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## URBAN DISTRICT OF LEES

THE

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# Medical Officer of Health

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR 1952



#### LEES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1952-1953

Chairman of the Council:

COUNCILLOR H. K. DYSON, J.P.

#### Health Committee:

Councillor J. Barker, Chairman

- ., J. Gartside
- ., S. Pearson
- ., J. G. Sweatman
- .. F. Ward
- ., H. Wilkinson
- ., F. Rowland
- ,, H. K. Dyson
- .. H. Slack
- ., H. Hirst
- " L. Leigh
- " J. Allen
- .. O. Bevan
- ,, R. Scott
- .. H. Travis

#### Clerk of the Council:

H. BOARDMAN, retired 30th August, 1952

F. A. CROPPER

Medical Officer of Health (part time):

E. TAYLOR, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

Sanitary Inspector:

G. OAKES, C.R.S.I.

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#### 1952

#### ANNUAL REPORT

# To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Lees

Council Offices, Cross Street, Lees.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report of the Health of the District for the year 1952.

It will be observed that the birth rate improved slightly as compared with last year, whilst the death rate fell noticeably so that the *status quo* of the population was maintained. Unfortunately, three infants died during the first month of life—giving an infantile mortality rate of 55.

The incidence of infectious disease remained low throughout the year, no case of diphtheria was notified, and the district, after several alarums, escaped any case of Alastrim from the Rochdale outbreak.

May I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Health Committee, for their support and to all Officers of the Council for their ready co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

E. TAYLOR, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

#### General Statistics.

Area in acres
Population (preliminary census 1951)4160
Registrar-General's estimated resident population
mid-19524184
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books1506
Rateable Value£20,575
Sum represented by a Penny Rate£80

#### Vital Statistics.

The main vital statistics for the year, after correction for inward and outward transfers, as furnished by the Registrar-General are given in Table 1.

# TABLE I.

Live Births (legitimate) 51		26 26	:	25 25	Birth Ra	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the	000 of th	id.1951	Crude	Crude 13.1
", "Total 55		28	: :	27		nation bo	paradon		neníny	
Still Births	3	1	:	2	Rate per	1,000 to	tal (live	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births	irths	54.5
Deaths53	.:	25	:	28	Death R estin	Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated populatio	,000 of pulation	h Rate per 1,000 of estimated population mid.1951	Crude Adjusted	le 12'7 d 11'5
Deaths from Puerperal causes		:			Puerpe	ral and l	Post-abor	Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis		
Infant Mortality: —					Other	Other Maternal causes	causes			0
		eaths	Deaths registered	tered .						
Neo-Natal (Number of Deaths registe		aths	Deaths registered	s						55
Rate per 1,000 live births	1,000	live (	birth	SI						55
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	ages	: :								10
" Bronchitis (all ages)	s) (s	:	:							3
			Por 100	10 of estin	Per 1000 of estimated Population	uo		per 1.000 Live Births	Births	
LEES		liva		Cando	Boath-rate from	Death	Maternal	Maternal Mortality Rate	Infant	Infant Mortality
		Birth			Respiratory	from	Live	Live and Still Births	Total Rate	Neo-Natal Rate
Mean of 5 years, 1947-1951		17.1		14.3	0.63	0.71	nil	liu	30	
1951		12.		17.6	nil	2.61	liu	liu	38	19
1952		13.1		12.7	0.36	0.62	liu	liu	55	55
Increase or decrease in 1952 on- 5 years average, 1947-1951	; :	0.4-	- !	9.1-	-0.13	+0.24	nil	liu	+25	
Previous year	:	+0.1		6.4—	+0.23	99.1-	nil	liu	+17	+36

#### 2.—Causes of Death

All	causes(53)	Male 25	Female 28
1	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0	0
2	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0	0
3	Scarlet Fever	0	0
4	Whooping Cough	0	0
5	Diphtheria	0	0
6	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	1
7	Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0
8	Syphilitic diseases	0	0
9	Influenza	0	0
10	Measles	0	0
11	Ac. polio-myel: and polio-enceph	0	0
12	Ac. inf. enceph.	0	0
13	Cancer of buc.cav.and oesoph (M) uterus (F)	1	0
14	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	1	0
15	Cancer of breast	0	0
16	Cancer of all other sites	1	1
17	Diabetes	0	2
18	Intra-cranial vascular lesions	2	6
19	Heart Disease	7	3
20	Other diseases of Circulatory system	9	9
21	Bronchitis	1	2
22	Pneumonia	1	0
	Other Respiratory Diseases	0	0
24	Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	0	0
25	Diarrhœa, (under 2 years)	0	0
26	Appendicitis	0	0
27	Other Digestive Diseases	1	0
	Nephritis	0	0
	Puerperal and post-abortive Sepsis	0	0
	Other maternal causes	0	0
31	Premature birth	0	0
	Con. mal. birth inj. infact dis	0	0
	Suicide	0	0
	Road traffic accidents	0	0
	Other violence causes	0	0
36	All other causes	1	4

3-Notifiable Diseases, (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1952:-

				Ĭ	TOTAL		ES N	CASES NOTIFIED	IED				Hos	Hospital.
	Total		AC	AGE P	ERIO	PERIODS-YEARS	YEAR	S.			um -un	fise ota	Total	Deaths
DISEASE.	cases at all ages	-0	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	-59	kno age		removed to Hospital	in Hospital
Small Fox	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
Scarlet Fever	5	:	:	-	4	:	:	:	:	:	::	:	2	
Diphtheria including membranous croup	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Enteric Fever, excluding Paratyphoid	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
Paratyphoid Fever	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
Measles, excluding German Measles	10	4	-	3	7	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Whooping Cough	6	-	9	61	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Acute Pneumonia, primary and influenzl	3	:	:	7	-	:	:	-	:	:	:	:	1	
Puerperal Pyrexia	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Meningococcal Infection	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-	
Acute poliomyelitis-paralytic	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
", non-paralytic	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
Acute encephalitis-infective	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
", post infective	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Dysentery	9	-	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	:	:	:		
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
Erysipelas	7	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	7	:	:	:	:
Malaria, contracted in this country	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
Malaria, contracted abroad	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
Food Poisoning	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
Any others notifiable in district, e.g.														
Chicken pox	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:			:
Any other disease	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
Totals	35	9	00	00	00	0	0	2	-	2	0	0	3	0

#### TUBERCULOSIS

(1)—The notification of Tuberculosis is efficient in the district.

#### NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1952.

		New	Cases			Dea	ths	
Age periods	Respi	ratory F.		atory		ratory F.	No Respir M	
	NI.	г.	Na.	Г.	MI.	Г.	NI.	Г.
0-1								
1-2								
2-5								
5—10		1	1					
10-15								
15-20								
20-25								
25-35	2	2						
35-45		1				1		
45-55					1			
55-65								
65-75								
75 & upward								
T-4-1-	2	4	1	0	1	1	0	0
Totals		6	1			2	0	

#### OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES	Tr	eated	Vision	Vision	Total	
Number Notified	At Home	In Hospital	Unimpaired	Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Disinfection after In	fectious Diseases:
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DISINFESTATION	Council houses	Other houses
Number of houses found infes	ted 0	0
Number of houses disinfested	0	0
Methods used: Formaldehide gas.		

#### General Provision of Health Services for the District.

Under the National Service Act 1946, Health Divisions were set up throughout the County Administrative Area, each Health Division being responsible for the following services:—

#### MATERNITY SERVICE.

One domiciliary Midwife serves the district. The Ante-Natal Clinic is held at the Princess Street Methodist School on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons.

#### HEALTH VISITORS AND SCHOOL NURSES.

Full time Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed in the area by the Lancashire County Council.

#### CLINICS.

Held at the Princess Street Methodist School: Ante- and Post-Natal—2nd and 4th Monday afternoon. Child Welfare—Wednesday afternoon.

#### SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Clinic facilities are available at Firs Hall, Failsworth.

#### CARE OF CHILDREN UNDER THE CHILDREN'S ACT, 1948.

The Area Children's Officer is Mrs. France, Enville House, Scotland Street, Ashton-u-Lyne.

#### DAY NURSERIES.

There are no Day Nurseries provided by the County Council situated within the district. Two cotton mills however provide nurseries with places in the district.

#### AMBULANCE.

The Ambulance Service is provided by the Oldham Corporation under an agency service agreement with the Lancashire County Council.

#### HOME HELP SERVICE.

Home helps are available for emergency cases, priority being given to maternity cases, general sickness cases, and the elderly infirm. The services of a home help can be obtained on application to the Divisional Medical Officer. HOME NURSING SERVICE.

Provided by the Lancashire County Council — one District Nurse resides in the area.

#### CONVALESCENCE.

Is available under arrangement by the Lancashire County Council through the Divisional Medical Officer.

#### CONVALESCENT TREATMENT.

Under arrangements made by the Regional Hospital Board through the Local Hospital Management Committee.

#### UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

Provision for their care is made by the Lancashire County Council in conjunction with voluntary Moral Welfare Organisations.

#### WELFARE SERVICE.

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council, resident accommodation is avaiilable at Boundary Park annexe.

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

The Chest Clinic is situated in Brook Street, Chadderton where all suspected cases of Tuberculosis are referred. X-ray facilities are available at the clinic.

#### HOSPITAL SERVICES.

Hospitals available for the residents of Lees are:— General and Maternity cases—Boundary Park General Hospital. Infectious Diseases—Westhulme Hospital, Oldham.

This District is within Health Division No. 14 the Office for which is at :-

"Tylon"

#### Middleton Road, Chadderton,

Phone: MAIn (Oldham) 6251/2

NATIONAL	ASSISTANCE	Аст,	1948.	Section	47.	
Number of	applications n	nade d	uring th	e year	1952	0
Number of	orders made					0

#### Report of the Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent

Health Department,
Council Offices,
Cross Street,
Lees.

July, 1953.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Gentlemen.

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report upon the Sanitary Administration of the district and the work done during the year 1952.

Details of this work are given in the following pages, so I take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to the members and officials of the Council and to the staff for the co-operation and assistance I have received during the year.

GEORGE OAKES,

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

#### Sanitary Administration

#### WATER SUPPLY

There is an efficient supply of water of good quality provided from the Oldham Corporation Waterworks for the whole district.

Action taken in respect of any form of contamination:

Filtration and Chlorination takes place at the source and tests are carried out by the Oldham County Borough.

No cases of lead contamination have been notified.

During the year 10 new houses built by the Council were supplied with water.

#### RIVERS AND STREAMS

The River Medlock which flows along the Western boundary of the District, receives the sewage effluent from the Sewage Works at Crossbank. Two other streams converge on the Eastern boundary and join the River Medlock at the South West part of the District at Holts.

#### SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Sewerage of the greater part of the district is conveyed to the sewers of the Oldham County Borough—the flow being checked by Lea Recorders—and is treated at their Outfall works. The remainder is treated at our own Sewage works, by the method of precipitation, continuous filters, percolating filters and humus tanks, prior to discharge of effluent in the River Medlock.

All drains are examined before being covered in, and smoke or water tests applied where applicable.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Privy Middens	0
Pail Closets	0
Dry Ash Pits	0
Movable Ashbins14	180
Trough Closets	0
Waste Water Closets	78
Fresh Water Closets14	180
Number of houses on water carriage system15	507

#### Conversions during 1952

Number	r of Trough c	losets	to fre	esh W.C		(
,,	Waste	,,	,,	,,		(
	of houses at				bins were	
	stituted for f				ibins were	

#### SCAVENGING AND REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE

This is carried out satisfactorily by the Sanitary authority by weekly collection and a salvage scheme is operated. Refuse is collected weekly by motor vehicle and disposed of by partially controlled tipping at the Council tip at Tumbling Bank. Approximately 1300 tons of refuse were removed.

The Council since 19th September, 1951, have operated a scheme for the provision and maintenance of Dustbins as a charge upon the General Rate fund. During 1952, 164 Dustbins were provided.

## Sanitary Inspections during 1952 including Houses

During the year 591 premises were visited of which 171 were dwelling houses and 420 various other premises.

In the course of these inspections 131 defects or nuisances were found and 143 were abated.

To secure the abatement of these defects and nuisances 59 informal and 7 formal notices were served upon the owners or agents in addition to personal interviews by the Sanitary Inspector.

#### SCHOOLS

There are four day-schools in the District. The sanitary condition of the W.C. and lavatory accommodation at the Schools within the District is fair, some of the accommodation is obsolete and requires attention. All the schools are supplied with water from the district mains.

#### SHOP ACT, 1950.

There are 91 shops in the district, which were visited at least twice during the year.

#### SMOKE ABATEMENT

One case of a nuisance arising from smoke issuing from an industrial chimney situated outside the district was successfully dealt with—an automatic stoker being installed.

One lead peroxide gauge fixed at the Cemetery forms part of the joint Regional Scheme formed by seventeen Local authorities to investigate atmospheric pollution.

#### FACTORIES

Administration of the Factories Act 1937. Inspection for the purposes of provisions as to health including inspection made by Sanitary Inspector.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS, 1937

 Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health including inspection made by Sanitary Inspector.

	Number		Number of	
Premises	on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Prosecu- tions
Factories with mech. power	24	24		
without mechanical power	3	3		
Other premises under the Act	1	4		
TOTAL	28	31	_	_

#### 2. Defects found.

	Num	ber of defe	ects	No. of
Particulars	Found	Remed'd	Rep. to H.M.Ins.	Prosecu-
Want of cleanliness				
Overcrowding				
Unreasonable temperature				
Inadequate ventilation				
Ineffective drainage of floors				
Sanitary conveniences  (a) insufficient (b) unsuitable or defective (c) not separate for sexes				
Other offences against the Act				
Totals	_	_	_	

RODENT CONTROL.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949.

1. Prevalence of Rats and Mice.

Tryng of Degraph		Total	Notifi	Notified by	Doggadad	Data Mai	Dote Mines	1
Type of Tioperoy		TOTAL	occupier		recorded	rats maj.	rats Minor	Mice only
L.A. Property	:	11	2	0	2		М	
Dwelling-Houses	:	1400	27	0	2		23	
Business Premises	:	286	4	0	0		0	
Agricultural Property	:	18		1	1		1	
Total	i	1715	34	-	7	0	7	0

# 2. Measures of control by Local Authority

						Tre	Number of Treatments carried out	er of	out	Block Treat	Block Treatments of Properties in different Occupancies under Sect. 6 (1)	tes in different ct. 6(1)
				Num	Notices served	Bu area	By agreement	-	las	0.10	or of throther arrangement	ement.
Tune of Property		Number	Number No. of		Sect. 4	with (	with Owner	Sect. 5(1)	5(1)		No of	Assocd, Sewers
farodor roadfr					Works	Rat	Mice	Rat	Mice	No. of Blocks	Separate	Manholes
L.A. Property	:	11	44			2						
Dwelling-Houses	:	103	137			3						
Business Premises	:	34	45									
Agricultural Property	:	18	24								9	
Total	:	166	250			9						

In addition two maintenance treatments of the sewers in the district involving the baiting and poisoning of approximately 181 man holes were carried out with much success.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD MILK SUPPLY Action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Daries Acts and Regulations. The Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 Number of registered distributors from :-b. Dairy farms in the district ..... c. Premises outside the district ...... The Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations 1949 Number of dealers licences (including supplementary) issued by the Local Authority during 1950 in respect of :-"Tuberculin Tested" Milk: i. Bottling... 0 Distribution ... 14 The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949. Number of licenses issued in respect of "Heat-treated Milk" Retail Distributors: (a) Pasteurised... 0 (b) Sterilised... 0 Action taken by Local Authority in relation to :a. Raw Milk, i. Tuberculosis-biological tests

No. of samples...0 No. positive...0 No. negative...0

ii. Bacteriological examinations
 No. of samples ...0 No. satisfactory...0 No. unsatisfactory...0

iii. Sediment tests
 No. of samples ...0 No. satisfactory...0 No. unsatisfactory...0

b. "Heat-treated Milk"

i. "Phosphatase" test
 No. of samples ...0 No. satisfactory...0 No. unsatisfactory...0

ii. Turbidity test
 No. of samples ...0 No. satisfactory...0 No. unsatisfactory ...0

iii. Methylene Blue reduction test
 No. of samples ...0 No. satisfactory...0 No. unsatisfactory ...0

Number of notifications of tuberculous milk forwarded to Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Results of Ministry investigations during the year arising from notifications by the Local Authority

No. of samples.....0 No. positive.....0 No. negative.....0

No. of Veterinary inspections ..... 0

iv. Tuberculosis

No. of cases where animals siezed under Tuberculosis Order 1938...0

No. of animals siezed ...... 0

No. of cases reported negative, animals sold prior to investigation...0

No. of cases reported negative-no animals siezed ......0

#### MEAT SUPPLY

Slaughtering is not carried out in the district at the present time owing to the centralisation of Slaughter houses. Slaughtering for the district being done in Oldham.

#### FOOD PREMISES are inspected regularly.

Food inspected and condemned being unfit for human consumption during the year:

2 tins of Cooked Shoulder Ham	16} lb.
1 tin of cooked leg of Ham	23 lb.
	411b.
	19åld.
	33\(\frac{1}{4}\)1b.
Total Weight	76 lb.

#### ICE CREAM.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Sect. 14, and the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations. 1949.

All premises registered for the manufacture or sale of Ice Cream were regularly inspected. Premises and storage accommodation were found to be kept in a satisfactory hygenic condition.

Number of	Premises	registered	to n	nanufac	ture Ice	Cream 0	1
Number of	Premises	registered	to s	sell Ice	Cream	14	

#### FOOD POISONING

There were no cases of food poisoning during the year.

#### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

These are administered by the Police.

#### Housing.

(STATISTICS)

#### Number of new houses erected during the year:

		Но	ricated uses Permanent	Traditional Permanent Houses
1.	By the Local Authority	. 0	0	10
2.	By other Local Authorities		0	0
3.	By other Bodies or Persons		0	0

#### Unfit Dwelling Houses

1-1	nspection
(1)	<ul> <li>(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 173</li> <li>(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 429</li> </ul>
(2)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation
2-F	Remedy of defects without service of Formal Notices
(1)	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers
3-1	action under Statutory Powers during the year
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
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices
	(a) By owners
В. 1	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices
	(a) By owners
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners (

C.	Proceedings under Sec. 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 193	6:
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolitic	on 0
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance Demolition Orders	
D.	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936	:
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, respect of which Closing Orders were made	
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, to Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, to tenement or room having been rendered fit	he
E.	lousing Act, 1936, Part IV—Overcrowding:	
(1)	(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of t	
	(b) Number of families dwelling therein1	22
	(c) Number of persons dwelling therein5	10
(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during t	
(3)	(a) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during tyear	
	(b) Number of persons concerned in such cases	40
F.	Iousing Act 1949 :	
(a)	(i) Number of schemes submitted :	
, ,	(a) by private individuals	0
	(b) by Local Authority	0
	(ii) Number of dwelling-houses affected	0
(b)	(i) Number of schemes approved :	
	(a) of private individuals	0
	(0)	0
	(ii) Number of dwelling-houses affected	
	Number of additional separate dwellings provided	0
(c)	Any other action taken	0







