

**[Report 1955] / Medical Officer of Health, Wakefield R.D.C.**

**Contributors**

Wakefield (England). Rural District Council.

**Publication/Creation**

1955

**Persistent URL**

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/qp22thdy>

**License and attribution**

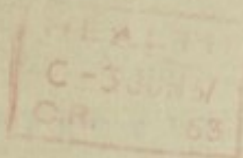
You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution, Non-commercial license.

Non-commercial use includes private study, academic research, teaching, and other activities that are not primarily intended for, or directed towards, commercial advantage or private monetary compensation. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



Wellcome Collection  
183 Euston Road  
London NW1 2BE UK  
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722  
E [library@wellcomecollection.org](mailto:library@wellcomecollection.org)  
<https://wellcomecollection.org>



*Libary*

WAKEFIELD

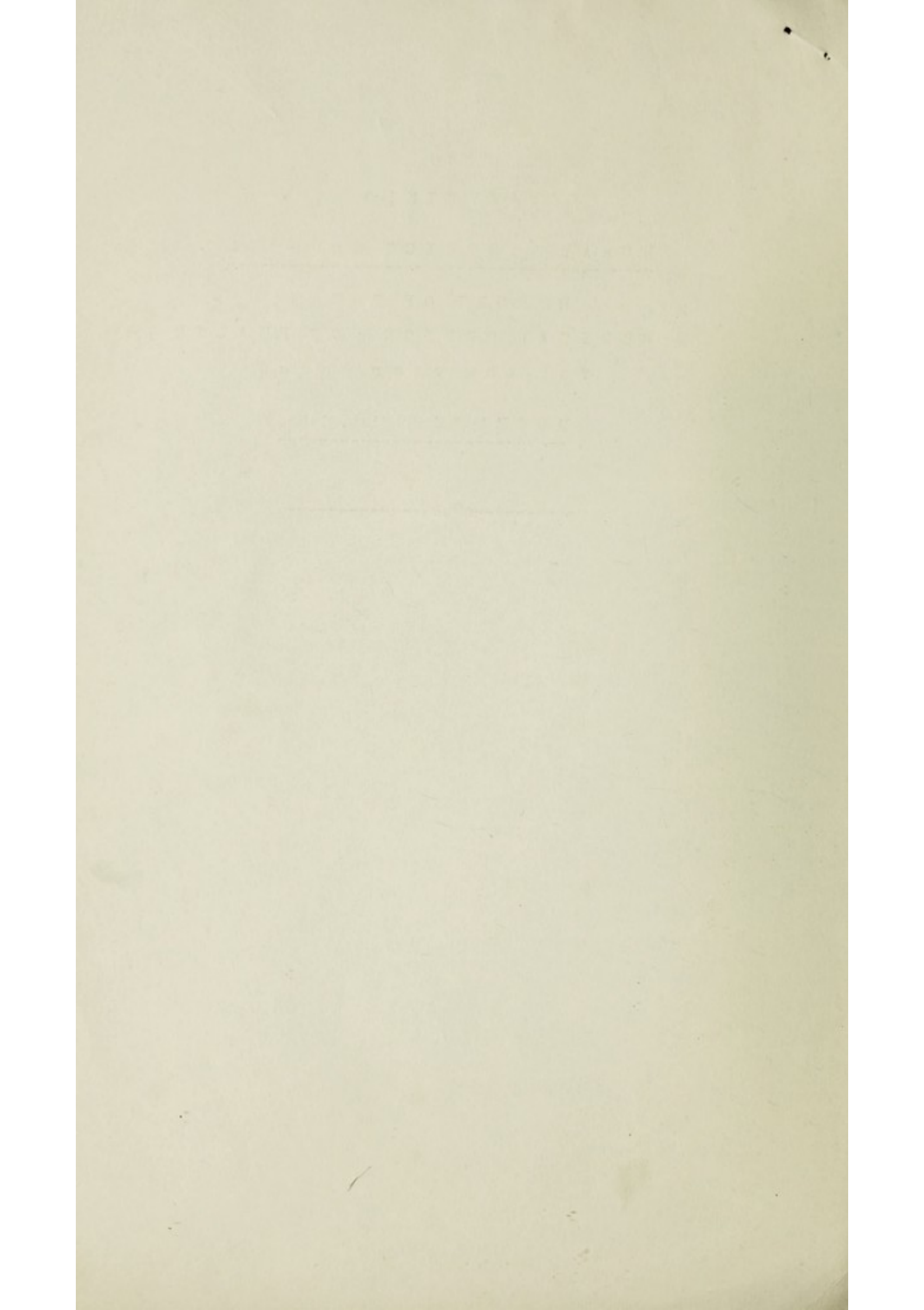
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
for the year ended

DECEMBER 31st. 1955.

-----oOo-----





WAKEFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman to the Council:

Councillor J. Crowther.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
(as at present constituted)  
-----

CHAIRMAN:

COUNCILLOR W. SANDERSON.

VICE CHAIRMAN:

COUNCILLOR W. B. SPURR.

MEMBERS:

COUNCILLOR J. E. CAWTHORNE.

COUNCILLOR J. CHALKLEY.

COUNCILLOR E. CROSSLEY.

COUNCILLOR J. CROWTHER.

COUNCILLOR R. DARWELL.

COUNCILLOR J. T. FOLEY, J.P.

COUNCILLOR B.A. HARDCASTLE.

COUNCILLOR MRS. I. HEPPLESTON.

COUNCILLOR E. JOHNS.

COUNCILLOR F. W. MIDDLETON.

COUNCILLOR J. H. MILNE.

COUNCILLOR W. SANDHAM.

COUNCILLOR MRS. A.P. WIGHTMAN.

-----oOo-----

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL:

G. ARMITAGE.

DEPUTY CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER.

A. ELSTONE, A.R.V.A.,  
A.C.C.S.

ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR:

J. C. PAYNE, B.Sc.,  
A.M.I.C.E.

-----oOo-----



FAKEXIERS BUREAU OF FIRST COUNCIL

Councilor J. Grover

Councilor J. Grover

(as at present constituted)

COUNCILOR W. PARKER

COUNCILOR W. S. BURR

COUNCILOR W. S. BURR

COUNCILOR

COUNCILOR J. E. CANTON  
COUNCILOR E. CROSBY  
COUNCILOR E. DAWSON  
COUNCILOR S. A. HANCOCK  
COUNCILOR E. JONES  
COUNCILOR J. H. KIMBLE  
COUNCILOR MRS. A. F. WINTER  
COUNCILOR J. W. MIDDLETON  
COUNCILOR E. J. HANCOCK  
COUNCILOR J. E. CANTON  
COUNCILOR E. CROSBY  
COUNCILOR E. DAWSON  
COUNCILOR S. A. HANCOCK  
COUNCILOR E. JONES  
COUNCILOR J. H. KIMBLE  
COUNCILOR MRS. A. F. WINTER

C. A. HANCOCK

C. A. HANCOCK

C. A. HANCOCK

C. A. HANCOCK

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:

Frederick G. E. Hill, D.S.O., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., F.R.S.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

Barbara Briggs, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

E. Heald, M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

C. Cannon, A.R.S.H.

Chief Clerk, Divisional Health Office:

A. Wright, D.P.A.

Clerk:

Miss M. Lloyd.

Digitized by the Internet Archive  
in 2018 with funding from  
Wellcome Library

SECTION A. - GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of Wakefield Rural District	21,335 acres.
Population (1951 Census)	19, 199
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate) Mid 1955	19,250
Number of Inhabited Houses (Rate Books)	6,049
Rateable Value (December 31st, 1955)	£90, 025
Sum represented by a Penny Rate:	£338.





To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee,  
Rural District of Wakefield.

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the Public Health and Welfare Services for the year ended, December 31st, 1955.

The Report has been drawn up in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health and in a form which is approved by the Ministry.

During the year effect was given to the amalgamation of the original Divisions 13 and 14 which were created under the scheme of the West Riding County Council for the Administration of Preventive Medical Services.

Reference is made to these changes in the Report.

Once again I wish to express my thanks for the help and co-operation I have invariably received from this Council and from your Officials, and also I wish to express my personal thanks to the Divisional Health Staff for their generous co-operation and help during the year under review.

I am,  
Your obedient servant,

Frederick G. E. Hill.

Medical Officer of Health.

The Divisional Health Office,  
Windsor House,  
MORLEY.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee,  
Local District of Newfield.

I have the honor to respond to you the annual report on the  
Public Health and Welfare Services for the year ended, December 31st,  
1936.

The Report has been drawn up in accordance with the instructions  
of the Ministry of Health and in a form which is approved by the  
Ministry.

During the past year there was given to the consideration of the  
Public Health Division is not in which were created under the scheme  
of the Public Health Division for the administration of  
the Public Health Services.

Reference is made to these changes in the Report.

Once again I wish to express my thanks for the help and  
co-operation I have frequently received from the Council and  
the Public Health Committee, and also I wish to express my personal  
thanks to the Public Health Committee for their generous co-  
operation and help during the past year.

I am,  
Your obedient servant,

Frederick G. E. Hill.

Medical Officer of Health.

The Divisional Public Health Officer,  
Public Health,  
Newfield.



## INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT.

Reference is made to the proposals of the West Riding County Council under which the original Divisions 13 and 14 of the County Council's Scheme for the Administration of the Preventive Medical Services were to be amalgamated. The proposals were put forward originally at the beginning of 1954 when the post of Divisional Medical Officer of Division 13 became vacant. The proposals affected the following County Districts:- the Borough of Morley, the Borough of Ossett, the Urban District of Horbury and the Rural District of Wakefield. Provisional agreement on a temporary basis was reached between the County District Councils and the County Council and effect was given to this in February 1954.

Since that date, the proposals have been finally agreed by the County District Councils and approved by the Ministry and the date of July 1st 1955 was fixed as the date on which the proposals would become effective, on a permanent basis.

Consequently on that date, July 1st 1955, the existing Divisional Health Office at Ossett was closed and the original office and staff were merged in the Divisional Health Office at Morley.

Through the amalgamation, economies have been effected in medical and clerical staffs and in the general administrative arrangements. Additionally to these staff changes, a Deputy Divisional Medical Officer (new appointment) has been appointed to act also as Deputy Medical Officer to the four County District Councils.

No curtailment of the existing School Health, Welfare and other essential services was proposed or made through the amalgamation.

Incidentally the building which was the original office of the number 13 Division is to be used as an Occupational Centre for mentally defective children within the Divisional Health Scheme.

More detailed reference to the effects of the amalgamation will be possible in the next succeeding annual report when the period of review will include at least one complete administrative year.

Reference to the text of the report will show that the Health and Sanitary Services of the area of the District Council have been well maintained during the year under review.

There has been no undue incidence of any infectious illness except that it has been a year with increased prevalence of measles. There were five cases of acute poliomyelitis but no death was recorded. A number of cases of dysentery were recorded, and notifications were received of some suspected cases of food poisoning.

Most of the notifications referred to cases of shigella sonnei but some few cases of infection with salmonella typhimurium occurred and the cases of "food poisoning" mentioned were in each case ascertained as cases of dysentery due to one or other of these organisms.

The Council has continued its policy in regard to improving the arrangements for drainage and sewage of the district and schemes have been prepared and submitted to the Ministry for approval where the extensions calls for this. Water supplies have been constantly under review and measures taken to increase pressures and through this to ensure more adequate and even supplies.

# INTERIM REPORT

Reference is made to the proposal of the West Riding County Council under which the original Division 13 and 14 of the County Council's Scheme for the Administration of the Yorkshire Medical Services were to be re-arranged. The proposals were first forwarded originally at the beginning of 1954 when the post of Divisional Medical Officer of Division 13 became vacant. The proposals affected the following County Districts - the Borough of Morley, the Borough of Wakefield, the Urban District of Morley and the Rural District of Wakefield. A preliminary agreement on a temporary basis was reached between the County District Councils and the County Council and effect was given to this in February 1954.

Since that date, the proposals have been finally agreed by the County District Councils and approved by the Ministry and the date of July 1st 1955 was fixed as the date on which the proposals would become effective, on a permanent basis.

Consequently on that date, July 1st 1955, the existing Divisional Medical Officer at Wakefield was asked to take over the original office and staff which were merged in the Divisional Medical Officer at Wakefield.

Through the re-arrangement, Wakefield has been affected in medical and administrative aspects and in the general administrative arrangements. Additionally to those staff changes, a Divisional Medical Officer (now vacant) has been appointed to take over the Wakefield District Council's Medical Officer to the Wakefield District Council.

The continuance of the existing Wakefield District Council and other Wakefield services was proposed or made through the re-arrangement.

Incidentally the building which was the original office of the Division 13 Division is to be used as an Occupational Centre for Wakefield District Council within the Divisional Medical Officer's Scheme.

More detailed reference to the effects of the re-arrangement will be available in the next Wakefield annual report when the period of review will include at least one complete administrative year.

Reference to the text of the report will show that the Wakefield and Wakefield Services of the area of the District Council have been well maintained during the year under review.

There has been no undue incidence of any infectious illness except that it has been a year with increased prevalence of measles. There were five cases of acute poliomyelitis but no death was recorded. A number of cases of diphtheria were recorded, and notifications were received of some suspected cases of food poisoning.

Most of the notifications referred to cases of shingles. Some of the cases of infection with salmonella typhi were notified and the cases of "food poisoning" mentioned were in each case associated with a case of diphtheria and so one or other of these organisms.

The Council has continued the policy in regard to improving the arrangements for drainage and sewage at the district and has been progressing and submitted to the Ministry for approval. The arrangements for this year have been completed. The arrangements for next year are being prepared and will be submitted to the Ministry for approval.



Progress continues to be made with the clearance of unfit houses and the provision of new Council houses.

The School Health and Welfare Services of the Local Health Authority have continued and there have been additional services provided and improvements in existing services effected.

I would refer to the extension of the Domestic Help Scheme, to the provision of protective treatment against tuberculosis (B.C.G. Vaccination) and to the provision of a new multiple clinic at Merley which in respect of some of its consultant and specialist services will serve the whole of the Divisional Area.

On the other hand, owing to the shortage of Dental Officers, it has not been possible to give adequate dental service throughout the Rural District although there is a certain provision for urgent and selected cases.



Provisional conditions to be made with the assistance of local boards  
and the provision of a new Council house.

The Council House and the provision of the local board  
have been considered and there have been additional  
provisions and improvements in existing services offered.

I would refer to the extension of the Council House  
to the provision of a new Council house and the provision of a new Council house  
to the provision of a new Council house and the provision of a new Council house  
to the provision of a new Council house and the provision of a new Council house

On the other hand, owing to the shortage of local officials,  
the Council House has been unable to give adequate local services  
to the Council House although there is a constant provision for the  
and related cases.

EXTRACTS FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1955.

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 19,250

LIVE BIRTHS:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	164	133	297
Illegitimate	5	6	11
	<u>169</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>308</u>

Birth Rate (Registrar General) 16.0  
Corrected Birth Rate 15.4

STILL BIRTHS:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	6	3	9
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>

Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still-Births) 28.4

DEATHS:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	114	77	191
Death Rate (Registrar General)			9.9
Corrected Death Rate			11.9
Maternal Mortality Rate			3.15

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	2	0	2
	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE:

All Infants per 1,000 live births 22.7  
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate  
live births 16.8  
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate  
live births 181.8

# PERCENTAGE OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1925

Population (Registrar General's Office) 10,250

## DEATHS

Total	Males	Females
127	102	25
11	8	3
<u>138</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>28</u>
Birth Rate (Registrar General's)	18.0	
Corrected Birth Rate	18.4	

## DEATH RATE

Total	Males	Females
9	8	1
0	0	0
<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>

Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still-Born) 28.4

## DEATH RATE

Total	Males	Females
101	114	77
9.2	Death Rate (Registrar General's)	
11.2	Corrected Death Rate	
2.18	Maternal Mortality Rate	

## DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

Total	Males	Females
8	5	3
0	0	0
<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>

## INFANT MORTALITY RATE

All Infants per 1,000 live births 28.7  
 Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 18.8  
 Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births 121.8

YEAR	BIRTH RATE	DEATH RATE	INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE	MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE	T.B. DEATH RATE	INFECTIOUS DISEASE DEATH RATE	CANCER DEATH RATE
1950	16.4	9.7	39	-	0.21	0.27	1.33
1951	17.0	10.1	15.3	3.01	0.26	0.05	1.51
1952	15.8	9.6	19.7	-	0.1	0.05	2.08
1953	18.0	9.0	26.2	-	0.1	-	1.78
1954	16.25	9.84	22.11	-	0.05	0.05	1.71
1955	16.00	9.9	22.7	3.15	0.21	0.10	1.56

A statement is included here of certain statistics shown as a comparative table with reference to six recent years.  
The table shows the general and particular trends in various vital and other statistics.



1. The data were obtained from a series of experiments in which the rate of reaction was measured at various temperatures and concentrations of the reactants. The results are given in the table below.

Run	Temp. (°C)	[A] (M)	[B] (M)	Rate (M/sec)
1	25.0	0.10	0.10	0.01
2	25.0	0.20	0.10	0.02
3	25.0	0.30	0.10	0.03
4	25.0	0.40	0.10	0.04
5	25.0	0.50	0.10	0.05
6	30.0	0.10	0.10	0.02
7	30.0	0.20	0.10	0.04
8	30.0	0.30	0.10	0.06
9	30.0	0.40	0.10	0.08
10	30.0	0.50	0.10	0.10



Cause of Death and Age Distribution

	Under 1 yr.		1 - 4		5 - 14		15 - 29		30 - 44		45-59		60-74		75 & over		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Tuberculosis, Respiratory					1				1	1			1				3	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases													1				1	
Cancer, Stomach													1	2	1		2	2
Cancer, Lung and Bronchus											1	3			1		5	-
Cancer, Breast													3				3	3
Cancer, Uterus													1				1	1
Cancer, Other					1						4		3	3	1	1	11	4
Lukaemia and Alukaemia					1				1								1	1
Vascular Lesions of Central Nervous System	1								2		1	1	6	5	6	6	15	13
Coronary Disease and Angina											6	1	12	6	11	3	29	10
Hypertension with Heart Disease											1	2			1	2	3	3
Other Heart Disease							1				1		7	3	5	10	15	13
Other Circulatory Disease	1										2	1	2	2	2	5	4	10
Pneumonia	3		1						1				2	1	2	3	8	5
Bronchitis												1					1	1
Other Respiratory Diseases													1			1	1	1
Stomach Ulcers														1		1		2
Gastritis and Enteritis														1			1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis										1								1
Pregnancy Childbirth and Abortion																	1	-
Congenital Malformations	1						1						3		2	2	7	2
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	1								1		1				2	2	2	2
Accidents														1			1	1
Suicide			1														1	-
Whooping Cough																		
Totals	5	2	2	-	2	-	3	-	5	4	15	6	45	29	37	36	114	77

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000

100000



### Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory which serves this administrative area is the Laboratory (Medical Research Council of the Ministry of Health) at Wood Street, Wakefield.

All specimens for general examination, submitted by the Medical Staff of the Department, by Medical Practitioners, by Health Authorities and others, may be submitted to this Laboratory. The examinations which are carried out in the Laboratory are chemical, biological and bacteriological.

Again, during the year 1955, full advantage has been taken of the service provided and again we wish to acknowledge the personal interest of the Director of the Laboratory and the helpful advice he has given on so many occasions.

Amongst the examinations carried out by this Laboratory for the Wakefield Rural District Council in 1955 were the following:

<u>Samples submitted</u>	<u>No. of examinations</u>
Examinations for diphtheria	7
" " haemolytic streptococcus	7
" " dysentery organisms	106
Milk samples for bacteriological examination	12
Water samples for bacteriological examination	<u>4</u>

### Ambulance Services.

It is the duty of the Local Health Authority, that is the West Riding County Council, to provide Ambulance Services throughout their administrative area of which the area of this County District is part.

This is a service available in all cases of general and infectious sickness and for accident and emergency.

This service, which has been efficiently provided in this area by the County Authority, is available on responsible call.

### General Hospital Accommodation.

Whilst there is no General or Special Hospital in the Wakefield Rural District, in the adjacent County Borough of Wakefield, in Barnsley, in Leeds and in Dewsbury, there is a very adequate provision of such Hospitals with full facilities for treatment, and which are available to residents in this District at all times, including emergency.

The accommodation has been sufficient for general needs but there is still a need for additional accommodation for elderly and chronic sick patients.

To ensure the best use of the bed accommodation which is available for the chronic sick, a priority scheme operates and the services of liaison Health Visitors are available to the Medical Staff of the Hospital Service to help towards the efficient working of the priority scheme.

### Isolation Hospitals.

In recent years, experience has shown that the need for isolation hospital bed accommodation is very much less than it was some years ago.

Reference to the statement on Infectious Diseases shows that very few of the notified cases required or received such institutional accommodation and treatment.





### Isolation Hospitals, contd.

The general arrangements in full are that the accommodation at Snapethorpe Isolation Hospital Wakefield, and the accommodation at Kendray Hospital Barnsley, is available to this area and in general the cases from here are admitted to these Hospitals.

Cases of certain selected infectious illnesses are admitted to Seacroft Hospital, Leeds, particularly cases of acute poliomyelitis, encephalitis, etc.

After initial treatment in this Hospital, cases of acute poliomyelitis showing residual paralysis, are later transferred to the orthopaedic unit at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield.

### Hospital After-Care.

Hospital after-care, a very comprehensive term, is a responsibility of the Local Health Authority. This duty is discharged through a close liaison with the various hospitals.

A flexible organisation has been established to meet the demands for the after-care service and many Nursing Staff and Social Workers are concerned to ensure that the service is an effective one.

Particular reference in this connection is made to the Home or Domiciliary Nursing Service of the Authority and the effective home nursing service given to patients for longer or shorter periods following their discharge from hospital and also to the general provision of nursing appliances, using that description in a very wide sense.

Requests are in general made by the hospitals, who may give very specific instructions regarding the after-care service to be given.

No figures are given in respect of visits or other aspects of this service, but the steady increase in the scope of this service and of the demands made on it is commented on.

### Mental Health.

There are two part-time Mental Health Social Workers employed in this Division and one of these is particularly employed in respect of the Wakefield Rural District.

These Mental Health Social Workers are largely concerned with the care of mental defectives under supervision and with the care and after-care of cases of mental illness.

The Social Workers carry out their duties in close association with the mental hospitals and institutions and with many voluntary bodies concerned with social welfare.

There were 40 patients under statutory supervision in their own homes. Fourteen were in employment and eight children were attending Occupation Centres, five at Wakefield and two at Castleford. The names of five patients were removed as being no longer in need of supervision.

There were ten patients under voluntary supervision and of these, four were in full-time employment.

One patient was under guardianship and one was at home on licence. New and existing after-care cases from mental hospitals numbered 13.





## MATERNITY SERVICES.

The demand for institutional accommodation for maternity cases continues to increase but our figures show that in 1955, with 317 total births, there were 145 confinements in Maternity Hospitals, a percentage of 45 as compared with a percentage of 49 in the preceding year, so it will be seen from this that in some cases the requests could not be met owing to a shortage of institutional beds, and selective restriction had to be exercised, particularly in regard to home conditions, that is, the suitability of the home conditions for domiciliary confinements.

Where hospital accommodation was required in emergency or where it was indicated for medical reasons, the accommodation was always available.

In general, patients were admitted to the County General Hospital at Wakefield, to the Manygates Maternity Hospital at Wakefield and to the Walton Hall Maternity Home.

The closing of Walton Hall as a Maternity Institution is now under consideration.

## DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

In the area of the Wakefield Rural District, there are employed three midwives devoting whole-time to Domiciliary Midwifery, and two midwives devoting part of their available time to Domiciliary Midwifery and the remainder of their available time to Home Nursing.

This practice is necessitated by the scattered population in certain parts of this area.

There has been no change in the total number of midwives employed and the staff has been sufficient for the calls made on their services during the year.

A statement in respect of the Domiciliary Midwifery Service during the year is given below:

Number of Domiciliary Midwives employed either whole-time in this work or part-time	5
Total number of cases attended	172
Number of cases where the nurses attended:	
(a) As Midwives	161
(b) As Maternity Nurses	11
	<u>172</u>
Number of cases where medical assistance was sought in emergency by Midwives	28
Total number of patients to whom gas and air analgesia was given	134
Percentage of cases receiving gas and air analgesia	78%
Corresponding figures for 1954 were as follows:	
Total number of patients delivered by midwives in domiciliary practice	165
Total number of patients receiving gas and air analgesia	125
PERCENTAGE	75%

# MATERNITY SERVICE

The demand for institutional accommodation for maternity cases continues to increase but our figures show that in 1955, with 317 total births, there were 148 confinements in Maternity Hospitals, a percentage of 46 as compared with a percentage of 43 in the preceding year, so it will be seen from this that in some cases the increase could not be met owing to a shortage of institutional beds, and selective restriction had to be exercised, particularly in regard to home confinements, that is, the availability of the home conditions for domiciliary confinements.

When hospital accommodation was required in emergency or where it was indicated for medical reasons, the accommodation was always available.

In general, patients were admitted to the County General Hospital at Waterford, to the Maternity Hospital at Waterford and to the Walton Hall Maternity Home.

The closing of Walton Hall as a Maternity Institution is now under consideration.

## DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE

In the area of the Waterford Rural District, there are employed three midwives devoting whole-time to Domiciliary Midwifery, and two midwives devoting part of their available time to Domiciliary Midwifery, and the remainder of their available time to Home Nursing.

This practice is necessitated by the scattered population in certain parts of this area.

There has been no change in the total number of midwives employed and the staff has been sufficient for the duties made on their services during the year.

A statement in respect of the Domiciliary Midwifery Service during the year is given below:

Number of Domiciliary Midwives employed either whole-time in this work or part-time

Total number of cases attended

Number of cases where the nurse attended:

(a) as Midwives	161
(b) as Maternity Nurses	17
	<hr/> 178

Number of cases where medical assistance was sought in emergency by Midwives

Total number of patients to whom gas and air analgesia was given

Percentage of cases receiving gas and air analgesia

Corresponding figures for 1954 were as follows:

Total number of patients delivered by midwives in domiciliary practice	167
Total number of patients receiving gas and air analgesia	125
Percentage	75%



## MATERNITY SERVICES, contd.

There was one Maternal death recorded in 1955. This patient died in the Walton Hall Maternity Home, where she was confined.

Such cases are subject to Ministry of Health investigation and are the subject of special inquiry and report.

### Puerperal Pyrexia.

Ten cases of puerperal pyrexia were notified in 1955 from the Wakefield Rural District Area. All notifications were received in respect of patients in the Walton Hall Maternity Home.

It is, however, pointed out that these notifications indicate only that the patient, in the lying-in period, had shown a certain temperature.

In most cases, with the notification, information was afforded of the cause of the temperature and in all cases this did not indicate a puerperal infection.

Investigations in respect of these notifications were carried out, particularly in regard to Nursing Staff. These investigations were carried out by the Medical Staff of the Home. In one case administrative action was indicated where a source of infection was suspected, and appropriate steps were taken in respect of this.

### Premature Babies.

Babies born with a birthweight under  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. are notified as "premature born babies" and form a group for whom special care is required in early hours of infancy, and in many cases for some considerable period after birth.

In view of the urgency, for immediate and particular nursing care in these cases, the Local Health Authority has made arrangements for specially trained staff to attend on short notice, and also for a "premature baby cot" with all necessary equipment, to be available for these cases.

In view of the need for specially trained staff to be quickly available to take over the nursing care of the premature infant, the Local Health Authority has made detailed arrangements for this and also for "premature baby cots" with all necessary equipment to be similarly available at short notice.

The records show that in 1955, there were 29 notifications of premature live births and 2 notifications of premature still-births.

Of the 29 infants notified as prematurely born, 27 survived the first 28 days after birth.

Weight at Birth	No. of premature births		No. Dying	No. surviving 28 days.
	Born Alive	Born dead (of over 28 weeks duration of pregnancy)		
<u>lbs.</u>				
$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	-
$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	-	2
$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	2	1	-	3
$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$	3	-	-	3
$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$	3	-	-	2
$6\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$	2	-	-	17
$7\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$	17	-	-	27
TOTAL	29	2	2	





## HOME NURSING.

The Staff employed in Home Nursing duties in the Rural District has continued without alteration during the year under review. Three nurses are employed whole-time and two nurses for part-time.

We find that during 1955, there has been a somewhat lesser demand on this service and comparing the figures for 1955 with those for 1954 it is seen that the Home Nurses attended a total of 696 cases in 1955 as compared with 802 in 1954 and that in attending to these patients, they made a total of 12,817 visits in 1955 as compared with 14,307 in the previous year.

The analysed statement in respect of 1955 is given below:-

Area	Number Treated				T.B.	Total Visits
	Medical	Surgical	Infectious Disease	Maternity		
Bretton, Notton, Woolley	35	26	-	-	6	975
Middlestown, Overton, Netherton	63	42	-	-	3	2694
Crofton and Winterset	67	53	2	-	2	3585
Grigglesstone, Walton and Newmillerdam	156	42	-	1	5	2880
Sharlston, Warmfield and Kirkthorpe	148	37	-	3	5	2683
TOTALS	469	200	2	4	21	12817

## HOME HELPS.

The Division has an establishment now of 37 Home Helps and they are employed throughout the Division relative to population and also relative to local need.

The establishment was increased to 37 in 1954 and it is insufficient for the need of the Division and call has been made to some extent on the County Council's reserve pool to supplement the Local Establishment during the year.

The increasing need for Home Help services is a recurring matter for consideration by the County Authority, which Authority has recently proposed a further increase of 100 Home Helps for the West Riding Administrative Area.

This proposal has been approved by the Ministry of Health and this will mean an increased establishment to meet approved requests in the area of the Rural District Council.

The employment of Home Helps in the Wakefield Rural District in 1955 is shown in the following Table:

Type of Cases	No. of Cases	Hours Employed
Tuberculosis	2	558
Chronic Sick	99	17495
Maternity	6	523
Other Illnesses	3	305
	<u>110</u>	<u>18881</u>



The Board of Directors in their meeting held on the 10th day of May 1933, approved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors do hereby authorize the President to execute any and all contracts, leases, agreements, and other instruments which may be necessary or proper for the carrying out of the business of the Corporation.

The following statement is in respect of 1933 is given below:

Year	1933	1932	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919	1918	1917	1916	1915	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887	1886	1885	1884	1883	1882	1881	1880	1879	1878	1877	1876	1875	1874	1873	1872	1871	1870	1869	1868	1867	1866	1865	1864	1863	1862	1861	1860	1859	1858	1857	1856	1855	1854	1853	1852	1851	1850	1849	1848	1847	1846	1845	1844	1843	1842	1841	1840	1839	1838	1837	1836	1835	1834	1833	1832	1831	1830	1829	1828	1827	1826	1825	1824	1823	1822	1821	1820	1819	1818	1817	1816	1815	1814	1813	1812	1811	1810	1809	1808	1807	1806	1805	1804	1803	1802	1801	1800	1799	1798	1797	1796	1795	1794	1793	1792	1791	1790	1789	1788	1787	1786	1785	1784	1783	1782	1781	1780	1779	1778	1777	1776	1775	1774	1773	1772	1771	1770	1769	1768	1767	1766	1765	1764	1763	1762	1761	1760	1759	1758	1757	1756	1755	1754	1753	1752	1751	1750	1749	1748	1747	1746	1745	1744	1743	1742	1741	1740	1739	1738	1737	1736	1735	1734	1733	1732	1731	1730	1729	1728	1727	1726	1725	1724	1723	1722	1721	1720	1719	1718	1717	1716	1715	1714	1713	1712	1711	1710	1709	1708	1707	1706	1705	1704	1703	1702	1701	1700	1699	1698	1697	1696	1695	1694	1693	1692	1691	1690	1689	1688	1687	1686	1685	1684	1683	1682	1681	1680	1679	1678	1677	1676	1675	1674	1673	1672	1671	1670	1669	1668	1667	1666	1665	1664	1663	1662	1661	1660	1659	1658	1657	1656	1655	1654	1653	1652	1651	1650	1649	1648	1647	1646	1645	1644	1643	1642	1641	1640	1639	1638	1637	1636	1635	1634	1633	1632	1631	1630	1629	1628	1627	1626	1625	1624	1623	1622	1621	1620	1619	1618	1617	1616	1615	1614	1613	1612	1611	1610	1609	1608	1607	1606	1605	1604	1603	1602	1601	1600	1599	1598	1597	1596	1595	1594	1593	1592	1591	1590	1589	1588	1587	1586	1585	1584	1583	1582	1581	1580	1579	1578	1577	1576	1575	1574	1573	1572	1571	1570	1569	1568	1567	1566	1565	1564	1563	1562	1561	1560	1559	1558	1557	1556	1555	1554	1553	1552	1551	1550	1549	1548	1547	1546	1545	1544	1543	1542	1541	1540	1539	1538	1537	1536	1535	1534	1533	1532	1531	1530	1529	1528	1527	1526	1525	1524	1523	1522	1521	1520	1519	1518	1517	1516	1515	1514	1513	1512	1511	1510	1509	1508	1507	1506	1505	1504	1503	1502	1501	1500	1499	1498	1497	1496	1495	1494	1493	1492	1491	1490	1489	1488	1487	1486	1485	1484	1483	1482	1481	1480	1479	1478	1477	1476	1475	1474	1473	1472	1471	1470	1469	1468	1467	1466	1465	1464	1463	1462	1461	1460	1459	1458	1457	1456	1455	1454	1453	1452	1451	1450	1449	1448	1447	1446	1445	1444	1443	1442	1441	1440	1439	1438	1437	1436	1435	1434	1433	1432	1431	1430	1429	1428	1427	1426	1425	1424	1423	1422	1421	1420	1419	1418	1417	1416	1415	1414	1413	1412	1411	1410	1409	1408	1407	1406	1405	1404	1403	1402	1401	1400	1399	1398	1397	1396	1395	1394	1393	1392	1391	1390	1389	1388	1387	1386	1385	1384	1383	1382	1381	1380	1379	1378	1377	1376	1375	1374	1373	1372	1371	1370	1369	1368	1367	1366	1365	1364	1363	1362	1361	1360	1359	1358	1357	1356	1355	1354	1353	1352	1351	1350	1349	1348	1347	1346	1345	1344	1343	1342	1341	1340	1339	1338	1337	1336	1335	1334	1333	1332	1331	1330	1329	1328	1327	1326	1325	1324	1323	1322	1321	1320	1319	1318	1317	1316	1315	1314	1313	1312	1311	1310	1309	1308	1307	1306	1305	1304	1303	1302	1301	1300	1299	1298	1297	1296	1295	1294	1293	1292	1291	1290	1289	1288	1287	1286	1285	1284	1283	1282	1281	1280	1279	1278	1277	1276	1275	1274	1273	1272	1271	1270	1269	1268	1267	1266	1265	1264	1263	1262	1261	1260	1259	1258	1257	1256	1255	1254	1253	1252	1251	1250	1249	1248	1247	1246	1245	1244	1243	1242	1241	1240	1239	1238	1237	1236	1235	1234	1233	1232	1231	1230	1229	1228	1227	1226	1225	1224	1223	1222	1221	1220	1219	1218	1217	1216	1215	1214	1213	1212	1211	1210	1209	1208	1207	1206	1205	1204	1203	1202	1201	1200	1199	1198	1197	1196	1195	1194	1193	1192	1191	1190	1189	1188	1187	1186	1185	1184	1183	1182	1181	1180	1179	1178	1177	1176	1175	1174	1173	1172	1171	1170	1169	1168	1167	1166	1165	1164	1163	1162	1161	1160	1159	1158	1157	1156	1155	1154	1153	1152	1151	1150	1149	1148	1147	1146	1145	1144	1143	1142	1141	1140	1139	1138	1137	1136	1135	1134	1133	1132	1131	1130	1129	1128	1127	1126	1125	1124	1123	1122	1121	1120	1119	1118	1117	1116	1115	1114	1113	1112	1111	1110	1109	1108	1107	1106	1105	1104	1103	1102	1101	1100	1099	1098	1097	1096	1095	1094	1093	1092	1091	1090	1089	1088	1087	1086	1085	1084	1083	1082	1081	1080	1079	1078	1077	1076	1075	1074	1073	1072	1071	1070	1069	1068	1067	1066	1065	1064	1063	1062	1061	1060	1059	1058	1057	1056	1055	1054	1053	1052	1051	1050	1049	1048	1047	1046	1045	1044	1043	1042	1041	1040	1039	1038	1037	1036	1035	1034	1033	1032	1031	1030	1029	1028	1027	1026	1025	1024	1023	1022	1021	1020	1019	1018	1017	1016	1015	1014	1013	1012	1011	1010	1009	1008	1007	1006	1005	1004	1003	1002	1001	1000	999	998	997	996	995	994	993	992	991	990	989	988	987	986	985	984	983	982	981	980	979	978	977	976	975	974	973	972	971	970	969	968	967	966	965	964	963	962	961	960	959	958	957	956	955	954	953	952	951	950	949	948	947	946	945	944	943	942	941	940	939	938	937	936	935	934	933	932	931	930	929	928	927	926	925	924	923	922	921	920	919	918	917	916	915	914	913	912	911	910	909	908	907	906	905	904	903	902	901	900	899	898	897	896	895	894	893	892	891	890	889	888	887	886	885	884	883	882	881	880	879	878	877	876	875	874	873	872	871	870	869	868	867	866	865	864	863	862	861	860	859	858	857	856	855	854	853	852	851	850	849	848	847	846	845	844	843	842	841	840	839	838	837	836	835	834	833	832	831	830	829	828	827	826	825	824	823	822	821	820	819	818	817	816	815	814	813	812	811	810	809	808	807	806	805	804	803	802	801	800	799	798	797	796	795	794	793	792	791	790	789	788	787	786	785	784	783	782	781	780	779	778	777	776	775	774	773	772	771	770	769	768	767	766	765	764	763	762	761	760	759	758	757	756	755	754	753	752	751	750	749	748	747	746	745	744	743	742	741	740	739	738	737	736	735	734	733	732	731	730	729	728	727	726	725	724	723	722	721	720	719	718	717	716	715	714	713	712	711	710	709	708	707	706	705	704	703	702	701	700	699	698	697	696	695	694	693	692	691	690	689	688	687	686	685	684	683	682	681	680	679	678	677	676	675	674	673	672	671	670	669	668	667	666	665	664	663	662	661	660	659	658	657	656	655	654	653	652	651	650	649	648	647	646	645	644	643	642	641	640	639	638	637	636	635	634	633	632	631	630	629	628	627	626	625	624	623	622	621	620	619	618	617	616	615	614	613	612	611	610	609	608	607	606	605	604	603	602	601	600	599	598	597	596	595	594	593	592	591	590	589	588	587	586	585	584	583	582	581	580	579	578	577	576	575	574	573	572	571	570	569	568	567	566	565	564	563	562	561	560	559	558	557	556	555	554	553	552	551	550	549	548	547	546	545	544	543	542	541	540	539	538	537	536	535	534	533	532	53
------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----

## INFANT WELFARE SERVICES.

The Infant Welfare Centres which are held in the Wakefield Rural District are as follows:

### CROFTON:

The Mission Hall, Crofton, each Monday afternoon 2.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

### SHARLSTON:

St. Luke's Hall, Sharlston, each Tuesday afternoon 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### MIDDLESTOWN.

The Church School Room, Middlestown, each Tuesday afternoon, 2.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

### CRIGGLESTONE:

The Village Institute Hall, Crigglestone, each Wednesday afternoon, 2.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

The attendances at these clinics for the year 1955 are shown in the tables below:

#### (1) Crofton Infant Welfare Centre:-

Total attendances, 1955.

(a) Children under 1 year

1100

(b) Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years

448

Total

1548

#### (2) Average attendance per session

30

Children attending for the first time in 1955 and who at the time of their first attendances were:

(a) Under 1 year of age

61

(b) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years

119

Total

180

#### (1) Sharlston Infant Welfare Centre:-

Total attendances, 1955:

(a) Children under 1 year

1027

(b) Children between the ages of 1 and 5 yrs.

717

Total

1744

#### (2) Average attendance per session

33

Children attending for the first time in 1955 and who at the time of their first attendance were:

(a) Under 1 year of age

61

(b) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years

96

Total

157

# INFANT WELFARE SERVICES

The Infant Welfare Centres which are held in the Waterfield Rural District are as follows:

## GROTON:

The Mission Hall, Groton, each Monday afternoon 2.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

## SHARLETON:

St. Luke's Hall, Sharleton, each Tuesday afternoon 2.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

## MIDDLESTOWN:

The Church School Room, Middlestown, each Tuesday afternoon, 2.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

## CRICKLESTONE:

The Village Institute Hall, Cricklestone, each Wednesday afternoon, 2.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

The attendances at these clinics for the year 1935 are shown in the tables below:

### (1) Groton Infant Welfare Centre:-

Total attendances, 1935:	1100
(a) Children under 1 year	448
(b) Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years	1052
Total	1500

### (2) Average attendance per session

20

Children attending for the first time in 1935 and who at the time of their first attendance were:

(a) Under 1 year of age	61
(b) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years	118
Total	179

### (1) Sharleton Infant Welfare Centre:-

Total attendances, 1935:	1037
(a) Children under 1 year	377
(b) Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years	1000
Total	1377

### (2) Average attendance per session

20

Children attending for the first time in 1935 and who at the time of their first attendance were:

(a) Under 1 year of age	61
(b) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years	95
Total	156



INFANT WELFARE SERVICES, contd.

(1) Middlestown Infant Welfare Centre:

Total attendances, 1955:

(a) Children under 1 year	552
(b) Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years	<u>247</u>
Total	<u>799</u>

(2) Average attendance per session 16

Children attending for the first time in 1955 and who at the time of their first attendance were:

(a) Under 1 year of age	47
(b) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years	<u>94</u>
Total	<u>141</u>

(1) Crigglostone Infant Welfare Centre:

Total attendances, 1955:

(a) Children under 1 year	1290
(b) Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years	<u>413</u>
Total	<u>1703</u>

(2) Average attendance per session 33

Children attending for the first time in 1955 and who at the time of their first attendance were:

(a) Under 1 year of age	87
(b) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years	<u>79</u>
Total	<u>166</u>

The total attendances at all these Centres in 1955 were 5794. In 1954, the total attendances came to 5598 so that there has been a better attendance during the year under review.

There has been a falling away, however, in the attendance at the Middlestown Clinic, (799 total attendances as compared with 1012 in the previous year). The three other clinics showed improvements in attendances, in respect both of infants under one year of age and of toddlers.

During the year, attention has been drawn to the need for improvements in some premises and in this Service, and following representations it is hoped that improvements will be effected.

Recently representations have been made with regard to the need or desirability of establishing welfare centres and clinics in centres of population in the Rural District not at present enjoying these facilities. In particular, one representation has been made recently in respect of the Netherton Area (Sitlington).

The distribution of "National Milk" and accessory foods, in the Welfare Centres, has been of obvious value in the work of these Welfare Clinics.

(1) West Virginia Welfare Centre:

Total attendance, 1955:  
(a) Children under 1 year  
(b) Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years  
Total 1

(2) Average attendance per session

Children attending for the first time in 1955 and who at the time of

their first attendance were:  
(a) Under 1 year of age  
(b) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years  
Total 1

(1) Charleston Infant Welfare Centre:

Total attendance, 1955:  
(a) Children under 1 year  
(b) Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years  
Total 1

(2) Average attendance per session

Children attending for the first time in 1955 and who at the time of

their first attendance were:  
(a) Under 1 year of age  
(b) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years  
Total 1

The total attendance at all three Centres in 1955 was 5784. In 1954, the total attendance was 5598 so that there has been a better attendance during the year under review.

There has been a falling away, however, in the attendance at the Charleston Clinic, (799 total attendance as compared with 1018 in the previous year). The three other clinics showed improvements in attendance, in respect both of infants under one year of age and of toddlers.

During the year, attention has been given to the need for improvements in some premises and in this service, and following representations it is hoped that improvements will be effected.

Recently representations have been made with regard to the need for decentralization of obstetric and gynaecological services in the County of West Virginia. In particular, one representation has been made recently in respect of the West Virginia Hospital (Martinsburg).

The distribution of "National Milk" and necessary foods, in the Welfare Centres, has been of obvious value in the work of these Welfare Clinics.



**Statement of Dried Milk and other preparations distributed at the various Infant Welfare Centres in 1955:-**

**Table of Sales and Free Issues:**

**Sales at Full Cost.**

	<u>Criggle-</u> <u>stone</u>	<u>Crofton</u>	<u>Sharlston</u>	<u>Middle-</u> <u>town.</u>
Cow and Gate Dried Milk	303	5	164	67
Ostermilk Dried Milk	1508	1580	1505	455
Trufood Dried Milk	-	1	-	95
Horlicks Dried Milk	200	209	455	163
Farex	137	92	132	67
Cerex	-	-	-	3
Robinson's Groats	121	34	35	26
Robinsons's Barley	4	10	28	-
Robrex	-	27	19	23
Scotts Food	53	-	56	50
Trufood Cereal	-	-	14	85
Bovril Weaning Cubes	128	68	210	59
Maltoline	-	9	-	1
Roboleine	-	-	-	-
Virol	47	58	118	96
Ovaltine	135	211	252	87
Nestles Strained Foods	24	-	42	-
Cod Liver Oil and Malt	22	4	47	2
Ribena	-	3	-	-
Rose Hip Syrup	-	30	52	34
Glucose	150	125	393	107
Liquid Paraffin	-	7	2	-
Minadex	12	29	59	14
Lactogol	-	-	4	-
Colact	4	41	60	1
Robsoup	103	50	29	35

**Free Issues.**

Horlicks	10	-	-	-
Ostermilk Dried Milk	4	28	-	-
Scotts Food	-	6	-	4
Cow & Gate Dried Milk	9	-	-	-
Minadex	-	2	-	-
Glucose	-	11	-	-

**Distribution of Welfare Foods, etc.**

As reported in the Annual Report for 1955, the Health Department is now responsible for the Distribution of National Dried Milk, Orange Juice, Cod Liver Oil and Vitamin Capsules (Ministry of Food and accessory Food Products).

The distribution is carried out in the Welfare Centres and Clinics and where other Dried Milks, Weaning Foods, etc are distributed and this is done by clerical staff working under the supervision of the Medical Officer and Health Visitors in the Clinics.

These arrangements have been operated since June, 1954 and as far as possible, the service given in the Ministry of Food earlier and through the Employment Exchanges, more recently, has been maintained.

A statement of the Food and other preparations distributed in the Infant Welfares and elsewhere under the scheme up to the end of the year is given in the summary below:-

	<u>Woolley</u>	<u>Cri-gle-</u> <u>stone</u>	<u>Crofton</u>	<u>Sharlston</u>	<u>Middle-</u> <u>stown</u>
National Dried Milk	-	1065 tins	1393 tins	1426 tins	173 tins
Orange Juice	47 botts.	1454 bots.	951 bots.	1685 bots.	1283 bots
A & D. Capsules	-	63 pkts.	74 pkts.	126 pkts.	94 pkts
Cod Liver Oil	12 bots.	319 bots.	225 bots.	312 bots.	242 bots.



Statement of Sales and other preparations distributed at the various Infant Welfare Centres in 1935-36  
Table of Sales and Free Issues  
as at 31st Dec.

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

Distribution of Welfare Foods, etc.

As reported in the Annual Report for 1935, the Health Department is now responsible for the distribution of Welfare Foods, etc. and the Ministry of Food and necessary Food Products.

The distribution is carried out in the Welfare Centres and other places where other Welfare Foods, etc. are distributed and this is done by Welfare staff working under the supervision of the Medical Officer and Health Visitors in the Centres. These arrangements have been operated since June, 1935, and as far as possible, the service given in the Ministry of Food is maintained and through the Employment Exchange, more recently, has been maintained.

A statement of the food and other preparations distributed in the Infant Welfare and elsewhere under the scheme up to the end of the year is given in the summary below:-

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

### Pre- and Post-Natal Clinics.

Pre and Post-Natal Clinics continue to be held in four districts in the Rural Area. These are Crofton, Sharlston, Crigglesstone and Middlestown. Owing to falling attendances at these clinics, it has been necessary to hold these examination clinics on the same half-days as the Infant Welfare Sessions, the earlier part of the session being devoted to the pre- and post-natal clinics and the later part of the session to Infant Welfare.

The chief reason for the falling attendances is, of course, the alternative provision made for pre- and post-natal care through the National Health Service.

Under this scheme, a special provision is made for Private Medical Practitioners to undertake the care of these patients and it's apparent that more and more patients take advantage of this special provision.

The figures of attendances at the pre- and post-natal clinics for the year 1955 are shown in the following statement.

	<u>Criggles-</u> <u>stone</u>	<u>Crofton</u>	<u>Sharlston</u>	<u>Middles-</u> <u>town.</u>
<u>Ante-natal Clinics.</u>				
Total no. of women who attended	28	27	11	3
Total no. of attendances	40	84	33	13
<u>Post Natal Clinics.</u>				
Total no. of women who attended	-	6	3	2
Total no. of attendances	-	6	3	2

# Post-Natal Clinic

The Post-Natal Clinic continues to be held in the hospital on the 1st floor. The clinic is held on Wednesdays and Fridays. It has been necessary to hold these examinations on the 1st floor as the 2nd floor is being used for the purpose of the clinic being held on the 1st floor. The clinic is held on the 1st floor and the purpose of the clinic is to provide a service for the post-natal period.

The chief reason for the falling attendance is, of course, the alternative provision made for pre- and post-natal care through the National Health Service.

Under this scheme, a special provision is made for private medical practitioners to undertake the care of these patients and it is apparent that more and more patients take advantage of this special provision.

The following attendance at the pre- and post-natal clinics for the year 1955 are shown in the following statement.

Post-Natal Clinic			
Total no. of women who attended			
1955	11	27	38
1954	11	27	38
Total no. of women who attended			
1955	11	27	38
1954	11	27	38



## Health Visitors.

Fully trained Health Visitors are not available at present in sufficient numbers to meet demands, and in this Division, whilst we are under the approved establishment so far as total staff is concerned we have also engaged in this work, Nurses who do not hold the appropriate Certificate of a Health Visitor but who through training and experience, are competent to carry out the duties of a Health Visitor and School Nurse on the District and in the Clinics and Welfare Centres.

This position is the more important in relation to the recent changes in the duties and responsibilities of Health Visitors employed in Health Departments.

Engaged at one time chiefly in Infant Welfare and School Health Services, they are now more and more concerned with the care of aged persons, with problem families, with neglected children and other social problems.

The social work of the Health Visitors and School Nurses is still largely carried out through personal contacts in individual homes and the statement given below of the visits carried out in 1955 is an indication of this.

### STATEMENT OF HEALTH VISITORS' HOME VISITS, 1955:

	<u>Sharlston</u>	<u>Crofton</u>	<u>Criggle- stone</u>	<u>Middles- town.</u>
(1) <u>To Expectant Mothers.</u>				
(a) First Visits	22	32	15	8
(b) Re-visits	43	33	-	4
(2) <u>To children under 1 yr. of age.</u>				
(a) First Visits	55	78	114	80
(b) Re-visits	522	422	861	285
(3) <u>To children 1-2 yrs. of age.</u>				
Total Visits	496	188	273	207
(4) <u>To children 2-5 yrs. of age.</u>				
Total Visits	522	431	145	378
(5) <u>Other Visits.</u>	757	468	920	332

Total Visits - 7,691.





# School Health Service.

There are 14 schools within the Administrative Area of the Rural District Council and these separate schools comprise 19 separate school departments.

The total school roll figure for 1955 is shown as 2528.

Periodic or Routine Medical Inspections of the children in attendance at these schools is carried out at present in four selected age groups, one additional age group is of children attaining to the age of 8 years. The group now examined are consequently: (a) Entrants, (b) Attaining to the age of 8, (c) Attaining to the age of 11 and (d) Leavers.

TABLE A.

SCHOOL	No. of Sessions	No. of children seen						
		Routine						Non-Routine
		Total	Entrants	7 - 8 yrs. group	Last yr. primary	First yr.	last year secondary	
Heath Parochial	1	5	5	-	-	-	-	9
Warmfield	1	16	7	-	9	-	-	13
Sharlston C.P.Mixed	6	106	-	74	19	-	13	3
Sharlston C.P.Infs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sharlston National	1	8	1	-	7	-	-	12
Crigglestone C.P. Infants	2	25	25	-	-	-	-	-
Crigglestone C.P. Mixed	7	102	-	51	51	-	-	40
Crigglestone C.of E.	3	43	22	13	8	-	-	2
Newmillerdam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Bretton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wolton C.P.	5	106	41	46	19	-	-	7
Woolley Colliery C.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherton	4	92	38	-	54	-	-	12
Middlestown C.P. Infants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Middlestown C.P. Mixed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crofton C.P.Infs.	7	78	78	-	-	-	-	50
Crofton C.P. Mixed	2	18	-	-	18	-	-	68
Crofton Sec.Mod.	8	113	-	-	-	41	72	74
Woolley C.of E.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	47	712	217	184	185	41	85	290





# School Health Service, contd.

## Nutrition.

The nutritional state of the individual child is assessed at every Periodic Inspection by the examining Medical Officer and is recorded as A (good), B (average) or C (poor).

The findings for 1955 are shown in the accompanying table, and in only 2 cases (0.28%) was the state of nutrition recorded as below average.

Table B.

State of Nutrition.

	A (good)	B (average)	C (poor)
Entrants	151	66	-
7 - 8 years	131	52	1
Last Year Primary	128	56	1
First Year Secondary	16	25	-
Last Year Secondary	67	18	-
Total	493	217	2
Percentage of total examined	69.24	30.47	0.28

## Defects other than Defects of Nutrition.

In addition to the Routine or Periodic Inspections referred to above, other medical examinations are carried out by the Authority's staff, in clinics, in schools and elsewhere and these examinations are referred to collectively as routine or special.

From either routine or non-routine medical inspections defects are found in the children examined and these defects are classified as (1) Defects requiring treatment (marked T in the accompanying Table) or (2) Defects requiring further observation or supervision (and marked O in the accompanying table.)

This summary shows the total defects found at the medical examinations of the children in the schools in this area in 1955:-

TABLE C.

	Routine		Non-Routine	
	T	O	T	O
Skin	22	5	13	8
Eyes:				
Vision	50	27	11	59
Squint	9	13	3	15
Other	6	6	-	-
Ears:				
Hearing	10	3	3	5
Otitis Media	2	5	2	4
Other	-	3	-	-
Nose or Throat:	25	23	1	23
Speech	4	3	5	3
Cervical Glands	-	16	1	11
Heart & Circulation	2	24	-	7
Lungs	4	15	2	6
Development:				
Hernia	-	1	-	-
Other	-	-	-	1
Orthopaedic:				
Posture	-	4	-	1
Flat Feet	4	2	-	6
Other	2	11	5	9





### CLEANLINESS SURVEYS.

The School Nurses attend every school department at regular intervals during the year to examine the children for uncleanly and verminous conditions.

The accompanying table gives a summary of the numbers of children examined in the individual departments, with an analysis of the findings. Where uncleanly or verminous conditions are found, parents are informed and instructed how to cleanse their children. Warnings are given in cases of non-compliance, and legal proceedings are instituted where necessary.

SCHOOL	No. on roll	Individuals Infested	Percentage of total infested	
			1954	1955
Crigglestone C.of E.	97	4	3.09	4.12
Crigglestone C.P.				
Infants	85	13	4.7	15.3
Crigglestone C.P.				
Mixed	211	18	8.53	8.54
Crofton C.P.Infs.	158	23 )		
Crofton Mixed	192	32 )	12.66	15.69
Crofton Sec.Mod.	361	50	1.1	13.86
Heath Parochial	47	-	-	-
Middlestown C.P.Infs	73	5	1.37	6.85
Middlestown C.P.Mixed	151	11	2.05	7.29
Netherton	134	15	3.73	11.12
Newmillerdam	54	5	9.26	9.25
Sharlston C.P.Infs.	151	10	6.71	6.62
Sharlston C.P.Mixed	369	36	.83	9.75
Sharlston National	54	-	-	-
Warmfield	65	3	1.54	4.06
Walton	146	2	6.85	1.36
West Bretton	40	3	-	7.05
Woolley Colliery C.P.	109	14	1.97	12.83
Woolley C.of E.	21	1	-	4.76

### Dental Services.

There is at present no routine dental inspection and dental care scheme operating in the area of the Rural District Council.

This is due entirely to dental staff shortage in the County Council's Administrative Area, and no indication can be given at present as to when such service can be organized.

Meanwhile, the County Central Dental Clinic in Wakefield, will accept a number of cases from this District for treatment, and some additional cases can similarly be accepted for treatment at the Dental clinic which is held at Croft House, Ossett.



# STATISTICAL SUMMARY

The School Nurses attend every school department at regular intervals during the year to examine the children for unsuitability and venereal conditions.

The accompanying table gives a summary of the numbers of children examined in the individual departments, with an analysis of the findings. Where unsuitability or venereal conditions are found, parents are informed and instructed how to cleanse their children. Where necessary, given in cases of non-compliance, and legal proceedings are instituted where necessary.

Department	No. on Roll	Individuals Examined	Percentage of Total Examined
Orphanage, C. of W.	27	4	3.09
Orphanage, C. of W.	88	13	4.7
Infants	211	18	8.53
Orphanage, C. of W.	188	23	12.24
Orphanage, C. of W.	182	22	12.64
Orphanage, C. of W.	281	20	7.1
Orphanage, C. of W.	47	-	-
Orphanage, C. of W.	73	3	1.37
Orphanage, C. of W.	181	11	6.08
Orphanage, C. of W.	134	18	13.43
Orphanage, C. of W.	24	8	3.33
Orphanage, C. of W.	131	10	7.63
Orphanage, C. of W.	288	26	9.03
Orphanage, C. of W.	24	-	-
Orphanage, C. of W.	88	3	1.54
Orphanage, C. of W.	148	2	1.35
Orphanage, C. of W.	40	7	17.5
Orphanage, C. of W.	103	14	13.59
Orphanage, C. of W.	21	1	4.76

## Dental Services.

There is at present no routine dental inspection and dental care scheme operating in the area of the Rural District Council.

This is due entirely to dental staff shortage in the County Council's Administrative Area, and no indication can be given as to when such service can be organized.

Meanwhile, the County Council Dental Clinic in Wakefield, will accept a number of cases from this District for treatment, and some dental cases can similarly be accepted for treatment at the dental clinic which is held at Graft House, Garske.

TABLE C. continued.

	Routine		Non-Routine	
	T	O	T	O
Nervous System:				
Epilepsy	1	-	-	2
Other	-	2	1	1
Psychological:				
Development	-	-	-	-
Stability	2	-	1	-
Other Defects:	79	18	12	24

Where medical or physical defects are found in schoolchildren, appropriate action is taken to ensure that treatment is obtained where this is indicated and in other cases to ensure observation or supervision by the Nursing and other staff and later medical examination.

#### Treatment Clinics.

The Local Health Authority themselves make provision in clinics for certain treatments of schoolchildren and such clinics are established at Crofton, Sharlston, Walton, Crigglestone, Middlestown and Netherton.

At these clinics treatments in general are restricted to minor ailments, certain skin conditions, minor injuries and some few eye and ear conditions.

A Central Multiple Clinic at Croft House, Ossett, does provide a refraction clinic, a dental clinic, for certain paediatric facilities and a speech therapist gives sessional treatment here.

Minor orthopaedic treatments are given.

There is no provision for light therapy, but it is hoped that a special clinic for this treatment will be established at an early date.

Children for whom Child Guidance Clinic facilities are necessary or psychiatric investigation is indicated, are referred to the County Council Clinic at Wakefield and Consultant Ear Nose and Throat and Orthopaedic facilities are available in neighbouring hospitals through arrangements made by the Health Authority. A brief statement of clinic attendances at the clinics within this Authority's area is given in the following statement:-

TABLE D.

Clinic	No. of Sessions Held	Attendances	Average attendance per session
CROFTON	68	1803	26.5
SHARLSTON	50	1402	28.04
WALTON	43	740	17.2
CRIGGLESTONE	37	774	20.9
NETHERTON	12	107	8.91
MIDDLESTOWN	14	135	9.64





## VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS.

1955 saw the implementation in the Rural District of the Ministry of Health's plan to offer B.C.G. vaccination to school-children in their fourteenth year.

This particular age group was selected in order that these children might be "followed-up" for a full year after vaccination and have the advantage of such protection as B.C.G. vaccination may give in the early years of employment as adolescents, a period during which young persons show a relatively high incidence of this infection.

During the year, this protective vaccination was offered to all children attaining the age of 13 years and 62 accepted the treatment. Of the children found on test to require immunizing treatment, a total of 29, 27 were so treated. This is shown in the following statement:-

School	Offered Treatment	Accepted Treatment	Skin-Tested	+	-	Not ascer-tained	Vacc-inat-ed.
Crofton Sec.Mod.	72	41	29	8	18	3	16
Sharlston Sec.Mod.	38	21	21	10	11	0	11
TOTAL	110	62	50	18	29	3	27

1955 saw the implementation in the Rural District of the Ministry of Health's plan to offer B.C.G. vaccination to school-children in their fourth year.

This particular age group was selected in order that these children might be "followed up" for a full year after vaccination and have the advantage of such protection as B.C.G. vaccination may give in the early years of employment as school-leavers, a period during which young persons show a relatively high incidence of this infection.

During the year, this protective vaccination was offered to all children attaining the age of 15 years and 68 accepted the treatment. Of the children found on test to require immunising treatment, a total of 22, 27 were so treated. This is shown in the following statement:-

School	Offered Treatment	Accepted Treatment	Taken +	Not - accepted	Vacc- inat- ed.
Gorton Sch. Mod.	72	41	22	8	16
Spalding Sch. Mod.	38	27	21	10	11
TOTAL	110	68	43	18	27



# Infectious Diseases, 1955.

## Prevalence and Control.

The following table is a statement of the infectious diseases notifications received during the year under review:-

	Total Cases Notified	School Children Only	No. admitted to Hospital	No. Died
Scarlet Fever	9	7	6	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	27	3	7	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	10	-	3	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	63	24	2	1
Measles	519	240	3	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	5	3	5	-
Dysentery	19	7	3	-
Food Poisoning	9	1	3	1
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	12	0	1	1
Non Pulmonary	3	1	0	-
Pemphigus Neonatorum	1	0	1	-
Totals.	679	286	34	4

Reference to this table shows a high incidence of two notifiable infectious diseases, that is measles (519 cases) and of whooping cough (63 cases).

Further reference to the table shows that 1 patient died from whooping cough; no case of measles died. Further, 3 cases of measles and 2 cases of whooping cough were removed to hospital for isolation or treatment.

With regard to both of these diseases, a slightly higher number of cases occurred in children of under school age than in children of school age.

The recurring incidence of these conditions in this way as new age groups of susceptible children come along, is a typical feature which has been referred to previously.

Nine cases of scarlet fever were notified (7 in school age children) and 6 of these cases were admitted to hospital. Whilst this disease is now mild in type rarely requires special administrative action, we still find that a high proportion of the cases coming under notice are nevertheless admitted to hospital.

Ten cases of puerperal Pyrexia were notified, but this is referred to elsewhere in the report and there the true significance of these notifications is reported on.

27 cases of pneumonia are recorded and of these 7 were admitted to Hospital and 1 death is shown. The figures vary little from year to year, 33 cases having been reported in the previous year.

With regard to tuberculosis, there were a total of 12 notifications of pulmonary or respiratory tuberculosis and 3 notifications of non-pulmonary tuberculosis. One death only was recorded as being due to pulmonary tuberculosis. The figures are significant of recent trends in the incidence and mortality in respect of tuberculosis.

Death rates are now low throughout the County as a whole, but some changes are recorded in the incidence as it affects particular age groups. In particular, men in the older age groups





make up an appreciable proportion of the new notifications, but not women in these age-groups, but in the late adolescent and subsequent age-groups, the incident is largely in respect of women.

Significant also, in the consideration of the present position in regard to tuberculosis is the general improvement respecting institutional bed-accommodation for cases of tuberculosis, chiefly of course for cases of pulmonary tuberculosis. We are finding that the long waiting lists of patients for bed-accommodation are now considerably reduced and in many cases eliminated, and this to a large extent has been due to the introduction of new remedies which have proved so successful apart from established methods of institutional treatment.

Five cases of acute poliomyelitis were notified, 3 of these in children of school age. These cases were all admitted to isolation hospitals for observation and treatment. The cases were later transferred to an Orthopaedic Centre for remedial treatment. Elsewhere, a report is given on the introduction of protective treatment against poliomyelitis for selected groups of children of school age and under.

#### AGE GROUP MORTALITY

#### ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

DISEASE	0-1	1-2	2-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	Over 65	Total
Diphtheria									-
Scarlet Fever									-
Erysipelas									-
Puerperal Pyrexia									1
Pneumonia	1								-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum									-
Dysentery									-
Tuberculosis:							1		1
Pulmonary									-
Non-Pulmonary		1							1
Whooping Cough									-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever									-
Measles									-
Poliomyelitis								1	1
Food Poisoning							1	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

#### Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Notified	Cases Treated	Vision Un-impaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
At Home	In Hospital				
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1955.

	Notifications	Deaths.
Pulmonary	12	1
Non-Pulmonary	3	-
	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>





AGE GROUPS	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15-25	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35	1	4	-	2	-	-	-	-
35-45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-65	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	6	-	3	1	-	-	-

#### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.

The work of diphtheria immunization continues and every effort is made to get parents to accept treatment for their infants and young children.

The approach to parents is usually an approach to individual parents made by Health Visitors in the course of their routine duties, but other nurses of the Department and medical staff also assist with propaganda and individual talks.

As a result of these efforts, 120 children received a full primary course of treatment during the year and a further 156 children who had had full primary treatment earlier, received a reinforcing single dose treatment before starting school life at which time, it is presumed, an additional risk of contracting infection is incurred.

At the end of the year a total of 2689 infants, under school-age children and school-age children, had received protective treatment. This represents 65.3% of the child population of the Wakefield Rural District.

As previously commented on in earlier Annual Reports, this figure cannot be said to be satisfactory or to represent a sufficiently high community protection, but we find that a proportion of the parents, who in times of prevalence of diphtheria would accept this protective treatment, do fail to take advantage of the service provided when no diphtheria cases are occurring and the danger of diphtheria infection appears then to be remote. No case of diphtheria or suspected diphtheria has been reported for some years in this district.

#### VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

The number of children and older persons vaccinated during the year were as follows:-

Infants under 1 year	82
Children aged 1 to 4 years	4
Children aged 5 to 15 years	-
Older persons	5
TOTAL	<u>91</u>

In addition there were no re-vaccinations recorded.

#### IMMUNIZATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH

The scheme of the West Riding County Council provides for the immunization against whooping cough of infants and children up to the age of 4 years.

Age Group	1947-48		1948-49		1949-50	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-1	1	100	1	100	1	100
1-2	1	100	1	100	1	100
2-3	1	100	1	100	1	100
3-4	1	100	1	100	1	100
4-5	1	100	1	100	1	100
5-6	1	100	1	100	1	100
6-7	1	100	1	100	1	100
7-8	1	100	1	100	1	100
8-9	1	100	1	100	1	100
9-10	1	100	1	100	1	100
10-11	1	100	1	100	1	100
11-12	1	100	1	100	1	100
12-13	1	100	1	100	1	100
13-14	1	100	1	100	1	100
14-15	1	100	1	100	1	100
15-16	1	100	1	100	1	100
16-17	1	100	1	100	1	100
17-18	1	100	1	100	1	100
18-19	1	100	1	100	1	100
19-20	1	100	1	100	1	100
20-21	1	100	1	100	1	100
21-22	1	100	1	100	1	100
22-23	1	100	1	100	1	100
23-24	1	100	1	100	1	100
24-25	1	100	1	100	1	100
25-26	1	100	1	100	1	100
26-27	1	100	1	100	1	100
27-28	1	100	1	100	1	100
28-29	1	100	1	100	1	100
29-30	1	100	1	100	1	100
30-31	1	100	1	100	1	100
31-32	1	100	1	100	1	100
32-33	1	100	1	100	1	100
33-34	1	100	1	100	1	100
34-35	1	100	1	100	1	100
35-36	1	100	1	100	1	100
36-37	1	100	1	100	1	100
37-38	1	100	1	100	1	100
38-39	1	100	1	100	1	100
39-40	1	100	1	100	1	100
40-41	1	100	1	100	1	100
41-42	1	100	1	100	1	100
42-43	1	100	1	100	1	100
43-44	1	100	1	100	1	100
44-45	1	100	1	100	1	100
45-46	1	100	1	100	1	100
46-47	1	100	1	100	1	100
47-48	1	100	1	100	1	100
48-49	1	100	1	100	1	100
49-50	1	100	1	100	1	100
50-51	1	100	1	100	1	100
51-52	1	100	1	100	1	100
52-53	1	100	1	100	1	100
53-54	1	100	1	100	1	100
54-55	1	100	1	100	1	100
55-56	1	100	1	100	1	100
56-57	1	100	1	100	1	100
57-58	1	100	1	100	1	100
58-59	1	100	1	100	1	100
59-60	1	100	1	100	1	100
60-61	1	100	1	100	1	100
61-62	1	100	1	100	1	100
62-63	1	100	1	100	1	100
63-64	1	100	1	100	1	100
64-65	1	100	1	100	1	100
65-66	1	100	1	100	1	100
66-67	1	100	1	100	1	100
67-68	1	100	1	100	1	100
68-69	1	100	1	100	1	100
69-70	1	100	1	100	1	100
70-71	1	100	1	100	1	100
71-72	1	100	1	100	1	100
72-73	1	100	1	100	1	100
73-74	1	100	1	100	1	100
74-75	1	100	1	100	1	100
75-76	1	100	1	100	1	100
76-77	1	100	1	100	1	100
77-78	1	100	1	100	1	100
78-79	1	100	1	100	1	100
79-80	1	100	1	100	1	100
80-81	1	100	1	100	1	100
81-82	1	100	1	100	1	100
82-83	1	100	1	100	1	100
83-84	1	100	1	100	1	100
84-85	1	100	1	100	1	100
85-86	1	100	1	100	1	100
86-87	1	100	1	100	1	100
87-88	1	100	1	100	1	100
88-89	1	100	1	100	1	100
89-90	1	100	1	100	1	100
90-91	1	100	1	100	1	100
91-92	1	100	1	100	1	100
92-93	1	100	1	100	1	100
93-94	1	100	1	100	1	100
94-95	1	100	1	100	1	100
95-96	1	100	1	100	1	100
96-97	1	100	1	100	1	100
97-98	1	100	1	100	1	100
98-99	1	100	1	100	1	100
99-100	1	100	1	100	1	100

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The work of the Department of Health and Social Security is to provide for the health and social needs of the people of the United Kingdom. This is done by providing a wide range of services, including the provision of health care, social care, and social security.

The Department of Health and Social Security is responsible for the provision of health care, social care, and social security. This is done by providing a wide range of services, including the provision of health care, social care, and social security.

As a result of these efforts, 100 children received this primary course of treatment during the year and a further 10 children who had had primary treatment earlier, received a further course of treatment during the year. This is a significant achievement, as it shows that the Department of Health and Social Security is able to provide a wide range of services, including the provision of health care, social care, and social security.

At the end of the year a total of 100 children, under 16 years of age, had received primary treatment. This represents 100% of the total population of the United Kingdom.

As previously mentioned on the earlier Annual Report, the Department of Health and Social Security is responsible for the provision of health care, social care, and social security. This is done by providing a wide range of services, including the provision of health care, social care, and social security.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Health and Social Security is responsible for the provision of health care, social care, and social security. This is done by providing a wide range of services, including the provision of health care, social care, and social security.

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

In addition there were 100 children recorded.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Health and Social Security is responsible for the provision of health care, social care, and social security. This is done by providing a wide range of services, including the provision of health care, social care, and social security.

Treatment of older children can be given by Private Medical Practitioners but not under the County Scheme.

We have records that 90 infants and children received this treatment in 1955 and that since the scheme was introduced in 1952, a total of 483 children have been immunized.

The figures given here are no true indication of the number of children who have received this protective treatment.

We are only aware through notification of the number of children who have received treatment under the West Riding Scheme which scheme does not provide for treatment with mixed vaccine and as this method is so frequently the method of choice of the General Practitioners, we do not have complete records and consequently our figures represent a considerable understatement.

As reported elsewhere, we received notifications of 63 cases of whooping cough for the year, but inquiry showed that no one of these children contracting the illness had received a previous protective immunizing treatment.



Treatment of other children can be given by private  
Medical Practitioners but not under the County Scheme.

We have records that 90 children and children received  
the treatment in 1955 and that since the scheme was introduced in  
1951, a total of 465 children have been treated.

The figures given here are no true indication of the  
number of children who have received this protective treatment.

Where only a few through notification of the  
doctor of children who have received treatment under the War  
Time Scheme which does not provide for treatment with  
the vaccine and as this method is no longer the method of  
treatment of the General Practitioner, we do not have complete  
figures and consequently our figures represent a considerable  
understatement.

As reported elsewhere, we received notifications of  
cases of whooping cough for the year, but inquiry showed that  
none of these children had received the vaccine and received a  
very late protective treatment.

AGE GROUP INCIDENCE AND ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

DISEASE	0 - 1	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65+	Total
DIPHTHERIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCARLET FEVER	0	0	0	0	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
ERYSIPELAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
PUERPERAL PYREXIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	10
PNEUMONIA	3	2	2	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	7	5	27
OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DYSENTERY	1	1	4	2	1	7	0	0	1	0	2	0	19
TUBERCULOSIS - Pulmonary - Non-Pulmonary	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	1 0	8 2	0 0	1 0	1 0	12 3
WHOOPING COUGH	3	2	10	13	11	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	63
CEREBO-SPINAL FEVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEASLES	19	48	70	67	72	231	9	1	1	0	1	0	519
POLIOMYELITIS	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	5
FOOD POISONING	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	9
PEMPHIGUS NEONATORUM	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	27	55	87	86	86	271	15	8	20	3	15	6	679





## SECTION C.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

To avoid duplication in this Annual Report, the reports on these matters are embodied in the Chief Health Inspector's Section of the Annual Report.

#### Water Supplies

With regard to Water Supplies, whilst restrictions were imposed for one period during the year, supplies generally have been adequate for domestic needs and the quality of the water has been maintained.

Water is obtained for the Rural District from Wakefield, from Dewsbury and from Royston, Darton and Kirkburton.

The Council has taken steps during the year to improve the efficiency of the water supply in various Districts, in particular at Netherton and at Crofton and Sharlston, and improvements are to be effected in the Woolley Area.

#### Drainage and Sewerage.

The Wakefield Rural District Council has in hand, schemes for improvements in various parts of the Rural District Area.

In particular, one scheme affects drainage from the Sitlington Area and the present unsatisfactory treatment in the neighbourhood of Horbury Bridge.

This Council has agreed a joint scheme with the Urban District of Horbury which will effect efficient drainage and Sewage Disposal in this Area.

Public enquiries have been held in respect of schemes of improvement put forward by the District Council.

One scheme was concerned with the improvement and extension of the Sharlston Sewage Works and another proposed similar improvements at West Bretton.

#### Housing

Reference to the table of Housing Statistics shows that a total of 119 new houses were provided in the Wakefield Rural Area in 1955, 90 being provided by the Council and 29 by Private Enterprise.

Progress has again been made with regard to the closure and clearance of unfit houses. During the year, there were in all 7 official representations in respect of unfit houses. Seventeen houses were demolished as a result of Demolition Orders made by the Local Authority.

In the case of 5 dwellings, undertakes not to re-let were entered into by owners and accepted by the Council, and 4 domestic dwelling houses were closed voluntarily.

A full statement is given in the table at the end of this report.

SECTION C.

WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

To avoid duplication in this Annual Report, the reports of these matters are included in the Chief Health Inspector's Section of the Annual Report.

Water Supply

With regard to Water Supply, whilst no alterations were proposed for one period during the year, supplies generally have been adequate for domestic needs and the quality of the water has been maintained.

Water is obtained for the Rural District from Walsley, from Debsbury, and from Ryeaton, Haxton and Hixon.

The Council has taken steps during the year to improve the efficiency of the water supply at various points, as mentioned at Haxton and at Ryeaton and Hixon, and improvements are to be effected at the Walsley line.

Drainage and Sewerage

The Walsley Rural District Council has in hand schemes for improvements in various parts of the Rural District Area.

In particular, one scheme affects drainage from the Haxton line and the present unsatisfactory treatment in the neighbourhood of Haxton Bridge.

This Council has agreed a joint scheme with the Urban District of Haxton which will effect drainage and sewage disposal in this area.

Public enquiries have been held in respect of schemes of improvement put forward by the District Council.

One scheme was concerned with the improvement and extension of the Haxton sewage works and another proposed similar improvements at West Haxton.

Housing

Reference to the table of Housing Statistics shows that a total of 112 new houses were provided in the Walsley Rural Area in 1935, 50 being provided by the Council and 62 by private enterprise.

Progress has again been made with regard to the clearance of unfit houses. During the year, 100 were in all. Official recommendations in respect of unfit houses. Seven hundred were demolished as a result of Demolition Orders made by the Local Authority.

In the case of 2 dwellings, alterations not to be made were entered into by owners and accepted by the Council, and 2 dwellings being houses were also voluntarily.

A full statement is given in the table at the end of this report.



TABLE C.YEAR 1955.WAKEFIELD RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

No. of Sanitary Inspections or Visits.....2299

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1955 for Nuisances only - 188

Notices Served, Informal - 34. Complied with - 31

Notices Served, Statutory, Nil.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings - Nil.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.Particulars of any sewer extensions during 1955 - New Crofton,  
New Sharlston, Netherton.

Districts still requiring sewerage:

Part Crofton Foulby. Crigglestone Winterset.

Districts still requiring improvement of defective sewers:

Woolley.

No. of houses not connected to sewers - 970. Connected to cesspools  
and open ditches.SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

Particulars of any extensions made during 1955 - Haigh.

Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works - Horbury Bridge, Kirkthorpe,  
Sharlston, Bretton, Crofton and Woolley.Any complaints from the Rivers Board? Yes, Sharlston, Horbury  
Bridge and Bretton.CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of privies with open middens or open ashpits 11

No. of privies with covered middens or covered ashpits 324

No. of pail or tub closets 75

No. of trough water closets 0

No. of waste water closets 5

No. of pedestal water closets 6179

Percentage of closets on the water carriage system 93.7%

No. of privies reconstructed in 1955, (a) as W.C's. 47

(b) Other 3

No. of closets, other than privies, reconstructed in  
1955 as W.C's. 6No. of additional closets provided for old property in 1955,  
(a) W.C's 90. (b) Other 6.No. of closets constructed in 1955 for new houses  
(a) W.C's. 119 (b) Other Nil.No. of closets constructed in 1955 for premises other than dwelling  
houses (a) W.C's. Nil. (b) Other Nil.Any special action taken by Council to secure conversion of privies and  
pail closets to the water carriage system, also waste water and trough  
water closets to pedestal water closets? If so, what? - Grants made  
to applicants for conversion under Public Health Act 1936.



# YEAR 1955

## WATERWORKS DISTRICT

No. of Sanitary Inspectors as follows.....1955

## WATERWORKS DISTRICT

Total No. of Inspectors made in 1955 for business only - 100

Business Inspectors, Internal - 34  
Business Inspectors, External - 21  
Total number of Sanitarians or other legal proceedings - 55

## WATERWORKS DISTRICT

Particulars of any other extensions during 1955 - New Grafton,  
New Grafton, Wetherby.

Particulars of any other extensions during 1955 - New Grafton,  
New Grafton, Wetherby.

Particulars of any other extensions during 1955 - New Grafton,  
New Grafton, Wetherby.

Particulars of any other extensions during 1955 - New Grafton,  
New Grafton, Wetherby.

Particulars of any other extensions during 1955 - New Grafton,  
New Grafton, Wetherby.

No. of houses not connected to sewers - 270, Grafton and Wetherby  
and open drains.

## WATERWORKS DISTRICT

Particulars of any extensions made during 1955 - Wetherby.

Any independent of sewage disposal works - Wetherby, Wetherby,  
Grafton, Grafton and Wetherby.

Any complaints from the Rivers Board, Wetherby,  
Grafton and Wetherby.

## WATERWORKS DISTRICT

No. of houses with open middens or open cesspits

No. of houses with covered middens or covered cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

No. of houses with open cesspits

### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Is this in operation throughout the whole District? - Yes.

Frequency of collection - Bins and Pails - Weekly. Privies - Monthly.

### Disposal of Refuse.

1. Destruction Nil. 2. Tipping 100,3 3. Farms Nil.

If tipping is in operation is it on the controlled system? - Yes.

Particulars of any extension or improvement in the service during the year - Service extended to meet District growth.

### WATER SUPPLY.

Source of Supply - 1. Wakefield C.B. 4. Barnsley C.B.  
2. Darton U.D.C. 5. Dewsbury C.B.  
3. Kirkburton U.D.C. 6. Wakefield R.D.C.

By whom distributed - Wakefield R.D.C.

No. of dwelling houses on public supply - 6083

No. of dwelling houses not on public supply - 8

Total No. of dwelling houses in District - 6091

Any extension of supply during the year? - Yes.

Has supply been satisfactory? - No. (a) in quality Yes.  
(b) in quantity - Nil.

No. of examinations made during the year:

(a) Chemical. No. satisfactory - 7. No. unsatisfactory - 7.

(b) Bacteriological. No. satisfactory - 4. No. unsatisfactory - Nil.

Have any supplies been restricted or closed, if so, where? No.

### MILK SUPPLY.

No. of milk samples taken by officers of your Authority for analysis under the Food and Drugs Act.....Nil

No. found adulterated - Nil. No. of prosecutions - Nil.

No. of samples of ordinary milk taken by officers of Local Authority for:

(a) Methylene Blue Test. No. satisfactory - No. unsatisfactory -  
(b) Presence of tuberculosis. No. negative 12 No. positive - Nil.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk during 1955? No.

No. of retail milk sellers registered 27.

### The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

Any action under Sections 18, 19 and 20?

### The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations 1949-53.

No. of licences in force for:	<u>Dealers</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>
(a) Pasteurised Milk	15	4
(b) Sterilised Milk	11	4

Is this in operation throughout the year? - Yes.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.

Is this in operation throughout the year? - Yes.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.

Is this in operation throughout the year? - Yes.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.

Is this in operation throughout the year? - Yes.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.

Is this in operation throughout the year? - Yes.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.

Is this in operation throughout the year? - Yes.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.

Is this in operation throughout the year? - Yes.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.

Is this in operation throughout the year? - Yes.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.

Is this in operation throughout the year? - Yes.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.

Is this in operation throughout the year? - Yes.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.

Is this in operation throughout the year? - Yes.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.  
Frequency of collection - Once per week. - Weekly.



Milk Supply, contd.Samples of Milk Obtained.

(a) Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	-	No. satisfactory	-
		No. unsatisfactory	-
(b) Pasteurised (not including Tuberculin Tested)		No. satisfactory	-
		No. unsatisfactory	-
(c) Sterilised (not including Tuberculin Tested)		No. satisfactory	-
		No. unsatisfactory	-

Number of inspections made at premises of licensees -

Foods and Drugs Authorities.

Number of licences in force for pasteurised milk production -

Number of licences in force for sterilised milk production -

Number of samples during the year:

<u>Pasteurised</u>		<u>Sterilised</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
-	-	-	-

No. of inspections made at licenced premises Nil.

The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

No. of licences in force for Tuberculin Tested Milk: Dealers 14. Supplementary 3

Samples obtained: No. satisfactory - No. unsatisfactory -

No. of inspections made at premises of licensees 25.

ICE CREAM.

Premises registered under Section 14, Food and Drugs Act, 1938:

	<u>No. registered</u>	<u>Total no. of inspections in 1955</u>
(a) Manufacturers	Nil	Nil.
(b) Retailers	28	42
(c) Producer-retailers	Nil	Nil

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological examinations, with results

Grade 1.....2.....3.....4..... Total Nil.

Indicate briefly any further action in respect of above -  
Any action taken under Sections 16 and 37, Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Nil.

SHOPS ACT, 1950, Section 38.

No. of visits made under the above Act during 1955 - 70  
Unsatisfactory conditions found - Nil. Remedied - Nil.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No. of observations each of 30 minutes duration, during 1955 Nil.  
No. showing excessive emission of black smoke Nil.  
No. of cautions issued Nil.  
No. of statutory notices issued - Nil. No. of prosecutions Nil.  
Are any bye-laws in force in connection with Smoke Abatement No.

With Sample, Serial

Number of Milk Containers

(a) Tuberculin Tested (Post-mortem) No. satisfactory  
- No. unsatisfactory  
(b) Tuberculin (not including Tuberculin Tested) No. satisfactory  
- No. unsatisfactory  
(c) Sterilized (not including Tuberculin Tested) No. satisfactory  
- No. unsatisfactory

Number of inspections made at premises of licensees

Food and Drug Administration

Number of licensees in force for pasteurized milk production  
-  
Number of licensees in force for sterilized milk production  
-  
Number of samples during the year:

Sterilized

Pasteurized

Satisfactory

Unsatisfactory

Satisfactory

Unsatisfactory

No. of inspections made at licensed premises

The Milk (General Provisions) (New Milk) Regulations, 1933

No. of licensees in force for Tuberculin Tested Milk: (a) Satisfactory  
- (b) Unsatisfactory  
No. of inspections made at premises of licensees

and

Provisions registered under Section 14, Food and Drug Act, 1938

No. registered Total no. of inspections in 1938

Milk

22

Milk

Milk

22

Producers' Milk

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological examination, with results

Grade 1.....2.....3.....4.....5..... Total Milk

Indicate briefly any further action in respect of above  
any action taken under Section 14 and 15, Food and Drug Act, 1938. No.

Section 14, 1938, Section 15

No. of visits made under the above regulations 1938  
Unsatisfactory satisfactory Total - Milk

General Statement

No. of observations made of 30 minutes duration, during 1938  
No. of observations made of 15 minutes duration, during 1938  
No. of observations made of 10 minutes duration, during 1938  
No. of observations made of 5 minutes duration, during 1938  
No. of observations made of 2 minutes duration, during 1938  
No. of observations made of 1 minute duration, during 1938



### COLLIERY SPOIL BANKS.

Are there any colliery spoil banks in the District? - Yes.

If so, have any been on fire during the year? - Yes.

Action by Local Authority to abate nuisances arising from firing:  
Unit Managers and Engineers Contacted.

### TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS, etc. used for human habitation.

Is this class of dwelling showing signs of increase? Yes.

No. of licenced sites - 20.

No. on other sites -

No. of licenced sites for over two caravans - 1.

Have Council made bye-laws under Section 268(4) Public Health Act, 1936? - No.

### SWIMMING BATHS AND BATHING POOLS.

No. of public swimming baths or pools - Nil.

No. of privately owned baths or pools open to the public - Nil.

If any, give brief particulars of each and state what action is taken to ensure satisfactory conditions of the water -

Any samples of bath water examined in 1955, apart from samples submitted to the Public Health (Medical Research Council) Laboratory? - 1.

If so, please give particulars -

### RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

	Number	Total No. of Inspections in 1955
Premises registered under Section 2	Nil	-
Premises licenced under Section 6	Nil	-
Premises licenced under Section 7	Nil	-

No. of samples taken - Nil. No. of samples submitted to a prescribed or public analyst - Nil.

No. of above coming within standards of cleanliness prescribed by The Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Regulations, 1951 - Nil.

No. of cautions issued - Nil. No. of prosecutions - Nil.

### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

No. of inspections - 1521.

No. of infestations dealt with during the year - 31.

### BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS inforce in District.

Please give details of any deletions, amendments or additions to list submitted in 1954:

Byelaws with respect to Heath Common came into operation  
1st October, 1955.





### ADOPTIVE ACTS.

Have any of the following been adopted?:

Date came into force in  
District.

Public Health Act, 1925, Part 11	1st May, 1926.
Private Street Works Act, 1892	-
Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1890-Section 41	-
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 - Sections 19 and 86	-

### WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS) ACT, 1951.

	<u>Date came into force in District</u>		<u>Date came into force in District</u>
Part IV Section 36 Sections 27-48	August 1953	Part V Sections 33-57	August 1952
Part VI Sections 58-62	Do.	Part VII Sections 63-73	Do.
Part VIII Sections 75 and 76	Not in force	Part XI Section 91	Do.
Part XII Sections 94 to 97		Part XIV Section 120	-

### SANITARY STAFF.

Name of Sanitary Inspector - E. Heald.

Other Appointments held - Cleansing Superintendent Petroleum Officer.

Any additional or Assistant Sanitary Inspectors? - 1.

Is staff sufficient? - Yes.

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS, as to sanitary requirements of District, of M.O.H. and extended notes on any of the foregoing entries. Any suggestions as to need for Clinics, etc. or as to existing Clinics, etc.?

Have any of the following been adopted?

Date when this form is  
filled in

1st May, 1950

Public Health Act, 1936, Part II  
Private Streets Works Act, 1932  
Public Health Act, Amendment Act,  
1930-Section 41  
Public Health Act Amendment Act,  
1937 - Sections 19 and 20

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL PURPOSES) ACT, 1951

Date when this  
form is  
filled in

Date when this  
form is filled in

Part IV Section 55 Sections 57-63	August 1952	Part V Sections 63-67	August 1952
Part VI Sections 68-69	Do.	Part VII Sections 69-73	Do.
Part VIII Sections 74 and 75	Not in force	Part XI Section 81	Do.
Part XII Sections 82 to 87		Part XIV Section 120	

Sanitary Matters

Name of Sanitary Inspector - E. H. H. H.

Other appointments held - Cleaning Superintendent, Technical Officer.

Any additional or Assistant Sanitary Inspectors? - 1.

Is staff sufficient? - Yes.

REMARKS: as to sanitary requirements of District, of  
W.O.H. and extended notes on any of the foregoing sections. Any  
suggestions as to need for changes, etc. or as to existing conditions, etc.



## H O U S I N G

Table D, included here, gives a summary of the Housing work carried out in 1955.

TABLE D. - HOUSING STATISTICS.

Number of dwelling houses in the District.....	6091
Number of back-to-back houses included in above.....	130
1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.	
1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....	371
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	939
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head(1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations.....	11
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	36
3. Number of dwelling houses needing further action:	
(a) Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....	299
(b) Number (excluding those in sub-head (3) (a) above), found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	72
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.	
(a) Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.....	61
(b) Number of defective dwelling houses (excluding those shown in (a) above) in which defects were remedied as a result of informal action.....	Nil
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.	
A. Proceedings under Sections 9,10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring repairs.....	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(a) By Owners.....	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.....	Nil
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners.....	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.....	Nil

# HOUSE

Table B, included here, gives a summary of the housing work carried out in 1958.

## TABLE B - HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of dwelling houses in the District.....	6061
Number of back-to-back houses included in above.....	170
Investigation of dwelling houses during the year.	
1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....	571
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	439
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and reported under the Housing (Control and Repairs) Regulations.....	11
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	38
3. Number of dwelling houses needing further action:	
(a) Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious as to be liable for human habitation.....	289
(b) Number (excluding those in sub-head (a) above), found not to be in all respects unsatisfactory for human habitation.....	72
Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.	
(a) Number of defective dwelling houses remedied by the local authority or their officers.....	61
(b) Number of defective dwelling houses (excluding those shown in (a) above) in which defects were remedied as a result of informal action.....	111
Action under Statutory Powers during the year.	
A. Proceedings under Sections 2, 10 and 12, Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring repairs.....	111
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were remedied after service of formal notices.....	111
(a) By Owners.....	111
(b) By local authority in default of owners.....	111
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs to be remedied.....	111
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.....	111
(a) By Owners.....	111
(b) By local authority in default of owners.....	111



Table D (continued).

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- |   |    |
|---|----|
| (1) Number of representations, etc. made in respect of dwelling houses unfit for habitation.....  | 7  |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made - Nil. 5 Undertakings not to re-let accepted. 4 Voluntarily closed. |    |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....   | 17 |
| (4) Any action under Sections 10 and 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953? If so, what - 2 Closing Orders.             |    |

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- |   |      |
|---|------|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....   | Nil. |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit..... | Nil. |

E. Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act, 1936.

- |   |      |
|---|------|
| (1) Number of Clearance Areas represented during the year                   | Nil. |
| (2) Number of houses included in these areas.....                           | Nil. |
| (3) Number of persons displaced.....  | Nil. |
| (4) Action taken during the year in respect of Clearance Areas:             |      |
| (a) by Clearance Orders, numbers made.....                                  | Nil. |
| (b) by Compulsory Purchase Orders, number made.....                         | Nil. |
| (5) Number of houses in Clearance Areas demolished during the year.....     | Nil. |
| (6) Number of persons re-housed from houses demolished during the year..... | Nil. |

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year.....   | 63  |
| (2) Number of families dwelling therein.....                          | 112 |
| (3) Number of persons dwelling therein.....                           | 463 |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year..... | 10  |
| (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year..... | 9   |
| (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases....                     | 67  |



2. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made - Nil. 5. 1936-37.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made - Nil. 5. 1936-37.
- (3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Closing Orders..... 17
- (4) Any action under Sections 10 and 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932? If so, what - 2 Closing Orders.

3. Proceedings under Section 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made..... Nil.
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been retained..... Nil.

4. Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of Clearance Areas recommended during the year..... Nil.
- (2) Number of houses included in these areas..... Nil.
- (3) Number of persons displaced..... Nil.
- (4) Action taken during the year in respect of Clearance Areas:
  - (a) by Clearance Orders, number made..... Nil.
  - (b) by Compulsory Purchase Orders, number made..... Nil.
- (5) Number of houses in Clearance Areas demolished during the year..... Nil.
- (6) Number of persons rehoused from houses demolished during the year..... Nil.

5. Housing Act, 1935 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

- (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year..... 63
- (2) Number of families dwelling therein..... 112
- (3) Number of persons dwelling therein..... 403
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year..... 10
- (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year..... 9
- (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases..... 24

5. New Houses.

Number of new houses provided during the year:

By the Local Authority:	Permanent type	90
	Temporary type	Nil

By Private Enterprise - 29.

6. Housing Act, 1949.

Section 4 - Any action in connection with advances for purpose of increasing housing accommodation? - 28 Advances.

7. Housing Act, 1949, as amended by Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

Grants to persons other than local authorities for improvement of housing accommodation.

Any action during the year?	39 Applications.
-----------------------------	------------------

to the House.

that of the House provided during the year.

the local authority: Permanent type 30  
Temporary type 211

Private Enterprise - 22.

Household 1949.

action & any action in connection with advances for purposes of  
organising housing accommodation - 22 Advances.

Housing 1949, 1949, as awarded by Housing Repairs and Grants 1949.

acts to persons other than local authorities for improvement of  
housing accommodation.

action during the year 22 Applications.