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Administrative County of the

Isle of Ely

For the Year 1959,


by

M. E. HOCKEN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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ISLE OF ELY COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY HEALTH COMMITTEE

PAYNE, H. (Chairman)

ADAMS, H. W. L.	JONES, T.
ALLEN, W.	NORMAN, J. A.
BANCROFT, H.	OGDEN, F. K.
BARRETT, F. A. (Mrs.)	OLDROYD, G. W.
BEDFORD, N. E. (Mrs.)	OSBORN, B. M. MRS.
CRANE, J. H.	REGESTER, G.
CURSTON, R. G.	ROWE, L. W. H.
DARBY, F. G. W.	TASH, H.
FINBOW, A. (Mrs.)	TRUMPRESS, W. E. M.
HOOTEN, F. J.	YEOMAN, S. G.
HULL, C. A.	

Number 22 Quorum 5

Co-opted—Drs. G. L. McCULLOCH, C. THOMAS,
MRS. O. L. INGLETT, MRS. T. C. WILLIAMS,
H. BURN and A. J. GOSS.

Staff.

County Medical Officer of Health

M. E. HOCKEN, MB ChB DPH

Deputy County Medical Officer

P. HERDMAN, MB BS MRCS LRCP DPH (resigned 31/12/59)

Assistant County Medical Officers of Health

J. C. BURNS, MB, BCh, BAO DPH (appointed 14/9/59)

M. J. DUNN, MB ChB (resigned 5/7/59)

L. MARCZEWSKI, Med. Dip. (Univ. LWOW)

Chest Consultant

C. E. P. DOWNES, MRCP (Joint appointment with RHB)

Public Analyst

S. GREENBURGH, PhD BSc FRIC

County Inspector

F. W. CRABTREE

Superintendent Nursing Officer

G. M. SANDERS SRN SCM HV Cert.

Asst. M. HARRIS, SRN SCM HV Cert.

Health Visitors and School Nurses

(a)—County Council (whole-time)

J. BRIGHTON, SRN SCM HV Cert (appointed 16/12/59)

E. CORNISH, SRN SCM HV Cert. (retired 28/2/59)

M. A. DANIELS, SRN HV Cert. (resigned 31/7/59)

B. M. GUDGEON, SRN SCM HV Cert.

M. E. JOYNT, SCM HV Cert (appointed 1/10/59)

E. E. REDHEAD, SRN SCM HV Cert. (retired 30/9/59)

E. T. TAYLOR, SRN SCM (retired 31/3/59)

R. WARD, SRN SCM SRFN HV Cert.

F. B. WEST, SRN SCM HV Cert. (appointed 13/4/59)

I. F. BOXOLD, SRN SCM HV Cert

(appointed 21/9/59) (part time)

(b)—(part-time)

(Employed by District Nursing Associations)

E. M. ALLEN, Queen's Nurse, SCM HV Cert.

S. BARNES, SRN SCM

C. M. BIART, Queen's Nurse, SCM HV Cert.

Staff—continued.

H. BROADHEAD, SRN SCM HV Cert.

M. HATTON, Queen's Nurse SCM HV Cert (resigned 31/12/59)

A. HENEY, Queen's Nurse SCM HV Cert.

K. M. RAILTON, Queen's Nurse SCM HV Cert.

C. M. RENSHAW, SRN SCM (resigned 30/6/59)

(c)—Tuberculosis Visitor

E. E. YOUNG, SRN SCM HV Cert.

County Midwives

A. L. GUIVER, SRN SCM (retired 31/3/59)

F. MILLAR, SRN SCM (retired 31/1/59)

Mental Health and Welfare Officers

V. E. WEBB, R. A. M. REEVE (Assistant), K. D. ARMITAGE
(Assistant), L. J. ROBINSON (resigned 31/8/59) and

O. WRIGHT (Part-time)

Home Teacher for Mental Defectives

G. M. MARIS

Domestic Help Organiser

M. MACROBERT

Isle Society for the Blind

Secretary

D. MARSHALL

Home Teachers

E. M. BROWN, E. E. DUDLEY

Clerical Staff

H. A. HOUSE (Administrative Officer)

J. GIPSON, E. R. LEWIS (resigned 24/5/59), A. MILLER,

A. W. ROBOTHAM, L. STEBBINGS (appointed 2/2/59),

P. H. WILKINSON (appointed 1/6/59), J. K. REDHEAD, M. R.

FISHER, F. A. CHRISTMAS, M. GIPSON, M. MURPHY, P. B. RANSOM,

M. E. VAWSER.

LOCAL SANITARY AUTHORITIES

Urban Districts and Boroughs	Clerks	District Medical Officers of Health
1. Ely .. ..	.. J. E. Watkins, Esq. ..	K. S. Maurice-Smith, MRCS LRCP
2. Chatteris .. ..	.. C. Dobb, Esq. ..	A. S. Watson, MRCS LRCP
3. March .. ..	.. E. A. Littler, Esq. ..	P. Herdman, MB BS MRCS LRCP DPH
4. Whittlesey .. ..	.. H. Kewish, Esq. ..	D. C. Logan, MB ChB DPH
5. Wisbech M.B. .. ..	.. N. E. Dewick, Esq. ..	H. L. Groom, MRCS LRCP
Rural Districts		
1. Ely .. ..	.. C. Wickens, Esq. ..	K. S. Maurice-Smith, MRCS LRCP
2. North Witchford	.. C. Dobb, Esq. ..	C. Thomas, MRCS LRCP
3. Thorney .. ..	.. J. Ford, Esq. ..	J. R. F. Popplewell, MRCS LRCP DRCOG
4. Wisbech .. ..	.. R. E. Dixon, Esq. ..	M. D. C. Martin, MB ChB DCH
Port.		
Wisbech .. ..	.. N. E. Dewick, Esq. ..	H. L. Groom, MRCS LRCP

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

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the annual report on the state of the public health and the welfare services in the administrative county of the Isle of Ely for the year 1959.

Again, as reported last year, the main new development in the service was on the welfare side. This was the opening of our third old persons home in the county, like our first purpose built, at Wisbech. This building, a detailed description of which is included in the body of the report, fulfils a long felt need, and brings nearer the day when we shall have such accommodation available in all the main centres of population in the county, thus obviating the often sad necessity of being compelled to remove old people from their familiar surroundings and friends at a time when they are already sufficiently distressed at the finality of having to give up their own homes.

While this was the only new project to take concrete shape during the year, preparatory work went forward which should ensure next year the completion of our schemes for the welfare of the handicapped, by adding to those already in being for the blind and the deaf a comparable scheme for those suffering from other handicaps generally. Similarly, next year should see in operation our first specially designed junior training centre, replacing in Wisbech the occupation centre held for some years past now in hired accommodation. This is an especially eagerly anticipated event which has aroused much local interest, and will form in fact the first instalment of the comprehensive new mental health service envisaged by the health committee.

It gives me great satisfaction to report that our staff worked nobly and to them my most grateful thanks are due. Nor would I wish to go unrecorded the deep indebtedness of the whole service to that invaluable voluntary help, innumerable references to which

are to be found throughout the body of the report. It can truthfully be said that the service in its present form could not carry on without such voluntary effort. Finally, and by no means least, I should wish to tender my most cordial thanks to the Chairman and Members of the County Health Committee whose never failing interest and encouragement were a constant source of inspiration.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

M. E. HOCKEN,

County Medical Officer.

County Hall,

March.

Tel. No. MARCH 2215

Administrative County of the Isle of Ely

The Annual Reports for the year 1959, 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:—

	Area	Date received	Style
Urban Districts	Chatteris	Report not to hand	
	Ely	Oct. 5th, 1960	Typewritten
	March	July 6th, 1960	Typewritten
	Whittlesey	Report not to Hand	
	Wisbech, M.B. ...	Report not to Hand	
Rural Districts	Ely	Oct. 5th, 1960	Typewritten
	North Witchford ...	Report not to Hand	
	Thorney	July 4th, 1960	Typewritten
	Wisbech	Report not to hand	
	Wisbech Port San. Authority	Jan. 14th, 1960.	Typewritten

STATISTICS, 1959

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VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION

The Registrar General has supplied the figure of 89,000 as the estimated mid-year population for 1959.

Statistics for the past 10 years are given for comparative purposes.

1950	88,462
1951	88,210
1952	88,000
1953	88,420
1954	88,600
1955	88,700
1956	88,900
1957	88,890
1958	89,300
1959	89,000

BIRTHS

There was a slight fall in the birth rate during 1959, the figure being 15.76 as against 15.78 last year.

The number of illegitimate births fell during 1959, being 58 as compared with 78 in the previous year.

The births in the Urban Districts numbered 856 (447 males and 409 females), this being a birth-rate of 15.83 per thousand of population.

In the Rural Districts the births numbered 533 (269 males and 264 females), the rural birth-rate being 15.8 per thousand.

The total births for the County numbered 1,389 (716 males and 673 females), a birth-rate of 15.76 per thousand.

The illegitimate births in the Urban Districts numbered 38, a rate of 44.39 per 1,000 births. Of this 38, 18 were males and 20 females, giving rates of 40.27 and 48.9 respectively.

For the Rural Districts there were 20 illegitimate births, a rate of 37.52. Of these, 10 were males and 10 females, giving rates of 37.17 and 37.87 respectively.

Taking the County as a whole, the illegitimate births numbered 58, or a rate of 41.76. There were 28 male and 30 female illegitimate births, and this gives rates of 39.11 and 44.58 respectively.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

Year	Illegitimate Births
1950	99
1951	71
1952	88
1953	92
1954	88
1955	76
1956	65
1957	71
1958	78
1959	58

DEATHS

The death rate in the Isle of Ely has risen slightly. In 1959 the figure for the Isle of Ely was 12.13 (11.53 corrected) as against 11.16 in 1958. That of the country as a whole was 11.6.

The deaths in 1959 numbered 1,080, compared with 997 in 1958. Of these 1,080 deaths (568 males and 512 females), 724 occurred in the urban areas and 356 in the rural.

	Birth Rate		Death Rate	
	Isle of Ely	England and Wales	Isle of Ely	England and Wales
1950	17.16	15.8	11.42	11.6
1951	16.37	15.5	11.64	12.5
1952	16.73	15.3	10.26	11.3
1953	16.99	15.5	12.16	11.4
1954	15.68	15.2	11.53	11.3
1955	15.07	15.0	11.86	11.7
1956	15.7	15.7	11.2	11.7
1957	16.13	16.1	11.08	11.5
*1958	15.78	16.4	9.82	11.7
*1959	15.76	16.5	11.53	11.6

*The birth rate and death rate is the "corrected" rate. Figures shown for previous years are "crude" rates.

DISTRICT	AREA IN ACRES	POP. 1951 CENSUS	POP. Mid. 1959 (estimated)	BIRTHS			DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR		DEATHS			ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	
				No.	Rate (crude)	Rate (corrected)	No	Rate per 1,000 live births	No.	Rate (crude)	Rate (corrected)	No.	Rate per 1,000 live births
URBAN													
Chatteris	13,719	5,528	5,570	80	14.36	14.36	2	25.0	57	10.23	10.03	3	37.5
Ely	14,659	9,989	9,760	128	13.11	12.98	5	39.0	190	19.47	13.24	8	62.5
March	19,786	12,993	13,200	212	16.06	16.38	2	9.43	145	10.98	12.08	3	14.15
Whittlesey	23,263	8,609	8,980	156	17.37	17.37	4	25.64	84	9.35	10.28	6	38.46
Wisbech MB ..	4,617	17,430	17,090	280	16.38	16.22	7	25.0	248	14.51	11.17	18	64.2
Aggregate of Urban Districts ..	75,044	54,549	54,600	856	15.67	15.83	19	22.19	724	13.26	11.67	38	44.39
RURAL													
Ely	66,082	14,716	14,510	229	15.78	16.15	6	26.2	154	10.61	10.39	11	48.03
N. Witchford ..	26,088	5,023	4,790	63	13.15	13.54	1	15.87	51	10.65	10.76	—	—
Thorney	22,895	2,352	2,500	48	19.2	19.78	1	20.83	21	8.4	10.75	1	20.83
Wisbech	49,841	12,398	12,600	193	15.32	15.32	8	41.45	130	10.32	11.14	8	41.45
Aggregate of Rural Districts ..	164,906	34,489	34,400	533	15.49	15.8	16	30.02	356	10.35	10.66	20	37.52
WHOLE COUNTY	239,950	89,038	89,000	1,389	15.61	15.76	35	25.19	1,080	12.13	11.53	58	41.76

	Registered Births	Registered Deaths
1950	1,518	1,010
1951	1,444	1,027
1952	1,472	903
1953	1,502	1,075
1954	1,389	1,022
1955	1,337	1,052
1956	1,397	998
1957	1,434	985
1958	1,395	997
1959	1,389	1,080

INFANT MORTALITY

A rise in the infantile mortality rate occurred in 1959 when the rate was 25.19 per thousand births as compared with 17.92 in the preceding year.

Five deaths were due to congenital malformation, birth injuries, etc.; pneumonia caused seven deaths; and other causes twenty-three.

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Year	Isle of Ely	England and Wales	Year	Isle of Ely	England and Wales
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
1934	58.59	59	1952	27.17	27.6
1935	46.49	57	1953	17.98	26.8
1936	60.29	59	1954	15.83	25.3
1937	58.35	58	1955	15.71	24.9
1938	56.89	53	1956	18.61	23.8
1939	41.96	50	1957	20.22	23.0
1940	50.28	55	1958	17.92	23.0
1941	49.15	59	1959	25.19	22.0

MATERNAL MORTALITY

No maternal deaths occurred during the year.

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 per cent. of all deaths in the Isle of Ely during 1959.

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

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Diseases of heart and circulatory system	33.2	34.6	38.4	34.9	37.1	36.0
Cancer, all forms	19.6	15.6	14.9	17.8	17.3	17.0
Vascular lesions of nervous system	15.9	19.2	19.8	17.3	16.3	14.0
Bronchitis, pneumonia & respiratory diseases	6.9	9.5	10.0	10.05	11.0	13.0
Violent causes	6.2	4.9	2.8	3.4	2.0	3.0
Tuberculosis, all forms	.88	.19	.4	.6	.3	.4

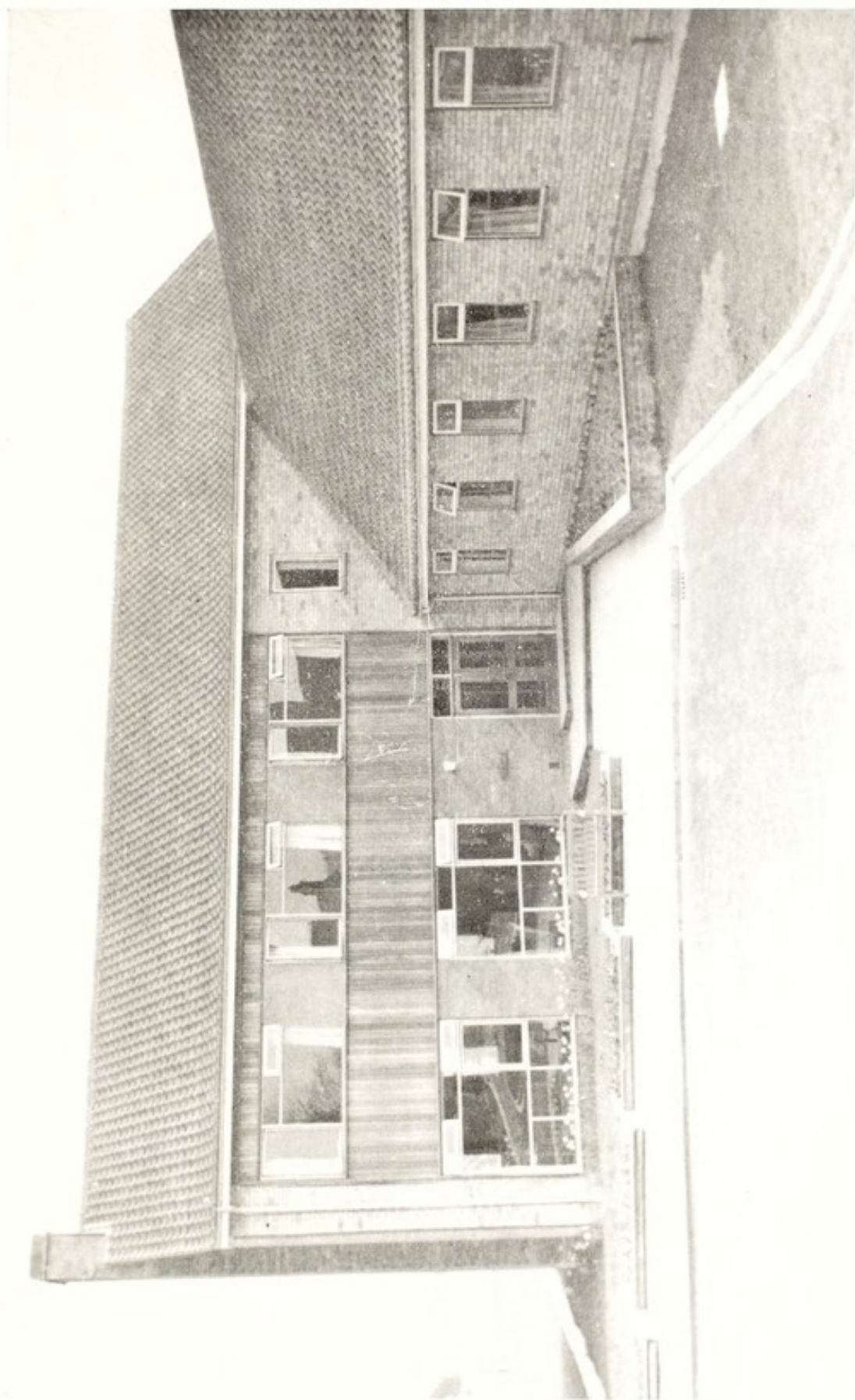
The deaths among persons aged 65 years or over amounted to 73 per cent. of the total in 1959.

TUBERCULOSIS MORTALITY

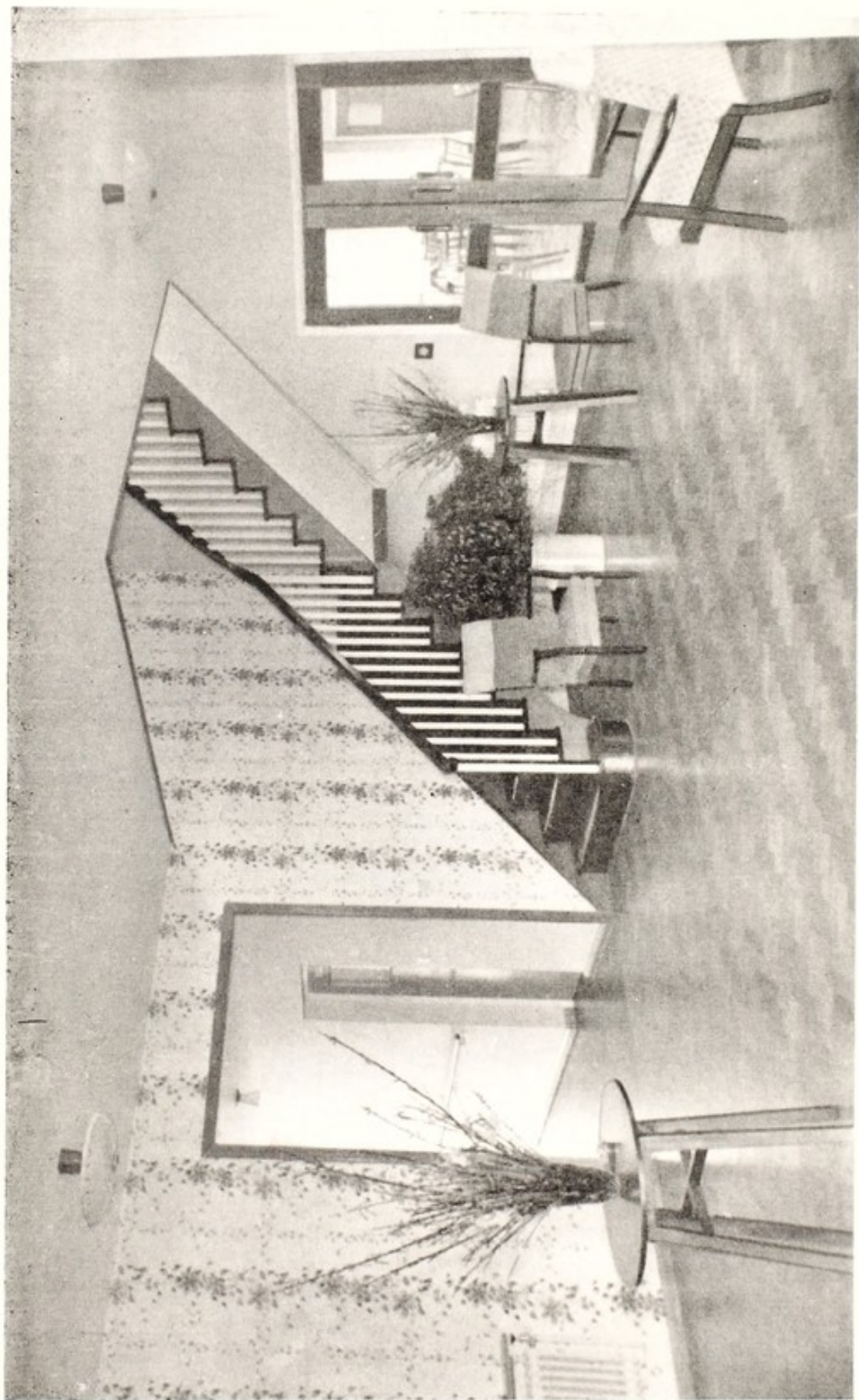
Four deaths were certified, two males and two females, as caused by pulmonary tuberculosis during 1959.

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATES

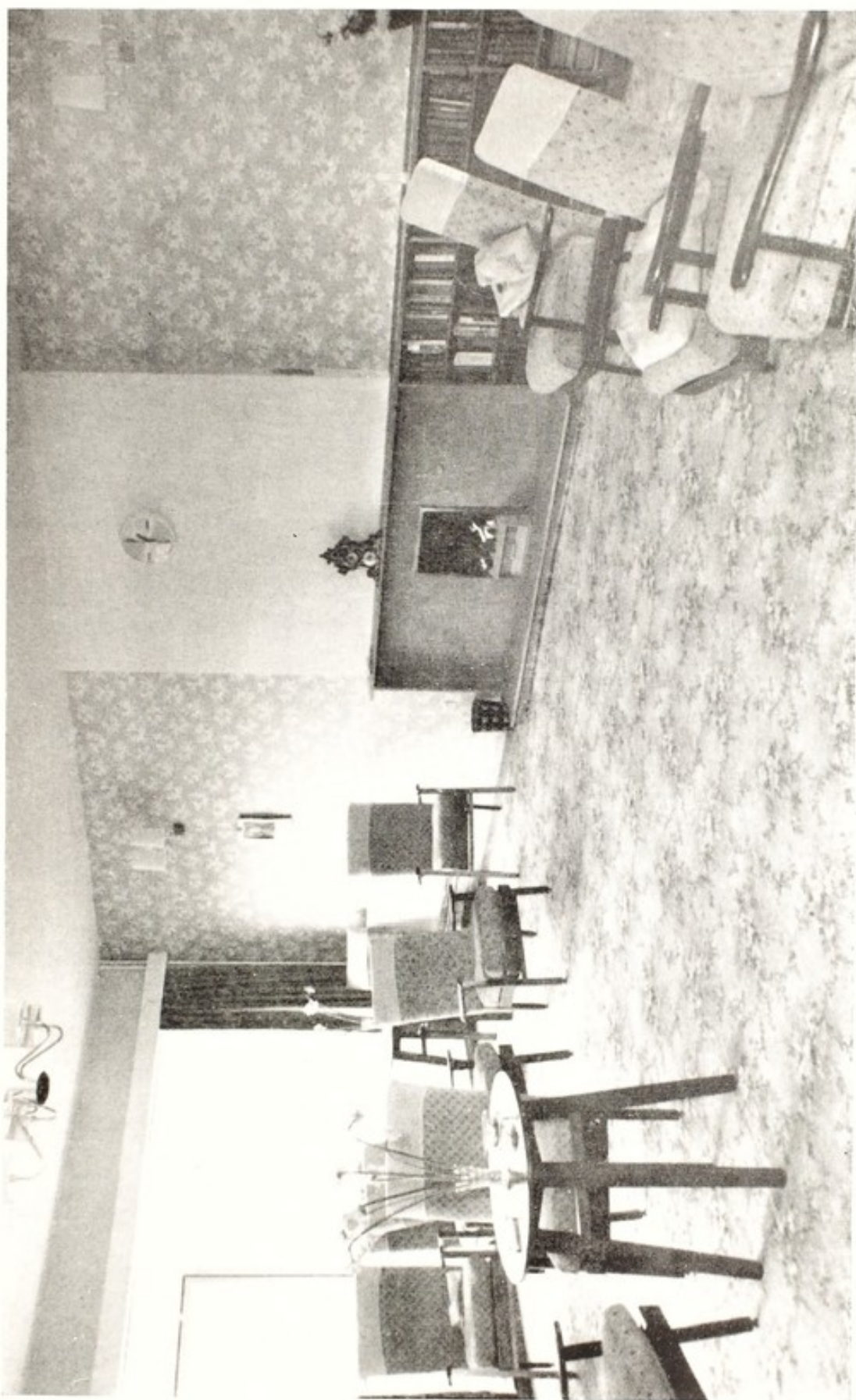
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
1940	.447	.138	.584
1941	.298	.088	.386
1942	.189	.105	.295
1943	.372	.06	.432
1944	.292	.097	.39
1945	.235	.123	.357
1946	.227	.047	.275
1947	.308	.047	.355
1948	.262	.045	.308
1949	.205	.045	.251
1950	.181	.034	.214
1951	.09	.023	.113
1952	.159	.045	.205
1953	.068	0.23	.09
1954	.079	.022	.102
1955	.011	.011	.022
1956	.044	—	.044
1957	.045	.022	.067
1958	.022	.011	.033
1959	.045	—	.045



Glennfield House



The Entrance Hall



The Main Lounge



The Dining Room

County of Isle of Ely

Causes of Death in Administrative Areas, 1959

CAUSES OF DEATH	URBAN										RURAL										Total for Urban and Rural Districts		Grand Total		
	Chatteris 05 v.		Ely 6 x.		March 60		Whittlesey 19		Wisbech 62		Aggre- gate of U.D.'s.		Ely 0593		North Witchford 0594		Thorney 0595		Wisbech 0596		Aggre- gate of R.D.'s.			M.	F.
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All Causes	30	27	95	95	76	69	44	40	122	126	367	357	83	71	24	27	15	6	79	51	201	155	568	512	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	...	1	...	2	...	2	2	...	2	4
2. Tuberculosis, other ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Syphilitic disease ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Whooping cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Meningococcal infections ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Acute poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	...	7	...	4	1	4	...	2	...	19	8	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	3	...	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	1	8	9	10	8	3	4	9	12	32	34	11	9	4	5	1	...	10	5	26	19	58	53	111
15. Leukæmia, aleukæmia	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	2	1	3
16. Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	2	1	2	1	...	...	1	1	5	3	5	7	12
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system	4	4	13	26	7	12	4	13	11	17	39	72	8	9	4	5	1	1	7	6	20	21	59	93	152
18. Coronary disease, angina	5	4	9	11	16	15	6	3	19	10	55	43	16	12	4	...	3	...	12	8	33	20	88	63	151
19. Hypertension, with heart disease	...	1	1	...	...	...	6	1	1	4	8	6	1	3	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	5	10	11	21

20.	Other heart disease ...	10	6	20	18	11	12	2	5	20	19	63	60	14	9	2	6	...	3	11	8	27	26	90	86	176	
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	2	5	1	2	1	...	6	16	10	24	8	...	...	2	...	...	4	2	13	4	23	28	51
22.	Influenza ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	5	2	7
23.	Pneumonia ...	1	2	8	...	5	4	2	...	19	20	35	36	5	4	3	2	...	1	8	3	17	10	52	46	98	
24.	Bronchitis ...	1	2	10	3	5	2	1	...	10	4	27	11	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	5	2	32	13	45
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	3	3	6
26.	Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	2	2	2	3	5	7	12	
27.	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
28.	Nephritis & nephrosis	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	3	4	...	1	5
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	5	13	...	13	...
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth & abortion	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	6	...	2	8
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	4	9	11	7	4	6	4	8	6	31	29	7	7	...	2	...	1	9	7	19	17	50	46	96	
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	5	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	2	1	3	2	8	3	11
34.	All other accidents	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	...	2	2	6	3	2	2	...	...	...	3	3	...	6	2	12	5	17
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	2	5
36.	Homicide & operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deaths of Infants under 1 year		...	1	3	2	2	...	2	2	6	1	13	6	4	2	...	1	...	3	5	8	8	21	14	35		
		...	1	3	2	2	...	2	2	5	1	12	6	4	2	...	1	...	3	5	8	8	20	14	34		
		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Live Births		43	37	67	61	103	109	79	77	155	125	447	409	121	108	35	28	23	25	90	103	269	264	716	673	1389	
		41	36	64	56	102	107	77	73	145	117	429	389	114	102	35	28	22	25	86	99	259	254	688	643	1331	
		2	1	3	5	1	2	2	4	10	8	18	20	5	6	...	...	1	...	4	4	10	10	28	30	58
Still-births		1	2	3	4	3	5	...	...	5	5	12	16	3	3	...	...	...	...	2	1	5	4	17	20	37
		1	2	3	4	3	5	...	...	5	5	12	16	3	3	...	...	...	...	2	1	5	4	17	20	37
	
Resident Population...		5,570	9,760	13,200	8,980	17,090	54,600	14,510	4,790	2,500	12,600	34,400	89,000														

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
SERVICES IN THE AREA
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946
CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

(SECTION 22)

The maternity and child welfare scheme remains unchanged and continues to work well.

Ante-natal and Posi-natal Services.

During the past year 1,460 confinements in the county took place in hospitals and maternity homes, an increase of 194 over the previous year.

Combined ante-natal and post-natal clinics are held in three areas of the county and in two areas midwives hold ante-natal clinics only.

As in previous years the combined number of ante-natal and post-natal sessions held at the March maternity home appears high by comparison but the figures respecting attendances are only for those women booked for domiciliary confinement. Women booked for the maternity home also attend this clinic. All the general practitioners in March attended the clinic on separate days, the domiciliary and nursing home staff assisting.

The majority of domiciliary booked cases in other areas of the county receive ante-natal care by the general practitioners and midwives, either at special sessions in the doctors' surgeries or by arrangement in the patients' own homes.

In most cases the general practitioners take regular blood specimens and check the haemoglobin rates. The importance of regular checking for all expectant mothers irrespective of number of previous pregnancies must be emphasised as an integral part of all ante-natal care. The county is fortunate in having available the services of the blood transfusion service and local hospitals with pathological departments willing to co-operate in providing this service.

ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

	Littleport	March	Ely	Whittlesey	Wisbech
No of sessions	52	181	36	48	48
No of women who attended					
A.N.	85	31	84	99	140
P.N.	59	19	23	—	—
Total attendances	426	331	438	394	585

Combined Physiotherapy and Mothercraft Classes

These classes are now in their second year and are very successful. The figures show an increase in attendances, but unfortunately shortage of staff and inadequate accommodation prevent further classes being started.

	Ely	March	Wisbech
No. of sessions	48	76	100
No. of women who attended	82	143	223
Total no. of attendances	262	435	726

Infant Welfare Centres

The total number of centres now held is 20, Manea remaining the only one provided directly by the local authority. In the remainder county council grants are made to local voluntary ladies' committees, and their help in running the centres is very much appreciated. The attendance of infants up to one year remains good. The percentage of infants attending clinics who are immunised against whooping cough, followed by immunisation against diphtheria, is high.

The arrangement for the local medical practitioners to attend clinics held at Doddington, Fridaybridge, Manea, Thorney, Sutton, Whittlesey, and Wisbech remains as in previous years. One of the assistant county medical officers is also in attendance at Wisbech.

Care of Premature Babies.

The number of premature babies born at home during 1959 was 26, an increase of 13 compared with the previous year. Of this number one died within the first 24 hours, six died before attaining the age of one month, and 19 survived. Of the 39 born in hospital, 37 survived and 2 died in the first 24 hours of life.

The number of premature stillbirths in domiciliary practice was 2, both weighing under 4 lbs.

Supply of Welfare Foods

Distribution of welfare foods is carried out at 38 centres in the Isle, the main offices being at:—

U.D.C. Offices, Chatteris.
City Chambers, Ely.
Bank House, March.
Public Hall, Whittlesey.
17 Hill Street, Wisbech.

Thirteen centres are run in conjunction with infant welfare centres, while twenty are administered by local shop keepers or private householders. To these voluntary workers I tender my thanks for their work in this capacity.

During the year 1959 the following issues were made:—

National Dried Milk	.....	.....	33,831 (37,069) tins
Cod Liver Oil	.....	.....	3,981 (4,487) bottles
A & D Tablets	.....	.....	3,443 (3,444) packets
Orange Juice	.....	.....	36,960 (36,224) bottles

(1958 figures shown in parentheses)

The distribution of proprietary welfare foods at infant welfare centres remains unchanged.

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

CLINIC	PLACE HELD	DAY AND TIME	
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.
COATES	Public Hall	1st & 3rd Thurs., 2.30—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance first Thursday
DODDINGTON	Church Rooms	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 2—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance
ELM	Church Hall		
& FRIDAYBRIDGE..	Fridaybridge	4th Wednesday, 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
LEVERINGTON	Parish Hall	2nd Tuesday, 2.15—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance
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.
NEWTON	Women's Institute	1st Thursday, 2.15—4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance
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 Thurs., 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

ATTENDANCES AT INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

	Number of centres provided at end of year 1959	Number of children who at first attendance were under 1 year of age	Number of children who attended during the year and who were born in :			Total number of children who attended during the year	Number of attendances during the year made by children who were :			Total attendances during the year
			1959	1958	1957-4		under 1 year	1 but under 2 years	2 but under 5 years	
Local Health Authority Centres	1	18	16	19	11	46	240	150	38	428
Centres Provided by Voluntary Organisations	19	715	649	639	907	2,195	8,055	4,446	3,822	16,323

Provision of Maternity Outfits

The present method of supplying outfits to expectant mothers by chemists within the county, on production of an official form issued by the midwives, continues to be satisfactory.

Care of Unmarried Mothers and their Children

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.

During the year the social workers of the Ely Diocesan Moral Welfare Association and the Wisbech Society for Social Services have visited and offered advice to unmarried mothers.

The number of cases admitted to maternity homes or hostels has decreased as compared with the previous year.

	1956	1957	1958	1959
Cases visited	45	27	37	35
Cases admitted to Homes or Hostels	15	10	8	7

Dental inspection and treatment

The provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, with regard to treatment of expectant and nursing mothers have still not been implemented, owing to lack of dental staff.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

No cases occurred during the year.

Puerperal Pyrexia

Four cases were notified during the year.

Maternal Deaths

No maternal deaths occurred during the year.

Day Nurseries

There are no day nurseries in the Isle.

Staff	MIDWIFERY (Section 23)	
County Council		
S.R.N., S.C.M. ....	.....	Nil
County Nursing Association		
Queen's Nursing Sisters .....	.....	8
S.R.N., S.C.M. ....	.....	10
S.C.M., S.E.A.N. ....	.....	1
S.R.N., S.C.M. (Part time) .....	.....	4
		—
	Total	23
		—

In the majority of the areas the midwives relieve each other for off-duty. Whenever possible part-time nurses are employed to assist with the relief duty, i.e. Mrs. C. M. Bailey relieves at Wisbech for Miss Burdett and Miss Heney and a retaining fee is paid. Part-time nurses with Part I midwifery certificates are being employed to help with nursings during the day. The acute shortage of midwives in certain areas has necessitated the employment of nurses from private nursing associations in order to cover the essential services.

Of the 23 midwives employed by the county nursing association 20 undertake general nursing, 2 act as whole time midwives, and 1 as a maternity nurse; 5 are qualified health visitors.

Accommodation

The policy of housing accommodation remains unchanged.

Transport

The county nursing association continues to provide cars for district nurse midwives, but has now agreed that, where an applicant for a vacancy in the county has her own car, the appropriate allowance would be made.

Gas and Air Analgesia

All domiciliary midwives employed by the authority are qualified to administer gas/air analgesia, 22 machines being available for use.

The number of cases to whom gas/air was administered was 416 (81%) plus 2 in private practice, and of this number the medical practitioner was present at 109 cases.

Administration of Pethidine

Pethidine was administered by midwives in 282 cases (49%) and the medical practitioners were present at 101 of these cases.

Midwives' Act, 1902—1936.

The superintendent nursing officer and her assistant act as non-medical supervisors of midwives for the local supervising authority.

The number of midwives who notified their intention to practice was:—

Domiciliary	.....	.....	.....	31
Maternity Homes and Hospitals				37
Private	.....	.....	.....	2
Maternity	.....	.....	.....	4

Summary of Work Undertaken

Deliveries attended by domiciliary midwives:—

(1) Doctor not engaged				
(a) Not present at delivery	.....	.....	.....	54
(b) Present at delivery	.....	.....	.....

(2) Doctor engaged			
(a) Not present at delivery	336
(b) Present at delivery	167
			503
			<hr/>
		Total	557
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The following medical aid forms were issued:—

Midwifery	65
Medical practitioner engaged	14
Institutional	—
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					Total	79
						<hr/>

Of the domiciliary confinements 365 were being fully breast fed on the 14th day.

During the year 161 mothers were discharged from maternity hospitals or homes before the 14th day; this figure includes emergency domiciliary cases generally discharged two to three days after delivery.

The superintendent nursing officer and her assistant paid 452 visits, of which 103 were home circumstance visits made in connection with the selection of cases for admission to maternity homes or hospitals.

General.

The total number of confinements was 2,025, of which 1,460 took place in maternity homes and hospitals, and 565 in domiciliary practice. This is a total increase of 172, showing a decrease of 22 in domiciliary practice. The total figure is adjusted by the inward and outward transfer of notifications.

Maternity Liaison Committees.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Cranbrooke Report, maternity liaison committees are being organised by the hospital management committees covering the Isle of Ely and meetings have already been held in the Peterborough and Wisbech areas. It is hoped that these professional meetings, comprised mainly of obstetric consultants, medical officers of health, general practitioners, and the midwifery nursing staff of hospitals and local health authorities, will do much to improve the relationship within the maternity services and thus the general care of expectant and nursing mothers, and result in a wiser use of hospital beds allowing the 'normal' case wherever possible to be attended in her own home by her general practitioner and domiciliary midwife.

Part II Midwifery Training School.

One pupil midwife from The Gables Maternity Home, Peterborough, successfully completed her three months' domiciliary training, and the second pupil commenced her training at March in December.

Refresher Courses for Midwives.

In accordance with the Central Midwives' Board Rule G.1 four domiciliary midwives attended courses at Hull.

Mothercraft Courses.

The local branch of the Royal College of Midwives arranged for two of their members to attend a mothercraft course at Guildford, resulting in three of the staff now giving instruction in relaxation, in addition to the talks at these classes.

Retirement of County Council Midwives.

On the retirement of the two county council midwives no further appointments of full-time county council midwives have been made, the county nursing association being responsible for the midwifery service by an agency arrangement with the county council.

HEALTH VISITING (Section 24)

There have been numerous changes in the health visiting staff during the year, three health visitors retiring from the service of the council after serving a total of 72 years in this county.

Two state registered nurses with the required midwifery training were awarded bursaries and commenced duty after successfully obtaining their health visitors certificates. A further pre-student health visitor was also awarded a bursary and commenced her health visitors training in September. A part-time health visitor was appointed in Ely. It is hoped that she will eventually be able to accept a whole-time appointment.

Vacancies on the full-time staff at the 31st December exist at Chatteris, March, Wisbech and Whittlesey.

The county nursing association has been unable to fill vacancies for nurses holding the health visitors certificate to undertake generalised duties.

The improvement in the staffing position has led to an increase of 10,350 home visits. In Wisbech the employment of a retired health visitor to attend the poliomyelitis vaccination sessions has been of great assistance releasing the regular health visitor to undertake more home visiting.

The health visitors continue to pay frequent visits to "problem families" and to follow up defaulters from maternity hospital ante-natal clinics.

Health Education :

The County Council appointed one health visitor primarily to be responsible for mothercraft teaching. Mothercraft and physiotherapy classes for expectant mothers have been organised jointly with the hospital management committees both in the south and north of the county. Physiotherapy classes are given by a physiotherapist in the north of the county and the talks by district nurse midwife/health visitors and health visitors in rotation. In the southern part of the county the public health nursing staff are responsible for the physiotherapy and the lectures. Mothercraft classes are also held in certain schools in the county.

A supply of publicity material is always available for the use of the public health staff as required.

Summary of Health Visitors' Work.

Number of home visits paid:—

Expectant Mothers. 1st visits	...	...	21
All visits	...	...	46
Children under 1. 1st visits	...	...	2669
All visits	...	...	11204
Children 1—5 years. Visits	...	...	17420
Other, including visits to old people	...	...	95
Total	...	...	<hr/>28765

Total number of individual children under 5 years of age visited	...	...	9471
Total number of households visited	...	...	4718
Polio sessions attended	...	...	258
Mothercraft attended	...	...	95
Breast feeding clinic at March Maternity home			32

HOME NURSING (Section 25).

Summary of Staff employed at 31st December, 1959.

Superintendent Nursing Officer	...	...	...	1
Assistant Superintendent Nursing Officer	...	...	...	1
Queen's Nurse Midwives	...	...	...	4
Queen's Nurse Midwives with H.V. Cert.	...	...	...	4
District Nurse Midwives with H.V. Cert.	...	...	...	1
District Nurse Midwives	...	...	...	6
District Nurses S.R.N.	...	...	...	—
District Nurses S.E.A.N., S.C.M.	...	...	...	1
District Nurses S.E.A.N.	...	...	...	1
District Nurses S.R.N. S.C.M. (part-time)	...	...	...	4
District Nurses S.R.N. (part-time)	...	...	...	3
District Nurses S.E.A.N. (part-time)	...	...	...	1
Maternity Nurses S.R.N. S.C.M.	...	...	...	1
				—
			Total	28
				—

<i>Vacancies</i>	Elm	...	...	...	1
	Manea	...	...	...	1
	Whittlesey	...	...	...	2
	Wisbech	...	...	...	2
					—
					6
					—

Summary of Nurses' Work.

	Cases	Visits
Medical	3639	27438
Surgical	607	4378
Infectious diseases	7	20
Tuberculosis	13	140
Maternal complications	12	33
Others	918	1603
	—	—
Totals	5196	33612
	—	—

Included in the above are the following:

	Cases	Visits
Patients 65 years and over	731	19014
Children under 5 years	73	376
Patients receiving over 24 visits	278	21317
Insulin injections	149	5974
Injections of antibiotics, etc.	733	7937

Patients, both medical and surgical, discharged from hospital in need of home nursing under the supervision of general medical practitioners numbered 90.

Transport

Two cars were sold and replaced. The county nursing association installed heaters in all cars used by nurses and agreed that when purchasing new cars heaters should be fitted. The county nursing association further agreed that cars can now be used during off duty periods at weekends or at other times, but not during annual leave. The permission of the superintendent nursing officer is required if the staff wish to use the cars for this purpose. Cars may be used by the nurses for private purposes for 2,500 miles in any one year, no alteration being made in the charge.

Accommodation

The Chatteris Urban District Council temporarily allocated a council house to the county nursing association for the use of newly appointed nurses, and gave permission for a garage to be erected on a site near to the nurses' house. Most of the staff are accommodated in houses built by the county council or rented from local housing authorities or nursing associations, but in four areas nurses rent or own their own houses. Houses are provided furnished or unfurnished according to the requirements of the staff.

Staff

The serious shortage of trained full-time staff has been a cause of serious anxiety to the county nursing association and in certain districts necessitated the employment of nurses from private nursing associations, together with extensive use of part-time help. The sickness rate amongst the staff has been higher than in previous years. These factors have meant, whilst there has been an increase in the number of cases attended, the number of actual visits has been reduced.

The Nurses and Midwives Whitley Council Circular No. 82, received in November, recommended increased rates of salary for all public health nurses and payment was made to the staff forthwith.

Student Queen's nurses have again visited the county for their observation visits of work in rural areas.

Chiropody Clinics

There are now 12 foot clinics held, or arrangements otherwise made, by district nursing associations, the service chiefly being for old age pensioners.

Home Nursing Scheme

Eight patients have been discharged home under the Addenbrooke's Hospital home care scheme, all the patients making good recoveries.

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.

Propaganda.

Each registrar supplies information of 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 regarding 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 approved scale of fees.

The following table shows the number of immunisations carried out in the various areas during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1959.

	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5—9 yrs.	10—14 yrs.	Total	B'ster
Chatteris U.D. ..	8	10	4	—	1	—	—	23	21
Ely U.D.	28	40	6	1	1	3	2	81	—
March U.D. ..	10	71	4	1	—	1	4	91	185
Whittlesey U.D...	46	64	4	2	2	6	—	124	29
Wisbech M.B. ..	24	103	18	5	2	6	—	158	18
Ely R.D.	25	58	9	5	4	5	—	106	36
N. Witchford R.D.	11	26	3	—	—	3	2	45	2
Thorney R.D. ..	11	9	5	1	—	2	—	28	1
Wisbech R.D. ..	11	35	10	4	1	15	8	84	25
TOTAL ..	174	416	63	19	11	41	16	740	317

SMALLPOX 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. Vaccination is carried out at two infant welfare centres by the practitioners in attendance.

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, 1959, the following vaccinations and re-vaccinations were performed:—

	under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2—4 yrs.	5—14 yrs.	15 yrs. & over	Total
Primary	303	14	14	21	34	386
Re-vaccinations	—	—	—	3	50	53

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

During the year vaccination was continued and the following show the various categories of persons vaccinated.

Children under 5 years	.....	.....	.....	.....	1467
Children 5-15 years	.....	.....	.....	.....	3502
Expectant Mothers	.....	.....	.....	.....	482
Others	.....	.....	.....	.....	3632
					9083

Booster doses were given to 8,375 cases.

At the end of the year 527 persons were awaiting their second dose.

AMBULANCE SERVICE (Section 27)

No major changes in the ambulance service were made during the year, but the firm operating the service at Wisbech gave notice of their wish to terminate their agreement. Subsequently this notice was withdrawn.

There was again an appreciable increase in the demand for sitting-case cars, due in the main to the increased out-patient facilities now available, particularly in the field of mental health. It is difficult to foresee the time when the demand for sitting-case cars will decline, but compared with 1950 the ambulance mileage has fallen by almost 25%. Every effort is made to co-ordinate journeys and to ensure that the seating capacity of the cars is utilised to the full. For instance, cars commencing journeys in Wisbech are required to pick up patients at other places en route to Cambridge. Patients are also conveyed by rail whenever possible.

The introduction of the baby cot for use with the ambulances at Wisbech has been successful and as there is an increasing tendency to transfer mothers with their three or four day old infants from maternity hospitals to maternity homes, or to the patient's home when she originally arranged for a home confinement, it is intended to extend the use of the cots throughout the county.

A new ambulance was delivered for use at Chatteris during the year, as a replacement for a very old vehicle.

Statistics, with those of previous years for comparative purposes, are given below:—

AMBULANCES

	1959	1958	1957	1956
Mileage	76,764	78,874	78,746	79,342
No. of Patients carried	5,212	4,839	4,827	4,392
No. of Journeys	4,059	3,691	3,629	3,363

CARS

Mileage	184,253	172,389	164,154	157,054
No. of Patients carried	16,890	15,528	13,455	12,708
No. of Journeys	5,728	5,533	5,096	4,837

The dual purpose ambulance at Wisbech covered 14,501 miles in conveying trainees to the occupation centre.

AMBULANCES

District	No. of Ambulances	Where garaged
(a) Directly owned:		
Wisbech	Three	Messrs. Denniss' Garage Ltd. Sutton Road, Wisbech.
March	Two	Messrs. Peck & Packer, Ltd., Dartford Road, March.
Ely	Two	Mr. C. B. Grey, St. Mary's Garage, Ely.
Chatteris	One	Messrs. Crawley & Crawley, Chatteris.
(b) Agency service:		
Manea (Manea New Ambulance Committee)	One	Ambulance Garage School Lane, Manea.
Whittlesey (St. John Ambulance Brigade)	One	St. John Ambulance Division, Plough Road, Whittlesey.
Littleport (St. John Ambulance Brigade)	One	Station Garage, Lynn Road, Littleport,

Note: No ambulance is retained specifically to deal with cases of infectious disease.

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS—CARE and AFTER CARE (Section 28)

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 40 patients were admitted to the following sanatoria:—

Papworth Hospital, Cambridge	29
Holt Children's Sanatorium	1
Newmarket General Hospital	4
Kelling Sanatorium	4
Bourne Isolation Hospital	2

Fifty-five notifications have been received during the year, fifty of which were pulmonary and five non-pulmonary.

Tuberculosis Visitor

The tuberculosis visitor and social worker attended 280 clinic sessions during the year, and home visits to 1,055 cases were paid.

Shelters

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

Mass Radiography Unit

The unit visited Littleport, March, and Ely Sugar Beet Factory. The following details regarding attendances have been submitted to me:—

	Littleport			March			Sugar Beet Factory Ely		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
General Public	812	770	1,582	1,003	1,131	2,134	172	11	183
British Railway				770	24	794			
Teaching Staff				19	31	50			
Domestic Staff					25	25			
At G.P.s request				3	2	5			
N.S. Recruits				37		37			
	812	770	1,582	1,832	1,213	3,045	172	11	183

MENTAL ILLNESS

The passing of the Mental Health Act induced local authorities, during the latter part of the year, to review their after-care schemes and their services under the schemes with the result that mental welfare officers will find themselves engaged still further in — to quote the Younghusband Report — “the process of helping people to resolve or mitigate a wide range of personal and social problems which they are unable to meet successfully without such help.”

Steps were taken by the authority, for this purpose and to meet other needs for an expansion of the staff, to commence as soon as possible a scheme of de-centralisation of the mental health field staff by establishing district offices, at Wisbech in the first instance, with an officer, who will be a mental welfare officer under the new Act, residing in and having an office in the district.

The time available to the mental health officers for the social after-care service will, it is expected, thereby be increased to make it possible for more cases to receive the attention needed and for more time to be devoted, where necessary, to individual problems.

The following table summarises the work carried out in 1959:	
Cases on the register on 31st December, 1959	155
New cases referred during 1959	178
Cases closed during 1959	124
Cases on the register on 31st December, 1959	186
Total number of visits during 1959	933

Medical Loans OTHER TYPES OF ILLNESS

The council paid grants to the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Branch of the British Red Cross Society and the March Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who both continue to supply medical and nursing equipment free of charge to patients.

Convalescence

The provision of recuperative holidays at "Highcliffe," the hostel of the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind at Hunstanton, continues. This service is available when the hostel is not used for holidays for blind persons.

DOMESTIC HELP (Section 29)

During 1959, 84 home helps were employed, several having over ten years continuous service, and 294 households were assisted.

Maternity (confinement only)	31
Tuberculosis	4
Blind	6
Aged	202
Others	51

Over 200 old age pensioners were helped, some twice a week and others every day. Old age pensioners receiving home help include:

	Over 80 years	Over 90 years
Chatteris	12	3
Doddington	—	2
Ely	12	7
Little Downham	1	—
Littleport	3	—
Leverington	3	—
March	23	4
Mepal	—	1
Stretham	3	—
Sutton	4	—
Thorney	1	—
Tydd St. Giles	2	—
Whittlesey	7	3
Wisbech	43	5
Wisbech St. Mary	—	2

Blind and tuberculosis cases also require help every day.

In addition 385 new cases, recommended by doctors, almoners, the National Assistance Board, etc., were visited by the home help organiser, of which 112 only were accepted for home help.

The East Anglian Branch of the Institute of Home Help Organisers had four council meetings and a rally for home helps, which was held at King's Lynn and opened by the Mayoress. The organiser and 33 home helps from the Isle of Ely attended the rally. All the meetings were held on Saturday afternoons.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE (Section 51)

The introduction of the "informal" method of admission to hospital of mental patients, the first obvious outcome of the Mental Health Act, resulted in the reduction of the number of Isle of Ely patients detained under order in mental hospitals from 60 on 1st October 1959 to 48 on 31st December 1959, and voluntary patients from 176 on 1st October 1959 to 41 on 31st December 1959.

Noticeable during the year, too, was the increased demand made by general practitioners on the services of consultants, at out-patient clinics and by domiciliary visits, for advice before taking steps to secure compulsory admission of patients to hospital. In many cases this resulted in admission being avoided by the provision of out-patient treatment and by treatment of patients at home by their own doctors acting on the advice they received.

In the mental deficiency field, the four part-time occupation centres, known as Blue Bird Clubs, which cater for all age-groups, continued to function most satisfactorily under the supervision of the council's home-teacher, a total of 57 defectives attending during the course of the year. The centres at March and Wisbech provide for observation for the young mentally handicapped children before they attend a full-time centre and for the after-care of such as leave the full-time centre upon reaching its age limit, and are unable to go into employment.

In the course of the year the provision of a new junior training centre at Wisbech was agreed upon by the council as part of a

plan to provide full-time centres to meet the needs in the whole county. The construction of this, which will provide for upwards of 30 pupils, was commenced in September.

Particulars of the centres:

FULL-TIME CENTRE

The Wisbech Occupation Centre,
Walsoken Village Hall,
Kirkgate Street,
Wisbech.
Supervisor: Mrs. M. Saunby.

PART-TIME CENTRES

CENTRE	PREMISES	DAY	CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COMMITTEE
Ely	The Clinic, St. Mary's St.	Friday	Mrs. A. McCallum, 13 Lynton Drove, Ely.
March	"Oakwood House" Youth Centre, West End.	Wednesday	Mrs. F. Sole, "Lawns Court", The Avenue, March.
Whittlesey	Red Cross Headquarters, Plough Road.	Thursday	Mrs. W. E. Morton, 8 Market Place, Whittlesey.
Wisbech	The Women's Institute Hall, Alexandra Rd.	Tuesday	Mrs. S. J. Poole, 3 Wilberforce Road, Wisbech.

These centres are supervised by the council's home teacher, Mrs. Maris.

Statistics.

LUNACY, MENTAL TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH ACTS, 1890-1959
HEALTH SERVICE PATIENTS IN MENTAL HOSPITALS

	Under Order		Voluntary		Informal		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
(a) In Mental Hospitals on 31/12/58	20	64	74	85	—	—	243
(b) Admissions	57	59	28	40	4	11	199
(c) Discharges	6	6	67	103	7	11	200
(d) Deaths	3	2	6	3	—	—	14
(e) Reclassifications							
(i) Certified to voluntary	41	65	41	65	—	—	—
(ii) Certified to informal	13	16	—	—	13	16	—
(iii) Voluntary to informal	—	—	32	81	32	81	—
(f) In Mental Hospitals on 31/12/59	14	34	38	3	42	97	228

ANALYSIS OF ADMISSIONS

Aged	MALES			FEMALES			Grand Total
	Under Order	Vol.	Informal	Under Order	Vol.	Informal	
16-20	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
20-30	5	3	—	4	4	—	16
30-40	16	4	1	13	11	3	48
40-50	8	10	—	18	6	1	43
50-60	12	3	2	9	11	6	43
60-70	10	3	—	9	4	1	27
70-80	4	4	1	3	3	—	15
80-90	1	1	—	2	—	—	4
90-100	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
	57	28	4	59	40	11	199

Summary of case work

Cases investigated	261
Removed to mental hospitals on Summary Reception Orders (Section 16, Lunacy Act, 1890)	4
Removed to designated hospitals on Duly Authorised Officers' Three-Day Orders (Section 20, Lunacy Act, 1890)	109
Removed to designated hospitals on Justices' 14-day Orders (Section 21, Lunacy Act, 1890)	3
Admitted to mental hospitals as voluntary patients (Section 1, Mental Treatment Act, 1930)	68
Admitted to mental hospitals as informal patients	15
No admission effected	62

Transport

Conveyance to mental hospitals was arranged as follows:	
By the mental health staff in their own cars	154
By the Council's car/ambulance service	20
Voluntary and informal patients making their own arrangements	25

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACTS, 1913-38

1. PARTICULARS OF MENTAL DEFECTIVES AS ON 31st DECEMBER, 1959.

		Under age 16		Aged 16 and over	
		M.	F.	M.	F.
1959					
(a)	Cases ascertained to be defectives "subject" to be dealt with:—				
	Number in which action taken on reports by:—				
(1)	Local Education Authorities on children:				
	(i) While at school or liable to attend school	4	3	—	—
	(ii) On leaving special schools	—	—	1	1
	(iii) On leaving ordinary schools	3	2	—	—
(2)	Police or by Courts	1	—	3	—
(3)	Other sources	1	—	1	1
TOTAL of 1 (a)		9	5	5	2

	Under age 16		Aged 16 and over	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
(b) Cases reported who were found to be defectives but were not regarded as "subject to be dealt with" on any ground	—	—	1	1
(c) Cases reported who were not regarded as defectives and are thus excluded from (a) or (b)	—	—	—	—
(d) Cases reported in which action was incomplete at 31st December 1959, and are thus excluded from (a) or (b)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL of 1 (a)-(d) inc. ...	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>

2. DISPOSAL OF CASES REPORTED DURING 1959.

(a) Of the cases ascertained to be defectives "subject to be dealt with" (i.e. at 1 (a)), number:				
(i) Placed under Statutory Supervision	8	5	3	2
(ii) Placed under Guardianship	—	—	—	—
(iii) Taken to "Places of Safety"	—	—	—	—
(iv) Admitted to hospitals ...	1	—	2	—
TOTAL of 2 (a) ...	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
(b) Of the cases not ascertained to be defectives "subject to be dealt with" (i.e. at 1 (b)), number:				
(i) Placed under Voluntary Supervision	—	—	1	1
(ii) Action unnecessary ...	—	—	—	—
TOTAL of 2 (b)	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

	Under age 16		Aged 16 and over	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
(c) Cases reported at 1 (a) or (b) above who removed from the area or died before disposal was arranged	—	—	—	—
TOTAL of 2 (a)-(b) inc.	9	5	6	3
3. NUMBER OF MENTAL DEFECTIVES FOR WHOM CARE WAS ARRANGED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY UNDER CIRCULAR 5/52 DURING 1959 AND ADMITTED TO				
(a) National Health Service Hospitals	3	—	1	3
(b) Elsewhere	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	3	—	1	3
4. TOTAL CASES ON AUTHORITIES REGISTERS AT 31/12/59.				
(i) Under Statutory Supervision	28	21	63	70
(ii) Under Guardianship (including patients on licence)	—	1	—	3
(iii) In "Places of Safety"	—	—	—	—
(iv) In Hospitals (including patients on licence)	11	3	67	46
TOTAL of 4 (i)-(iv) inc.	39	25	130	119
(v) Under Voluntary Supervision	—	—	22	26
TOTAL of 4 (i)-(v) inc.	39	25	152	145
5. NUMBER OF DEFECTIVES UNDER GUARDIANSHIP ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1959, WHO WERE DEALT WITH UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 8 OR 9, MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACT, 1913 (INCLUDED IN 4 (ii))				
	—	—	—	—

V. SUMMARY

	MALES						FEMALES									
	In Hospitals		On Licence		Under Guardianship		Under Supervision at Home		In Hospitals		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 ...		36	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	1	—	2	—	—
Imbeciles ...	6	25	—	—	—	—	28	—	2	17	—	—	1	1	—	—
Idiots ...	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Moral defectives ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	11	66	—	1	—	—	28	85	3	45	—	1	1	3	21	96

TOTAL 361 (Males : 191 — Females : 170).

Of the 125 patients in hospital, 59 have been discharged from Order and remain on an informal basis.

		Under age 16		Aged 16 and over	
		M	F	M	F
6. CLASSIFICATION OF DEFECTIVES IN THE COMMUNITY ON 31/12/59					
(a) Cases included in 4 (i)-(iii) in need of hospital care and reported ac- cordingly to the hospital author- ity:—					
(1) In urgent need of hospital care:—					
(i) "cot and chair" cases		1	—	—	—
(ii) ambulant low grade cases		4	4	—	1
(iii) medium grade cases		1	—	—	—
(iv) high grade cases		—	—	—	—
TOTAL urgent cases		6	4	—	1
(2) Not in urgent need of hospital care:—					
(i) "cot and chair" cases		1	—	—	—
(ii) ambulant low grade cases		2	—	3	4
(iii) medium grade cases		—	—	1	2
(iv) high grade cases		—	—	—	—
TOTAL non-urgent cases		3	—	4	6
TOTAL OF URGENT AND NON-URGENT CASES		9	4	4	7
(b) Of the cases included in items 4 (i), (ii), and (v), number considered suitable for:—					
(i) occupational centre		18	10	8	19
(ii) industrial centre		—	—	7	21
(iii) home training		1	2	3	2
TOTAL of 6 (b)		19	12	18	42

		Under age 16		Aged 16 and over	
		M	F	M	F
(c)	Of the cases included in 6 (b), number receiving training on 31/12/59:—				
(i)	In occupation centre (including voluntary centres)	13	8	13	36
(ii)	In industrial centre	—	—	—	—
(iii)	From a home teacher in groups	—	—	—	—
(iv)	From a home teacher at home (not in groups)	2	2	4	4
TOTAL of 6 (c)		<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>40</u>

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION (Sections 21—28).

Residential Accommodation

The council's accommodation in 1959 consisted of three old persons' homes:—

- St. Mary's Lodge, Ely: 32 beds
- Coronation Close, March: 30 beds
- Glennfield House, Wisbech: 41 beds.

and the use of reserved accommodation in joint-user establishments vested in the Minister of Health, namely:—

- Tower Hospital, Ely: 52 beds
- Clarkson Hospital, Wisbech: 30 beds

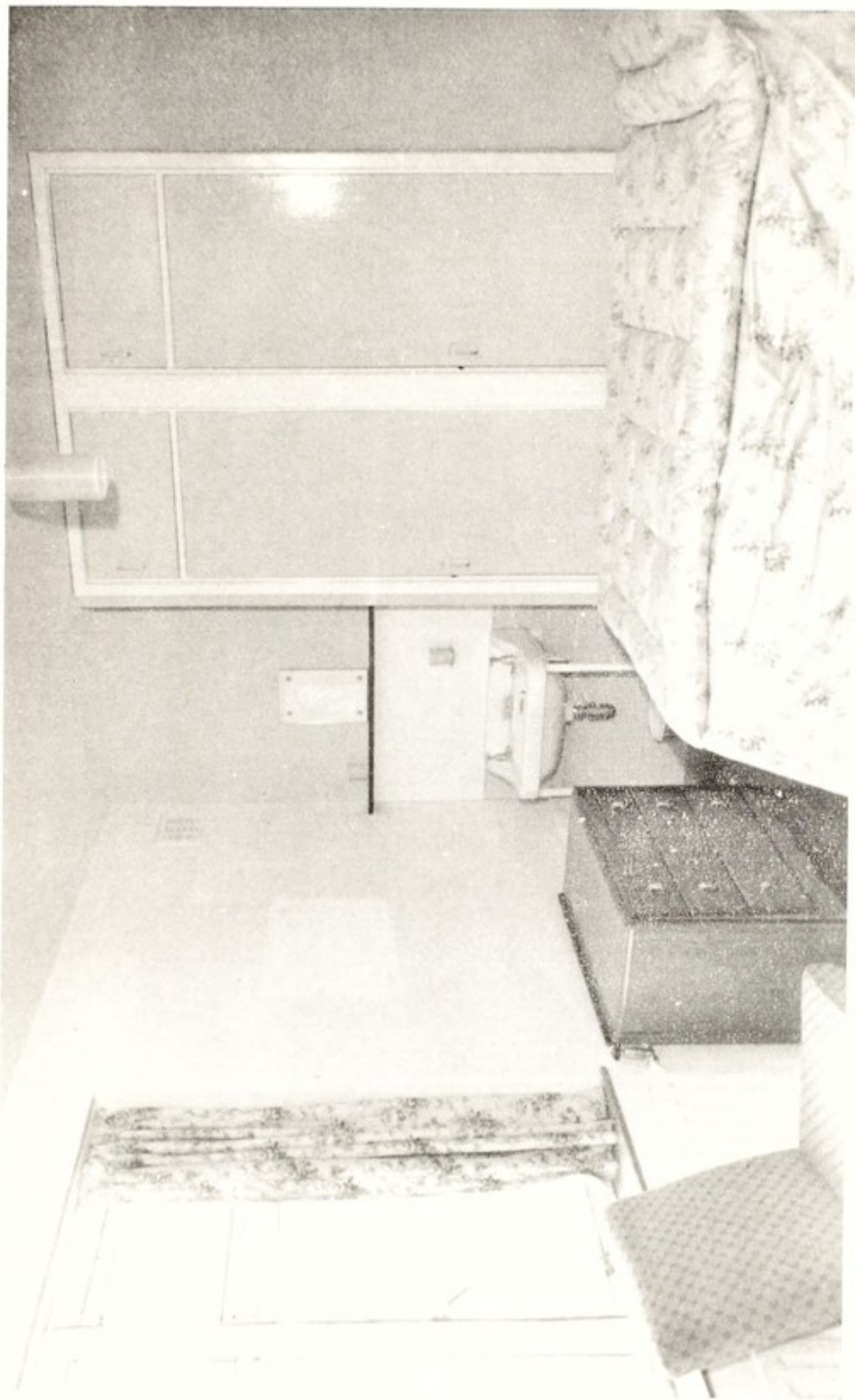
The first residents were received into Glennfield House, at Wisbech on 22nd October, 1959. This home, the second purpose-built home provided by the council, accommodates 41 residents and 4 resident staff and is on a site including a children's home, a nurses' house and a junior training centre (in course of construction).

The building is chiefly a single storey structure, the small amount of accommodation at first floor level being devoted entirely to staff accommodation. The accommodation falls into three distinct groups, the main block comprising the normal daytime accommodation, entrance hall, office, kitchens, sewing room, and a small laundry for the use of the residents. From this block lead the two bedroom wings each of which is connected to the main block by a totally glazed link corridor. Each bedroom wing has its own bathrooms and service rooms. The larger or east wing contains 12 single bedrooms, 4 double bedrooms, and one room for four persons. The small bedroom wing has a similar four-bedroom, the remainder being single bedrooms.

All the bedrooms are provided with built-in wardrobes, lavatory basins, and radio from a central receiving set, the furnishing and decoration being of an essentially domestic and homely character. No two adjoining bedrooms are alike in decoration in an attempt to create a sense of individuality in each resident's room.

The corridors are provided with handrails on both sides and night lights are provided in addition to the normal corridor lighting.

The internal finishes are chiefly plastered walls and ceilings decorated with emulsion paint with, in addition a fairly extensive use of wallpaper. The majority of the doors are faced with African

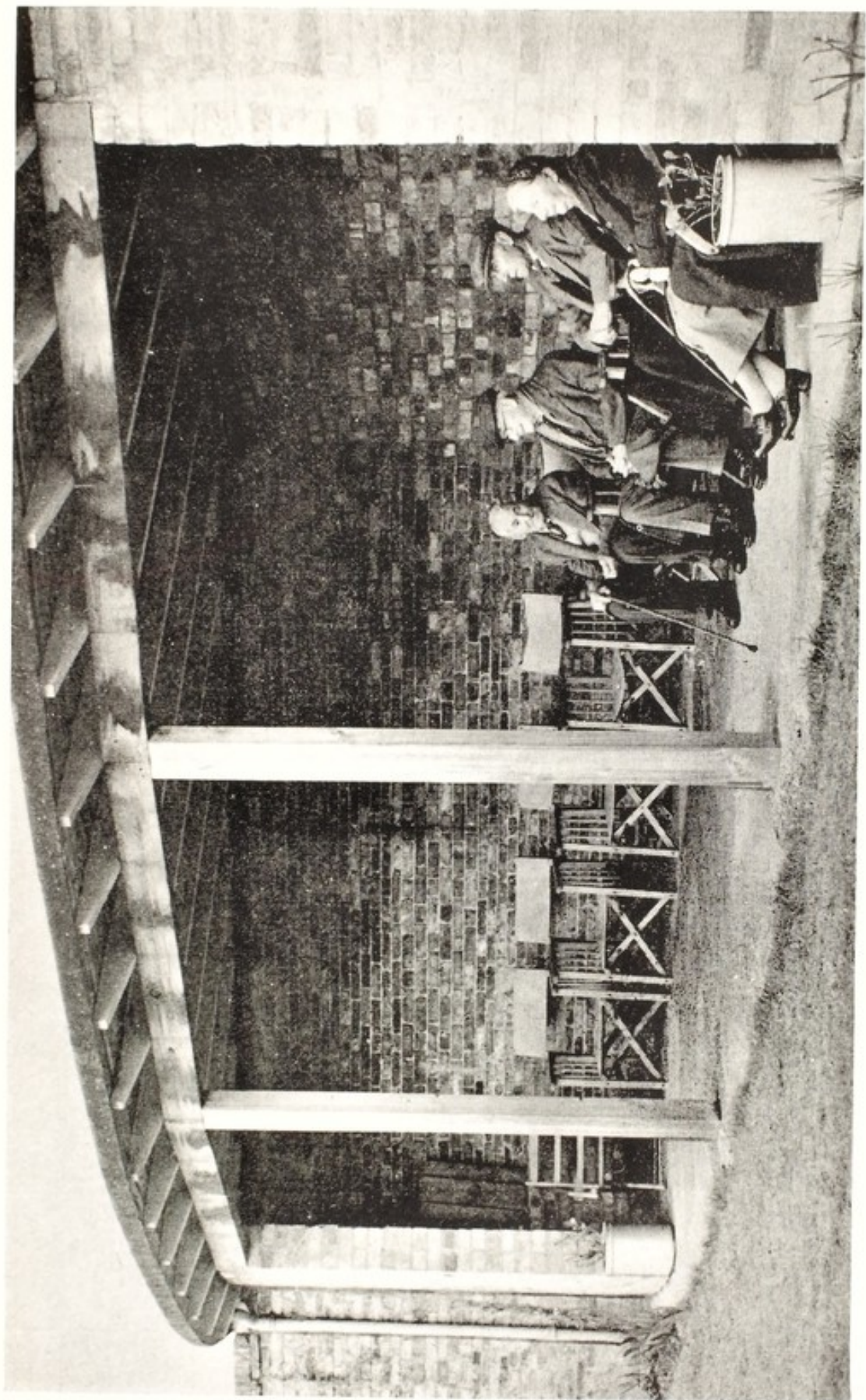


Glennfield House

A Resident's Bedroom



Croylands, Ely



The Summer-House, St. Mary's Lodge, Ely



The Lounge, Coronation Close, March

cedar. All other hardwoods used internally are either West African agba or Malayan red meranti. The floors are finished with Accotile in the majority of rooms, the exceptions being the corridors which are non-slip cork tiles, with agba hardwood blocks in the entrance hall and dining room, and quarry tiles in the kitchen area. The whole of the floor in the staff accommodation is finished with linoleum.

The building is heated throughout by low pressure hot water serving radiators and skirting heaters. The boilers are oil fired and automatically controlled. Open fires are provided in the residents' lounge and the matron's lounge. The fire surround in the residents' lounge is faced with Wesmorland green slate.

Traditional construction was used for the main structure of the building, the external finishes being two colours of facing brick for the walls; clay pantiles form the roof. The external hardwood panelling is Malayan red meranti. The windows are of timber throughout, being specially designed for the building. A high standard of thermal insulation is ensured by the use of clinker blocks for the inner leaf of the external walls and a mineral wool blanket in the roof space immediately above the ceiling. The roof space has an additional insulation in the form of an aluminium foil backing to the sarking felt under the tiles.

Construction was commenced in March, 1958 and completed in August, 1959.

The furnishings were most carefully selected by the House Subcommittee with a view to providing comfort and variety while at the same time having regard to design of the building and the colour schemes adopted.

Persons Provided with Accommodation.

		On 31st Dec. 1958	Recep- tions	Depart- ures	On 31st Dec. 1959
In the Council's	Men	29	36	20	45
Old Persons' Homes	Women	28	30	18	40
In Part-User Accommodation (within the County)	Men	57	26	34	49
	Women	35	15	18	32
By other Local Authorities	Men	5	—	—	5
	Women	2	2	1	3
By arrangement with Voluntary Organisations	Men	11	1	1	11
	Women	8	—	1	7
	Children	—	—	—	—
		175	110	93	192

Temporary Accommodation

During the year information was received of the eviction or impending eviction of 53 families. Of these twenty-nine were notified by local housing authorities, two by health visitors, four by the police, three by the National Assistance Board, two by moral welfare workers, one by the N.S.P.C.C. and one by a probation officer. Eleven families made direct application themselves to the welfare staff.

Tenancy was continued in twenty-seven instances, eleven families were rehoused, six found accommodation with relatives or friends, and only two were admitted to temporary accommodation. At 31st December the evictions of seven families were still pending.

WELFARE SERVICES (Section 29)

SCHEME FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF OR DUMB

The council make an annual grant to the Ely Diocesan Deaf and Dumb Association in return for which the association acts as agent for this service.

At the end of the year the register contained the names of 40 persons.

PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS OTHER THAN THE BLIND, PARTIALLY SIGHTED AND DEAF OR DUMB

A scheme has been prepared which, it is hoped, will be approved by the Minister so that it can come into operation in April, 1960.

ISLE OF ELY SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1959

On the 31st December 1959 there were 252 names on the register of blind persons — 115 males and 137 females. During the year there were 33 new registrations and 1 case re-registered. There were 34 deaths, 7 transfers out of the county and 4 were transferred in. Upon regaining his vision one man was de-certified.

On the register of partially sighted persons the total was 60 — 26 males and 34 females. During the year there were 7 new registrations 1 case was transferred into this county, 2 deaths occurred and 4 persons owing to the deterioration of their sight were registered as blind.

The home workers scheme adopted by the county council was amended in accordance with the report of the Local Authorities Advisory Committee on the conditions of service of blind workers.

by an addition of 15/- per week to male and female workers. The three totally blind home workers in this county received the increased rate as from the 1st January, 1959.

The home teachers' refresher course which was held this year at Girton College, Cambridge from the 16th to 22nd March was opened by our honorary treasurer, Mr. G. R. Clark, and attended by our senior home teacher, Mrs. E. M. Brown. The course, which was organised by the Southern Regional Association for the Blind was of immense interest and help to the home teacher.

A bulb growing competition for the blind folk in the area was very successful and created much interest for them during the winter months.

A blind woman who attended a course of social rehabilitation at Bridgnorth for three months returned capable of running her home efficiently and with renewed confidence.

We had our Hunstanton outings on two days in early June when four coaches were required. The blind folk and their guides, including the residents from Croylands, were collected at points near their homes. The weather was fine but not too hot which seemed to please the elderly people. A member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade came with us each day and although their professional attendance was not necessary their services throughout each day were invaluable especially in helping the not so agile ones in and out of the coaches. As in previous years lunch and tea were provided and the days proved to be happy occasions for all who participated.

The annual meeting of the society was held on the 26th June, Alderman J. W. A. Ollard was re-appointed president for the ensuing year. Alderman H. Payne was re-appointed chairman and Alderman L. W. H. Rowe, vice-chairman.

Mr. G. R. Clark was re-appointed as our representative to serve upon the Southern Regional Association for the Blind for a further period of three years.

The social classes continued to be held at the four centres each month. During the summer weather, where possible, they were held outdoors and at Christmas time parties were given.

Report of a very successful season were received from visitors to the holiday hostel at Hunstanton. During the year 46 blind persons and 30 guides from the Isle of Ely and 63 blind and 37 guides from other counties as well as 3 welfare cases spent healthy and happy holidays at Highcliffe. Included in these numbers was a party of 16 deaf-blind and escorts from Birmingham who spent

the last fortnight of the season at the hostel. They enjoyed themselves so much they hope to return next year.

There were 4 admission to Croylands during 1959 and 5 were discharged. On the 31st December the total number of residents was 9. During the summer, in addition to the annual outing, the Matron arranged an afternoon visit to Hemingford Grey. The Christmas festivities at Croylands were also very much enjoyed.

The secretary and senior home teacher attended a conference arranged by the Southern Regional Association for the Blind in London on the Younghusband Working Party Report.

The home teachers and 2 deaf-blind persons attended the annual deaf-blind rally at Peterborough in June.

5 electric and 2 clockwork talking book machines have been purchased by the society and loaned to blind persons. 10 more books have been ordered.

Talks on the work of the society have been given by the secretary to various organisations during the year.

By means of whist drives, sales of work, competitions, collecting boxes, flag days, cinema collections, Christmas appeal, envelope collections, garden parties, tin foil etc., the sum of £2,365 3s. 2d. has been raised for our voluntary funds during 1959.

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 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 remain registered as child minders on 31st December, 1959.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

MARCH Urban District

Housing. — Two demolition and ten closing orders were made. Twenty eight houses were demolished including some under orders made in the previous year.

Sewerage. — The subsidiary sewers were completed during the year.

Water Supply. — Extensions to the mains were made and many new connections to property.

ELY Rural District

<i>Housing</i>	<i>Permanent</i>	<i>By Council Private enterprise</i>	
	No. completed		
	during the year	—	32
	Under construction		
	31.12.59	43	17

THORNEY Rural District

Sewerage. — No major works have been carried out. A closet conversion scheme in respect of 41 properties has been prepared and should be commenced in 1960.

FOOD AND DRUGS

Mr. F. W. Crabtree, County Inspector of Weights and Measures has submitted the following report for the year 1959:

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, 1955*

- (a) Section 1, 2 and 6 (composition and labelling of food and drugs)
- (b) Section 31 (prohibition of sale of milk from diseased cows)
- (c) Section 32 (adulteration etc. of milk)
- (d) Section 36 (restriction on use of special designations applied to milk)
- (e) Sections 37 and 38 (compulsory use of special designations in specified areas)
- (f) Section 47 (mis-use of designation "cream" in relation to cream substitutes).

2. *The Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949* (control and heat-treatment of milk)
3. *Labelling of Food Order, 1953* (labelling of pre-packed food).
4. *Pharmacy and Medicines Act.*

Composition and Labelling of Food and Drugs

These duties are discharged by a continuous observation of food and drugs offered for sale throughout the county. The composition of a wide variety of foodstuffs is now controlled by food standards orders. The provisions of the Preservatives in Food Regulations are also dealt with under this heading. Samples are submitted for examination to the public analyst for the county, Dr. S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.R.I.C., Tenison Road, Cambridge.

A summary of the samples submitted for examination during the year under review is as follows:—

Biscuits/cakes etc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Butter, suet, lard	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Cheese/Cream cheese	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Christmas Puddings	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Creamed Rice Pudding	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Condensed/Evaporated milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Cream	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Drugs and medicines	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Ice cream	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Meat: Tinned	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Not tinned	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Pickles and sauces	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Preserves	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Sausages/Sausage Meat	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
Sweets	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Soft drinks	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Spices	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Soup	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Tea and coffee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Vinegar	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
					Total	156

The analyst reported adversely on 6 samples, stewed steak which contained 0.96% starchy matter, vinegar, cream cheese which was low in butter fat content (2 samples), ice cream which was low in fat content and rancid pork sausages. Proceedings were taken in respect of the vinegar which was in fact non-brewed condiment. A fine of £3 0s. 0d. was imposed. The makers of the cream cheese decided to re-label their product so as to avoid using the word "cream".

Prohibition of Sale of Milk from Diseased Cows

All the milk sold by retail within the county is pasteurised, tuberculin tested or sterilised and consequently the need for sampling under this heading is not great. During the year under review 12 samples of raw milk were taken and submitted to the Medical Research Council, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. They were all reported as free from tubercle and brucella abortus bacilli making this the seventh successive year that all milk samples have been free from tubercle infection.

Adulteration etc. of Milk

69 samples were sent to the public analyst. 3 samples were low in fat content and 3 were deficient in solids-not-fat. 1 sample was found to contain added water and proceeding in this case resulted in a fine of £5 0s. 0d. The Milk and Dairies Regulations prescribe a standard of 4% fat for Channel Island Milk. 8 samples of such milk were taken one of which was reported by the analyst as being deficient in fat to the extent of 21.5%. An "Appeal to Cow" in this case revealed that the herd was producing milk of exceptionally low fat content.

Restriction of use of Special Designations to Milk

The use of the special designations "pasteurised", "tuberculin tested" and "sterilised" is restricted to the holders of licences authorising the use of designations. No infringements were detected under this heading.

Compulsory use of Special Designations in Specified Areas

In areas specified by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food the only milk which may be sold by retail is specially designated i.e. tuberculin tested, pasteurised or sterilised. The whole of the administrative county is now a specified area the last two districts i.e. Ely City and Ely Rural being specified as from the 6th April, 1959.

Sampling showed that the position has improved as far as tuberculin tested milk is concerned. Of the 22 samples taken only three failed the prescribed tests. 9 samples of pasteurised milk processed outside the county were taken and were all satisfactory.

Mis-use of Designation "Cream" in relation to Cream Substitutes

Under this section it is an offence to sell any food which resembles cream in appearance by a description including the word "cream" unless it is "real cream" or it is made quite clear at the time that the substance is either re-constituted or imitation cream. No mis-descriptions were found.

Milk (Special Designations), (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations

The county council is responsible for the control and licensing of pasteurising and other establishments used for heat treatment of milk. There are two licensed pasteurising plants:

Peterborough and District Co-operative Society Ltd., Norwich Road, Wisbech.

Regent Dairy (March) Ltd., Dartford Road, March.

27 samples of milk processed by these two dairies were taken and submitted to the Medical Research Council at Cambridge. These samples are examined to see if the milk has been adequately heat-treated and has a satisfactory keeping quality. All samples were satisfactory.

In addition 32 samples of pasteurised milk supplied to county council schools were taken. 7 samples from the Regent Dairy (March) Ltd. failed the prescribed test. In 4 cases the keeping quality was unsatisfactory and the remaining 3 samples had been inadequately heat treated.

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. These statements are verified by the public analyst during his examination of samples. No serious infringements were found.

Pharmacy and Medicines Act.

This Act prohibits certain advertisements relating to medical matters and medicines. There is nothing to report.

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THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Incidence

There was a considerable increase in the number of notifications of cases of whooping cough and measles as compared with 1958.

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 local 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 Peterborough Isolation Hospital, and from the southern half to the hospital at Ely.

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 is the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

GENERAL

Medical Examinations

During the year 105 examinations of candidates have been carried out by the council's medical officers.

Staff	.....	.....	.....	.....	48
Teachers	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
Training college entrants	.....	.....	.....	.....	41

**Infectious Diseases Notified in the Several Districts for the Year ending
1959**

	URBAN DISTRICTS						RURAL DISTRICTS					Combined Total
	Chatteris	Ely	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Total Urban Districts	Ely	North Witchford	Thorney	Wisbech	Total Rural Districts	
Small Pox ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	14	14	16	8	30	82	10	27	2	22	61	143
Diphtheria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia	1	17	1	10	3	32	15	15	...	4	34	66
Cholera ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
Typhus Fever... ..	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Glandular Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	...	...	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	1	4
Meningococcal Inf. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	4	4
Erysipelas ... ..	...	...	4	2	3	9	1	2	...	1	4	13
Tuberculosis												
(a) Pulmonary ... ..	...	5	3	4	15	27	8	7	...	8	23	50
(b) Other ... ..	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	2	...	...	3	5
Food Poisoning ... ..	...	6	...	...	...	6	...	3	...	1	4	10
Malaria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infectious Hepatitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	2
Chicken Pox	9	...	...	...	74	83	...	...	...	...	...	83
Measles	153	215	217	314	530	1429	34	21	2	270	327	1756
Whooping Cough	25	40	9	24	20	118	63	13	12	8	96	214
Other diseases												
(a) Poliomyelitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
(b) Dysentery ... ..	...	13	1	...	...	14	1	...	...	1	2	16

TUBERCULOSIS.

Details of the Notifications received during the year 1959.
Previous years also given for comparison.

			Notifications on Form A										Total Notifications on Form A			
			Number of Primary Notifications												Total Primary Notifications	
			Age Periods													
			0-1	1-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65					65 and upwards
Pulmonary : —	Males	in 1950	..	..	1	..	2	3	8	8	4	1	..	27	27
		in 1951	..	2	..	3	1	2	5	6	7	2	2	30	30	
		in 1952	..	..	5	..	2	5	4	4	5	3	2	31	31
		in 1953	..	..	1	..	1	5	5	5	5	4	2	29	29
		in 1954	..	2	3	..	4	1	8	..	5	2	1	27	27	
		in 1955	..	1	..	..	1	2	7	3	2	2	..	19	19
		in 1956	..	..	..	..	2	1	5	4	3	6	1	23	23
		in 1957	..	..	..	..	5	2	3	2	5	4	1	23	23
		in 1958	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	3	4	2	..	13	13
	in 1959	1	2	3	..	4	4	6	3	1	3	4	31	31		
	Females	in 1950	..	..	..	..	2	3	13	6	..	..	2	26	26
		in 1951	..	2	3	1	3	5	8	2	3	..	1	28	28	
		in 1952	1	1	3	1	2	8	3	3	2	1	1	26	26	
		in 1953	..	1	2	..	7	7	17	6	3	2	..	45	45	
		in 1954	..	..	..	..	2	6	8	..	1	..	..	17	17
		in 1955	..	..	1	7	4	2	10	2	2	1	1	30	30
		in 1956	..	1	..	..	1	1	6	1	..	..	..	10	10
		in 1957	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	4	6	..	..	13	13
		in 1958	..	..	..	..	2	3	3	..	3	1	..	12	12
in 1959		..	2	2	..	1	4	2	3	4	1	..	19	19		
Non-Pulmonary :	Males	in 1950	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
		in 1951	..	1	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	6	6
		in 1952	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	4
		in 1953	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	6	6
		in 1954	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
		in 1955	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
		in 1956	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
		in 1957	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
		in 1958	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
	in 1959	..	2	2	..	1	4	2	3	4	1	..	19	19		
	Females	in 1950	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
		in 1951	..	..	1	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	6	6
		in 1952	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
		in 1953	..	1	3	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	8	8
		in 1954	..	1	1	2	2	
		in 1955	1	..	2	3	3	
		in 1956	1	..	1	1	3	..	1	7	7	
		in 1957	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	6	6	
		in 1958	2	1	2	5	5	
in 1959		1	1	1	3	3		

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