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"Rushbrook"
Totnes.
20th July, 1955

I have the pleasure to submit my Annual Report for 1954 on the health of the Totnes Rural District.

The live birth rate was 14.0 per 1,000 estimated resident population as compared with 12.5 in 1953, the rate for England and Wales being 15.2

The infant mortality rate was 5.2 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 22.8 in 1953, the figure for England and Wales being 26.

The death rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 live births was 5.6 .

The crude death rate for the year was 16.1 per 1,000 estimated resident population, the figure for 1953 being 16.3 and that for England and Wales 11.3

The comparability factor for Births was 1.16 giving a corrected birth rate of 16.24.

The comparability factor for Deaths was .75 giving a corrected death rate of 12.1.

The difference between 16.1 crude death rate and 12.1 corrected death rate is accounted for by the large population at Moorhaven Hospital of people not normally resident in the area.

General Statistics.

Area (Acres)	80,987
Population - Census 1921	11,918
- Census 1931	12,362
- Census 1951	13,923
Registrar General's estimated resident population mid year	13,630
Number of inhabited houses (1931)	3,348
Rateable Value	£86,124
Sum represented by a penny rate	£338-2-6d

The population is chiefly agricultural, and there is no occupation which has any particular influence on health. There is very little unemployment in the area.

Vital Statistics

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Live Births</u>			
Legitimate	99	81	180
Illegitimate	4	7	11
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	103	88	191
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Still Births

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	1	0	1
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	2	0	2
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Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	14.0
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population (corrected)	16.25
Birth Rate per 1,000 (England and Wales)	15.2
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	16.1
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population (corrected)	12.1
Death rate per 1,000 (England and Wales)	11.3
Deaths from diseases & accidents of pregnancy & childbirth	NIL
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:-	
All infants per 1,000 live births	5.2
All infants etc. (England & Wales)	26
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	5.6
Deaths from cancer (all ages)	32
Deaths from measles (all ages)	NIL
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	NIL

The population is highly agricultural, and there is no competition which has any particular influence on health. There is very little emigration.

In the year

Year 1880

Year Male Female

1880 4 5

1881 4 5

Year 1881

Year Male Female

1881 0 0

1882 0 0

Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ... 18.0
 Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population (corrected) ... 18.8
 Death rate per 1,000 (England and Wales) ... 18.2
 Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ... 18.1
 Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population (corrected) ... 18.4
 Death rate per 1,000 (England and Wales) ... 17.5
 Deaths from disease & accidents of pregnancy & childbirth ... 18.1
 Death rate of infants under 1 year of age -
 All infants per 1,000 live births ... 24.2
 All infants per 1,000 (England & Wales) ... 24
 Legitimate births per 1,000 legitimate live births ... 24.6
 Deaths from disease (all ages) ... 23
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Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

	Total	Admitted to hospital	Died
Scarlet Fever	3	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	4	4	-
Whooping Cough	19	-	-
Measles	-	-	-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925

AGE PERIOD	New Cases				Deaths			
	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY		RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
5	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
10	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
15	1	2	0	0	-	-	-	1
20	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
25	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-
35	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
45	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-
55	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
65 & over	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	7	0	0	2	0	0	1

Notifiable diseases (enter and tuberculosis)

Disease	Total	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet fever	3	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Whooping cough	-	-	-
Scarlet fever	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Whooping cough	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	19	4	-
Scarlet fever	-	-	-

Public Health (Prevention of Infection) (Hospital, 1931)

Disease	Hospital		Public		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Scarlet fever	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	1	1	0	0	1	1
Measles	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping cough	1	1	0	0	1	1
Scarlet fever	1	1	0	0	1	1
Measles	1	1	0	0	1	1
Whooping cough	1	1	0	0	1	1
Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	3	0	0	3	3

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M	F
1. Tuberculosis - respiratory	2	0
2. Tuberculosis - other	0	1
3. Syphilitic diseases	0	1
4. Diphtheria	0	0
5. Whooping Cough	0	0
6. Meningococcal infections	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
8. Measles	0	0
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	0
10. Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	1	0
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	1
12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast	0	2
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	0	0
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	13	10
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0	0
16. Diabetes	3	2
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	14	13
18. Coronary disease, Angina	19	7
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	1
20. Other Heart disease	18	34
21. Other Circulatory disease	5	9
22. Influenza	1	0
23. Pneumonia	6	7
24. Bronchitis	2	2
25. Other disease of respiratory system	1	1
26. Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	1	0
27. Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	1	0
28. Nephrosis & Nephritis	2	1
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	0
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	0	0
31. Congenital Malformations	1	1
32. Other defined & ill-defined diseases	7	11
33. Motor Vehicle accidents	1	1
34. All other accidents	1	3
35. Suicide	3	2
36. Homicide and operations of war	0	0

All causes.

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DISEASE BY SYSTEM

System	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Respiratory	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Cardiovascular	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Neurological	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Endocrine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Genitourinary	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Other	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

110 110 All cases.

WATER SUPPLY

The South Devon Water Board has continued to do good work in the district during the year and schemes are being prepared to supply several more villages and hamlets with a pure moorland supply.

ASHERINGTON

The supply in the village from a small local well is insufficient in quantity and sometimes of doubtful purity. A drip feed chlorinator is now working continuously. At Tuckenhay, the supply from the paper mills to about thirty houses is not satisfactory and provision by the Water Board is desirable.

BERRY POMEROY

This village is served by a private supply owned by the Duke of Somerset. Works to prevent pollution have been done.

BUCKFASTLEIGH WEST

The villages of Coombe, Scoriton and Michelcombe are still supplied from Lakemoor and Michelcombe. The supply is adequate as regards both quality and quantity.

CHURSTON FRERS

The Paignton Urban District Council is the water authority for this parish.

CORNWORTHY

It will be a great advantage to the village when the moorland supply is available. Pumping is necessary at present to boost the original supply.

DARTINGTON

The village is supplied in bulk from the Dartington Hall Estate supply and continues to be satisfactory; although there seems to be need for more efficient flushing of mains.

DEAN PRIOR

Bulk supply from Lord Churston, satisfactory.

DIPTFORD

The moorland supply was made available during the year.

DITTISHAM

Fairly satisfactory - will eventually be connected to a moorland supply together with Cornworthy, Tuckenhay and Ashprington.

HALWELL

This village is connected to the trunk main.

HARBERTON

The ram supply continued, pollution occurs during periods of heavy rain but the supply is chlorinated in the ram house.

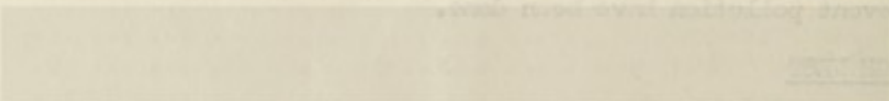
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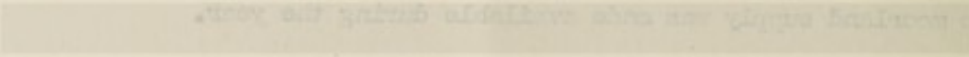
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HARBERTONFORD

Same supply as Harberton.

HOLNE

Supplied from a leat on the moor. Some houses are supplied direct off the Paignton trunk main which passes through part of the parish.

KINGSWEAR

Supplied from numerous small springs piped to reservoirs on different levels. Very troublesome supply to maintain and chlorination is continuous.

LITTLEHEMPSTON

Small private supply, some houses have wells. No main water available.

MARDON

Supplied in bulk from Paignton Urban District Council.

MORLEIGH

Connected to the South Devon Water Board's trunk main.

NORTH HULSH

A small local supply feeds the village.
Avonwick has a moorland supply.

RATTERY

Moorland supply from Marley Head.

SOUTH BRENT

A moorland supply. There are occasional complaints about discolouration.

SEAVERTON

Memory Cross is supplied with Paignton main water from Broadhempston. The village south of Cocombe Farm is supplied from two local springs owned by the Church Commissioners, supplemented by the Paignton supply.

STOKE GABRIEL

Supplied from Paignton mains. Plans are in hand for a larger reservoir and a ring main.

UGBOROUGH

Ugborough, Bittaford, Pilham and Wrangaton have a moorland supply.

SECTION 1

Some supply is available.

SECTION 2

Supplied from a tank on the roof. Two houses are supplied from the
the bottom tank with water through part of the night.

SECTION 3

Supplied from a tank on the roof. No water is available on this part
of the night. Very irregular supply to maintain and distribution is continuous.

SECTION 4

Self supply, also houses have wells. No rain water available.

SECTION 5

Supplied in bulk from a tank on the roof.

SECTION 6

Connected to the South Bay Water Board's tank.

SECTION 7

A well local supply from the villa
connected to a local supply.

SECTION 8

Local supply from a tank.

SECTION 9

A well supply. There are occasional complaints about distribution.

SECTION 10

Supply from a tank on the roof. The
village south of Gode's tank is supplied from the local supply owned by the
Local Government, supplied by the village supply.

SECTION 11

Supplied from a tank on the roof. There are in hand for a larger reservoir
and a tank.

SECTION 12

Upcoming, but the supply is not available.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

CHURSTON PARISH

The old village now has sewers and the houses W.C.'s. The sewage from the village is pumped to the Paignton tunnel sewer. The Broadsands Estate is sewered by gravity to the Paignton sewer. The old village of Calmpton has sewers and a sewage disposal plant. Some newly developed areas are drained to an individual septic tank for each house.

MARLDON

This comprehensive scheme for Marldon and Compton was also completed during 1953. Most of the pail closets have now been connected to W.C.'s.

ASHPRINGTON

The scheme for this village has now been approved by the Ministry but permission to advertise for tenders has to be sought towards the end of 1955.

HALWELL

Scheme being prepared.

DIPPTON

Scheme being prepared.

STAVERTON

Arrangements being made to improve the outfall.

MORLEIGH

Several private crude outfalls discharge in a water meadow causing a public nuisance during dry weather. A scheme to drain 6 new Council Houses was put in recently and eventually it is hoped that this sewage system will be enlarged to drain most of the village.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 SECTION 47

Facilities are available at Broomborough Hospital, Totnes for the reception of persons in need of care and attention. Two persons were dealt with during the year.

FOOD

Meat

During the year, two slaughterhouses in Ugborough parish were licensed (one being at Moorhaven Hospital) also one at Calmpton and two at South Brent and one at Dartington. Nearly all of the animals slaughtered have been inspected and the proportion of unfit meat has been surprisingly small.

I have protested against the licensing of slaughter houses under the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulation 1954. Three slaughter houses do not comply with Part 11 Section 9.

Milk

All the milk sold in the area is now Sterilized, Pasteurised or Tuberculin Tested.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

GENERAL FINDINGS

The old village has been removed and the houses W.C.'s. The sewage from the village is carried to the village water supply. The village water is carried by gravity to the village water. The old village of Calcutta has been removed and a sewage disposal plant. Sewage disposal plant has been established for the village and the houses. Sewage disposal plant has been established for the village and the houses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This cooperative scheme for the village and houses has been established during 1955. Part of the village has been removed to W.C.'s.

CONCLUSIONS

The scheme for this village has now been approved by the Ministry for the purpose of providing for the village and houses. The scheme for this village has now been approved by the Ministry for the purpose of providing for the village and houses.

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Two schemes being made to improve the village.

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GENERAL FINDINGS

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All the schemes in the village have been approved. All the schemes in the village have been approved. All the schemes in the village have been approved. All the schemes in the village have been approved.

Housing

2 & 3 Castle Barton Cottages, Marldon which were in a pre-war Clearance Order have been demolished; also another house at Marldon and one at Churston.

In the case of two unfit cottages at Dittisham, an understanding to convert them into one has been accepted. There has been an increase in the Improvement Grant applications during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Stacy G. G. G.

Medical Officer of Health.

Order has been furnished; the order is at hand and one at hand.

In the case of two other orders, an acknowledgment to
order has been received; there has been no action in the
Investment Grant application since the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. G. ...

Special Agent in Charge