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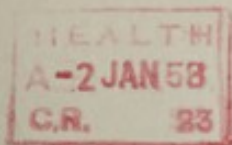
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TO

THE PERSHORE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE :-

Col. R.F. Harrison.

CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE :-

Mr. S.G. Parkes.

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :-

Doctor J.J. Murray, M.B., D.P.H., Dec'd 8/10/56.


CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR :-

Mr. J.W. Holmes, M.S.I.A.

ASSISTANT SANITARY INSPECTOR:-

Mr. R.G. Warren.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I beg to present my report on the health of your district for 1956.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Registrar-General's population estimate :- 17,050

BIRTHS.

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	....	151	155	306
Illegitimate	....	4	6	10
		155	161	316

STILL-BIRTHS.

Legitimate	....	2	7	9
Illegitimate	....	-	1	1
		2	8	10

		<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>
Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population		18.4	15.5
Still-birth rate per 1,000 of total (live and still) births.		30.6	15.3

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
114	71	185

DEATHS.

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>
Death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	10.8	11.4
Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	Nil	Nil
Rates per 1,000 total (live and still) Births.	Nil	Nil

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Deaths of infants under one year.	1	3	4
Deaths of legitimate infants	1	3	4
Deaths of illegitimate	-	-	-

Death rates of infants under one year.

	<u>1956.</u>	<u>1955.</u>
All infants per 1,000 live births	12.6	Nil
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	13.07	Nil
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births.	Nil	Nil

Deaths from Cancer. (all ages) 25
Deaths from Measles (all ages) -
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages) -

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate ..	1	3	4
Illegitimate ..	-	-	-

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>
	<u>District.</u>	<u>District.</u>
Birth Rate ..	18.4	15.5
Death Rate ..	10.8	11.4
Infant Mortality Rate	12.6	nil

CAUSES OF DEATH.

The following table gives the causes of death during 1956.

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CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	2	-	2
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease.	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles.	-	-	-
Other Infective and parasitic disease	1	-	1
(Malignant neoplasm, stomach	6	1	7
(Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus.	6	1	7
(Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	1	1
(Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	2	2
(other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	3	8
(Leukaemia and aleukaemia.	-	-	-
<u>Inclusive Totals.</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>25</u>
Diabetes	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	15	10	25
Coronary disease, angina	19	7	26
Hypertension with heart disease.	5	1	6
Other heart disease	21	19	40
Other circulatory disease.	2	3	5
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	5	-	5
Bronchitis	10	5	15
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	2	6
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis,	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations.	-	3	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	10	16
Motor Vehicle accidents.	2	-	2
All other accidents	1	2	3
Suicide	3	-	3
Homicide and operation of war	-	-	-
	<u>114</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>185</u>
			<u>1955.</u> 191.

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 admission, and the transport system is satisfactory.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLIES.

A total of 4265 houses with a population of 13568 is supplied from public mains.

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

Supplies from the Coventry Aqueduct will be utilised for the Hill Furze Elmley Castle, and the Combertons area.

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

Tappings are virtually completed on Stage I and have commenced on Stage II of the Regional Water Scheme.

ANALYSES.

RAW WATER

Bacteriological examination	- 28 Satisfactory	- 28) Including
	Unsatisfactory	- -) Independent
		) Parish
Chemical examination	- 16 Satisfactory	- 16) Spring
	Unsatisfactory	- -) Supplies.

TREATED WATER.

Satisfactory reports have been received on the Cheltenham Corporation Supply.

HOUSING.

During 1956, the Council erected 69 houses, making a total of 714 constructed since the War. 41 houses were built privately during the year.

Over 300 dwellings in the district are in a poor state of repair and it is hoped with the commencement of the Slum Clearance Programme these will be dealt with.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

In addition to the Inspector of Weights and Measures, samples are taken by the Sanitary's Inspector's Staff under the Food and Drugs Acts, 1928-38. There are 49 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.

- (1) Inspection for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector)

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P R E M I S E S.	NUMBER ON REGISTER	INSPEC- TIONS.	WRITTEN NOTICES	OWNER PROSECUTED
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	5	5	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7, is enforced by the Local Authority	47	36	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworker's premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS.	52	41	-	-

(2) Cases in which defects were found:-

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED		
			To H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences.	-	-	-	-	-
(a) insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective.	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER offences against the Act(not including offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	2	-	1	-

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES - SECTION 110 & 111

There were no instances of this during the year

Notified diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1956.

<u>D I S E A S E.</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.</u>	<u>ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.</u>	<u>TOTAL DEATHS.</u>
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Measles	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	12	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Erysipelas.	-	-	-
Dysentery	6	-	-

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASE
CASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1956

<u>AGE GROUPS</u>	<u>SCARLET FEVER</u>	<u>ACUTE PNEUMONIA</u>	<u>MEASLES</u>	<u>MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS</u>	<u>WHOOPIING COUGH</u>	<u>ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS</u>	<u>ERYSIPELAS</u>	<u>DYSENTERY.</u>
<u>YEARS.</u>								
0 -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1 -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
3 -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3
5 -	-	1	1	-	8	-	-	2
10 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	1	1	-	12	-	-	6

Acute Poliomyelitis.

No cases were notified throughout the year.

Diphtheria.

No cases were recorded.

Whooping Cough.

12 cases notified, all of whom recovered.

Measles.

1 case of a mild nature was notified.

Scarlet Fever.

Nil.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

6.

The table below gives the numbers immunised during the year,

Numbers Immunised	Numbers Immunised	Totals.	
		1956	1955.
0 - 4 inclusive = 123	5 - 14 inclusive = 53	176	213.

(above figures include cases immunised by Private Practitioners)

V A C C I N A T I O N S.

Under 2 years	Over 2 years	Totals	
		1956	1955.
95	6	101	126

T U B E R C U L O S I S

The following table include notifications and deaths arising from this disease during 1956.

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES		DEATHS	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
<u>YEARS.</u>				
0 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
5 -	- -	- 1	- -	- -
10 -	1 -	- -	- -	- -
15 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
20 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
25 -	3 4	- -	- -	- -
35 -	- -	1 -	- -	- -
45 -	- -	- -	1 -	- -
55 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
65 -	1 -	- -	1 -	- -
T O T A L S	5 4 9	1 1 2	2 - 2	- - -

	1956	1955.		
Number of deaths from tuberculosis	2	1		
Number notified by death ..	2	1		
Total number of tuberculosis notifications			1956	1955
Total number of deaths ..			11	15
			2	1

There was a satisfactory decrease in the notifications during the year, four fewer than in 1955.

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 recipients.

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

There were 4 infant deaths during the year, the infantile mortality rate being 12.6 per 1,000 live births.

The death rate was 10.8 and the birth rate was 18.4

The actual number of live births increased by 56.

69 Council Houses were completed during the year as against 110 in 1955.

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

I am indebted to the Chief Public Health Inspector and his staff for their skilled assistance during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

E.T. SHENNAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

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 1956.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The following schemes have been constructed during the year.

Crophorne.

The Minister agreed to the provision of sewerage and sewage disposal facilities to enable the 29 Council Houses to be built. Accordingly Stage I has been commenced including the construction of pumping station, settlement tank and filter of adequate capacity to deal with the ultimate flow from the whole village (population 600).

Little Comborton.

A scheme for the village has been prepared and submitted to the Ministry and a local investigation is pending.

Lower Moor.

The scheme for Upper and Lower Moor and parts of Wyre Sandfields has been submitted to the Ministry and a local investigation is pending.

Bishampton.

Submission of the scheme prepared for the village has been deferred pending the decision by the Minister to the above schemes.

Sneachill.

The scheme for the new Council Housing Development and the hamlet of Sneachill has been completed and the works are in operation.

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 again been experienced with fires on the tip, due in the main, to the large amount of combustible materials in the domestic refuse and the lack of soil for covering purposes. Further during the year fly-control became increasingly difficult due to D.D.T. resistance.

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 dropped during the year to £7.5.0d. per ton. The revenue during the year amounted to £581. compared with £324 during 1955. Scrap metals and other materials continue to be salvaged.

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

313 applications were received for a supply of water from the Public Mains. Trouble was again experienced with the maintenance of the public supply.

Tappings have been virtually completed on Stage I and commenced on Stage II of the Regional Scheme.

Analyses - Well Water.

Number of samples submitted for analysis - 35		<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>
Chemical	..	9	5
Bacteriological	..	6	15

DISINFECTION.

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

RODENT CONTROL.

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

Number of infestations dealt with at private premises	-	1406
Number of infestations dealt with on business premises	-	18
Number of other infestations dealt with	-	9
Number of complaints received	-	56

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

There are the following food premises in the district:-

Grocers.	-	41
Greengrocery.	-	11
Sweet Shops.	-	9
Butchers	-	8
Bakers and Confectioners	-	9
Fried Fish Shops	-	2
Wet Fish Shops.	-	2
Cafe's	-	11
Licensed Premises including Clubs		63

Food preparation premises in the district are inspected regularly.

One premises were improved by informal action,

Milk Supply.

7 Dairyman (other than cowkeepers) are registered.
14 Inspections were made during the year.

CONDEMNATIONS.

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

Bacon	-	18½lbs.
Salmon	-	1 - 8 ox. tin
Peas	-	3 - 1-lb. 3oz tins.
"	-	3 - 1-lb. 12½ oz tins.
Tomatoes	-	16 - 2lb. 3oz. tins.
"	-	6 - 14.oz tins.
Ideal Milk	-	3 - 2 pint tins.
Apricots.	-	3 - 29oz. tins.
Oranges	-	47 - 11.oz. tins.
Peaches	-	118 - 5 kilo tins.
"	-	3 - 1-lb. 3 oz. tins.
"	-	2 - 29oz. tins.
"	-	1 - 1-lb. tin.
"	-	2 - 1-lb. 14 oz. tins.
Peach Pulp	-	25 - 5 kilo tins.
Pears	-	1 - 16 oz. tin.
"	-	1 - 15½oz. tin.
"	-	8 - 1-lb. tins.
"	-	4068lbs.
Pineapple in Syrup	-	39-110 tins.
Pineapples	-	3 - 1-lb. tins.
"	-	160 - 1-lb.tins.
"	-	1447 - 8oz. tins
"	-	6 - 110 tins.
Pineapple Pieces	-	7 - 110 tins.
Pineapple Slices	-	1 - 16oz. tin
Pork Luncheon Meat	-	2 - 1oz. tins.
" " "	-	1 - 12oz.tin.
Steak	-	2 - 1-lb. tins.
"	-	2 - 16oz. tins.
"	-	2 - 20.oz. tins
Grapefruit	-	3 - 20.oz. tins.
"	-	5 - 19 oz. tins. a
Fruit Salad	-	582 - 15½ oz. tins.
" "	--	5 - 1-lb. tins.
Unsweeted Milk	-	1 - 2 pint tin.
Plums	-	4 - 20 z. tins.
Minced Loaf	-	5 - 12oz. tins.
Vegetable Salad	-	1 - 15oz. tins.
Libby's Evaporated Milk	-	1 - 2 pint tin.
St. Ives Cream	-	1 - 4oz. jar.
Kippers	-	2 - 14.1b. boxes
Corned Beef	-	1 - 6lb. tin
Tomatoe Paste	-	94 - 9lb.15oz. tins.
Beans in Tomatoe Sauce	-	3 - 8oz. tins.
Spam	-	1 - 12oz. tin.
Carrots	-	1 - 12 oz. tin
Chicken	-	2 - 3lb.6oz. tins.
Bloaters	-	1 - Stone
Cod Fillets	-	5 - Stones

MEAT INSPECTION.

11.

The following animals have been slaughtered and inspected
Conditions have been satisfactory.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed(if known)	403	-	36	2174	857	-
Number inspected	403	-	36	2174	857	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	4	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	42	-	-	21	3	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	10.4	-	-	1.15	.46	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	13	-	-	-	7	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	3.22	-	-	-	.93	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR (OTHER THAN HOUSING)

Number of premises visited	600 (approx)
Defects or nuisance found	26
Defects or nuisance abated	26
Number of Informal Notices served	26
Number of Statutory Notices served.	-
New drainage to sewers	10
New drainage to septic tanks.	30
Drains repaired	-
Obstructed drains cleared	30 (approx)
Drains tested	55
Number of insanitary lavatories, sink and urinals dealt with	-
Number of shops visited	-
Cases under the Shops Act, 1934 (Informal)	-
Number of Factories inspected	41

HOUSING STATISTICS.Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) by Local Authority	969
(b) by other Local Authorities	-
(c) by other bodies or persons	41

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	72
(2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation.	46
(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.	26

Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwellings houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	26
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	-
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Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act.

(1) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	9
(2) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	6

Numbers of Closing Orders issued in respect
of separate dwellings. 37

Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding.

Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. 24
Number of persons concerned in such cases. 123

NEW HOUSING.

The Council have built 69 new houses and 41 have been built privately

Total Post-war Development :-

Local Authority Development 714
Private Development 271
Total Houses Owned by Local Authority 1,098

Applicants Re-housed in Permanent Houses :-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>New Houses</u>	<u>Re-lets</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Pershore	3)	8	15
Bungalows	4)		
Bredon	20	2	22
Defford	-	1	1
Drakes Broughton	8	-	8
Grafton Flyford	-	1	1
Hill & Moor	-	1	1
Kinsham	-	1	1
Kington	5)	-	7
Bungalows	2)		
Norton	10)	-	
Bungalows	4)		14
Peopleton	5	-	5
Pinvin	-	2	2
Spetchley	8	-	8
Stoulton	-	1	1
Throckmorton	-	1	1
Upton Snodsbury	-	1	1
Wyre	-	1	1
	69	20	89

Exchange of Accommodation

4 Exchanges involving 8 families	8	8
Transfer of tenants	10	10
	69	38
		107

Number of cases of Overcrowding Relieved:- 24

Number of persons concerned in such cases. 123

Applications for housing accommodation at 31.12.56.

With separate accommodation 602
Sharing Accommodation

(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

27 applications for Improvement Grants were approved during the year.

Improvement taken place during the year.

14.

The construction of 69 Council Houses, and 41 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 main requirement of the district is still the provision of Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Schemes. The advent of piped water coupled with the growth of the population emphasizes the importance of such schemes.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

J.W. HOLMES.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.



