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To the Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrow

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my thirtyfirst 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 1959 is 8,380 with an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is £98,957 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £384.

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	122
Live Births rate per 1,000 population	14.7
Still Births	Nil
Still Births rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	Nil
Total live and stillbirths	122
Infant deaths	2
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	16.4
Neo-natal " " " " " (first 4 weeks)	16.4
Maternal deaths (including abortions)	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	Nil

	M	F	Total
Live Births	67	55	122
Legitimate	65	48	113
Illegitimate	2	7	9
Still Births	Nil	Nil	Nil
Deaths of infants (under 1 year of age)	Nil	2	2
Legitimate	Nil	1	1
Illegitimate	Nil	1	1
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks	Nil	2	2
Legitimate	Nil	1	1
Illegitimate	Nil	1	1

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 1000 Pop	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births	No. of deaths Reg.	Rate per 1000 live births
1959	122	14.7	126	15.6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	16.4
1958	125	15.1	108	13.3	4	31	Nil	Nil	7	56
	-3	- 0.4	+18	+ 2.3	- 4	- 31	-	-	-5	- 39.6

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE OF DISTRICT
DURING 1959 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
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	
1959	8380	122	14.7	126	15.6	2	16.4	Nil	

DEATH RATE

In 1959 the deaths belonging to this district were 63 males and 63 females.

The death rate in 1959 was 15.6

The death rate in 1958 was 13.3

The increase in 1959 on the previous year was 2.3

In 1959 the registered deaths were higher than births by 4

In 1958 the registered deaths were lower than births by 17

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

The rate per 1,000 population for Malignant neoplasms was 2.51

Under the National Health Service, 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 4-0 p.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 10 home helps in the district.
<u>Cleansing Centre</u>	Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.
<u>Immunisation</u>	Clinics 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, 1959

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

Lady and Gentlemen,

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

The basic needs of Public Health always remain the same:

Clean Air,
Pure Water supply,
Safe and wholesome food,
Suitable and sufficient housing.

Owing to the ever changing mode of living and the advance of science, the problems of general environmental conditions are constantly changing and the method of dealing with the problems requires a reorientation from time to time.

One of the changes at the present time is in the retailing of food.

In the self-service type of shop, all articles are pre-packed, many of them cooked, only requiring re-heating; also there is the deep freeze foods.

The method of pre-packing has many advantages from the hygienic point of view, but there are several factors which I am of the opinion should receive further consideration:-

- (a) Are all foods suitable for pre-packing,
- (b) Is there a loss of nutritive value and palatability.
- (c) Are we using the right packing materials,
- (d) Should there be a definite time limit from packing to sale.

Regarding Frozen Foods

- (1) Are frozen foods defrosted a sufficient length of time before cooking and re-heating.
- (2) Are these frozen foods which are cooked and require re-heating, re-heated to a sufficient temperature.

Another feature which is receiving attention is Atmospheric Pollution. Although many smoke control areas are being created and visible smoke being practically eliminated, further consideration should be given to eliminate the sulphur and other gases which are products of combustion.

There is also the products from the internal combustion engine. With the increase of motor vehicles (petrol and diesel) is the concentration of waste gases from these vehicles where congestion of traffic occurs, sufficient to cause harmful effects to the individual in the vicinity. I am of the opinion that much useful information could be obtained by sampling the air in areas in cities and towns where there is traffic congestion.

The amount of pollution from industrial sources in the district is reducing as a result of redundancy and closing of mills, and the electrification of mills.

There are three cotton mills and one woollen mill which have recently closed down.

Of the remainder, 11 now only generate steam for heating and processing, the driving being done by electricity.

This leaves only 7 which use steam for driving.

Also, many bakehouses have changed from solid fuel to gas or electricity and there are now only 3 using solid fuel.

Owing to the amount of prepacking and where smokeless fuels are burned, the contents of refuse is changing and controlled tipping is becoming a problem. With the amount of paper, cartons and other pre-packing materials, and a reduction of the ash content of refuse, the difficulty in consolidating and providing sufficient covering material to carry out controlled tipping is becoming increasingly difficult and it would appear that further investigation should be carried out to ascertain the most useful, hygienic and best method of refuse disposal.

Housing Statistics, 1959

Number of houses erected during the year:

By other bodies	12
By Local Authority	23 bungalows.

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year

Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	64
Number of inspections made for the purpose	215
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such a state as to be dangerous or injurious to health	21
Number of dwellinghouses (excluding those referred to under the preceeding sub-heading) found to be not in all respects, reasonably fit for human habitation	43

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	36
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year Nil

Proceedings under Public Health Acts

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
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Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after serving of formal notice	1
(a) by owners	1
(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	15
Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	16

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 Order	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, 15 Improvement Grants were made under the above Act, and 21 schemes completed.

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants

22 Standard Grants were approved, 12 schemes being completed during the year.

Rent Act, 1957

7 applications have been made for certificates of disrepair, 1 certificate has been issued, 5 undertakings from landlords, and in 1 instance, the tenant purchased the house.

Public Health Acts

The total number of houses inspected during the year was 135.

Other inspections made are shown in Table "A" and Nuisance abated in Table "B"

Water Supply

The water supply for the district is from Rochdale, and Oldham Corporation from Moorland gathering grounds.

Of the 3101 houses of the district, 2912 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	1	1	1
Dwellinghouses	135	20	20
Business Premises	95	14	14
Agricultural Premises	7	..	-

There were no cases of a serious nature.

Scavenging

The sanitary accommodation at the end of the year was:

Fresh water closets	3010
Waste Water closets	35
Pail Closets	172
Ashbins	2758

1 Waste Water closet has 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 collections vehicles and 8 men, and collects refuse and nightsoil.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

The vehicles travelled 9250 miles and collected 1864 loads of refuse and nightsoil.

The mileage is made up as follows:-

	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Loads</u>
Domestic Refuse	7590	1710
Nightsoil	1625	154

Factories

There are 45 factories in the district, 41 mechanical and 4 non-mechanical.

Mechanical

7 Cotton Spinners	4 Bleaching & Dyeing,
2 Waste Mills	1 Surgical Cotton Manufacturers
5 Engineering Works	3 Joiners
1 Woodwork Machiniest	5 Bakehouses
1 Laundry	4 Garages
1 Electrical Engineers	1 Wool Sorter
1 Paper Tube Manufacturers	1 Hide and Skin Pickers
1 Brickworks	1 Slipper Manufacturer
1 Spring Maker	1 Television Assembly.

Non-Mechanical

4 Plumbers

During the year, 35 visits were made to factories re sanitary accommodation, boiler plants, and means of escape in case of fire.

Factories Act, 1937. Section 34

During the year, 3 certificates of adequate means of escape in case of fire have been issued.

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.

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	35 Grocery and Provisions
13 Butchers	11 Greengrocery & fish,
1 Chemists	1 Gowns
1 Cornmerchant,	10 Hairdressers
9 drapers	5 hardware
3 electrical goods	8 newsagents
6 Fried fish & chip	2 paint and wallpaper
1 Fancy goods	4 sweet and tobacco,
1 Drug store	1 cycle accessories,
5 Boot and Shoe	1 herbalist.

Licensed Premises

19 Public Houses
6 Clubs
2 Off Licenses

81 visits have been made to shops during the year.

The provision of the Shops Acts are being complied with.

Food Preparing Premises

There are 11 bakehouses and 6 fried fish and Chip Shops. 14 visits have been made to these premises. A good standard has been maintained.

Food Shops

There are 15 Confectioners, 13 Butchers, 35 Grocery & Provisions, 11 Greengrocery and Fish.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1958

60 visits have been made under the above regulations.

Food and Drugs Acts, 1955

A total of 42 samples was obtained by the Food and Drugs Department of the Lancashire County Council, consisting of 36 samples of milk and 6 others comprising:-

1 Barley,
1 Cake mix,
2 Cheese
2 Sausages, beef.

The samples were submitted to the County Analyst for analysis, and with the exception of those detailed below, all were reported to be genuine:-

<u>Type</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Informal milk	Freezing point indicated in the presence of 1.0% of extraneous water	Vendor cautioned and further samples obtained.
Beef Sausage	Contained 140 parts per million Sulphite preservative (as sulphur dioxide) without declaration.	Vendor interviewed.
Formal milk	Deficient 3.3% fat. Freezing point indicated the presence of 0.8% extraneous water.	{ Same vendor. Vendor cautioned and further samples obtained.
Formal Milk	Freezing point indicated the presence of 2.5% of extraneous water.	

Unsound Food

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

1 Tin Tongue	1 Tin Whole Chicken
5 Tins Grapefruit	3 Fowl
4 Tins Ham	6 Chops
1 Tin Peaches	1 Leg Pork.
3 Tins Corned Beef	

Slaughterhouses

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 62

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

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1938

Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954.

11 Licences to Slaughter or Stun Animals have been issued during the year.

Meat Inspections

<u>Visits</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>No. of Animals Slaughtered</u>					
		<u>Cows</u>	<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Bullocks</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>
679	2729	818	72	47	46	114	1632

During the year 5 carcasses, 1 hind, 1 flank, 1 set of ribs, 140 sets of lungs, 68 whole and 47 part livers, were condemned.

Of the cattle inspected, 12.59% were affected with Tuberculosis.

Milk

School and Day Nurseries

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

	<u>No. Taken.</u>	<u>Phosphates Test.</u>		<u>Methylene Blue Test</u>	
		<u>S.</u>	<u>N.S.</u>	<u>S.</u>	<u>N.S.</u>
Schools	7	7		7	
Day Nurseries	3	3		3	

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1945/50

55 Licences have been granted to sell "Sterilised" Milk.

22 Licences have been granted to sell "Pasteurised" Milk.

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

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

Infection and Disinfection

There were 110 cases of infectious diseases notified during the year:-

Scarlet Fever	13
Measles	76
Whooping Cough	13
Tuberculosis	8

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	135
Re-inspection of dwellinghouses	80
Inspection of Factories	35
Inspection of Farms	7
Inspection of Bakehouses	8
Inspection of Butchers Shops	24
Inspection re Food Hygiene Regulations	60
Inspection of Fried Fish & Chip Shops	6
Inspection of Licensed Premises	3
Inspection of Schools	31
Inspection of Tip	188
Visits re Rats and Mice	169
Inspection of drainage	11
Visits re applications for Council houses	8
Inspection of Shops (Shops Act)	81
Visits to Day Nurseries	7
Visits re unsound food	9
Visits re Water supplies	5
Visits to Slaughterhouses	679
Miscellaneous inspections	82
Visits not inspections	112
Visits re smoke abatement	6
Visits re Rent Act	11
Visits re caravan	4
Visits re Waste Food Order	1
	<u>1,762</u>

TABLE "B"

Choked Drains released and repaired	7
Roofs repaired	4
Ceiling plaster repaired	2
Window Frame repaired	2
Percolations	2
Wall plaster repaired	1
New Ashbins provided	14
Ashbins renewed	214
Infestations, Rats and Mice	35
Sanitary Pails renewed	8
Doors repaired	1
W.C. Chamber roof repaired	2
Burst water services repaired	4
Ashbin recess repaired	1
W.C. Chamber repaired	2
Choked Gullies released	2
Burst waste pipe repaired	1
W.C. cistern repaired	1
Window cords renewed	3
Leaking cesspool repaired	1
W.C. pedestal repaired	1
Flush pipe joint repaired	1
Broken W.C. seat repaired	1
	<u>310</u>

