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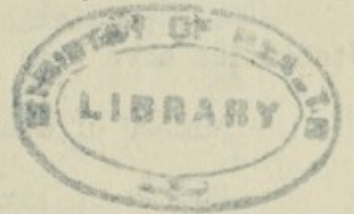
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URBAN DISTRICT OF WELWYN GARDEN CITY.

Interim Annual Medical Report for the year 1945.

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In November of this year Dr. Trevor Thomas returned to his duties as Medical Officer of Health, after serving for six years in the Royal Air Force.

## 1. Statistics.

Rateable value at December 31st, 1945.	£155,282.
Inhabited houses at December 31st, 1945.	4,490.

The population figure supplied by the Registrar General was 17,310. Statistics have been calculated with this figure.

Number of deaths from all causes.		123.
Number of live births.	Legitimate.	513. )
	Illegitimate.	31. ) 344.
Number of still births.	Legitimate.	9. )
	Illegitimate.	1. ) 10.
Number of deaths of infants under one year.	Legitimate.	15. )
	Illegitimate.	2. ) 17.

	<u>1945.</u>	<u>1944.</u>	<u>1943.</u>	<u>1942.</u>
Live birth rate per 1,000 of the population	19.87	22.82	20.00	17.44
Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births.	28.25	27.3	36.03	19.05
Crude death rate per 1,000 of the population.	7.10	7.42	7.54	7.25
Death rate of all infants per 1,000 live births.	49.42	28.06	17.39	48.4
Death rate of all legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	47.92	29.97	18.4	41.23
Death rate of all illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	64.51	---	---	---

Death rate for all infants under one year for England and Wales is 46.

Of the 17 infant deaths three were due to prematurity and seven to congenital defects and were not therefore preventable.

## 2. Infectious Disease.

The following cases were notified during the year.

Diphtheria.	3. (1 non-civilian)	Puerperal Pyrexia.	3.
Scarlet Fever.	65.	Sonne Dysentery.	6.
Whooping Cough.	42.	Jaundice.	13.
Measles.	313.	Pneumonia.	5.
Tuberculosis.	31.	Erysipelas.	1.

During the year 177 visits were made in connection with the occurrence of cases of infectious disease.

3. Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 276 children under five and 147 children over five years of age were immunised.

4. Tuberculosis.

There were 8 deaths from Tuberculosis during the year.

	<u>Male.</u>		<u>Female.</u>	
	<u>Pulm.</u>	<u>Non-pulm.</u>	<u>Pulm.</u>	<u>Non-pulm.</u>
On the register 31st December 1944.	63	31	47	13
Removals from register during year.	17	3	6	1
Added to register during year.	19	2	10	2
Cases on register at 31st December 1945.	65	30	51	14

Total number of cases 160.

5. Scabies.

During the year 415 treatments were given. 205 to children, 179 to women and 31 to men.

6. Sanitary circumstances of the area.

Water.(Public Supply). All the twenty samples of the public water supply obtained during the year except one were found to be uniformly pure. The unsatisfactory sample was obtained from the rising main to the new Pulsometer pump, at the time of sampling there was a leaking joint causing a fine spray to arise from the rising main and it is considered that this caused pollution of the sample:

Milk. During 1945 a total of 96 milk samples were obtained from six retailers selling milk in the town, of these 96 were found to be satisfactory and 3 unsatisfactory.

General. The sanitary condition of premises in the town is generally satisfactory, structural conditions show deterioration due to the existing labour shortage. During the year 847 inspections were made, 56 informal notices were served and complied with.

7. Housing.

There is a serious shortage of houses in the town. At the end of the year there were 924 persons registered as applicants for Council Houses, compared with 695 registered at December 1944.

Council Offices,  
Welwyn Garden City,  
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Trevor Thomas.  
Medical Officer of Health.

3. Diarrhetic Intoxications

During the year 278 children under five and 147 children over five years of age were recorded as having been attacked by diarrhetic intoxication.

4. Tuberculosis

There were 8 deaths from tuberculosis during the year.

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On the register 31st December 1944	Added to register during year	Removed from register during year	Cases on register at 31st December 1945
28	17	1	44
31	10	2	39
18	1	2	17

Total number of cases 180.

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5. Scabies

During the year 415 treatments were given, 295 to children, 175 to women and 45 to men.

6. Public Supply of Drinking Water

All the ready supplies of the public water supply obtained during the year except one were found to be satisfactory. The one unsatisfactory sample was obtained from the main to the new filterometer pump at the time of sampling there was a leaking joint causing a line spray to arise from the rising main and it is considered that this caused pollution of the supply.

Milk. During 1945 a total of 20 milk samples were obtained from six retailers selling milk in the town, of these 20 were found to be satisfactory.

General. The sanitary condition of premises in the town is generally satisfactory, structural conditions show deterioration due to the existing slum housing. During the year 647 inspections were made, 58 informal notices were served and complied with.

7. Sanitation

There is a serious shortage of houses in the town. At the end of the year there were 284 persons registered as applicants for Council houses, compared with 696 registered at December 1944.

Worshipful Mayor,  
 Council Offices,  
 Weymouth City Council,  
 Weymouth.

Medical Officer of Health,  
 Weymouth.