

# Weekly Report of the Superintendent of the Dexter Asylum.

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

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Admitted, 0 Discharged, 0 Remaining, 44

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## DISCHARGES

NAME	DISCHARGED BY	NO.

Respectfully submitted,

*James V. McCreary* 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.

WEEKLY REPORT  
OF THE  
DEXTER ASYLUM

WEEK ENDING

January 24, 1954

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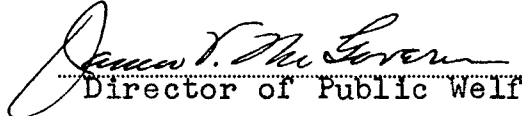
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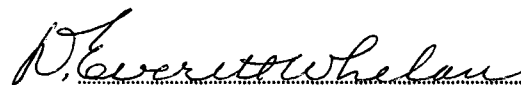
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DEXTER ASYLUM

WEEK ENDING

January 31, 1954



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

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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CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
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*Walter H. Reynolds*  
Mayor

Sincerely,

*Joseph Smith*  
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
<b>*VITAL STATISTICS*</b>				<b>DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION</b>			
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	<b>SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATION</b>			
Marriages	2484	2286	2141	No. Vaccinated	1354	1107	787
Infant Mortality	24.54	22.25	22.00	<b>INSPECTORS</b>			
Death Rate	12.97	13.14	12.56	<b>Food Inspector:</b>			
Birth Rate	41.15	40.37	40.62	Inspections	11054	11220	10937
<b>PRINCIPAL CAUSES</b>				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
<b>MILK DEPARTMENT</b>				<b>Sanitary Division:</b>			
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
<b>PHYSICIANS</b>				Garbage Lic. Appvd.	35	35	19
No. Visits to Sick Poor	371	323	213	<b>NURSING VISITS</b>			
				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 Dysentery	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.

*Everett Whelan*  
CLERK

## MONTHLY REPORT OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

NOVEMBER 1953

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1952</u>		<u>1953</u>	<u>1952</u>
	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>		<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>
<u>*VITAL STATISTICS*</u>			<u>DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION</u>		
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	<u>SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATION</u>		
Infant Mortality	19.04	23.49	No. Vaccinated	123	22
Death Rate	14.17	12.90			
Birth Rate	40.64	37.15	<u>INSPECTORS</u>		
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES</u>			Food Inspections	933	923
1. Heart Disease	113	103	New Licenses (Vic.)	15	8
2. Cancer	59	54	Vic. Transfers	7	8
3. Pneumonia	4	4	Renewed Lic. P. D.	7	278
4. Nephritis	7	5	Trans. Lic. P. D.	4	9
5. Cerebral Hemorrhage	11	12	New Lic. P. D.	1	
6. Auto Accidents	3	2			
<u>MILK DEPARTMENT</u>			<u>SANITARY DIVISION</u>		
No. Samples Tested	1266	1669	No. of Visits	868	859
No. Licenses Issued	6	3	Animal Bite Visits	135	131
Rest. Swab Tests	0	0			
<u>PHYSICIANS</u>			<u>NURSING VISITS</u>		
No. Visits to Sick Poor	8	22	Communicable Disease Visits	316	189
			Parochial School Visits	117	247
			Tuberculosis Home Visits	348	384

<u>COMMUNICABLE DISEASES</u>	<u>C A S E S</u>			<u>*D E A T H S*</u>		
	1953	1952	1953	1953	1952	1953
	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	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

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS IT IS ORDERED THAT  
 THE SAME BE RESOLVED.

*H. Everett Whelan*  
 CLERK

# MONTHLY REPORT OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES

PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND

DECEMBER 1953

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

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	C A S E S			*D E A T H S*		
	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

\* Includes Non-Residents.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 4 - 1954

PROSS:

WHEREAS IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE NAME OF RELATIVES.

*H. Everett Whelan*  
CLERK

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