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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1966

Council Offices, Milnrow.



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FOR THE YEAR 1966

To the Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrow. Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have the honour of presenting my thirtyeighth Annual Report of the District of Milmrow and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is formed:-

Population

The estimated population of the district for 1966 is 8,880 with an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is £278,273 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £1,089.18. ld.

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

Mortality rates per 1,000 population	
Total (all forms) Respiratory Tuberculosis	12.5 Nil
Malignant neoplasms Live birth rates per 1,000 population	2.25
Still births per 1,000 total births Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	5.0 Nil
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births Neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	5.0
Early neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	5.0
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	9.9

177	0.7			3.24	M	F	Total
Live births	1 4 3			8-05	107	94	201
Legitimate				0.00	101	93	194
Illegitimate					6	1	7
Stillbirths					1	-	1
Legitimate .					1	-	1
Illegitimate .	No. 10				(mm-1)	-	-
Deaths of infants	under :	1 3	rear		-	1	1
Legitimate					-	- 1	1
Illegitimate					-	*	-
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Legitimate						1	1
Illegitimate					-	-	-
Deaths of infants	under :	l v	reek		-	1	1
Legitimate					00 -	1	1
Illegitimate					BARRY.	-	TOR CHILD

Rates per 1,000 of Population

Year	Live Births (. armen	aths causes)	Still	births	Maternal Mortality	Infant Mortality			
To Proge	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births	No. Rate Reg. per 1000 Total births	No. Rate of per deaths 1000 reg. live births			
1966 1965 Prev.	201 169	25.6	118 97	12.5	1 3	5.0 17.4	Nil Nil Nil Nil	3 5.0 9 17.8			
year diff.	+32	+409	+21	+1.7	-2	-12.4	E 6 30 6700	-6 -12.8			

Vital Statistics 1946 - 1965

Year	Population Estimated to middle	Bir	Births		Deaths		Infantile Deaths		rnal ality
	of each year	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966	8290 8418 8514 8596 8557 8578 8535 8540 8500 8460 8440 8360 8380 8380 8380 8380 8380 8380 838	166 145 146 134 142 137 134 100 126 88 124 125 122 102 119 118 153 164 169 201	20.0 17.2 17.1 15.6 16.6 15.7 15.3 11.9 15.1 10.4 14.9 15.1 14.7 12.2 14.8 14.6 20.8 22.0 21.1 25.6	126 123 128 90 117 129 129	13.5 13.2 14.3 14.7 14.4 14.0 9.9 13.2 14.6 15.2 12.4 13.3 15.6 12.1 16.9 17.0 16.4 15.1 10.8 12.5	6 3 5 6 2 1 2 3 Nil 7 2 4 5 8 6 Nil	50 62 43 15 35 44 15 10 16 34 Nil 5.6 16.4 39.2 42 25.4 13.1 Nil 17.8 5.0	Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil	6.66 6.80 7.19

Comparison with England and Wales

1 7 7 2	miney & rolar	England & Wales	Milnrow
Birth Rate		17.7	25.6
Death Rate	Hose I want	11.7	12.5
Maternal Mortality Rate		0.26	Nil
Infantile Mortality Rate		19.0	5.0

Causes of Death during the year 1966

120	and the same of th			
1	Tuberoulosis Respiratory			-
2	" Other			-
3	Syphilitis disease			
4	Diphtheria			-
5	Whooping Cough			-
6	Meningococcal Infections			-
7	Acute Poliomyelitis			-
8	Measles			-
9	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases			-
10	Malignant Neoplasm Stomach			7
11	Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Bronchus			
12	Malignant Neoplasm Breast			2
13	Malignant Neoplasm Uterus			í
14	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasm			7
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia			
16	Diabetis	••••	•	2
17	Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	•••	•••	17
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	•••	•••	32
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease	•••	•••	2
20	Other Heart Diseases ,	•••	•••	16
21	Other Circulatory Diseases	•••	•••	4
22	Influenza	•••	•••	2
23	Pneumonia			4
24	Bronchitis	•••	•••	7
25	Other diseases of the respiratory system		•••	2
26	Ulcer of Stomach and Dueodenum	•••	•••	_
27	Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	•••		-
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis			1
29	Hyperplasia of prostrate		•••	
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	• • • •		_
31	Congenital Walformstians		•••	
32	Congenital Malformations	•••		6
33	Other defined and ill defined diseases			1
	Motor Vehicle Accidents	•••	•••	1
34	All other Accidents			1
35 36	Suicide			T
20	Homicide and Operations of War			-
				220
				118

Deaths Occurring Outside District

Place of Death	M	F	Total
Birch Hill Hospital	22	21	43
Rochdale Infirmary	Nil	1	1
Marland Hospital	2	Nil	2
Crumpsall Hospital	1 1	Nil	1
82, Bolton Road, Marland	Nil	1	1
Royal Infirmary, Oldham	Nil	1	1
St. Andrews Rectory, Crab Lane, Blackley	1	Nil	1
Oldham & District General Hospital	Nil	1	1
18, Prestbury Drive, Oldham	Nil	1	1
Breeze Hill, Littleborough	Nil	2	2
Christie Hospital, Withington	1	Nil	1
4, Fir Lane, Royton	Nil	1	1
White House Caravan Site, Victoria Road West, Presta	tyn 1	Nil	1
Springfield Park Hospital	Nil	2	2
Aitkin Hospital, Holcombe	Nil	1	1

Infant and Maternal Mortality Rate

	No. of Deaths	Rate	Increase or Decrease
Infant Mortality 1966	3 9	5.0 17.8	-12.8 +17.8
Maternal Mortality 1966	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	62

Notifiable Infectious Diseases

	Total	Under 1 yr.	1 - 2 .	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5.	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 65	65 & over	Deaths in Hospital
Scarlet Fever Measles Sommei Dysentery	6 175 14	13	25 5	26 4	2:	2 39	1 50	1	3	1				Y

Under the National Health Service, the County is divided into 17 administrative divisions.

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

Maternity and Child Welfare

Clinic	There is a maternity and Child Welfare Clinic (Consultation open every Tuesday, 10-12 noon and 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.
Ante Natal	Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangement or 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	The home help service is run by the Lancashire County Council, Divisional Health No. 13.
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 Radeliffe
Infectious Diseases	The hospitals are administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

I am, Yours obediently, O.R.I. LOVE, M.D., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1966

Council Offices, Milmrow.

July, 1967.

Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector

for the year 1966

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

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

There was a disappointing reduction in the number of houses for which improvement grants were made this year (75 properties were brought up to standard compared with 105 in 1965). There was, however, an increase in the proportion of owners of properties having works carried out as opposed to owner/occupiers, furthermore the number of enquiries received on this matter in the latter part of the year would suggest that the apparent reduced interest during the year may only be temporary.

Some improvement has been achieved in the sanitary arrangements in the District, the number of pail closets having been reduced to 110. A determined effort is to be made to further reduce this number as soon as possible. While there has been no replacement of tippler toilets, there are now only 8, and 6 of these are expected to be demolished during the proposed notorway works in the District.

As is the National trend, there has been a marked increase in the volume of refuse produced. this being mainly responsible for the greater nileage travelled by the refuse collection vehicles and the higher number of loads collected. While the larger capacity vehiclesbeing built for the Council will do much to reduce the number of journeys to the tip and thus reducing time wastage, it would seem that the problem of bulky rather than dense refuse must further increase due to the installation of central heating systems and the ever growing popularity of the prepackaging of foods. If this increase continues at its present rate, it may be necessary, at some future date, to consider using continuous compression vehicles.

It will be re-called that some thought was given during the year to the replacing of dustbins in the District by disposable sacks, a decision on this matter was however deferred. In my opinion the use of such sacks can greatly improve the refuse collection service both hygienically and in efficiency and I would respectfully suggest that a trial area of say 400 houses should indicate the possible value of adopting such a scheme.

In spite of the fact that no killing took place at Bridge Street slaughterhouses between late January and early October, there was a slight increase in the total number of animals slaughtered during the year 22,962 animals in 1966 and 22,230 in 1965. Apart from isolated incidents of lamb carcases being removed unseen, 100% inspection was achieved though with considerable difficulty. The Council's decision to appoint an officer for meat inspection will do much to eleviate this difficulty but the persistence of quite unnecessary weekend killing requiring the presence of a member of the staff seven days a week nust continue to make it, at times, almost impossible to maintain complete inspection. It is only to be expected that qualified persons find appointments in districts, where no weekend killing occurs, far more attractive and consequently attracting, appointing and keeping suitable officers is a quite considerable problem. A rearrangement of killing time during the week by slaughterhouse owners and the provision of adequate temperature controlled storage space for neat would ensure that butchers could still receive supplies of fresh, wholesome neat on whatever day they wished.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help and consideration in the carrying out of my duties. I also wish to record my gratitude to Mr. R. Evans for the efficient and conscientious manner in which he has assisted me during the year.

I an, Yours faithfully, H. JOHNSON

Senior Public Health Inspector.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area	
Housing	
Number of Houses erected during the year By other bodies By Local Authority	130 22
Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year	
Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) Number of inspections made for that purpose Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such a state as to be dangerous or injurious to health Number of dwellinghouses (excluding those referred to under preceeding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonable fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	162 312 7
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.	90
Action under Statutory Powers during the year	
Proceedings under Public Health Act. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be	
remedied	6
Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice (a) by owner	5
(b) by Local Authority in default of owner	7

Proceedings under Housing Acts

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which	
Demolition Orders were made.	7
Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of	
Denolition Orders	17

Housing Act, 1947 Part 1V - Overcrowding

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

Houses in the district and their Sanitary Conditions

Houses	3502
Farus	66
Shops with dwelling accommodation	105
Factories, workshops, lock-up shops, etc.	171
Houses, back to back	140
Pail closets	110
Waste water closets	8
Water closets	3782
Ashbins	381.2

Counc	cil House	98	Pre-War	Post War
4 3	bedroom	houses	4 390	Nil 126
2	"	"	122	136
1 2	bedroom	bungalows	12 Nil	85 32
1 2	bedroom	flats gard and and and	Nil Nil	18
		rson flats ated bungalows	Nil Nil	18 Nil
			528	433
	otal ther dwel	llings purchased by Council	96	51
T	otal hous	ses owned by Counci.	103	.6

IMPROVEMENT GRAMIS

	Housing Act 1949	House Purchase Housing Act, 1959
at 119 Aprofessor	Discretionary Grants	Standard Grants
	No. of Dwelling houses or buildings affected	No. of Dwelling houses or buildings affected
Action during year	on some ranged palous	
(a) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	19	42
(b) Approved by Local Authority	18	43
(o) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	Nil	Nil
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	Nil	Nil
(e) Work completed	8	67

Water Supply

The water supply for the district is from Rochdale and Oldhan Corporations. The statutory water undertaking being Rochdale. The water is from the Moorland gathering ground. Of the 3693 houses of the district, 3530 are supplied from the mains. The houses not receiving mains water are those scattered throughout the outer fringe where there are no water mains and are farm houses and small hamlets. The supplies being from private wells and springs.

Sampling

15 samples were taken from public and private water supplies for bacteriological examination, of these, the water from seven private supplies proved to be unfit, filtration plant was advised in each case as there was not a public supply within reasonable distance.

There are no stand pipes in the district.

Sewage Disposal

Most of the district is sewered and the sewage treated at the sewage works at Uncouth.

The number of pail closets in the district is now 110. The night soil collection is carried out by a gully emptier fitted with night soil

attachment and disposed of by discharging into the sewer for treatment at the sewage works.

Public Cleansing

Domestic Refuse

The cleansing service is operated by one 12 cub. yard rear loading and one 11 - 15 cub. yard "Bantan" Karrier packer refuse collection vehicles which are staffed by two drivers and 5/6 men.

The refuse is emptied from 3812 ashbins.

The refuse collection vehicles covered 10,630 miles and collected 2,130 loads.

Disposal

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping. The 2,130 loads of refuse were disposed of, the refuse has been levelled, covered and consolidated with the mechanical shovel and any nuisance arising has been quickly remedied.

Dustbins

The providing of dustbins under the municipal bin scheme is still working very satisfactorily and during the year 174 babbins have been renewed and 153 new asbbins provided.

Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Glean Air Act, 1956

5. visits have been made combusiness premises regarding the provision of the Clean Air Act.

The chimneys are kept under observation and efforts made to control the emission of smoke. 2 factories changed over to oil fired plant from solid fuel.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

One rodent operator is employed full time.

of sheet seed addedy of tenter	Type of Propert	у
	Non-agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	4514	66
(b) Total number of properties (incl. nearby premises) inspected following notification	149	5
(c) No. of (b) infested by - rats mice	92 27	5 -
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than	Land Safe & etc. Landay Safe on Landay Seets -	95 95 23
notification	- 100	13
(e) No. of (d) infested by - rats	-	7
nice	-	-

Other action or points of interest - Sewer infestation very slight.

Particulars of other infestations under the Act (as defined in Section 28) - 2 cockroach infestations dealt with.

Factories

There are 52 factories in the district made up as follows :-

Bakers	5
Bleaching and Dyeing	3
Core Oils and Foundry Machinery renovation	1
Cotton Spinning	5
Cotton Waste Spinning	2
Electric Components	3
Engineering	5
Handicrafts	1
Hemming and Packing Blankets	1
Joiners	5
Laundry	í
Motor repair garages	4
Non Ferrous Foundry	1
Paper Tube Hanufacturers	1
Plastic Bag Manufacturers	1
Portable Buildings	1
Printers	2
Slaughterhouses	4
Spring Makers	3
Surgical cotton manufacturers	1
Waste Recovery	1
Woodwork machinists	1
Wool sorter	1
Precast Concrete	1

Defects

The sanitary accommodation was found to be in an unsatisfactory condition at two factories, the defects were remedied after verbal cautions were given.

Schools

There are 5 schools in the district, all these have fresh water closets.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Food Shops

There are 110 food premises; 26 visits have been made to these premises.

Food Premises

Type of Business	No.
Bakers and Confectioners	12
Butchers	9
Fried Fish & Chip	5
Greengrocers	9
Grocery & Provisions	29
Sweets & Soft Drinks	3
Restaurants, canteens and snack bars	10
Licensed premises - Public houses and Clubs	25
Others	8
aton - of barechal	110

Inspection of Meat & Other Foods

Slaughterhouses

There are 4 slaughterhouses in operation in the district of which 3 are being used by wholesale butchers.

It will be appreciated that practically the whole of the meat from these slaughterhouses is exported to other districts.

During the year 2,021 visits have been made to slaughterhouses.

	Cattle excl.	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed Number inspected	1963 1963	974 974	805 805	17015 16797	2205 2205
All Diseases except Tuberculosis	see sold	300 8	20 1848		
Whole carcases condemned	-	4	12	111	8
Carcases of which some part or Organ was condenned	396	420	10	135	78
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	20.17	+4.25	2.73	0.86	3.90
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.27
Cystecercosis		1	1		
Carcases of which some part or organ was condenned	10	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Genralized and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The approximate total weight of carcass meat and organs condemned:
6 tons

There were two prosecutions in connection with slaugherhouses.

- (1) Slanghterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 Pleaded guilty 4 charges fined £400 plus 50 grs. cost and licence confiscated.
- (2) Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958 Pleaded guilty 2 charges fined £10 plus 5 gns. costs.

Other foods inspected and condenned :

2 x 6-1b tins Ox Tongue 5 x 12 1b tins Han 1 x 1 1b tin Ham 1 x 6 1b tin Corned Brrf 18 x 1 1b tin Casserole Steak 5 x 8-oz tins Tomatoes 13 x 1 1b. 13 oz tins Peaches 2 x 1 1b tin Peaches 1 x 6 1b tin Potato Powder	60 1 6 18 2 23 2	lbs. lbs. lbs. lbs. lbs. lbs. lbs. lbs.	8 0. 9 0.		
1 x 6 lb tin Potato Powder	-	lbs.	10	z.	

In addition to the above-mentioned tinned goods the following foodstuff's were inspected following a road accident, were found to be damaged and contaminated and consequently condemned:

²⁴ Chickens

³⁰ lbs. Butter

²⁰ lbs. Cheese

⁶⁰⁰ dozen Eggs.

Food and Drugs Act. 1955 Sampling

The Lancashire County Council are the Food and Drugs Authority and carry out this work.

A total of 65 samples was obtained comprising 47 milks and 18 others as follows:-

1 Hone	y	1	Fruit, fresh
1 Soft	drink, canned	1	Vegetables, dried
1 Oatm	eal	1	Flavouring essence
1 Seno	lina	2	Coffee
2 Jan		1	Epsom Salts
1 Cust	ard Powder		Cooling Powders
1 Pick	les	1	Beef Sausage
1 Gold	en Raising Powder	1	Fruit, dried

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports :-

Sample	Result of Analysis	Action taken
Formal Milk	Contained 0.2 International Unit Penicillin per nl.	Farmer cautioned and Milk Marketing Board informed.
Formal milk	Fat 2.75%. Deficient 8.3% solids.	Producer notified.

Shops Act, 1950

There are 113 shops, 25 public houses and clubs and 2 off licences.

Type of Business	Number
Boot and shoe	5
Butchers	9
Chemists	Tax Tulos . order 1
Confectioners	12
Cycle Accessories	1
Drapers	6
Electrical Goods	3
Fancy Goods	(content) amores to 5 10 (1)
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Grocery & Provisions	29
Hairdressers	es) plesial to not 13
The second of	4
neroalist	1
Newsagents Paint and Wallpaper	2
Pet Food and Gardening Equipment	monage the losses 2 short the
Sweets and Tobacco	3
Greengrocery & Fish	
Drug Store	1 113
Dr.de pecte	-

53 169

4,718

	Class of Premises				
	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops, warehouses	Catering establish- ments open to public, canteens	Fuel storag depots
(a) No. of registered premises at end of year	4	17	1	9	2
(b) No, of registered premises receiving a general inspect- ion during year	-	1	-	1	_
(c) No. of exemptions current at end of year	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil.	Nil
Re-inspection of dwelling Inspection of tracteries Visits re Clean Air Act Inspection of drainage Visits re water supplies re Rodent Control to slaughterhouse re Food and Food re Waste Food Ord re Waste Food Ord re Infectious Distriction re Caravans re Refuse Collect re Pest Control re Dirty Premise re Snell re Offices, Shopper of the Control re Shopper of the Control results of the Co	Hygiene R ler seases to inclu	ding visi	ts to tip	166 4 20 503 37 77 2021 26 4 238 171 32 1015 15 5 7 8	
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Legal Proceedings

Miscellaneous visits

re Complaints

Two cases were taken against owners of houses for failure to comply with abatement notices under the Public Health Act, 1936, in each case Nuisance Orders were made.