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To The Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrow

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my thirtieth 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 1958 is 8,360 with an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is 77,381 and the represented by the penny rate is £289.

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

Vital Statistics

Live Births	125
Live Births rate per 1,000 population	15.1
Still Births	4
Still Births rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	31.0
Total live and stillbirths	129
Infant deaths	7
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - Total	56
" " " " " " " legitimate	17
" " " " " " " illegitimate	Nil
Neo-natal ( " " " " " " (first 4 weeks)	32
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	Nil
Maternal deaths (including abortions)	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	Nil

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live births	67	58	125
Legitimate	63	56	119
Illegitimate	4	2	6
Still births	3	1	4
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Deaths of infants (under 1 year of age)	5	2	7
Legitimate	5	2	7
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks	2	2	4
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil



Rates per 1,000 of Population

	<u>Live Births</u>		<u>Deaths</u> (all causes)		<u>Stillbirths</u>		<u>Maternal Mortality</u>		<u>Infant Mortality</u>	
	No. Reg.	Rate per 1,000 Pop	No. Reg.	Rate per 1,000 Pop	No. Reg.	Rate per 1,000 births	No. Reg.	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths Reg.	Rate per 1,000 live births
1958	125	15.1	108	13.3	4	31	Nil	Nil	7	56
1957	124	14.9	100	12.4	1	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Previous year diff.	+1	+0.2	+8	+0.9	+3	+25	-	-	+7	+56

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE OF DISTRICT  
DURING 1958 AND PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Population estimated to middle of each year.	<u>Births</u>		<u>Deaths</u>		<u>Infantile Deaths</u>		<u>Maternal Mortality</u>	
		No.	Rate	No.	Rate	Under 1 year	Rate	Deaths	Rate
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	129	14.6	2	16	Nil	
1956	8460	88	10.4	129	15.2	3	34	Nil	
1957	8410	124	14.9	100	12.4	Nil	Nil	Nil	
1958	8360	125	15.1	108	13.3	7	56	Nil	

DEATH RATE

In 1958 the deaths belonging to this district were 56 males and 52 females.

The death rate in 1958 was 13.3

The death rate in 1957 was 12.4

The increase in 1958 on the previous year was 0.9

In 1958 the registered deaths were lower than births by 17

In 1957 the registered deaths were lower than births by 24

The rate per 1,000 population for Respiratory T.B. was 0.12

The rate per 1,000 population for Malignant neoplasms was 1.56

During the year 51 people belonging to this district died outside it

Birch Hill Hospital	37
Rochdale Infirmary	9
Marland Hospital	3
Breeze Hill Nursing Home	1
Wolstenholme Hill	1

51

The causes of death were:

Tuberculosis respiratory	1
Malignant Neoplasm stomach	2
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2
Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	1
Other malignant & lymphatic Neoplasms	6
Leukemia, aleukemia	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	20
Coronary disease, angina	15
Hypertension with heart disease	2
Other heart diseases	20
Other circulatory diseases	2
Pneumonia	4
Bronchitis	14
Other diseases of respiratory system	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	10
Motor vehicle accidents	1
All other accidents	4

108

### Infant Mortality

During 1958 there were 7 deaths of infants under one year.

The infantile Mortality Rate in 1958 was 56

The infantile Mortality Rate in 1957 was Nil

The increase in 1958 on the previous years was 56

The Maternal Mortality during 1958 was Nil

The Maternal Mortality during 1957 was Nil

Causes of Infectious Diseases Notified  
during the year 1958

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### Domiciliary Health Services

These services are administered by the Lancashire County Council through the Divisional Medical Officer of Health.

### The First Ten Years of the National Health Services

During this period, the local health services have gradually become an integral part of the National Health Service and appear to be functioning very satisfactorily.

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

<u>Clinic</u>	There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic, (Consultation) open every Tuesday 2-0 to 4-Op.m.
<u>Ante Natal</u>	Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangement or 1, Wesley Street when the clinic is open.
<u>Midwifery</u>	Domiciliary midwifery is carried out by midwives under the control of the Lancashire County Council.
<u>Home Helps</u>	There are 12 home helps in the district.
<u>Cleansing Centre</u>	Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.
<u>Immunisation</u>	Clinic are held monthly at the Maternity and Child Welfare on the first Wednesday in every month.
<u>Ambulance Facilities</u>	The ambulance service is administered by the Lancashire County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Radcliffe.
<u>Infectious Diseases</u>	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.

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Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year, 1958

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

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my  
fourteenth Annual Report.

The work of slum clearance continues and during the  
year 8 Demolition Orders and 6 Closing Orders were made.

The repair and modernisation of No. 11, Major Street,  
has been completed and the house occupied.

This now completes the scheme for the modernisation  
of 11 houses in Major Street.

The present housing position in the district is:

The total number of premises with living accommodation  
is 3,083, made up as follows:-

Houses owned by the Council	865
Owner occupier	790
Rented houses	<u>1221</u>
	2876
Shops and dwellinghouses	106
Farms	81
Public Houses	<u>20</u>
	<u>3083</u>

Of the 2,876 dwellinghouses, 160 are back to back.

The percentage of Council houses to total dwellinghouses is	30.08%
The percentage of Council Houses to rented houses is	41.46%
The estimated population is	8410
The Estimated number of persons per house is	2.72
The estimated number of persons housed in Council houses is	2360
The estimated number of persons housed in owner occupier houses is	2157
The estimated number of persons housed in rented houses is	3331
The estimated number of persons housed in shops & dwellinghouses is	288
The estimated number of persons housed at farms is	220
The estimated number of persons housed at Public Houses is	<u>54</u>
	<u>8410</u>

Since 1945, the Council have built:

3 bedroom houses	118
2 bedroom houses	102
2 bedroom Flats	18
1 bedroom Flats	18
Single person flats	18
Bungalows	25
Prefabricated dwellings	<u>20</u>

Bungalows in course of construction 23

The number of private houses built since 1945, 40

During the same period, 43 Closing Orders and 52 Demolition Orders have been made.

66 applications for Improvement Grants under the Housing Act, 1949, have been granted:

17 in respect of rented dwellings  
49 in respect of owner occupier

It will be noted that the greater number of Improvement Grants have been made to owner-occupiers and it is regretted that more owners of rented houses have not taken advantage of the grant.

The Council have carried out the modernisation of 11 houses in Major Street and 1 in Ashes Lane, making a total of 78 houses provided with modern amenities.

In the past few years, many of the older houses have been repaired, new fireplaces and sinks provided with geysers, but not modernised.

These improvements and repairs have given these dwellinghouses a further lease of life.

Since the Rent Act, 1957 came into force, many repairs have been carried out to property and it is hoped that with the rent increases, owners will now keep their property in a better state of repair.

The number of applicants on the list for Council houses, is 240.

47, Insufficient bedroom accommodation,  
193, Sufficient bedroom accommodation.

None of the applicants are overcrowded according to the Housing Act Standard.

The five year slum clearance programme which was submitted to the Ministry in 1955 has now been completed.

#### Clean Air Act, 1956

Consideration has been given to the provision of Smoke Control Areas and a scheme for the progressive application to cover the major portion of the district, has been prepared.

The most suitable areas for conversion to Smoke Control areas are areas containing Council housing estates, as these are the only parts of the district in which there is any depth of development.

Of the 847 Council houses only 152 have gas installed and could be adapted for smokeless ignition of smokeless fuels.

The remaining 695 Council houses are all electric.

This creates the problem of smokeless ignition of the fuels. The North Western Electricity Board are carrying out experiments to try to provide electrical ignition of smokeless fuels and if this can be achieved it will simplify the creation of Smoke Control Areas where the houses are all electric.



Housing Statistics, 1958

Number of houses erected during the year

By other bodies	7
By Local Authority	Nil

Number in course of erection 23 Bungalows.

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year

Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	73
Number of inspections made for the purpose	208
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such a state as to be dangerous or injurious to health	16
Number of dwellinghouses (excluding those referred to under the preceeding sub-heading) found to be not in all respects, reasonably fit for human habitation	57

Remedy of defects during the year without the Service of formal notice

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	56
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<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year</u>	Nil
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Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
Number of dwellinghouses in which defect were remedied after serving of formal notice	
(a) by owners	Nil
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of Housing Act, 1957

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	8
Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil

Proceedings under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	6
Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	1

Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Overcrowding

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

Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants

During the year 20 Improvement Grants were made under the above Act.

19 Owner occupiers
1 Rented dwellings.

Rent Act, 1957

5 applications have been made for certificates of disrepair. No certificates have been issued, 2 undertakings received from landlords and in 1 instance, the work was carried out prior to issue of Certificate of disrepair.

### Public Health Acts

The total number of houses inspected during the year was 100.

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 from Moorland gathering grounds.

Of the 3083 houses of the district, 2894 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 <sup>no</sup> stand pipes in the district.

### Rodent Control

The following Summary gives details of the work, carried out during the year:

	<u>Properties Inspected.</u>	<u>No. of Properties Infested.</u>	<u>No. of Treatments</u>
Local Authority	3	3	3
Dwellinghouses	119	19	19
Business Premises	79	9	9
Agricultural Premises	9	-	-

There were no cases of a serious nature.

### Scavenging

The sanitary accommodation at the end of the year was:

Fresh water closets	2,986
Waste Water closets	36
Pail Closets	172
Ashbins	2,723

5 Waste Water closets have been converted to fresh water carriage system.

The Pail closets are situate in outlying districts where there is no sewer available.

### Cleansing Service

#### Domestic Refuse

The Cleansing Service is operated by two refuse collection vehicles and 3 men, and collects refuse and nightsoil.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

The vehicles travelled 8867 miles and collected 1780 loads of refuse and nightsoil.

The mileage is made up as follows:

	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Loads</u>
Domestic refuse	7087	1619
Nightsoil	1544	136
Offal	171	18
Snow	65	7

During the year 1452 hours have been lost by the Cleansing Service owing to sickness.



### Salvage

5 tons 19 cwts of tins have been salvaged and sold to the Rochdale Corporation for baling. Owing to the fall in prices the salvaging of tins has not been continued since September. Also, 7 tons 9 cwts 1 qrs of ferrous metals have been salvaged and sold.

### Factories

There are 51 factories in the district - 48 mechanical and 3 non-mechanical.

### Mechanical

10 Cotton Spinners	4 Bleaching & Dyeing
2 Waste Mills	1 Surgical Cotton Manufacturers
1 Flannel Manufacturer	3 Joiners
5 Engineering Works	7 Bakehouses
1 Woodwork machinists	4 Garages
1 Laundry	1 Wool sorter
1 Electrical Engineers	1 Hide & Skin Pickers
1 Paper Tube manufacturers	1 Slipper Manufacturer
1 Brickworks	1 Television Assembly
1 Spring Maker	1 Quarry.

### Non Mechanical

3 Plumbers.

During the year 51 visits were made to factories re sanitary accommodation, canteens, boiler plants, and means of escape in case of fire.

### Factories Act, 1937. Section 34

During the year 6 certificates of adequate means of escape in case of fire have been issued.

Work is being carried out at 2 other factories to provide adequate means of escape in case of fire.

All the factories in the district have now been inspected for means of escape in case of fire.

### Clean Air Act, 1956

Discussions have been held with the managers of the factories re the emission of smoke. 2 Lancashire Boilers have been fitted with chain grate stokers.

All the chimneys are kept under observation and every effort is made to prevent the emission of smoke.

### Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

One factory has been granted a licence under the Act to manufacture and store rag flock.

### Schools

There are 5 schools in the district. Of these 4 have fresh water closets and 1 pail closets. There is no sewer available for the school with pail closets.

### Shops Acts

The following is a list of shops in the district

15 Confectioners	34 Grocery & Provisions
14 Butchers	11 Greengrocery & fish
2 Chemists	1 Gowns
1 Corn merchant	10 Hairdressers
9 drapers	5 Hardware
3 Electrical goods	8 Newsagents
8 Fried fish & chip	2 Paint & wallpaper
1 Fancy foods	1 Tripe
1 Drug store	4 Sweet & Tobacco
5 Boot and Shoe	1 Cycle Accessories
	1 Herbalist



### Licensed Premises

19 Public Houses  
6 Clubs  
2 Off Licenses.

109 visits have been made to shops during the year.

The provisions of the Shops Acts are being complied with.

### Food Preparing Premises

There are 12 bakehouses and 8 Fried Fish and Chip Shops. 20 visits have been made to these premises. A good standard has been maintained.

### Food Shops

There are 15 Confectioners, 14 Butchers, 34 Grocery & Provisions, 11 Greengrocery and Fish, and 1 Tripe.

### Food Hygiene Regulations, 1958

31 visits have been made under the above regulations.

### Food and Drugs Acts, 1955

A total of 49 samples was obtained by the Food and Drugs Department of the Lancashire County Council, consisting of 38 samples of milk and 11 others comprising:

2 Demerara Sugar  
1 Cream of Tartar  
1 Extract of Malt and Cod Liver Oil  
2 Tea  
1 Friars Balsam  
1 Oatmeal  
2 White Pepper  
1 Condensed Milk.

All the samples were submitted for analysis to the County Analyst and he reported them to be genuine.

### Unsound Food

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

8 Tins Tongue  
7 Tins Grape Fruit  
6 Tins Ham  
6 Tins Salmon  
2 Tins Pears

### Slaughterhouses

#### Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 62

There are 5 Licenses Slaughterhouses in the district. The standard of cleanliness has been satisfactory.

#### Slaughter of Animals Act, 1938

#### Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954

9 Licences to Slaughter or Stun animals have been issued during the year.

### Meat Inspection

<u>Visits</u>	<u>No. of Animals Slaughtered</u>						<u>Sheep &amp; Lambs</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Bullocks</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	
642	4,024	1,317	159	85	71	345	2,047

2 tons 18 cwt of meat has been condemned during the year.

The main reasons for condemnation were Tuberculosis, fevered conditions, abscesses, etc.

Of the cattle inspected, 11.5% were affected with Tuberculosis.

Milk

Schools and Day Nurseries

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

	No. Taken	<u>Phosphates Test</u>		<u>Methylene Blue Test</u>	
		S.	N.S.	S.	N.S.
Schools	8	8		8	
Day Nurseries	4	4		4	

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1945/1950

32 Licences have been granted to sell "Sterilised" Milk  
24 Licences have been granted to sell "Pasteurised" Milk.

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

25 Licences have been granted for the sale of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk.

Infection and Disinfection

There were 28 cases of infectious diseases notified during the year:-

Scarlet Fever	2
Measles	6
Whooping Cough	4
Tuberculosis	5
Sonnei Dysentery	5
Dysentery	6

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 Public Health Inspector.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. NUNN.

Public Health Inspector.





TABLE "A"

Inspection of Dwellinghouses	100
Re-inspection of Dwellinghouses	108
Inspection of Factories	51
Inspection of Farms	9
Inspection of Bakehouses	12
Inspection of Butchers Shops	26
Inspection re Food Hygiene Regulations	31
Inspection of Fried Fish and Chip Shops	7
Inspection of Licensed Premises	2
Inspection of Canteens	1
Inspection of Schools	9
Inspection of Tip	142
Visits re Rats and Mice	170
Inspection of drainage	23
Visits re applications for Council houses	6
Inspection of Shops (Shops Act)	109
Visits to Day Nurseries	9
Visits re unsound food	12
Visits re Water supplies	1
Visits to Slaughterhouses	642
Miscellaneous Inspections	32
Visits not inspections	127
Visits re smoke abatement	10
Visits re Rent Act	6
	<u>1645</u>

TABLE "B"

Eavesgutter repairs	14
Choked Drains released and repaired	22
Roofs repaired	5
Ceiling plaster repaired	5
Window frames repaired	4
Percolations	5
Wall plaster repaired	6
New Ashbins provided	13
Ashbins renewed	172
Infestations, Rats and Mice	30
Sanitary Pails renewed	16
Dampness	5
W.C. door frame repaired	1
W.C. chamber door repaired	1
Def. W.W.Cs	5
Burning of Refuse	2
Rainwaterpipe repaired	1
Doors repaired	3
Handrail refixed	1
Firegrate repaired	1
W.C. Chamber roof repaired	3
Burst water services repaired	9
Defective flue	2
	<u>326</u>

