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Domestic Help Organisers.

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**To the Chairman and Members of the
Isle of Ely County Council.**

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the state of the public health and of the welfare services in the Administrative County of the Isle of Ely for the year 1951. Little change took place in the services which on the whole continued to function satisfactorily. The inability to recruit Dental Surgeons, while its effect was most felt on the School Health Service, nevertheless rendered impossible the fulfilment of the Council's intention of providing a priority service for expectant and nursing mothers and children under the age of five. This gap in the preventive health service at such a vital point is much to be regretted, so important is it that dental attention is given to the priority classes before advice is sought in the natural course of events.

My thanks are due, and are cordially given, to the Chairman and Members of the County Health Committee for their unfailing interest and encouragement, to the voluntary workers for their great help in various fields of activity, and to the whole staff of the department for their good team work and loyal service.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

M. E. HOCKEN,

County Medical Officer.

Administrative County of the Isle of Ely.

The Annual Reports for the year 1951, from the Medical Officers of Health for the Districts within the Administrative County, as submitted to the Isle of Ely County Council, in pursuance of Section 24, of the Local Government Act, 1888, were received as follows :—

	<i>Area</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Style</i>
Urban Districts	Chatteris ...	Oct. 7th, 1952	Typewritten
	Ely ...	July 30th, 1952	Typewritten
	March ...	Oct. 9th, 1952	Typewritten
	Whittlesey ...	Oct. 4th, 1952	Typewritten
	Wisbech, M.B. ...	Oct. 28th, 1952	Printed
Rural Districts	Ely ...	June 25th, 1952	Typewritten
	North Witchford	Sept. 9th, 1952	Printed
	Thorney ...	Sept. 9th, 1952	Typewritten
	Wisbech ...	Sept. 13th, 1952	Typewritten
	Wisbech Port San. Authority	Report not to hand	

STATISTICS, 1951.

Area of Administrative County (land & water)	acres	239,794	
Rateable Value 1/4/51	£	322,543	
Produce of 1d. rate 1951/52	£	1,296	
Population (Census 1951)		89,038	
Population (estim. to middle of year 1951)		88,210	
No. of live Births in the year	males 733	{ Legitimate 707 Illegitimate 26 }	1444
	females 711	{ Legitimate 666 Illegitimate 45 }	
Birth-rate per 1,000 population		16·37	
No. of Still-births in the year	males 22	{ Legitimate 22 Illegitimate 0 }	38
	females 16	{ Legitimate 14 Illegitimate 2 }	
Still-birth rate per 1,000 total births		25·64	
Total No. of Deaths in the year	{ males 547 females 480 }	1027	
Death-rate per 1,000 population		11·64	
No. of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth		Rate per 1,000 total Births	
	(from sepsis)	-	-
	(other causes)	1	0·67
	Total	1	0·67
Number dying under 1 year old	males 20	{ Legitimate 18 Illegitimate 2 }	41
	females 21	{ Legitimate 19 Illegitimate 2 }	
Infantile Mortality (rate per 1,000 Births)	{ in legitimates 26·95 in illegitimates 56·34 }	28·39	
Deaths from Measles (all ages)....		0	
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)		2	
" " Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)		1	
England and Wales—			
Birth-rate per 1,000 population		15·5	
Death-rate " " "		12·5	
Infantile Mortality-rate per 1,000 live births		29·6	
Maternal Mortality-rate per 1,000 total births		0·79	

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

The Registrar General has supplied the figure of 88,210 as the estimated mid-year population for 1951.

Statistics for the past ten years are given for comparative purposes.

1942	84,970
1943	83,240
1944	82,030
1945	81,010
1946	83,340
1947	84,450
1948	87,613
1949	87,610
1950	88,462
1951	88,210

BIRTHS.

There was a further fall in the birth rate during 1951, the figure being 16·37 as against 17·16 last year. This fall was much greater than that for England and Wales as a whole where the rate declined from 15·8 to 15·5.

The number of illegitimate births fell during 1951, but remains higher than before the war.

The births in the Urban Districts numbered 870 (442 males and 428 females), this being a birth-rate of 16·05 per thousand of population.

In the Rural Districts the births numbered 574 (291 males and 283 females), the rural birth-rate being 16·88 per thousand.

The total births for the County numbered 1,444 (733 males and 711 females), a birth-rate of 16·37 per thousand. This compares with a birth-rate for England and Wales of 15·5 per thousand.

The illegitimate births in the Urban Districts numbered 45, a rate of 51·72 per 1,000 births. Of this 45, 16 were males and 29 females, giving rates of 36·19 and 67·76 respectively.

For the Rural Districts there were 26 illegitimate births, a rate of 45·29. Of these, 10 were males and 16 females, giving rates of 34·36 and 56·56 respectively.

Taking the County as a whole the illegitimate births numbered 71, or a rate of 49·17. There were 26 male and 45 female illegitimate births, and this gives rates of 33·64 and 63·29 respectively.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

Year	Illegitimate Births
1942	82
1943	98
1944	149
1945	166
1946	142
1947	117
1948	102
1949	90
1950	99
1951	71

DEATHS.

The death rate, both generally and in the Isle of Ely, has risen. In 1951 the figure for the Isle of Ely was 11·64 as against 11·42 in 1950. That of the country as a whole was 12·5 against 11·6 in 1950.

The deaths in 1951 numbered 1,027 compared with 1,010 in 1950. Of these 1,027 deaths (547 males and 480 females), 631 occurred in the urban areas and 396 in the rural.

The birth and death-rates for the Isle for the past 10 years are shown in Table I. together with the rates for England and Wales.

TABLE I.

	Birth Rate		Death Rate	
	Isle of Ely	England and Wales	Isle of Ely	England and Wales
1942	16·76	15·8	10·55	11·6
1943	16·49	16·5	11·83	12·1
1944	18·71	17·6	12·32	11·6
1945	18·07	16·1	12·16	11·4
1946	19·03	19·1	12·05	11·5
1947	21·57	20·5	12·42	12·0
1948	18·73	17·9	10·85	10·8
1949	18·55	16·7	12·14	11·7
1950	17·16	15·8	11·42	11·6
1951	16·37	15·5	11·64	12·5

TABLE II.

ISLE OF ELY		
	Registered Births	Registered Deaths
1942	1,424	897
1943	1,373	985
1944	1,535	1,011
1945	1,464	985
1946	1,586	1,004
1947	1,822	1,049
1948	1,641	951
1949	1,625	1,064
1950	1,518	1,010
1951	1,444	1,027

INFANT MORTALITY.

A slight increase in the infantile mortality rate occurred in 1951 when the rate was 28·39 per thousand births as compared with 27·67 in the preceding year.

Eleven deaths were due to congenital malformation, birth injuries, etc.; pneumonia caused four deaths; accident one; whooping cough two and other causes twenty-three.

TABLE III.
INFANT MORTALITY RATES.

Year	Isle of Ely	England and Wales	Year	Isle of Ely	England and Wales
1916	—	91	1934	58·59	59
1917	70·7	96	1935	46·49	57
1918	109·3	97	1936	60·29	59
1919	83·8	89	1937	58·35	58
1920	69·04	80	1938	56·89	53
1921	85·13	83	1939	41·96	50
1922	60·4	77	1940	50·28	55
1923	63·57	69	1941	49·15	59
1924	58·86	75	1942	50·56	49
1925	65·66	75	1943	45·88	49
1926	60·42	70	1944	44·9	46
1927	64·91	69	1945	40·3	46
1928	58·94	65	1946	37·2	43
1929	83·3	74	1947	30·19	41
1930	52·19	60	1948	29·86	34
1931	58·11	66	1949	26·46	32
1932	53·68	65	1950	27·67	29·8
1933	57·7	64	1951	28·39	29·6

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

One woman died in, or in consequence of, childbirth.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Diseases of the heart and blood vessels including deaths from intracranial vascular disease remain the principal causes of death, accounting for 36·22 per cent. of all deaths in the Isle of Ely during 1951.

The percentage contributions to the total deaths made by the more important groups were as shown below.

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
Diseases of heart and circulatory system	36·7	38·59	50·93	36·63	36·22
Cancer, all forms	15·72	17·66	16·07	19·3	18·59
Vascular lesions of nervous system	11·72	10·93	12·4	12·67	13·37
Bronchitis, pneumonia & other respiratory diseases	9·34	7·36	8·74	8·01	8·95
Violent causes	3·62	3·78	4·88	4·45	3·6
Tuberculosis, all forms	2·85	2·83	2·06	1·88	·97

The deaths among persons aged 65 years or over amounted to 69 per cent. of the total in 1951.

TUBERCULOSIS MORTALITY.

Eight deaths were certified as caused by pulmonary tuberculosis (4 in males and 4 in females) during 1951.

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATES.

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
1932	·458	·153	·611
1933	·456	·177	·633
1934	·489	·123	·612
1935	·436	·109	·545
1936	·392	·147	·538
1937	·453	·074	·527
1938	·294	·147	·441
1939	·358	·155	·513
1940	·447	·138	·584
1941	·298	·088	·386
1942	·189	·105	·295
1943	·372	·06	·432
1944	·292	·097	·39
1945	·235	·123	·357
1946	·227	·047	·275
1947	·308	·047	·355
1948	·262	·045	·308
1949	·205	·045	·251
1950	·181	·034	·214
1951	·09	·023	·113

County of Isle of Ely. Causes of Death in Administrative Areas, 1951.

CAUSES OF DEATH	URBAN												RURAL						Total for Urban and Rural Districts.	Grand Total.			
	Chatteris.		Ely.		March.		Whittlesey.		Wisbech.		Aggregation of U.D.'s.		North.		Thorney.		Wisbech.				Aggregation of R.D.'s.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.	M.	F.
Registrar's number of area.	6.v.		6.x.		60		61		62		Aggregation of U.D.'s.		94		95		96		Aggregation of R.D.'s.		1027		05
ALL CAUSES	34	25	61	57	75	64	55	38	108	114	333	298	94	10	8	88	57	214	182	547	480	1027	05
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	4	4	8	8
2. Tuberculosis, other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2
3. Syphilitic disease .. .. .	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	4
4. Diphtheria .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Whooping Cough .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Meningococcal infections .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
7. Acute poliomyelitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Measles .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases	1	..	..	3	1	5	2	2	2	3	5	13	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	13	2	4	4
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	3	1	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms .. .. .	..	..	4	7	11	3	10	5	11	10	36	29	3	..	..	14	6	31	19	67	48	115	115
15. Leukemia, aleukemia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	2	2	4	4
16. Diabetes .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	12
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system	1	3	10	6	10	8	5	3	16	19	42	39	2	..	..	15	8	27	29	69	68	137	137
18. Coronary disease, angina	6	3	9	7	13	2	4	2	10	12	42	26	4	..	..	11	6	21	10	63	36	99	99
19. Hypertension, with heart disease	3	3	1	..	2	2	1	1	6	5	13	11	..	..	..	2	5	6	17	18	17	35	35

Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life in the Administrative County of Isle of Ely in 1951.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Sex.	Aggregate of Urban Districts.						Aggregate of Rural Districts.						TOTAL			
		0-15			15-45			0-15			15-45						
		0-5	5-15	15-45	0-5	5-15	15-45	0-5	5-15	15-45	0-5	5-15	15-45				
ALL CAUSES	M.	10	1	3	5	18	73	223	333	10	1	4	14	42	141	214	547
	F.	11	2	1	1	13	59	211	298	10	1	..	11	26	134	182	480
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	M.	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4
	F.	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	4
2. Tuberculosis, Other	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
3. Syphilitic Disease	M.	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	3
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
4. Diphtheria	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
5. Whooping Cough	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
	F.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	1
6. Meningococcal Infections	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	1
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
8. Measles	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M.	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	5	..	..	..	..	2	6	8	13
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	4	9	13	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	17
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M.	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	9	..	..	..	..	5	1	6	15
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	3
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
	F.	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	5	..	..	..	2	4	2	8	13
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	6	3	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M.	..	..	..	..	2	5	29	36	..	..	..	3	10	15	31	67
	F.	..	..	..	1	2	7	19	29	1	..	..	1	6	11	19	48
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M.	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES IN THE AREA.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

(Section 22).

Liaison with other Bodies.

During the past year there has been no substantial change in the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, the liaison with other bodies continuing to work satisfactorily.

Ante-natal and Post-natal Services.

The estimated number of institutional confinements during the year was 955.

No progress has been made in developing further ante-natal clinics. Littleport joint post-natal and ante-natal clinics continue to be held weekly at the Oddfellows' Hall, with local general practitioner obstetricians and Queen's nurse midwives in regular attendance. 59 sessions were held and 215 mothers attended.

Similar clinics have been held at the March Maternity Home. The co-operation between the staff of that Home and district nurses is appreciated. A total of 49 sessions for domiciliary cases have been held and 84 mothers attended.

In Ely and Wisbech, weekly midwives' clinics have been held. A total of 87 sessions were held and 510 mothers attended. The Wisbech clinic is now held at the County Clinic, Lynn Road. These clinics are most valuable in assisting the midwives to give good ante-natal care. It is hoped, in the future, when the staff position improves, to arrange for health visitors to attend and give talks on mothercraft.

There were no separate post-natal clinics as the numbers attending did not justify special sessions.

Infant Welfare Centres.

The clinics at Christchurch and Manea are the only two provided directly by the Local Health Authority.

The voluntary ladies' committees continue to assist at the other clinics. Their help is very much appreciated, fostering, as it does, the local community spirit as well as greatly easing the administrative burden in such a scattered rural area as the Isle.

Two additional clinics were opened during the year, sponsored by the local district nursing association, one in Guyhirne and the other in Parson Drove. Owing to poor attendances, due in the

main to the fall in the birth rate, it was decided to close the Coveney centre, to be re-opened if there appeared to be a need for such a clinic in the future. The total number of clinics for which grants are paid to cover running costs is now 16.

Local general medical practitioners continue to attend the clinics at Doddington, Haddenham, Manea, Thorney, Whittlesey and Wisbech. The arrangement for an assistant county medical officer to attend at Wisbech, in addition to the local practitioner, continues to prove very satisfactory.

Local health visitors attend regularly and, in those villages where the district nurse midwife is also a part-time health visitor, very satisfactory attendances were recorded.

The district nurse health visitor at Little Downham inaugurated mothers' clubs in the villages of Little Downham and Pymoor, and it is hoped that more of these types of clubs will be formed in other parts of the county.

The County Council acquired St. Mary's Dispensary, Ely, which has successfully been converted into a clinic. This is now used for the infant welfare and ante-natal clinics.

In the past perhaps too much emphasis has been laid on the welfare of infants who have tended to absorb the interest of their parents and welfare workers to the exclusion of toddlers and older children. This may have been desirable in the days of high infant mortality, but is an attitude which is now open to criticism for the reason that, when families are built up rapidly, toddlers are in danger of developing unnoticed defects. Mothers are now encouraged to bring their older children to the infant welfare centres in an attempt to bridge the gap until the school health service takes over supervision. This is regarded as most important. Unfortunately, however, too many mothers do not seem to feel the need of bringing their toddlers, who are admittedly often rather a handful, while they seem superficially in good health. Thus, much most important preventive work gets no chance until the children enter school and are picked up in the normal course of events at medical inspections. The gap is deplorable but a solution is not easy.

Supply of Welfare Foods.

There has been no change in the present method of distribution of welfare foods; in the case of newly opened clinics the local ladies' committees have undertaken this work. It is noted from the Ministry of Food returns that the proportion of welfare foods taken up is low in the Isle generally, but, where the mothers attend a clinic, this would not appear to be so.

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES.

CLINIC	PLACE HELD	DAY AND TIME	Dr. in attendance
BLACK HORSE DROVE	Community Centre	... 4th Wednesday, 2-30—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance
CHATTERIS	Seymour House	... Friday, 2—4.30 p.m.	Dr. in attendance alternate Fri.
CHRISTCHURCH	Parish Room	... 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 2-30—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance once monthly
COVENEY	Methodist Church School Room	... 4th Tuesday, 1-45—3-15 p.m.	Dr. in attendance (Centre closed Oct., 1951)
COATES	Public Hall	... 1st & 3rd Thursday, 2-30—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance first Thursday
DODDINGTON	Church Rooms	... 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 2—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance
ELY	St. Mary's Clinic	... Wednesday, 2—4-30 p.m.	Dr. in attendance 1st & 3rd Wed.
GUYHIRNE	Village Hall	... 3rd Thursday, 2-30—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance
HADDENHAM	Baptist Church Hall	... 2nd & 4th Tues., 2-30—4-30 p.m.	Dr. in attendance 4th Tuesday
LITTLE DOWNHAM	Parish Hall	... 2nd & 4th Wed., 2-15—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance 2nd Wednesday
LITTLEPORT	Y.M.C.A. Youth Club	... Tuesday, 2—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance 1st & 3rd Tues.
MANEA	Church Hall, Park Street	... 2nd & 4th Tues., 2-30—4-30 p.m.	Dr. in attendance once monthly
MARCH	British Legion Rooms, West End	... Thursday, 2-15—4-30 p.m.	Dr. in attendance alternate Thurs.
PARSON DROVE	Church Hall	... 1st Wednesday, 2-30—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance
PRICKWILLOW	Women's Institute Hall	... 2nd Wednesday, 2—3-30 p.m.	Dr. in attendance
SUTTON	Methodist Church Room	... 4th Tuesday, 2-15—4-15 p.m.	Dr. in attendance
THORNEY	Old Girls' School	... 1st & 3rd Thursday, 2-30—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance
WHITTLESEY	St. Mary's Rooms	... Tuesday, 2-15—4-15 p.m.	Dr. in attendance
WISBECH	Walsoken Parish Hall	... Friday, 2—4-30 p.m.	Dr. in attendance

Care of Premature Infants.

Two sets of special equipment, including sorrento cots and oxygennaire apparatus, are available for use in domiciliary midwifery cases and are stored at the County Hall. This equipment has proved most useful.

The number of premature babies, born alive at home weighing less than 5½ lbs., was 15; of this number three were transferred to hospital, one died in the first 24 hours of life, and one during the first week. A total of ten survived.

Still-births and Abortions.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health circular details of the weight and number of the above have been obtained. Ten still-births occurred during the year. In addition seven abortions, between 18 to 28 weeks, came to notice. There may, however, have been others as unless a midwife is called no notice may be received.

Provision of Maternity Outfits.

In order to do away with the necessity of storage and distribution by administrative staff, orders in triplicate are made out by the midwife, one for reference, one for official use, and the third is given to the expectant mother to take to her pharmacist where she collects the outfit herself. The Local Pharmaceutical Committee has agreed that all the pharmacists should supply standard outfits at the same cost, which includes a small charge for storage. This scheme has worked very satisfactorily.

Additionally each midwife holds a small stock of outfits for emergency cases.

Care of Unmarried Mothers and their Children.

During 1951, 38 cases in the Ely area, 12 of whom were known previously to the social worker, were visited from time to time.

20 cases, including one old case, were visited by the social worker in the Wisbech area.

The County Council continues to make pro rata payments to the Ely Diocesan Association and an annual grant to the Wisbech Society for Social Service in respect of the services rendered by the two Social Workers.

The County Council also accepted responsibility for, or assisted with, maintenance charges in 13 cases who were given vacancies in various homes or hostels.

Dental Treatment.

Unfortunately it has not been possible to implement the proposed Maternity and Child Welfare Dental Scheme because of lack of professional staff.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

No cases were notified during the year.

Puerperal Pyrexia.

Four cases were notified during the year, all occurring in domiciliary practice.

Maternal Deaths.

One maternal death occurred during the year.

Day Nurseries.

There are no day nurseries in the Isle.

MIDWIFERY (Section 23).

Administrative Arrangements.

The Isle of Ely County Nursing Association continue to carry out the agency arrangements for the local supervising authority.

Staff.

County Council Midwives			
S.R.N., S.C.M.	....	....	2
S.C.M., S.E.A.N.	....	....	1
			—
			3
			—
County Nursing Association			
Queen's Nursing Sisters	....	....	13
S.R.N., S.C.M.	....	....	7
S.C.M., S.E.A.N.	....	....	1
			—
			21
			—

All midwives employed by the County Nursing Association undertake nursing in addition to midwifery. Of the number employed, eight undertake part-time health visiting, six of whom are qualified health visitors. Five undertake school nursing.

Housing Accommodation for Midwives.

The arrangement for housing the midwives remains unchanged. All midwives with one exception live in houses provided by the District Nursing Associations, or owned or rented by the midwives themselves.

Transport.

Two new cars have been received during the year. Cars are available for all areas in the County.

Gas and Air Analgesia.

The number of midwives qualified to administer gas and air analgesia is 23. It has not been necessary to send any midwives for the required training. The number of machines available is 21, thus any expectant mother suitable for gas and air analgesia may be assured of the apparatus being available for her use.

Administration of Pethidine.

In accordance with the Central Midwives Board circular and in conjunction with the Home Office ruling, suitably qualified midwives are permitted to administer pethidine, the supply for each individual patient being obtained by the midwife engaged for the confinement from the Public Health Department and issued by the County Medical Officer.

Owing to the small number of cases booked by midwives, only 36 cases came under this arrangement during the year. In addition, another 106 patients are known to have received pethidine through their own practitioners with whom they had booked.

Midwives' Acts, 1902—1926.

The Superintendent Nursing Officer and her assistant act as non-medical supervisors of midwives for the local supervising authority. The number of midwives notifying their intention to practice* as such was 63.

The number of midwives notifying their intention to practice as maternity nurses was two.

Summary of work undertaken.

Midwifery	....	....	....	447
Maternity	....	....	....	167
Gas and Air administered	....			384

The number of medical aid forms issued in domiciliary cases totalled:—

Midwifery	....	....	....	24
Maternity	....	....	....	23
In nursing homes	....	....		25
			TOTAL	72

The Superintendent Nursing Officer and her assistant made 227 visits of which 83 were routine and 144 were special, including those in connection with home nursing under Section 25.

Post Graduate Courses.

The County Nursing Association arranged for two midwives to attend post graduate courses organised by the Royal College of Midwives, fees and expenses being paid in each case.

The importance of post graduate courses is well recognised, their value being appreciated by the staff.

General.

During the past years there has been a steady decline in the number of domiciliary confinements; this, however, would appear to have ceased. During the year in question there was an increase of 58 domiciliary confinements and it is anticipated that, with the adoption of the Minister of Health's recommendation to Hospital Management Committees for more careful selection of cases for admission to maternity hospitals, there may be a further increase in domiciliary confinements.

The increased number of cases appears to be chiefly in the urban areas, and this emphasises the comment made last year on the need for generalised work by nurses in rural areas.

HEALTH VISITING (Section 24).

The difficulty of obtaining health visitors is a national problem, and in addition to offering training it would, no doubt, be an added attraction if some accommodation could be offered to intending applicants.

The Superintendent Nursing Officer acts as superintendent health visitor, with the help of one assistant. All health visitors undertake school nursing.

The Ministry of Health granted further dispensation to two district nurse midwives and one County Council midwife to carry out health visiting duties.

The number of full-time health visitors employed at the end of the year was four; in addition the County Nursing Association employ six qualified health visitors undertaking generalised duties on their respective districts.

Three students are at present taking the health visitors' course, two of whom will return to take duty as full-time health visitors, the other undertaking generalised duties.

The vacancies existing in the County at 31st December were:—

March	....	....	....	....	1
Chatteris	....	....	....	....	1
Whittlesey	....	....	....	....	1
Wisbech	....	....	....	....	1

Number of Visits Paid.

	1st Visits	Re-visits	Total
Expectant mothers	69	23	92
Children under 1 year	1265	6653	7918
Children 1 to 5 years	227	9566	9793
Other cases	69	92	161

HOME NURSING (Section 25).

Summary of Staff employed at 31st December, 1951.

Superintendent Nursing Officer	....	....	....	1
Assistant Superintendent Nursing Officer	....	....	....	1
Queen's Nurse Midwives	....	....	....	9
Queen's Nurse Midwives with H.V. Cert.	....	....	....	5
District Nurse Midwives	....	....	....	6
District Nurse Midwives with H.V. Cert.	....	....	....	1
S.R.N.	....	....	....	2
S.C.M., S.E.A.N.	....	....	....	1
S.E.A.N.	....	....	....	1
S.R.N. (Part-time)	....	....	....	1
S.E.A.N. (Part-time)	....	....	....	2
				—
				30
				—

Number of Vacancies.

Ely	....	....	....	1
Elm and District	....	....	....	1
Wisbech	....	....	....	2

Number of Cases.

Medical	....	....	....	1166
Surgical	....	....	....	430
Casual visits	....	....	....	3356
General visits	....	....	....	37229

Transport.

Two new cars have been received and allocated according to the needs of the districts, the disposal of the old cars is being left in abeyance for the time being.

The total number of cars owned by the District Nursing Associations, or by the County Nursing Association, is 23. In addition the Superintendent Nursing Officer, her assistant, and three nurses own their own cars. One nurse on a small area has a bicycle and an auto-cycle is available.

Accommodation for Nursing Staff.

During the year the County Nursing Association was faced with a serious housing situation in Whittlesey. The lease of the house rented by the local District Nursing Association had expired and it was not possible for this to be renewed. Through the assistance of the local Association, and following the approval of the Minister of Health, the County Council were able to purchase a suitable house in the centre of the town. It is proposed that a garage for two cars should be erected in the future.

It is regretted that the building of the nurses' houses at Elm and Wisbech St. Mary has not yet been started, due to difficulty in obtaining the necessary materials. It is expected that the building of the house at Elm will be commenced in the near future.

The Ely Rural District Council arranged for the Littleport District Nursing Association to exchange the council house occupied by the district nurses, for a newly built bungalow, and gave permission for the County Council to build a garage for two cars. The County Nursing Association are grateful to the Ely Rural District Council for their consideration.

Post Graduate Courses.

Two nurses attended the post graduate course organised by the Queen's Institute of District Nursing. In conjunction with the hospital authorities arrangements were made for all the district nurses in the County to attend at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, for one day. The exchange of views was appreciated both by the district nurses and the hospital staff.

Shortage of Staff.

The County Nursing Association are seriously disturbed at the failure to obtain staff for Wisbech, repeated efforts to fill the vacancies having been made. It would appear that there is a growing wish on the part of nurses to live singly or in pairs rather than in larger units.

In order to provide an adequate nursing service it may be necessary to re-arrange the district and allow for two separate houses to be built in different parts of the town rather than to retain the present house which can accommodate four nurses.

Plan for Future Nursing Service.

In order to obtain the most suitable type of staff for the rural areas in this County, a detailed plan was drawn up for the future nursing service. It is agreed that generalised work, i.e., general nursing, midwifery, health visiting and school nursing, should be undertaken in these areas by suitably qualified nurses and in the

future, as vacancies occur, only such nurses will be appointed. In this way it is felt that the number of persons entering a home will be reduced and it will co-ordinate the service to a greater extent.

X-Ray of Staff.

The County Nursing Association have arranged for periodic X-Ray examinations of staff, this being considered essential in view of the tendency for more cases of pulmonary tuberculosis to be nursed in their own homes.

Home Care and Nursing Service.

By arrangements with the United Cambridge Hospitals, ten patients were discharged to the care of their local medical advisors and district nurses. All cases were nursed satisfactorily.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION (Section 26).

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The arrangements for immunisation have continued, whereby sessions are held at infant welfare centres in the county. In addition, arrangements are made, as numbers accumulate, to hold special immunisation sessions in school clinics or on school premises by permission of the Education Authority.

Propaganda.

Each Registrar supplies information as to the births registered in his district and a personal letter is sent to all parents as to the protection afforded and the times advised for immunisation and vaccination. Special greetings cards containing information relating to immunisation are posted to all infants on their first birthday.

The health visitors and school nurses and all other county nursing staff carry supplies of leaflets giving information as to the facilities available for immunisation, which they distribute in the homes or at clinics. Health visitors have a special responsibility for collecting forms of consent and for completing records.

In addition to this systematic propaganda general publicity is also given to the scheme by means of handbills and posters.

Medical Arrangements.

All practitioners in the area are afforded an opportunity of taking part in the Authority's arrangements for carrying out individual immunisations. The county medical staff, with the assistance of health visitors and school nurses, attend specially arranged sessions and they also carry out individual immunisations at the infant welfare centres which they attend.

Records.

Completed records are submitted by the county medical staff and general practitioners, and the latter receive payment in accordance with the scale of fees approved by the Minister of Health.

The following table shows the number of immunisations carried out in the various areas during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1951.

	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5—9 yrs.	10—14 yrs.	TOTAL	B'ster
Chatteris U.D. ...	9	35	4	1	2	2	...	53	2
Ely U.D. ...	4	36	14	2	...	1	...	57	14
March U.D. ...	8	80	12	5	1	11	...	117	159
Whittlesey U.D. ...	5	86	15	2	4	6	...	118	9
Wisbech M.B. ...	13	108	21	4	4	20	...	170	45
Ely R.D. ...	19	106	20	3	1	27	...	176	201
N. Witchford R.D.	4	36	5	1	1	2	...	49	17
Thorney R.D. ...	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	9	...
Wisbech R.D. ...	3	65	8	3	3	...	...	82	6
TOTAL ...	66	560	99	21	16	69	...	831	453

VACCINATION.

General medical practitioners have agreed to be responsible for individual vaccinations, either in the homes or at their surgeries, and no special sessional arrangements are made.

All that has been already said with regard to propaganda and payment of fees applies to the vaccination service as well.

During the period 1st January to 31st December, 1951, the following vaccinations and re-vaccinations have been performed:—

	under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2—4 yrs.	5—14 yrs.	15 yrs. & over	Total
Primary	188	153	34	52	72	499
Re-vaccinations	—	—	1	18	93	112

Arrangements in the event of an outbreak of smallpox.

In the event of an outbreak of smallpox, arrangements would be made at short notice to direct the county medical and nursing staffs to assist in coping with the increased demand for vaccination and re-vaccination. If necessary, premises would be specially hired for the purpose and the assistance of general practitioners called in. The public would be fully informed of all steps taken to control the outbreak.

AMBULANCE SERVICE (Section 27).

The service continued to operate satisfactorily with the Council's vehicles being driven, garaged and maintained as before. At Littleport, Whittlesey and Manea, the voluntary organisations continued to provide the service most satisfactorily.

The difficult question of attendants to accompany the Wisbech ambulances was not solved. The main difficulty in this direction is that the amount of ambulance work does not justify the appointment of full-time personnel, but it is hoped during the coming year that satisfactory arrangements will be made.

All general practitioners were invited to become nominal members of the sitting-case car service in order that they could be re-imbursed for the use of their private cars when conveying patients to hospital in emergency. In all ten doctors enrolled.

The mileages for both ambulances and cars fell by 11,336 and 11,454 respectively as compared with 1950 and it may well be that the demand on the service has passed the peak.

The continued co-operation of the hospitals and general practitioners was much appreciated and the appointment at most hospitals of an individual officer solely responsible for booking transport has reduced the number of wasteful journeys.

Statistics.

The figures for the ambulance service were as follows:—

Total for Year	1951	1950	1949
Mileage	88,721	100,088	95,099
Patients	4,223	4,087	3,779
Calls	3,294	3,677	3,236

The figures for the sitting-case car service are given below:—

Total for Year	1951	1950	1949
Mileage	122,261	133,715	152,210
Patients	7,197	4,760	5,355
Calls	3,114	3,447	4,105

AMBULANCES

		No. of Ambulances		Where garaged
Wisbech ...	...	Three	...	Messrs. W. H. Johnson & Sons Ltd., Church Terrace, Wisbech
March ...	...	Two	...	Messrs. Peck & Packer, Ltd., Dartford Road, March
Ely ...	...	Two	...	Messrs. T. H. Nice & Co., Ltd., St. Mary's Street, Ely
Chatteris ...	...	One	...	Messrs. Crawley & Crawley, Chatteris
Manea ...	...	One	...	Ambulance Garage, School Lane, Manea
Whittlesey ...	...	One	...	St. John Ambulance Division, Plough Rd., Whittlesey
Littleport ...	...	One	...	Private Garage, Hempfield Road, Littleport

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AMBULANCES.

		No. of Ambulances		Where kept
Wisbech ...	...	One	...	Messrs. Johnson's Garage, Church Terrace, Wisbech
Ely ...	...	One	...	Isolation Hospital, St. John's Rd., Ely

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS—CARE AND AFTER CARE
(Section 28).

TUBERCULOSIS.

At the end of the year there were 241 patients on the Tuberculosis Register, 191 pulmonary and 50 non-pulmonary.

Details of cases seen at the diagnostic clinics, Doddington and Wisbech :—

Total number of cases seen, including routines	....	2432
Number of X-rays taken	....	2026
Number of screenings	....	745

Regular routine examination of contacts were carried out, in all 545 examinations being made.

Following a survey of school children, while a number were placed under observation for a time, in only two cases were significant tuberculous lesions observed, both being primary which required institutional treatment.

During the year vaccination of suitable contacts and hospital staffs with B.C.G. was started and a total of 20 contacts were so vaccinated. There were no ill effects or complications observed and in every case the vaccination was successful.

Tuberculosis Visitor.

This officer received a number of enquiries during the year from patients who were interested in occupational therapy and she contacted various firms with a view to obtaining materials at a reduced price. A quantity of material was obtained for them.

Details of visits paid by the tuberculosis visitor :—

Total number of home visits	....	995
Number of home visits to school children in connection with Mass Radiography	....	198
Number of visits to children at school	....	5
Number of diagnostic clinics attended	....	133

Shelters.

Five shelters are provided by the Council for use by patients living in overcrowded conditions or under insanitary circumstances.

Comforts, etc.

The close relationship established with voluntary organisations and the Welfare Officer, Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Branch, British Red Cross Society, has continued and sick room equipment and nursing requisites have been provided when needed.

Rehabilitation.

One male patient was colonised at Papworth Village Settlement during the year, making a total of seven male patients and two female patients in the colony.

Mass Radiography Unit.

During 1951, a Mass Radiography Unit of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board operated in the Isle of Ely on several occasions.

Four schools, Chatteris Cromwell, Haddenham, March Grammar and March Junior, were visited, and the Unit also carried out examinations at Ely Sugar Beet Factory, Mepal Polish Hostel and at Wisbech during the Trades Fair.

The following table shows the numbers examined at the respective places:—

	Children		Staff		Other adults	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
March Junior School	222	208	7	13	—	—
Haddenham School	84	90	—	—	—	—
Chatteris School	179	150	6	14	—	1
March Grammar School	282	—	11	13	—	—
Polish Hostel, Mepal	—	—	—	—	132	101
Ely Beet Factory	—	26	—	—	186	37
Wisbech.....	660	690	24	27	1121	1191
	1427	1164	48	67	1439	1330
	2591		115		2769	

MENTAL ILLNESS.

The Local Health Authority has continued to provide prevention, care and after-care services for the mentally ill, through its four duly authorised officers.

The scope of this field is obviously wide. There are many patients who in the early stages of nervous or mental disorder are unwilling to consult a doctor or go to a clinic. The officers are available for the purpose of visiting, in their own homes, such persons who are known to be in need of psychiatric treatment: in addition there are those who wish to discuss the possibilities of treatment or to talk over the family complications created by their illness. A number of interviews may be necessary before the decision to undergo treatment can be reached and fully accepted by the patient and his family. This time-consuming work, however,

is found to be fully justified in the process of mitigating human distress and waste arising from the burdens of mental disability.

In respect of after-care, it is more and more appreciated that the return to home life and occupation after a period of treatment in a mental hospital is very difficult for the patients, their families, and frequently for their employers also. Unless help and guidance is available, such as can be afforded by experienced social workers, there is a great risk that the patient will not make a satisfactory adjustment and will in many cases relapse. Quite often a considerable amount of social care is required to set the patient on his feet again. The industrial rehabilitation of the patient is also of the greatest importance and, here again, the mental health staff play a valuable part by liaison with the managers of employment exchanges.

The total number of new cases referred for after-care during the year was 96 which brought the total on the register to 188, and of these 52 were closed before the year ended. Patients recognised this service as an essential sequel to their hospital treatment and were ready to accept the guidance and assistance offered.

OTHER TYPES OF ILLNESS.

Medical Loans.

Each district nursing association maintains a "loan cupboard" containing a wide variety of requisites used in home nursing.

Items of equipment such as bedding, bed rests and invalid chairs, have been supplied by the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Branch of the British Red Cross Society. The loan charges were recovered from the patients where possible; a member of the welfare staff visited each person so assisted to explain the charges, to obtain details for assessment, and to give such further advice as may have been necessary.

By an agreement, reached early in the year with the March Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, a supply of articles from their Medical Comforts Depot in March was made available to supplement the scheme hitherto existing.

Convalescence.

The Isle of Ely Society for the Blind continued to put their holiday home, "Highcliffe," at Hunstanton, at the disposal of this authority for the provision of recuperative holidays during the winter months.

DOMESTIC HELP (Section 29)

At the end of the year 42 home helps, all but 2 of whom were part-time, were being employed, and 219 cases had been assisted.

A Home Care and Nursing Service was started at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, in August, 1949, as one method of helping to solve the very acute shortage of hospital beds.

Of 10 cases who resided in the Isle of Ely and were discharged from hospital, 1 was provided with home help service.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE (Section 51).

Administration.

The Mental Health Service for the County is administered by the County Health Committee.

The medical work with mental defectives was carried out during the year by the County Medical Officer and the two assistant medical officers appointed during 1951; further opinions and advice were sought where necessary from the mental deficiency consultant of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

The Mental Health and Welfare Officer and the assistant welfare officers are duly authorised officers for the purposes of the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, as amended by the National Health Service Act, 1946, and carry out social work amongst persons suffering from mental illness. During the year they continued to build up a welfare service for mental patients living in the community. Close liaison was maintained with the psychiatrists of Fulbourn Hospital, particularly through their out-patient clinic held regularly at County Hall, March.

The Local Health Authority's statutory duties under the Mental Deficiency Acts are also carried out by these officers of the welfare staff. A home teacher for mental defectives, the first appointed by this authority, took up her duties in October and, as a result, the training scheme was extended to cover all defectives in every part of the County who were able to benefit from instruction. The home teacher also acts as supervisor of the two part-time occupation centres (March and Wisbech). At the end of the year there were 23 defectives attending these centres, in connection with which the March and Wisbech Voluntary Committees for Mental Welfare, formed late in 1949, continued to give invaluable assistance by way of teaching, provision of social amenities, and disposal of work.

Statistics.

LUNACY AND MENTAL TREATMENT ACTS 1890—1930 AS AMENDED BY THE
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

HEALTH SERVICE PATIENTS IN MENTAL HOSPITALS.

	Certified			Voluntary			Total
	M.	W.	C.	M.	W.	C.	
(a) In Mental Hospitals on 31/12/50	67	94	2	19	23	-	205
(b) Admissions	14	26	-	23	38	-	101
(c) Discharges	14	26	-	22	31	-	93
(d) Deaths	5	3	-	1	-	-	9
(e) In Mental Hospitals on 31/12/51	62	91	2	19	30	-	204

ANALYSIS OF ADMISSIONS.

Aged	MEN.			WOMEN.			Grand Total
	Under Order	Vol.	Total	Under Order	Vol.	Total	
16...20	-	6	7	-	8	16	23
20...30	1	6	6	8	10	14	20
30...40	-	6	12	4	8	11	23
40...50	8	4	5	3	8	12	17
50...60	1	4	6	4	4	9	15
60...70	3	3	1	5	4	2	3
70...80	1	-	1	2	-	-	-
	14	23	37	26	38	64	101

Summary of case work.

Cases investigated	119
Removed to mental hospitals on Summary Reception Orders (Section 16, Lunacy Act, 1890)	22
Removed to designated hospitals on Duly Authorised Officers' three-day orders (Section 20, Lunacy Act, 1890)	6
Removed to designated hospitals on Justices' 14-day orders	1
Admitted to mental hospitals as voluntary patients (Section 1, Mental Treatment Act, 1930)	62
Admitted to mental hospitals as temporary patients (Section 5, Mental Treatment Act, 1930)	-
Admitted to mental hospitals on Urgency Orders (Section 17, Mental Treatment Act, 1930)	10
No admission effected	18

Transport.

Conveyance to mental hospitals was arranged as follows:—

By the Duly Authorised Officers in their own cars	57
By the Council's Car/Ambulance Service	20
Voluntary patients making own arrangements	24

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACTS, 1913—38.

I. PARTICULARS OF MENTAL DEFECTIVES AS ON 1ST JANUARY, 1952.

	M	F	T
(1) Number of ascertained Mental Defectives found to be "Subject to be dealt with"			
(a) In Institutions (including cases on licence therefrom)			
Under 16 years of age 	5	2	7
Aged 16 years and over 	42	54	96
(b) Under Guardianship (including cases on licence therefrom)			
Under 16 years of age 	—	—	—
Aged 16 years and over 	1	1	2
(c) In "places of safety" 	—	—	—
(d) Under Statutory Supervision (excluding cases on licence)			
Under 16 years of age 	7	5	12
Aged 16 years and over 	45	49	94
Total ascertained cases found to be "subject to be dealt with" 	100	111	211
Number of cases awaiting re-removal to an Institution 	M 12	F 11	T 23
(2) Number of Mental Defectives not at present "Subject to be dealt with" but over whom some voluntary form of supervision is maintained			
Under 16 years of age 	2	1	3
Aged 16 years and over 	26	31	57
Total number of defectives (1) plus (2) 	128	143	271
(3) Number of Mental Defectives receiving training			
(a) In part-time day-training centres			
Under 16 years of age 	3	2	5
Aged 16 years and over 	5	13	18
(b) At home			
Under 16 years of age 	2	2	4
Aged 16 years and over 	18	23	41
Total 	28	40	68

II. PARTICULARS OF CASES REPORTED DURING THE YEAR 1951.

	M	F	T
(1) Ascertainment.			
(a) Cases reported by Local Education Authorities (Section 57, Education Act, 1944)	—	—	—
(b) Other ascertained defectives reported and found to be "subject to be dealt with"	2	—	—
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Total ascertained defectives found to be "subject to be dealt with"	2	—	—
(c) Other reported cases ascertained who are not at present "subject to be dealt with"	4	3	7
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Total number of cases reported during the year	6	3	9
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(2) Disposal of cases reported during the year			
(a) Ascertained defectives found to be "subject to be dealt with"			
(i) Admitted to Institutions	1	—	1
(ii) Placed under Statutory Supervision	1	—	1
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Total ascertained defectives found to be "subject to be dealt with"	2	—	2
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(b) Cases not at present "subject to be dealt with"			
(i) Placed under Voluntary Supervision	4	3	7
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III. NUMBER OF MENTAL DEFECTIVES IN INSTITUTIONS UNDER COMMUNITY CARE INCLUDING VOLUNTARY SUPERVISION OR IN "PLACES OF SAFETY" ON 1ST JANUARY, 1951, WHO HAVE CEASED TO BE UNDER ANY OF THESE FORMS OF CARE DURING 1951.

	M	F	T
(a) Ceased to be under care	6	5	11
(b) Died, removed from area, or lost sight of	3	2	5
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Total	9	7	16
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IV. OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MENTAL DEFECTIVES KNOWN TO THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY.

(a) Number who have given birth to children during 1951			
(i) After Marriage		None	
(ii) While Unmarried			
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(b) Number who have married during 1951		M	F
		—	1

V. SUMMARY.

	MALES						FEMALES										
	In Institution		On Licence		Under Guardianship		Under Supervision at Home		In Institutions		On Licence		Under Guardianship		Under Supervision at Home		
	under 16	16 & over	under 16	16 & over	under 16	16 & over	under 16	16 & over	under 16	16 & over	under 16	16 & over	under 16	16 & over	under 16	16 & over	
Feeble-minded persons	2	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Imbeciles ...	2	20	—	—	—	1	9	71	1	10	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
Idiots ...	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Moral defectives ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	5	42	—	—	—	1	9	71	2	43	—	11	—	—	6	80	—

TOTAL 271 (Males : 128 — Females : 143).

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

The Council's functions under the National Assistance Act are carried out by the County Health Committee and the County Medical Officer is responsible for carrying into effect the approved scheme under Part III. The Mental Health and Welfare Officer, under the direction of the County Medical Officer, carries out the duties in connection with the provision of accommodation and other duties devolving on the Council under the Act. There are three assistant welfare officers, two of whom are part-time.

PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION (SECTIONS 21—28).

The scheme for the provision of accommodation from 5th July, 1948, was prepared in three parts:—

Part I. The service existing at that date for residential and temporary accommodation in parts of the two former public assistance institutions, vested from the appointed day in the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board, namely Tower House at Ely and Clarkson Hospital at Wisbech.

Part II. Developments contemplated before 31st March, 1950, to extend the service to the use of accommodation provided by other local authorities and by voluntary organisations, and by providing homes or hostels by adaption of houses or erection of new buildings.

Part III. Reconsideration of the position after March, 1950, in the light of up-to-date information on the need for further expansion.

In the implementation of the scheme in 1951, full use was made of the accommodation available at Tower House and Clarkson Hospital; establishments of other authorities were used to an extent limited by the needs of the authorities themselves and the use of homes of voluntary organisations satisfied the needs for accommodation for special needs, e.g., for epileptics.

Progress can be recorded in connection with Part II. of the scheme. The Council decided to purchase a house in Ely for adaption as a home for 22 old persons. At the same time land was acquired for the erection of a new home for 30 residents in March, for the building of which a tender was accepted towards the end of the year.

Consideration was also given to the provision of temporary accommodation for family units but no definite plans were made.

Persons provided with Accommodation.

		On 31st Dec., 1950	1951 Recep- tions	Depar- tures	On 31st Dec., 1951
In Part-User Accommodation (within the County)	Men	51	72	48	75
	Women	16	38	20	34
	Children	—	—	—	—
By other Local Authorities	Men	—	1	—	1
	Women	1	2	2	1
	Children	—	—	—	—
By arrangement with Voluntary Associations	Men	4	1	—	5
	Women	1	1	1	1
	Children	—	—	—	—
TOTAL		73	115	71	117

WELFARE SERVICES (SECTION 29).

Between the receipt of the Ministry of Health Circular 32/51, in August, and the end of the year, no decision was made by the County Health Committee to prepare a scheme for the provision of welfare services for handicapped persons other than the blind and partially-sighted.

WELFARE OF THE BLIND.

So far as blind welfare is concerned the service is organised and administered by the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind, as agents for the County Council, and the general administrative work is undertaken by the Secretary of the Society. The County Medical Officer acts in a supervisory capacity in relation to the administration of the blind welfare service and, in addition to the full-time Secretary, a full-time home-teacher is also employed.

The Secretary, Miss D. Marshall, has kindly submitted the following report:—

ISLE OF ELY SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1951.

A new Constitution was adopted by the Society in March, 1951. At the Annual Meeting held at the County Hall on the 27th June, 1951, Alderman J. W. A. Ollard was appointed President for the ensuing year. An Executive Committee was formed, consisting of nine representatives of the Life, Ordinary, and Co-opted members of the Society, representatives of nine County Districts, twelve members of the Isle of Ely County Council, together with the

Honorary Treasurer, Mr. G. R. Clark, the Honorary Solicitor, Mr. R. F. G. Thurlow, and the County Medical Officer. Alderman H. Payne was appointed Chairman, and Alderman G. W. Newell, Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing year. A number of persons having a particular interest in or knowledge of blind welfare were co-opted as members of the Society.

The number of registered blind persons had increased to 190 at the 31st December, 1951. 34 persons had been registered as blind during the year: there were 25 deaths: 4 people after receiving treatment recovered sufficient sight to be de-certified. 1 person was transferred into this area and 1 person was transferred out of the area.

Augmentation of wages according to the County Council's scheme has been paid to three home workers.

There were 31 names on the register of partially sighted persons at the 31st December, 1951.

The home teacher failed to obtain his Home Teacher's Certificate within two years, as required as a condition of his employment. He has been allowed to continue his appointment until he can take the examination next July.

The annual outings were again made to Hunstanton. The dates chosen were the 16th and 17th July, and 55 blind persons enjoyed ideal weather and, with their guides, were given lunch and tea. The journeys were made by coach which the travellers boarded and left at points near their homes.

In April a new matron and staff were appointed to the Hostel in Hunstanton and during the year 233 persons—52 blind and 32 guides from the Isle of Ely, 96 blind and 49 guides from other counties, and 4 welfare cases enjoyed a holiday there. Many glowing accounts of the good holidays and of the benefit derived therefrom have been received. The Hostel remained open for Christmas and 18 visitors enjoyed good fare, much of which had been presented, and entertainment arranged by the staff. An outside staircase and other fire precautions have been completed at the Hostel.

Subscriptions, collections, donations, flag days, whist drives, collecting boxes, Christmas appeals and envelope collections brought in £1,840 8s. 11d. during the year for our voluntary fund.

CHILDREN ACT, 1948.

The Care of Children Committee set up in 1948 has continued to be responsible for the following:—

- (a) Parts II and IV of Children and Young Persons Act, 1933.
- (b) Provisions relating to Child Life Protection contained in Part VII of the Public Health Act, 1936.

(c) The Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act, 1939.

(d) The Children Act, 1948.

The Children's Officer works in close liaison with the medical and nursing staffs of the county.

Visits in connection with Child Life Protection to children aged 5 years and under were carried out by the health visitors.

Medical reports on children residing in the various Homes maintained by the Council were provided from time to time by the Council's medical officers, together with the statutory reports on boarded-out children.

Certain advisory visits were made to the Homes.

NURSERIES AND CHILD MINDERS REGULATION ACT, 1948.

Four persons had been registered as child minders up to 31st December, 1951.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES.

Two nursing homes were registered at the end of the year containing an aggregate of two maternity beds and seven beds for other types of cases.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

RURAL WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE ACT, 1944.

The Chatteris Urban District Council proposed to lay a relief sewer and asked for a grant towards the cost.

The County Council decided to make a grant in accordance with the approved formula.

HOUSING.

Chatteris Urban District.

During 1951, 35 houses were completed, 24 by the Council, 2 by private enterprise and 9 by the Housing Association. At the end of the year the number under construction was—by the Council 12, private enterprise 4, Housing Association 3.

Ely Urban District.

16 houses were completed on the Prickwillow site, while work was commenced on 10 bungalows at Springhead Lane and 20 houses at West Fen Road.

6 demolition orders were made during the year and 4 houses were made fit after formal notice had been given.

March Urban District.

41 houses were completed by the Council and 4 private houses under licences granted by the Council. 10 licences were granted for the erection of private houses. 8 licences for housing work were issued to the value of £2,037.

Whittlesey Urban District.

Number of houses erected during the year:—

(i) by local authority	....	....	....	....	34
(ii) by private enterprise	....	....	....	....	5
					—
					39
					—

Wisbech Borough.

Houses completed during 1951:—

By Council	....	....	....	....	80
By private enterprise	....	....	....	....	8

Houses in course of erection at end of year:—

By Council	....	....	....	....	86
By private enterprise	....	....	....	....	13

Ely Rural District.

Permanent Housing.

<i>Sites.</i>	No.
In hand and not under development at 1/1/50	2
Acquired during 1950	4
	—
	6
Taken into development during 1950	2
In hand and not under development as at 31/12/50	4

Dwellings.

No. covered by contracts placed—and not commenced or in course of erection—as at 1/1/50	66
No. covered by contracts placed during 1950	38
	—
	104
	—
No. under construction as at 1/1/50	66
No. commenced during 1950	38
	—
	104
	—

	<i>Bungalows</i>		<i>Semi-</i>	<i>Houses</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Bedrooms</i>	<i>Bedrooms</i>	<i>bungs.</i>	<i>Bedrooms</i>	
	one	two	two	three	
No. completed during 1950	—	16	—	38	54
No. under construction as at 31/12/50:					
Stage of Completion					
%					
76 to 99	—	4	—	20
51 to 75	—	2	—	2
26 to 50	—	6	2	2
To 25	—	4	8	—
		—	—	—	
		16	10	24	50
		==	==	==	==
					104
					==
No. let during 1950 to members of agricultural population	21

Temporary Housing.

Conversion of Hutments at Witchford Airfield:
1 two-bedroom type dwelling provided.

Private enterprise.

Permanent housing.

No. of unfinished dwellings licensed or approved as at 1/1/50	....	....	....	....	....	14
No. of dwellings licensed or approved during 1950						14
						—
						28
						==
No. of dwellings completed during 1950	....	....				16
No. in course of erection as at 31/12/50	....	....				8
No. not commenced as at 31/12/50	....	....				4
						—
						28
						==

Permanent Housing.

<i>Sites.</i>	No.
In hand and not under development at 1/1/51	4
Acquired during 1951	3
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Taken into development during 1951	4
In hand and not under development as at 31/12/51	3
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<i>Dwellings.</i>	
No. covered by contracts placed—and not commenced or in course of erection—as at 1/1/51	—
No. covered by contracts placed during 1951	84
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No. under construction as at 1/1/51	50
No. commenced during 1951	54
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	104
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	<i>Bungalows</i> <i>2 bedrooms</i>	<i>Semi-</i> <i>Bungalows</i> <i>2 bedrooms</i>	<i>Houses</i> <i>3 bedrooms</i>	<i>Total</i>
No. completed during 1951	16	10	30	56
No. under construction as at 31/12/51				
Stage of Completion				
%				
76 to 99	2	—	4	
51 to 75	10	—	20	
26 to 50	6	—	—	
To 25	4	—	2	
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	22		26	48
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				104
				<hr style="width: 100%;"/>
No. not commenced as at 31/12/51				30
No. let during 1951 to members of agricultural population				17

Private enterprise.

Permanent housing.

No. of unfinished dwellings licensed or approved as at 1/1/51	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12
No. licensed or approved during 1951	....	....						11
								—
								23
								—
No. of dwellings completed during 1951	....	....						12
No. in course of erection as at 31/12/51	....	....						10
No. not commenced as at 31/12/51	....	....						1
								—
								23
								—

North Witchford Rural District.

Eight dwellings (four houses and four bungalows) were completed and occupied during the year. Only two council houses were under construction at the end of the year.

Private enterprise completed three dwellings as against ten in the previous year, and four houses were in course of erection at the end of the year.

A drainage authority erected and completed two bungalows.

Thorney Rural District.

The Council completed the erection of five houses and private enterprise two, during the year.

At the end of the year four bungalows were in the course of erection.

Wisbech Rural District.

The Council completed the erection of 68 houses and at the end of the year 38 more were under construction.

Nine houses were erected by private enterprise and a further six were still under construction at the end of the year.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
FOR THE YEAR 1951.

It is the duty of the County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority for the whole of the administrative county to carry into execution and enforce the following:—

1. Food and Drugs Act, 1938.
 - (a) Sections 1 to 7 (composition of food and drugs, excluding milk).
 - (b) Sections 32 to 36 (margarine, margarine-cheese, butter and milk-blended butter).

2. Food and Drugs (Milk, Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950.
 - (a) Section 8 (prohibition of sale of milk from cows suffering from tuberculosis).
 - (b) Sections 9 and 10 (composition of milk).
 - (c) Section 15 and the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949 (control of heat treatment of milk).
 - (d) Sections 19 and 20 (prohibition of sales of non-designated milk in specified areas).
 - (e) Sections 29 to 31 (artificial cream).
3. Labelling of Food Order, 1946 and 1950.
(labelling of pre-packed food).
4. Food Standard Orders.
(prescribing standards for regulating composition of certain foods).
5. Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941.
(prohibiting advertisements relating to medical matters and medicines).

COMPOSITION OF FOOD AND DRUGS.

During the year under review 191 samples of food and drugs were sent for examination to the Public Analyst for the County, S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.R.I.C., Tenison Road, Cambridge. These may be summarised as follows:—

Baking Powder	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Butter, Suet, Lard and Margarine	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11
Cakes, Biscuits, Cake Mixtures	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8
Cheese	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Cocoa	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Coconut Ice	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Coffee Essence	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9
Cornflour and Custard Powder	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Desiccated Coconut	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Dessert Gelatine	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Ice Cream	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8
Flavouring Essence	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Ground Almonds	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5
Ground Nutmeg	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Liquid Paraffin	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Malt Vinegar	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12
Mincemeat	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Mixed Pickles and Sauce	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4
Preserves	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9
Saccharins	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Sausages and Sausage Meat	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14

Soft Drinks	....	....	....	....	....	....	10
Spirits	....	....	....	....	....	....	9
Sweets	....	....	....	....	....	....	12
Table Jelly and Jelly Crystals					....	....	20
Tea	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Miscellaneous	....	....	....	....	....	....	27
						Total	191

Arising out of the analyses of these samples proceedings were instituted against a publican in respect of whisky containing added water. A fine of £5 was imposed. 3 persons were cautioned for minor offences.

MARGARINE, MARGARINE-CHEESE, BUTTER AND MILK BLENDED BUTTER.

Premises used for wholesale dealings in margarine or as butter factories are required to be registered with the County Council. 9 margarine premises and 1 butter factory are registered.

TUBERCULOUS MILK.

As many samples as possible are taken under this heading from milk which is sold to the public in a raw state. Samples are submitted to the Medical Research Council, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. 56 samples were taken of which 2 were reported to be positive. The Divisional Inspector, Animal Health Division, Cambridge, and the District Medical Officer of Health were notified of the cases reported to be positive and took the necessary action.

COMPOSITION OF MILK.

104 samples of milk were sent to the Public Analyst for the County. 13 of these samples were found to be deficient in fat and 3 were found to have a very small amount of water added. The vendor in each case was cautioned.

HEAT TREATMENT OF MILK.

The County Council is responsible for the control and licensing of pasteurising and other heat-treating establishments. One pasteurising establishment, so licensed, was inspected from time to time during the year and 19 samples of milk were taken, 18 of which were satisfactory and 1 unsatisfactory. In addition 14 samples of school milk were taken, all of which were satisfactory.

SALE OF DESIGNATED MILK IN SPECIFIED AREAS.

The use of a special designation is to be obligatory for the purpose of all retail sales of milk in areas specified by the Minister of Food. A number of areas have been so specified in the country but at the present time none have been specified in the County.

ARTIFICIAL CREAM.

The manufacture of artificial cream is restricted to premises registered with the County Council, and the labelling of this product on retail sale is controlled. No premises are so registered and no artificial cream has been found on sale in the County.

LABELLING OF PRE-PACKED FOOD.

The Labelling of Food Order requires, inter alia, that pre-packed food, with certain exceptions, must bear a statement of ingredients, specified in order of the proportion in which they are used. The Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations make it an offence to give a label or advertisement which falsely describes or misleads as to the nutritional or dietary value of a food. These statements are verified by the Public Analyst during his examination of samples under the Food and Drugs Act. No serious infringements were detected.

PHARMACY AND MEDICINES ACT, 1941.

Nothing to report.

F. W. Crabtree, *County Inspector.*

THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Incidence.

There was a slight fall in the number of notifications of cases of scarlet fever as compared with 1950, and the notifications of measles and whooping cough both fell markedly, especially the former.

One case of diphtheria was notified, and there was again no death from this disease for the seventh year in succession.

A full list of notifications is given in the following table.

Measures for control.

These continued to operate as described in previous reports and close liaison was maintained with district sanitary authorities and their staffs, especially when an infectious disease showed any signs of epidemic prevalence. The school medical officers and school nurses continued routine investigations when cases of scarlet fever were notified among school children, followed up, if necessary, by field work based on the Public Health Laboratory, Cambridge. Close contact was always maintained with the general practitioners during these investigations.

Institutional Provision.

Cases are transferred from the northern half of the Isle to the Wisbech Isolation Hospital and from the southern half to the Hospital at Ely. Both of these Institutions were transferred to the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board on the appointed day and no alteration in the arrangements has occurred.

Infectious Diseases Notified in the Several Districts
for the Year ending 1951.

Disease	URBAN DISTRICTS.						RURAL DISTRICTS.					Combined Total
	Ely	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Total Urban Districts	Ely	North Witchford	Thorney	Wisbech	Total Rural Districts	
Small Pox .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever ..	2	14	..	31	8	55	7	1	..	7	15	70
Diphtheria .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Enteric Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pneumonia	16	1	..	20	3	40	6	19	..	1	26	66
Cholera .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cerebro Spinal Fever .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Encephalitis Lethargica .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Typhus Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Relapsing Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	4	4
Erysipelas	2	1	1	..	3	7	3	..	..	3	6	13
Tuberculosis												
(a) Pulmonary ..	5	3	12	6	15	41	12	2	1	2	17	58
(b) Other	3	..	2	4	1	10	1	..	..	1	2	12
Malaria .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chicken Pox .. ..	..	5	..	..	162	167	..	..	..	4	4	171
Measles	15	13	2	102	13	145	41	5	2	39	87	232
Whooping Cough ..	73	6	1	63	49	192	83	10	3	28	124	316
Other Diseases												
(a) Infective												
Jaundice .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	4
(b) Dysentery	1	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	1	6	7
(c) Para-typhoid Fever .. .. .	..	..	2	..	1	3	..	1	..	..	1	4
(d) Glandular Fever	5	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	1	6
(e) Poliomyelitis ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	3	4
(f) Meningoc. Inf. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
(g) Food Poisoning	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
(h) Infective Hepatitis	4	6	..	23	..	33	3	..	..	..	3	36

TUBERCULOSIS.

Details of the Notifications received during the year 1951 under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1930. Previous years also given for comparison.

	NOTIFICATIONS ON FORM A.											Total Primary Notifications	Total Notifications on Form A.
	Number of Primary Notifications												
	Age Periods												
	0...4	1...5	5...10	10...15	15...20	20...25	25...35	35...45	45...55	55...65	65 and upwards		
Primary: Males in 1936	1	1	4	4	11	12	6	4	..	43	43
" " in 1937	1	..	1	5	5	7	1	3	1	24	24
" " in 1938	1	..	2	3	7	7	1	2	1	24	25
" " in 1944	1	1	2	5	6	7	1	..	2	25	25
" " in 1945	1	..	1	2	8	4	3	5	..	24	25
" " in 1946	1	..	3	3	11	1	2	3	2	26	26
" " in 1947	1	..	1	3	7	2	4	1	1	21	21
" " in 1948	2	6	12	2	4	2	2	30	30
" " in 1949	1	..	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	20	20
" " in 1950	1	..	2	3	8	8	4	1	..	27	27
" " in 1951	2	3	1	2	5	6	7	2	2	30	30
Females in 1936	1	2	2	5	11	8	5	1	..	35	35
" " in 1937	1	4	..	4	5	4	1	3	22	23
" " in 1938	5	3	3	..	1	1	13	13
" " in 1944	1	1	1	6	6	1	1	..	17	17
" " in 1945	1	..	4	7	4	4	..	1	..	21	21
" " in 1946	1	..	7	7	10	1	..	3	1	30	30
" " in 1947	2	..	2	1	1	1	..	7	7
" " in 1948	1	..	..	4	8	3	2	..	2	20	20
" " in 1949	1	..	1	3	8	6	2	..	..	22	22
" " in 1950	2	3	13	6	..	..	2	26	26
" " in 1951	2	3	1	3	5	8	2	3	1	28	28
Non-Pulmonary: Males in 1936	..	2	8	5	..	3	2	1	2	1	..	24	24
" " in 1937	..	4	5	5	2	..	2	1	..	..	1	20	20
" " in 1938	..	6	6	2	3	1	2	1	..	..	..	21	21
" " in 1944	..	2	5	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	13	13
" " in 1945	..	3	3	3	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	13	13
" " in 1946	..	2	8	4	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	18	18
" " in 1947	..	1	..	3	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	10	10
" " in 1948	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	4	4
" " in 1949	..	3	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	11	11
" " in 1950	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
" " in 1951	..	1	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	6	6
Females in 1936	..	5	6	1	8	3	2	..	..	1	1	27	27
" " in 1937	..	3	4	2	4	3	..	2	..	..	..	18	19
" " in 1938	..	4	7	3	1	1	3	1	1	..	..	21	22
" " in 1944	..	1	10	4	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	18	18
" " in 1945	1	2	5	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	1	19	19
" " in 1946	4	2	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	11	11
" " in 1947	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	4
" " in 1948	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	5
" " in 1949	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	5
" " in 1950	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
" " in 1951	1	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	6	6

VENEREAL DISEASE.

Facilities for treatment of patients from the Isle of Ely are provided at the Clinic, Peterborough; Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge; and at the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Hospital. The provision of these arrangements are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

EXTRACTS FROM THE DISTRICT REPORTS.

I.—*URBAN.*

CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT.

Area, 13,719 acres.

1951 Statistics:—Birth Rate, 18·09. Death Rate, 10·78.
Infantile Mortality, 20·2. Illegitimacy Rate, 20·2.
Estimated mid-year (1951) population, 5,473.

ELY URBAN DISTRICT.

Area, 14,764 acres.

1951 Statistics:—Birth Rate, 14·69. Death Rate, 11·79.
Infantile Mortality, 27·21. Illegitimacy Rate, 68·03.
Estimated mid-year (1951) population, 10,010.

MARCH URBAN DISTRICT.

Area, 19,777 acres.

1951 Statistics:—Birth Rate, 12·88. Death Rate, 10·72.
Infantile Mortality, 23·9. Illegitimacy Rate, 17·96.
Estimated mid-year (1951) population, 12,970.

WHITTLESEY URBAN DISTRICT.

Area, 23,362 acres.

1951 Statistics:—Birth Rate, 18·56. Death Rate, 10·86.
Infantile Mortality, 25·16. Illegitimacy Rate, 44·03.
Estimated mid-year (1951) population, 8,567.

WISBECH MUNICIPAL BOROUGH.

Area, 4,666 acres.

1951 Statistics:—Birth Rate, 17·34. Death Rate, 12·91.
Infantile Mortality, 23·49. Illegitimacy Rate, 77·18.
Estimated mid-year (1951) population, 17,190.

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ELY RURAL DISTRICT.

Area, 65,999 acres.

1951 Statistics:—Birth Rate, 16·71. Death Rate, 12·71.
Infantile Mortality, 37·19. Illegitimacy Rate, 49·58.
Estimated mid-year (1951) population, 14,480.

NORTH WITCHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

Area, 26·088 acres.

1951 Statistics:—Birth Rate, 17·07. Death Rate, 9·9.
Infantile Mortality, 11·9. Illegitimacy Rate, 11·9.
Estimated mid-year (1951) population, 4,922.

THORNEY RURAL DISTRICT.

Area, 21,796 acres.

1951 Statistics:—Birth Rate, 23·39. Death Rate, 7·79.
Infantile Mortality, 37·04. Illegitimacy Rate, 55·5.
Estimated mid-year (1951) population, 2,308.

WISBECH RURAL DISTRICT.

Area, 49,798 acres.

1951 Statistics:—Birth Rate, 15·78. Death Rate, 11·79.
Infantile Mortality, 41·24. Illegitimacy Rate, 51·55.
Estimated mid-year (1951) population, 12,290.

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