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TO THE
WINCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

September, 1943.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1942. This report is curtailed as directed by the Ministry of Health, but all records have been kept for further reference, if required.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CATHRINE AVERY.

M.D. (London) B.S.,
M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P. D.P.H.

Statistics of Area

Area.....110, 436.
Rateable Value at 31st December, 1942.....£249, 808.
Sum represented by a penny rate.....£1035.

Vital Statistics

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births (Legitimate).....	294	325	619
(Illegitimate).....	20	20	40
Still Births (Legitimate).....	6	8	14
(Illegitimate).....	0	2	2

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths.....	249	225	474

Deaths from Puerperal causes:-

No. 29. Puerperal sepsis.....0.
No. 30. Other puerperal causes...0.

0

Deaths from Cancer (all ages).....61
Deaths from Measles (all ages).....0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages).....1.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....2.

The Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age is 36.41 per 1,000 live births. This figure is low when compared with the corresponding figure 49 - for the whole of England and Wales.

Causes of Death	Males.	Females.
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid.....	-	-
2. Cerebro Spinal Fever.....	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever.....	-	-
4. Whooping Cough.....	1.	-
5. Diphtheria.....	-	1.
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.....	9.	6.
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis.....	4.	1.
8. Syphilitic Disease.....	2.	2.
9. Influenza.....	1.	1.
10. Measles.....	7	-
11. Acute Polio-myelitis and Polio-encephalitis... (Infantile-Paralysis)...	-	-
12. Acute Infective Encephalitis (Sleepy Sickness)	-	-
13. Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	-	-
14. Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum.....	7.	2.
15. Cancer of Breast.....	-	5.
16. Cancer of other sites.....	21.	22.
17. Diabetes.....	-	1.
18. Inter Cranial Vascular Lesions.....	12.	31.
19. Heart Disease.....	62.	58.
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System.....	8.	5.
21. Bronchitis.....	12.	8.
22. Pneumonia.....	7.	11.
23. Other Respiratory Diseases.....	4.	3.
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum.....	3.	-
25. Diarrhoeas, under 2 years.....	1.	1.
26. Appendicitis.....	1.	-
27. Other digestive Diseases.....	6.	6.
28. Nephritis.....	6.	5.
29. Puerperal & Post-abortion Sepis.....	-	-
30. Other Maternal causes.....	-	-
31. Premature Birth.....	1.	3.
32. Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury, Infantile Disease.	6.	7.
33. Suicide.....	3.	2.
34. Road Traffic Accidents.....	5.	2.
35. Other Violent Causes.....	9.	7.
36. All other Causes.....	23.	30.
<u>All causes.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>219</u>
		<u>223</u>

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age

Legitimate.....	11.	12.
Illegitimate.....	-	1.
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>

The deaths in the above table include residents who died outside and exclude non-residents who die within the District. Non civilians are excluded.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases

The following table gives particulars of cases of infectious diseases notified, excluding Tuberculosis, for which a separate table is given:-

	<u>Notified</u>	<u>Removed to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever.....	57	46	-
Diphtheria.....	4	4	1.
Pneumonia.....	16	-	28
Erysipelas.....	6	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	7	1	-
Typhoid and Paratyphoid.....	-	-	-
Infantile Paralysis.....	1	1	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.....	2	2	-
Measles.....	149	1	-
Whooping Cough.....	37	1	1

Only certain forms of pneumonia are notifiable, but the deaths recorded are from all forms.

The case of Infantile Paralysis and all cases of Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever have been visited and advice given as to the necessary medical precautions to be taken.

Infantile Paralysis:

This occurred in a school child at Itchen Stoke - she was admitted to the Royal Hants County Hospital and, later transferred to the Lord Mayor's Treloar Home, at Alton, where she is still a patient. No evidence of contact with any previous case was found.

Diphtheria

Four cases were notified - one of which, an adult, died. None of them were immunised.

Immunisations

The number of children treated under the Council's Scheme was 911 of whom 488 were five years of age and over, but under fifteen - and 423 were under five. The percentage of those immunised is 37% under five years of age and 79% over five, but under fifteen. During the year, the free treatment of immunisation, already carried out at the schools and at the family Doctor's Surgery, was extended to the children attending the Child Welfare Centre Clinics, to the County Council. There the treatment is carried out by the Medical Officer in charge who, at some centres, is an Assistant County Medical Officer, and, at others, a general practitioner.

In a recent campaign for the purpose of propaganda urging the parents to protect their children against Diphtheria, slides were shown at the two Cinemas in the area - Alresford and Netley. Leaflets were distributed and propaganda was much assisted by the co-operation of the County Council and County Nursing Association. To all those parents making application to the Food Office for Cod-Liver Oil and Fruit Juice, a personal letter was sent urging the importance of having their children immunised.

Scarlet Fever

The 57 cases notified were distributed in various parts of the districts. There was no serious outbreak.

Mumps was prevalent throughout the year.

Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers

Under the Council's Scheme, Anti-Typhoid Vaccine, for inoculation purposes, has been supplied to those practitioners, within the area desirous of obtaining it.

Tuberculosis

The following table refers to new cases and mortality during the year.

<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
Pulmonary.		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary.		Non Pulmonary	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
13	13	6.	3 (Total 35)	9	5	4	1 (Total 19)

All cases of Tuberculosis are notified to me. During the year there has been no extensive incidence of, or mortality from, tuberculosis in any particular occupation within the area.

24 of the total number (35) of cases were aged between 20 and 40 years. Among the 9 Non-Pulmonary cases 7 occurred in children.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Inspection

All parts of the area have been frequently visited by me, either alone, or, with the District Sanitary Inspectors.

Water Supply

Sample of water from public supplies have been periodically examined during the year and reported to be satisfactory.

There has been no serious shortage of water-supply in the Council's area and no illness, traceable to water, has been reported.

FACTORIES ACT 1937.

Inspection of Factories Workshops and Workplaces.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers prosecuted (4)
Factories (With Mechanical Power)	4	-	-
Factories (Without Mechanical Power)	30	6	-
Other premises under the Act (Including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)	-	-	-
Total	34	6	-

(Signed) J.C.H. AVERY.

September 1943.

Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT 1942

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to report briefly the year's work of sanitary administration as shown in the routine inspections carried out in the district during the year which are tabulated below:-

Statute	Nature of Visits	No of Inspections	Samples taken
Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.	(a) Inspections for reconstruction alterations, and cleanliness.	214	
	(b) Number of alterations and improvements to dairy premises.	6	
Factories Act 1937	Routine Inspection of premises.	34	
	Defects of want of cleanliness remedied.	6	
Shops Act, 1934	Routine inspection of premises	71	
Meat Regulations	Inspection of Slaughterhouses) Knackers' Yards) Butchers Shops) Food Stores)	49	
Food and Drugs Act, 1938.	Inspection of Food	360	
Housing Act, 1936. Part II.	(a) Inspection of Cottages	22	
	(b) Re-inspection of Cottages	9	
P.H. Act. 1936	(a) Drainage Survey Inspections.	167	
	(b) Alteration, Inspection and testing of drains.	134	
	(c) Nuisances found and remedied.	115	
	(d) Re-inspection of premises.	2121	
	(e) Water Supply Inspection.	18	
	(f) Smoke Observations.	-	
Infectious Diseases Prevention Acts.	Disinfection of Premises	67.	
Interviews		56	
	Samples of Well-water examined.	44	
	Number reported polluted.	-	25.
Total		3493.	25.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
FRANK HURST. M.S.I.A.

