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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1944

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for the year ending 31st December, 1944.

GENERAL STATISTICS

The area of Northallerton is :- 3,553 acres
 The population is:- 5,068
 There are 1,561 inhabited houses in the Town
 The Rateable Value of the district is:- £32,833.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	48	31	79
Illegitimate	5	2	7
Birth Rate (excluding stillbirths) 18.15 per 1,000			86

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	1	-	1
<u>DEATHS</u>	33	25	58
Deaths of Infants under 1 year.			
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Death Rate (all ages) 12.04 per 1,000			

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Tuberculosis	1	2	3
Cancer	3	1	4
Diabetes	1	-	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	4	4	8
Heart disease	8	7	15
other circulatory	2	1	3
Bronchitis	1	5	6
Pneumonia	2	1	3
other respiratory	1	1	2
other digestive diseases	1	1	2
Nephritis	2	-	2
Suicide	-	1	1
other causes	7	1	8
	33	25	58

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The following infectious diseases have been notified to me during the year:-

Diphtheria	6
Scarlet Fever	20
Pneumonia	3
Meningitis	1
Erysipelas	2

Poliomyelitis
Tuberculosis

2
13
46

Maternity and Child Welfare:

The Emergency Maternity Hospital at Mount Pleasant is run under the direction of the Local Supervising Authority, in this case the North Riding County Council.

Laboratory Service:

The emergency public Health laboratory established in 1942 by the Medical Research Council at the County Hall continues to give good service.

Immunisation against Diphtheria:

The immunisation of children between 1 and 15 years of age was continued during the year, and the following shows the number of children who completed immunisation.

Children under 5 years - 28

Children under 15 years - 2

Percentage considered immunised at 31. 12. 44 under 5 years 45%
under 15 years - 70%

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

House Scavenging:

The scavenging services are efficiently carried out by the Council's own employees, all refuse being disposed of by crude tipping on land some distance outside the built up area of the Town. There are some 90 pail closets emptied weekly.

Salvage of Waste Materials:

The following quantities and description of salvaged goods were collected and disposed of:-

Paper	50 Tons $6\frac{1}{2}$ cwts.
Non-Ferrous Metal	1 Ton $6\frac{1}{2}$ cwts.
Unflattened Tins	10 cwts.
Textiles	1 Ton $12\frac{1}{2}$ cwts.
Household Bones	2 Ton $15\frac{1}{2}$ cwts.
Glass	$1\frac{1}{2}$ cwts.
Rubber	1 Ton $4\frac{1}{2}$ cwts.

Nuisances:

During the year a number of Sanitary nuisances of minor character have been reported and all have been dealt with satisfactorily by the responsible persons without the necessity for legal procedure.

Factory Act 1937:

The Factory Inspector notified the Council that defects existed in some factories in the area; these were remedied after interview with the owners concerned.

In one case application was made to the Magistrates to enforce the provisions of the Act.

Water Supply:

The completion of the duplicate line of pipes for this supply was completed in 1943 and was consequently available for the supply to the R.A.F. Hospital in this period. The R.A.F. authorities erected for their own use an elevated storage tank, and chlorinating equipment.

The supply throughout the year was of sufficient quantity and the quality of the water was maintained and a satisfactory standard for all domestic purposes.

The standard maintained is lower than desirable for a piped water supply and the question of the installation of a filtration and treatment plant is still before the Council, and they have given instructions to their Consultant Engineer to prepare a scheme for this purpose.

Meat Inspection:

During the year the following animals were slaughtered at the Government Controlled Slaughterhouse.

Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
2271	2499	7088	349

In addition the dressed carcasses and organs of 7 cattle, 43 sheep, 22 pigs, and 3 calves were received, having been slaughtered on private premises for emergency slaughter.

Details of whole carcasses condemned:-

Heifers	Bullocks	Cows	Pigs	Calves	Sheep
5	8	51	13	26	32

The total weight of carcasses or portions thereof and organs condemned during the year as being diseased or otherwise unfit for human consumption is 25 tons, 19 cwt 6 stones 11 lbs.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A.E. MILNE

Medical Officer of Health.

4th February, 1947.

