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MILNRON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrone

Sir, Messrs and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you my annual report of the Council of Milnrone and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is compiled.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1955

The year 1955 was a year of considerable activity with many special events, and it is a pleasure to report that of which has any particular influence on the public health.

Vital Statistics

Total Births Deaths

Births in 1955 - 100 - 100
Deaths in 1955 - 100 - 100
Deaths in 1954 - 100 - 100
Deaths in 1953 - 100 - 100

Infants per 1,000



Births		Deaths		Infants		Deaths		Infants	
No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Council Offices,
Milnrone.

June, 1956.

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I have the honour of presenting my twenty-seventh Annual Report of the District of Milnrow and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is formed.

Population

The estimated population for 1955 is 8,500 which an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is £54,057 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £212.

The population is industrial and is occupied mainly with cotton spinning, the engineering trade and the wool trade, none of which has any peculiar influences on the public health.

Vital Statistics

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Births in 1955	126	60	66
Deaths in 1955	129	66	63
Deaths in infants under one year	2	2	-
Still births	2	2	-

Rates per 1,000 of Population

	No. Reg.	Live Births Rate per 1000 Pop.	<u>Deaths (all causes)</u>		<u>Stillbirths</u>		<u>Maternal Mortality</u>		<u>Infant Mortality</u>	
			No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 births	No. of deaths reg.	Rate per 1000 total births	No. of deaths reg.	Rate per 1000 live births
1955	126	15.1	129	14.6	2	16	Nil	Nil	2	16
1954	100	11.9	117	13.2	3	29	Nil	Nil	1	10
Previous year diff.	+26	+3.2	+12	+1.4	-1	-13	-	-	+1	+6

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE OF DISTRICT
DURING 1955 and PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births		Deaths		Infantile Deaths		Maternal Mortality	
		No.	Rate	No.	Rate	Under 1 year	Rate	Deaths	Rate
1937	8058	96	11.9	117	14.5	4	41	Nil	
1938	8033	98	12.1	110	13.6	6	61	Nil	
1939	8375	105	12.5	126	15.1	5	47	2	18
1940	8072	118	14.6	116	14.3	3	25	1	8.06
1941	7895	117	14.8	115	14.5	5	42	Nil	
1942	7663	110	14.3	90	11.7	6	54	Nil	
1943	7520	116	15.4	108	14.3	9	77	Nil	
1944	7661	129	16.8	97	12.6	2	15.5	1	7.75
1945	7671	131	17.0	111	14.4	9	68	Nil	
1946	8134	147	18.0	105	12.9	6	40	Nil	
1947	8290	166	20.0	112	13.5	5	50	Nil	
1948	8418	145	17.2	117	13.2	9	62	1	6.66
1949	8514	146	17.1	128	14.3	6	43	1	6.80
1950	8596	134	15.6	126	14.7	3	15	Nil	
1951	8557	142	16.6	123	14.4	5	35	Nil	
1952	8578	137	15.7	128	14.0	6	44	1	7.19
1953	8535	134	15.3	90	9.9	2	15	Nil	
1954	8540	100	11.9	117	13.2	1	10	Nil	
1955	8500	126	15.1	119	14.6	2	16	Nil	

Birth Rate

In 1955 the live births belonging to this district were 60 males and 66 females.

The birth rate in 1955 was 15.1

The birth rate in 1954 was 11.9

The increase in 1955 on the previous year was 3.2

Death Rate

In 1955 the deaths belonging to this district were 66 males and 63 females.

The death rate in 1955 was 14.6

The death rate in 1954 was 13.2

The increase in 1955 on the previous year was 1.4

In 1955 the registered deaths were higher than the births by 5

In 1954 the registered births were lower than the deaths by 17

During the year 53 people belonging to this district died outside it :

Birch Hill Hospital	40
Rochdale	1
Rochdale Infirmary	7
Victoria Hospital, Blackpool	1
Littleborough	1
Marland Hospital	2
Carlisle	1
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The causes of death were :-

Tuberculosis respiratory	1
Syphilitic diseases	1
Malignant Neoplasm stomach	5
Malignant Neoplasm lung, bronchus	2
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	1
Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	14
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1
Diabetes	1
Vascular lesions of nervus system	25
Coronary disease, angina	19
Hypertension with heart disease	3
Other heart diseases	25
Other circulatory diseases	5
Pneumonia	1
Bronchitis	9
Other diseases of respiratory system	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	11
Accidents	2
	<u>129</u>

Infantile Mortality

During 1955 there were 2 deaths of infants under one year, the cause of death being

Prematurity

The infantile Mortality Rate in 1955 was	16
The Infantile Mortality Rate in 1954 was	10
The increase in 1955 on the previous year was	6
The Maternal Mortality during 1955 was	Nil
The Maternal Mortality during 1954 was	Nil

Causes of Infectious Diseases Notified during the year 1955

Notifiable Diseases	Total	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	Over 65	Cases removed to hospital
Scarlet Fever	37		1	4	3	6	23							25
Measles	113	5	15	13	19	24	36		1					2
Polio-myelitis	2				1		1							2
Tuberculosis	2								1				1	
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Under the National Health Service Act the County is divided into 17 administrative divisions.

Milnrow is in number 13 district which is composed of Bacup, Heywood, Littleborough, Milnrow, Wardle and Whitworth.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Clinic There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic, (Consultation) open every Tuesday 2-0 to 4-0 p.m.

Ante Natal Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangements of 1, Wesley Street when the clinic is open.

Midwifery Domiciliary midwifery is carried out by midwives under the control of the Lancashire County Council.

Home Helps There are 7 home helps in the district.

Cleansing Centre Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.

Immunisation Clinics are held monthly at the Maternity and Child Welfare on the first Wednesday in every month.

Ambulance Facilities The Ambulance service is administered by the Lancashire County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Littleborough.

Infectious Diseases The hospitals are administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

O.R.I. LOVE, M.D., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

MILNROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1955

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Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year 1955

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee of the Urban District Council.

Mrs. Stott and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my eleventh Annual Report of the sanitary conditions of the district.

During the year I had 3 months sick leave and the report shows a reduction in the number of visits owing to this.

I wish to acknowledge the assistance of my colleagues from Rochdale who carried out the work of meat and foods inspection during this period.

The work of reconditioning and modernising the houses in Major Street is still proceeding.

During the year 5 houses were reconditioned and modernised, the accommodation now being 3 bedrooms, bathroom, hall, 2 living rooms and kitchen.

Another house was purchased by the Council and this has been reconditioned and modernised providing 2 bedrooms, bathroom and 2 living rooms.

The slum clearance programme for the next 5 years has been submitted and approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Demolition Orders have been made on two houses and Closing Orders on two.

It will be noted from the report that the work of meat inspection has increased and more time is having to be given to this work.

The work of reclaiming the older part of the tip has been commenced, the top has been levelled and sludge from the sewage works tipped ready for spreading. It is hoped that this portion of the tip will be under cultivation next year, also the first phase of the tree planting scheme has been completed and 3,500 trees planted.

Housing Statistics for 1955

Number of houses erected during the year

By other bodies	4
By Local Authority	Nil

Number in course of erection.

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	83
Number of inspections made for the purpose	191
Number of dwelling houses found to be in such a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	4
Number of dwellings (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	43

Remedy of defects during the year without the service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers. 27

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

Proceedings under Public Health Acts

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. Nil
 Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice Nil
 (a) by owners Nil
 (b) by Local Authority in default of owners Nil

Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Acts, 1935

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. 2
 Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil

Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year Nil
 Number of families dwelling therein Nil
 Number of persons dwelling therein Nil
 Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year Nil
 Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 2

Housing Act, 1949

During the year 16 Improvement Grants were made under the above Act.

Public Health Acts

The total number of houses inspected during the year was 72, of this total 37 were inspected owing to the occurrence of infectious diseases. The remaining inspections were made on account of general defects etc.

Other inspections made are shown in Table 'A' and Nuisances abated in Table 'B'.

Water Supply

The water supply for the district is from Rochdale and Oldham Corporations and is a direct supply to the houses.

Of the 3,137 houses of the district, 2,948 are supplied from the mains. The houses not receiving mains water are those scattered throughout the district where a water main is not available and are farms, farm cottages and small hamlets.

There are no stand pipes in the district.

Rodent Control

The following summary gives details of the work carried out during the year.

	Properties Inspected	No. of properties infested	No. of treatments
Local Authority	6	6	6
Dwelling houses	96	24	24
Business premises	19	8	8
Agricultural premises	15	1	1

There were no cases of infestation of a serious nature.

Scavenging

The sanitary accommodation at the end of the year was

Fresh water closets	2929
Waste water closets	60
Pail closets	182
Ashbins	2729

Cleansing Service

Domestic Refuse

The Cleansing service is operated by two refuse collection vehicles and 8 men, and collect domestic refuse, nightsoil and offal.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

The vehicles travelled 9,052 miles and collected 1,589 loads of refuse, nightsoil and offal.

The figures are made up as follows :

	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Loads</u>
Domestic refuse	6524	1367
Nightsoil	1714	156
Offal	628	66
Snow	186	

During the year 1,188 hours have been lost by the cleansing service during the year owing to sickness.

Salvage

13 tons 14 cwt of tins have been salvaged and sold to Rochdale Corporation for baling. Also 9 tons 18 cwt of ferrous metals have been sold.

Tip

During the year the top of the tip has been levelled and it is intended during the next year to bring this part into cultivation.

The first part of the tree planting scheme has been completed and 1,200 Grey Alder, 1,150 Beech and 1,150 Sycamore trees have been planted.

Factories

There are 55 factories in the district 54 mechanical and 1 non-mechanical.

These are made up as follows :

Mechanical

11 Cotton Spinners	1 Brickworks
2 Waste Mills	4 Bleaching and Dyeing
1 Flannel Manufacturer	1 Surgical Cotton Manufacturer
1 Paper Tube Manufacturer	2 Quarries
5 Engineering works	4 Joiners
2 Woodwork machinists	10 Bakehouses
1 Laundry	3 Garages
1 Plumber	1 Wool sorter
1 Electrical Engineer	1 Hide Skin and Pickers
1 Printer	1 Slipper Manufacturer

Non-Mechanical

1 Plumber.

During the year 11 visits were made to factories re sanitary accommodation, canteens and boiler plants.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

One factory has been granted a licence under this Act to manufacture Rag Flock.

Food Preparing Premises and Food Shops

There are 17 bakehouses and 19 visits have been made to the premises. The general standard is good.

The ovens at these premises are heated by gas, electricity and solid fuels. - 9 gas, 2 electricity and 6 solid

Food Shops

There are 13 butchers, 9 Fried Fish and Chip Shops, 28 Grocery and provisions, 19 Confectioners and 12 Greengrocery and Fish.

67 visits have been made to food preparing premises and food shops. Many of the above have refrigerators and a good standard of cleanliness has been maintained.

Milk

Samples taken during the year :

	<u>No. Taken</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>T.B.</u> <u>P</u>	<u>Methy. Blue</u> <u>S</u>	<u>N.S.</u>
Dairy Farms	9	8	1	8	1

The positive sample was reported to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Veterinary section for investigation.

Schools and Day Nurseries

All milk supplied to schools is pasteurised and supplied in 1/3rd pint bottles.

	<u>No. Taken</u>	<u>Phosphatase</u> <u>Test</u>	<u>Methy. Blue</u> <u>Test</u>
		<u>S</u> <u>N.S.</u>	<u>S.</u> <u>N.S.</u>
Schools	4	4 Nil	4 Nil
Day Nurseries	2	2 Nil	2 Nil

Milk (Special Designations)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1945/50.

42 licences have been granted to sell "Sterilised".
21 " " " " " " "Pasteurised".

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

21 licences have been granted for the sale of "Tuberculin-Tested" Milk.

Food and Drugs Acts, 1938 - 1950

A total of 48 samples were obtained, of these 36 were milk (this total includes two Channel Islands milks) and the 12 others comprised :

1 Apple	2 Cocoa
1 Orange	1 Bacon
3 Butter	1 Cream, canned
1 Castor oil B.P.	1 Tincture of iodine.
1 Liquid Paraffin.	

In addition to the above, two appeal-to-cow samples were obtained during the year.

All the above samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine with the exception of the following :

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
1 formal milk	Deficient 1.1% solids-not-fat. The freezing point indicated the presence of 1.3% of extraneous water.	Same vendor. Further samples obtained.
1 formal milk	Deficient 1.6% solids-not-fat. Freezing point indicated the presence of 5.4% of extraneous water.	
1 tincture of iodine.	Iodine 0.27% and Potassium Iodine 0.55% below minimum B.P. limits respectively.	Vendor interviewed and stock withdrawn from sale.
1 formal milk	Deficient 11.6% fat.	Same vendor. Appeal-to-cow samples also poor in fat. Farmer notified.
1 formal milk	Deficient 26.6% fat and slightly low in solids-not-fat.	

Slaughterhouses

Food and Drugs Act, 1938 Section 57.

There are 5 licences slaughterhouses in the district.
The standard of cleanliness has been satisfactory.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954

13 licences to slaughter or stun animals have been issued during the year.

Meat Inspection

<u>Visits</u>	<u>No. of animals slaughtered</u>				<u>Total</u>
<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>		
550	1,130	69	531	3,084	4814

4 tons 6 cwt 2 qrs of meat have been condemned during the year the main causes for condemnation were Tuberculosis, abscesses, cysts and Distoma Hepaticum.

Of the cattle inspected 15% were affected with Tuberculosis.

Unsound Food

The undermentioned foodstuffs have been examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption.

2 cwt Potatoes	9 lb. Hake.
8 tins Pineapple	1 tin Chocolate Spread.
3 tins Chopped Pork	1 tin Fruit Salad.
9 tins Tomatoes	9 tins Soup
3 tins Peas	1 tin Crab
1 tin Butter Beans	1 tin French Beans
4 tins Prunes	4 tins Dairy Cream
11 tins Corned Beef	2 tins Luncheon Meat
2 tins Bilberries	1 tin Lambs Tongues
3 tins Red Cabbage	1 tin Oranges
2 tins Pilchards	9 tins Peaches
3 tins Evaporated Milk	1 tin Salmon
3 tins Pears	4 tins Steak

2 tins Tongue
1 Grape Fruit
1 tin Onions
1 bottle Vinegar.

1 tin Carnation Milk
1 tin Sardines
1 tin Ham

The countries of origin were Poland, Italy, Holland, Norway, Ireland, Australia, Japan, South America and South Africa.

Shops Acts

The following is a list of shops in the district.

19 Confectioner	12 Greengrocery and Fish
13 Butchers	1 Gowns
6 Boot & Shoe	9 Hairdressers
2 Chemists	7 Hardware
1 Corn Merchant	8 Newsagents
10 Drapers	2 Paint and Wallpapers
4 Electrical Goods	1 Second Hand Dealer
9 Fried Fish and Chip Shops	1 Tripe
1 Fancy Goods	6 Sweets and Tobacco
28 Grocery and provisions	1 Cycle Accessories
1 Drug Store	

Licensed Premises

22 Public Houses
8 Clubs
2 Off Licences

67 visits have been made to shops during the year.

The provisions of the Shops Acts are being complied with.

Smoke Abatement

The industrial chimneys are kept under observation and every effort is made to prevent the emission of quantities of dense smoke.

Infection and Disinfection

There were 154 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year.

37 Scarlet Fever
113 Measles
2 Tuberculosis
2 Poliomyelitis

28 of the cases of Infectious Diseases notified were removed to hospital.

50 rooms have been fumigated with formaldehyde

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help and consideration in the exercise of my duties as Sanitary Inspector.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. NUNN

Sanitary Inspector.

TABLE 'A'

Investigations of Infectious Diseases (notifiable)	37
Inspections of dwellinghouses	72
Reinspection of dwellinghouses	185
Inspection of Factories	11
Inspection of Farms	15
Inspection of Bakehouses	19
Inspection of Food Preparing Premises	40
Inspection of Fried Fish & Chip Shops	8
Inspection of Licensed Premises	1
Inspection of Schools	5
Inspection of Tip	34
Visits re Rats and Mice	181
Inspection of drainage	10
Visits re applications for Council houses	17
Inspections of Shops (Shops Act)	67
Visits to Day Nurseries	5
Visits re Rag Flock	2
Visits re unsound Food	9
Visits to slaughterhouses	550
Miscellaneous inspections	30
Visits not inspections	69
Visits re Smoke Abatement	11
	<u>1378</u>

TABLE 'B'

Eavesgutters repaired	12
Choked drains released	15
Roofs repaired	3
Floor boards repaired	2
Ceiling plaster repaired	8
Window frames repaired	61
Rainwater pipes repaired	4
Percolations	1
Defective firerange repaired	5
Wall plaster repaired	5
Stair tread repaired	5
Slopstone waste pipe repaired	5
Choked gully released	1
Ashbins renewed	224
New ashbins provided	4
Rats and Mice	38
Sanitary Pails renewed.	7
Dampness	2
Water supply	5
Emission of dust	11
	<u>388</u>

