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WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.10, Bulkington Avenue,
Worthing.

June, 1942

Gentlemen,

ANNUAL REPORT - 1941.

Acting on the instructions contained in Circulars 2604, 2314, and 2067 in which it states that reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the War, outbreaks of infectious disease, and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

Statistics, 1941.

		Worthing R.D.	England & Wales.
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	13.5	14.2
Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	15.01	12.9
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	...	48	59

Evacuation.

At the end of the year there were approximately 494 unaccompanied children and 246 accompanied children in the District, who had been evacuated from vulnerable areas. The Sick Bay at Lancing was closed in February 1941, and during the year a few evacuee children from the District were treated at the Sick Bay, Storrington.

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified :-

Scarlet Fever	...	27 (41 in 1940)
Diphtheria	...	6 (4 in 1940)
Pneumonia	...	16 (20 in 1940)
Tuberculosis	...	17 (20 in 1940)
Measles	...	229
Whooping Cough	...	89
Cerebro Spinal Fever	...	1
Erysipelas	...	8
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	5
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	3
Paratyphoid Fever	...	1

Housing.

There were no new houses erected during 1941.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected
for housing defects (under Public Health
and Housing Acts)

... 74.

Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 407.

Number of dwelling houses found to be in a
state so dangerous and injurious to health
as to be unfit for human habitation. ... Nil.

Bacteriological Samples of Milk.

	No. of Samples taken.	No. complying with standard.	No. failing to comply with standard.
<u>Methylone Blue Test.</u>			
Tuberculin Tested	7	7	-
Accredited	35	29	6
Ordinary	13	12	1
<u>Coliform Test.</u>			
Tuberculin Tested	7	7	-
Accredited	35	21	14
Ordinary	11	8	3

Water.

Routine samples of water from the public supplies were sent for bacteriological examination and were generally satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspection.

I have had a complete Report from the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Oates, as in former years, but as this is not required, I do not think it necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 3909 visits and inspections were made as compared with 3998 the previous year.

Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General, are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the War a Report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that Annual Records may, as far as practicable, be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) R. H. WILSHAW

Medical Officer of Health.

To The Chairman and Members of the
Worthing Rural District Council.