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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

on the health of the MALTON URBAN DISTRICT

for the

Yoar ended 31st December, 1950.

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Medical Officer of Health - W.R.M. COUPER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor - J.L. TONG, C.R.S.I.



# Urban District Council of Malton.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have much pleasure in presenting my report for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area in acres	4,016
Estimated mid-year population	4,369
Number of inhabited houses	1,234
Rateable Value	£29,079
Product of Penny Rate	£111

VITAL STATISTICS.

#### BIRTHS

	Malo.	Fomalo.	Total.
Live Births	25	28	53
Legitimate	23	25	48
Illogitimato	2	3	5
Stillbirths	1	1	2

Live Birth Rate (births per 1,000 population) - - - 12.1 Illegitimate Rate (percentage of total births) - - 9.1 Stillbirth Rate (stillbirths per 1,000 population) - 0.46

#### INFANT MORTALITY

There were no deaths of infants under 1 year.

#### ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

#### Cause.

Malo. Fomalo.

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Malignant Nooplasm of Stomach	1	-
" " Broast	-	2
" " Utorus	-	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasm	1	6
Vascular lesions of Norvous System	2	3
Coronory Disease, Angina	2	2
Othor Heart Disease	7	8
Other Circulatory Disease	2	2
Pnoumonia	3	ĩ
	2	2
Bronchitis		4
Nophritis and Nophrosis	l	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	2
Motor vohicle accidents	1	-
All othor accidents	2	-
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Deaths from all causes		56
Death rate (per 1,000 estimated population		12.8
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#### MATERNAL MORTALITY

No doaths attributable to pregnancy, childbirth or abortion occurred during the year.



## COMPARATIVE TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES DURING THE YEAR 1950.

	Ratos po popula			Infant Hortality Rate.
I	Live birth Rate.	Stillbirth Rate.	Death Rate.	
England & Wales 126 Great Towns &	15.8	0•37	11.6	29.8
C.Bs	17.6	0:45	12.3	33.8
148 Smaller Towns	16.6	0.38	11.6	29.4
London Admin. County	17.8	0.36	11.8	26.3
MALTON URBAN DISTRICT	12.1	0.46	12.8	Nil

#### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Number of cases notified during 1950 :-

No new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year, and there were no deaths attributable to Tuberculosis.

During the year the Mass Radiography Unit visited Malton and people from the Urban and Rural Districts of Malton were examined. The following is a summary of the results of the survey.

Number of persons examined by Miniature Radiography :-

Malos..... 311 Fomalos..... 135 Total..... 446

Number of persons recalled for further examination .... 12

Persons referred for investigation :-

Suspected Pulmonary Tuberculosis Other Chest Conditions	
Referred to own Doctor	3
Abnormality but no action required	Nil

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(i) Public Health Officers of the Authority.

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Sanitary Inspector Surveyor	ĉc	-	J.L. Tong, C.R.S.I.



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

The North Riding County Council administers these services through the local Health Sub-Committee on which you are represented by the Chairman of the Public Health Committee. The Services provided are the care of expectant and nursing mothers and young children, domiciliary midwifery, health visiting, home nursing, ambulance, demostic help, care and after care and arrangements for immunisation and vaccination.

Two nurse/midwives are resident in "alton. The main ambulance station for the Ryedale Area is situated in the Urban District.

#### (iii) Hospitals.

General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at Malton, Scarborough, York and Locds, Maternity cases are admitted, when necessary, to Hospitals at Scarborough and Westow.

### (iv) Laboratory facilities.

Samples for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Hull. Because of lack of transport, difficulties sometimes occur in connection with the collection of samples.

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

#### FOOD.

#### Meat and other Foods.

The Council employ a Veterinary Surgeon as part-time Inspector of meat and other foods. All slaughtering is undertaken at the Abbateir, Railway Street, Malton, by the Ministry of Food. Meat from the Slaughterhouse is distributed to rotailers in other Urban and Rural Districts outside Malton. The Food Inspector reports that all butchers' shops and other food proparing promises in the district were inspected during the year and found to be satisfactory. Hotels and restaurants in the district are satisfactory.

The Slaughterhouse is an old building which has neither the space nor the design in which it is possible to carry out the slaughter of animals satisfactorily. The Council is anxious to build a new abbateir and the second this can be done the better.

Approaches were made during the year to the Ministry of Food to consider this area as a most suitable one for provision of a modern abbateir should it be decided to continue the practice of contralised slaughtering, and although at the close of the year no final decision had been reached, it is hoped in the very near future to send a deputation of the Council to the Ministry to press further the Council's claims.

Meantime, in an effort to improve existing conditions, the Council obtained possession of a neighbouring property for the provision of much needed lairage accommodation.

Plans were prepared, and approved, and the work was in hand at the close of the year.

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## CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDERNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calvos	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	1235	375	403	4817	326
Number Inspected	1235	375	403	4817	326
All diseases except Tuberculosis.					
(a) whole carcases condemned	10	25	22	88	35
(b) carcases of which some part or organ was con- demmed	321	81	2	78	72
(c) percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	26•8	28•3	6•0	3•4	32.8
Tuberculosis only.					
(a) whole carcases condemned	6	10	1	-	7
(b) carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	7	12	1		2
(c) percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.0	5.9	0.49	-	2.8

There have been no outbreaks of food poisoning during the year.

## Ice Cream.

In the district are 16 premises registered for the sale of ice cream, of which one is a manufacturer, and the remaining 15 sell mostly pre-packed blocks received from other areas.

The premises were kept under supervision during the year and 22 samples were submitted for analysis. The results were Grade 1 - 16; Grade 2 - 3; Grade 3 - 2; Grade 4 - 1.

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#### Water.

Water supplies for the area are purchased in bulk from the adjoining Norton Urban District Council. On receipt, it is softened by the Base Exchange procees and Chlorinated.

During the year 13 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination to the Public Health Laboratory Service at Hull. Of these, 11 were reported to be Class 1, 1 was Class 2 and 1 Class 3. In the two latter cases there was reason to believe that contamination had occurred at the time of sampling and repeats amples were found to be Class 1.

The Council are Constituent Members of the Ryedale Joint Water Board, and it is confidently expected that supplies of water will be received from this service during 1951.

Water is supplied from the public mains to 1228 of the 1234 houses in the district, while the remaining six have private supplies. Of the 1228 houses supplied, 1131 are supplied into the house and the remaining 103 by stand pipes.

#### Soworago.

Most of the Council's main sewers were renewed in 1935 and a new sewage works provided. The district is new adequately sewered and of the houses in the area 1217 are connected to the sewer and 17 have cesspools.

#### Closet Accommodation.

There is still a number of pail closets in the area and offerts made during the year to reduce their numbers by direct labour resulted in 20 being converted to water closets, which leaves 79 still to be converted.

The remaining properties have water closets.

#### Public Cleansing.

Public Cleansing in the area is carried out chiefly in a covered motor lorry, assisted when necessary by a covered horse drawn vehicle.

Throughout the year a regular weekly collection was maintained.

Pail closets are emptied weekly in the same motor vehicle and the contents disposed of at the sewage works.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping at the Orchard Fields.

A regular and officient collection of salvage is maintained and during the year 50 tons of salvaged materials were returned to industry and £268 receipts therefrom credited to the local rate fund.

#### Camping sites.

There are no camping sites in this area, and although during the year one caravan was brought into the area informal action was taken and as a result it was removed.

#### Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses in the district.



### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Routine disinfestation of tips, sewers and other Council property has been carried out by men on the Council's manual staff who have been trained in redent control.

Houses and other premises have also been disinfested when necessary.

#### Public Conveniences.

Existing Public Conveniences in the Market Place were the subject of complaints during the year on the grounds of insufficiency and disrepair.

Plans to take in an adjoining property to enlarge and improve the conveniences were prepared during the year, submitted to the Ministry, and approved.

The work was in hand at the close of the year.

#### Housing.

During the year 4 flats were completed in Groengate.

In addition the Council obtained a new site on Peasey Hills Road and lay-out plans were prepared for 70 houses and shops.

Tenders for the first 26 of these houses were accepted and the work was in hand at the close of the year.

Preparations were made for a further 8 flats to be erected in Old Malton and suitable sites were being considered.

Plans were submitted by the North Riding County Council, and approved, for the erection of 10 Police houses on a site off Peasey Hills Read.

4 licences were issued for the erection of private houses and 3 of these were completed and occupied during the year.

In common with most other areas, the problem of the condition of old, privately owned houses in the tevn gives cause for concern, and during the year offerts were made to carry out repairs to improve the let of the tenants in these houses. The owner of a block of 10 houses agreed to a scheme of improvement to provide from these, 7 houses complying as far as possible with modern standards and providing all modern amenities.

Application to the Ministry for a grant under the Housing Act, 1949, was approved by the Council but after consideration the Ministry were not in favour. The owner decided, in view of the need for houses, to carry on with the scheme without grant and at the close of the year one reconstructed house was completed and tenanted, and work was in hand on the remainder.

It is felt that the scheme is well worth while and proposals were in hand at the close of the year to improve a further 15 houses of a low standard.





