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MELTON MOWBRAY

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st. DECEMBER, 1955.

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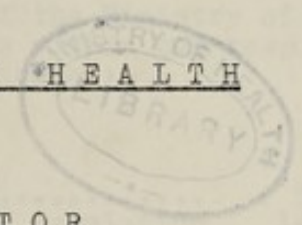


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MELTON MOWBRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

1955.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, we deal briefly in this Report with matters within our responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine :-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	5,699
Registrar General's Estimated Mid-Year Home population	14,470
Number of Inhabited Houses	3,932
Rateable Value	£ 90,301
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£ 356

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
<u>Live Births:</u> Legitimate	114	114	228
Illegitimate	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>122</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>242</u>
<u>Still Births:</u> Legitimate	3	3	6
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	
<u>Birth Rate</u>			
Per 1000 Population	16.0	16.4	
For County Urban Districts	-	15.2	
For England and Wales	15.2	15.0	

Vital Statistics (Continued):

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Number of Deaths:</u>	75	60	135

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
<u>Death Rate</u>		
Per 1000 Population.....	10.3	9.7
For County Urban Districts.....	-	10.5
For England and Wales.....	11.3	11.7

Deaths of Infants under
One Year of Age:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate 	2	4	6
Illegitimate 	1	-	1

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	38.5	28.9
Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales	25.5	24.9

The Statistics in general can be regarded as very satisfactory, the Death Rate comparing favourably with the figure for England and Wales, and again showing a reduction from the District Rates for previous years.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis (Non Respiratory).....	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	6	2
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung.....	3	-
Measles.....	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus.....	-	1
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms....	7	4
Leukaemia.....	2	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.....	7	9
Coronary Disease.....	9	8
Heart Diseases.....	16	11
Other Circulatory Disease.....	3	5
Pneumonia.....	2	3
Bronchitis.....	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.....	-	1
Gastritis.....	-	1
Nephritis or Nephrosis.....	-	1
Congenital Malformations.....	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases...	11	9
Motor vehicle accidents.....	2	-
All other accidents.....	-	1
Suicide.....	4	2
	<u>75</u>	<u>60</u>

Number of Deaths 193 193 193

1934	1933
10.5	10.5
10.5	10.5
11.5	11.5

Deaths of Infants 193 193 193

1934	1933
10.5	10.5
10.5	10.5

The Station in general can be regarded as very satisfactory. The Death Rate comparing favorably with the figures for England and Wales, and again showing a reduction from the Death Rate for previous years.

CAUSE OF DEATH

Deaths	Infants
1	1
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7	7
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100	100

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

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

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

H. Buxton, M.R.S.H, M.S.I.A.

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Meat & Food Inspector.

P.K. Russell, A.R.S.H.

Additional Sanitary Inspector. (to 5th June, 1955.)

H. S. Charlton, M.R.S.H.

Additional Sanitary Inspector. (from 5th September, 1955.)

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester:-

Throat and nose swabs...	...	...	69
Faeces and urine	...	...	207
Blood ...	...	...	3
Sputa ...	...	...	61
Vaginal swabs	...	...	66
Whooping Cough	...	...	1
Miscellaneous specimens	...	...	15
			<u>422</u>

The good co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory Service has again continued during the year and the assistance given has been of great value.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

(1) Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1955

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever.....	2	-
Pneumonia.....	20	5
Whooping Cough.....	13	-
Measles.....	214	1
Dysentery.....	71	-
Erysipelas.....	3	-
	<u>323</u>	<u>6</u>

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Age Groups.

Disease.	Under 1 yr.	1	2	3	4	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 34	35 44	45 64	65 and Over	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia.	1	1	2	1	1	2	-	-	3	-	4	5	20
Whooping Cough.	1	1	2	2	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	13
Measles.	3	7	18	28	19	138	1	-	-	-	-	-	214
Dysentery.	7	2	5	4	3	24	5	1	9	4	3	4	71
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
	12	11	27	35	24	171	7	1	12	4	8	11	323

There was an outbreak during the early months of the year, of the mild form of Dysentery, which is becoming increasingly prevalent throughout the country.

Fortunately no case of Poliomyelitis was notified during the year.

Once again it is pleasing to report the absence of Diphtheria and it is now over nine years since a case was notified.

(2) Tuberculosis.

Age Groups	New Cases			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M	F	M	F
1 - 4	-	2	-	1
5 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	2	-	-	1
35 - 44	1	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	1	-	-
55 - 64	1	-	-	-
TOTALS.	4	3	-	2

One death from this disease occurred during the year.

Number of cases on Register at 31st. December, 1955.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Pulmonary	40	37
Non-Pulmonary	10	19
	<u>50</u>	<u>56</u>

Diphtheria Immunisation

Details supplied by the Local Health Authority show that during the year 1955, 164 children under five years of age were immunised against diphtheria and 100 children aged four to fifteen years were given a "booster dose."

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(1) WATER SUPPLY

Number of Samples taken for Analysis:

(a)	from piped supply	...	...	...	...	...	12
(b)	from wells	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Eight samples of water for bacteriological examination and four samples for chemical analysis from the piped supply after treatment were all satisfactory. The reports obtained show that the water supply was satisfactory as regards quality, and no serious shortage was experienced.

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for	
well water	...
	5

(2) SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Number of Cesspools in District at end of 1955	7
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(3) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total Number in District at end of 1954:

(a)	Pail Closets	8
(b)	Water Closets	..	...	...	...	4,790

(4) PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse and trade refuse is collected by direct labour for disposal at the Destructor Works and at the Controlled Tip.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report:-

Total Number of Complaints received	...	...	179
Total Number of Premises at which Defects or Nuisances were dealt with	...	...	224

INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE

Details supplied by the local health authorities show that during the year 1905, 104 cases of water-borne typhoid fever were reported against the district, and the following table shows the number of cases in each of the various localities.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CASES

(1) WATER SUPPLY

Number of cases in each of the various localities

(a) From the supply	104
(b) From other sources	111

Eighty cases of water-borne typhoid fever were reported during the year 1905, and the following table shows the number of cases in each of the various localities. The water supply was satisfactory in all the localities, and no serious shortage was experienced.

Number of cases in each of the various localities

(2) WATER SUPPLY

Number of cases in each of the various localities

(3) WATER SUPPLY

Total number of cases in each of the various localities

(a) From the supply	104
(b) From other sources	111

(4) WATER SUPPLY

The water supply was satisfactory in all the localities, and no serious shortage was experienced.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CASES

The following table shows the number of cases in each of the various localities, and the total number of cases in each of the various localities.

Total number of cases in each of the various localities	104
Total number of cases in each of the various localities	111

INSPECTIONS

<u>Nature of Inspections</u>					<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Dwellinghouses (all purposes)	...	...	...	...	942
Animal Keeping	...	...	...	...	20
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	18
Dairies	...	...	...	...	15
Drainage Works	...	...	...	...	49
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	282
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	...	10
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	449
Shops	...	...	...	...	50
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	610
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	...	...	...	...	12
Verminous Premises	...	...	...	...	25
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	6
Factories	...	...	...	...	25
Other Inspections	...	...	...	...	52
					<u>2,565</u>

NOTICES

	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
(1) <u>Preliminary</u>		
Outstanding on 1st January	9	10
Issued during the Year	25	46
Complied with during the Year...	29	52
Statutory Action necessary	15	-
Outstanding at 31st December	5	4
(11) <u>Statutory:</u>		
Outstanding on 1st January	2	-
Issued during the Year	15	-
Complied with during the Year...	16	-
Outstanding at 31st December	1	-

SHOPS

Action taken under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950:

Seven defects were found relating to sanitary convenience and washing facilities, and six were remedied during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948

(a) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:

	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>Inspec-</u> <u>tions</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>	<u>Owners</u> <u>Prosecuted</u>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	24	10	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	75	12	-	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	3	3	-	-
	<u>102</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(b) Cases in which Defects were Found:

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred by</u> <u>H.M. Inspector</u>
Want of Cleanliness ...	3	3	-
Sanitary Conveniences:			
(1) Insufficient	-	-	-
(2) Unsuitable or Defective	4	4	2
(3) Not separate for Sexes	-	-	-
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>

(c) Outwork:

There were no instances during the year of outwork in unwholesome premises.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

(a) Publicly Owned:

One Children's Open Air Swimming Pool, owned by the Town Estate, where the water is treated by chlorination with controlled dosage.

(b) Privately Owned:

Nil.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT

No. of premises licensed..... 3

RODENT CONTROL:

After pre-bait testing, two maintenance treatments were carried out during the year to destroy rats in those main sewers found to be infested, with very satisfactory results.

Minor rat infestations at the Destructor Works, Salvage Depot, Sewage Disposal Works, Cattle Market and the Controlled Refuse Tip have been dealt with, also minor rats or mice infestations which were reported or discovered at four business premises and seventy-four private premises, and surveys were carried out in conjunction with these infestations.

HOUSING

A. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year:

- (a) (i) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.....142
- (ii) Number of Inspections made for the purpose.....251
- (b) Number of Dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... 14

B. Repairs - Informal Action

Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Public Health or Housing Acts..... 57

C. Demolition and Closing Orders

(a) <u>Housing Act, 1936</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>No. of</u>
	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Persons Displaced</u>
(1) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure.....	Nil	-
(11) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners.....	6	21
(111) Parts of buildings closed	1	3
(b) <u>Housing Act, 1949</u>		
Closing Orders made under Section 3 (1).....	Nil	-

(c) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953

Closing Orders made under Section 10 (1)

7	24
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New Houses:

	<u>By Local Authority</u>	<u>By Private Enterprise</u>
Number of permanent houses completed during the year	128	67
Number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year ..	64	63
Total Number of Post-war Houses completed	701	217

Occupied Houses:

Total Number of Occupied Houses in District	3,932
Number of Council Houses Occupied	932

Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants

Number of applicants approved	7
Refuses	4

Housing Applications:

Number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	430
Number of applications received during the year	190

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors:

	No. on Register	No. of Inspections
Dairies	6	13
Distributors only	1	2

(c) Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised & Sterilised)
Milk) Regulations, 1949:

Licences Issued:	
Dealers' Licences:	Pasteurised Milk .. 5
	Sterilised Milk .. 1
Supplementary Licences:	.. .. . Nil

(c) Local Government (District/Provincial) - 1955

Existing Orders were under section 10 (1)

No. of
Persons Disposed

Number of persons disposed
disposed during the year .. 120
Number of houses in course of
erection at the end of the year .. 60
Total Number of houses
completed .. 180

Completed Houses:

Total Number of Completed Houses in
District .. 180
Number of Council Houses
Completed .. 180

Housing Act, 1919 - Improvement Grants

Number of applications approved .. 4
Refused .. 4

Housing Applications

Number of applications for Council houses
at end of year .. 120
Number of applications received during the
year .. 120

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF WORK

With Special

Persons (other than Police) and District

No. of Inspections	No. of Persons
10	10
2	2

(c) With Special (District/Provincial) - 1955

Persons Inspected:
District .. 10
Supplementary Inspections .. 2

Milk Supply (Continued):

(d) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

Licences Issued:

Dealers' Licences:.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Supplementary Licences	..	..	..	..	..	1

Ice Cream

Number of Premises Registered:

(a) Manufacture and Retail ..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
(b) Manufacture only ..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
(c) Retail only ..	..	..	..	..	..	45

Number of Samples Taken:	6	Results: Grade 1	6
		Grade 11	Nil
		Grade 111	Nil
		Grade 1V	Nil

At forty of the forty-five retail premises, only pre-packed Ice Cream is sold.

Meat and Other Foods

Number of Slaughterhouses in Area ..	..	..	..	1
Number of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected ..	..	8,386		
Number of Inspections of Meat at time of Slaughter		610		
Number of Knackers Yards in Area ..	..	..	..	1
Number of Visits to Knackers Yards..	..	..	..	5

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Total.
Number Killed and Inspected.	1,080	42	41	3,283	3,940	8,386
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>						Wt. in lbs
Whole Carcasses condemned.	1	2	3	15	5	3,213
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned.	147	8	Nil	24	51	2,557
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	13.7%	23.8%	7.3%	1.2%	1.4%	5,770
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	2	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,761
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	67	9	Nil	Nil	176	4,836
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	6.4%	23.8%	-	-	4.5%	6,597
Total Weight in lbs -						12,367

Carcases Inspected and Condemned (Continued):

5 Tons. 10 cwts. 47 lbs. of Meat was condemned during the year, compared with 17 tons. 1 cwt. 107 lbs. last year.

Inspection of Food Premises

	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Meat shops, meat stores, etc.,	28
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale.	240

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered during the year:-

Fish - 77 lbs.	Sausages - 29 lbs.	Bacon - 47 lbs.
Cheese - 24 lbs.	Tomatoes - 25 lbs.	Milk Powder - 56 lbs.
Fruit Cake- 91 lbs.	135 Meat Pies - 69 lbs.	Imported Meat - 167 lbs

1,053 tins and jars of various foods.

No. of certificates issued ... 151

Food Poisoning

No cases of Food Poisoning have been notified during the year 1955.

We have the honour to be,
Your obedient servants,

J. YOUNG
Medical Officer of Health.

H. BUXTON
Chief Sanitary Inspector.

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Inventory of Food Expenditures

No. of Visits

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The following

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Food Expenditures

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