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LITTLEHAMPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

10, Bulkington Avenue,
Worthing.

June, 1943.

Gentlemen,

Annual Report 1942.

Acting on instructions from the Ministry of Health that reports should again be confined to essential and urgent matters arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

Statistics 1942.

		Littlehampton	England & Wales
Birth Rate per 1,000 population.	...	21.9	15.8
Death Rate per 1,000 population.	...	14.6	11.6
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births.	...	28	49

Evacuation.

At the end of the year there were 12 adult evacuees and 19 accompanied evacuee children in the district. There were no unaccompanied evacuee children.

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified:

	No. notified.	No. of Deaths
Scarlet Fever	11 (14 in 1941)	0
Pneumonia	19 (19 " ")	5
Tuberculosis	12 (17 " ")	8
Erysipelas	3	0
Measles	9	0
Whooping Cough	13	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	0

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Diphtheria Immunisation has again been carried out during the year by the County Council. At the end of the year the position was as follows :

- 79% of children of school age had been immunised.
- 40% of children under school age had been immunised.

No case of Diphtheria was notified in the district during the year.

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Scabies.

During the year 145 cases of Scabies were brought to the notice of the Health Department, namely:

44 adults.
81 school children.
20 children under school age.

Treatment was carried out, with satisfactory results by the following methods:

Benzyl Benzoate Emulsion	...	20 cases
Sulphur Ointment	...	50 cases
Proscabin	...	1 "
Berris root	...	70 "
Tenosol	...	4 "

Clothes and bedding were disinfected by washing or hot ironing.

Benzyl Benzoate has proved most satisfactory in all the cases treated by it, but I am carrying out experiments with a new preparation called Tenosol (Tetraethylthiuram Monosulphide) by the I.C.I., which, (~~the same~~ other cases in addition to those mentioned in this report, in another of my Authorities' areas) I think is going to turn out superior to Benzyl Benzoate.

Housing.

There were no new houses erected during 1942.

Total no. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	299
No. of inspections made for the purpose	...	436
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	1

Bacteriological Samples.

The usual samples of milk and ice cream were taken as follows :

	No. of samples taken.	No. complying with standard	No. failing to comply with standard
Tuberculin Tested	4	3	1
Accredited	42	29	13
Pasteurised	20	20	-
Ordinary	25	12	13

Where a sample is found in any way unsatisfactory on examination, the matter is taken up with the producer or retailer, and should the milk be from an outside district, the information is passed on to the Local Authority concerned.

Four samples of Ice Cream were examined, two of which gave satisfactory results.

Food and Drugs Acts.

The following table shows the number of samples taken by the County Council (who are the administrative Authority for these Acts) and the results of examination:

	No. analysed	Genuine.	Otherwise.
New milk	21	18	3 ^x
Butter	1	1	-
Margarine	1	1	-
Ice Cream	1	1	-
Marmalade	1	1	-
Beef Sausages	1	1	-

^xThese were reported by the Analyst to be 'slightly deficient' in fat. Further samples taken from these supplies were found above standard.

The average content of the samples of New Milk analysed was as follows :

Fat.	Solids not Fat.	Total Solids.
3.57%	9.01%	12.58%

Water.

Thirty-three samples of the public water supply were examined during the year and were consistently satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspection.

I have had a complete report from the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. McGarry, as in former years but as this is not required I do not think it necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 2963 visits and inspections were made as compared with 4372 the previous year. Mr. McGarry has been indefatigable in carrying out his duties and owing to the absence of his Assistant the work falling on his shoulders has been much heavier. His enthusiasm and practical handling of all the calls made upon him are highly commendable for their promptness and the results achieved.

Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General, are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may as far as practicable be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R.H. WILSHAW.

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littlehampton Urban District Council.

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