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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1957

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Administrative County (in acres)	97,273
Population (Registrar General's Estimate 1957)	22,730
Rateable Value	£215,948
Product of a Penny Rate	£886

Vital Statistics

<u>Births</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births	236	182	418
Legitimate	226	174	400
Illegitimate	10	8	18
Stillbirths	2	3	5
<u>Deaths</u>			
Total	111	115	226
<u>Infant Deaths (Under 1 year)</u>			
Total	2	6	8
Legitimate	2	6	8
Illegitimate	-	-	-

	<u>Rutland</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Birth rate per 1000 population	20.5	16.1
Death rate per 1000 population	8.7	11.5
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births	19.1	23.0
Stillbirth rate per 1000 live and stillbirths	11.8	22.4
Cancer death rate per 1000 population	1.6	2.0

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1957

	0-		1-		5-		15-		25-		45-		65-		75-		All ages		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Cancer of Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2
Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	3	-	-	7	1	1	8
Cancer of Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	4	4	4
Cancer of Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
Cancer of all other sites	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	3	3	7	2	13	8	21
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	5	3	6	5	16	12	28	40
Coronary Disease, angina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	5	4	-	6	15	11	26
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	2
Other Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3	3	10	12	15	16	31
Other circulatory disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	7	7	11	9	20
Totals c/f	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	15	13	24	19	37	46	79	80	159

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1957 (contd.)

	0-		1-		5-		15-		25-		45-		65-		75-		All ages		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
b/fwd.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	15	13	24	19	37	46	79	80	159
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	2
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	1	4	6	8	14
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	4	1	5
Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	4
Congenital malformations	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	5	7
Other defined and ill defined diseases	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	10	7	13	20
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
All other accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	4	4
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	3
Total, all causes	2	6	-	-	1	1	4	-	6	2	22	15	27	28	49	63	111	115	226

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Smallpox Vaccination

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during the year 1957.

Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 & over	Total
Number vaccinated	58	21	15	12	14	120
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	2	2	13	17

All vaccinations were done by general practitioners.

Diphtheria Immunisation

Number of Children who completed a full course of primary immunisation and number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection during the year 1957.

Age at date of final injection				
	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	Total
Full course	42	122	66	230
Reinforcing	-	12	250	262

Immunisation in Relation to Child Population

Number of children at 31st December, 1957, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1.1.43.).

Age at 31.12.57. i.e. Born in year.	Under 1 1957	1-4 1956-1953	5-9 1952-1948	10-14 1947-1943	Under 15 Total
Last completed course of injections (whether primary or booster)	42	712	1028	636	2418
A. 1953 - 1957					
B. 1952 or earlier	-	-	558	1231	1789
C. Child population from County School & Birth Registers.	380	1520	3500		5400
Percentage Immunity	11%	47%	54%		45%

Immunisation and Vaccination (contd.)

Whooping Cough Immunisation

<u>Under 1 year</u>	<u>1 - 4 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
27	86	6

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

During 1957 the parents of children born in 1955 and 1956 as well as those born in the years 1947 to 1954 were invited to register them for vaccination. By the end of the year most of the children originally registered in April 1956 had been vaccinated although the amount of vaccine continued to be very limited.

671 children had 2 injections during the year.

70 children had 1 injection only.

1868 children were awaiting vaccination at 31st December, 1957.

4 expectant mothers were awaiting vaccination at 31st December, 1957.

With very few exceptions the vaccinations were done at the Infant Welfare Centres, County Schools and the Oakham School Clinic. British vaccine only was given during 1957.

Influenza Vaccination

During the Autumn the Ministry of Health issued a vaccine to give protection against Asian type influenza and a number of general practitioners, district nurses, home helps and ambulance drivers were vaccinated.

Tuberculosis

New Cases

Age Groups	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Under 10	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	1	-
15 - 20	-	1	-	-
20 - 25	-	2	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	1	1	-	-
45 - 55	2	-	-	-
55 - 65	1	-	-	-
Over 65	1	-	-	-
Totals	5	4	1	-

Inward transfers included in the above table:-

3 Pulmonary Cases, all females.

(1 in the group 15 - 20 and the other 2 in the group 20 - 25)

~~There were no deaths from tuberculosis during the year.~~

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY
(Area of East Anglian R.H.B.)

Results of visit of the Cambridge Mass Miniature Radiography Unit to 2 factories in the Ketton Rural District during February, 1957.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Number of employees attended for X-Ray	408	43
General Public	73	85
School Leavers } Casterton Secondary School	38	56
School Staff } Rutland	1	5
Total	520	189
Number X-Rayed for the first time	262	97
Number recalled for full size films	23	5
Number X-Rayed under 45 years of age	329	156
Number X-Rayed over 45 years of age	191	33
A. <u>Non-Tuberculous Conditions:</u>		
1. Congenital anomalies of bony thorax	5	2
2. Acquired Conditions of bony thorax	1	1
3. Azygos lobe vein	4	-
4. Chronic bronchitis and emphysema	3	-
5. Thickened pleura following previous pneumonia and/or pleurisy	12	2
6. Cardiac conditions	1	1
7. Coin lesion (? benign neoplasm)	1	-
Total	27	6
B. <u>Tuberculous Conditions:</u>		
1. Healed primary or other calcified lesions requiring no further action	13	3
2. Previously diagnosed tuberculosis already under supervision	2	-
3. Newly discovered significant tuberculosis requiring:-		
a. treatment	-	-
b. interval supervision at chest clinic	1	1
Total	16	4

The Health Visitor paid 168 visits of enquiry to the homes of notified cases of tuberculosis and arranged for examination of contacts by the Chest Physician; and reported on home conditions. Cases considered to be inadequately housed are referred by the Health Committee to the Local Sanitary Authority with a recommendation for re-housing where possible. Nursing requisities, extra bedding and garden shelters are provided where necessary.

There were 6 patients receiving free milk at the end of the year.

B.C.G. Vaccination of 19 contacts was carried out by the Chest Physicians.

Leicester Area of Sheffield Regional Hospital Board

Result of visits to Uppingham & Oakham during May & October respectively.
(shows the same general trend in the reduction of active cases of pulmonary tuberculosis discovered)

Type of Group	Miniatures		Total	Large Films		Clinic		TB Active		Rate per 1,000	TB Inactive		Bronchiectasis		Cardiac		Pneumococcosis		Sarcoma	
	M	F	M & F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Public Sessions	510	687	1197	35	63	12	13	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Doctor's Referrals	6	13	19	3	3	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Organised Groups	166	223	389	5	13	2	3	1	-	2.6	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schools	1069	167	1236	80	15	14	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
PRISONS	291	-	291	22	-	11	-	1	-	3.4	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
HOSPITALS	-	11	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2042	1101	3143	145	95	40	24	2	-	.06	10	3	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-

The Health Visitor assisted the Chest Physician (Leicester area) to skin test boys between 13 and 18 years of age at two Public Schools. 705 boys were tested and of these 411 were Mantoux negative and were given B.C.G. vaccination. The mass X-Ray survey revealed no evidence of any active disease present in any of the boys chests.

The figures could be considered very satisfactory because they indicated that the degree of infectivity to which the boys, as a whole, have been exposed in life has been very little therefore, vaccination was particularly desirable as they are bound to come up against infection as they grow older and leave school.

CARE OF MOTHERS & YOUNG CHILDREN

Infant Welfare Centres are held as follows:-

Oakhham	2nd and 4th Wednesday each month, at 2.30.p.m.
Uppingham	1st and 3rd Wednesday " " " 2.30.p.m.
Ketton	1st and 3rd Tuesday " " " 2.30.p.m.
Emtingham	1st Wednesday " " " 2.30.p.m.
Exton	3rd Wednesday " " " 2.30.p.m.
Cottesmore Aerodrome	2nd and 4th Thursday " " " 2.00.p.m.
N. Luffenham Aerodrome	2nd and 4th Tuesday " " " 2.30.p.m.

Number of children who attended the above Centres during the year:-

Born in:-			
1957	1956	1955 - 52	Total number of children who attended during the year.
177	133	106	416

Number of attendances during the year made by children who at the date of attendance were:-

Under 1 year	1 but under 2	2 but under 5	Total attendances
1287	396	323	2006

Care of Unmarried Mothers and Their Children

The County Council agreed to contribute to the cost of maintenance of two unmarried mothers (whose circumstances had been investigated by the Peterborough Diocesan Moral Welfare Worker) at the Home for Girls, Burton-on-Trent and St. Saviour's Diocesan Maternity Home, Northampton.

COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

(Sections 23 & 25 N.H.S. Act)

WORK OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICT NURSE/MIDWIVES

	<u>Oakham</u>	<u>Uppingham</u>		<u>Luffenham</u>	<u>Ryhall</u>	<u>Langham</u>	<u>Market Overton</u>	<u>Tot</u>
		<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>					
	Miss Langley N	Miss Knowles N	Miss Winter N	Mrs. Pearson N	Miss Jackson N	Miss Joyce N	Mrs. Carnahan N	
<u>Cases</u>								
Midwifery & Maternity	7	9	13	25	17	4	31	107
Midwifery Discharged before 14th day	2	-	2	3	5	3	10	25
General	125	77	80	46	37	98	16	479
<u>Visits</u>								
Midwifery & Maternity	150	179	231	417	380	89	690	2136
Midwifery Discharged before 14th day	28	-	17	46	28	11	117	239
General	2377	1982	1412	939	704	1491	325	9038
Other Visits	226	218	155	23	112	238	152	1124
Ante-natal & Post-natal	68	105	80	288	236	69	592	1138
Attendances at I.W.C.	12	12	13	-	-	11	23 (A/N Clinics)	51
No. of times gas & air administered	5	7	8	19	16	1	26	72
Pethidine administered (Dr's present)	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Pethidine administered (Dr's not present)	3	4	5	17	14	1	17	51

All the district nurse/midwives have the S.C.M. certificate.

N S.R.N. • Queen's Nurse.

Miss Keay, who was formerly District Nurse/Midwife for the Langham area and latterly C Relief Nurse retired in November. She was replaced by Miss Seymour who is employed on part time basis.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

- 1957 -

Base	AMBULANCES & DUAL PURPOSE VEHICLES						HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE		AGENCY					
	Oakham						Rutland		Stamford					
	Morris		Austin		Bedford		Cars		St. John's		Cars		Monthly Total	
	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P
1957														
January	1519	155	2495	273	2638	211	4935	305	252	29	752	57	12591	1030
February	1641	126	2080	163	2285	181	3840	262	102	9	629	60	10577	801
March	1037	97	2088	250	1997	151	2709	201	807	61	253	24	8891	784
April	1319	126	2031	193	2119	195	2247	165	238	24	206	18	8160	721
May	1636	182	2251	210	2320	143	4696	320	444	40	131	15	11478	915
June	1631	158	2137	212	2110	144	4517	325	395	45	177	18	10967	902
July	1790	134	2467	255	2414	151	4239	248	835	67	225	23	11970	878
August	1367	123	2918	257	2514	182	3149	201	842	72	416	50	11206	885
September	1293	113	2423	196	2861	204	3565	246	730	65	173	16	11045	840
October	961	74	2150	171	2998	202	3739	232	789	46	348	30	10985	755
November	1217	109	1548	150	1822	116	2382	146	580	46	261	19	7810	586
December	1693	123	2730	241	3033	200	2689	142	930	58	323	31	11398	795
Total	17104	1520	27318	2571	29111	2085	42707	2793	6944	562	3894	361	127078	9892

RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

Ambulance Service

Directly Controlled Service						Agency Service				
Ambulances			Hospital Cars		Total		St. John's A.B.		Hospital Cars	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Patients</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Patients</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Patients</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Patients</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Patients</u>
1949	20,233	1,266	27,749	1,718	47,982	2,889	1,883	218	17,639	900
1950	29,007	1,848	26,118	1,798	55,125	3,646	3,073	310	17,419	942
1951	41,053	2,806	15,778	1,222	56,831	4,028	2,921	320	20,007	1,294
1952	48,611	3,668	21,694	1,855	70,305	5,523	2,337	320	22,969	1,830
1953	60,439	3,901	26,664	2,035	87,103	5,936	2,632	189	15,460	1,186
1954	56,631	3,971	40,653	2,518	97,284	6,489	3,324	247	13,891	977
1955	58,140	4,658	61,171	4,000	119,311	8,658	2,675	222	8,907	642
1956	68,313	5,423	43,072	3,127	111,385	8,550	2,970	248	6,791	495
1957	73,533	6,176	42,707	2,793	116,240	8,969	6,944	562	3,894	361

SECTION 51 - MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

(Duly Authorised Officer, E.B. Pearson)

Lunacy Act, 1890

The following is a summary of the cases dealt with during the year (2 under Section 16, 26 under Section 20).

Carlton Hayes Hospital				Rauceby Mental Hospital			
Certified				Certified			
Admissions		Discharges		Admissions		Discharges	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
5	14	1	7	-	1	-	-

Mental Treatment Act, 1930

The number of cases admitted to hospitals during the year was as follows:-

Carlton Hayes Hospital				Rauceby Mental Hospital				Totals			
Voluntary				Voluntary							
Admissions		Discharges		Admissions		Discharges		Admissions		Discharges	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
8	7	9	10	12	11	13	10	20	18	22	20

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACTS, 1913 - 1948

	During 1957				Total cases on register, 1.1.58.			
	Under Age 16		Aged 16 & Over.		Under Age 16		Aged 16 & Over.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
<u>Particulars of cases reported during 1957</u>								
(a) Cases at 31st December ascertained to be defectives "subject to be dealt with".								
Action taken on report by:-								
(i) Local Education Authorities on children.								
(1) While at school or liable to attend school	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
(2) On leaving special schools..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(3) On leaving ordinary schools.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) Police or by Courts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total number of cases reported :	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
<u>Total cases on Authority's Registers at 31.12.57.</u>								
(i) Under Statutory Supervision	-	-	-	-	2	2	21	19
(ii) Under Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
(iii) In "Places of Safety"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) In Hospitals	-	-	-	-	4	2	16	24
(v) Under Voluntary Supervision	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total :..	-	-	-	-	6	4	39	44
<u>Classification of defectives in the Community on 31.12.57. (according to need at that date).</u>								
(a) Cases included on Authority's Register at 31.12.57. in need of <u>urgent</u> hospital care.								
1. (i) "Cot and chair" cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) Ambulant low grade cases	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
(iii) Medium grade cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) High grade cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total :..	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
(b) Cases included on Authority's Register at 31.12.57. <u>not</u> in need of urgent hospital care.								
2. (i) "Cot and chair" cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) Ambulant low grade cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
(iii) Medium grade cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
(iv) High grade cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Total :..	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
<u>Number on Register considered suitable for:-</u>								
(i) Occupation Centres	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Total :..	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

(Section 29. N.H.S. Act)

(County Organiser - Councillor Mrs. T.I. Street, M.B.E.)

Cases Table

Maternity	9
Geriatric	42
Others	17
Total :	<u>68</u>

On 31st December, 1957, there were fifteen Home Helps employed:-

- 7 part time on a guaranteed week of 15 hours,
- 8 casual workers for cases in outlying districts.

Although the total number of cases attended by the Home Helps is about the same as the previous year the actual number of hours worked by the Home Helps was greater. This was due to the fact that fewer requests were made for maternity cases and more requests for domestic help were received for the elderly. Again in most of the Geriatric cases the help was supplied free of charge. The possibility of providing a Home Help is always considered when an application is received for the investigation of patients for chronic sick hospitals and welfare homes. This policy helps to reduce pressure on the demand for hospital beds and the elderly people to retain their independence by remaining at home.

Applications for a Home Help are usually made by doctors, district nurses, health visitors, voluntary organisations and by householders themselves. Some difficulty may be experienced in providing a Home Help to meet every request. Every effort is made to employ a woman from the village in which the patient resides rather than sending a Home Help from Oakham or a neighbouring village.

DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS

Distribution of Welfare Foods continued to run smoothly with the able assistance of the W.V.S. New distribution centres were opened during the year at Langham (Tuesdays), Cottesmore Village (shop - daily hours) and Manton (shop - daily hours). Arrangements continued for beneficiaries on the County periphery to obtain supplies from more accessible centres situated outside Rutland.

Distributions during the year were :-

National Dried Milk, full cream and half cream,	Tins	8,682
Cod Liver Oil,	Bottles	1,673
Vitamin A. & D. Tablets,	Packets	890
Orange Juice,	Bottles	13,809

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

Sampling was carried out by Mr. H. Tabberer, Public Health Inspector to the Oakham Urban District Council (by arrangement with his Authority). The total number of samples taken during the year was 47.

Article	Number Examined	Number Unsatisfactory
Milk	18	-
Picallili	1	-
Sausages, Beef	2	1
Sausages, Pork	3	1
Tomato Ketchup	6	1
Coffee & Chicory	1	-
Vinegar	3	-
Margarine	2	-
Flour	4	-
Cornflour	2	-
Weetabix Flour	1	-
Self Raising Flour	4	1
Total	47	4

The unsatisfactory samples

Beef Sausages:

Attention was drawn to the presence of sulphur dioxide preservative in a sample of beef sausages.

On analysis the sample was found to contain 270 parts per million of sulphur dioxide. The Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations permit 450 parts per million of sulphur dioxide in Beef Sausages provided that a declaration of the presence of preservative is given to the purchaser. No declaration of preservative was made, however, at the time of sale of these Beef Sausages.

The retailer concerned pleaded ignorance of the Food Regulations and gave a written undertaking to display the necessary notice in her shop in future.

Self Raising Flour:

The Flour (Composition) Regulations 1956 require that flour shall contain not less than 0.24 milligram of Vitamin B per 100 grams of flour. On analysis, however, a sample of Self Raising Flour was found to contain only 0.076 milligram of Vitamin B per 100 grams of flour.

The sample was therefore deficient in Vitamin B to the extent of 0.164 milligram per 100 grams of flour, which is equivalent to a deficiency of 68 per cent. of the minimum quantity proper to flour.

It was suggested by the manufacturers that the loss of Vitamin B, content was possibly due to dampness during storage by the village grocer.

The analysts agree that Vitamin B. was somewhat unstable but stated that they rarely had an unsatisfactory sample; but suggested further sampling. This was done and the samples examined proved satisfactory.

Tomato Ketchup

A sample of Tomato Ketchup was submitted in its original bottle which was closed with a metal cap. A small portion of the contents of the bottle had, at some period, passed the seal in the top of the screw cap, subsequently drying and leaving a deposit in the screw threads and at the base of the metal cap. This deposit was found to be contaminated with mould growth.

The remaining contents of the bottle were found to be in a satisfactory condition free from objectionable metallic contamination.

The village grocer was asked to bring this report to the notice of the suppliers.

Pork Sausages:

On analysis, this sample was found to contain:-

Meat 75 per cent.
Sulphur Dioxide 200 parts per million.

From the foregoing figures it will be seen that the meat content of this sample was satisfactory (i.e. it contained more than 65 per cent. of meat).

The other sample of pork sausages submitted during the quarter under review was found to be satisfactorily free from preservative and to contain 76 per cent of meat.

The retailer was informed that he must make a declaration of preservative before sale in future.

MEDICAL LOAN DEPOTS

(Section 28 N.H.S. Act)

There are 40 Depots in the villages in the County holding smaller items in most demand, these are maintained by the Rutland Branch of the British Red Cross Society under the supervision of the County Director (Mrs. C. Drage). Larger items such as wheel chairs, commodes, crutches, bed tables, etc., can be obtained through the village representatives or from the Red Cross Office, 56, High Street, Oakham, or the County Health Department.

The County Director reports, "as the existence of the Medical Loan Depots becomes better known the demand for the above requisities, especially wheel chairs, is on the increase".

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194, Public Health Act, 1936)

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for		
		Maternity	Others	Totals
Homes first registered during the year	-	-	-	-
Homes on register at end of year	2	-	45	45

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Incidence of Blindness

The Royal Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Institution for the Blind have kindly supplied the following information.

During the year the Ophthalmic Surgeon saw 6 B.D. 8 cases.

A. Follow-up of Registered Blind and Partially Sighted Persons

(i) Number of cases registered during the year in respect of which para. 7(c) of Forms B.D. 8 recommends:-	Cause of Disability			
	Cataract	Glaucoma	Retrolental Fibroplasia	Others
(a) No Treatment	1	-	-	2
(b) Treatment (medical, surgical or optical).	1	1	-	1
(ii) Number of cases at (i) (b) above which on follow-up action have received treatment	1 (Decertified following Cataract operation)			

B. Ophthalmia Neonatorum

(i) Total number of cases notified during the year	-
(ii) Number of cases in which	
(a) Vision lost	-
(b) Vision impaired	-
(c) Treatment continuing at end of the year	-

Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Acts, 1944-1955

Ketton Rural District

A sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for part of the parish of Little Casterton was approved in principle by the County Council.

Smoking and Lung Cancer

The Ministry of Health Circular issued in July, 1957, asking Local Health Authorities to draw the attention of the general public to the Medical Research Council's conclusion that the great increase in deaths from cancer of the lung appeared to be related to a corresponding increase in heavy cigarette smoking during the past 25 years was debated by the Health Committee who did not consider that local advertising could ~~materially~~ implement the publicity given to the subject through the medium of the national press and radio programmes.

Ante-Natal Care related to Toxaemia

Since the opening of the general practitioner obstetric unit at the Oakham Memorial Hospital there has been a considerable increase in hospital confinements and there has been no diminution in the admissions to Stamford Hospital. It can be said that most pregnant women have routine ante-natal examinations, including blood tests at the respective out-patient clinics. An ante-natal clinic is also regularly at the Cottessmore R.A.F. Station Sick Quarters by a general medical practitioner with a district midwife in attendance.

All the Council's domiciliary midwives are provided with sphygmomanometers and stethoscopes and notify the patient's doctor directly any abnormality is found during ante-natal examinations.

330 confinements were Institutional and 93 were attended by domiciliary midwives (i.e. 22% of the total).

THE HOSPITAL

Water Pollution and Sewerage Code, 1944-1952

Water Pollution

A sewerage and sewage disposal system for part of the parish of Littleton was approved in principle by the County Council.

Mr and Mrs Gannon

The Ministry of Health Circular, issued in July, 1957, asking local authorities to draw the attention of the general public to the Medical Research Council's Committee's report that the great increase in deaths from cancer of the lung is related to a corresponding increase in heavy cigarette smoking. The report was debated by the Health Committee who did not agree that local authorities could do anything to influence the position given to smoking through the medium of the national press and radio programmes.

Local cases related to lung cancer

Since the opening of the general practitioners' surgery at the new hospital there has been a considerable increase in hospital admissions and there has been no distinction in the admissions to St. Andrew's Hospital. It is said that most pregnant women have routine ante-natal examinations, blood tests at the respective out-patient clinics, in ante-natal clinics and regularly at the Cotnamore R.A.F. Station Sick Quarters by a general practitioner with admitted ability in attendance.

All the Council's dental surgery services are provided with comprehensive radiographic and x-ray facilities and the patient's dental surgery is found to be satisfactory.

350 consultants were institutional and 25 were attended by consultants (i.e. 1.2% of the total).

General Statistics

(1) Number of patients treated	1,000
(2) Number of patients referred	1,000
(3) Number of patients referred	1,000
(4) Number of patients referred	1,000
(5) Number of patients referred	1,000
(6) Number of patients referred	1,000
(7) Number of patients referred	1,000
(8) Number of patients referred	1,000
(9) Number of patients referred	1,000
(10) Number of patients referred	1,000