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MELTON MOWBRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ABRIDGED ANNUAL REPORT

- of the -

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

- & -

SANITARY INSPECTOR

- for the -

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1945.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	5,658
Registrar General's estimate of population	11.480
Number of inhabited houses	3,300
Rateable value	£76,428
Sum represented by a penny rate	£298

VITAL STATISTICS

		Males	Females	Totals
Live Births	Legitimate	118	114	232
	illegitimate	16	8	24
		134	122	256
Still B irths	Legitimate	4	3	7
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
		4	3	7

Birth Rate per 1,000 population	22.3
Birth Rate for England and Wales...	16.1.

	Males	Females	Totals
Number of Deaths	70	66	136

Death Rate per 1,000 population...	11.8.
Death Rate for England and Wales	11.4.
Deaths from puerperal causes (headings 29 and 30)	1.

		Males	Females	Totals
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	legitimate	1	3	4
	illegitimate	1	1	2
		2	4	6

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births	23
Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales	46

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females
Whooping Cough	1	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	3	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	1
Syphilitic Diseases	1	-
Cancer of the buccal cavity & oesophagus ...	1	-
Cancer of the Uterus	-	2
Cancer of the stomach and Duodenum	3	3
Cancer of the Breast	-	4
Cancer of all other sites	7	5
Diabetes	-	1
Intracranial vascular lesions	6	5
Heart Disease	28	23
Other disorders of the circulatory system ...	1	2
Bronchitis	2	2
Pneumonia	2	5
Other respiratory diseases	-	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	3	-
Diarrhoea under 2 years	-	-
Appendicitis	2	-
Other digestive disorders	3	-
Nephritis	1	2
Congenital maleformation - birth injury, infant diseases	4	4
Other violent causes	2	-
All other causes	10	8
	81	71

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(i) Public Health Officers of the Authority

J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Camb)

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Districts.

H. Buxton, M.R., San.I., M.S.I.A.,
Sanitary Inspector and Meat & Foods Officer.

(ii) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations were carried out during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

Sputa for T.B.	46
Blood for Wassermann test	53
Urine (general and bacteriological)...	27
Milk examinations (bacteriological)...	48
Urine for T.B.	13
Swabs for Diphtheria	23
Films for Gonococci	10
Phosphatase test	4
Miscellaneous	9
	233

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (i) WATER

Number of samples taken:-

(a) from wells	Nil
(b) from pipe supply	4

2 samples for bacteriological examination and 2 samples for chemical analysis were all satisfactory.
The reports obtained by the Water Engineer show that the water supply was satisfactory as regards quality, but some supplies had to be restricted in the latter part of the year.
Efforts are being made to obtain an additional supply and negotiations are being made for a supply from Leicester City.
Practically all houses are supplied with water from the works directly to the houses.
In one case a piped supply was substituted for well water.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of cesspools in the District at the end of 1944 8

No new cesspools were constructed during the year and none were abolished.

2. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in the District at the end of 1944:-

(a) Privies	1
(b) Pail Closets	9
(c) Water Closets	3,360

(11) PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected fortnightly by direct labour for disposal at the Destructor Works.

Practically all houses are provided with moveable dustbins.

Salvage

House-to-house collections are made during alternate weeks. Larger accumlations are collected as requested.

Good progress was made in the salvaging of all classes of materials, the value of the salvage dealt with during the year being £1,477.

3. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Total number of complaints received 141
Total number of defects or nuisances... 383
discovered

	Number of Inspections	Revisits
Dwellinghouses (all purposes)	556	365
Animal keeping	7	9
Bakehouses	12	10
Dairies and cowsheds	30	27
Drainage works	27	56
Food premises	39	86
Rats and mice destruction	24	55
Refuse collection & disposal	10	18
Schools	6	4
Shops	12	7
Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspection	16	472
Verminous premises and scabies	55	72
Water supplies	10	4
Workshops, etc	9	6
Other inspections	38	26
Total	851	1,217

NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing	Other
Outstanding on 1st January	20	16
Issued during the year	55	112
Complied with during the year	51	118
Outstanding 31st December	24	10
Statutory action necessary	-	4
Statutory		
Issued during the year	-	4
Complied with during year	-	4
Number of summonses issued	-	2
Number of convictions obtained	-	2

4. SHOPS

Action under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934:-

4 defects found relating to sanitary conveniences and all were remedied.

5. REGULATED BUILDINGS

	Number in District	Number of Inspections
Common Lodging houses	2	18

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(a) Publicly owned. One Children's Swimming Pool owned by the Town Estate and one Paddling Pool owned by the Urban District Council.

(b) Privately owned. One open-air swimming pool.

H O U S I N G

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 244

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 561

(2) Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 244

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action 210

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR.

(1) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 4

(b) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(i) by owners 3
(ii) by Local Authority in default of owners 1

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PARTIV - OVERCROWDING

Complete details of all overcrowding in the District cannot be given, but, from the information supplied by the 385 applicants for Council Houses, there are many cases of overcrowding, and the position is becoming more difficult as demobilisation from the forces increases.

The only satisfactory solution to this problem is the speeding up of the housing programme for the provision of new houses.

Requisitioning of Unoccupied Houses. (Circular 138/45)

8 houses were requisitioned. One notice was withdrawn as the owner wished to occupy the house, and in 2 cases the tenants suggested by the owners occupied the houses.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	Cowkeepers	Dairyman or Purveyors of milk (other than Cowkeepers)
Number on register	21	9
Number of inspections of premises	38	19
Number of contraventions outstanding from 1943	6	Nil
Number of contraventions found during the year	9	3
Number of contraventions remedied during the year	10	2
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st December	5	1

Contraventions	Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on 31st Dec.
Cleansing	Nil	6	6	Nil
Structural alterations	6	2	3	5
Utensils	Nil	2	2	Nil
Other	Nil	2	1	1

MILK SAMPLING

38 samples of milk were taken during the year as follows:-

Class	Number of samples for bact. exam.	Number satisfactory.	Number unsatisfactory
Designated	2	2	Nil
Ordinary	36	34	2

In the case of unsatisfactory samples an inspection is made of the premises, advice given on methods of production and repeat samples taken.

2 repeat samples taken and were satisfactory.

A new cowshed and dairy has been provided at one dairy farm.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of Regional Slaughterhouses in area	1
Number of animals slaughtered . ..	10,457
Number of inspections of meat at times of slaughter	472
Number of knacker yards in area ..	1
Number of visits to Knacker yards.	11

CARCASES INSPECTED & CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Totals
Number killed	1,726	602	1,094	6,330	705	10,457
All diseases except T.B.						
Whole carcases condemned	13	29	12	29	4	21,073
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	206	141	1	57	1	7,007
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	12.7%	28.2%	1.2%	1.4%	0.8%	28,080
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	21	50	Nil	Nil	3	42,796
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	105	76	Nil	Nil	5	5,940
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	7.3%	20.9%	-	-	1.1%	48,736
				Total weight in lbs		76,816

34 tons, 5 cwt, 96lbs of meat condemned during the year compared with 38 tons, 13 cwt, 15lbs last year

	Number of inspections
Meat shops, Meat stores etc	53
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale	72

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered:-

1,107	tins	meat - 1,131 lbs.
264	"	milk
87	"	vegetables
56	"	Fish
7	"	Preserves
1,521	tins	

and 744 lbs. of various foods.

Food exposed for sale in the open Market is regularly inspected.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1944:-

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	37	30	-
Diphtheria	3	3	1
Erysipelas	3	2	-
Dysentery	114	3	-
Whooping Cough	30	-	2
Measles	253	3	-
Pneumonia	19	-	1

AGE GROUPS

Disease.	Under One	1	2	3	4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	-	2	2	2	5	17	5	1	1	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	5	3	3	4	6	1	-	1	-	-	-
Measles	7	24	28	30	30	126	3	2	3	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	2	-	5	-	1	2	3	5	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	3	2	2	2	-	5	3	1	40	25	22	9
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Good progress continues with the scheme for immunication of children against Diphtheria.

A special Birthday Card together with a card of Consent for immunisation is sent when each child is one year of age. Arrangements are made for free treatment by private Doctors if desired and sessions are held at Egerton Lodge every four weeks. Much valuable propaganda work and advice to parents on immunisation has been given by the local Health Visitor.

During the year 224 children completed the full course of immunisation.

	Between 1 & 5 years of age.	5 - 15 years
Percentage of child population immunised at 31st December 1944.	85%	91%

Number of cases of Diphtheria in children under 15 years of age notified during the year 1945... ... 3
Number of cases not immunised 2

TREATMENT FOR SCABIES

A centre was opened in May 1942, for the out-patient treatment of Scabies cases from the Melton Mowbray Urban and the Melton & Belvoir Rural Districts.

41 cases from the Urban District were treated during year, compared with 73 cases last year, 195 in 1943, and 246 in 1942.

	Under 15 years.	Over 15 years	Total
Males	13	1	14
Females	23	4	27
Total	36	5	41

TUBERCULOSIS

AGE GROUPS	New cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
15 - 25	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
45 - 55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1