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RURAL DISTRICT OF POCKLINGTON.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
(W. WILSON,
M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.)

Including
THE REPORT OF
THE SANITARY INSPECTOR
(J. M. MURDIE, C.R.S.I.)

for 1951.



POCKLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T F O R 1 9 5 1.

Public Health Officers of the Authority :

Medical Officer of Health:

W. WILSON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector (and Surveyor):

J. M. MURDIE, C.R.S.I.

Additional Sanitary Inspector:

F. HOLMAN, C.R.S.I.

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The School Clinic,
County Primary School,
POCKLINGTON.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of Pocklington.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1951.

The tables of Vital Statistics show the Birth and Death Rates are similar to those for the whole country. The Infant Mortality Rate of 51.4 per 1,000 births is considerably in excess of that for England and Wales. An analysis of the eleven infant deaths which occurred during the year shows that five of these deaths were due to prematurity and that the infant survived only a few hours. A further three deaths were due to congenital malformations.

Two hundred and forty-seven cases of measles have been notified as compared with 54 cases in the previous year. There was only one case of poliomyelitis as compared with three in the previous year.

Housing continues as the biggest problem facing the Council, and it is pleasing to note that 74 new houses were completed during the year, as compared with 44 in the previous year.

There have been no special circumstances adversely affecting the health of the District during the year.

I should like to thank members of the Health Committee and the Staff for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. WILSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	101,521
Number of inhabited houses (approx.)	4,628.
Registrar-General's estimate of home population	15,410.
Rateable Value	£52,929.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£205.0.0.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate.	101	104	205
Illegitimate	5	4	9
	<u>106</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>214</u>

Birth Rate	13.9 per 1,000
Illegitimate Rate	4.2% of total births.
Still Births	7.
Rate per 1,000 of the population	0.45.
Deaths of infants under one year	11.
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks	7.
Infant Mortality	51.4 per 1,000 births.

	M.	F.	Total
Deaths	92	95	187
Death rate per 1,000			12.1

Comparative Table of Birth and Death Rates
during the Year 1951.

	Live Birth	Still Birth	Deaths	Deaths of children one year of age, per 1,000 registered live births.
	(Rates per 1,000 civilian population)			
England and Wales	15.5	0.36	12.5	29.6
126 C.B.s and Great Towns including London	17.3	0.45	13.4	33.9
148 Smaller Towns	16.7	0.38	12.5	27.6
London Admin. County.	17.8	0.37	13.1	26.4

Table of Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates

Pocklington R.D.C.

Year	Crude Birth Rate	Corrected Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Corrected Death Rate	Infant Mortality
1948	16.35		8.8		22.7
1949	17.2		12.4		40.3
1950	17.7	20.7	12.0	12.24	31.0
1951	13.9	16.3	12.1	12.34	51.4

Table showing causes of death in Pocklington R.D.C., 1951.

	Male	Female	Total.
All Causes	92	95	187
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	1	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4	4
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	10	17
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	1
16. Diabetes	-	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	19	28
18. Coronary disease, angina	16	11	27
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	1	3
20. Other heart diseases	14	18	32
21. Other circulatory disease	1	3	4
22. Influenza	2	3	5
23. Pneumonia	4	2	6
24. Bronchitis	5	2	7
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1	3
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1	2
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	3	1	4
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	10	10	20
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	3	5
34. All other accidents	4	1	5
35. Suicide	-	1	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	2	-	2

Table showing Age and Sex
Distribution of Deaths during 1951.

						M.	F.	Total
0 - 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	7	4	11
1 - 4 years	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
5 - 14 years	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
15 - 24 years	..	..	..	..	..	2	-	2
25 - 44 years	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	7
45 - 54 years	..	..	..	..	..	10	5	15
55 - 64 years	..	..	..	..	..	13	10	23
65 - 74 years	..	..	..	..	..	22	27	49
75 + .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	33	45	78
Totals:						92	95	187

Prevalence of, and Control Over Infectious Disease.

The following cases of infectious disease have been notified during the year:-

Whooping Cough	..	..	..	38 cases
Measles ..	..	..	..	247 cases
Pneumonia	..	..	..	6 cases
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	1 case.
Erysipelas	..	..	..	1 case.
Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	1 case.
Paratyphoid	..	..	..	1 case.

Tuberculosis.

Sixteen new cases of Tuberculosis (six males and ten females) were notified or came to notice during the year.

There was one death from Tuberculosis.

At the end of 1951, cases on the Tuberculosis Register were as follows:-

Pulmonary Males	23.
Non-pulmonary Males	7.
Pulmonary Females	23.
Non-Pulmonary Females	17.
Total:	70

General Provision of Health Services in the District.

NURSING. A domiciliary nursing and midwifery service is available throughout the District as part of the County Council Scheme, under the National Health Service Act.

District Nurse Midwives are stationed at Pocklington, Shiptonthorpe, Wilberfoss, Driffield and Harlthorpe near Foggathorpe.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. Bacteriological samples are examined at the Public Health Laboratory situated at Hull.

Routine samples of water are sent to this Laboratory for examination.

AMBULANCE SERVICE. Ambulances based at Pocklington and Market Weighton are available.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS. Child Welfare Clinics are held fortnightly at Pocklington and Market Weighton, and monthly at Stamford Bridge, Warter and Melbourne.

An Ophthalmic Clinic is held monthly in Pocklington.

Orthopaedic Clinics are held at York, Driffield and Beverley.

Tuberculosis Clinics are held at Driffield, Beverley and York.

Venereal Diseases Clinics are held at York and Hull.

HOSPITALS. General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at York and Beverley.

Maternity cases go to Westow, Driffield or Beverley.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It has not been necessary to take any action under Section 47 of this Act during the year.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

Water is supplied throughout the District, with the exception of Pocklington, Market Weighton, Goodmanham and Londesborough, by undertakings owned and operated by the Rural District Council.

Pocklington, Market Weighton and Goodmanham receive their supplies from private water undertakings.

Water supplied from the principal Council undertakings and by private Companies is chlorinated.

Work in connection with the agricultural extensions referred to in 1950 commenced during the summer and several outlying farms received a supply of water.

Many field connections were made and, in considering the water supply in general, the purely agricultural connections to fields and stock troughs should be remembered as they number approximately 300.

The supply throughout the area, and to neighbouring Authorities, has been well maintained throughout the year.

Two hundred and twenty-two samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year. The following is a detailed analysis of the reports:-

(a) Kirby Underdale Regional Supply:

Untreated Water:-

Satisfactory	.....	9.
Unsatisfactory	.....	1.

Chlorinated Water:-

Satisfactory	.....	30.
Unsatisfactory	.....	8.

(b) Millington Regional Supply:-

Untreated Water:-

Satisfactory	.....	13.
Unsatisfactory	.....	-.

Chlorinated Water:-

Satisfactory	.....	33.
Unsatisfactory	.....	3.

(c) Warter Regional Supply:-

Untreated Water:-

Satisfactory	.....	14.
Unsatisfactory	.....	4.

Chlorinated Water:-

Satisfactory	.....	38.
Unsatisfactory	.....	6.

(d) Pocklington Water Company:-

Chlorinated Water:-

Satisfactory	.....	19.
Unsatisfactory	.....	11.

(e) Market Weighton Water Company:-

Untreated Water:-

Satisfactory	.....	13.
Unsatisfactory	.....	0.

Chlorinated Water:-

Satisfactory	.....	12.
Unsatisfactory	.....	1.

(f) Miscellaneous Samples:-

Satisfactory	.....	5.
Unsatisfactory	.....	2.

Particulars of the number of dwellinghouses and the number of the population supplied from public water mains (a) direct to the houses, (b) by means of stand pipes and (c) from other private sources, are set out in the following table.

Parish	No. of Houses	Cat. 1. Number supplied direct from Public Main.	Cat. 2. Number supplied from Standpipes.	Cat. 3. Number supplied from other private sources	Population figures for respective categories.		
					Cat. 1.	Cat. 2.	Cat. 3.
Allerthorpe	49	49	Nil	Nil	210	-	-
Barmby Moor	167	165	Nil	2	580	-	10
Bielby	51	51	Nil	Nil	200	-	-
Bishop Wilton.	147	136	Nil	11	460	-	30
Bugthorpe	47	44	Nil	3	175	-	15
Catton	71	62	Nil	9	225	-	45
Cottingham	78	75	Nil	3	258	-	10
Everingham	81	80	Nil	1	345	-	5
Fangfoss	85	82	Nil	3	299	-	-
Full Sutton	33	33	Nil	Nil	1493	inc. R.A.F. Camp	60
Goodmanham	76	60	Nil	16	210	Private Supply	-
Hayton	84	84	Nil	Nil	301	-	-
Huggate	102	102	Nil	Nil	435	-	-
Kirby Underdale	46	18	Nil	28	100	Estate Supply	44
Londesborough	76	60	Nil	10	270	-	50
Market Weighton	657	636	Nil	21	1890	-	45
C/Fd	1844	1737	Nil	107	7448	-	314

Parish	No. of houses	Cat. 1. Number supplied direct from Public Main.	Cat. 2. Number supplied from Standpipes.	Cat. 3. Number supplied from other private sources	Population figures for respective categories.		
					Cat. 1.	Cat. 2.	Cat. 3.
B/Fd							
Melbourne	1844	1737	Nil	107	7448	-	314
Millington	133	133	Nil	-	583	-	-
Nunburnholme	76	73	Nil	3	235	-	13
Pocklington	67	60	Nil	7	216	-	30
Sancton	979	976	Nil	3	3338	-	20
Seaton Ross	96	72	10	14	310	10	40
Shiptonthorpe	124	103	Nil	21	304	-	66
Skirpenbeck	132	125	Nil	7	419	-	28
South Cliffe	24	19	Nil	5	96	-	20
Stamford Bridge	38	38	Nil	Nil	178	-	-
Sutton-on-Derwent	174	172	Nil	2	493	-	2
Thorn-ton	89	87	Nil	2	300	-	12
Warter	38	37	Nil	1	120	-	2
Willberfoss	88	60	Nil	28	250	-	150
Yapham	199	192	Nil	7	605	-	15
	56	51	Nil	5	188	-	19
	4157	3935	10	212	15083	10	731

Public Cleansing.

The collection of house refuse is carried out weekly in two parishes, Market Weighton and Pocklington, and fortnightly throughout the remaining parishes. The scheme works well, and has been the means of moving to central dumps many tons of refuse which occupiers of the district found difficult to dispose of satisfactorily.

During the year under review, the return for salvage collected, sorted and disposed of amounted to £1,500.

HOUSING.

Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year.

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| (1) | (a) | Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.) | 80. |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | 160. |
| (2) | (a) | Number of dwellinghouses (included under Sub. head (1) above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 to 1932 | Nil. |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | Nil. |
| (3) | | Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... | (Approximately 25% of houses inspected under £15 R.V.) |
| (4) | | Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub. head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation | Approx. 60. |

Remedy of Defects during the Year Without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	65.
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Action under Statutory Powers during
the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | Nil. |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices | Nil. |
| (a) by Owners. | -. |
| (b) by Local Authority in default of Owners | -. |

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

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|---|------|
| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | Nil. |
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices | Nil. |
| (a) by Owners. | -. |
| (b) by Local Authority in default of Owners | -. |

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | 8. |
| (2) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | 5. |

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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|---|-------|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | None. |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | None. |

Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding.

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|-----|--|---|
| (a) | (1) Number of dwellings over-crowded at end of year. | |
| | (2) Number of families dwelling therein. | Not precisely known
but some overcrowding
inevitable yet. |
| | (3) Number of persons dwelling therein. | |
| (b) | Number of new cases of over-crowding reported during the year. | Approximately 7
revealed in housing
applications. |
| (c) | (1) Number of cases of over-crowding relieved during year | In new houses -
40. |
| | (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases | 160. |
| (d) | Particulars of any case in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | |
| | | Not known. |

New Housing.

During the year 74 permanent houses were completed by the Council and 10 houses completed by Private Enterprise. A further 16 houses were under construction at the end of the year.

Since the end of hostilities, 427 houses of the following types have been built by the Council:

Traditional Brick House	....	274.
Airey Prefabricated House	....	100.
Swedish Timber House	....	8.
Temporary Houses, Aluminium		<u>45.</u>
		<u>427.</u>

At the end of the year there were approximately 271 applicants for Council houses.

The Rural Housing Survey has been completed and the following is a brief summary of the conditions found:-

Number of houses inspected	....	2,391.
Category 1. Satisfactory in all respects	....	518.
Category 2. Minor repairs	....	453.

Category 3.	Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement.....	789.
Category 4.	Appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts	-.
Category 5.	Unfit for habitation, and beyond repair at reasonable expense	631.
Found overcrowded	.....	Not calculated.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.

Number of licenses issued by the District Council under these Regulations	Nil.
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Meat and Other Foods.

Meat Shops, Stalls, etc. -

Number of inspections	24.
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Ice-Cream Premises.

Number of manufacturers of ice-cream	2.
Number of purveyors only	13.
Number of inspections	36.
Has any special action been necessary in connexion with any class of food premises?	No.

Unsound Food.

Approximately 14 cwts of tinned fruit, vegetables, fish, bottles of sauce, meat, meat roll, butter, bacon, pearl barley, rice, oatmeal and sausage rusk have been condemned as unfit for human consumption.

The information in the Sections of this Report relating to Water Supplies, Housing and the Inspection and Supervision of Food has been supplied by the Sanitary Inspector.



