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SCARBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH
for the year 1944.

To the Chairmen and Members of Scarborough Rural District
Council.

Gentlemen,

The estimated population of the district to the middle of 1944 is 6908, a slight increase on previous years. There are no works in the area, almost the whole being devoted to agriculture.

DEATHS amounted to 102 during the year, giving a death rate of 14.76 per 1000 population. That for England and Wales was 11.6. Of the deaths 46 were those of males and 56 females. The chief causes of death were Cancer 13, Heart 45, Intercranial Lesions 10. There were no deaths from tubercular disease, or notifiable infectious diseases.

BIRTHS. - During the year there were 117 births, 63 males and 54 females. Of these 10 were illegitimate. In addition there were 4 stillbirths. The Birth-rate is 16.9 per thousand population; for England and Wales it is 17.6.

There were 4 deaths of children under one year - an infantile death rate of 34.2. For the whole country it is 46.

Forty-six cases of Infectious Diseases were notified, as follows: Scarlet fever 6, Measles 6, Whooping cough 20, Pneumonia 8, Erysipelas 1, Diphtheria 1 and Tubercular diseases 4.

Water Supplies. Most of the houses in the area now have piped supplies. Analyses of several supplies have been made and where pollution has been detected improvements have been introduced to remove contamination. All the water supplies in the district are under review, and several new schemes are under consideration.

All the drainage also is being reviewed and in some cases new systems are suggested. The most populous villages are on the flat area where drainage disposal is very difficult.

Housing. Inspection of 96 houses was made, of which 23 were found defective. All suggested alterations have been carried out by the owners, after notices were served. Plans are being prepared for building 80 houses as a first instalment to the housing shortage. A special assistant to the Sanitary Inspector has been appointed to inspect existing property and make plans for new.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,
Geo. J.B. CANDLER-HOPE, M.A.,
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Medical Officer of Health.

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