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Marlborough Borough.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1943

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my 24th Annual Report on the Public Health and Sanitary Administration of your district.

This report is brief and is according to instructions received from the Ministry of Health in their circular 10/44 dated February 15th, 1944.

I have the hono r to remain,

Your obedient servant,

A. H. WILSON,

18 Victoria Road, Salisbury.

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population—Census 1931 : 3,492.

Population—Estimated Mid. 1943—5,567

Area, 1,496 Acres

Rateable Value : £37,768

Sum represented by Penny Rate : £152 9 6

Number of Inhabited Houses as shown by Rate Books end of 1943 : 1,305.

Births, 1943.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
Live	45	38	83	(13 Illegitimate)
Still.	1	0	1	(1 Illegitimate)

Birth Rate, 1943.		England and Wales	
Live	14.9	Live	16.5
Still	0.17	Still	0.51

Birth Rate	Average last 10 years 12.4		
England and Wales	" " 10 " 15.04		
Deaths : Males, 30.	Females 23.	Total, 53.	

Death Rate (1943)	9.5	Average last 10 years	10.7
England and Wales	12.1	" " 10 "	12.2

Number of deaths of infants under one year of age : Males 1
Females 5. Total, 6. (4 illegitimate).

Infantile Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)	72.0
England and Wales	49.0
Infantile Mortality Average last 10 years	42.8
England and Wales " " 10 "	55.8

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths
Scarlet Fever	24	24	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
Pneumonia	10	6	2
Erysipelas	3	2	0
Measles	14	0	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	0

Scarlet Fever. 24 cases were notified during the year and they arose pretty evenly during the whole of the year, I could find no common source of infection, they occurred all over the town and in only four cases were there more than one in a house infected.

Two of the cases were Non-Civilian.

Though no death is given by the registrar general as due to this disease, one of the deaths from pneumonia was in a child notified as scarlet fever.

Diphtheria. No case of this disease was notified during the year.

Pneumonia. 10 cases were notified and of these two died. The one was in a child notified as scarlet fever and both were in children under one year.

Measles. Only fourteen cases were notified and none of them required Hospital treatment and none died.

Whooping-Cough. Only one case was notified.

Erysipelas. Three cases were notified and call for no comment.

Tuberculosis. Only one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified during the year in a woman aged 72 and she died shortly after being notified. Four cases of Tubercular glands were notified ; two between 0—5, one between 5—10, one between 5—15.

The second death given by the Registrar General was in a man age 58 from an outside district and had not been notified to me.

Immunisation Against Diphtheria. This campaign continues and during 1943 31 children under five years and 8 between 5 and 15 were freshly immunised. This brings the percentage of those immunised to 47.7% under five years and 83.3% between five and fifteen.

Water Supply.

There has been no alteration in the supply to the Town.

A supply is provided to a Military Camp at Salisbury Hill. This supply is taken from the reservoir through a meter and pumped by the Military to serve several units encamped in the neighbourhood. A metered supply is also provided to the Military Camp on the Common.

Drainage and Sewerage.

During the year the Ministry of Works carried out alterations at the Sewage Disposal Works involving the reconstruction of two of the filter beds and the enlargement of one of the humus beds. This work was carried out in order to enable the works to deal with drainage from the new Common Camp. The Chlorination Plant installed at the Sewage Disposal Works continues to work satisfactorily.

Rivers and Streams.

The Section of the River Kennet for which the Council is responsible was thoroughly cleaned out and weeded during the year, and no nuisance was caused.

Public Cleansing.

House refuse was collected once weekly by motor vehicle.

Paper, metal, bones and other salvageable materials were collected and disposed of in accordance with the requirements of the Government Scheme.

Swimming Bath.

Water is pumped from the river into the bath and is frequently changed, in addition the water is chlorinated by means of the addition of "Chloros" and the amount of free chlorine tested daily by means of the Orthotolodine Test.

Milk Supply.

The milk supply of the town remains satisfactory.

Three of the five producers have "Accredited" licences and samples were taken regularly by the County Council Inspectors to see that the required standard was maintained.

During 1943 the Council decided to take samples of the milk supply of the town and submit them for bacteriological examination. For that purpose 18 samples were taken and the results are as follows:—

<i>Milk.</i>	<i>Samples Taken.</i>	<i>Satisfactory.</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory.</i>
Tuberculin Tested	1	1	—
Accredited	3	2	1
Pasteurised	2	2	—
Ordinary	12	8	4

All bad samples were retaken within a fortnight and proved satisfactory.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

	No. of Inspections.	No. of Defects.	Informal Notices.	Statutory Notices.	Remedied by 3.	Remedied* by 4.	Remedied after verbal instructions only.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nuisances ...	178	39	33	1	27	1	5
Slaughter-houses ...	22	2	—	—	—	—	2
Knackers' Yards ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Places where food is prepared ...	19	2	1	—	1	—	—
Cowsheds ...	26	6	4	—	3	—	2
Dairies and Milkstores							
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bakehouses	15	3	2	—	2	—	1
Butcher's Shops ...	23	4	4	—	3	—	1
Factory Inspections	35	10	8	—	8	—	2
Totals	320	66	52	1	44	1	13

Milk and Dairies.

Number of Wholesale Producers registered (1943)	5
" " Retail Purveyors	11
" " Certificates issued Producers	0
" " " " Retailers	0
Approximate number of Cows	150

Meat and Other Foods.

The Ministry of Food Scheme continued to operate throughout the year. The total number of condemnations was 350, 66 of which were in respect of entire carcasses.

The total meat condemned was 17 tons 14 cwt. 3 qrs. which was approximately 5% of the total meat inspected. This compares with 10 ton 15 cwt. condemned last year.

There was also a total of 11 cwts. of other food stuffs mainly tinned foods, which was condemned during the year.

The local slaughterhouse officials continue to show courtesy and co-operation as in the past, thus assisting the work of inspection.

Notices received of regular slaughter	1
" " " casual	10
Number of Condemnations	350

TOTAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	M.	F.	Causes of Death.	M.	F.
All Causes	30	23	Appendicitis		
Typhoid and Paratyphoid			Other digest. diseases		
Cerebrospinal Fever			Nephritis		2
Scarlet Fever			Puerp. and postabort. sepsis		
Whooping Cough			Other maternal causes		
Diphtheria			Premature birth		
Tuberc. of Respir. syst.	1	1	Cong. malf. birth inj. Inf. dis.	1	3
Other form of Tuberc.			Suicide		
Syphilitic Diseases			Road Traffic Act	1	
Influenza	1		Other violent causes		
Measles			All other causes		2
Ac. Polio-myelitis and Enceph.			Deaths of Infants under 1 year—		
Ac. Inf. Enceph.			Total	1	5
Cancer of b. cav; and			Legitimate		2
oesoph (M.)	2	1	Illegitimate	1	3
uterus (F)			Live Births		
Cancer of stomach and			Total	45	38
duodenum	1		Legitimate	42	28
Cancer of breast			Illegitimate	3	10
Cancer of all other sites	3		Stillbirths		
Diabetes		1	Total	1	0
Intra. cran. vasc. lesions	1	4	Legitimate	0	0
Heart disease	9	6	Illegitimate	1	0
Other dis. of circ. syst.	1	3	Population		5,567
Bronchitis	1	1			
Pneumonia	1	1			
Other Resp. diseases					
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum					
Diarrhœa under two years					

TOTAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Year	Total	Male	Female
1900	1,250	650	600
1901	1,300	680	620
1902	1,350	700	650
1903	1,400	720	680
1904	1,450	740	710
1905	1,500	760	740
1906	1,550	780	770
1907	1,600	800	800
1908	1,650	820	830
1909	1,700	840	860
1910	1,750	860	890
1911	1,800	880	920
1912	1,850	900	950
1913	1,900	920	980
1914	1,950	940	1,010
1915	2,000	960	1,040
1916	2,050	980	1,070
1917	2,100	1,000	1,100
1918	2,150	1,020	1,130
1919	2,200	1,040	1,160
1920	2,250	1,060	1,190
1921	2,300	1,080	1,220
1922	2,350	1,100	1,250
1923	2,400	1,120	1,280
1924	2,450	1,140	1,310
1925	2,500	1,160	1,340
1926	2,550	1,180	1,370
1927	2,600	1,200	1,400
1928	2,650	1,220	1,430
1929	2,700	1,240	1,460
1930	2,750	1,260	1,490
1931	2,800	1,280	1,520
1932	2,850	1,300	1,550
1933	2,900	1,320	1,580
1934	2,950	1,340	1,610
1935	3,000	1,360	1,640
1936	3,050	1,380	1,670
1937	3,100	1,400	1,700
1938	3,150	1,420	1,730
1939	3,200	1,440	1,760
1940	3,250	1,460	1,790
1941	3,300	1,480	1,820
1942	3,350	1,500	1,850
1943	3,400	1,520	1,880
1944	3,450	1,540	1,910
1945	3,500	1,560	1,940
1946	3,550	1,580	1,970
1947	3,600	1,600	2,000
1948	3,650	1,620	2,030
1949	3,700	1,640	2,060
1950	3,750	1,660	2,090
1951	3,800	1,680	2,120
1952	3,850	1,700	2,150
1953	3,900	1,720	2,180
1954	3,950	1,740	2,210
1955	4,000	1,760	2,240
1956	4,050	1,780	2,270
1957	4,100	1,800	2,300
1958	4,150	1,820	2,330
1959	4,200	1,840	2,360
1960	4,250	1,860	2,390
1961	4,300	1,880	2,420
1962	4,350	1,900	2,450
1963	4,400	1,920	2,480
1964	4,450	1,940	2,510
1965	4,500	1,960	2,540
1966	4,550	1,980	2,570
1967	4,600	2,000	2,600
1968	4,650	2,020	2,630
1969	4,700	2,040	2,660
1970	4,750	2,060	2,690
1971	4,800	2,080	2,720
1972	4,850	2,100	2,750
1973	4,900	2,120	2,780
1974	4,950	2,140	2,810
1975	5,000	2,160	2,840
1976	5,050	2,180	2,870
1977	5,100	2,200	2,900
1978	5,150	2,220	2,930
1979	5,200	2,240	2,960
1980	5,250	2,260	2,990
1981	5,300	2,280	3,020
1982	5,350	2,300	3,050
1983	5,400	2,320	3,080
1984	5,450	2,340	3,110
1985	5,500	2,360	3,140
1986	5,550	2,380	3,170
1987	5,600	2,400	3,200
1988	5,650	2,420	3,230
1989	5,700	2,440	3,260
1990	5,750	2,460	3,290
1991	5,800	2,480	3,320
1992	5,850	2,500	3,350
1993	5,900	2,520	3,380
1994	5,950	2,540	3,410
1995	6,000	2,560	3,440
1996	6,050	2,580	3,470
1997	6,100	2,600	3,500
1998	6,150	2,620	3,530
1999	6,200	2,640	3,560
2000	6,250	2,660	3,590
2001	6,300	2,680	3,620
2002	6,350	2,700	3,650
2003	6,400	2,720	3,680
2004	6,450	2,740	3,710
2005	6,500	2,760	3,740
2006	6,550	2,780	3,770
2007	6,600	2,800	3,800
2008	6,650	2,820	3,830
2009	6,700	2,840	3,860
2010	6,750	2,860	3,890
2011	6,800	2,880	3,920
2012	6,850	2,900	3,950
2013	6,900	2,920	3,980
2014	6,950	2,940	4,010
2015	7,000	2,960	4,040
2016	7,050	2,980	4,070
2017	7,100	3,000	4,100
2018	7,150	3,020	4,130
2019	7,200	3,040	4,160
2020	7,250	3,060	4,190