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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1946

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LYDD

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The resident population was 1,879.

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The rateable value was £15,385.

The sum represented by a 1d. rate was £53.

VITAL STATISTICS

		Males	Females	Total
<u>Live Births</u>	Legitimate	15	28	43
	Illegitimate	2	1	3
		<u>17</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>46</u>

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Birth Rates for the past five years:-

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1946	24.48	19.10
Average	19.46	17.02

Still-births: Nil.

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<u>Deaths</u>	11	17	28

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Death rate for the last five years:-

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1943	10.27	12.10
1944	16.43	11.60
1945	13.60	11.40
1946	14.90	11.50
Average	13.97	11.64

Deaths from Puerperal sepsis: Nil
.. other Puerperal causes: Nil

Death rate of Infants under 1 year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births (3 female)	65.22
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 live births (1 female)	21.74
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Deaths from Cancer (All ages)	4
" " Measles " "	nil
" " Whooping Cough (All ages)	nil
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	nil

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Dyphtheria	1
Pneumonia	5
Erysilclas	1
Whooping Cough	3
Scarlet Fever	1
Other forms-Tuberculosis	2

The cases of Dyphtheria and Scarlet Fever were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

I am, Lady & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J.N.D.O'Rafferty.

Medical Officer of Health.

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APPENDIX

Section C Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

1. (i) Water Supply

The water is supplied by the Littlestone-on-Sea & District Water Company. Extensions of the mains are being carried out in order to give a piped supply to the Dungeness area. Chemical and bacteriological examinations are regularly carried out, and show that the water is soft in character, suitable for a public supply.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage

A scheme for the drainage of the old part of the Borough was considered by the Council, and owing to the heavy cost of the work, it was decided to proceed at present only with a part of the scheme. This will serve the 50 permanent houses under construction and the 30 prefabricated houses, together with a number of other properties in this area.

Owing to the flatness of the land and the difficulty of excavation in the shingle, the cost of providing sewers is comparatively very high.

2. Rivers and Streams

No action has been necessary during the year in connection with the pollution of rivers and streams.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation

Practically the whole of the houses in the Borough have water closets draining either to cesspools or septic tanks.

(ii) Public Cleansing

This is carried out by the Council. The vehicle is a Bedford of 6/7 cubic yards capacity, petrol drive. The house refuse is disposed of by means of tipping.

(iii) Sanitary Inspection of Area

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Section E

Inspection and Supervision of Food

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Milk Supply

Number of milk producers	3
.. .. retail purveyors	3
.. who are not cow-keepers in the Borough	3
Number of Dealers Licences in Pasteurised Milk	1

The inspection of the farms and dairies showed that no serious objections could be taken.

(b)

Inspection of Meat and other Foods

The Butchers shops were regularly inspected during the year, and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

No animals used for food are slaughtered in the Borough, and meat is brought in from Hythe under the scheme of the Ministry of Food.

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Adulteration, Chemical and Bacteriological
Examinations of Food.

The local authority is not a Food & Drugs Authority under the Act, this work being carried out by the Kent County Council.

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Nutrition

No special work in the dissemination of knowledge on this subject has been considered necessary.

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Shellfish (Molluscan)

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