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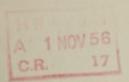
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR

- 1955 -

THE PERSHORE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE : Colonel R.F.Harrison.

CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE :-Mr. S. G. Parkes.

DOCTOR J.J.Murray, M.B., D.P.H.

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR .-Mr. J.W. Holmes, M.S.I.A.

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1954

11.04

23.4

1955 District District

11.4

nil

15.5 17.3

England & Wales

15.0

11.7

24.9

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Birth Rate.

Death Rate.

Infant Mortality Rate.

I beg to present my report on the health of your district for 1955.

VITAL STATISTICS

VITAL STAT	ISTICS.			
Registrar-General's population estimate :-	16760			
BIRTHS.	Males	Females	Total	
Legitimate	132	116	248	
Illegitimate	5	7	12	
	137	123	260	
STILL-BIRTHS.				
Legitimate	4		4	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
	4		4	
Birth rate of 1,000 of estimated resident p Still-birth rate per 1,000 of total (live &			1955 15.5 15.3	1954 17.3 20.06
	Males	Females	Total	
	96	95	191	
DEATHS	,,,	,,,	1955	1954
Death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abort Rates per 1,000 total (live & Still) Birth	imn.		11.4 Nil	ll.O4 Nil Nil
	Males	Females	Total	
Deaths of infants under one year.	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Deaths of legitimate infants. Deaths of illegitimate infants.	11	"	"	
beating of lifegitimate infants.				
Death rates of infants under one year.				
All infants per 1,000 live births Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate liv	ro himtho		Nil "	23.4
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate			11	90.9
Deaths from Cancer. (all ages) 30 Deaths from Measles. (all ages) - Deaths from Whooping Cough. (all ages) - Deaths from Gastro-enteritis(under 2 yrs) 1				
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age.	Males	Females	Total	
Legitimate	Nil "	Nil "	Nil "	
Comparison with certain figures for the who	ole country	is as foll	ows:-	

The following table gives the causes of death during 1955.

0		,,,,,		
CAUSES OF DEATH.	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1	-	1	
Tuberculosis, other.	-	1	1	
Syphilitic disease.	2	-	2	
Diptheria.	-	-	-	
Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	
Meningococcal Infections	_	-	-	
Acute Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	
Measles.	-	-	-	
Other Infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	
(Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	2	5	
(Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus.	4	-	4	
(Malignant neoplasm, breast. (Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	3	3	
(Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	8	9	17	
(Leukaemia and aleukaemia.				
(Inclusive Totals.	15	15	30	
Diabetes	-	-	-	
Vascular legions of nervous system	8	25	33	
Coronary disease, angina	10	7	17	
Hypertension with heart disease.	-	3	3	
Other heart disease.	24	21	45	Jes of the
Other circulatory disease.	4	5	9	
Influenza	4	1	5	
Pneumonia	3	1	4	
Bronchitis	5	1	6	
Other diseases of respiratory system	- 40	2 // //	0133-1	
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1		1	
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	- des	1	1	
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	2	-	2	
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1	
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	- 141	11-1-0	-	
Congenital malformations.			-	
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	10	17	
Motor Vehicle accidents	1	1	2	
All other accidents	7	2	9	
Suicide	- 1	1	1	
Homicide and operation of war	1	- 111	1	
	96	95	191	:: 187

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

The Infectious Disease Hospitals are under the control of the Regional Hospital Board.

No difficulty has been found in obtaining admissions, and the transport system is satisfactory.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLIES.

A total of 4132 houses with a population of 12902 is supplied from public mains.

Piped water from Cheltenham and Worcester Corporations augment the local main supply

The River Severn supply for Coventry, will assist in supplying some villages now using well water.

There is no evidence of plumb-solvency in the district.

Tappings are virtually completed on Stage I of the Regional Water Scheme. Main laying in Stage II is well advanced.

ANALYSES. RAW WATER.

Bacteriological examination - 26 Satisfactory - 25) Including
Unsatisfactory - 1) independent
Parish
Chemical examination. - 14 Satisfactory - 13) spring
Unsatisfactory - 1) supplies.

TREATED WATER.

Satisfactory reports from Cheltenham Corporation.

HOUSING.

During 1955, the Council erected 110 houses, making a total of 645 constructed since the War. 53 houses were built privately.

It is noted that over 300 dwellings in the district are in a bad state of repair, forming part of a national problem, the solution of which is at present very difficult.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

In addition to the Inspector of Weights and Measures, samples are taken by the Sanitary'Inspector's Staff under the Food and Drugs Acts, 1928 - 38. There are 42 registered premises for the sale of ice-cream which are regularly supervised.

There are 3 Slaughter Houses in this area under supervision and inspection.

FACTORIES ACT. 1937.

 Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.)

Cont/over

	PREMISES.	NUMBER ON REGISTER.	INSPEC+ TIONS.	WRITTEN NOTICES	OWNERS FROSECUTED
(1)	Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be en- forced by Loacl Authority.	5.	5.	- Vertex	- 1
(2)	Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7. is enforced by the Local Authority	53.	31.	socond SCC	to Telefia
(3)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (ex- cluding Outworkers' premises).	est Eller 1930 per el 1930	-	Lingua considera	Town South
	TOTALS.	58	36	110-011	

(2) Cases in which defects were found :-

- Indiana	NUMBER O	Number of				
And the second		cases in which prose-				
PARTICULARS.	FOUND.	REMEDIED	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M Inspector.	cutions were instituted.	
Want of Cleanliness	2	2			-	
Overcrowding	-	e de la grantina de la companya della companya della companya de la companya della companya dell	usingstock by		Manager 1	
Unreasonable Temperature.	-	_	- 1 3 H 6 3	-		
Ineffective drain- age of floors.	-	n stret s	ST DEC 25 NO.	. well out of the	ordunations.	
Sanitary conveniences. (a) insufficient.	-	001 -000	-		The second second	
(b) unsuitable or defective.	3	3	AUSTON IN	2	-	
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	_	-		100 15	
OTHER offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outworkers).	1	1	1227 - 3 1 1100 1	1	-	
TOTALS.	6	6	<u>-</u>	3		

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES - SECTIONS 110 & 111

There were no instances of this during the year.

Notified diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1955

DISEASE.	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.	TOTAL DEATHS.
Scarlet Fever!	2		-
Measles.	200	bert part of	-
Whooping Cough. Acute Pneumonia.	43 1	- 10-3	
Meningoccocal infections.	Italian.	-	-
Acute polio-myelitis.	2	2	_
Erysipelas.	-	-	-
Dysentery.	-	-	-

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASE CASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1955.

AGE GROUPS.	SCARLET FEVER	ACUTE PNEUMONIA	NEASTES	NENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS.	WHOOPING COUCH.	ACUTE POLIOMELITIS	ERYSIPELAS	DYSENTERY.	
YEARS. 0 - 1 - 3 - 5 - 10 - 15 - 25 - 25 and over	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1	2 36 46 100 10 4 -		. 5 8 15 12 1	1		1119111	
TOTALS	2	1	200	-	43	2	-	1	

Acute Folio-myolitis.

2 Cases were notified; the first a woman aged 25 years, who made a complete recovery. The second was that of a girl aged 3 years, who recovered with some residual leg-muscle weakness.

Diptheria:-

No cases were recorded.

Whooping Cough :- 43 cases notified, all of whom recovered.

Measles:- 200 cases of a mild nature were notified, mainly affecting those children aged from 5 to 10 years. There were no deaths.

Scarlet Fever :- 2 Cases notified. No deaths.

DIPTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The table below gives the numbers immunised during the year.

 Numbers Immunised
 Numbers Immunised
 1955.
 1954.

 0- 4 inclusive = 193.
 5 - 14 inclusive.= 19.
 213.
 190.

(above figures include cases immunised by Private Fractitioners)

School reinforcing doses :- 151

<u>VACCINATIONS.</u>

Under 2 years. Over 2 years. 1955. 1954

110 16 126 137

T.UBERCULOSIS.

The following table include • notifications and deaths arising from this disease during 1955.

		NEW CA	ASES.		DEATHS.			
AGE GROUPS.	Respi	ratory.	Non- Respir	ratory.	Respir	atory	Non- Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
YEARS.								
0 -	-	-	-	-	-	- 1		-
1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 -		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20 -	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 -	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
35 -	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 -	17	7	-	-	-		-	-
55 -	2					- 1		-
65 -	-	1	-	_	_	-	-	-
			-					
TOTALS.	8	6	-	1	-	- 1	-	1
	14		1				1	

Number of deaths from tuberculosis 1. 3.
Number notified by death. . 1. 2. 1955. 1954.

Total number of tuberculosis notifications 15. 24
Total number of deaths. . . 1. 3

There was a satisfactory decrease in the notifications during the year, eight fewer than in 1954

The Mass Radiography Unit visited the Pershore District during the year 1955, and 1182 persons were X-rayed. One case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was ascertained.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY VISIT TO PERSHORE.

Held at Drill Hall.

1955.	м.	F.	Totals.	1954.	M.	F.	Totals.
Organized Groups. Public.		181.	330.	Organized Groups.	226	184	410.
Schools.		120.	180.	Public.	182	259	441.
Morgan Crucible Wks.	174	147.	321.	Schools.	26	26	52.
Total	162	1 62.	1016.	Doctors Cases. Total	-	1 3	966.

Mass Radiography - continued:

					PERSE	HORE.		
195	55.		M.	F.	Totals.	1954.	M. F.	Totals.
					1016.			9 6 6.
(1 Ac	ctive	Cas	e)			(5 active	cases)	
BREDON.			Total					
Public.	33	64	97					
Schools.	35	34	69		166			
	To	tal			1182.			

The South Worcestershire Tuberculosis after-care Committee has continued to assist those cases who are in genuine need of help despite their allowances. This work is of great value both psychologically and materially, and is very much appreciated by the receipients.

Three Tuberculosis cases were re-housed by the Council this year, thus giving adequate room to the patient and raising the family standards of health and hygiene.

There were no infant deaths fluring the year, the infantile mortality rate being "Nil" for the first time in this district. The rate for the Country was 24.9 per 1,000 births.

The death rate was 11.4, and the birth rate was 15.5. The actual number of births decreased by 33.

Houses are being built by this Council as speedily as circumstances permit. 110 this year, and 108 in 1954, making a valued contribution to District Health standards.

The number of dwellings in bad repair remains a difficult problem.

The public health of the District on the above figures, may be regarded as satisfactory.

I am indebteded to the Chief Sanitary Inspector and his staff for their skilled assistance during the year.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

J.J. MURRAY,

Medical Officer of Health.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PERSHORE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Sanitary work undertaken by Officers of my Department during the year ended 31st December 1955.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The following schemes have been constructed during the year.

Kington. Scheme involving pumping, settlement and aeration, giving capacity for 30 houses.

Sneachill. A Scheme for the new council house development and the Hamlet of Sneachill, involving construction of works with capacity for 34 houses, has been commenced. This will abate a muisance being caused in the roadside ditches.

Upton Snodsbury.

An extension of the sewer on the new Housing Estate to serve the portion of the village near the Chapel. This will abate a Public Health muisance in an adjoining ditch.

Bishampton.

A scheme has been prepared for submission to the Ministry for the provision of a Sewerage Scheme for the village.

Lower Moor.

A Scheme has also been prepared for Upper and Lower Moor, and part of Wyre, Sandfields.

Cropthorne.

A Sewerage Scheme for the village of Cropthorne has also been prepared.

Pershore.

An inquiry has been held by a Ministry Inspector during the year, into the proposed Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme for the Town of Pershore. The Ministry have approved the Scheme in principle, subject to the Scheme being redesigned to deal with increased population.

Pershore (Abbey Grounds)

The Disposal Works for the Council's development on the Abbey Grounds is of insufficient capacity.

REFUSE AND SALVAGE.

Tipping has been carried out at the old Brickworks, Drakes Broughton. Trouble has been experienced with fires on the tip, due in the main, to the large amount of combustible material in the domestic refuse and the lack of soil for covering purposes.

Contracts have been undertaken with the Royal Engineers, Worcestershire Regiment, Ministry of Supply, and Messrs. Farrans for the twice weekly removal of refuse.

SALVAGE.

The market price of paper increased during the year to £8. per ton. The revenue during the year amounted to £324. compared with £248. during 1954, and £472. during the year 1953. Scrap metals and other materials continue to be salvaged.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply taken from the Overbury Springs is of good quality. This water supply is untreated. The supplies obtained from the neighbouring Corporations have been similarly of good quality.

524 applications were received for a supply of water from the Public Mains.

Trouble was again experienced with the maintenance of the public supply due to the inadequacy of the Pershore service reservoir.

Tappings have commenced on Stage I of the Regional Scheme, and main laying is in progress on Stage II.

Analsyes - Well Water.

Number of samples	submitted for	r analysis	-	16	Satisfactory. Ur	satisfactory.
Chemical.					3.	5
Bacteriological.		• •			1	7

DISINFECTION.

Eight disinfections were carried out using formaldehyde gas and formalin spray, primarily as a result of Scarlet Fever and Tuberculosis.

RODENT CONTROL.

The service has continued to operate satisfactorily, the Operative using mainly Warfarin. A.N.T.U., Red Squill, and Zinc Phosphade used occasionally.

Number of infestations dealt with at private prem	ises. 1845
Number of infestations dealt with on business pres	mises. 34
Number of other infestations dealt with.	10
Number of complaints received.	67

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

There are the following food premises in the district:-

Grocers.	40
Greengrocery.	10
Sweet Shops.	8
Butchers.	8
Bakers and Confectioners.	9
Fried Fish Shops.	1
Wet Fish Shops.	2
Cafes.	11
Licensed Premises including Clube.	63

Food preparation premises in the district are inspected regularly.

Two of the premises were improved by informal action.

Milk Supply.

⁸ Dairymen (other than cowkeepers) are registered.

¹⁶ Inspections were made during the year.

CONDEMNATIONS.

The following foods have been voluntarily surrendered, inspected and condemned :-

Butter. (Danish) 1 lb. Beef. 70 lb. of Forequarter (English) 14 lb. of Smoked Fore-end. Bacon. 7 lb. Block. Chitterlings. Gammon. 14 lb. 1 _ 151 oz. tin. Salmon. Butter Beans. 1 - 1 lb. tin. 1 - 15 oz. tin. Asparagus. 1 - 1 lb.2 oz. tin. Mixed Vegetables. Peas. 2 - 20 oz. tins. Peas 1 - 19 oz. tin. Tomatoes. , 3 - 8 oz. tins. 2 - 142 oz. tins. 1 - 1 lb. tin. 1 - 35 oz. tin. 3 - 2 lb. tins. Nestles Sterilized 2 - 6 oz. tins. 5 - 3 pint tins. .Ideal Milk. 11 11 5 - 2 pint tins. 8 - 3 Kilo tins. Apricots. 226 - 5 Kilo tins pulp. 46 - 5 Kilo tins. Cherries. 1 - 16 oz tin. Grapes. Grape Fruit Juice 1 - 19 oz tin . 5 - 11 oz tins. Oranges. 2 - 16 oz tins. Peaches. 365 - 5 Kilo tins. 1 - 2 lb. tin. 3 - 3 Kilo tins. 1 - 7 lb. tin. Pears. 168 - ALO Pineaples in syrup. " Segments. 15 - 5 Kilo tins. 12 - 6 lb. 14 oz. 68 - AlO 18 - Golden Circle. 60 - Kol.

5 - AlO 5 lbs.

Titbits.

MEAT INSPECTION.

The following animals have been slaughtered and inspected since lst July. Conditions have been satisfactory.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lamba.	Pigs	Horses.
Number killed (if known)	391	_	23	2287	637	-
Number inspected	391	-	23	2287	637	_
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole Carcases condemned	111	_		3	4	_
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	39	_	-	24	1	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and cysticerci	10.2	_	-	1.2	.78	-
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned	-		-	- 3	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	8	-	-	-	6	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.05	AL - 3	-	-	•9	-
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned		3 - 6	-	- 200	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	- \
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR (OTHE	R THAN HOUSING)
Number of premises visited. 650 (appr Defects or nuisances found. 23 Defects or nuisances abated. 23	ox)
Number of Informal Notices served. 22 Number of Statutory Notices served. 1	
New drainage to sewers. 16 New drainage to septic tanks. 26	
Drains repaired. —— Obstructed drains cleared. 30 Drains tested. 51	
Number of insanitary lavatories, sinks and urinals dealt with.	
Number of shops visited 20 Cases under the Shops Act, 1934 (Informal)	
Number of Factories inspected. 36	
HOUSING STATISTICS.	
Number of new houses erected during the year :-	
(a) by Local Authority 110 (b) by other Local Authorities	
(c) by other bodies or persons 53	
Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :-	
(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	375
(2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation.	352 +
(3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	23
Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-	
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	22
Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-	
Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notice were served requiring defects to be remedied.	s 1
Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.	1 3 a december 3 a series
(1) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	11
(2) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	10

^{*} Includes 335 Houses placed on Council's Schedule for Slum Clearance.

Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act.

Number of Closing Orders issued in respect of separate dwellings.

6

Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding.

Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. 36
Number of persons concerned in such cases. 140

NEW HOUSING.

The Council have built 110 new houses and 53 have been built pri rately.

Total Post-war Development :-

Local Authority Development.	645
Frivate Development.	230
Total Houses Owned by the Local Authority.	1029

Applicants Re-housed in Permanent Houses :-

Parish.		New Houses.	Re-lets.	Total
Pershore		30	15	45
Besford		-	1	1
Bredon		5		5 3
Broughton Hacket		5	-	3
Defford		17	2	19
Drakes Broughton	(Bungalows)	1.	- 25905	6
Eckington.		- 0.5 bio	1	1
Kington		9	of at sociation	9
Naunton Beauchamp		-	1	1
Pinvin			2	2
Peopleton		3	-	3
Stoulton		1	3	4
Upton Snodsbury	(Bungalows)	13	-	14
Whittington	10.	10	-	10
White Ladies Aston		-	1	1
Applicants Re-housed in	Temporary /	Accommodation	:- 8	8
Exchange of Accommodatio	<u>n</u> :-			
3 Exchanges involving 6	families.		6	6
Transfer of Tenants.			6	6
		98	46	144
Number of sever of Comme			- The said	1.2
Number of cases of Overcrowding Relieved:-			42	
Number ofpersonsconcerned in such cases.			168	
Applicants for housing accommodation at 31.12.55.				

Applicants for housing accommodation at 31.12.55.

With separate accommodation.	. 402
Sharing accommodation.	202
	601

(Note - this total includes applicants who have applied for more than one Parish and the total applicants may therefore be regarded as - 474.)

HOUSING ACT, 1949

52 applications for Improvement Grants were approved during the year.

Improvements taken place during the year.

The construction of 110 Council Houses, and 53 Private Houses.

The completion of Stage I and the commencement of Stage II of the Regional Water Scheme.

Chief Sanitary Requirements of the District.

The completion of the Regional Water Scheme makes the provision of Schemes of Sewerage and Sewage Disposal in a large number of Villages a matter of urgency. The provision of a modern Sewerage Scheme for the Town of Pershore, still remains one of high priority.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. HOLMES.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.



