " " 5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 " " 10	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 " " 15	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 " " 20	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 " " 35	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
35 " " 45	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
45 " " 65	-	-	-	-	3	2	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Totals	23	-	-	2	6	2	-

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN PARISHES.

NAME OF PARISH	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever.	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Bembridge	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brighstone	7	-	-	-	1	2	-
Brooke	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Chale	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Freshwater	4	-	-	1	-	-	-
Gatcombe	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorwell	4	-	-	1	2	-	-
South Arreton	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Thorley	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totland	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yarmouth	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	23	-	-	2	6	2	-

No notifications of infectious disease have been received from Parishes not included in above table.

TUBERCULOSIS.

AGE PERIODS	TOTAL	New Cases.				TOTAL	Deaths.			
		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
		M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F
0 and under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 " " 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 " " 10	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 " " 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 " " 20	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
20 " " 25	3	-	3	-	-	2	1	-	1 ⁺	-
25 " " 35	3	2	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	1
35 " " 45	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1 ⁺
45 " " 55	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
55 " " 65	3	2	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	14	5	5	2	2	8	3	2	1	2

+ Notified cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.