

# Weekly Report of the Superintendent of the Dexter Asylum.

To the Honorable Mayor and the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence

The Superintendent of the Dexter Asylum herewith reports on admissions and discharges for the week ending December 21, 1952

Admitted, 0 Discharged, 1 Remaining, 50

### ADMISSIONS

DATE	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	ADMITTED BY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WELFARE

### DISCHARGES

NAME	DISCHARGED BY	NO.
Frank H. McVey	Died 12/19/52	#4177

Respectfully submitted,

*James V. McCreary* Superintendent  
Director of Public Welfare

In City Council, JAN 5 - 1953

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

*W. Everett Whelan* Clerk.

WEEKLY REPORT

OF THE

DEXTER ASYLUM

WEEK ENDING

December 21, 1952

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Director of Public Welfare

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*Deverato Whelan* Clerk.

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## MONTHLY REPORT OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

AUGUST 1952

*VITAL STATISTICS*	1952	1951	DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION	1952	1951
	Aug.	Aug.		Aug.	Aug.
Deaths all	243	216	No. Schick Tests	2	0
Deaths under 1	15	21	No. Alum Toxoid Treatments	8	0
Deaths over 70	106	70	No. Diphtheria-Tetanus Pertussis Treatments	112	127
Births	827	914			
Marriages	219	180			
Infant Mortality	18.13	22.97	SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATION		
Death Rate	11.40	10.10	No. Vaccinated	450	482
Birth Rate	38.80	40.28			
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES</u>			<u>INSPECTORS</u>		
1. Heart Disease	110	87	Food Inspector:		
2. Cancer	50	38	Inspections	903	869
3. Pneumonia	7	0	New Licenses (Vic.)	16	10
4. Nephritis	2	4	Renewed Vic. Lic.	2	3
5. Cerebral Hemorrhage	6	7	Vic. Transfers	5	5
6. Auto Accidents	0	2			
			SANITARY DIVISION		
			No. of Visits	911	889
			Animal Bite Visits	225	267
<u>MILK DEPARTMENT</u>			<u>NURSING VISITS</u>		
No. Samples Tested	1617	1750	Communicable Disease Visits	54	107
No. Licenses Issued	0	0	Parochial School Visits	230	192
Rest. Swab Tests	0	0	Tuberculosis Home Visits	383	413
<u>PHYSICIANS</u>					
No. Visits to sick poor	20	32			

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	C A S E S			*D E A T H S*		
	1952 Aug.	1951 Aug.	1952 July	1952 Aug.	1951 Aug.	1952 July
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	7	1	3	0	0	0
Measles	0	36	7	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	3	4	10	0	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	11	16	17	1	3	0
Gastro Enteritis & Bac. Dys.	0	3	1	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	7	4	3	2	0	0
Epidemic Meningitis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	0	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strep & Septic Sore Throat	1	0	0	0	0	0

\*Included Non-Residents.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 5 - 1953

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*Deverett Whelan*  
CLERK

*Joseph Smith*  
JOSEPH SMITH, M. D.  
Superintendent of Health

MONTHLY REPORT OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

SEPTEMBER 1952

	1952	1951		1952	1951
	Sept.	Sept.		Sept.	Sept.
<b>*VITAL STATISTICS*</b>					
Deaths all	246	238	<b>DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION</b>		
Deaths under 1	13	19	No. Schick Tests	626	624
Deaths over 70	105	94	No. Alum Toxoid Treatments	72	86
Births	862	873	No. Diphtheria-Tetanus	118	105
Marriages	278	295	Pertussis Treatments		
Infant Mortality	15.08	21.76	<b>SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATION</b>		
Death Rate	11.93	11.10	No. Vaccinated	252	480
Birth Rate	41.81	42.39			
<b>PRINCIPAL CAUSES</b>					
1. Heart Disease	101	85	<b>INSPECTORS</b>		
2. Cancer	45	46	<b>Food Inspector:</b>		
3. Pneumonia	3	1	Inspections	977	967
4. Nephritis	3	3	New Licenses (Vic.)	10	12
5. Cerebral Hemorrhage	15	11	Vic. Transfers	7	15
6. Auto Accidents	6	1	<b>SANITARY DIVISION</b>		
			No. of Visits	853	833
			Animal Bite Visits	175	185
<b>MILK DEPARTMENT</b>					
No. Samples Tested	2339	1633	<b>NURSING VISITS</b>		
No. Licenses Issued	0	11	Communicable Disease Visits	70	94
Rest. Swab Tests	0	24	Parochial School Visits	265	311
			Tuberculosis Home Visits	737	713
<b>PHYSICIANS</b>					
No. Visits to sick Poor	29	26			

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

	C A S E S			*D E A T H S*		
	1952	1951	1952	1952	1951	1952
	Sept.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Sept.	Aug.
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	8	7	7	0	0	0
Measles	0	36	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	7	8	3	0	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	9	26	11	1	3	1
Gastro Enteritis & Bac. Dys.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	23	0	7	2	0	2
Epidemic Meningitis	1	0	0	0	1	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0	1	0	0	0
Paratyphoid Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strep & Septic Sore Throat	0	1	1	0	0	0

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*Joseph Smith*  
 JOSEPH SMITH, M. D.  
 Superintendent of Health

**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
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RESOLVED:

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 CLERK

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Annual Report  
of  
Department of Weights & Measures

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EDWARD F. MORAN  
SUPERINTENDENT



DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
141 FOUNTAIN STREET  
PROVIDENCE 3, RHODE ISLAND

A N N U A L   R E P O R T

of the

DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

for

The Fiscal Year 1951-1952

by

Edward F. Moran --- Superintendent

EDWARD F. MORAN  
SUPERINTENDENT



DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
141 FOUNTAIN STREET  
PROVIDENCE 3, RHODE ISLAND

The Department of Weights and Measures is greatly concerned with the growing tendency of public apathy in purchasing the family foodstuffs. It seems the only requisite that the public entertains when purchasing commodities is whether or not it has the price. The thought rarely comes to them that the expenditure of money for food should be interwoven with a corresponding obligation to make certain that the weight is in accordance with the price charged for a certain item.

Most people feel that they are under no obligation to mistrust the character and integrity of the merchant with whom they do business; nevertheless, it is only a matter of common sense that they should be sufficiently interested in their own economic welfare to surround their purchases with every safeguard that their personal interest can achieve.

It is utterly unbelievable the disregard that the public shows in not associating price with weight. A concrete example of this is brought out in our modern methods of merchandising. The display cases enclosing meats and poultry are distinctly marked as to price per pound and, when a desire has been manifested by the customer in the purchase of meat, it is weighed on a computing scale and the only information given, unless requested, is the price. They have no way of knowing the weight unless they request it or otherwise rely on the integrity of the clerk. Many mistakes in weighing are made without any intent of cheating, but the contrary is also true that a dishonest person behind a scale can cause untold financial hardship on an unsuspecting public.

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SUPERINTENDENT



DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
141 FOUNTAIN STREET  
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The Department of Weights and Measures stands ready at all times to entertain complaints, but we do not like to receive them when they are clothed in anonimity. We do, however, investigate all complaints and they are held in strict confidence by this office. Many of the complaints that we receive, when investigated, are found to have no evidence of cheating. We also take every safeguard to protect the reputation of reliable and honest merchants. Fortunately, in the City of Providence there are comparatively few tradesmen who deliberately cheat the people. Their number could readily grow, however, without strict Weights and Measures supervision.

Respectfully submitted,

*Edward F. Moran*

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Supt. Weights and Measures

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DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
141 FOUNTAIN STREET  
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Statistics of the Department of Weights and Measures covering  
the period from October 1, 1951 to September 30, 1952.

Fees collected and deposited with City Collector	\$1,972.35
Mileage covered by Supt. and Deputies	8,432
Scales tested and sealed	4,123
Pumps tested and sealed	921
Measures tested and sealed	322
Truck scales tested and sealed	69
Weighing machines tested and sealed	383
Automatic yard measures tested and sealed	167

Scales and measures adjusted or condemned:

Spring scales	152
Computing scales	287
Truck scales	16
Weighing machines	19
Five Gallon Measures	12

Many of these scales were later put in operation after the  
necessary repairs had been completed.

This department completed 395 inspections and complaints during  
the past year.

The City Scales weighed 2419 trucks and deposited  
with the City Collector . . . . . 241.90

Due to the breakdown of the old scale and the construction and  
installation of a new one, the City Scale was closed during the greater  
part of this fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

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