

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 January 24, 1954

Admitted, 0 Discharged, 0 Remaining, 44

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DISCHARGES

NAME	DISCHARGED BY	NO.

Respectfully submitted,

James V. Ho Green Superintendent
Director of Public Welfare

In City Council, **FEB 4 - 1954**

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

W. Everett Whelan Clerk.

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OF THE

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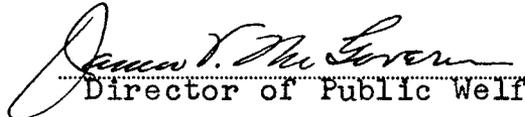
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Clerk.

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WEEK ENDING

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

WALTER H. REYNOLDS
MAYOR

February 4, 1954

To The Honorable The City Council
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 832 of the Public Laws of 1940, as amended, I have this day appointed Gaetano Lanzi as a member of the Board of Canvassers and Registration to serve for the ensuing three year term, beginning on the first Monday in March, 1954, and respectfully submit the same to you for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter H. Reynolds
Mayor of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 4 - 1954

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READ AND APPROVED

CLERK



CITY OF PROVIDENCE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

WALTER H. REYNOLDS
MAYOR

January 18, 1954

Mr. Fred Colagiovanni, Chairman
Republican City Committee for the City of Providence
619 Industrial Trust Building
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Colagiovanni:

In accordance with the authority vested in me by virtue of Section 118 of Chapter 832 of the Public Laws of 1940, as amended, I intend to reappoint and submit to the City Council for approval the name of Gaetano Lanzi of Providence as Republican member of the Board of Canvassers and Registration, to serve for the term of three years, beginning with the first Monday in March, 1954.

In accordance with said Section of said Chapter, will you please indicate whether or not you approve of said appointment. If said appointment meets with your approval, will you so indicate in the space provided on this letter.

Very truly yours,

Walter H. Reynolds
Mayor of Providence

APPROVED:

Fred Colagiovanni, City Chairman

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

THE CITY OF



PROVIDENCE

I, GAETANO LANZI, do

solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Member of the Board of Canvassers and Registration

to the best of my ability.

Gaetano Lanzi

I, Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor

do hereby certify that on the 2nd day of March, A. D. 19 54,

I did administer unto Gaetano Lanzi

duly appointed to the office of

Member of the Board of Canvassers and Registration

the above subscribed oath.

Walter H. Reynolds



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Joseph Smith, M. D.
Superintendent of Health

February 3, 1954

City Hall, Providence 3, R. I.

Ex-officio

City Registrar

Inspector of Milk

To the Honorable the City Council

Gentlemen;

Attached herewith is the copy of the preliminary report showing the work of the Health Department for the year 1953 together with some explanatory remarks.

While it is true that the figures show the Department to be operating very satisfactory in all different sub-division, there are a few problems that should be brought to your honorable body's attention, so that steps may be taken to correct this situation.

This department has been advocating for some time that a fee be set upon for milk licenses. It is my hope that some definite action will be taken in the revamping of all license fee schedules before too long.

While we do not feel that the Division of Vital Statistics should be a revenue producing agency, still we believe that the cost for maintaining records in proper form should be partially borne by the operation of this division. Unfortunately a persistent lack of funds will lead to a deterioration in the record keeping with the resulted loss for the value of records and loss of important records. This office is soon to enter upon its 100 year and many of the original records will have to be specially treated to enable them to stand more years.

In the Bureau of Vital Statistics we are still operating under the old fee system of \$.50 for a certified copy. In other communities the fee is usually \$1.00 and in some it is even higher. In many communities a separate fee is charged for finding the record and another for furnishing the record, thus one certified copy of record will cost \$2.00 while two certified copies will cost \$3.00, if it is of the same record. Here in Providence we charge \$.50 just for the copy of record and nothing for searching the record. We are not the only department to have difficulty with an old fee system set up 50 to 100 years ago.

Additional legislation should also be sought to permit the issuance of certificates in forms other than exact duplicates. At present we are causing innumerable delays to members of the legal profession due to the fact that we must make copies on the old style form. If new style forms would be authorized by state legislation, records could be issued for Probate and other use without delaying and citing all changes and other superfluous information.

I trust that your honorable body will give these matters some thought, and that next year we may be enabled to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Health Department in fitting fashion, always advancing.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 4 - 1954

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Waverett Wheeler
CITY CLERK

Sincerely,

JOSEPH SMITH, M. D.
Superintendent of Health

PRELIMINARY REPORT

The attached report is preliminary for the year 1953.

Attention is called to the fact that while the number of deaths are the lowest since 1949, there were 7 other years, 1933, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 45 also with fewer deaths. However, this is the first year when both Heart Disease and Cancer, the leading causes of death, had fewer deaths than the previous year; and is the first year when no deaths were reported from all the following causes; Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Measles, Whooping Cough, Typhoid and Influenza.

The last Providence death from these causes are as follows; Diphtheria 1950; Scarlet Fever 1944; Measles 1952; Whooping Cough 1949; Typhoid Fever 1947; and Influenza 1951. Diabetes showed a reverse in this trend as 118 deaths were reported for 1953 as against 107 in 1952.

There were 56 deaths attributed to cirrhosis of the liver as compared with 69 in 1952.

The five leading causes of death in 1953 were as follows; Heart-1271, Cancer-560, Cerebral Hemorrhage-148, Diabetes-118, All accidents-115.

Births are the third highest on record, and our infant mortality rate the lowest.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

PROVIDENCE - RHODE ISLAND

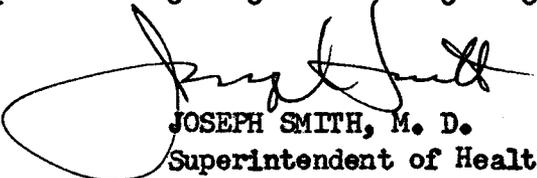
1953

	1951	1952	1953		1951	1952	1953
VITAL STATISTICS				DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION			
Deaths all	3262	3307	3161	No. Schick Tests	8775	8050	8132
Deaths under 1	253	226	227	No. Alum. Tox. Treat.	2243	2192	2484
Deaths over 70	1312	1366	1312	No. Tri-Immunol Treat.	1801	1700	1958
Births	10309	10155	10217	SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATION			
Marriages	2484	2286	2141	No. Vaccinated	1354	1107	787
Infant Mortality	24.54	22.25	22.00	INSPECTORS			
Death Rate	12.97	13.14	12.56	Food Inspector:			
Birth Rate	41.15	40.37	40.62	Inspections	11054	11220	10937
PRINCIPAL CAUSES				Licenses Renewed	1305	1221	1217
1. Heart Disease	1323	1429	1271	New Licenses	122	131	121
2. Cancer	531	569	560	Trans. Vic. License	78	86	61
3. Pneumonia	56	78	67	Trans. Liquor License	99	14	58
4. Nephritis	46	29	24	Liquor Lic. Renewed	988	840	764
5. Cerebral Hemorrhage	184	161	148	Frozen Dessert License	62	7	6
6. Auto Accidents	24	23	21	Frozen Des. Lic. Renewed	29	73	59
				Licenses Suspended	15	3	1
MILK DEPARTMENT				Sanitary Division:			
No. Samples Tested	21233	26773	23617	No. of Visits	9444	8638	9819
No. Licenses Issued	1449	1397	1404	Animal Bite Visits	2060	1759	1876
Restaurant Swab Tests	579	228	12	Kennel Lic. Appvd.	25	34	20
PHYSICIANS				Garbage Lic. Appvd.	35	35	19
No. Visits to Sick Poor	371	323	213	NURSING VISITS			
				Communicable Diseases	3352	4692	4211
				Parochial Schools	4783	3116	1955
				Tuberculosis-Home	6771	5073	5109

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	C A S E S				*D E A T H S*			
	1952		1953		1952		1953	
	Res.	Non-Res.	Res.	Non-Res.	Res.	Non-Res.	Res.	Non-Res.
Diphtheria	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	292	57	418	160	0	0	0	0
Measles	2703	70	25	0	1	1	0	0
Whooping Cough	102	2	201	12	0	0	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	165	0	166	0	17	3	16	7
Strep & Septic Sore Throat	6	3	4	3	0	0	0	0
Gastro Enter-Colitis-Enter-Diarr.	21	20	48	25	8	8	8	2
Bacillary Dysentary	5	2	28	17	1	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	44	66	129	174	6	2	7	7
Epidemic Meningitis	7	12	7	16	0	1	2	3
Typhoid Fever	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Para-Typhoid Fever	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0

* Includes Non-Residents.


 JOSEPH SMITH, M. D.
 Superintendent of Health



EDWARD F. MORAN
SUPERINTENDENT

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

Statistics of Department of Weights & Measures covering
the period from October 1, 1952 to September 30, 1953

Fees collected and deposited with City Collector	\$ 1904.53
Mileage covered by Supt. and Deputies	10165
Scales tested and sealed	4027
Pumps tested and sealed	926
Measures tested and sealed	309
Truck Scales tested and sealed	67
Weighing machines tested and sealed	391
Automatic yard measures tested and sealed	162
Scales and measures adjusted or condemned:	
Spring Scales	173
Computing scales	261
Truck scales	14
Weighing machines	22
Five gallon measures	9

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

This department completed 362 inspections and complaints during the past year.

The City Scales weighed 4200 trucks and deposited \$ 1270.00 with the City Collector

The revenue from the City Scales represents 42 weeks of operation yet the receipts are two and one half times what was received in former years.

Respectfully submitted

Edward F. Moran
Edward F. Moran

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 4 - 1954

RESOLVED: IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

Deverett Whelan
CLERK

MONTHLY REPORT OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

NOVEMBER 1953

VITAL STATISTICS	1953	1952	DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION	1953	1952
	Nov.	Nov.		Nov.	Nov.
Deaths all	293	266	No. Schick Tests	1574	709
Deaths under 1	16	18	No. Alum. Tox. Treat.	305	270
Deaths over 70	130	91	No. Diph. Tet. Pert. Treat.	151	103
Births	840	766			
Marriages	175	198	SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATION		
Infant Mortality	19.04	23.49	No. Vaccinated	123	22
Death Rate	14.17	12.90			
Birth Rate	40.64	37.15	INSPECTORS		
			Food Inspections	933	923
PRINCIPAL CAUSES			New Licenses (Vic.)	15	8
1. Heart Disease	113	103	Vic. Transfers	7	8
2. Cancer	59	54	Renewed Lic. P. D.	7	278
3. Pneumonia	4	4	Trans. Lic. P. D.	4	9
4. Nephritis	7	5	New Lic. P. D.	1	
5. Cerebral Hemorrhage	11	12			
6. Auto Accidents	3	2	SANITARY DIVISION		
			No. of Visits	868	859
MILK DEPARTMENT			Animal Bite Visits	135	131
No. Samples Tested	1266	1669			
No. Licenses Issued	6	3	NURSING VISITS		
Rest. Swab Tests	0	0	Communicable Disease Visits	316	189
			Parochial School Visits	117	247
PHYSICIANS			Tuberculosis Home Visits	348	384
No. Visits to Sick Poor	8	22			

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	C A S E S			*D E A T H S*		
	1953 Nov.	1952 Nov.	1953 Oct.	1953 Nov.	1952 Nov.	1953 Oct.
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	33	26	20	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	22	30	16	0	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	12	15	13	4	0	1
Gastro Enteritis & Bac. Dys.	6	3	8	2	2	0
Poliomyelitis	5	2	16	2	2	1
Epidemic Meningitis	1	3	0	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strep & Septic Sore Throat	0	2	1	0	0	0

* Includes Non-Residents.

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

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 4 - 1954

READ:

IT IS ORDERED THAT
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N. Everett Whelan
 CLERK

MONTHLY REPORT OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES

PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND

DECEMBER 1953

	1953	1952		1953	1952
	Dec.	Dec.		Dec.	Dec.
VITAL STATISTICS					
Deaths all	276	332	DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION	959	736
Deaths under 1	29	20	No. Schick Tests	191	258
Deaths over 70	120	142	No. Alum. Tox. Treat	149	163
Births	869	851			
Marriages	95	113	SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATION		
Infant Mortality	33.37	23.50	No. Vaccinated	211	33
Death Rate	12.91	15.53			
Birth Rate	40.66	35.92	INSPECTORS		
PRINCIPAL CAUSES					
1. Heart Disease	114	145	Food Inspections:		
2. Cancer	41	58	Inspections	907	897
3. Pneumonia	6	9	New Licenses (Vic.)	11	5
4. Nephritis	2	2	Vic. Transfers	2	5
5. Cerebral Hemorrhage	12	12	Trans. Lic. P. D.	3	4
6. Auto Accidents	2	3	New License P. D.	1	7
			Renewed Lic. P. D.	2	
MILK DEPARTMENT					
No. Samples Tested	624	2177	SANITARY DIVISION		
No. Licenses Issued	6	0	Inspections	826	817
Rest. Swab Tests	0	0	Animal Bite Visits	126	123
PHYSICIANS					
No. Visits to Sick Poor	9	17	NURSING VISITS		
			Communicable Disease Visits	257	412
			Parochial School Visits	205	200
			Tuberculosis Home Visits	461	379

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	1953	1952	1953	1953	1952	1953
	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	17	58	33	0	0	0
Measles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	11	9	22	0	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	9	8	12	1	1	4
Gastro Enteritis & Bac. Dys.	6	1	6	1	0	2
Poliomyelitis	1	0	5	0	0	2
Epidemic Meningitis	1	0	1	1	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	2	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strep & Septic Sore Throat	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Joseph Smith
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 Superintendent of Health

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FEB 4 - 1954

WHEREAS IT IS CONCEAIVED THAT
 THE NAME OF RELEVANT

W. Everett Whelan
 CLERK