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SAFFRON WALDEN

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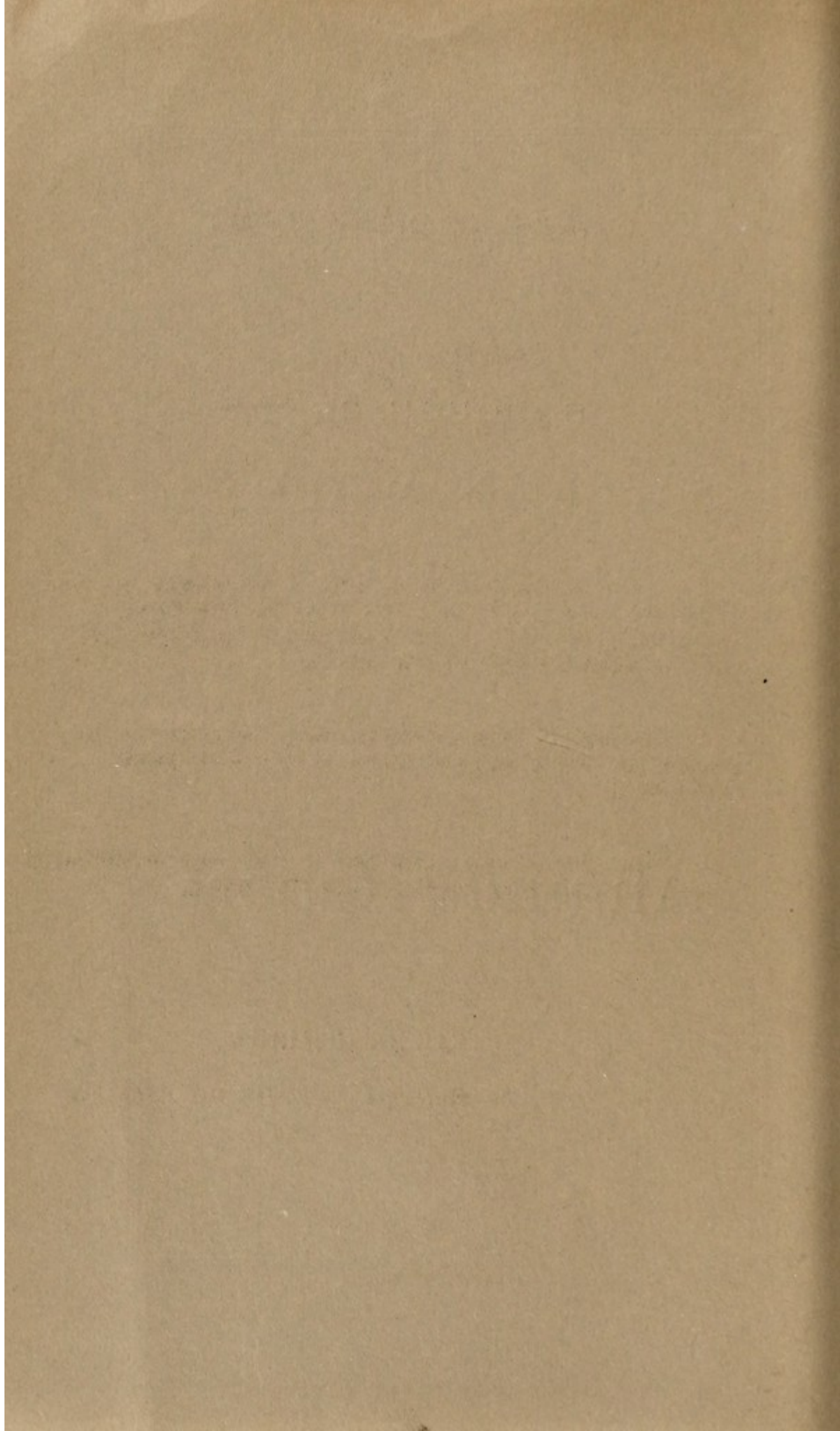
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THE  
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In accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Health, this report has been prepared on the lines indicated in Circular 2067, dated 19th July, 1940.

Detailed statistics, and references to war-time development have therefore been omitted.

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S. R. RICHARDSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES  
FOR THE YEAR  
1966

In accordance with the directions of the  
Secretary of Health, this report has been  
prepared on the lines indicated in Circular  
507, dated June 21, 1965.

Detailed statistics and references to  
investigative reports have been placed in  
appendix.

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low incidence of infectious disease.

E. S. HENNING

Assistant Director of Health

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area: 7502 acres

Population (Registrar General's estimate of resident population 1942): 7088.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1942) according to the Rate Books: 1993.

Rateable Value: £39361

Sum represented by a penny rate: £158.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR:-

	Total	Male	Female
<u>Live Births.</u>	108	53	55
Legitimate	99	49	50
Illegitimate	9	4	5

Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population: 15.2

Still Births. 0

Deaths. 115      40      75

Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated population. 16.2

Deaths from puerperal causes:- 0

Deaths of infants under one year of age:-

Legitimate	5	1	4
Illegitimate	0		

Death Rate of infants under one year of age:-

    All infants per 1000 live births: 46.3

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area: 7502 acres

Population (Registrar General's estimate of resident population 1942): 7000

Number of inhabited houses (and of flats) according to the last census: 1933

Notable values: 1933

See represented by a penny rate: 1933

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR:-

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9

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Deaths  
112

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0

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In the following table the Birth Rate, Death Rate, and Infant Mortality are compared with the corresponding rates for the previous five years, and with the rates for the whole of England and Wales

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	E & W 1942
Birth Rate	10.5	14.4	12.3	11.5	12.6	15.2	15.8
Death Rate	16.0	11.4	14.5	14.1	12.6	16.2	11.6
Infant Mortality)	30.3	8.3	24.0	78.6	51.6	46.3	49.0
Deaths from Measles (all ages)							0
" " Whooping Cough							0
" " Diarrhoea (under one year)							0
" " Cancer							18

#### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Total number of Inspections	...	...	1911
Nuisances and Defects found	...	...	361
Complaints received	...	...	263
Informal (written) Notices	...	...	66
Statutory Notices served	...	...	none
Nuisances and Defects remedied	...	...	859
Houses inspected	...	...	203
Houses re-inspected	...	...	297
Premises disinfected	...	...	39
Schools disinfected	...	...	none
Inspections of Controlled Slaughter Houses	...	...	888
Inspections of Bake Houses	...	...	24
Inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds	..	..	36
Samples of water for analysis	...	...	3

Articles of food condemned, and salvaged for pig feeding or destroyed, included:-

Fish	...	...	...	...	...	1 ton 7 cwt
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	39 lbs
Tinned and bottled foods	..	..	..	..	..	580 containe
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	121 lbs
Other groceries	...	...	...	...	...	approximately 150 lbs
Meat condemned at Slaughter Houses						5 ton 13 cwt





## FOOD CONTAMINATION

The Sanitary Inspector is also Gas Decontamination Officer. All Members of the Food Decontamination Squad have attended a full course of training.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK. Routine sampling work is carried out by the Essex County Council; samples are obtained from farms licensed to produce Accredited Milk, and from those included in the Milk-in-Schools Scheme.

Under the Testing and Advisory Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, all milk delivered from farms is sampled and tested, and all unsatisfactory cases are reported to the Local Authority whose Inspector accompanies the Executive Committee's Representative on his advisory visits to the farms in question.

While the responsibility of the Local Authority is not affected by either of these Schemes, they are of great assistance and enable the Sanitary Inspector to concentrate on the supervision of handling, processing and conveyance of milk.

### NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The incidence of infectious diseases was the lowest recorded, and no deaths were attributed to any of the now notifiable infections.

The additional accommodation provided at the Isolation Hospital again proved very useful in dealing with contagious skin diseases amongst evacuees.

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

There was a steady increase in the number of children immunised during the year. Clinics were held periodically at the Schools, and weekly at the Welfare Centre, so that there should be no delay in carrying out treatment once the consent of parents had been obtained.

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Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified, one of whom was transferred from another area.

Three deaths were attributed to Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

CIVIL DEFENCE CASUALTY SERVICES.

At the beginning of the year, when the Freezing Order became operative, the Central Services were represented by a few effective personnel, rather less than 20 per cent of the normal establishments, and the main effort of the year was in the direction of finding new members.

Towards the end of the year, numbers of persons were directed into the Casualty Services by the Ministry of Labour and National Service, but the majority of these were found to be entirely unsuitable, and a considerable amount of discarding had to be done before organised training could be undertaken.

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Two cases of Primary Tuberculosis were notified, one of whom was transferred from another area.

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