

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending July 16 (No. 28) and corresponding week 1954.

Figures of cases are for the countries shown and London administrative county. Figures of deaths and births are for the 160 great towns in England and Wales (London included), London administrative county, the 17 principal towns in Scotland, the 10 principal towns in Northern Ireland, and the 14 principal towns in Eire.

A blank space denotes disease not notifiable or no return available. The table is based on information supplied by the Registrars-General of England and Wales, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Eire, the Ministry of Health and Local Government of N. Ireland, and the Department of Health of Eire.

CASES in Countries and London	1955					1954				
	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	7	0	2	0	1	11	2	4	0	1
Dysentery ..	596	64	168	7		608	76	142	6	0
Encephalitis, acute..	5	0	0	0		7	0	1	0	
Enteric fever: Typhoid ..	7	1	0	0	1	11	2	0	0	1
Paratyphoid ..	16	1	3	0		13	1	1	0	0
Food-poisoning ..	382	52		0		383	20		3	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..				9	19				14	15
Measles*	16,425	272	93	228	207	3,073	191	52	162	220
Meningococcal infection	27	2	4	0		37	1	9	2	0
Ophthalmia neonatorum	45	1	5	0		37	1	5	0	
Pneumonia†	232	12	86	3	1	312	24	69	0	2
Poliomyelitis, acute: Paralytic ..	78	11	9	1	1	42	4	9	2	2
Non-paralytic ..	42	11								
Puerperal fever‡	229	44	3	0	2	242	53	9	0	0
Scarlet fever ..	460	22	40	10	12	802	57	89	19	26
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	695	58	110	24		737	86	151	34	
Non-respiratory ..	134	7	18	5		124	8	19	5	
Whooping-cough ..	1,760	50	90	74	63	2,235	109	186	24	30

DEATHS in Great Towns	1955					1954				
	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery ..	0	0		0		0	0		0	
Encephalitis, acute..		0			0		0			0
Enteric fever ..	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..	6	0	1	0	0	6	6	0	0	1
Influenza ..	2	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0
Measles ..		0	1	0	1		0	0	0	
Meningococcal infection		0	0				0	0		
Pneumonia ..	167	23	21	5	4	152	17	13	5	9
Poliomyelitis, acute	3	0			0	3	1			0
Scarlet fever ..		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	55	8	5	1	2	77	8	8	2	2
Non-respiratory ..										
Whooping-cough ..	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	169	28	29	5	13	166	14	28	2	17
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	4,651	663	533	92	169	4,446	626	480	90	150
LIVE BIRTHS ..	7,511	1116	850	231	347	7,615	1163	905	186	391
STILLBIRTHS ..	205	29	35			203	31	23		

\* Measles not notifiable in Scotland, whence returns are approximate.

† Includes primary and influenza pneumonia.

‡ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

## Medical News

**The U.S. Secretary of Health.**—Mr. MARION FOLSOM was sworn as Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington on August 1. He succeeds Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, who resigned recently. Mr. Folsom, who is 61, was previously Under-Secretary of the Treasury.

**University of Dublin.**—The Board of Trinity College has decided to appoint full-time professors of medicine and surgery in the School of Physic. The object is to bring about more direct and formal co-ordination of the various aspects of clinical teaching, and to further clinical research. It is hoped that appointments to these chairs will be made before the end of this year.

**Cancer as a World Problem.**—Sir HAROLD HIMSWORTH, F.R.S., secretary of the Medical Research Council, was one of five authorities on cancer and medical research asked by Dr. M. G. CANDAU, director-general of the World Health Organization, to advise on W.H.O.'s proper place in the cancer field. The others were Professor J. H. MAISIN (Belgium), chairman, Dr. I. BERENBLUM (Israel), Dr. J. CLEMMESSEN (Denmark), and Professor V. R. KHANOLKAR (India). They defined W.H.O.'s most fruitful spheres of effort as: (1) The collection and publication of statistics on the prevalence of different kinds of cancer, particularly from countries with poorly developed cancer services. An indication of the degree of reliability of the statistics would be desirable. (2) The establishment of international standards and definitions of the various types of cancer. A further service would be to provide laboratories with cancer specimens corresponding to the definitions. (3) The encouragement of research, by identifying and defining suspected cancer problems throughout the world, and perhaps on occasion by co-ordinating international studies. W.H.O. should continue its established policy of stimulating research rather than actually engaging in research. (4) The provision of fellowships to assist cancer workers to train and gain experience abroad, and the dispatch of consultants to countries needing assistance in developing their cancer services. (5) Co-ordination and liaison with other interested international organizations, and the expansion of W.H.O. library and reference services on cancer, particularly in regions other than Europe and America. So far W.H.O. has given 25 fellowships for studies in cancer; in addition a cancer consultant has been sent to Teheran to assist the Iran Government in establishing a cancer centre there.

**Blair Bell Medal.**—At the 14th British Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Oxford last week Sir WILLIAM GILLIATT, president of the Royal Society of Medicine, presented the Blair Bell Medal to Dr. LEONARD COLEBROOK, F.R.S., for his work on puerperal sepsis. It was in 1936, while director of the laboratory at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, that Dr. Colebrook conclusively demonstrated the value of "prontosil," the first of the sulphonamides, in the treatment of this condition. The medal is awarded quinquennially by the Royal Society of Medicine for the advancement of science in gynaecology or obstetrics.

**Crash Helmets Compulsory in New Zealand.**—From March 1 next year it will be compulsory for motor-cyclists and pillion-riders in New Zealand to wear an approved type of crash helmet, if they travel at more than 30 miles an hour (48 km. per hour). Out of 41 motor-cyclists killed so far this year in New Zealand, 37 were not wearing crash helmets.

**Dr. Loyal Davis,** of Chicago, was admitted to the honorary fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England at the Council meeting on July 28.

**Dr. D'A. Kok,** who graduated B.Sc. Witwatersrand in 1938 and M.D. London in 1950, has been appointed a lecturer in medicine at Cambridge. He is at present a chief assistant at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

**Dr. Geoffrey Dudley**, who is in general practice at Stourbridge, Worcestershire, has received the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct "for services when tackling a mentally deranged person armed with a knife."

### COMING EVENTS

**World Congress of Anaesthetists.**—The 1955 congress of the World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists will be held at Scheveningen, The Hague, from September 5 to 10. The Netherlands Society of Anaesthetists is organizing the conference, which is open to all physicians interested in the subject. Inquiries to executive manager, World Congress of Anesthesiologists, Bilthoven, Holland.

**International Congress on Allergology.**—The second congress will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from November 6 to 13. On the three days preceding the congress there will be an intensive course on allergy. Details from the secretary general, Avenida Rio Branco 277, 7° andar, grupo 705, Rio de Janeiro.

**Harben Lectures.**—Sir ERNEST ROCK CARLING will deliver the 1955 Harben Lectures of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene on December 5, 6, and 7 at 5 p.m. His subject will be "Radiological Protection."

**8th International Congress of Paediatrics** will be held in Copenhagen, July 22-27, 1956. Further information from the Congress office at Domus Medica, 12A Kristianiagade, Copenhagen Ø.

### NEW ISSUES

**British Journal of Industrial Medicine.**—The new issue (Vol. 12, No. 3) is now available. The contents include:

EMPHYSEMA AND PROTEINURIA IN MEN CASTING COPPER-CADMIUM ALLOYS. J. A. Bonnell.

APPENDIX: PHYSICO-CHEMICAL EXAMINATION OF THE SERUM AND URINE PROTEINS IN SOME CASES OF CADMIUM POISONING. R. A. Kekwick. AN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OF CASTING COPPER-CADMIUM ALLOYS. E. King. DISABLING PNEUMOCOONIOSIS FROM LIMESTONE DUST. A. T. Doig. AN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY OF BYSSINOSIS AMONG LANCASHIRE COTTON WORKERS. R. S. F. Schilling, J. P. W. Hughes, I. Dingwall-Fordyce, and J. C. Gilson.

THE EFFECT OF CORTISONE ON ESTABLISHED SILICOTIC FIBROSIS IN THE LUNGS OF RATS. E. J. King, C. V. Harrison, and Daphne Attygalle. LEPTOSPIROSIS IN SOUTH-EAST SCOTLAND. P. N. Edmunds.

ENERGY COST OF SOME INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS. D. Turner. CUTTING OILS AND SQUAMOUS-CELL CARCINOMA. PART I: INCIDENCE IN A PLANT, WITH A REPORT OF SIX CASES. Ernest Mastromatteo.

CUTTING OILS AND SQUAMOUS-CELL CARCINOMA. PART II: AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF THE CARCINOGENICITY OF TWO TYPES OF CUTTING OILS. J. P. W. Gilman and S. D. Vesselinovitch.

RHEUMATISM IN COAL-MINERS. PART III: OCCUPATIONAL FACTORS. J. S. Lawtence.

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### APPOINTMENTS

BAIRD, IAN McLEAN, M.B., M.R.C.P., Leverhulme Research Scholar of the Royal College of Physicians of London, at Department of Therapeutics, Royal Infirmary, Sheffield.

BARKER, ROSETTA CATHERINE, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health for East Retford Borough and Rural District and Assistant County Medical Officer, Nottinghamshire.

BODKIN, KATHLEEN M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Hendon, has been appointed Area Medical Officer (Area No. 4), Middlesex County Council, in succession to Dr. A. A. Turner (retired).

BOWEN, PHYLLIS E. M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H., Medical Officer of Health for Eastern Combined District of Pembrokeshire and Assistant County Medical Officer of Health.

CAMERON, A. D. C. S., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health and Principal School Medical Officer, County Borough of West Hartlepool.

DAVIES, DEWI, M.D., M.R.C.P., Physician Superintendent, Ransom Sanatorium, and Consultant Physician, Mansfield Chest Clinic.

EVANS, D. M., M.B., B.Chir., Deputy Principal Medical Officer, United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

HOPKINS, GEORGE BERNARD, M.B., Ch.B., B.Pharm., D.P.H., Assistant County Medical Officer of Health, Norfolk, and Medical Officer of Health for Downham Rural District, Marshland Rural District, and Downham Urban District.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.—C. H. M. Walker, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Medical Registrar and Pathologist; K. Dalliwall, F.R.C.S., Part-time Senior Surgical Registrar; Deirdre M. Airey, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., Assistant Resident Medical Officer, Tadworth Court; Ann E. Morgan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and S. Mason, M.D., D.C.H., House-physicians; D. J. O'Shaughnessy, M.B., B.S., House-surgeon; P. Hall, M.B., Ch.B., F.F.A.R.C.S., Junior Resident Anaes-

thetist; June Barclay, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., House-physician to Neurological and Neurosurgical Department.

KING GEORGE VI HOSPITAL, Nairobi, Kenya.—The following physicians and surgeons have been reappointed to the honorary staff of the hospital for 1955-6: A. D. Charters, M.D., M.R.C.P., R. Henderson, M.D., M.R.C.P., J. C. Winteler, M.D., M.R.C.P., honorary physicians; Patience E. Davies, M.R.C.P., D.C.H., honorary paediatrician; F. Piers, M.D., honorary dermatologist; G. V. W. Anderson, M.S., F.R.C.S., J. O. Corbin, F.R.C.S. (Uro-genital), R. T. S. Goodchild, F.R.C.S.Ed., D.L.O. (Ear, Nose, Throat), J. A. S. Green, F.R.C.S., G. E. Nevill, M.Ch., F.R.C.S., E. Ronald Ormerod, F.R.C.S.Ed., M.R.C.O.G. (Gynaecology), P. G. Preston, F.R.C.O.G. (Gynaecology), G. Williams, F.R.C.S. (Orthopaedic), A. M. Wood, F.R.C.S. (Plastic); J. A. Carman, M.D., F.F.A.R.C.S., honorary anaesthetist.

LONDON TRANSPORT.—G. C. Acres, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer in charge of North-east Division Medical Centre at Manor House; J. L. Weeks, M.B., B.S., Medical Officer at South-west Division Medical Centre.

MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—P. H. Jones, F.R.C.S., Consultant Thoracic Surgeon, with main duties at Baguley Hospital, Manchester, and Park Hospital, Davyhulme; Olga Bauerova, Med.Dipl., D.M.R.T., Whole-time Consultant Radiologist to Bury and Rossendale and Rochdale and District Hospitals; R. C. S. Pointon, M.B., B.Chir., F.F.R., D.M.R.T., Whole-time Assistant Radiotherapist (S.H.M.O.), Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute, Manchester; J. M. Cuthill, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Whole-time Assistant Psychiatrist (S.H.M.O.), Whittingham Hospital, near Preston; R. G. Williams, M.B., B.S., Whole-time Medical Director of two Mass Miniature Radiography units based on Salford and Rochdale.

SHARP, C. L. E. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Senior Assistant County Medical Officer of Health, Gloucestershire County Council.

SHORT, RICHARD, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., D.P.H., Area Executive Medical Officer, North 1 and 2 Areas, Northumberland; Medical Officer of Health to Ainswick Urban District Council and Rural District Council, Amble Urban District Council, Rothbury Rural District Council, Glendale Rural District Council, and Norham and Islandshires Rural District Council.

SOUTH-WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—E. M. Edwards, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.O.G., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Temporary Senior Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Bristol Clinical Area; E. J. Hargadon, M.B., B.Ch., Primary F.R.C.S., Surgical Registrar to Cossham-Frenchay Hospitals Group, Bristol; A. M. Bradfield, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry at Bristol Mental Hospitals; Audrey Maro Wells, M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., D.C.H., Medical Registrar at Southmead Hospital, Bristol; J. R. Theobalds, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Registrar at Cheltenham General, Eye, and Children's Hospital; A. G. Roberts, M.B., B.Ch., Registrar in Psychiatry at Moorhaven Hospital, Ivybridge, South Devon; M. P. Nelson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent to Sandhill Park Hospital Group, Bishop's Lydeard, near Taunton.

SUTHERLAND, IAN B., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health for the County and Burgh of Inverness.

THOMPSON, R. C. W., M.B., B.S., F.F.A.R.C.S., D.A., Part-time Consultant Anaesthetist, Charing Cross Hospital.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

Smith.—On July 23, 1955, at the Leeds Maternity Hospital, to Dr. Kathleen (formerly Turner) and Irvine Smith, F.R.C.S., a son—Geoffrey.

### MARRIAGES

Blackadder—Gordon.—On July 28, 1955, at St. Columba's, Pont Street, London, S.W., Eric Sutton Blackadder, M.B., Ch.B., R.N.V.R., to Jean Gordon.

### DEATHS

Bethune.—On July 2, 1955, William Bethune, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., of 17, Walton Road, Thorpe Bay, Essex, formerly of Rickmansworth, Herts.

Carlin.—On July 11, 1955, at Atherstone, Warwick, the result of an accident, Andrew James Martin Carlin, M.B., Ch.B.

Clow.—On July 16, 1955, at his home, Lilleybrook Rise, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Glos, David Clow, M.B., Ch.B., aged 84.

Essery.—On July 13, 1955, at Goose Green Cottage, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey, William Joseph Essery, C.V.O., M.B., aged 94.

Fell.—On July 12, 1955, at Archery Cottage, Malvern Wells, Worcs, Robert Fell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Finlay.—On July 14, 1955, at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, James Jackson Finlay, M.B., Ch.B., of The Little House, Ninhams Wood, Farnborough, Kent, late of Blackheath and Charlton, London, S.E.

Gamble.—On June 23, 1955, at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Richard Raphael Gamble, M.B., B.Ch., of Elm Tree House, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

Gillett.—On June 26, 1955, at 14, Upland Park Road, Oxford, Henry Tregelles Gillett, M.D., aged 84.

Green.—On July 4, 1955, at 61, Mountview Road, London, N., Edith Jennie Macgowan Green, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Ed., aged 84.

Learmont.—On July 6, 1955, in hospital, Alan Ambrose Learmont, M.B., Ch.B., of Hovingham, York.

Luxmoore.—On June 28, 1955, in a nursing-home, Evelyn John Hansler Luxmoore, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel, late The Life Guards, of Northcote Hill, Shamley Green, Surrey.

McDonald.—On July 5, 1955, at 4, Clark Place, Belford, Northumberland, William Miller Porteous McDonald, M.B., Ch.B., aged 48.

Maddocks.—On July 16, 1955, at 73, Love Lane, Pinner, Middlesex, Stephen Anslow Maddocks, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.F.R.

O'Sullivan.—On July 1, 1955, at the Atkinson Morley Hospital, Wimbledon, London, S.W., Francis Patrick O'Sullivan, M.B., B.Ch.

Saunders.—On June 20, 1955, at 104, Chabert Court, Regent's Park, London, N.W., Alexander Elder Saunders, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Sinclair.—On June 22, 1955, at Morven, St. James's Street, Dingwall, Ross-shire, James John Sinclair, M.B., Ch.B.

Vartan.—On June 26, 1955, at Memorial Hospital, Woolwich, London, S.E., Charles Samuel Vartan, M.B., Ch.B., of 10, The Paragon, Blackheath, London, S.E., late of Nottingham, and Sandiacre, Derbyshire, aged 80.