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B O R O U G H O F L Y D D

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1948

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LYDD

MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN & COUNCILLORS

The Area of the Borough is 11,932 acres.

The resident population in mid-1948 was 2,338.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year 1948 according to the Rate books was 920.

The Rateable Value was £16,215.

The sum represented by a 1d. Rate was £60.

VITAL STATISTICS

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Live Births</u>	Legitimate	26	23	49
	Illegitimate	--	--	--
		26	23	49

This gives a BIRTH RATE of 20.95 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.

The Birth Rate for ENGLAND AND WALES was 17.90 per 1,000.

Birth Rates for the PAST FIVE YEARS:-

	<u>Lydd</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
1944	19.06	17.60
1945	17.93	16.10
1946	24.48	19.10
1947	24.52	20.50
1948	20.95	17.90
Average	21.38	18.24

<u>Stillbirths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	1	1	2

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	13	9	22

This gives a DEATH RATE of 9.41 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

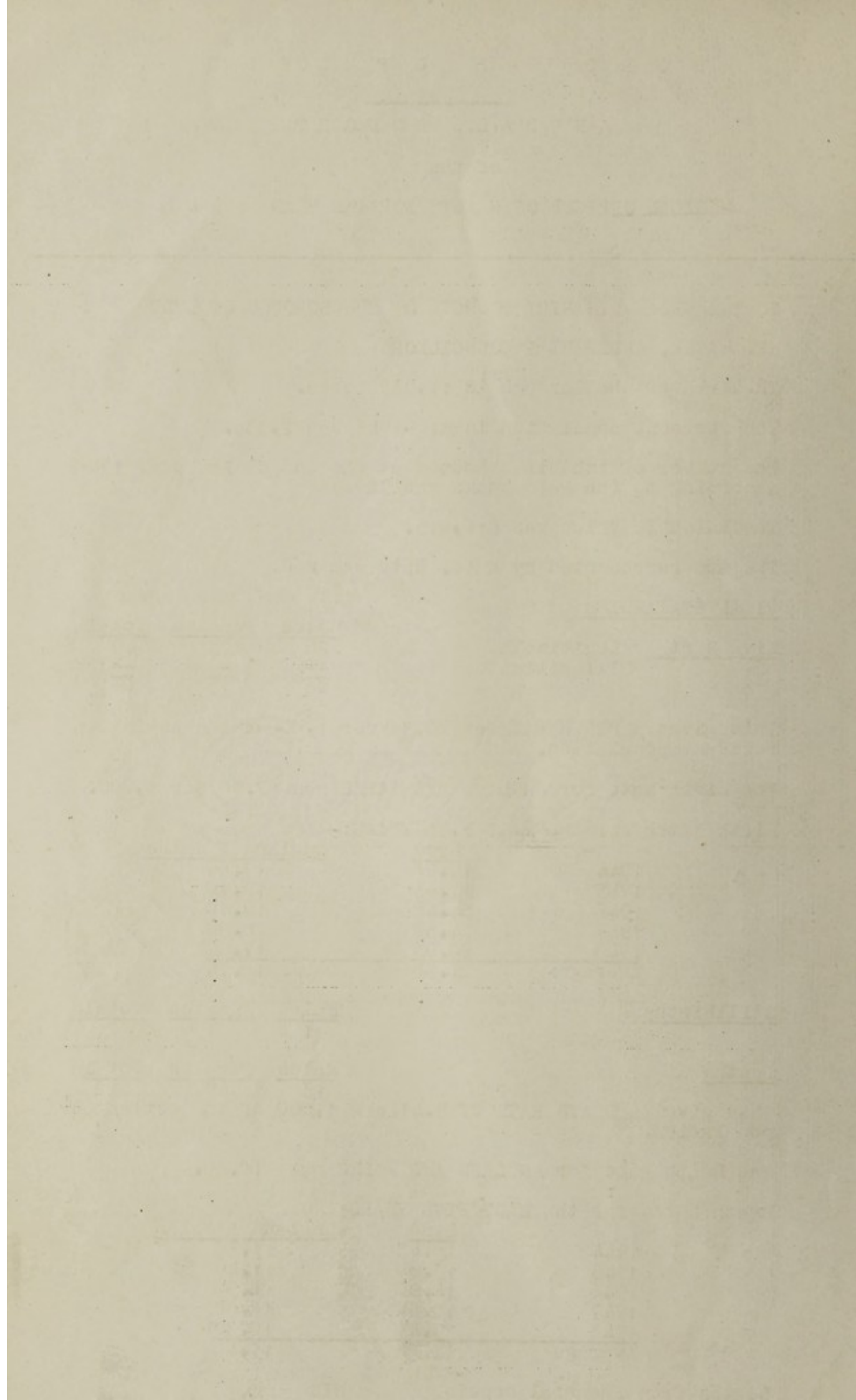
The Death Rate for ENGLAND AND WALES was 10.80.

Death Rates for the LAST FIVE YEARS

	<u>Lydd</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
1944	16.43	11.60
1945	13.60	11.40
1946	14.90	11.50
1947	10.84	12.00
1948	9.41	10.80
Average	13.04	11.46

Deaths from Puerperal sepsis NIL

Deaths from other puerperal causes NIL



Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:

All Infants per 1,000 live births (12 males, 0 females) 40.81
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 live births (2 males 0 females) 40.81
Illegitimate (-males - females) 00.00

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 1
.. .. Measles NIL
.. .. Whooping Cough (all ages) NIL
.. .. Diarrhoea NIL

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

Pneumonia 5
Whooping cough 12
Measles 4
Scarlet Fever 3
Chicken Pox 1

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant,

R.A.H. SIMPSON

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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APPENDIX

Section C Sanitary circumstances of the area

1. (i) Water Supply

Water is supplied by the Littlestone-on-Sea & District Water Company from deep wells situated on the Dengemarsh. The water is soft in character, and a plentiful supply is available to meet the needs of the resident population together with the large influx of visitors who come to stay during the summer months. Routine chemical and bacteriological examinations show the water is of a high degree of purity and suitable for a public supply.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage.

A scheme for the drainage of the Permanent Housing Estate together with 30 prefabricated houses, and a number of other properties in this area has been completed. Owing to the flatness of the land it was necessary to provide two ejector stations, and final disposal is dealt with at the sewage works comprising - sedimentation tank, filter and lagoons. Owing to the difficulty of excavation works in the subsoil which consists of shingle, the cost of providing sewers is high. It is hoped however, that an early start will be made with the further sewerage of the Town.

2. Rivers and Streams.

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

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.

Practically the whole of the houses within the Borough are provided with water closets draining either to the public sewer or cesspool.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
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TO THE EDITOR:
I am writing to you to inform you of the results of my research on the properties of the new compound which I have discovered.

The compound, which I have named "X", has been found to have a melting point of 150°C and a boiling point of 250°C. It is a colorless, odorless solid.

The compound is soluble in water and in many organic solvents. It is stable in air and in the dark, but it is sensitive to light and to heat.

The compound has been found to have a molecular weight of 100. It is a dimer of a compound with a molecular weight of 50.

The compound has been found to have a refractive index of 1.5. It is a very good conductor of electricity.

The compound has been found to have a density of 1.2. It is a very good conductor of heat.

The compound has been found to have a specific heat of 1.0. It is a very good conductor of sound.

The compound has been found to have a thermal conductivity of 1.0. It is a very good conductor of light.

The compound has been found to have a dielectric constant of 1.0. It is a very good conductor of radio waves.

The compound has been found to have a magnetic susceptibility of 1.0. It is a very good conductor of magnetic fields.

(ii) Public Cleansing.

A regular weekly collection is carried out by direct labour, the dual purpose vehicle of 6/7 cubic yards capacity is in use. Disposal is effected by "controlled tipping".

(iii) Sanitary Inspection of Area.

The regular inspection of the bakehouses, dairies, factories and workshops etc. was carried out during the year and no adverse conditions were found. Owing to the difficulties relating to labour and materials in the building trade, it was not possible to carry out the more serious repairs to sub-standard houses.

Section D. Housing

The Contract for the erection for 50 permanent Houses (First Phase) was completed during the year, and a further Contract for the erection of 32 Houses is in hand. Most of the houses on the coastal area were rendered derelict due to 'Pluto' Operations have now been rehabilitated.

There are a number of sub-standard dwelling houses in the Borough, but owing to the acute shortage of houses, no action was taken under the Housing Acts for their demolition or reconstruction.

Section E. Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply.

Number of Milk Producers	3
Number of Retail Purveyors	3
Number of Retailers who are not Cowkeepers 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.

(c & d) Adulteration. Chemical & Bacteriological Examinations of Foods.

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

(e) Nutrition

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

(f) Shell-fish (Molluscan).

There are no shell-fish gathered for sale in the Borough.



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Section 1. Investigation and Substitution of Facts.

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