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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the


MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st. DECEMBER, 1955.

Birth rate	25.0
Death rate	11.7
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	24.9
Eight deaths occurred in persons aged 90 years and over, including one at 95 years and 79 years.	
Twenty-seven deaths occurred in the age group 80 - 89 years.	



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OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T.

of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.
1955.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present herewith my seventeenth Annual Report dealing with matters within my responsibility regarding public health and Preventive medicine.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population.... 4,110
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1955..... 1,300
Rateable Value at 31st December 1955.....£29,813.
Nett product of a penny rate..... £111.

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	25	29	54
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>56</u>
Still Births - Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

	<u>Rate for District</u>	<u>Rate for England and Wales.</u>
Birth Rate	14.0	15.0
Death Rate	13.8	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.	17.8	24.9

Eight deaths occurred in persons aged 90 years and over, including one in a female aged 99 years.
Twenty-seven deaths occurred in the age group 80 - 90 years.

OSHEA TOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICE OF HEALTH

1922

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to present herewith my seventeenth Annual Report dealing with matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population	4,118
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1922	1,300
Rateable Value at 31st December 1922	£22,815
Nett product of a penny rate	£111

VITAL STATISTICS

Male	Female	Total
25	20	45
1	1	2
26	21	47
-	-	-
-	-	-

Live Births - Legitimate
 Births - Illegitimate
 Still Births - Legitimate
 Births - Illegitimate

Rate for Deaths and Births

Birth Rate	14.0	12.0
Death Rate	13.8	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	17.8	24.9

Eight deaths occurred in persons aged 20 years and over, including one in a female aged 29 years. Twenty-seven deaths occurred in the age group 50 - 99 years.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach.	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Bronchus.	2	-
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.	3	3
Diabetes.	-	1
Vascular lesions of Nervous System.	5	8
Coronary Disease, Angina.	3	5
Hypertension with Heart Disease.	-	1
Other Heart Disease.	10	15
Other Circulatory Disease.	6	5
Pneumonia.	2	-
Bronchitis.	1	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	-	7
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	35	48
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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health - J.Young, M.B., Ch.B.
D.P.H. Camb.

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Sanitary Inspector - H. Tabberer, Sanitary Inspector's Certificate Royal Sanitary Institute.

The Sanitary Inspector is also Surveyor to the Council.

2. LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations in your area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester.

Throat & Nose Swabs.....	55
Faeces & Urine	193
Blood	3
Sputa	32
Vaginal Swabs	5
Milk.....	3
Water	21
Miscellaneous.....	5
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The good co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory Service continued during the year and the assistance given has been of great value.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF
THE AREA.

	<u>Bacteriological</u>	<u>Chemical</u>
(i) <u>WATER</u>		
Number of Samples taken for Analysis :-		
(a) from wells.	1	-
(b) from piped supply	6	-
(c) at sources of public supply.	2	-
Results of samples taken :-		
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory -	1	-
satisfactory -	-	-
(b) from piped supply -		
unsatisfactory -	1	-
satisfactory -	5	-
(c) at sources - unsatisfactory -	-	-
satisfactory -	2	-

The unsatisfactory well serving five houses went out of use during the year, the public supply taking its place.

The public supply was fully maintained without restriction all the year.

The Council's water undertaking extends to all but 18 occupied houses in the Urban District, and supplies are given to Braunston, and parts of Ashwell, Barleythorpe and Burley in the Rural District of Oakham.

Almost 99% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied by the Council. In some cases the water is not laid into the houses, and in a few cases, one tap is shared by two or more houses. The number of such cases has declined during the year. There are no public standpipes.

The Council has arranged for a supply of water from the Oakham Rural District Council's Regional Scheme when it is available. The Rural District Council will also relieve the Urban District Council of some of the Burley and Ashwell consumers.

A contract has been made and the work started for improved softening and chlorinating plant at the Waterworks, and for pressure filters to be installed.

(ii) DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

There are 57 houses not connected to the public sewer, but to cesspools or septic tanks and filters, of which there are 24. The Council have asked the Consultant Engineers for a report on the sewerage of the town, particularly to provide for some expansion as most sewerage and readily sewerable sites have been developed.

(iii) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in the District at the end of 1955 :-

(1)	Privies	-
(2)	Pail Closets	28
(3)	Water Closets	approx. 1750.

Number of pail closets converted to water carriage system during the year..... None.

At 20 of these 28 pail closets, either water mains or sewers are not available within the distance laid down in the Act. Some of the remaining 8 are at old houses, which are likely to be demolished when the housing situation is eased. The Council intend to lay sewers which will open up more land for housing and enable 8 pail closets to be converted and several cesspools to be abolished.

(iv) PUBLIC CLEANSING.

One man is engaged part time on the Refuse Tip. The tip is kept practically free from rats and no insect nuisance occurs. The Council now use a 10 cubic yard petrol driven refuse collecting vehicle.

The small quantity of nightsoil is tipped at the Sewage Disposal Works.

(v) SMOKE.

The only big chimney in the town now in use is at the Infirmary.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received.....	16
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered arising out of complaints.....	16

Nature of Inspection.

Number of Inspections
and Re-visits.

Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	...	210
Tents, Vans, etc.,	...	2
Slaughter houses.	...	11
Food Premises.	...	47
Dairies.	...	9
Offensive Trades.	...	-
Animal keeping.	...	16
Factories etc.,	...	22
Shops.	...	25
Other premises.	...	15
Water Wastage.	...	20

Only one small Slaughter house is in use in the district.

NOTICES.

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January 1955.	2	1
Issued during the year	8	7
Complied with during year	6	8
Outstanding 31st. December 1955..	4	-

Statutory

Outstanding 1st. January 1955 ...	-	-
Issued during the year ...	-	1
Complied with during year ...	-	1
Outstanding 31st. December 1955..	-	-

No Demolition Orders were made during the year.

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone, and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are used. Some nuisances, such as blockages in drains, are abated by Council men, this being considered the quickest method.

CONTROL OF RATS.

The Council in conjunction with the Rural District Councils of Oakham, Uppingham, Ketton and Barnack employ a Pest Control Officer. All complaints are promptly dealt with and there is little evidence of rats in the town.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No action was found necessary.

Number of Inspectors
and No. of

Nature of Inspection

210	...	Dwelling Houses (all purposes)
2	...	Farms, etc.
11	...	Sluiceway houses
47	...	Food premises
9	...	Public
1	...	Offensive trades
16	...	Animal keeping
112	...	Laboratories etc.
20	...	Shops
15	...	Other premises
20	...	Water works

Only one small sluiceway house is in use in the district.

NOTICE

		<u>Prohibitory</u>	<u>Statutory</u>
1	2	Outstanding on 1st January 1955	Outstanding 1st January 1955
7	8	Issued during the year	Issued during the year
8	6	Complied with during year	Complied with during year
-	4	Outstanding 31st December 1955	Outstanding 31st December 1955

No Demolition Orders were made during the year.

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone, and few formal notices, other preliminary or statutory, are used. Some notices, such as notices in drains, are served by Council men, this being considered the simplest method.

CONTROL OF RATS

The Council in conjunction with the Rural District Councils of Gillingham, Upchurch, Easton and Binstead employ a Pest Control Officer. All complaints are promptly dealt with and there is little evidence of rats in the town.

ERADICATION OF RED BUGS

No action was found necessary.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

The swimming bath is owned by the School Trustees and loaned to the Council during the summer holidays. Ten inspections were made during the season.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

At the end of the year there were six distributors and four premises registered. Nine inspections of premises were made.

No action was found necessary under Regulation 20 - Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949. All milk sold in the district now is tuberculin tested, T.T.pasteurised, sterilised or pasteurised. Except for a few half-pint bottles, all bottling is now done before reaching Oakham.

Dealers and Supplementary Licences for retailing specially designated milk were issued during the year as follows :-

<u>Tuberculin Tested.</u>	<u>Pasteurised.</u>	<u>Sterilised.</u>
4	3	1

Ice Cream.

No ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but 17 premises are registered for its sale. All of these premises have been inspected at least once during the year.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, Etc..

Number of inspections 15

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

All diseases except
Tuberculosis & Cysticerci.

Whole carcasses
condemned..... 1 sheep.

Carcases of which
some part or organ
was condemned..... 1 pig.

Food Premises in the Urban District in December consisted of :-

6 Cafes and a Dairy Shop.
13 Licensed Premises (not including Clubs).
13 Retail Grocers, Etc.,
4 Butchers.
4 Greengrocers.
2 Fishmongers.
4 Bakers and pastrycooks.
5 Sweets etc.,

Number of inspections..... 35

SWIMMING Pools AND Pools OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The swimming pool is owned by the Board of Health and is located on the Council during the summer months. Ten inspections were made during the season.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF MILK

Milk Supply

At the end of the year there were six distributors and four premises registered. Nine inspections of premises were made.

No action was taken pursuant to the Regulation 50 - Milk and Public Regulations 1947. All milk sold in the district now is supplied by T. T. Westwood, a registered distributor. Except for a few half-pint bottles, all bottling is now done before reaching the consumer.

Registers and supplementary licenses for retailing specially designated milk were issued during the year as follows:-

<u>Registers</u>	<u>Supplementary Licenses</u>	<u>Registers Issued</u>	<u>Supplementary Licenses Issued</u>
1	3	4	1

Ice Cream

No ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but 17 premises are registered for its sale. All of these premises have been inspected at least once during the year.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, Etc.

Number of inspections 15

Garages and Other Buildings and Containers in which or in parts

All districts except
Exeter & Devonport

Whole carcasses 1 sheep.

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned 1 pig.

Food Premises in the Urban District in December consisted of:-

- 6 Cafes and a Dairy Shop.
- 15 Licensed Premises (not including Canteens).
- 15 Retail Grocers, Etc.,
- 4 Butchers.
- 4 Greengrocers.
- 2 Fishmongers.
- 4 Bakers and Pastrycooks.
- 5 Sweet shops.

Number of inspections 35

Premises Registered under Section 14 for
Preparation and Sale of Sausages,

Potted Meats and Meat Pies..... 6

Preparation and sale of Fish and Chips..... 1

This shop has been inspected several times during the year.
It is well kept and is performing a busy and useful function.

Disposal of Condemned Food.

The small quantities involved are disposed of by :-

- (a) Burning in the boiler at Council Offices.
- (b) Being taken to tip by Refuse Collectors.
- (c) Sending to the Hunt Kennels.

33 lbs. canned meat,
200 Irish eggs, and
31 lbs. tinned tomatoes were voluntarily surrendered
as unfit.

The head of a pig and the carcass of a ewe were also
adjudged unfit for human food.

From inspections which I have made with the Sanitary
Inspector, I am of opinion that generally speaking the
food Shops in the Town are well conducted with due
regard to hygiene.

H O U S I N G.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which
Demolition Orders were made -

Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance
of Demolition Orders 4

Houses demolished without Demolition Orders..... 4

There are a few cases where houses are uncomfortably full,
but are not overcrowded by the Standards laid down in
the Housing Act, 1936.

There were, (at 31st. December, 1955) over 100 Oakham
applicants for Council Houses. 35 of these are sharing
houses with parents or others.

There is also a pressing demand for houses from people
outside the Urban District.

During the year 4 Council houses and 15 private houses
were completed.

At the end of 1955 the Council owned 329 houses, in
addition to 10 temporary bungalows rented from the
Ministry, and one old house acquired in William Dalby
Street.

It is well kept and is performing a busy and useful function.
 This shop has been inspected several times during the year.
 Preparation and sale of fish and chips..... 1
 Preparation and sale of meat pies..... 6

Diagnosis of Contaminated Food

The small quantities involved are disposed of by :-

- (a) Burning in the boiler at Council Offices.
- (b) Being taken to rip by refuse collectors.
- (c) Being sent to the Hunt kennels.

35 lbs. canned meat,
 200 Irish eggs, and
 35 lbs. tinned potatoes were voluntarily surrendered
 as unfit.

The head of a pig and the contents of a ewe were also
 rejected unfit for human food.

From inspections which I have made with the Sanitary
 Inspector, I am of opinion that generally speaking the
 food shops in the town are well conducted with due
 regard to hygiene.

HOUSING

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which
 Demolition Orders were made 1
 Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance
 of Demolition Orders 4
 Houses demolished without Demolition Orders..... 4

There are a few cases where houses are unsatisfactorily built,
 but are not overlooked by the Building Act, 1936.
 The Housing Act, 1936.

There were, (at 31st December, 1935) over 100 Council
 applications for Council Houses. 35 of these are sharing
 houses with parents or others.

There is also a pressing demand for houses for people
 outside the Urban District.

During the year 4 Council houses and 15 private houses
 were completed.

At the end of 1935 the Council owned 329 houses, in
 addition to 10 temporary bungalows rented from the
 Ministry, and one old house acquired in William Duff
 Street.

The following table shows housing development in the last 20 years :-

Year	Houses completed other than by Council.	Council Houses.
1936	19	12
1937	10	6
1938	13	8
1939	13	-
1940 - 45	-	-
1946	-	15
1947	7	5
1948	2	27
1949	16	32
1950	8	13
1951	13	37
1952	11	24
1953	4	43
1954	6	44
1955	15	4
TOTAL	137	270
AVERAGE	7	13

In addition, there have been conversions and adaptations. In the same period there were 69 demolitions. 36% of the houses in the district have been built in the last 25 years.

Council Contracts in progress at the end of the year will provide 8 flats only. There were also 10 private houses under construction.

Shortage of developed sites will retard housing and slum clearance in 1956

The following table shows housing development in the last 20 years:-

Year	Houses completed other than by Council.	Council Houses.
1932	12	4
1933	6	4
1934	4	10
1935	11	21
1936	12	17
1937	8	13
1938	18	13
1939	2	13
1940	7	10
1941	-	10
1942	-	10
1943	-	10
1944	-	10
1945	-	10
1946	-	10
1947	-	10
1948	-	10
1949	-	10
1950	-	10
1951	-	10
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1989	-	10
1990	-	10
1991	-	10
1992	-	10
1993	-	10
1994	-	10
1995	-	10
1996	-	10
1997	-	10
1998	-	10
1999	-	10
2000	-	10
TOTAL	137	407
AVERAGE	7	20

In addition, there have been conversions and alterations. In the same period there were 69 demolitions. 30% of the houses in the district have been built in the last 25 years.

Council contracts in progress at the end of the year will provide 6 flats only. There were also 10 private houses under construction.

Shortage of developed sites will retard housing and also clearance in 1988.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES.

(1) Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during 1955.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases. Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Dysentery	44	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	-
Measles	15	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

I am pleased to note for the sixth successive year that no case of Diphtheria occurred.

A G E G R O U P.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Under One.</u>	<u>1 2</u>	<u>2 3</u>	<u>3 4</u>	<u>4 5</u>	<u>5 10</u>	<u>10 15</u>	<u>15 20</u>	<u>20 35</u>	<u>35 45</u>	<u>45 65</u>	<u>65 and over.</u>
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Measles	1	1	6	1	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	1	-	1	-	32	3	-	5	1	-	1
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

The Poliomyelitis case was that of a girl who was living in Oakham with her grandparents. It was of the paralytic type and fairly severe. The Dysentery cases were chiefly among school children in one age group.

(2) T U B E R C U L O S I S.

<u>Age Group.</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PREVALENCE OF, AND DEATHS FROM, TYPHOID AND OTHER DISEASES

(1) Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during 1922

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Erysipelas	1	1	-
Scarlet fever	1	-	-
Dysentery	44	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	-
Hospital	15	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

I am pleased to note for the sixth consecutive year that no case of diphtheria occurred.

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Age Group										
	Over 65	60-65	55-60	50-55	45-50	40-45	35-40	30-35	25-30	20-25	Under 20
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Erysipelas case was that of a girl who was living in a room with her grandparents. It was of the paratyphoid type and fairly severe. The dysentery cases were chiefly among school children in one of the groups.

(2) TUBERCULOSIS

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Over 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40-45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

I am again pleased to report that no action was found necessary during the year.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

JOHN YOUNG.

Medical Officer of Health.

Warwick Lodge,
Melton Mowbray.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JUDGES

I am again pleased to report that no action was
found necessary during the year.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,

JOHN YOUNG.

National Office of Justice

Winton Lodge,
Kelson Highway.



