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ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, NOVEMBER, 1944.

Gentlemen,

I again have the honour of presenting my Annual Report for the Uttoxeter Urban District for the year 1943.

The area of the district is 3351 acres. The resident civilian population has been estimated at 6883.

The rateable value is £36142 and the nett sum produce by a penny rate is £137.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births. There were 134 live births in and belonging to the district 76 boys and 58 girls. Eleven of these were illegitimate births. This is a birthrate of 19.47 per 1,000 civilian population which is about the average for smaller towns but three above the average for the whole of the country.

There were 7 stillbirths all legitimate children.

Deaths. There were 70 deaths which is a death rate of 10.17 compared with 12.1 the rate for England and Wales. There were again not any deaths from puerperal sepsis or other puerperal causes.

There were 2 deaths from infantile diarrhoea but not any from measles, whooping cough or any other infectious disease.

The other principal causes of death were Cancer 9, Brain diseases 12, Heart diseases 18, Respiratory diseases 9 and Tuberculosis 3.

Infantile Mortality. Five infants died under one year of age all legitimate children. This is an infantile mortality death rate of 37.24 per 1000 live births compared with 49 the rate for England and Wales.

Provision of Health services. Laboratory facilities are provided as usual by the County laboratory at Stafford.

Ambulance facilities are provided free by the ambulance presented to the town and also by one lent by Messrs. C.H. Elkes and Sons.

Nursing. Home nursing is undertaken by the district nurses under the management of the Nursing Association, they also do the health visiting and attend the clinics and child welfare centre arranged by the County Council.

Hospitals. There are not any hospitals in the district but general hospital treatment is available at the various infirmaries at Derby, Hartshill, Stafford and Burton, neither is there any local maternity accommodation, several mothers go to the Nightingale Home or Womens Hospital at Derby or the Maternity Home at Ashbourne.

Hospital treatment for infectious diseases is provided by the Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospital Board at their various hospitals patients being conveyed in their ambulance.

Sanitary Circumstances. The main water supply is unchanged but is hardly adequate for the present needs of the town and will be one of the first postwar problems.

The sewerage and sewage disposal has been carried out as usual.

Housing. No new houses have been built during the year.

Food. Milk The dairies and premises registered in the district have been inspected as usual. Samples of milk for analysis are taken by the County Authorities.

Meat. There are two slaughter houses in the district which are visited regularly for the inspection of meat.

Infectious diseases. The following notifications have been received during the year, eleven cases of scarlet fever, one of diphtheria a boy aged 16 who had been partly immunised by one injection of A.P.T. fifty six of whooping cough, thirteen of measles and three of Lucerperal pyrexia.

Diphtheria immunisation. During the year 93 children under five years of age and 100 over five received two injections of A.P.T. for immunisation at the various schools and clinic.

These figures include temporary residents and some children from rural areas but do not include any that may have been done by private doctors so are only approximate.

Tuberculosis. There has not been any action required under the Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations.

Six cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year, 3 males aged 11, 29 and 52 years and 3 females aged 23, 53 and 54.

There were two deaths from pulmonary and one from non pulmonary tuberculosis which gives a death rate of .43 for tubercular diseases.

Yours faithfully,

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