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**RURAL DISTRICT OF RUGBY**



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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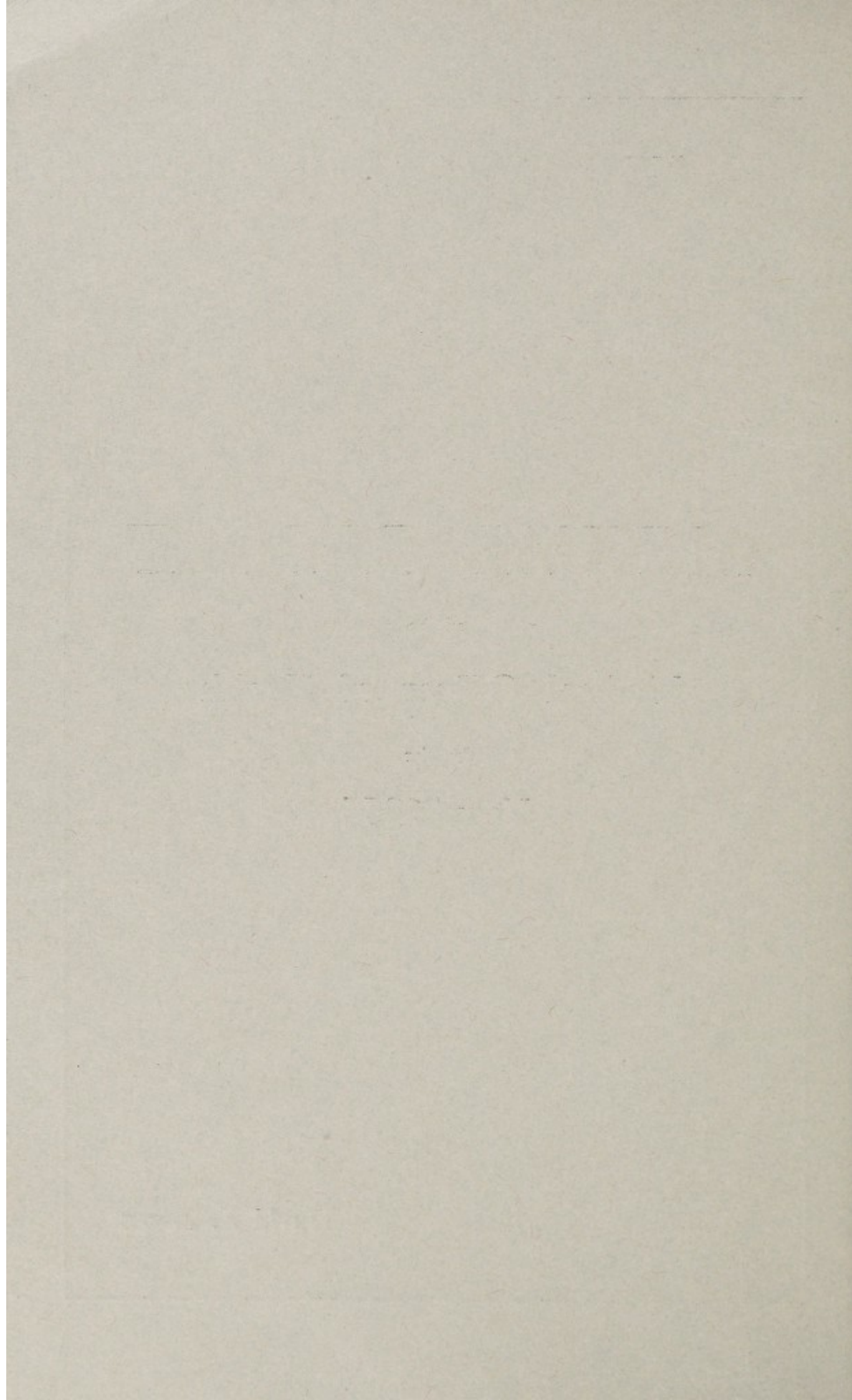
**Medical Officer of Health**

for the

**Year 1955**



**David J. Jones**





## RUGBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith present the Annual Report on the health of the inhabitants and the sanitary circumstances of the district for the year ended 31st December, 1955.

During the year 1955 there were no startling changes in the vital statistics. The Registrar General's estimate of the population showed a decrease of 450. This may seem surprising, but it is possibly due to the fact that many of the temporarily accommodated natives of Coventry were rehoused in the City, and also that during the year some of the larger temporary caravan sites were cleared, and the owners/occupiers went to other areas outside the boundary of the Rural District.

The Birth Rate increased from 17.45 to 17.52 (adjusted 18.14 to 18.22). The Death Rate also showed an increase from 8.42 to 9.87 (adjusted 9.60 increased to 11.25). In studying the table of the causes of death it will be noted that two-fifths of all deaths were circulatory disease and associated conditions, and approximately one-ninth from Cancer in all its forms. The deaths from Cancer were, however, ten less than in 1954 (drop from 34 to 24).

One feature which appears to increase is the figure for road accident deaths. In 1954 it was 3, in 1955 it was 5. Having a main highway running through the district from East to West, and also bounding the northern area, one might be led to say that these are inevitable with the tremendous volume of traffic using these roads. Despite all the work of road safety organisations, the toll of road deaths does not diminish.

Piped water supply to the North Western part of the district was completed during the year and the villages of Burton Hastings and Wolvey now have a safe water to use. Almost the whole of the rural area has now a piped water supply, which in an area of its size is no mean achievement. Continuous sampling is maintained over all public supplies, and the results during the year were all satisfactory.

The problem of sewage disposal in parts of the rural area is increasing rapidly—with the addition of so many new houses, many not on a mains sewage system. But in some of the older villages, such as Princethorpe, Withybrook and Willoughby, the water courses running through these villages are causing no little concern, and it is inevitable that village schemes will have to be constructed in the not too distant future, to prevent nuisance and danger to health.

Housing continues to be a major problem to the Council. The number of applications does not seem to diminish in spite of the number of houses built by the Council and private enterprise. It has been most satisfying



to see the changing face of the parish of Binley; instead of the unsightly conglomeration of good, bad and indifferent moveable dwellings, a large part of the area is now covered with permanent housing, and all private building. Needless to say the majority of the caravan sites are now empty, due to the constant vigilance and persistent action of the Council and its Officers. Similar remarks apply to the Long Lawford area where the Council's permanent caravan site has met a long term need. The problem of dealing with temporary moveable unfit dwellings has almost been answered, and it is now necessary to turn attention to the clearance of permanent structures which are unfit for human habitation. Opinions will continue to differ as to the unfitness of individual houses, but if one bears in mind the ever increasing standards of housing in the country as a whole, and in this rural district, there can be no denial of the fact that there are many hundreds of houses well below the modern standard, and as such cannot be brought to this modern standard at a reasonable cost. The slum clearance programme has been started, but the speed with which it is carried on must, to a large extent, be governed by the houses built to replace those demolished.

There was a minor epidemic of measles during the year, mainly in the months of March to June, and affecting the villages of Long Lawford, Church Lawford, Clifton, Wolvey and Leamington Hastings. The disease was mild in character, with few complications.

One case of Paralytic Poliomyelitis occurred in a young child, the paralysis affecting one leg. At the time of writing this report the child is still having remedial treatment and showing but gradual progress.

It is disappointing to see a fall in the numbers of children immunised against Diphtheria. One hopes that this is but a temporary lapse.

Tuberculosis figures showed a decrease on the previous year, a fall from 183 to 160 on the register.

The Sections C, D and E on housing and environmental factors affecting the health and well being of the residents of the district, contains much interesting factual information, contributed by Mr. Nutting, to whom I convey my special thanks.

And to the Chairman and all members of the Health Committee my thanks for their continued interest in all health matters and their constant support during 1955.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID J. JONES,

Medical Officer of Health.

ALBERT HOUSE,  
ALBERT STREET,  
RUGBY.

*August, 1956.*

## RUGBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

*Chairman of the Council:* Mr. N. Ashman, J.P.

*Vice-Chairman:* Mr. J. H. Walker.

*Clerk of the Council:* Mr. H. A. Wilde.

*Members of the Public Health Committee:*

Mr. F. A. Ward (Chairman); Mrs. A. Tew (Vice-Chairman); Mrs. E. G. Y. Fairholme, J.P.; Mrs. L. Ward; Mrs. M. Cunningham; Mrs. V. M. Jepson; Messrs. N. Ashman, J.P.; L. N. Anderton, C.C.; Messrs. W. H. Campion; G. W. Clark; C. C. H. Coape-Arnold; J. Cummins; T. F. Duffin; J. M. Graham; R. Goode; W. H. Harrison; P. L. Handley; O. J. Hidderley; A. Hawke; S. H. Howard; L. H. Knowles; D. H. Jones; F. W. C. Philtrip; A. R. Pemberton; F. Roddis; C. W. Reay; W. F. Sutton; R. F. W. Rucker; R. Thom; H. W. Tyler; J. H. Walker; F. Whitby; and E. W. Webb.

Mr. H. C. Fleming, a member of the Public Health Committee, retired from office during the year.

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### PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

*Medical Officer of Health:*

David J. Jones, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

*also holds appointments of:*

Medical Officer of Health, Rugby Municipal Borough. Area Medical Officer, Warwickshire County Council. Divisional School Medical Officer, Warwickshire County Council.

*Chief Sanitary Inspector:*

L. R. Nutting, Cert. S.I.B., A.R.S.H., M.S.I.A.

*Additional Sanitary Inspector:*

E. V. Beeby, Cert. S.I.B., M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A.

*Clerk:*

Mrs. M. F. Arthurs.

*House Letting Assistant:*

N. Dixon.

*Rodent Operative:*

A. H. Walton.

*Engineer and Surveyor:*

D. G. McVinnie, M.I.Mun.E., A.M.T.P.I.

*Deputy Engineer and Surveyor:*

F. M. Cannings, A.M.I., Mun.E.

*Public Analysts:*

Messrs. Bostock Hill and Rigby, Birmingham.  
Public Health Laboratory Service, Coventry.



# SECTION A.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

### GENERAL STATISTICS—1955.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Area (in acres) ... ..                  | 80,631   |
| Population (estimated Mid. 1955) ... .. | 21,170   |
| Rateable value (1st April, 1955) ... .. | £119,895 |
| Product of a penny rate ... ..          | £475     |

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### Live Births

|              | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Birth Rate</i> per 1,000 of the estimated population |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---|
| Legitimate   | 166         | 189           | 355          |   |
| Illegitimate | 9           | 7             | 16           |   |
|              | 175         | 196           | 371          | 17.52   |

#### Adjusted Birth Rate

18.22

#### Still Births

|              |   |   |    | <i>Rate</i> per 1,000 estimated population. |
|--------------|---|---|----|---|
| Legitimate   | 6 | 4 | 10 | 0.48  |
| Illegitimate | — | — | —  |   |
|              | 6 | 4 | 10 | 26.25                                       |

#### Deaths (all causes)

|  |     |    |     | <i>Death Rate</i> per 1,000 of the estimated population |
|--|-----|----|-----|---|
|  | 116 | 93 | 209 | 9.87  |

#### Adjusted Death Rate

11.25

#### Deaths from Puerperal Causes — Nil

#### Infant Mortality

|              |   |   |    | <i>Rate</i> per 1,000 Live Births. |
|--------------|---|---|----|------------------------------------|
| Legitimate   | 5 | 6 | 11 | 29.65                              |
| Illegitimate | — | 1 | 1  | 2.70                               |
|              | 5 | 7 | 12 | 32.35                              |

#### Deaths from Cancer (all ages)

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
|                                    | 24  |
| Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea | 1   |
| Measles                            | Nil |
| Whooping Cough                     | Nil |

Area comparability factors for births and deaths have been provided by the Registrar General. These are applied to the crude factors and make allowance for the different age and sex distribution in each area and enable more accurate comparisons to be made.

### Population

The Registrar General's mid-year estimate of 21,170, showed a decrease in population of 440 compared with the previous year. The estimate includes members of the Armed Forces stationed in the district. There was a natural increase (excess of births over deaths) of 162.

### Births

There were 371 live births during the year, six less than in 1954. The crude birth rate was 17.52 per thousand population and after applying the comparability factor of 1.04 the adjusted rate was 18.22.

The rates for the years 1951-55 are given below:—

|              | 1951  | 1952  | 1953  | 1954  | 1955  |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Rugby R.D.   | 16.08 | 17.02 | 16.13 | 18.14 | 18.22 |
| Warwickshire | 15.84 | 15.56 | 16.3  | 15.79 |       |

### Still Births

Ten still births were recorded, an increase of four over the figure for 1954. The still birth rate per 1,000 total births was 26.25.

Comparative rates for the past five years are as follows:—

|              | 1951  | 1952  | 1953  | 1954  | 1955  |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Rugby R.D.   | 28.21 | 17.14 | 34.78 | 15.92 | 26.25 |
| Warwickshire | 23.44 | 18.16 | 19.77 | 22.28 |       |

### Illegitimate Births

The number of illegitimate births was sixteen, the same as in the previous year. None of these were still births.

### Deaths

The number of deaths assigned to the district was 209, twenty-seven more than in 1954. The crude rate was 9.87 per thousand population and the adjusted rate, after applying the comparability factor, was 11.25.

The death rates for the years 1951-55 are given below:—

|                               | 1951           | 1952          | 1953          | 1954          | 1955           |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Rugby R.D.<br>(No. of deaths) | 11.35<br>(211) | 9.08<br>(173) | 8.68<br>(168) | 9.60<br>(182) | 11.25<br>(209) |
| Warwickshire                  | 11.55          | 10.35         | 10.67         | 10.51         |                |



The registered causes of death are given in the following table :—

| <i>Cause of Death</i>                              | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..                | 1            | —              | 1            |
| 2. Tuberculosis, other ... ..                      | —            | —              | —            |
| 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 ... ..             | 1            | 1              | 2            |
| 11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ... ..      | 4            | 1              | 5            |
| 12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..              | —            | 4              | 4            |
| 13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..              | —            | —              | —            |
| 14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... .. | 8            | 5              | 13           |
| 15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..                   | —            | —              | —            |
| 16. Diabetes ... ..                                | 1            | —              | 1            |
| 17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ... ..      | 14           | 18             | 32           |
| 18. Coronary disease, angina ... ..                | 16           | 14             | 30           |
| 19. Hypertension with heart disease ... ..         | 1            | 5              | 6            |
| 20. Other heart disease ... ..                     | 22           | 19             | 41           |
| 21. Other circulatory disease ... ..               | 7            | 3              | 10           |
| 22. Influenza ... ..                               | 3            | 1              | 4            |
| 23. Pneumonia ... ..                               | 7            | 2              | 9            |
| 24. Bronchitis ... ..                              | 9            | —              | 9            |
| 25. Other diseases of respiratory system ... ..    | 1            | 1              | 2            |
| 26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ..           | —            | 3              | 3            |
| 27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ... ..      | 1            | —              | 1            |
| 28. Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..                 | —            | —              | —            |
| 29. Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..                 | 2            | —              | 2            |
| 30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..         | —            | —              | —            |
| 31. Congenital malformations ... ..                | 2            | —              | 2            |
| 32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... ..  | 6            | 13             | 19           |
| 33. Motor vehicle accidents ... ..                 | 5            | —              | 5            |
| 34. All other accidents ... ..                     | 3            | 3              | 6            |
| 35. Suicide ... ..                                 | 2            | —              | 2            |
| 36. Homicide and operations of war ... ..          | —            | —              | —            |
| Totals ...   | 116          | 93             | 209          |

### Maternal Deaths

There were again no maternal deaths during the year.

### Infant Mortality

Twelve infants (five male and seven female) died under the age of one year. One female was illegitimate. The infant death rate was 32.35 per 1,000 live births compared with 26.53 in 1954.

The infant death rates during the past five years have been as follows:—

|              | 1951  | 1952  | 1953  | 1954  | 1955  |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Rugby R.D.   | 25.08 | 26.16 | 18.02 | 26.53 | 32.35 |
| Warwickshire | 28.42 | 27.88 | 24.35 | 23.25 |       |

# CAUSES OF DEATH OF CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

| Cause of Death                              | Age in weeks |   |   |   |      | Total |
|---|--------------|---|---|---|------|-------|
|   | 1            | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5-52 |       |
| 1. Congenital Malformations                 | —            | — | — | — | 2    | 2     |
| 2. Diseases of early infancy:               |              |   |   |   |      |       |
| (a) Intracranial and spinal injury at birth | —            | — | — | — | —    | —     |
| (b) Other birth injury                      | —            | — | — | — | —    | —     |
| (c) Post-natal asphyxia and atelectasis     | 1            | — | — | — | —    | 1     |
| (d) Immaturity                              | 4            | — | — | — | —    | 4     |
| (e) Other                                   | 1            | — | — | — | —    | 1     |
| 3. Gastro-Enteritis                         | —            | — | — | — | 1    | 1     |
| 4. Acute Bronchitis                         | —            | 1 | — | — | —    | 1     |
| 5. Other Causes                             | —            | — | — | — | 2    | 2     |
| Totals                                      | 6            | 1 | — | — | 5    | 12    |

## Neo-Natal Deaths

Seven of the twelve infants referred to above died within 28 days of birth giving a death rate of 18.88 per thousand live births, compared with 13.26 in 1954.



## SECTION B.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

#### Laboratory Facilities

Once again the facilities offered by the Public Health Laboratory were fully utilised throughout the year for the examination of milk, water and food samples and specimens taken in connection with cases of infectious disease.

#### Local Health Authority Services

The services provided by the Warwickshire County Council under the National Health Service Act are, with exception of ambulance and mental health, administered locally on a day to day basis. The Rural District with the Borough of Rugby forms the Eastern Area of the County for this purpose. All the services functioned satisfactorily during the year.

Child Welfare Centres, Ante-natal and Post-natal Clinics and the School Health Services are staffed by medical officers and nurses employed by the County Council, and at the Welfare Centres assistance is given by voluntary workers.

The following Welfare Centres were held during the year:—

| <i>Centre</i>        | <i>Place</i>           | <i>When held</i>                    |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Binley               | Village Hall           | 2nd and 4th Wednesday in each month |
| Brinklow             | Village Hall           | 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month |
| Clifton-on-Dunsmore  | Townsend Memorial Hall | 2nd Thursday in each month          |
| Dunchurch            | Women's Institute Hall | 2nd and 4th Thursday in each month  |
| Long Lawford         | Church Hall            | 1st and 3rd Tuesday in each month   |
| Stretton-on-Dunsmore | Village Hall           | 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month  |
| Wolston              | Village Hall           | 2nd and 4th Thursday in each month  |
| Wolvey               | Village Hall           | 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month   |

At the Brinklow, Dunchurch, Long Lawford, Stretton-on-Dunsmore and Wolvey centres, transport is provided to bring mothers and babies from the surrounding villages.

#### National Assistance Act, 1948

No action was necessary under this Act during 1955.

## SECTION C.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### Water Supply

Individual supplies are now possible at Burton Hastings and advantage is being taken of this by some householders. This also applies to Wolvey, but there appears to be a lack of enthusiasm by the householders at Copston Magna. This may be due to the fact that the populace at Copston mainly consists of farmers and farm cottage workers who have a private estate supply to which the farmers are making a financial contribution through their rentals. It may well be, however, that applications for mains supply will be forthcoming in the future.

A scheme for Willey and Wibtoft to be supplied with mains water is under consideration.

The City of Coventry, the Boroughs of Nuneaton and Rugby, and the Urban District Council of Bedworth supply mains water in bulk to this Authority, and samples are taken every month by us at the terminal points for bacteriological examination at the Public Health Laboratory, Coventry.

A total of 124 connections to the water mains were made during the year 1955. Only three small villages are without a mains supply of water, and even one of these three has part of its area supplied with mains water.



| <i>Parish</i>        | <i>Population<br/>(Estimated)</i> | <i>No. of houses<br/>and<br/>temporary<br/>dwellings</i> | <i>Percentage<br/>proportion<br/>of houses<br/>with mains<br/>water in the<br/>house</i>  | <i>Percentage<br/>proportion<br/>of houses<br/>served by<br/>standtaps</i> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Ansty                | 230                               | 62   | 92  | 8  |
| Binley               | 1380                              | 371  | 75  | —  |
| Birdingbury          | 260                               | 71   | 68  | 4  |
| Bourton-on-Dunsmore  | 280                               | 85   | 79  | 7  |
| Brandon & Bretford   | 604                               | 153  | 59  | 23   |
| Brinklow             | 1050                              | 306  | 69  | 30   |
| Burton Hastings      | 210                               | 58   | Five public standtaps<br>erected until sufficient<br>water available for<br>individual connections.                                 |  |
| Church Lawford       | 521                               | 123  | 95  | 3  |
| Churchover           | 500                               | 92   | 89  | 4  |
| Clifton-on-Dunsmore  | 1070                              | 327  | 87  | 13   |
| Coombe Fields        | 250                               | 67   | —   | 2  |
| Copston Magna        | 60                                | 17   | Laying of water main<br>completed but no<br>individual connections<br>yet pending availability<br>of sufficient supply of<br>water. |  |
| Dunchurch            | 2115                              | 535  | 79  | 17   |
| Easenhall            | 207                               | 47   | 63  | 24   |
| Frankton             | 320                               | 83   | 89  | 4  |
| Grandborough         | 355                               | 101  | 55  | 34   |
| Harborough Magna     | 420                               | 114  | 76  | 14   |
| Leamington Hastings  | 380                               | 127  | 89  | 2  |
| Long Lawford         | 2155                              | 389  | 75  | 20   |
| Marton               | 370                               | 126  | 86  | 7  |
| Monks Kirby          | 495                               | 119  | 40  | 11   |
| Newnham Regis        | 100                               | 34   | 27  | —  |
| Newton & Biggin      | 300                               | 83   | 64  | 6  |
| Pailton              | 523                               | 142  | 66  | 7  |
| Princethorpe         | 470                               | 109  | 53  | 8  |
| Ryton-on-Dunsmore    | 1044                              | 260  | 88  | 10   |
| Shilton              | 786                               | 240  | 95  | 4  |
| Stretton-on-Dunsmore | 1065                              | 316  | 68  | 8  |
| Stretton-under-Fosse | 250                               | 68   | 77  | 4  |
| Thurlaston           | 287                               | 89   | 56  | 15   |
| Willoughby           | 317                               | 77   | 85  | 7  |
| Withybrook           | 300                               | 81   | 43  | —  |
| Wolfhampcote         | 223                               | 65   | 52  | 15   |
| Wolston              | 1330                              | 368  | 75  | 10   |
| Wolvey               | 2200*                             | 263  | Laying of water main<br>completed but no<br>individual connections<br>yet pending availability<br>of sufficient supply of<br>water. |  |
| *Inc. H.M.F.         |                                   |  |   |  |

In the remaining parishes there is no mains water supply.

The following table gives details of the sewage disposal schemes already in existence.

| Parish               | Type of existing sewage disposal   | Schemes approved in principle<br>by Ministry of Health |  |
|----------------------|--|--|--|
|                      |  | Cost   | Stage of proposals   |
| Ansty                | Combined highway and foul drains discharging into ditches, several cesspools.  | £26,450  | Scheme in preparation to sewer Ryton, Wolston and Brandon. |
| Binley               | Practically the whole of the parish now sewered.   |  |  |
| Birdingbury          | Drains into inadequate tanks and overflows into ditches.   |  |  |
| Bourton-on-Dunsmore  | Drains into inadequate tanks and overflows into ditches.   |  |  |
| Brandon and Bretford | Drains into inadequate tanks and overflows into ditches.   |  |  |
| Brinklow             | Part sewered into inadequate tanks and overflows into ditches.   |  |  |
| Burton Hastings      | Combined highway and foul drains into ditches.   |  |  |
| Church Lawford       | Combined highway and foul drains into inadequate tanks and ditches.  |  |  |
| Churchover           | Combined highway and foul drains into ditches.   |  | Scheme completed.  |
| Clifton-on-Dunsmore  | Highway and foul drains now separated.   |  |  |
| Coombe Fields        | Cesspools and ditches.   |  |  |
| Copston Magna        | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  |  |
| Cosford              | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  |  |
| Dunchurch            | Part to tanks and double filtration filters ; other part to inadequate tank and land treatment. Some parts to cesspools. |  |  |
| Easehall             | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  |  |
| Frankton             | Combined highway and foul drains to inadequate tanks and ditches.  |  |  |
| Grandborough         | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  |  |
| Harborough Magna     | Combined highway and foul drains to inadequate tanks and ditches.  |  |  |
| Leamington Hastings  | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  | Work on new scheme in progress.                            |
| Little Lawford       | Cesspools and ditches.   |  |  |
| Long Lawford         | Combined highway and foul drains to inadequate tanks and ditches.  |  |  |
| Marton               | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches and river.   |  |  |
| Monks Kirby          | Combined highway and foul drains to inadequate tanks and ditches.  |  |  |
| Newnham Regis        | Combined highway and foul drains to inadequate tanks and ditches.  |  |  |
| Newton and Biggin    | Combined highway and foul drains to inadequate tanks and ditches.  |  |  |
| Pailton              | Combined highway and foul drains to inadequate tanks and ditches.  |  |  |
| Princethorpe         | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  | Scheme in preparation to sewer Ryton, Wolston and Brandon. |
| Ryton-on-Dunsmore    | Combined highway and foul drains to tank, and land treatment.  |  |  |
| Shilton              | Part to tanks and filters and part to ditches.   |  |  |
| Stretton Baskerville | Cesspools and ditches.   |  |  |
| Stretton-on-Dunsmore | Combined highway and foul drains to settlement tanks.  |  |  |
| Stretton-under-Fosse | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  |  |
| Thurlaston           | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  |  |
| Wibtoft              | Combined highway and foul drains to tanks and land treatment.  |  |  |
| Willey               | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  |  |
| Willoughby           | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  |  |
| Withybrook           | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  | Scheme in preparation to sewer Ryton, Wolston and Brandon. |
| Wolston              | Combined highway and foul drains to settlement tanks.  |  |  |
| Wolvey               | Combined highway and foul drains to ditches.   |  |  |





## Water Sampling

|                  | <i>Total</i> | <i>Satisfactory</i> | <i>Suspicious</i> | <i>Unsafe</i> |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Mains Supplies   | 65           | 59                  | 6                 | —             |
| Private Supplies | 18           | 6                   | 9                 | 3             |
| Swimming Pool    | 10           | 10                  | —                 | —             |
| Watercourses     | 1            | —                   | —                 | 1             |
| Totals:          | 94           | 75                  | 15                | 4             |

The six samples from mains that were not quite up to standard came from a short length of water main at Burton Hastings. As a result of this arrangements were made for this length of main to be flushed through regularly, since when no further trouble has been experienced.

## Drainage and Sewerage

During 1955 the Sanitary Inspectors made 1060 visits regarding drainage matters mainly in regard to conversions from pails and privies to water closets, or the relaying of unsatisfactory drainage.

As regards sewerage, reference to the detailed list on a previous page, emphasises the need for the provision and extension of this essential service in various parts of the district. A number of factors operate adversely, and diminish the speed with which one would like to see these schemes come to fruition. The desirability and necessity of them cannot too often be emphasised, and the Council continue to give their attention to this service and proceed when and wherever possible.

## Public Cleansing

It is again pleasing to report that few complaints were received during the past year. This is an essential service to the public, and one sometimes wonders how many of the public appreciate the unattractiveness of the work involved.

## Rivers and Streams

58 inspections of watercourses were made during 1955. Action was necessary in some cases and 16 informal notices were served.

## Shops and Offices (Shop Act, 1950)

As can be expected in a rural district the shops in the area are mainly, but not wholly, family concerns, the family living on the premises. A total of 72 visits were made during the year. On the whole the shops are maintained reasonably satisfactorily.

In compliance with the request of the County Council delegation under Section 73(2) and Section 38(3)(4)(5) was accepted. These provisions relate to lighting, washing facilities and meals, and the following inspections were made:—

|  |      |      |      |      |    |
|--|------|------|------|------|----|
| No. of Shops inspected                           | .... | .... | .... | .... | 24 |
| Contraventions found in respect of Section 38 :— |      |      |      |      |    |
| <i>Subsection 3 (Lighting)</i>                   | .... | .... | .... | .... | —  |
| <i>Subsection 4 (Washing Facilities)</i>         | .... | .... | .... | .... | —  |
| <i>Subsection 5 (Meals)</i>                      | .... | .... | .... | .... | —  |



## Camping Sites

The Council has provided a caravan site at Long Lawford, and it has therefore been possible to close some of the unsatisfactory encampments in the area by transferring some of the caravans to the Council's site.

There are also minimum standards for caravan sites and individual caravans. Copies of these were circulated to all affected thereby. Some have been dealt with on the basis of these minimum conditions, but more remain to be attended to. Condemnation of some caravans is carried out and the occupants re-housed by the Council. Some caravans are reasonably well maintained by the occupiers who keep their outbuildings to a minimum and the surroundings are kept neat and tidy. Others are the reverse, and the whole soon becomes an object of disorderliness. I would repeat what has been stated in previous years—that some occupiers are compelled through no fault of their own to endure these unsatisfactory living conditions.

## Smoke Abatement

No necessity for action by the local authority arose during the year.

## Swimming Baths and Pools

The swimming pool referred to in my report for last year re-opened for this season after renovation by the owners. Ten samples were taken from the pool whilst it was in use and all of them proved to be satisfactory.

## Eradication of Bed Bugs

No cases were dealt with under this heading.

## Canal Boats

No canal boats were inspected during the year.

## Gentle Breeding

During the year complaints of the offensive "smells" emanating from maggot breeding were received. Investigations were made, and with the co-operation of the owner of the land the gentle breeding establishment was closed down.

## Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The Council employ one full-time rodent operative in this scattered rural area. Sewers, refuse tips and sewage disposal plants are regularly treated with satisfactory results. All the sewers in the district were tested and received two maintenance treatments in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries whose methods we continue to practise. If treatment is carried out at business premises the Council make a charge and as regards domestic premises advice is given upon any infestation.

### Surface Infestations :

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| No. of complaints received ....          | 67       |
| No. of visits made ....                  | 726      |
| Quantity of bait used :—                 |          |
| (a) Bait laid :                          |          |
| Sausage Rusk ....                        | 130 lbs. |
| Bread ....                               | 16 lbs.  |
| (b) Poison bait (including Warfarin) ... | 282 lbs. |
| No. of rat bodies found ....             | 318      |

### Sewer Infestations :

| <i>Situation</i>          | <i>Number of<br/>Manholes<br/>baited</i> | <i>Number of<br/>Complete<br/>takes</i> | <i>Number of<br/>Part takes</i> | <i>No take</i> |
|---------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Dunchurch ....            | 6  | —                                       | —                               | 6              |
| Stretton-on-Dunsmore .... | 19                                       | 1                                       | 5                               | 13             |
| Ryton-on-Dunsmore ....    | 18                                       | 6                                       | 6                               | 6              |
| Wolston ....              | 12                                       | 1                                       | 3                               | 8              |
| Brandon ....              | 4  | —                                       | 1                               | 3              |
| Brinklow ....             | 5  | —                                       | 2                               | 3              |
| Long Lawford ....         | 13                                       | —                                       | 4                               | 9              |

### Local Authority Undertakings :

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| No. of treatments at Refuse Tips ....        | 32  |
| No. of visits made ....                      | 192 |
| No. of rat bodies found ....                 | 291 |
| No. of sewage disposal outfalls treated .... | 6   |
| No. of visits made ....                      | 23  |
| No. of rat bodies found ....                 | 19  |
| No. of survey visits made ....               | 19  |
| No. of sewer surveys made ....               | 3   |

### Petroleum (Consolidation) Acts, 1928-36

116 inspections were made during the year, and there were five new installations of tanks and pumps.

### Inspections and Visits Made

Complaints received during 1955 totalled 200, all of which were investigated, and where justification existed appropriate action was taken. Interviews and inspection visits by the Sanitary Inspectors totalled 3,699.

208 informal notices and 14 statutory notices were served.



# SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING 1955

|                                 | <i>Inspections &amp; visits</i> | <i>Notices served</i> |                 | <i>Notices compiled with</i> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
|                                 |                                 | <i>Statutory</i>      | <i>Informal</i> |                              |
| Accumulations                   | 10                              | —                     | 2               | 4                            |
| Ashbins                         | —                               | —                     | 10              | 10                           |
| Canal Boats                     | —                               | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Complaints                      | 138                             | —                     | 18              | 13                           |
| Drainage                        | 1083                            | —                     | 42              | 16                           |
| Dwelling Houses                 | 963                             | 2                     | 45              | 39                           |
| Factories                       | 38                              | —                     | 3               | —                            |
| Interviews and Appointments     | 3561                            | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Knacker's Yard                  | 9                               | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Moveable Dwellings              | 867                             | 12                    | 43              | 41                           |
| Offensive Trades                | 2                               | —                     | 1               | 1                            |
| Petroleum                       | 116                             | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Rats and Mice                   | 954                             | —                     | 4               | 4                            |
| Refuse Collection & Disposal    | 178                             | —                     | 1               | 1                            |
| San. Accn.: Pails renewed       | 1                               | —                     | 3               | 2                            |
| Privies Abolished               | 3                               | —                     | —               | —                            |
| W.C. Conversions                | 7                               | —                     | 1               | 2                            |
| Schools                         | 5                               | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Shops Act, 1950                 | 24                              | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Special and Misc. Visits        | 71                              | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Stables and Piggeries           | 20                              | —                     | 3               | 3                            |
| Swimming Pools                  | 7                               | —                     | 1               | 1                            |
| Verminous Premises              | 10                              | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Water Supplies                  | 177                             | —                     | 10              | 52                           |
| Watercourses                    | 58                              | —                     | 16              | 5                            |
| Infectious Diseases             | 63                              | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Houses Disinfected              | 16                              | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Bakehouses                      | 3                               | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Butcher's Shops & Meat Vans     | 54                              | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Dairies, Milk Shops & Milk Vans | 43                              | —                     | 2               | 2                            |
| Fishmongers and Poulterers      | 1                               | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Food Manufacturing Premises     | 2                               | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Fried Fish Shops                | 6                               | —                     | 1               | 1                            |
| Greengrocers and Fruiterers     | 3                               | —                     | 1               | —                            |
| Grocers                         | 12                              | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Ice Cream Premises              | 5                               | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Licensed Premises               | 7                               | —                     | —               | 1                            |
| Miscellaneous Food Visits       | 39                              | —                     | —               | —                            |
| Restaurants, Cafes & Canteens   | 17                              | —                     | 2               | 1                            |
| Slaughterhouses                 | 85                              | —                     | —               | —                            |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                   | <b>8658</b>                     | <b>14</b>             | <b>209</b>      | <b>199</b>                   |

N.B.—Most Notices contained many separate items.

## SECTION D.

### HOUSING

The applications for Council Houses continue to steadily increase. It is pleasing to report that private house building is also increasing and during the year a total of 127 of such houses were erected. The Council are however, continuing to erect Council houses not only to replace the unfit ones, but to meet the needs of their area as far as they can. During the year three applications for certificates of disrepair under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 were received, and granted. Also during 1955, nine dwellinghouses were inspected to advise prospective purchasers regarding the possibility of action being taken under the Council's Slum Clearance Programme. At the time of writing this report the Council are advertising for a Second Additional Sanitary Inspector, and when this appointment is made it will be possible to devote more attention to matters of housing, moveable dwellings, and temporary habitations etc.

#### Permanent Housing

The following figures show the number of new houses occupied during 1955:—

**Council Houses** Nil

#### Private Houses

|                     |    |                      |    |
|---------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| Binley              | 40 | Marton               | 4  |
| Birdingbury         | 2  | Pailton              | 1  |
| Bourton             | 1  | Ryton-on-Dunsmore    | 4  |
| Brandon & Bretford  | 1  | Shilton              | 2  |
| Brinklow            | 14 | Stretton-on-Dunsmore | 17 |
| Clifton-on-Dunsmore | 13 | Thurlaston           | 1  |
| Dunchurch           | 7  | Willoughby           | 2  |
| Grandborough        | 2  | Wolfhampcote         | 1  |
| Leamington Hastings | 2  | Wolston              | 4  |
| Long Lawford        | 7  | Wolvey               | 2  |
| —127                |    |                      |    |

#### Temporary Housing

There are 50 prefabricated bungalows in the Rugby Rural District sited as follows :—

Dunchurch 18, Wolston 12, Brinklow 20.

The number of hutments at the Army Camps on the 31st December, 1955, was as follows :—

Ryton-on-Dunsmore 9, Stretton-on-Dunsmore 3.

During 1955, 5 huts from the above camps were demolished due to their defective condition.

#### Birdingbury Camp

By the end of 1955 all the conversions had been completed totalling 33.



## SECTION E.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### Milk Supply and Control

During the year action was taken under Article 20 of the Milk and Dairies Order, 1949 in respect of three herds. Two of these herds were producing milk which was infected with *Brucella Abortus* and the other one was infected with Tuberculosis.

#### Milk Sampling

A total of 14 milk samples were taken during the year, 8 for bacteriological and 6 for biological examination. The laboratory reports on these samples were as tabled below:—

|                           |                     |  |  |              |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--------------|
|                           | <i>Satisfactory</i> | <i>Unsatisfactory</i>                      | <i>Total</i>                             |              |
| Phosphatase and Methylene |                     |  |  |              |
| Blue Tests                | 5                   | 1  | 6  |              |
| Turbidity Test            | 2                   | —  | 2  |              |
| Chemical Analysis         | —                   | —  | —  |              |
|                           | <i>Negative</i>     | <i>Positive</i><br>( <i>Tuberculosis</i> ) | <i>Positive</i><br>( <i>B. Abortus</i> ) | <i>Total</i> |
| Biological Examination    | 6                   | —  | —  | 6            |
|                           |                     |  |  | 14           |

These samples consisted of Pasteurised, T.T. (Pasteurised), T.T., Sterilised, and Ungraded milks.

#### Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

|   |       |       |    |
|---|-------|-------|----|
| No. of Distributors registered with the authority | ..... | ..... | 24 |
| No. of premises registered with the authority     | ..... | ..... | 6  |

#### Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949

|   |       |       |    |
|---|-------|-------|----|
| No. of Dealer's Licences (Tuberculin Tested)      | ..... | ..... | 7  |
| No. of Supplementary Licences (Tuberculin Tested) | ..... | ..... | 14 |
| No. of Dealer's Licences (Pasteurised)            | ..... | ..... | 11 |
| No. of Supplementary Licences (Pasteurised)       | ..... | ..... | 14 |
| No. of Dealer's Licences (Sterilised)             | ..... | ..... | 4  |
| No. of Supplementary Licences (Sterilised)        | ..... | ..... | 5  |

One Dealer's (Pasteuriser's) Licence issued by the Warwickshire County Council.

A survey is being carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, with a view to an order being made declaring this part of the county to be "a specified area" under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. If such an order is made it will mean that only designated milks can be sold in this area, although the Act empowers the Minister to give consent in special cases to the sale of milk without the use of a special designation.

#### Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947

It was not found possible to take any ice cream samples during the year owing to pressure of other work.

## Meat and Food Inspection

The Sanitary Inspectors make periodic visits to meat shops and meat vans in the area and are at times called out by meat retailers. Slaughterhouses are also visited and the visits to shops and slaughterhouses during the year totalled 139.

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:—

|   | <i>Cattle<br/>exclud'g<br/>Cows</i> | <i>Cows</i> | <i>Calves</i> | <i>Sheep<br/>and<br/>Lambs</i> | <i>Pigs</i> | <i>Horses</i> |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Number killed<br>(if known)   | 80                                  | —           | 3             | 323                            | 101         | —             |
| Number inspected  | 80                                  | —           | 3             | 323                            | 101         | —             |
| <b>All diseases except<br/>Tuberculosis and<br/>Cysticerci.</b><br>Whole carcases con-<br>demned        | —                                   | —           | —             | —                              | —           | —             |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was con-<br>demned  | 8                                   | —           | —             | —                              | —           | —             |
| Percentage of the No.<br>inspected affected with<br>disease other than tuber-<br>culosis and cysticerci | 10                                  | —           | —             | —                              | —           | —             |
| <b>Tuberculosis only.</b><br>Whole carcases con-<br>demned  | —                                   | —           | —             | —                              | —           | —             |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was con-<br>demned  | 2                                   | —           | —             | —                              | 3           | —             |
| Percentage of the No.<br>inspected affected with<br>tuberculosis  | 2½                                  | —           | —             | —                              | 3           | —             |
| <b>Cysticercosis.</b><br>Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was con-<br>demned                     | —                                   | —           | —             | —                              | —           | —             |
| Carcases submitted to<br>treatment by refrigera-<br>tion  | —                                   | —           | —             | —                              | —           | —             |
| Generalised and totally<br>condemned  | —                                   | —           | —             | —                              | —           | —             |

Inspections are also made of catering premises in the area.



### Unsound Meat and Foods Condemned

During the year the following foodstuffs have been voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption:—

|                        | <i>lbs.</i>      | <i>Tins</i> |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Tinned Peaches         | 20               | 20          |
| Corned Beef            | 103              | 17          |
| Luncheon Meat          | 4                | 1           |
| Ox Tongues             | 12               | 2           |
| Tongue & Ham           | 42               |             |
| Cooked Brisket of Beef | 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ |             |
| Cooked Ham             | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  |             |
| Cod Fillets            | 224              |             |
| 10 Bovine Livers       | 129              |             |
| 1 Bovine Heart         | 5                |             |
| 3 Pigs Heads           | 32               |             |
| 1 Pigs Liver           | 5                |             |

### Food Supervision

|  |    | <i>Visits</i> |
|--|----|---------------|
| No. of Bakehouses                        | 10 | 3             |
| No. of Slaughterhouses<br>and Meat Shops | 10 | 139           |
| No. of Roadside Cafes                    | 13 | 17            |

### Knacker's Yard

There is only one Knacker's Yard in the district which is owner/occupied. Apart from the slaughterhall and flaying room there are other buildings which house a fat extractor, bone crusher and drier, and rooms for the storage of fat and meal. Almost the entire bulk of meat is processed on the premises and any small quantities not treated in this manner are stained in accordance with instructions.

9 visits were made during the year. On each occasion the premises were found to be well maintained and managed.

## SECTION F.

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

A minor epidemic of Measles occurred in the spring and early summer of 1955. A total of 246 cases occurred, the majority in the larger parishes adjacent to the Boroughs of Rugby and Nuneaton.

One case of Poliomyelitis was notified in a young child, who was left with a residual paralysis of one leg.

#### Immunisation and Vaccination

Immunisation and vaccination procedures continued during the year both at the County Council Infant Clinics and by private arrangements with medical practitioners. It is disappointing to find a decrease in the total number of children protected against Diphtheria, and this decrease must not occur again in future years. It is a long time since there was a case of Diphtheria in this district but the level of protection in the child population must be maintained at a high level. As a very rough check on 1955 figures, one can, by reference see that of the 371 children born in 1954, a number of 264 or less were immunised in 1955. This is not considered nearly high enough to ensure the eventual eradication of the disease throughout the country.

#### Diphtheria Immunisation

| No. of children who completed a full course of immunisation during 1955 |        |       | No. of children given re-inforcing injections |
|---|--------|-------|---|
| Under 5   | 5 — 14 | Total |   |
| 264   | 19     | 283   | 122   |

No. of children immunised at any time up to the 31st December, 1955.

| Age at 31.12.55<br>i.e. born in | Under 1 yr.<br>1955 | 1—4 years<br>1951-1954 | 5—14 years<br>1941-1950 | Total |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| No. immunised                   | 54                  | 841                    | 2155                    | 3050  |

#### Vaccination

| No. of persons vaccinated during year |              |        |             |              |            |       |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Age at Vaccination                    | Under 1 year | 1 year | 2 — 4 years | 5 — 14 years | 15 or over | Total |
| Primary vaccination                   | 121          | 7      | 5           | 2            | 7          | 142   |
| Re-vaccination                        | —            | —      | —           | 2            | 26         | 28    |



## Whooping Cough Immunisation

No. immunised in 1955

| Under 5 years | 5—14 years | Total |
|---------------|------------|-------|
| 250           | 14         | 264   |

## Tuberculosis

There were nineteen new notifications during the year, seventeen of which were Pulmonary. Of this seventeen a total of thirteen were between 15—45 years of age. It is hoped that the use of Miniature Mass X-ray can soon be extended to the villages—as an example, Wolston, where a large new secondary modern school is now to open. The 14—15 years of age children will, it is hoped, be offered X-ray examinations before they depart to take up work, and the opportunity may then arise to utilise the services of the X-ray equipment and its trained staff for the general community in that area. By the continued extension of facilities for X-ray in the Rural Area, and the enhanced treatment of follow up of cases, the steady decline in this dreaded disease should be maintained.

The Housing Committee have again been most helpful in rehousing cases of Tuberculosis for whom I have made special requests.

Nineteen new cases of tuberculosis, 17 respiratory and 2 non-respiratory, were notified during the year. A further 5 cases were transferred into the district from other authorities, and at the end of the year there were 160 cases on the register, classified as follows:—

| Respiratory |        | Non-Respiratory |        | Total |        |
|-------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Male        | Female | Male            | Female | Male  | Female |
| 81          | 47     | 14              | 18     | 95    | 65     |

The age incidence of the new cases and of deaths from tuberculosis during 1955 are given below:—

| Age<br>G'ps. | NEW CASES   |        |                 |        | DEATHS      |        |                 |        |
|--------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
|              | Respiratory |        | Non-Respiratory |        | Respiratory |        | Non-Respiratory |        |
|              | Male        | Female | Male            | Female | Male        | Female | Male            | Female |
| -1           | —           | —      | —               | —      | —           | —      | —               | —      |
| -5           | —           | —      | —               | —      | —           | —      | —               | —      |
| -15          | 5           | 2      | —               | —      | —           | —      | —               | —      |
| -25          | 1           | 1      | 1               | —      | —           | —      | —               | —      |
| -35          | 3           | 1      | —               | 1      | —           | —      | —               | —      |
| -45          | 1           | 1      | —               | —      | —           | —      | —               | —      |
| -55          | 1           | —      | —               | —      | —           | —      | —               | —      |
| -65          | 1           | —      | —               | —      | —           | —      | —               | —      |
| 65+          | —           | —      | —               | —      | 1           | —      | —               | —      |
| Total        | 12          | 5      | 1               | 1      | 1           | —      | —               | —      |

**AGE INCIDENCE OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) 1955.  
FINAL FIGURES AFTER CORRECTION**

| <i>Disease</i>               | 0-4 | 5-14 | 15-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | <i>Age<br/>Un-<br/>known</i> | <i>All<br/>Ages</i> |
|------------------------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-----|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Scarlet Fever                | 3   | 5    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | 8                   |
| Whooping Cough               | 10  | 15   | —     | —     | —   | —                            | 25                  |
| Poliomyelitis :              |     |      |       |       |     |                              |                     |
| Paralytic                    | 1   | —    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | 1                   |
| Non-Paralytic                | —   | 2    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | 2                   |
| Measles                      | 107 | 131  | 6     | —     | —   | 2                            | 246                 |
| Diphtheria                   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | —                   |
| Pneumonia                    | —   | 1    | —     | 1     | 1   | —                            | 3                   |
| Dysentery                    | 1   | —    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | 1                   |
| Smallpox                     | —   | —    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | —                   |
| Acute Encephalitis           | —   | —    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | —                   |
| Enteric or Typhoid<br>Fevers | —   | —    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | —                   |
| Paratyphoid Fever            | —   | —    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | —                   |
| Erysipelas                   | —   | —    | 1     | 1     | —   | —                            | 2                   |
| Meningococcal<br>Infection   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | —                   |
| Ophthalmia<br>Neonatorum     | —   | —    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | —                   |
| Puerperal Pyrexia            | —   | —    | 1     | —     | —   | —                            | 1                   |
| Food Poisoning               | —   | —    | —     | —     | —   | —                            | —                   |

**MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis), 1955.  
FINAL FIGURES AFTER CORRECTION**

| <i>Disease</i>               | <i>Jan.</i> | <i>Feb.</i> | <i>March</i> | <i>April</i> | <i>May</i> | <i>June</i> | <i>July</i> | <i>Aug.</i> | <i>Sept.</i> | <i>Oct.</i> | <i>Nov.</i> | <i>Dec.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Scarlet fever                | 1           | —           | —            | 2            | —          | 1           | —           | —           | —            | 4           | —           | —           | 8            |
| Whooping<br>Cough            | —           | 1           | 4            | —            | 1          | 3           | 1           | —           | —            | 3           | 2           | 10          | 25           |
| Poliomyelitis                |             |             |              |              |            |             |             |             |              |             |             |             |              |
| paralytic                    | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | 1           | —           | —           | 1            |
| non-paralytic                | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | —           | —           | 1           | 1            | —           | —           | —           | 2            |
| Measles                      | 3           | 9           | 92           | 69           | 22         | 41          | 7           | 3           | —            | —           | —           | —           | 246          |
| Diphtheria                   | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | —           | —           | —           | —            |
| Pneumonia                    | 1           | 1           | 1            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | —           | —           | —           | 3            |
| Dysentery                    | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | —           | 1           | —           | 1            |
| Smallpox                     | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | —           | —           | —           | —            |
| Acute Encephalitis           | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | —           | —           | —           | —            |
| Enteric or<br>Typhoid Fevers | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | —           | —           | —           | —            |
| Paratyphoid                  | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | —           | —           | —           | —            |
| Erysipelas                   | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | 1           | —           | —           | 1            | —           | —           | —           | 2            |
| Meningococcal<br>Infection   | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | —           | —           | —           | —            |
| Ophthalmia<br>Neonatorum     | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | —           | —           | —           | —            |
| Puerperal<br>Pyrexia         | —           | —           | 1            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | —           | —           | —           | 1            |
| Food Poisoning               | —           | —           | —            | —            | —          | —           | —           | —           | —            | —           | —           | —           | —            |
| <i>Totals</i>                | 5           | 11          | 98           | 71           | 23         | 46          | 8           | 4           | 2            | 8           | 3           | 10          | 289          |



# INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN INDIVIDUAL PARISHES, 1955.

| <i>Parish</i>        | <i>Scarlet Fever</i> | <i>Whooping Cough</i> | <i>Poliomyelitis—<br/>paralytic</i> | <i>Poliomyelitis—<br/>non-paralytic</i> | <i>Measles</i> | <i>Pneumonia</i> | <i>Dysentery</i> | <i>Erysipelas</i> | <i>Puerperal Pyrexia</i> | <i>TOTAL</i> |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Ansty                | —                    | 1                     | —                                   | —                                       | 1              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 2            |
| Binley               | —                    | —                     | 1                                   | —                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 1            |
| Birdingbury          | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 5              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 5            |
| Bourton-on-Dunsmore  | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 5              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 5            |
| Brandon & Bretford   | 1                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 8              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 9            |
| Brinklow             | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | —            |
| Burton Hastings      | 1                    | 1                     | —                                   | —                                       | 2              | —                | 1                | —                 | —                        | 5            |
| Church Lawford       | —                    | 1                     | —                                   | —                                       | 23             | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 24           |
| Churchover           | —                    | 3                     | —                                   | —                                       | 4              | 1                | —                | —                 | —                        | 8            |
| Clifton-on-Dunsmore  | 1                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 32             | 1                | —                | 1                 | —                        | 35           |
| Coombe Fields        | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | —            |
| Copston Magna        | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 1              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 1            |
| Cosford              | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | —            |
| Dunchurch            | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 9              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 9            |
| Easehall             | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | —            |
| Frankton             | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 8              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 8            |
| Grandborough         | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | —            |
| Harborough Magna     | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 1              | —                | —                | 1                 | 1                        | 3            |
| Kings Newnham        | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 2              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 2            |
| Leamington Hastings  | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 10             | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 10           |
| Little Lawford       | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | —            |
| Long Lawford         | 3                    | 1                     | —                                   | —                                       | 55             | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 59           |
| Marton               | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 4              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 4            |
| Monks Kirby          | —                    | —                     | —                                   | 1                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 1            |
| Newton & Biggin      | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 8              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 8            |
| Pailton              | —                    | 1                     | —                                   | —                                       | 3              | 1                | —                | —                 | —                        | 5            |
| Princethorpe         | —                    | 7                     | —                                   | —                                       | 1              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 8            |
| Ryton-on-Dunsmore    | 1                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 6              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 7            |
| Shilton              | 1                    | 3                     | —                                   | —                                       | 4              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 8            |
| Stretton Baskerville | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | —            |
| Stretton-on-Dunsmore | —                    | 3                     | —                                   | —                                       | 1              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 4            |
| Stretton-under-Fosse | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | —            |
| Thurlaston           | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 4              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 4            |
| Wibtoft              | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | —            |
| Willeby              | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 1              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 1            |
| Willoughby           | —                    | 3                     | —                                   | —                                       | 4              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 7            |
| Withybrook           | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | —              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | —            |
| Wolfhampcote         | —                    | —                     | —                                   | 1                                       | 6              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 7            |
| Wolston              | —                    | —                     | —                                   | —                                       | 3              | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 3            |
| Wolvey               | —                    | 1                     | —                                   | —                                       | 35             | —                | —                | —                 | —                        | 36           |
| Total                | 8                    | 25                    | 1                                   | 2                                       | 246            | 3                | 1                | 2                 | 1                        | 289          |

SECTION G.  
STATISTICAL TABLES.

**PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
THE FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948**

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

| <i>Premises</i>   | <i>No. on Register</i> | <i>Number of</i>   |                        |                             |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   |                        | <i>Inspections</i> | <i>Written notices</i> | <i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities                   | 28                     | 8                  | —                      | —                           |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority                    | 55                     | 30                 | 3                      | —                           |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) | —                      | —                  | —                      | —                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>83</b>              | <b>38</b>          | <b>3</b>               | <b>—</b>                    |

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   | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Overcrowding  | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Unreasonable temperature  | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Inadequate ventilation  | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Ineffective drainage of floors  | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Sanitary conveniences :   |   |          |                   |                   |   |
| (a) Insufficient  | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective   | 3   | 1        | —                 | 1                 | —   |
| (c) Not separate for sexes  | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| TOTAL   | 3   | 1        | —                 | 1                 | —   |



# VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1955 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

| Year  | Estimated<br>Mid-Year<br>Population | Births |                  | Deaths |                  | Infant deaths |       | Tuberculosis<br>Deaths |      |
|-------|-------------------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|---------------|-------|------------------------|------|
|       |                                     | No.    | Rate<br>adjusted | No.    | Rate<br>adjusted | No.           | Rate  | No.                    | Rate |
| 1926  | 21,130                              | 367    | 17.0             | 228    | 10.8             | 22            | 55    | 19                     | 0.90 |
| 1927  | 21,290                              | 314    | 14.7             | 249    | 11.7             | 18            | 57    | 21                     | 0.99 |
| 1928  | 21,930                              | 354    | 17.0             | 210    | 10.0             | 22            | 62    | 19                     | 0.87 |
| 1929  | 21,170                              | 354    | 16.8             | 257    | 12.2             | 16            | 45    | 15                     | 0.71 |
| 1930  | 21,170                              | 341    | 16.1             | 200    | 9.5              | 13            | 38    | 11                     | 0.52 |
| 1931  | 21,950                              | 348    | 15.9             | 189    | 8.6              | 18            | 52    | 16                     | 0.73 |
| 1932* | 18,190                              | 316    | 16.5             | 200    | 10.9             | 15            | 48    | 8                      | 0.44 |
| 1933  | 18,300                              | 275    | 14.2             | 188    | 10.3             | 14            | 51    | 6                      | 0.33 |
| 1934  | 18,210                              | 321    | 17.6             | 197    | 10.8             | 19            | 59    | 9                      | 0.49 |
| 1935  | 18,173                              | 272    | 15.0             | 174    | 9.6              | 15            | 55    | 7                      | 0.39 |
| 1936  | 18,200                              | 322    | 17.7             | 203    | 11.1             | 17            | 53    | 8                      | 0.44 |
| 1937  | 18,310                              | 294    | 16.0             | 219    | 12.0             | 12            | 41    | 8                      | 0.44 |
| 1938  | 15,570                              | 282    | 17.3             | 194    | 12.0             | 24            | 85    | 16                     | 1.03 |
| 1939  | †15,530                             | 232    | 15.1             | 184    | 11.6             | 9             | 39    | 7                      | 0.45 |
|       | ‡15,870                             |        |                  |        |                  |               |       |                        |      |
| 1940  | 16,520                              | 209    | 12.6             | 197    | 11.9             | 12            | 56    | 9                      | 0.54 |
| 1941  | 17,910                              | 297    | 16.5             | 214    | 12.0             | 15            | 48    | 8                      | 0.45 |
| 1942  | 17,560                              | 302    | 17.2             | 179    | 10.2             | 13            | 43    | 10                     | 0.57 |
| 1943  | 17,090                              | 316    | 18.5             | 194    | 11.4             | 19            | 60    | 10                     | 0.59 |
| 1944  | 17,290                              | 355    | 20.6             | 211    | 12.2             | 10            | 28    | 9                      | 0.52 |
| 1945  | 16,920                              | 303    | 18.0             | 189    | 11.2             | 10            | 33    | 18                     | 1.06 |
| 1946  | 17,150                              | 363    | 21.2             | 193    | 11.2             | 12            | 33    | 13                     | 0.76 |
| 1947  | 17,300                              | 398    | 23.0             | 181    | 10.5             | 9             | 23    | 6                      | 0.35 |
| 1948  | 18,160                              | 331    | 18.23            | 174    | 9.58             | 15            | 45.32 | 11                     | 0.61 |
| 1949  | §18,220                             | 350    | 19.21            | 179    | 10.31            | 9             | 25.71 | 11                     | 0.60 |
|       | ††20,630                            |        |                  |        |                  |               |       |                        |      |
| 1950  | 20,230                              | 336    | 17.44            | 205    | 11.35            | 10            | 29.76 | 10                     | 0.50 |
| 1951  | 20,830                              | 319    | 16.08            | 211    | 11.35            | 8             | 25.08 | 7                      | 0.34 |
| 1952  | 21,220                              | 344    | 17.02            | 173    | 9.08             | 9             | 26.16 | 1                      | 0.05 |
| 1953  | 21,670                              | 333    | 16.13            | 168    | 8.68             | 6             | 18.02 | 2                      | 0.16 |
| 1954  | 21,610                              | 377    | 18.14            | 182    | 9.60             | 10            | 26.53 | —                      | —    |
| 1955  | 21,170                              | 371    | 18.22            | 209    | 11.25            | 12            | 32.35 | 1                      | 0.05 |

\*Extension of Municipal Borough of Rugby.

†Population for calculation of Birth Rate.

‡Population for calculation of Death Rate.

§Civilian population for calculation of Birth and Death rates.

††Home population (includes members of Armed Forces stationed in the district).

The estimated population figures for 1950 and onwards include members of the Armed Forces stationed in the district.

