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FOR THE YEAR
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SECTION 'A'

STATISTICS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

TABLE 1

District	Estimated Mid-Year Population	Area in Acres	No. of Inhabited Houses	Rateable Value	Product of Penny Rate		
				£	£.	s.	d.
Helmsley Rural	5,390	67,750	1,368	21,121	88.	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	4,850	51,000	1,435	18,152	71.	12.	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Malton Rural	5,600	47,078	1,823	20,362	79.	17.	3
Malton Urban	4,120	4,016	1,306	31,298	124.	-	-
Pickering Rural	5,110	76,685	1,736	18,359	72.	4.	6
Pickering Urban	4,150	15,652	1,388	21,917	91.	1.	4
All Districts	29,220	262,181					

VITAL STATISTICS

TABLE II - LIVE BIRTHS MALE AND FEMALE

District	Live Births		
	Male	Female	Male and Female
Helmsley Rural	36	29	65
Kirbymoorside Rural	34	33	67
Malton Rural	40	34	74
Malton Urban	30	28	58
Pickering Rural	26	28	54
Pickering Urban	29	31	60
All Districts	195	183	378

TABLE III - STILL BIRTHS MALE AND FEMALE

District	Still Births		
	Male	Female	Male and Female
Helmsley Rural	1	2	3
Kirbymoorside Rural	1	2	3
Malton Rural	1	-	1
Malton Urban	1	1	2
Pickering Rural	-	-	-
Pickering Urban	3	-	3
All Districts	7	5	12

TABLE IV - ALL BIRTHS LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE, MALE AND FEMALE

District	Legitimate			Illegitimate			Total
	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male and Female
Helmsley Rural	36	28	64	1	3	4	68
Kirbymoorside Rural	33	33	66	2	2	4	70
Malton Rural	40	33	73	1	1	2	75
Malton Urban	29	27	56	2	2	4	60
Pickering Rural	26	26	52	-	2	2	54
Pickering Urban	30	29	59	2	2	4	63
All Districts	194	176	370	8	12	20	390

TABLE V

Crude Live Birth Rate (i.e. live births per 1,000 estimated population), Still Birth Rate (i.e. still births per 1,000 estimated population), and Illegitimate Rate (i.e. percentage of illegitimate births of total births).

District	Crude Live Birth Rate	Still Birth Rate	Illegitimate Rate
Helmsley Rural	12.1	0.56	5.9%
Kirbymoorside Rural	13.9	0.62	5.7%
Malton Rural	13.2	0.18	2.7%
Malton Urban	11.6	0.49	6.7%
Pickering Rural	10.6	0.00	3.7%
Pickering Urban	14.5	0.72	6.4%
All Districts	12.9	0.41	5.1%

TABLE VI

Deaths of infants under 1 year and under 1 month by sexes.

District	Number of Deaths						
	Under 1 Year			Under 1 Month			
	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
Malton Urban	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Pickering Rural	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Pickering Urban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Districts	2	1	3	-	-	-	3

TABLE VII

Maternal Deaths (i.e. deaths attributable to pregnancy, childbirth and abortion).

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

TABLE VIII

Infant Mortality (i.e. Number of deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births), Neonatal Mortality (i.e. Number of deaths under 1 month per 1,000 live births), Maternal Mortality (i.e. Number of maternal deaths per 1,000 total births), and Crude Death Rate (i.e. Number of deaths per 1,000 of estimated population).

District	Infant Mortality	Rates		Death Rate
		Neonatal Mortality	Maternal Mortality	
Helmsley Rural	Nil	Nil	Nil	10.0
Kirbymoorside Rural	Nil	Nil	Nil	13.2
Malton Rural	13.3	Nil	Nil	12.1
Malton Urban	17.2	Nil	Nil	14.6
Pickering Rural	18.5	Nil	Nil	10.6
Pickering Urban	Nil	Nil	Nil	15.7
All Districts	7.9	Nil	Nil	12.8

DEATHS

TABLE IX - CAUSES OF DEATHS BY DISTRICTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954

Cause of Death	District												All Districts								
	Helmsley Rural			Kirbymoorside Rural			Malton Rural			Malton Urban			Pickering Rural			Pickering Urban			All Districts		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	5
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	19	38
Leukaemia and aleukaemia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Diabetes	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	38	69
Coronary disease, angina	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	26	63
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5
Other heart disease	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	31	68
Other circulatory disease	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	8	19
Influenza	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	6
Bronchitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3	13
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	21	32
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	13
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Femicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All causes	30	24	54	34	30	64	29	39	68	36	24	60	33	31	64	34	31	65	196	179	375

TABLE X -- PRINCIPLE CAUSES OF DEATHS

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths by Districts						
	Helmsley Rural	Kirbymoorside Rural	Malton Rural	Malton Urban	Pickering Rural	Pickering Urban	All Districts
Diseases of circulatory system	32	39	40	35	37	41	224
Diseases of respiratory system (ex T.B.)	2	5	5	6	2	4	24
Diseases of digestive system (ex Cancer)	2	1	-	1	-	-	4
Malignant diseases	7	5	10	8	13	12	55
Tuberculosis	-	-	1	1	1	-	3
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	-	1	3	-	5
Other accidents	2	2	3	2	2	2	13
All other diseases	9	11	9	6	6	6	47
All diseases	54	64	68	60	64	65	375

TABLE XI - PRINCIPLE CAUSES OF DEATH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS

Cause of Death	Percentage of total Deaths by Districts						
	Helmsley Rural	Kirbymoorside Rural	Malton Rural	Malton Urban	Pickering Rural	Pickering Urban	All Districts
Diseases of circulatory system	59%	60.9%	58.8%	58.3%	57.8%	63.1%	59.7%
Diseases of respiratory system	3.7%	7.8%	7.4%	10.0%	3.1%	6.0%	6.4%
Diseases of digestive system	3.7%	1.6%	Nil	1.7%	Nil	Nil	1.1%
Malignant diseases	13%	7.8%	14.9%	13.3%	20.3%	18.8%	14.7%
Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	1.5%	1.7%	1.6%	Nil	0.8%
Motor vehicle accidents	Nil	1.6%	Nil	1.7%	4.7%	Nil	1.3%
All other accidents	3.7%	3.1%	4.4%	3.3%	3.1%	3.1%	3.5%
Other diseases	18.5%	17.2%	14.7%	10.0%	9.4%	9.2%	12.5%

TABLE XII - COMPARISON OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

The crude Birth and Death Rates of any district are not directly comparable with those of any other district or those of England and Wales. To make approximate allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution differs from that of England and Wales as a whole the crude rates are multiplied by a comparability factor. The resultant figures can then be compared with those of any other district and England and Wales.

District	Death Rate			Birth Rate		
	Crude Death Rate	Comparability Factor	Adjusted Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Comparability	Adjusted Birth Rate
Helmsley Rural	10.0	1.01	10.1	12.1	1.35	16.3
Kirbymoorside Rural	13.2	0.83	10.96	13.9	1.15	16.0
Malton Rural	12.1	0.89	10.8	13.2	1.15	15.2
Malton Urban	14.6	0.90	13.1	11.6	1.10	12.8
Pickering Rural	10.6	1.21	12.8	10.6	1.21	12.8
Pickering Urban	15.7	0.85	13.3	14.5	1.15	16.7
All Districts	12.8	0.95	12.2	12.9	1.18	15.2
England and Wales	11.3	-	11.3	15.2	-	15.2

SECTION 'B'

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

TABLE I - NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1954

District	Cases Notified						
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Primary Pneumonia	Polio-myelitis	Dysentery	Erysipelas
Helmsley Rural	8	6	1	-	-	3	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	7	1	10	1	1	6	-
Malton Rural	-	5	1	-	-	-	1
Malton Urban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Rural	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Pickering Urban	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Districts	17	13	12	2	1	9	1

Where necessary patients suffering from infectious diseases are admitted to Cross Lane Hospital, Scarborough, and Yearsley Bridge Hospital, York.

TUBERCULOSIS

TABLE II - NEW CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1954

District	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Helmsley Rural	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malton Urban	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pickering Rural	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pickering Urban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Districts	8	2	-	-	-	-	1	2

SECTION 'C'

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

(i) Laboratory Facilities

Samples for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton. A van calls once a week to collect specimens.

(ii) Local Services under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946

The day-to-day administration of the following services is carried out by the Ryedale Local Health Sub-committee in the urban districts of Malton and Pickering, and the rural districts of Helmsley, Kirbymoorside, Malton and Pickering.

(a) Care of mothers and young children

Child welfare and ante-natal clinics are held at centres in the Ryedale area.

In places where no clinic is held ante-natal and child welfare services are carried out by health visitors in the home.

(b) Midwifery, Health Visiting and Home Nursing

Combined duty nurses serving 16 districts are resident in the area.

(c) Ambulance Service

Ambulance stations at Malton and Kirbymoorside provide this service.

(d) Immunisation and Vaccination

Provision is made for primary immunisation against diphtheria at child welfare centres but the greater part of this service is carried out by general practitioners in their surgeries and in the home.

(e) Domestic Help Service

This service provides domestic help, at a charge dependent on the income of the household, in homes where there has been a confinement or ill-health of the mother, and to the aged and infirm.

Sanitary Inspector's Report, 1954.Sanitary Circumstances.Water SupplyAnalysis of Water Samples.

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Type.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>
Scackleton.	Pump.	-	3
Slingsby	P.F.	2	-
Swinton.	P.F.	1	-
Great Habton.	P.F.	1	-

Private Supplies.

Coneysthorpe.	Spring.	2	8
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Public water supplies have been maintained in a satisfactory condition and are of good quality.

At Coneysthorpe the private supply serving the village has shown consistently unsatisfactory samples due to the proximity of the collection chamber to a stream which had become choked with weeds. The stream has been cleansed and the position will be watched in the coming year.

Details of the number of houses supplied with water laid on to the house or supplied by pillar fountain or other means are not yet available for the whole area. The figures for those parishes surveyed under the Housing Rural Survey are as follows:-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>No. of Houses with water laid on.</u>	<u>No. of Houses served by standpipe.</u>	<u>No. of Houses served by wells etc.</u>
Welburn.	69	20	1
Broughton.	24	9	1
Swinton with Swinton Grange.	85	39	4
Appleton-le-Street.	8	6	-
Barton-le-Street.	14	10	1
Amotherby.	43	15	3
Scackleton.	5	3	23
Slingsby.	102	34	1
Totals	350	136	34

Refuse Disposal.

A more comprehensive refuse collection service was put into operation at the beginning of the year and a monthly collection to all properties is now established. In addition the collection of ashes from householders is being undertaken.

A substantial number of properties in the district lack the provision of suitable dustbins and it is felt that some consideration to this problem will need to be given.

Sewage Disposal.

Two sewage works at Welburn and Swinton are in full operation, and samples of the effluent taken from time to time by the Yorkshire Ouse River Board have all proved satisfactory.

It is hoped to be able to report in the next year that all properties have been connected to these schemes.

A sewage disposal works is in course of construction in the village of Brawby and should be completed early in 1955.

Food.

All shops and food preparing premises were inspected during the year. No outbreak of food poisoning has occurred.

Synopsis of Inspections Made.

Dwelling Houses:-

Consolidated Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Improvement Grants (Section 20)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	352

Sanitary Conveniences:-

Ashpits and Privies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Chemical Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Refuse Disposal:-

Tips	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Refuse Collections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34

Drains and Sewers:-

Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	731
Cesspools and Septic Tanks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
Water Tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
Public Urinals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

Factories:-

With mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

Food:-

Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85
Condemnations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26

Food Storage (Preparation, etc):-

Butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Fish friers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Sampling:-

Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

Miscellaneous:-

New buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	385
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gutters and water courses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Petroleum licences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Vermineous houses.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Works in progress	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	204
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	142
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

The number of inspections made during the year again exceeded two thousand visits and again the accent is on improvement grant inspections under the Byelaws, although following the completion of the sewage schemes the number of inspections in this field has somewhat increased. The largest increase of inspections lies in the field of meat inspection where visits are made sometimes on three occasions during each week to the three slaughterhouses and where much of the work is being carried out outside normal office hours.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

One major block disinfestation was carried out in the parish of Huttons Ambo with the co-operation of the North Riding Agricultural Executive Committee.

Shops Act, 1934.

Six inspections were made. No contraventions were found.

Camping Sites.

There are no licensed camping sites in the district.

Offensive Trades.

There are no trades under this heading.

Slaughterhouses.

There are three licensed slaughterhouses in the district all of which are used for public slaughtering. All slaughterhouses are maintained in a clean condition and the quality of meat slaughtered has been high. There are 23 licensed slaughtermen under the above Act.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action has been necessary under the above heading during the year.

Schools.

Gradual improvement is being made to the sanitation of schools in the district. It is hoped that with the completion of sewage schemes this work will be speeded up.

The school canteens which have been regularly inspected have proved to be well run and kept in a clean condition.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933/54.

100% inspection of all carcasses slaughtered has been made, as a result of which 246½ lbs of meat was condemned as unfit in the six months period of operation.

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	83	Nil	Nil	170	35
Number Inspected	83	Nil	Nil	170	35
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>					
(a) Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	15	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	18%	Nil	Nil	Nil	8.57%
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>					
(a) Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	2
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	2.4%	Nil	Nil	Nil	5.7%

Registration of premises under Section 14:

Ice Cream dealers	5
Ice Cream manufacturers	Nil
Meat preparation	Nil.
Fish Friers	2.

Septic Tanks and Cesspools.

A considerable amount of time has been taken up by the cleansing of septic tanks and cesspools and by the general maintenance of housing estate drainage systems, many of which are now becoming worn out. The service of emptying cesspools by mechanical means has been in use during the year.

Open Ditches

Some difficulty has been experienced due to extreme pressure of work in maintaining the open ditches in a satisfactory condition. A little less than three miles of open ditches being cleaned during the year.

With the completion of the Street Village Sewerage Scheme it is anticipated that more time can now be devoted to this work and the condition of the ditches substantially improved.

Housing.

1. Number of new houses erected during the year:-

by local authority	...	...	...	...	...	10
by private enterprise	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of houses under construction by						
local authority.						10

The 10 houses erected by the local authority were as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Type.</u>
Apoleton-le-Street.	10	Traditional.

2. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year.

Little progress has been made on the Rural Housing Survey during the year.

Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	51.
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3. Remedy of Defects During the Year.

Number of defective dwelling-houses repaired or improved.	45
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4. Action Under Statutory Powers During the Year.

A. Proceedings under Section 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repair ... Nil
2. Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
 - (a) by owners ... Nil
 - (b) by local authority in lieu of owners ... Nil

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. Nil.
2. Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
 - (a) by owners ... Nil
 - (b) by local authority in default of owners ... Nil

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made... Nil
2. Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil
2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. ... Nil

5. Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding.

- A.
 1. Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year.. 1.
 2. Number of families dwelling therein... 3.
 3. Number of persons dwelling therein ... 9.
- B. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. Nil.
- C. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.... Nil.
- D. Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... Nil.
- E. Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ... Nil.

6. Housing Act, 1949

Thirty applications for improvement grants were received during the year, 27 of which were approved and three were under consideration.

The policy of the Council in fully implementing this Act is now resulting in a steady improvement in the amenities afforded to sub-standard properties and doing much to realise the aim of the Act in bringing back older houses into a good state of habitation.

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