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HEALTH COMMITTEE.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my fifth Annual Report on the Health of the West Rural District.

The District has remained healthy during the year 1950, and there was a reduction in the number of infectious diseases notified — 536 compared with 765 in 1949. This decrease was mainly due to a decrease in the number of cases of Measles and Whooping Cough. There were four cases of Infantile Paralysis, but again no cases of Diphtheria. The level of Immunisation against Diphtheria must be increased if this freedom from the disease is to be maintained since no more than 56.3% of the child population under 15 years of age are protected at the present.

The Birth Rate fell from 15.2 per 1,000 population in 1949 to 13.3, at which figure it is well below that for England and Wales which is 15.8.

The Death Rate remained steady at 10.2 per 1,000 population. The Infantile Death Rate, which is generally considered a sensitive indication of the Death of the populace, shewed a further decline to 32 per 1,000 live births. The figure was 33 in 1949.

The shortage of houses still remains the biggest post-war public health problem and there is still much over-crowding, although I believe the position is less acute in West Lancashire than in many Urban areas; largely due to the progressive outlook of the Council which has built 764 traditional type houses since the end of the war and now owns 1,220 including pre-war, post-war and prefabricated houses, which is one Council house to every 36 persons living in West Lancashire or approximately one family out of every ten living in a Council owned house. In spite of this there are many old and worn-out houses which are due for demolition, but more houses still are needed before this problem can be dealt with adequately.

Finally, I should like to thank the Members of the Committee for their continued interest and support, and the Members of the Staff for their willing assistance at all times.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. G. HAILWOOD.

September, 1951.

Section A.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA FOR 1950

	1950	1949
Area of the District (acres)	 67,560	 67,560
Population (Registrar General's Mid-1950 estimate)	 44,870	 44,020
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books	 12,974	 12,752
Rateable Value	 £290,603	 £287,321
Sums represented by a Penny Rate	 £1,153	 £1,094
Births	 627	 669
Deaths	 431	 429
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	 32	 33

BIRTHS

There were 627 births recorded during the year, of which 321 were male and 306 female; and including 15 illegitimate births, 7 male and 8 female. The crude birth rate was 14.0 per 1,000 population. The adjusted birth rate per 1,000 population (comparability factor 0.95) was 13.3 compared with 15.2 in 1949.

The number of births shewed a fall of 42 births compared with 1949, a decrease of 1.2 per 1,000 population. The rate for England and Wales shews a decline from 16.7 to 15.8.

DEATHS

The total number of deaths registered during 1950, was 431, an increase of 2 over the previous year. The crude death rate was 9.6 per 1,000 population compared with 9.7 in 1949. The adjusted death rate (comparability factor 1.06) was 10.2 per 1,000 population. The death rate continues to compare favourably with the death rate for England and Wales which was 11.6.

Maternal Mortality.

The Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 births (live and still) was 1.55 compared with nil for 1949. The figure for England and Wales was also 1.55. It is satisfactory to record that only one maternal death has occurred in the Rural District during the past four years.

Infant Mortality.

There were 20 deaths of infants under one year of age, giving an Infant Mortality rate of 32 per 1,000 live births, a decrease of two on the figure for 1949. This figure continues to be satisfactory. The rate for England and Wales was 19-8 per 1,000 live births. 29.9

Still Births

The number of still births during 1950 was 18, of which 8 were male and 10 female. This is equivalent to a rate of 28 per 1,000 total live and still births. One of these still births was illegitimate.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE WEST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT, 1951

			Male	Female
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	 		6	6
Other forms of Tuberculosis	 		3	_
Syphilitic Diseases	 		1	
Diphtheria	 			10 A
Whooping Cough	 			
Meningococcal infections	 		-	
Acute Poliomyelitis	 			
Measles	 	•••		
Other infective and parasitic diseases	 		1	
Cancer	 		18	23
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	 		17	11
Leukaemia	 			
Diabetes	 			2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	 		32	37
Heart Diseases	 		70	65
Other circulatory disease	 		2	9
Influenza	 		-	1
Pneumonia	 		2	9
Bronchitis	 		13	8
Other diseases of the respiratory system	 		3	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	 .:.		5	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa	 		1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	 		4	5
Hyperplasia of prostate	 		6	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	 			1
Congenital malformations	 		3	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	 		15	23
Motor vehicle accidents	 		5	3
All other accidents	 		6	3
Suicide	 		1	
Homicide and operations of war	 		1	-
Managershipships of an analysis in the start				
			215	216
Deaths of Infants under 1 year :				
	M.	F.		
Legitimate	 13	6		
Illegitimate	 1	-		
			14	6
Still Births :				
Legitimate	 8	9		
Illegitimate	 -	1		
			8	10

Section B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Hospital Accommodation

There are no General Hospitals in the District, but patients are accommodated in the Ormskirk County Hospital, which has a Maternity Block, or in the hospitals of the adjacent towns of Liverpool, Southport and Preston.

All infectious disease cases are admitted where necessary to the Fazakerley Isolation Hospital, Liverpool, or to the New Hall Isolation Hospital, Scarisbrick.

Ambulance

Ambulance Services are provided by the Lancashire County Council from Stations at Ormskirk, Crosby, Formby, Tarleton and Banks. In general, an ambulance can reach any part of the Rural District within 15 minutes.

SUMMARY OF ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITALS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FROM THE WEST LANCASHIRE RURAL DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR 1950

Admissions from West Lancashire :---

Scarlet Fever		 	 	 24
Tonsillitis		 	 	 1
Streptococcal	throat	 	 	 1
Poliomyelitis		 	 	 4
Measles		 	 	 4
Erysipelas		 	 	 1
Dysentery		 	 	 1
Puerperal Py	rexia	 	 	 7
			Totals	 43

These admissions were from the following townships :---

Aughton	 	Two cases of Scarlet Fever, one case of Streptococcal throat, one case of poliomyelitis, one case of Puerperal Pyrexia.
Bickerstaffe	 	One case of Poliomyelitis.
Bispham	 	One case of Scarlet Fever.
Ford	 	One case of Poliomyelitis.
Halsall	 	Three cases of Scarlet Fever, one case of Poliomyelitis.
Lydiate	 	Two cases of Scarlet Fever.
Maghull	 	Two cases of Scarlet Fever, three cases of Measles,
		three cases of Puerperal Pyrexia, one case of Erysipelas, one case of Tonsillitis.
Melling	 	One case of Dysentery.
Netherton	 	Three cases of Scarlet Fever, one case of Puerperal Pyrexia, one case of Measles.
Scarisbrick	 	Nine cases of Scarlet Fever, one case of Puerperal Pyrexia.
Sefton	 	One case of Puerperal Pyrexia.
Tarleton	 	Two cases of Scarlet Fever.

On the 1st January, 1950, the Health Committee acquired a Commer van primary to transport infectious bedding and clothing.

This van has also been used for journeys in connection with disinfection, disinfestation, removal for condemned foodstuffs and drain clearing.

It has proved its usefulness to the Health Department during the past twelve months.

The West Lancashire Health Department has under-taken the disinfection and removal of bedding in the Ormskirk area on a percentage of costs basis.

DETAILS OF WORK CARRIED OUT

West Lancashire R.D.C.

				Di	sinfections	Disinfestations
Journeys			 	 	75	17
Rooms sprayed			 	 	99	64
Houses			 	 	56	17
Articles taken for	r stov	ing	 	 	361	SUNNA R Y C

Other Journeys

Drain clearing		 	 	23
Removal of condemned	food	 	 	49
Miscellaneous		 	 	21

Ormskirk U.D.C.

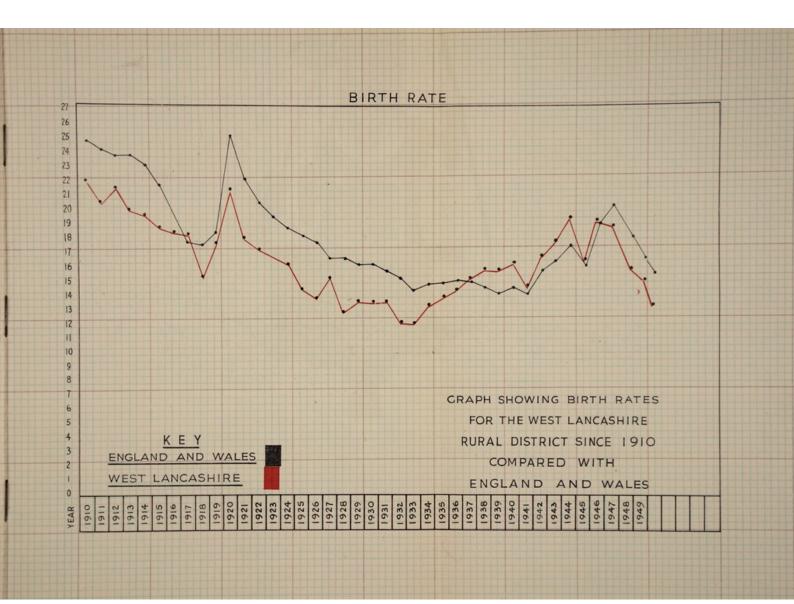
				Dis	infections	Disinfestations	
Journeys			 	 	9	5	
Rooms sprayed			 	 	9	20	
Houses			 	 	5	7	
Articles taken fo	r stov	ing	 	 	53		

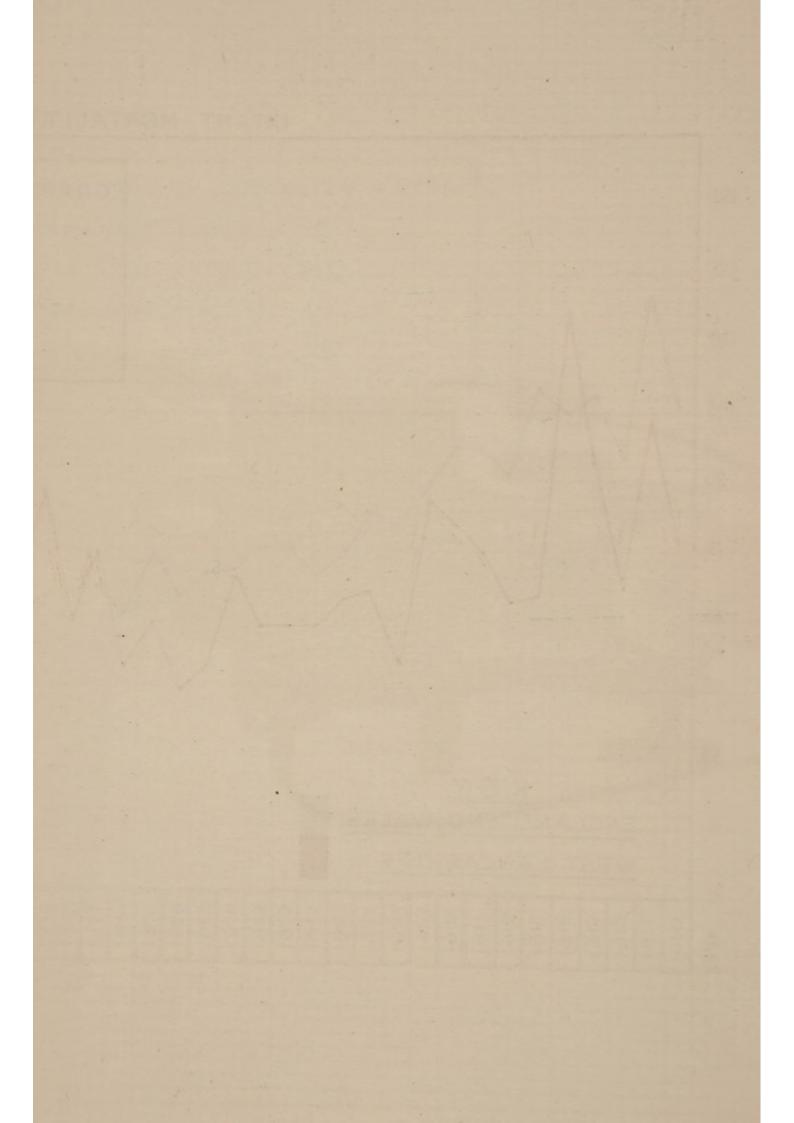
and I	80	12.7	12.4	14.12	15.4	17.3	17.7	28.50	14.8 25.4 16.76
	10	27.6	25.14	24.82	26.6	26.4	30.9	28.36	31.0 36.1
N	60	20.7	19.92	21.26	21.2	20.3	15.3	26.36	22.0 22.2 21.22
- YEARS	50	9.8	11.3	11.56	10.8	12.6	12.6	10.45	12.0 10.3
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ige of De	20	4.0	3.46	3.58	3.0	1.7	2.1	1.16	4.2 1.3 2.0
rercenta	10	2.5	2.78	1.8	1.7	0.5	2.6	1.42	2.6 0.8 1 58
	5	1.85	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.2	1.0	0.23	1.9 0.4
T-do-F	Years	8.85	11.34	9.58	8.48	9.5	7.5	5.93	6.2 3.0 5.8
	Period	-	-						
	Five Year Period	1926-1930 (Average)	1931-1935 (Average)	1936-1940 (Average)	1941-1945 (Average)	946	1947	1948	1949 1950

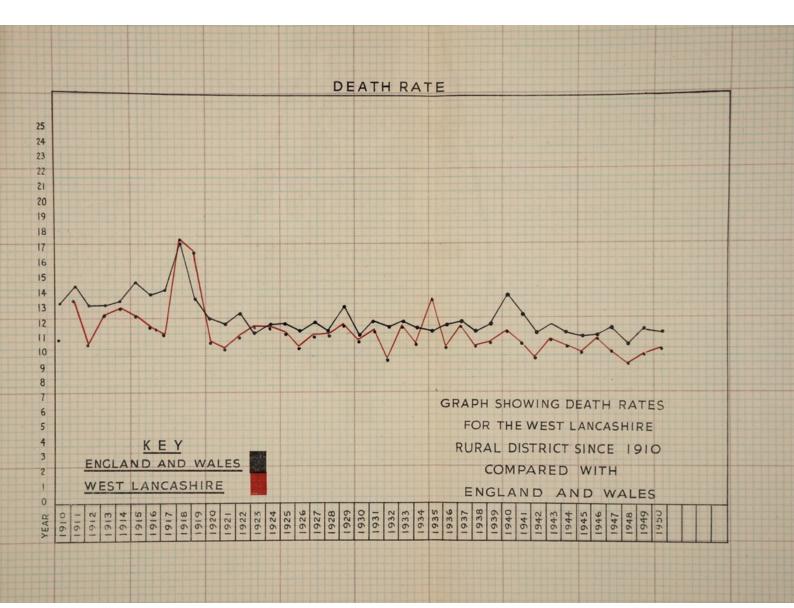
BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN TOWNSHIPS

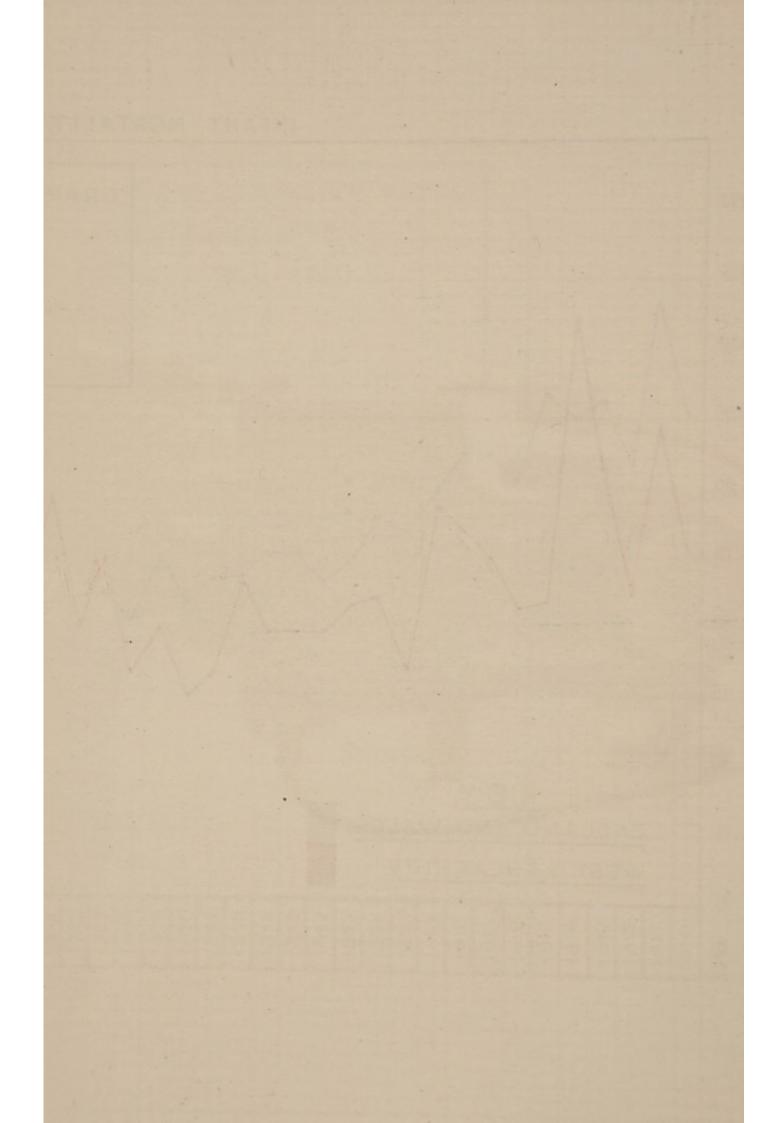
The following table shews the population, number of births and deaths, and the rate per 1,000 in each township in the Rural District for the year 1950.

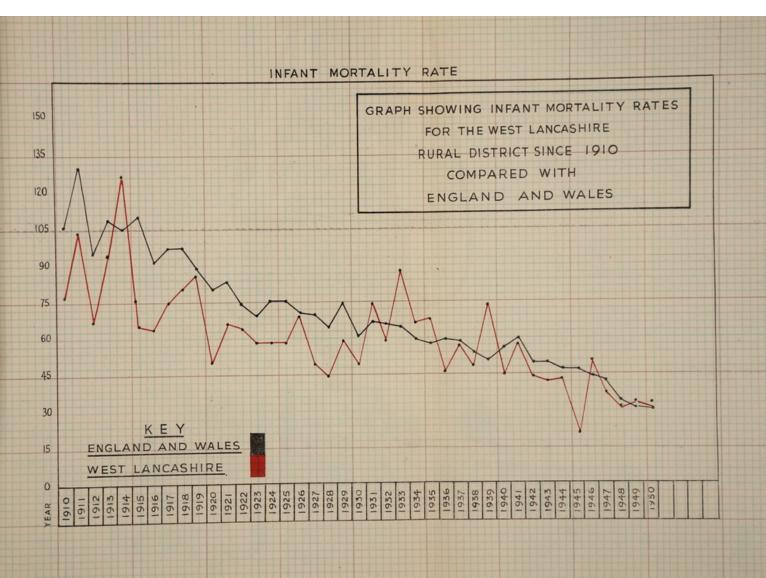
TOWNSHIPS.	Estimated	BIRT	THS.	DE	DEATHS.			
TOWNSHIPS.	Population middle of 1950	No. of Births.	Rate per 1,000.	No. of Deaths.	R	ate per 1,000.		
Aintree	 2,649	32	12.1	26		9.8		
Altcar	 698	5	7.1	2		2.9		
Aughton	 3,561	58	16.3	39		10.9		
Bickerstaffe	 1,546	27	17.5	10		6.5		
Bispham	 265	8	30.2	1		3.8		
Downholland	 620	7	11.3	7		11.3		
Ford	 1,176	18	15.3	12		10.2		
Halsall	 2,245	33	14.7	27		12.0		
Hesketh Bank	 1,854	28	15.1	27		14.6		
nce Blundell	 536	6	11.2	4		7.5		
ydiate	 1,693	29	17.7	16		9.4		
Maghull	 10,146	138	13.6	85		8.4		
Melling	 1,552	22	14.2	18		11.6		
Netherton	 3,824	55	14.4	20		5.2		
North Meols	 2,841	30	10.6	33		11.6		
Rufford	 965	24	24.9	10		10.4		
carisbrick	 3,206	47	14.7	30		9.4		
iefton	 452	6	13.3	8		17.7		
Simonswood	 333	1	3.0	2		6.0		
farleton	 3,033	40	13.2	28		9.2		
Thornton	 1,675	13	7.8	26		15.5		
Whole District	 44,870	627	14.0	431		9.6		

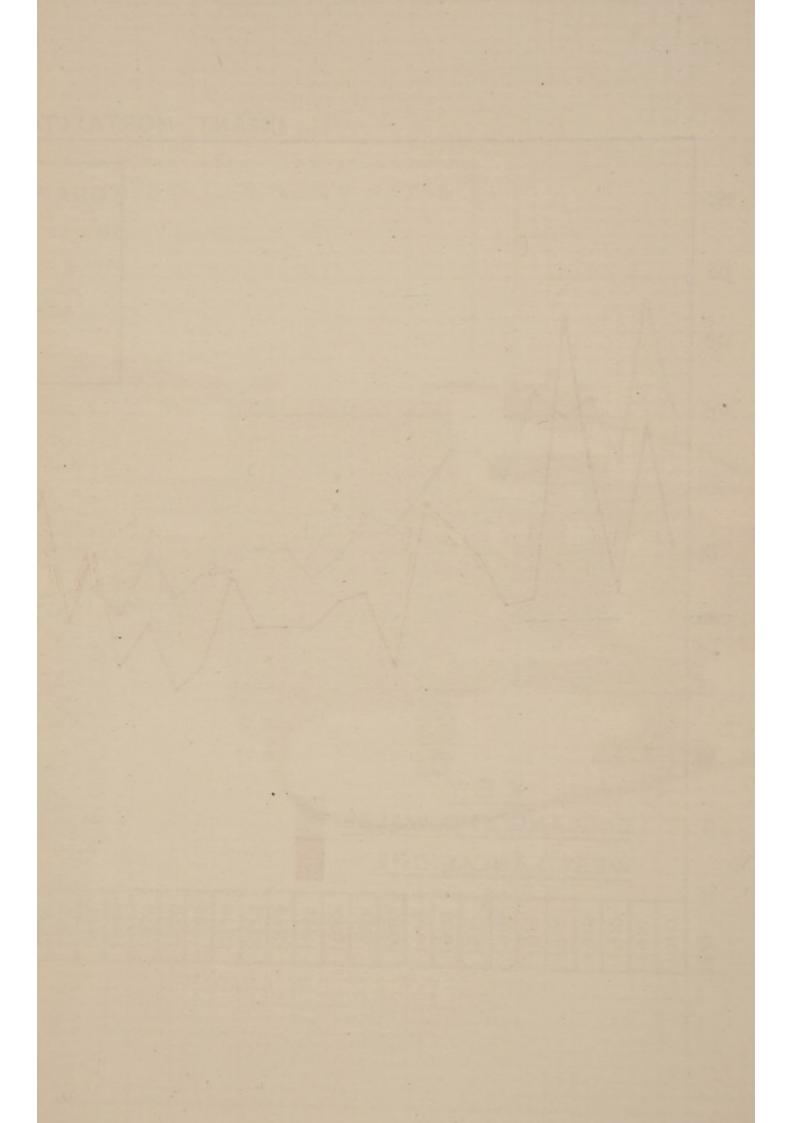


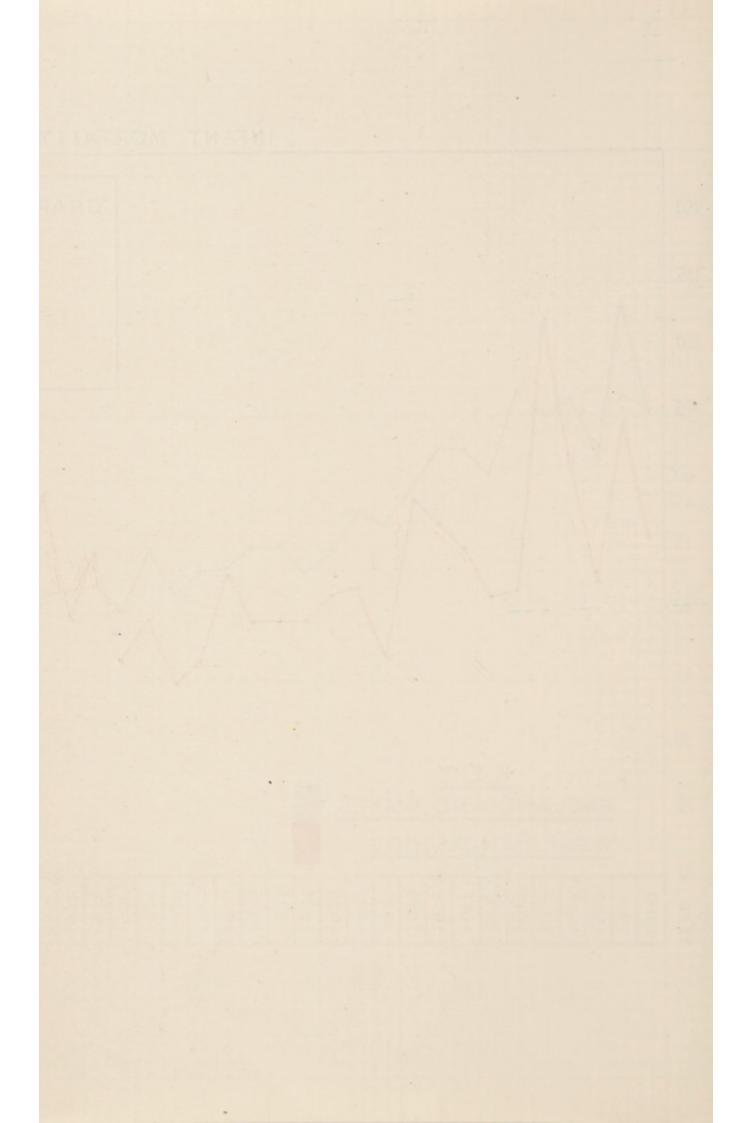












MIDWIVES RESIDENT IN THE DISTRICT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1950

Miss I. K. Paisley, c/o "Brooklands," Carr Cross, Southport Ro Scarisbrick. Tel. No. Scarisbrick 218		S.C.M.
Mrs. E. Bibby, 160 Northway, Maghull. Tel. No. Maghull 428		
Miss Ruth Freeman, District Nurse, "Burnside," Gorse Lane, Tarleton. Tel. No. Hesketh Bank 280 S.	.C.M.,	S.R.N.
Miss G. Johnson, District Nurse, "Burnside," Gorse Lane, Tarle- ton. Tel. No. Hesketh Bank 280 S.	.C.M.,	S.R.N.
Miss J. McGuinness, 135 Northern Road, Crosby. Tel. No. Gt. Crosby 1913 S.	.C.M.,	S.R.N.

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The Misses Mary A. Wharton and E. J. Jones, 32 Gainsborough Avenue, Maghull ... Two maternity or medical cases.

SCHOOL CLINICS

Litherland Clinics-

Linacre Road.

Tuesday	 9-30-12 a.m.	Minor Ailments.			
	2-4 p.m.	Dental.			
Friday	 9-30-12 a.m.	Minor Ailments.	Nurse	only	for
	W DIGENSING ADDRESS	dressings.			

Sefton Avenue.

Monday	9-30—12 a.m. 2— 4 p.m.	Dental. Dental.
	2-4 p.m. 2-4 p.m.	Child Welfare Centre. Dr. Rutherford
		and two nurses.
Wednesday	2— 4 p.m.	Child Welfare Centre. Dr. Rutherford and two nurses.
Thursday	9-30-12 a.m.	Opthalmic.
	9-30—12 a.m.	Orthopaedic. Nurse every Thursday. Surgeon attends second Monday of each month only.
	2— 4 p.m.	Ante-natal. Dr. Mayeur and two nurses.

Maghull Clinic, Parish Institute.

Monday Thursday	 1110 00	Minor Ailments. Two Nurses for Dressings. Child Welfare Centre. Dr. Rutherford and two Nurses.
Friday	 9-30—12 a.m.	Minor ailments. Dr Rutherford attends alternative weeks.

Ormskirk Clinic, General Hospital.

Monday	9-30—12 a.m. 2— 4 p.m.	Minor ailments. Dr. Wilson attends. Child Welfare Centre. Dr. Hailwood attends.
Tuesday	a.m. & p.m.	Orthopaedic. Nurse every Tuesday. Surgeon attends first Monday a.m. in each month only.
Wednesday	a.m.	Minor ailments.
Friday	a.m. & p.m.	Dental.
	9-30—12 a.m.	Ante-natal. Dr. Meyeur and Dr. Hailwood.
Lath	om and Burscough	n, Old Council Offices, Lathom.
Thursday	2— 4 p.m.	Child Welfare Centre. Dr. Wilson attends alternate weeks.
	Banks Clinic,	Gravel Lane, Banks.
Wednesday	10—12 a.m.	Minor ailments (Alternate weeks only) Dr. Wilson.
	2— 4 p.m.	Child Welfare Centre (Alternate weeks only)-Dr. Wilson.
Friday	a.m. & p.m.	Dental.
	Jubilee	Hall, Aintree.
Tuesday	2— 4 p.m.	Child Welfare Centre. Dr. Rutherford attends alternate weeks.
	Post Of	fice, Scarisbrick
Monday	•	Child Welfare Centre. Dr. Wilson attends alternate weeks.
Dr. Nutherion	Fire St	ation, Tarleton
Wednesday		Child Welfare Centre. Dr. Wilson attende alternate weeks.

The following is a list of Schools in the district:---

Division No.	SCHOOL.	School No.	No. of children normally Resident in the District attending the school.
6	Hesketh-with-Becconsall C.E	. 28	88 infants and juniors
6	North Meols, Banks Primitive Methodist		ing self spring har at most ser
c	a harde subscript and a money of the	07	142 infants and mixed.
6 6	North Meols, St. Stephen's Tarleton Mere Brow C.E	26	115 infants and mixed. 33 infants and mixed.
6	T 11 C 1	01	
0	Tarleton Council	51	39 infants, 69 juniors, 12 seniors.
6	Tarleton C.E	27	150 infants and juniors.
16	Halsall Central School	30	186 juniors and seniors.
16	Haskayne C.E	31	15 infants and juniors.
16	Bickerstaffe C.E	13	104 infants and juniors.
16	Maghull C.E	16	515 infants and juniors.
16	Maghull Secondary Modern	100	500 seniors.
16	Maghull St. George's R.C	. 17	263 infants and mixed.
16	Maghull Hudson School	. 32	314 infants and juniors.
16	Melling (Aughton) R.C	. 14	49 infants and juniors.
16	Melling C. of E	. 15	100 infants and juniors.
16	Scarisbrick St. Mark's C.E	. 32	32 infants and juniors.
16	Scarisbrick St. Mary's R.C	. 33	122 infants and mixed.
16	Scarisbrick Council	. 34	90 infants and juniors.
16	Aughton Christ Church	. 20	108 infants and mixed.
16	Aughton Parochial	. 21	140 infants and juniors.
16	Lydiate R.C	. 19	67 infants and mixed.
16	Lydiate C.E	. 18	91 infants and mixed.
16	Rufford C.E	. 22	52 infants and mixed.
16	Holmeswood Methodist	. 23	38 infants and mixed.
16	Bispham Free Grammar	. 24	47 infants and mixed.
16	Aintree County School	. 31	284 infants and juniors.
17	Ince Blundell R.C	. 26	51 infants and mixed.
17	Netherton R.C		50 infants and mixed.
17	Netherton Temporary Council		570 infants and juniors.
19	Sefton Council	. 27	39 infants and mixed.

SCHOOL CLOSURE.

It was not found necessary to close any of the schools during the year owing to the presence of infectious disease.

SCHOOL HYGIENE

Some schools have had their playgrounds re-surfaced during the year, and it is hoped that this long needed improvement will now be carried out at other schools.

The new Aintree Davenhill County Primary School was opened towards the end of the year and has relieved the difficulties in Aintree where a hutted school has been in use since the previous school was demolished in 1940.

School improvements are steadily being achieved but many alterations are required. More attention should be given to converting and increasing toilet accommodation, especially in the smaller schools.

THE IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT ARE :---

BANK ST. STEPHEN'S.

Corridor re-floored and walls replastered.

TARLETON MERE BROW C.E.

Internal decoration has been carried out.

HALSALL C.E.

Boys' lavatory converted to pails.

MAGHULL C.E.

Internal decoration has been carried out. Part of yard has been re-surfaced.

MELLING C.E.

New boiler for central heating has been insalled.

AUGHTON CHRIST CHURCH.

Part of yard has been re-surfaced. Interior decoration has been carried out. Kitchen has been re-equipped.

LYDIATE R.C.

Yard has been re-surfaced.

HOLMESWOOD METHODIST.

Electric radiator has been installed.

INCE BLUNDELL.

Has been re-decorated throughout.

SCARISBRICK COUNTY.

A commencement made in conversions to w.c.'s and septic tank.

THE FOLLOWING ALTERATIONS ARE REQUIRED :--

HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL.

Sanitary accommodation is primitive and requires replacement.

BANKS METHODIST.

New sanitary arrangements needed.

BANKS ST. STEPHEN'S.

Yard needs re-surfacing.

TARLETON MERE BROW C.E.

Yard needs re-surfacing.

TARLETON COUNTY C.E.

Water supply to boys' urinal.

HASKAYNE C.E.

Conversion to water carriage system required.

BICKERSTAFFE C.E.

Sanitary accommodation is primitive and requires replacement. Yard needs re-surfacing.

MELLING C.E.

Conversion of pail closets to water carriage system is urgently required.

SCARISBRICK ST. MARK'S C.E.

Lavatories need renewing.

AUGHTON CHRIST CHURCH.

Improved toilet system required.

LYDIATE C.E.

Yard needs re-surfacing. Interior decoration is badly needed.

HOLMESWOOD METHODIST.

Yard needs re-surfacing.

INCE BLUNDELL.

Yard needs re-surfacing.

Section C.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES. INFECTIOUS DISEASE STATISTICS.

el filmold	pupule Noo	the papers	Smallpox.	Enteric Fever	Scarlet Fever.	Mensles.	Diphtheria.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	Poliomyelitis Polio- encephalitis	Malaria.	Whooping Cough.	Erysipelas.	Paeumonia.
Cases			_	_	63	254		7	4		98	10	38
Deaths					-								11

The following table shews the number, monthly distribution and nature of cases of Infectious Diseases coming under the notice of the Medical Officer of Health during 1949. 1950.

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November	+ - + ² ¹ ;	26
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June	n 2 n - <i>n</i>	61
May	~ » 2 ° ° 1	63
April	+ - ~ = o	28
March	v v =	41
Rebruary	9 ⁶ 6 - 7 4	66
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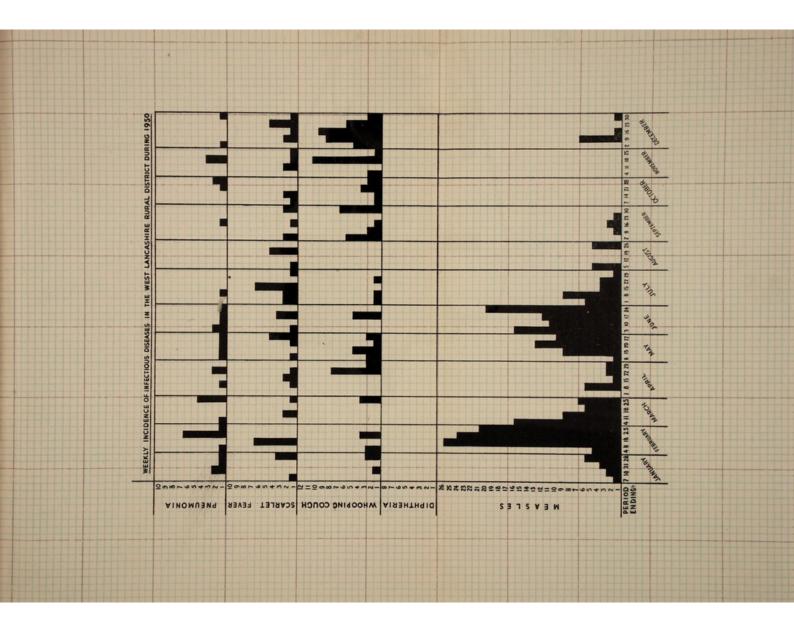
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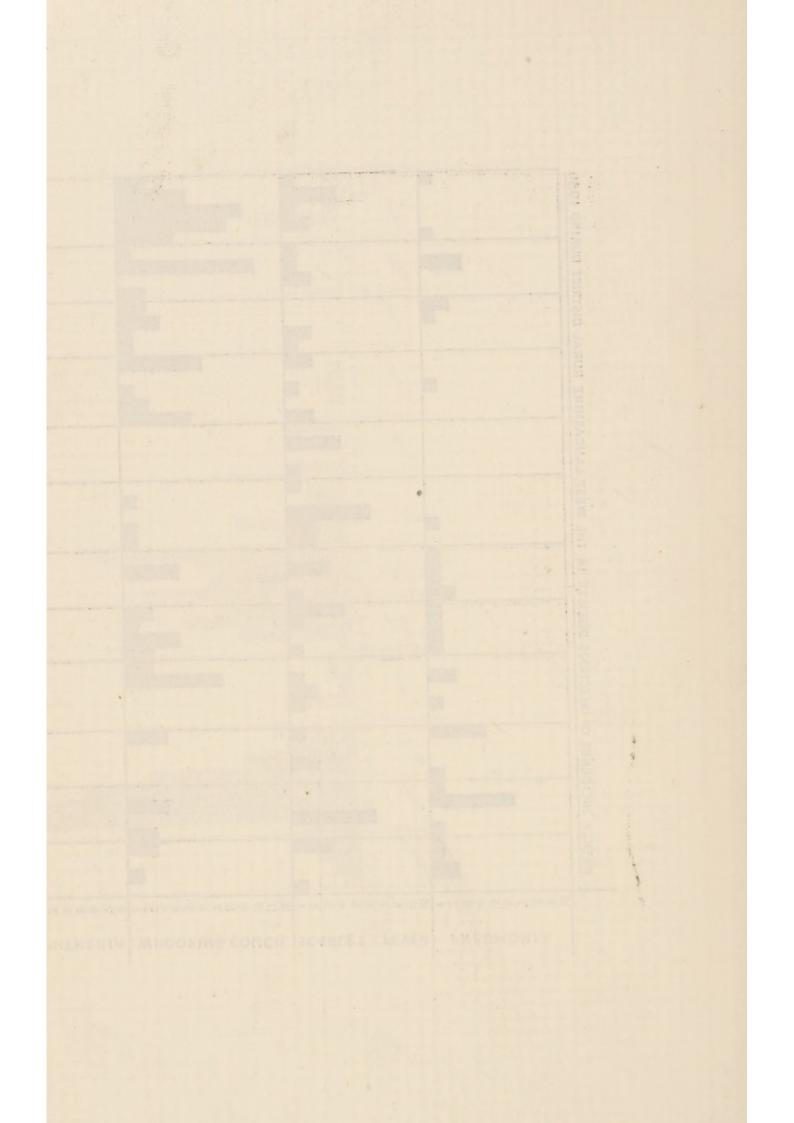
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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1950





DIPHTHERIA

Central Clinics are held at certain of the schools in the Rural District where children from the neighbouring schools attend for immunisation treatment, together with pre-school children from the surrounding districts. In addition, a monthly clinic is held at The Clinic, Ormskirk General Hospital, a monthly clinic at the Maghull Parish Institute and a fortnightly clinic at the Banks School Clinic.

It is satisfactory to be able to report that no cases of Diphtheria occurred in the Rural District during the year — the second year in which there has been complete freedom from the disease. There is no doubt that this is due to the energetic policy of Immunisation which has been carried out over the last ten years.

DIPHTHERIA IN THE WEST LANCASHIRE RURAL DISTRICT 1938-1950

	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Cases	34	37	20	40	25	12	12	7	6	16	5		-
Deaths	2	5	1	3		2				1	1	-	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Total Number of Children who have completed a full course of Immunisation up to and including 31st December, 1950.

	Age 0 0-4 years.	Groups 5-14 years.	Total under 15 years.
Total Population in Age Group	3,665	6,453	10,118
Total Number Immunised	1,505	4,198	5,703
Percentage	41%	65%	56.3%

			DIPHT	DIPHTHERIA	INCIDENCE	ENCE	DURING	30	YEARS				
5 Year Periods	Under	1-2	2-3	34	4-5	S-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & up	TOTAL, at all ages
1921-1925	1	1	1	5	2	16	13	3	s	2	1	1	48
1926-1930	1	3	5	3	6	57	31	13	17	3	5	1	145
1931-1935	1	3	5	ŝ	3	25	28	19	15	2	1	1	105
1936-1940		1	4	6	9	48	27	13	18	60	1	I	129
1941-1945	5	1	2	s	10	30	10	8	15	3	••	1	89
1946	1	Ι	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	I	9
1947	1	1	2	1	1	5	5	5	1	2	1	1	16
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1921-1925		1	2	14	4	34	28	9	10	4	5	1	
1926-1930	1	5	3	5	9	39	21	6	12	2	3	1	
1931-1935		3	3	3	3	25	26	18	15	2	1	1	
1936-1940	1	1	6	2	5	37	21	10	14	5	1	1	
1941-1945	2	1	2	9	12	33	12	10	16	60	3	1	
Average 25 years	s 0.6	1.2	2.6	6.4	9	33.2	21.6	10.6	13.4	3.2	1.6	0.4	
1946	1	1	17	17	1	1	32	1	17	17	1	1	
1947		1	12.5	1	1	31.2	31.3	12.5	1	12.5	1	1	
1948	20	I	1	1	20	20	20	1	20	1	1	1	
1949	1	1	1	1	1	I		-	1	1	1	1	
1950		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
1946-1950	4	١	5.9	3.4	4	10.2	22.6	2.5	7.4	5.9	1		

DIPHTHERIA.

Number of persons, in age groups, completely immunised, or found to be Schick Negative:---

Age	S		1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
	nder lear		3	2	3	1	1	2	14	41	30	22	17	25	85	58	192	171
1 Y	ear	4	6	12	18	13	7	10	88	221	203	181	205	175	186	293	173	163
2	"	6	3	10	22	21	14	24	101	173	71	47	76	36	34	51	22	27 Total under
3	,,	4	14	11	15	18	10	33	97	137	55	17	23	23	28	24	10	5 years at end 30 of 1950 1,505
4	"	13	11	6	38	30	21	24	102	144	63	26	13	16	17	19	10	19
5	"	86	43	72	103	75	36	127	189	225	139	87	28	24	33	26	13	29
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7	55	41	14	40	46	46	16	57	111	66	51	9	11	12	11	5	7	16 Total 5-9 years at
8	"	28	21	36	41	40	12	38	68	57	52	14	5	7	12	5	8	end of 13 1950 1,838
9	33	30	18	15	33	29	16	28	69	50	31	7	6	5	11	4	9	7
10	**	27	22	22	17	30	12	35	63	38	29	9	3	1	11	3	2	3
11	"	19	22	15	22	18	11	11	45	29	36	3	7	4	3	2	3	10
12	**	23	9	19	16	26	5	5	39	31	28	• 3	3	1	2	2	1	4 Total 10-14
13	"	28	11	10	5	7	3	13	36	12	14	5	2	4	1	-	1	7 years at end of 1950 2,360
14	"	3	3	4	2	1		12	2	1	-	2		_	1	-		1
	year l over		1	5	1	2	2	7	2	3			2	_	. 1	-	1	4
Tot	tal	353	223	339	445	428	798 198	507	1181	1352	892	483	420	346	453	533	461	531

Total number of children under 15 now fully immunised 5,703.

SCARLET FEVER

Sixty-three cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year.

All sases were of a mild type, but it was necessary to remove 24 of them to hospital. The general policy is to remove to hospital such cases of Scarlet Fever as are living under over-crowded conditions, or in such circumstances that they become conveyors of infection through inefficient isolation.

The following table shews the incidence and mortality from Scarlet Fever during the past ten years :---

	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Cases	 50	12	66	75	121	57	33	47	61	63
Deaths	 -1	-	-	- 1	-	-		-	-	

MEASLES

During the year 254 cases of Measles were notified.

This was an increase on the figure for 1949.

The following table indicates the incidence and fatality of this desease during the past ten years :---

	1	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Cases		292	251	178	180	138	139	189	421	412	254
Deaths		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	

WHOOPING COUGH

Ninety-eight cases of Whooping Cough were notified during the year compared with 147 in 1949 and 227 in 1948.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA

Seven cases of Puerperal Pyrexia were notified during the year. No deaths were recorded.

SMALLPOX

No cases of Smallpox occurred during the year.

PNEUMONIA

Thirty-eight cases of Pneumonia were notified during 1950. Deaths from Pneumonia number 11.

There are no facilities locally for the typing of pneumocci and for the provision of appropriate type sera, such work being of necessity performed in one of the large towns adjacent to the District.

ACUTE ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS

Four cases of Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis were notified during the year. There were no deaths from this disease in the Rural District.

TUBERCULOSIS.

				NEW	CASES.			DEA	THS.	
Age Peri	ods.		Respir	atory.	No Respir	n- atory.	Respir	atory.	Non Respirat	
Years	-	_	M.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F
1-5					2				1	
5-10					2	4				-
10-15			1	3						
15-20			2						-	
20-25			3	3		1	1	1	- 1	
25-35			4	10	1			2		-
35-45			4	4	1	1	1	2	1	-
45-55			5	2	1	-	2			-
55-65			2	1						-
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			23	23	7	6	6	6	3	-
	Total	s	46			3	1	2	-	3

Summary of notifications under the Public Health (Tuberculosis Regulations 1930) received during 1950.

The Urban Districts of Ormskirk and Skelmersdale and the Rural District of West Lancashire are included in the County Dispensary Area No. 5 with Headquarters at the Dispensary, "Ellesmere," Crosby Road North, Waterloo. Dispensary Sessions are held there on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. X-ray examinations are performed on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Evening consultations may be arranged by appointment. Dr. A. D. M. Hamilton is the Consultant Tuberculosis Officer for the area, and has as his staff two Assistant Tuberculosis Officers and six Tuberculosis Nurses.

A Pulmonary Hospital of 52 beds is situated at Rufford.

The number of new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis shews an increase of five over the previous year, while the deaths have decreased by three.

		Public Assistance Hospital.	Sanatoria and Pulmonary Hospitals.	Military and General Hospitals.
Mate				Ŧ
Pulmonary :				
Male			1	2
Female			5	4
Non-Pulmona	ry:			
Male				1
Female			1	

NOTIFICATIONS ON FORM 1 BY MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HOSPITALS.

	Pul	monary.	Non-Pu	Imonary.
Occupation.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females
Housewife		10		1
Occupation unknown	4	5		
Child 0.5 years	1	-	2	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
School Child (5-14)	1	3	2	4
Woodwork Machinist	1			-
Pupil Midwife	–	1		
Nurse		2		1
Ships Fumigator	1			
Optician	1	_		
Ambulance Officer	1	-		
Colliery Worker	1	-		-
Chef	1			
Clerk	3	1		-
Shop Keeper			1	x
Ships Steward	1			
Farmer	2		1	-
Farm Labourer	2			al institutes
Analyst	1			
Dressmaker		1		-
Market Gardener	1	-	1	1 100 <u></u> 10
Butcher	1		-	made <u>ne</u> O
Royal Marine	1	-		-
Total	23	23	7	76

The following table is an analysis of the occupations of the 59 new cases of Tuberculosis notified during 1950:---

In 27 houses inspected during the year by reason of Tuberculous inmates, 7 cases were found not to be sleeping in separate bedrooms, and in one case the patient was not even sleeping in a separate bed; 19 cases slept in separate bedrooms.

Section D.

The following table summarises the water supply in the Rural District for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

SUMMARY OF WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1950

SUPPLIED FROM PUBLIC MAIN. SUPPLIE											TOTAL NUMBER OF S HOUSES AND PERCENTAGES			
PARISHES.	Upholland Urban District Council	Chorley Rural District Council	Wigan Rural District Council	Liverpool Corporation	Ormskirk Urban District Council	St. Helens Cornoration	Preston	Corporation Southport & Dist. Water Board	TOTALS	Wells & Rainwater, etc.	Increase or Decrease	TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSES	Percentage with Main Water Supply	
Aintree				916					916	<u></u>		916	100.0	
Altcar								210	210	3		213	98.6	
Aughton				Y	10	2		1092	1094	4		1098	99.6	
Bickerstaffe	6	-		4		1		403	414	4	1	418	99.0	
Bispham		2	57	-	1	11-		1	60	6	7701	66	90.9	
Downholland	-	-		-				202	202	5		207	97.6	
Ford	_	_	-	355					355		-	355	100.0	
Halsall	_							607	607	14		621	97.7	
Hesketh Bank	_				-		565		565	2	10	567	99.6	
Ince Blundell			-	120				6	126	2		128	98.4	
Lydiate			-		-			576	576	14	-1	590	97.6	
Maghull			-		-	4	-+	2786	2790	8		2798	99.7	
Melling	-		-			393			393	2		395	99.4	
Netherton			-	1098					1098			1098	100.0	
North Meols	-		-				6	748	754	17	1	771	97.7	
Rufford	-	-	-		323			-	323	1	3	324	99.6	
Scarisbrick			-		6			829	835	22		857	97.4	
Sefton				152					152			152	100.0	
Simonswood	-		-	1	-	66			67	2		69	97.1	
Tarleton			-		2		821		823	3		826	99.6	
Thornton			-	448					448		-	448	100.0	
Totals	6	2	57	3094	332	466	1392	7459	12808	109	17	12917	99.1	

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF WATER

Main Supplies

Regular samples of all mains water supplies are taken throughout the year in order to ensure the purity of the supply. All samples during 1950 shewed a pure and satisfactory water for human consumption.

Other Supplies

Samples of water have been taken from wells and other local sources of water from time to time. Where these samples on bacteriological examination have proved to be unsatisfactory for human consumption the householder has been advised, and action has been taken to require an alternative supply of water to be provided.

1950-SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The following conversions have been effected during the year :---

Privies to Waterclosets	 	 	40
Pails to Waterclosets	 	 	2
Privies to Pails	 ·	 	29
Fixed Receptacles to Metal Bins	 	 	71

SUMMARY OF CONVERSIONS FOR THE YEARS 1941-1950

	Year		Privies to Water Closets	Pails to Water Closets	Privies to Pails	Ashpits to Bins.
1	1941		1	_		1
1	1942		5	26	18	19
1	1943		10	1	4	9
1	1944		5	- 11	82	34
. 198 1	1945		4	9	17	4
1	1946		6 .		3	9
1	1947		12	2	5	19
1	1948		17	5	11	33
1	1949		26	11	12	48
1	950	·	40	2	29	71

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401500		W.C.'s	Pails.	Privies.	Dry Ashpits.	Privy Middens	. Bins.
Aintree		908	1	7	2	6	908
Altcar		148	49	16	8	16	179
Aughton		983	19	96	9	96	966
Bickerstaffe		193	109	116	6	116	249
Bispham		12	6	48		48	21
Downholland		75	17	115	4	115	82
Ford		336	6	13		13	342
Halsall	· ···	331	71	219		219	402
Hesketh Bank		368	169	30		30	506
Ince Blundell		85	22	21		21	63
Lydiate		457	26	101	18	101	465
Maghull		2737	16	45	9	45	2744
Melling	· · · ·	278	86	31	_	31	343
Netherton		1087	7	4	-	4	1089
North Meols		347	312	103		103	575
Rufford		195	66	63		63 ·	254
Scarisbrick		488	86	283		283	574
Sefton		108	2	42	3	42	100
Simonswood	· · · · · · ·	27	25	17	3	17	-21
Tarleton		542	191	93	-	93	656
Thornton		433	1	14	14 July	14	433
TOTALS		10138	1287	1477	62	1476	10972
Percentag	e	78.5%	9.9%	11.4%	0.5%	11.8%	87.79

SANITARY CONVENIENCES, 1950

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Section E.

HOUSING

The Rural Housing Survey continued steadily throughout the year. The number of houses inspected was 1,746 and they were classified as follows.

Category	1.	Fit in all respects	884
Category	2.	Requiring minor repairs	351
		Requiring repair, structural alteration or	
		improvement	368
Category	4.	Reconditioning	80
Category	5.	Unfit for habitation	63
			1,746

Thirteen parishes have now been surveyed and the grand total of houses inspected and classified to date is 6,004. They are placed in the following categories.

Category	1.	 2,965
Category	2.	 1,002
Category	3.	 1,460
Category	4.	 456
Category	5.	 121
		-
		6,004

Since its inception, the Survey has been directed to the more rural parishes, leaving the developed parishes the last to be inspected.

It is now possible to see the general picture in greater detail, and it seems that the houses that are in need of serious repair or structural alteration is about 32% of the total.

2% are considered so unfit by reason of age and disrepair, that they are suitable only for Demolition orders, whilst 66% are sound structurally, in good repair, and possess all or most of the amenities generally considered necessary for a healthy and pleasant life.

Since the passing of the Housing Act 1949, "Reconditioning," or as the Act calls it "Improvement of dwellings," has taken on a new meaning.

From a study of the Act ,together with circulars issued by the Ministry, the field of application — especially in the Rural District — has been narrowed down considerably.

The pre-war conception of reconditioning which was carried out under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts, and which enabled Owners to improve old cottages up to a modest standard of fitness is no longer applicable.

Under the 1949 Housing Act, the Ministry are prepared to make grants to Owners, desirous of improving their dwellings to the extent of 50% of the cost, provided the total cost is not more than £600 or less than £100.

Certain conditions as to tenancy and rent charged are laid down, and the improvements when completed must make the dwelling fit in all respects. For this purpose, "fit in all respects" means that the dwelling must :---

- 1. be in all respects dry.
- 2. be in a good state of repair.
- 3. have each room properly lighted and ventilated.
- have an adequate supply of wholesome water laid on for all purposes inside the dwelling.
- 5. be provided with efficient and adequate means of supplying hot water for domestic purposes.
- 6. have an internal or otherwise readily accessible water closet.
- 7. have a fixed bath, preferably in a separate room.
- 8. be provided with a sink or sinks and with suitable arrangements for the disposal of waste water.
- be provided with facilities for domestic washing including a copper, preferably in a separate room.
- 10. have a proper drainage system.
- be provided with adequate facilities for artificial lighting in each room.
- 12. be provided with adequate facilities for heating each habitable room.
- 13. have satisfactory facilities for preparing and cooking food.
- 14. have a well ventilated larder or food store.
- 15. have a proper provision for the storage of fuel.
- have a satisfactory surfaced path to out-buildings and convenient access from a street to the back-door.

It is abunadantly clear from this high standard, that a dwelling must be in a reasonably good state before an improvement grant is considered.

During the year, five individually unfit houses have been dealt with under Section 11, Housing Act 1936.

Two have been demolished, two, it was agreed to accept undertakings to use for agricultural purposes only, and the remaining one is still occupied.

The occupants of the latter will be rehoused as soon as suitable accommodation becomes available, whereupon the cottage will be demolished by the Owner.

92 Council houses were completed during 1950, bringing the total post-war houses to 764.

The grand total of pre-war Council houses, pre-fabs and post-war Council houses now stands at 1,220.

The details of the Parishes surveyed during the year is given herewith :---

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY 1950 PARISH OF INCE BLUNDELL

Number of houses	128
Estimated population (1948)	528
Number of persons per house	4.1
Birth Rate (1948)	4.0
Death Rate (1948)	7.5

				No. of		Persons
Year		Population	1	houses	F	er house
1932	*	504		112		4.5
1940		502		124		4.04
1950		208		128	· 10	4.1
	*These	records a	re the	earliest	availab	le
	for th	e Paris	h of	Ince	Blunde	11.

The 128 houses have been placed in the following categories :---

Category	1.	Fit in all respects	49
,,	2.	With minor defects	39
,,	3.	Requiring structural alteration or repair	29
,,	4.	Requiring reconditioning or reconstuction	5
,,	5.	Unfit and requiring demolition	6

The amenities available are :---

Water Supply.

With	mains supply	126	REMARKS.
With	well supply	2	The latter are two isolated cottages.

Sanitary Accommodation.

With	water closet	85
With	pail closet	22
With	privvies	21

The sewering of the village now makes it possible to connect 39 houses to the tne new Disposal Works. Connecting 13 privies and 3 pail closets and connecting 23 w.c's. which at present use septic tank and cesspools.

Foul Drainage.

To	sewer		30	To cesspool	56
To	septic	tank	21	None	15

(Six houses on Altcar Rifle Range to camp drainage scheme)

Houses	without	adequate washing facilities	8
**	,,	hot water supply	61
,,	,,	a fixed bath	43
,,	.,,	a sink	9
13	,,	suitable food storage	5

Household Refuse.

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Houses	with	bins .			 	 	63
,,	,,	privy	ashpits		 	 	32
,,	witho	ut pro	ovision	made.	 	 	33

Artificial Lighting.

Houses	with	elect	ric ligh	t	114
33	,,	oil la	amps		14

Although little change has taken place in the last twenty years in the Parish of Ince Blundell the work done by the Council in the past three years has added considerably to the amenities and housing needs of so sparsely a populated Parish.

The addition of 18 post war houses and the completion of the sewerage scheme in the village, together with the demolition of seven cottages has improved matters where it was most needed.

Out of a total of 128 houses, 42 are Council houses. 24 of the latter are in cluded in Category 1, whilst the remaining 18 have been placed in Category 2 because they lack hot water supply. It is of interest to note that the 24 mentioned were built by West Lancashire Council and the remaining 18 by the Sefton R.D. Council.

Of the privately owned property in the Parish, the majority is owned by the Ince Blundell Estates.

A certain amount of reconditioning of their property has taken place in the past, and at present they are giving consideration to the alterations necessary to convert many of the cottages from cesspool drainage to the water carriage system.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY 1950

PARISH OF HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL

Total number of houses	566
Estimated population (1948)	1850
Number of persons per house	3.26
Birth Rate (1948)	15.1
Death Rate (1948)	10.2

Year	1	opulation	No. of houses	Persons per house	
1890		947	 188	 5.03	
1910		1036	 238	 4.35	
1930		1692	 438	 3.86	
1948/49		1850	 566	 3.26	

The 566 houses have been placed in the following categories :--

COMMENTS.

Category	1-Fit in all respects	324	None.
,,	2-With minor defects		
"	3-Requiring structural alteration or repair		No action taken.
"	4-Requiring recondition- ing or reconstruction		No action taken.
"			To be recommended to the Council for action at the appropriate time. ady been dealt with

The amenities are :---

Water Supply.

With mains supply	564
Rainwater supply	1
With well supply	1

Sanitary Accommodation.

With	water closets	367
With	privies	30
With	pail closets	169

Foul Drainage.

To	sewer	None
To	septic tanks	367
To	cesspool	194
Not	ne	5

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY 1950

PARISH OF ALTCAR

Number of houses	213
Estimated population (1948)	688.
Number of persons per house	3.2
Birth Rate	8.7
Death Rate	10.2

Year	r Population			No. of houses	Persons per house	
1890		532		94		5.6
1910		529		93		5.6
1930		482		105		4.6
1948/49		686		213		3.2

The 213 houses have been placed in the following categories :---

Category	1.	Fit in all respects	136
33	2.	With minor defects	29
,,	3,	Requiring structural alteration or repair	39
,,	4.	Requiring reconditioning or reconstruction	1
	5.	Requiring demolition	8

213

The amenities available are :---

Water Supply.

With	mains supply	210
With	well supply	3

Sanitary Accommodation.

With	water closets	148
With	pail closets	49
With	privies	16

COMMENTS.

The recent completion of the mains extension has reduced the number of wells from 25. The remaining 3 are isolated cottages.

Foul Drainage.

To sewer	105	The 105 houses are situated in Little Altcar and are connected to Formby
	12	U.D.C. sewer.
To septic tank		
To cesspool		
None	21	

Houses	without	adequate washing facilities	2
,,	,,	hot water supply	61
**	,,	a fixed bath	48
,,	**	a sink	1
,,	,,	suitable food storage	2

Household Refuse.

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Houses	with	bins			 	 	 179
.,	**	privy	ashpits		 	 	 24
.,	witho	out pr	ovision	made	 	 	 10

Artificial Lighting.

Houses	with	electric light 1	93
>>	,,	Oil lamps	20

The housing development of Little Altcar which commenced in 1936, had, up to 1939, doubled the number of houses in the Parish. Comparing the population figures, an increase of only 40% has taken place during this time.

Of the total of 213 houses, 24 are farmhouses, 20 are Council houses (12 built in 1948), 102 are semi-detached houses in Little Altcar, and the remaining 67 are the most part agricultural cottages.

The standard of housing in Great Altcar is poor compared with other Parishes. The situation is curious in that many of the cottages are in better condition and repair than some of the farmhouses.

Following the usual practice, the more serious nuisances and defects are being dealt with, and the response of the Owners is satisfactory.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY 1950

PARISH OF SIMONSWOOD

Number of houses	69
Estimated population (1949)	337
Number of persons per house	4.88
Birth rate	14.8
Death rate	5.9

TRA INTO	hundre		No. of		Persons
F	opulation		houses		per house
• • • • •	477		72		6.6
	354		62		5.7
	314		63		5.0
	337		69		4.88
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The houses in the Parish have been placed in the following categories :---

COMMENTS.

COMMENTS.

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Standpipe approx. 1/2 mile distant.

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Category	1-Fit in all respects	20				
,,	2-With minor defects	9	Informal	action	taken	
,,	3-Requiring structural					
	alteration or repair	39				
,,	4-Requiring recondition-					
	ing	nil				
,,	5-Requiring Demolition	1	Owned	by	Liverpool	Corporation.
	Total	69				

The amenities available are :---

Water Supply.

With	main	s supply	67
With	well	supply	1
Rainw	ater s	upply	1

Sanitary Accommodation.

With	water closets	27
With	pail closets	25
	privies	17

Foul Drainage.

O SEWER.	
2 to Kirkby Trading Estate	
Sewerage System	
To septic tank	22
To cesspool	29
None	16

Houses	without	adequate washing facilities	1
**		hot water supply	38
	**	a fixed bath	38
33	55	a sink	3
>>	,,	a suitable food store	1

Household Refuse.

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Houses	with	bins			 	 . 21
,,	,,	privy	ashpits		 	 . 32
,,	witho	ut any	provision	made	 	 . 16

Artificial Lighting.

Houses	with	electric light	57
,,		gas lighting	1 Calor Gas
,,	,,	oil lamps	11

The general standard of housing in the Parish is low. The majority of the houses are more than 60 years old and dampness and lack of amenities are the principal defects.

The total of 69 houses comprise 22 Farms, 10 farm cottages, 6 smallholdings, 12 Council houses and 19 other houses and cottages.

Of this total, the following are owned by Liverpool Corporation :---

Farms		 	 						 10
Farm	cottages		 						 5
Other	houses	 	 						 8
				-	Γc	ot	al		 23

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY 1950

PARISH OF NORTH MEOLS

Acreage.....5,453

Number of houses	770
Estimated population (1949)	2853
Number of persons per house	3.7
Birth Rate	9.1
Death rate	7.7

				No. of	Persons
Year	1	Population	n	houses	per house
1890		1588		294	 5.4
1910		1940		416	 4.6
1930		2255		592	 3.8
1949		2853		770	 3.7

The houses in the Parish have been placed in the following categories :---

Category	1.	Fit for all respects	355
	2.	With minor defects	183
	3.	Requiring structural alteration	191
	4.	Requiring reconditioning or reconstruction	26
.,,	5.	Requiring demolition	15

Total ... 770

The amenities available are :---

Water Supply.

With	mains supply	754
With	well supply	nil
With	rainwater supply	16

Sanitary Accommodation.

With	water closets	347
With	pail closets	312
With	privies	103

Foul Drainage.

To sewer	38
To septic tank	315
To cesspool	412
None	5

Houses	without	adequate washing facilities	27
••	,,	hot water supply	339
,,	"	a fixed bath	411
,,	,,	a sink	2
,,	,,	a suitable food store	138

Household Refuse.

Houses	with	bins			 574
,,	,,	privy	ashpits		 103
,,	withou	ut an	y provisi	ion made	 93

Artificial Lighting.

Houses	with	electric light	 647
		0 0 0	
	,,	oil lamps	 31

The general standard of housing in the parish is fairly good.

70% of the total are structurally sound and free from serious dampness and have available most of the amenities considered necessary to modern standards.

The remaining 30% are poor. Built over 60 years ago, there is much inherent dampness from lack of damp coursing and worn and porous brick.

The majority of them hardly seem to warrant the high expenditure necessary to bring them up to modern standards, and in consequence they are poorly maintained.

Fifteen cottages have been placed in Category V — (demolition) and twenty six in Category IV — (reconditioning). The difference between the two groups is slight and will be kept under review from time to time. If the present trend of building costs keep on increasing, it may be necessary to transfer most of the Category IV cottages to Category V.

Section F.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

There are 25 milk distributors registered with the Local Authority, 11 of which have dairy premises in the district.

30 visits were made to these dairies and the premises were found satisfactory.

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

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

Dealers Licences (including Supplementary Licences) issued under the above Regulations are as follows : ----

		BOTTLING	DISTRIBUTION
Tuberculin	Tested	1	14
Pasteurised			. 10
Sterilised		-	4

3. Milk Sampling.

Twenty-nine samples were taken by the Inspectors during the year.

Twenty-three of these samples were for Tuberculosis, three prove dpositive and twenty negative.

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The three positive cases were referred to the Divisional Inspector, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Six samples were submitted for Methylene Blue reduction and were satisfactory.

All the examinations were carried out by the Pathological Department of the Liverpool University.

4. Food and Drugs Act 1938.

As from July, 1940, this Act has been administered by the County Sanitary Inspectors.

The accompanying figures have been supplied by the County Council :---

	Samples taken	Prosecusions
Milk	215	
Miscellaneous	40	-

5. Bakehouses.

There are fifteen Bakehouses in the District, distributed as follows :----

Aughton 2, Bickerstaffe 1, Hesketh Bank 2, Maghull

4, Netherton 2, North Meols 1, and Tarleton 3.

Fifty-six inspections have been made during the year, and the premises are kept in a satisfactory condition.

6. Ice Cream.

There are eight manufacturers and fifty-two dealers of ice-cream in the area.

One hundred and sixty visits and inspections were made to the premises where the ice-cream is manufactured and sold.

During the year forty-six samples of ice-cream were obtained and submitted for Methylene Blue reduction test.

Results of these samples were :---

Grade	I.	 20
Grade	II.	 22
Grade	III.	 4

7. Meat and other Foods.

Byelaws under Section 15, Food and Drugs Act 1938, for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practices in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food sold, etc., were made and confirmed by the Minister of Food during the year.

Shops, vehicles and premises where food is prepared, stored, conveyed or sold, are kept under constant supervision.

The following meat and other foods were condemned during the year :---

Place	Weight cwts.	Cond qrts.	
Aintree Cold Storage Various retail shops and food manufactur-			57
ing premises	13	6	18
and a state of the second	13	6	75

A large quantity of this total consisted of bread which was partly burned and partly under-baked due to an electric power break-down, resulting in thousands of loaves being rendered unfit for human consumption.

Inspections carried out at Aintree Cold Stores consisted of imported meat and meat products.

8. FACTORIES.

The total number of factories with and without mechanical power is 210. 279 inspections were made and 25 defects were found, 24 defects being remedied.

1. INSPECTIONS

Premises.	No. on Register.	Inspections.	Notices	Prosecution.
Factories in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, are enforced by Local				
Authority	49	100	-	onu
Factories not included above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	155	172	_	
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	6	7		
Totals	210	279		
				and a second sec

2. DEFECTS FOUND.

Number of cases in which defects were found.

Premises	Found.	Remedied.	To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	Prosecu- tions.
Want of cleanliness (Sec. 1)	14	13	-		
Overcrowding (Sec. 2)					
Unreasonable temperature (Sec. 3)				-	
Inadequate ventilation (Sec. 4)	1	1	-		
Ineffective drainage of floors (Sec. 6)	5	5	—		
Sanitary conveniences (Sec. 7) (a) Insufficient	1	1 -		—	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4		*****	
(c) Not separate for sexes	—			-	-
Other offences against the Act	_	-			_
Totals	25	24	—		_

9. OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The Soap Works situated in Park Lane, Netherton, is under good management and the conditions are satisfactory.

The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

Since the above Act came into operation on the 31st March, 1950, it is the duty of every Local Authority to ensure so far as practicable that their district is kept free from rats and mice.

The fullest co-operation still exists with the Lancashire Agricultural Executive Committee in respect of treatment of farm lands and ditches adjacent to dwelling houses and factories.

The Council employ one Rodent Operative who carried out re-infestation of premises and dealt with infestation complaints which were found to be of minor character only.

The Council have agreed to the scheme whereby all infestations to private premises are dealt with free of charge.

Under the same scheme business premises are charged the full amount for disinfestation, and by close co-operation and arrangement these premises receive frequent inspection and treatment when necessary.

The treatment of sewers and sewage works has been dealt with by the Surveyor's Department, and periodical re-treatment is carried out to prevent serious re-infestation.

REPOR	RT FOR PER	IOD YEAR EN	NDING 31st	REPORT FOR PERIOD YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1950	950		
	1. PRI	PREVALENCE OF RATS AND MICE	RATS AND	AICE			
	(1)	(ii) No. of proper	(iii) ties in Local A	(ii) (iii) (iv) (iv) No. of properties in Local Authority's Area	(v) A	(vi) (vi) (vi)	(ivi) in (iv)
		In wh	In which infestation was	n was		Number infested by	ed by
Tune of Pronerty		Matifad hu	Chine and	Recorded		Rats	
history in addr	Total	Occupier	discovered	(ii) & (iii)	Major	Minor	Mice only
Local Authority's Property	10	∞	1	8		~	
Dwelling Houses	12032	79	30	109	1	94	15
Business Premises	421	13		13	1	11	2
Agricultural Property	701	1	I	.	1	: 1	•
Total	13164	100	30	130	1	113	17
2.	MEASURES	2. MEASURES OF CONTROL BY LOCAL AUTHORITY	BY LOCAL	AUTHORITY			
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		served under Section 4		by arrange- ment with Occupier	Under Section	- Se	
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