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COUNTY
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REPORT

of the

HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES

1970

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School Oculist

N.S. Batheja

School Orthoptist

Miss E. Bacon

To the Chairman and Members of the Health and Welfare Committee

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1970 covering the Health and Welfare Services for the County of Rutland.

This will be the last Annual Report of the combined Health and Welfare Department as with the implementation of the Social Services Act 1970 all Welfare functions and certain Health functions viz. mental health, day care of children and the Home Help Service will be transferred to the aegis of the Director of Social Services who will head the newly created Social Service department. The Health Department will continue to work in very close association with the new department.

The Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1970 provided for the transfer of the Junior Training Centre to the Education Committee, thus bringing the education of mentally handicapped children into the general educational system.

The midyear population of the County has now reached the 30,000 mark and the birth rate continues to be slightly above the national average for England and Wales.

It is pleasing to report that the illegitimate birth rate remains well below the national rate of 8.25%. As in previous years the moral welfare work in Rutland was undertaken by the Peterborough Diocesan Moral Welfare Council.

There was a marked decrease in the number of deaths during 1970 compared to the previous year. This decrease was mainly due to a reduction in the number of deaths from cardiovascular causes, but the number of deaths from cancer showed a slight increase.

In previous reports emphasis has been placed upon the importance of attachment of Health Visitors to the family doctors and the group practices in Rutland have had their attached Health Visitors for several years.

During 1970 an additional Health Visitor was appointed and subsequently attached to the Senior Medical Officer responsible for the families at R.A.F. Cottesmore and R.A.F. Luffenham. This is the first such attachment in the country and is functioning extremely well.

The scheme whereby Local Authority Domiciliary Midwives deliver patients in the Rutland Memorial Hospital was commenced in 1970 and is running satisfactorily.

An important addition to the routine schedule of immunisation and vaccination was the introduction of vaccination against Rubella (German Measles). This was offered to all girls aged 11 - 14 years and was carried out by the general practitioners and staff of the Health Department.

Although German Measles usually produces minimal constitutional upset, a definite association exists between attacks in women during early pregnancy and congenital defects in the newborn.

During 1970 11 children were notified as suffering from one or more congenital defects.

Each year all clubs, organisations and voluntary bodies within the County are offered lectures and/or films on a variety of health topics, but the response to the invitation remains disappointingly low.

There is no progress to report on the matter of fluoridation of water supplies. Although this Authority recommended fluoridation in 1966 it has not been possible to implement this while other authorities sharing the same water undertaking continue to oppose fluoridation.

In conclusion may I acknowledge the help and encouragement I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Health and Welfare Committee and to thank all members of my staff for their support during the year. I am particularly indebted to Dr. Palmer, the Deputy County Medical Officer, for the compilation of this report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

R.A. MATTHEWS

County Medical Officer of Health
and County Welfare Officer

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1970

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Administrative County (in acres)	97,273
Population (Registrar General's Estimate 1970)	30,070
Rateable Value (1st April 1970)	£961,129
Product of a Penny Rate (Estimated)	£3,857

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Rutland</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
<u>Live Births</u>		
Number	460	
Rate per 1,000 population crude 15.3 corrected	16.1	16.0
<u>Illegitimate Live Births</u> (per cent of total live births)	5.2	
<u>Stillbirths</u>		
Number	7	
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	15.0	13.0
<u>Total Live and Stillbirths</u>	467	
<u>Infant Deaths</u> (deaths under one year)	9	
<u>Infant Mortality Rates</u>		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	20.0	18.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	21.0	17.0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0.0	26.0
<u>Neo-natal Mortality Rate</u> (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	17.0	12.0
<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate</u> (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	13.0	11.0
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	28.0	23.0
<u>Deaths</u>		
All causes	239	
Death rate per 1,000 population		
Crude	7.9	11.7
Corrected	8.3	11.7

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1970

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant neoplasm - Oesophagus	2	2
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	4	2
Malignant neoplasm - intestine	2	4
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	17	-
Malignant neoplasm - breast	-	5
Malignant neoplasm - prostate	2	-
Leukaemia	2	2
Other malignant neoplasms	5	10
Diabetes mellitus	2	1
Other endocrine etc. diseases	-	1
Anaemias	2	3
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	4
Hypertensive disease	1	5
Ischaemic heart disease	13	21
Other forms of heart disease	14	13
Cerebrovascular disease	11	21
Other diseases of circulatory system	7	4
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	4	15
Bronchitis and emphysema	10	-
Cirrhosis of liver	1	-
Other diseases of digestive system	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	1	-
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	1	-
Congenital anomalies	2	1
Birth injury, difficult labour etc.	1	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents	4	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	1
All other external causes	-	2
	<u>114</u>	<u>124</u>

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Child welfare sessions, other than at general practitioner's premises were as follows:-

Cottesmore Aerodrome.	2nd and 4th Thursdays	2.30-3.30 p.m.
Edith Weston Aerodrome.	Alternate Mondays	1.45-3.30 p.m.
Ketton Methodist Church Hall.	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	2.00-3.30 p.m.
Langham Village Hall.	1st and 3rd Fridays	2.30-3.30 p.m.
Oakham - Vale of Catnose Village College	1st Tuesday	2.30p.m.
Ryhall Village Hall	1st and 3rd Thursdays	2.30-4.00 p.m.
Uppingham Church Rooms	2nd and 4th Fridays	2.30-4.00 p.m.
Whissendine Village Hall	3rd Wednesdays	3.00-4.00 p.m.

Number of children who attended during the year:-

Born in		
1970	1969	1965 - 68
597	620	212

Observation Register

There were 93 names on the register at the end of the year, these being children for whom special attention during development was considered necessary.

Congenital Abnormalities

All congenital abnormalities noted at birth continued to be classified and a return of cases was made monthly to the General Register Office. The object of the scheme is to compile statistical information, some of which will be published regularly in the Registrar General's returns, from which it should be possible to detect any national or regional changes in the pattern.

Care of Unmarried Mothers

This work is undertaken for the County Council by the Peterborough Diocesan Council whose Moral Welfare Worker investigates all applications for help and arranges for admission to a home for unmarried mothers, and the adoption of the baby where necessary. 7 cases were dealt with during the year.

DENTAL SERVICE FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND
NURSING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

NUMBER TREATED

	Expectant and Nursing Mothers	Children 0-4 (inclusive)
Number of persons examined during the year	100	136
Number of persons who commenced treatment during the year	67	102
Number of courses of treatment completed during the year	49	56

TREATMENT PROVIDED

	Expectant and Nursing Mothers	Children 0-4 (inclusive)
Scalings and gum treatment	18	9
Fillings	112	67
Extractions	11	46
General Anaesthetics	Nil	19

DENTURES PROVIDED

	Expectant and Nursing Mothers	Children 0-4 (inclusive)
Full upper or lower	2	—
Partial upper or lower	2	—

Treatment was given at the central clinic at the County Offices and in the Dental Caravan. There were 53 sessions devoted to maternity and child welfare patients during the year.

COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

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

CASES

	OAKHAM	KETTON	MARKET OVERTON	LANGHAM	UPPINGHAM(E)	UPPINGHAM(W)	TOTAL
Midwifery	8	11	13	4	12	14	62
General (new cases)	66	44	57	65	53	47	332

VISITS

	OAKHAM	KETTON	MARKET OVERTON	LANGHAM	UPPINGHAM(E)	UPPINGHAM(W)	TOTAL
General	1583	1240	914	1418	1616	1866	8637

NURSING SERVICE (Continued)

	2lbs. 3ozs. or less	Over 2lbs. 3ozs. up to and including 3lbs. 4ozs.	Over 3lbs. 4ozs. up to and including 4lbs. 6ozs.	Over 4lbs. 6ozs. up to and including 4lbs. 15ozs.	Over 4lbs. 15ozs. up to and including 5lbs. 8ozs.
Total Births	2	1	2	4	5
Died within 24 hours of birth	1	-	-	1	-
Died between 1 and 7 days	1	-	-	-	-
Died between 7 and 28 days	-	-	-	-	-
<u>BORN AND NURSED AT HOME</u> <u>OR IN A NURSING HOME</u>					
Total Births	-	-	-	-	-
Died within 24 hours of birth	-	-	-	-	-
Died between 1 and 7 days	-	-	-	-	-
Died between 7 and 28 days	-	-	-	-	-
<u>BORN AT HOME AND TRANSFERRED</u> <u>TO HOSPITAL ON OR BEFORE 28TH</u> <u>DAY</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>PREMATURE STILLBIRTHS</u> <u>IN HOSPITAL</u>	1	-	-	-	2

Domiciliary Midwifery

There were 64 confinements at home and 432 in hospitals, a ratio similar to that of the preceeding few years; there seems no reason to expect that the trend to hospital, at the expense of domiciliary delivery will be reversed.

NURSING SERVICE (Continued)

Hospital Deliveries by District Midwives

Following discussions with representatives of the Rutland Memorial Hospital and the local G.P.s. the scheme for domiciliary midwives to practice at the maternity unit was implemented and is working very successfully. The co-operation between Local Authority Nursing Staff and the hospital is excellent.

Staff Meetings

Regular staff meetings were held to discuss matters of interest and periodically medical films were shown.

A Health Visitor is now attached to each general practice in the County and a substantial part of her work is performed on behalf of the family doctors concerned. The Health Visitors still have departmental duties however, and these include attendance at child welfare clinics, health education sessions, the supervision of pre-school playgroups and the assessment of old people for whom geriatric hospital accommodation might be indicated.

HEALTH VISITING

Cases Visited by Health Visitor	Number of Cases
Children born in 1970	525
Children born in 1969	344
Children born from 1965-68	631
Total number of children lines 1-3	1500
Persons aged 65 or over	142
Number included in age 65 or over who were visited at the special request of a G.P. or hospital	46
Number of tuberculous households visited	12

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VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Smallpox Vaccination

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during the year 1970

Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2-4	5-15	Total
Number vaccinated	56	182	204	333	775
Number re-vaccinated	-	2	5	75	82

Diphtheria Immunisation

	Children born in years:-					
	1970	1969	1968	1967	1963-1966	Others Under Age 16
A. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation	67	225	24	3	10	5
B. Number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection	1	18	46	8	146	31
						Total
						334
						250

(Total) (including) injections received & secondarily B. Number of children who immunisation course of primary who completed a full A. Number of children	Children born in America:-						who to be examined	Total
	1	18	48	3	170			
	61	332	51	3	170		2	337
	1220	1268	1268	1063	1263-1268			

Children's Immunization

Number re-vaccinated	-	5	2	22	85
Number vaccinated	21	125	804	333	1522
Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2-4	5-12	Total

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during the year 1930

Children Vaccinated

Tetanus Immunisation

Children born in years:-							
A. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation	1,70	1969	1968	1967	1963-1966	Others Under Age 16	Total
	67	226	27	4	17	37	378
B. Number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection	1	18	47	11	152	140	369

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Number of children who have completed a primary course (normally 3 injections of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) during the year ended 31st December 1970						
1970	1969	1968	1967	1963-66	Others Under Age 16	Total
67	224	24	3	6	4	328

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

Year ended 31st December 1970.

Age Group	PRIMARY IMMUNISATION	REINFORCING DOSES
Children born in 1970	45	-
Children born in 1969	129	34
Children born in 1968	29	40
Children born in 1967	7	6
Children born in years 1963-66	7	139
Others under age 16	3	47
Total	220	266

TUBERCULOSIS

The Superintendent Nursing Officer visited homes of notified cases of tuberculosis, arranged for examination of contacts by the Chest Physician and reported on home conditions. She also attended the chest clinics at Melton Mowbray and Stamford Hospitals for case consultations with the Chest Physicians on matters affecting the patients' families.

<u>B.C.G. Vaccination</u>	<u>Contact Scheme</u>	<u>School Children Scheme</u>
Number skin tested	25	595
Number found positive	5	47
Number found negative	20	478
Number vaccinated	21	478

The skin testing of contacts is normally carried out by the Superintendent Nursing Officer; where the test shows the need for B.C.G. vaccination this is performed at a Chest Clinic.

AMBULANCE SERVICE 1970

Training

One ambulanceman attended a six weeks Interim Course at the Leicestershire Ambulance Training School and was assessed as competent on completion of the Course. All the staff have now reached the competent standard and hold certificates issued by the Ambulance Services Advisory Committee. Local training was held on a limited basis.

Ambulance Liaison Committee

The Ambulance Liaison Committee established at the Peterborough District Hospital and attended by senior staff of the hospital and local authorities held quarterly meetings to discuss all aspects of the Ambulance Service and the Hospital. Procedures for out-patients attendance, emergencies and other problems common to the participating Authorities were considered.

Major Accidents

The procedure for dealing with major accidents on the eastern side of the County was reviewed and revised following a large scale exercise organised by the ambulance services in the Peterborough Area and the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Staff Meetings

Regular meetings of the ambulance staff were held at the Station to deal with local matters generally and the affects of N.J.C. circulars etc.

County Ambulance Station

The additional vehicle bay with improved servicing and repair facilities was completed during the year.

Radio Communications

The replacement of the radiocommunications equipment was postponed, pending decisions on wavebands and modulation by the Department of Health & Social Security and Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Directly Controlled Service						Agency Service			
Year	Ambulances	Cars		Total		St. Johns Ambulance Brigade & Kosteven C.C.			
	Mileage	Patients	Mileage	Patients	Mileage	Ambulances		Sitting Case Vehicles	
						Mileage	Patients	Mileage	Patients
1956	68,313	5,423	43,072	3,127	111,385	2,970	248	6,791	495
1957	73,533	6,176	42,707	2,793	116,240	6,944	562	3,894	361
1958	72,630	5,941	30,982	2,256	103,612	10,141	987	7,843	614
1959	63,173	6,027	44,197	3,621	107,370	10,287	973	7,325	505
1960	73,673	7,362	41,290	3,373	114,963	8,358	817	5,131	407
1961	82,058	8,257	47,893	4,006	129,951	8,422	996	4,809	519
1962	91,121	9,334	40,196	3,771	131,317	8,664	960	5,175	659
1963	102,402	9,855	33,727	2,860	136,129	7,695	1,033	4,984	438
1964	101,701	10,094	36,519	3,451	138,220	8,332	1,112	9,452	765
1965	108,167	11,201	37,299	2,871	145,466	7,086	949	8,521	908
1966	129,411	11,631	51,103	3,769	180,514	5,203	563	8,823	997
1967	132,716	16,508	42,349	2,198	175,065	4,758	572	9,961	987
1968	153,953	17,685	51,697	4,816	205,650	5,527	851	8,743	1,143
1969	155,441	17,565	43,182	6,147	198,623	7,851	1,053	6,949	914
1970	165,402	19,955	29,097	2,279	194,499	12,626	1,477	3,561	432

HEALTH EDUCATION

Although no Health Education Officer is employed every effort is made, through the exhibition of posters and direct contact between the Health Department staff and the general public, to promote health education.

Material for display is distributed to child welfare centres, schools, the School Dental Service, the School Meals Service, Post Offices, Libraries and other public buildings.

Each year all clubs and voluntary bodies within the County are offered lectures/demonstrations, films etc. in a wide variety of health topics.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

Once again it proved impossible to recruit an additional registered chiropodist and the directly provided service had to be confined to the three clinics served, on a part-time basis, by Miss Farndell. There was, however, an extension of the service provided by voluntary organisations (clubs for the elderly) to which the County Council gave financial support.

	<u>Direct Service</u>	<u>Voluntary Organisations</u>
Persons treated	98	161
Number of treatments	384	786

MEDICAL LOANS SCHEME

Items of equipment to facilitate home nursing continued to be issued in steadily increasing numbers.

Incontinence Pads

These pads are available free of charge through the joint Medical Loans Scheme, and direct from district nurse/midwives.

MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1959

Junior Training Centre - Report of Headmaster

Class Work

Instruction and training in those areas of development appropriate and essential to the needs of the pupils attending the school has been carried out, namely, socialisation, physical movement and some formal education such as word and letter recognition linked to reading, writing and speech development.

Handicraft and art work linked with the other curriculum work and orientated to colour, shape and space awareness continues to occupy a major place in the work done by the pupils. Some of the work done by each pupil has been entered in regional and national competitions.

Special Services

The pupils have throughout the year continued to benefit from the services of the speech therapist, peripatetic teacher of the deaf, physiotherapist, the school dental services, school nurse, child care officer, mental welfare officer and the Principal School Medical Officer. Mention must also be made of the ambulance service, who continue to provide transport for the pupils, often under very trying conditions.

One pupil, a girl, has been discharged from speech therapy because her response to therapy has been such that she no longer requires to attend.

Staff

One member of the staff, Mrs. K. Witts, who teaches the junior group, is leaving having obtained a post in a larger training centre in Leicestershire.

Attendances

The number of pupils attending the school has fluctuated between 23 at the highest point and 19 at the lowest point. Most of the pupils attend regularly, but there are some who because of regular ill health are unable to attend as often as they might.

Meals

A diet similar to that used by the school meals service within the County is in use and the cook, Mrs. R. Healy, maintains a high standard of quality and variety.

General

During the year the school has benefited from gifts of money and articles given by people within the County who take a great interest in the school and pupils. We are extremely grateful to them and letters of appreciation have been sent to each individual or organisation concerned.

I feel I must mention the help and co-operation between local secondary and grammar schools and this school, because I feel these links are of special significance. Pupils from these schools offer practical assistance in various ways from classroom work to arranging social excursions. The school is indebted to them and to their school heads.

Adult Training Centre

The manager of the centre, Mr. J. Green, successfully completed the one year course of training for the N.A.M.H. Diploma for Instructors of Adults and returned to full time duty in July 1970.

The integration of the physically handicapped, mentally ill and mentally subnormal attending the centre has proved to be successful.

Local firms continued to support the centre by the provision of suitable outwork for the trainees.

The mental welfare officer's work during the year included:-

Visits to subnormals	113
Visits requiring possible admission	84
After-care visits	393
Pre-care visits	286
Miscellaneous - visits to clinics, hospitals, training centres, conferences	282

MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1959

Number of patients referred during year ended 31st December 1970.

Referred by	Mentally ill		Mentally handicapped		Severely mentally handicapped			Total	
	Under Age 16	16 and over	Under Age 16	16 and over	Under Age 16	16 and over			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M		F
(a) General Practitioners	-	1	31	53	-	-	-	-	85
(b) Hospitals, on discharge from in-patient treatment	-	-	7	17	1	-	-	-	25
(c) Hospitals, after or during out-patient or day treatment	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	5
(d) Local Education Authorities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(e) Police and Courts	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	4
(f) Other Sources	-	-	17	26	-	1	-	-	44

Number of Patients
under care at 31.12.70.

	Mentally Ill		Mentally Handicapped		Severely Mentally Handicapped	
	Under age 16	16 and over	Under age 16	16 and over	Under age 16	16 and over
	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F
1 a) <u>Receiving training or occupation in day centre</u> <u>Awaiting training or occupation in day centre</u>	- -	4 3	7 3	4 6	2 2	- -
b) <u>Receiving training or occupation in residential centre</u> <u>Awaiting training or occupation in residential centre</u>	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
c) <u>Receiving home training</u> <u>Awaiting home training</u>	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
d) <u>Resident in Home/Hostel</u> <u>Awaiting residence in Home/Hostel</u>	- -	2 2	- -	1 -	- -	- -
e) <u>Resident at L.A. expense in private residential home</u>	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -
f) <u>Receiving home visits and not included above</u>	- -	34 70	- -	- -	- 2	1 1
2 Number of Patients in L.H.A. area on waiting list for admission to hospital at 31.12.70	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
a) In urgent need of hospital care	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
b) Not in urgent need of hospital care	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -

HOME HELP SERVICE

Section 29 N.H.S. Act

During the year the total number of households which received "Help" was 170. This figure includes 64 new cases.

Classification of Cases

Aged 65 years and over	135
Chronic Sick and T.B.	4
Psychiatric	2
Maternity	14
Others	15

The number of cases finished during the same period was 73, for the following reasons:-

Moved away	3
Managing	19
Found private help	12
Hospitalised	9
Part lll	14
Relatives helping	6
Deceased	10

The number of Home Helps and Good Neighbours employed as at 31st December 1970 was:-

Part-time Home Helps	32
Good Neighbours	4

Assessment Scale

In November the financial assessment scale was again amended to conform with the changes in the Ministry of Social Security's revised scale of allowances. In consequence all chargeable cases were visited and financially re-assessed. This resulted in some charges being reduced but the majority remained the same.

Laundry Service

The laundering facilities at the Ambulance Station were again put to good use by the Home Helps during the year.

Co-operation with Home Nursing Service, Doctors and Hospitals

The Home Helps continued to assist the Home Nurses when called upon to do so, i.e. by bed bathing and lifting heavy and/or handicapped patients.

The practice whereby Home Helps notify the Home Help Organiser of any deterioration in their clients is of immense value in the preventive aspect of our work, enabling the Organiser to call upon other services as necessary, keeping the family doctor informed and in most cases preventing a complete breakdown and probable hospitalisation of a patient.

WELFARE FOODS SERVICE

Welfare foods as issued by the Ministry of Health continued to be distributed at 21 centres throughout the County. This service is administered by the W.R.V.S.

Issues during the year were as follows:-

National Dried Milk Full and Half Cream	2,987
Cod Liver Oil	273
Vitamin Tablets	437
Orange Juice	5,578

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

The following is a table giving particulars of the samples taken under the above Act:-

<u>Articles</u>	<u>Samples Taken</u>
Milk	6
Batter Mix	1
Dessert	2
Margarine	1
Orange Juice	1
Soup	1
Tea Cake Mix	1
Tomato Juice	1
Trifle	1
Bronchial Mixture	1
Almond Marzipan	2
Cake Covering	1
Milk, Low Fat Skimmed	1
Paste	1
Peanut butter	1
Potato, Mashed	1
Rice Milk Pudding	1
Sausages, Pork	5
White Sauce Mix	1
Cheese	1
Cream	1
Cornflour	1
Fish Cake	1
Gelatine	1
Haslet	1
Mince	1
Sausage Meat, Beef	1
Yeast	1
Bread	1
Butter	1
Cake	1
Fish	1
Potted Pork	1
Sausage Roll	1
Sweets	1
Butter	1

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194 Public Health Act 1936)

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for		
		Maternity	Others	Total
Homes first registered during the year	-	-	-	-
Homes on register at the end of the year	2	-	32	32

HANDICAPPED PERSONS

The following persons were on the register at the end of the year:-

		Children under 16	Persons aged 16-64	Persons aged 65 and over
<u>Deaf with Speech</u>	Males	-	2	-
	Females	-	-	1
<u>Deaf without Speech</u>	Males	-	2	1
	Females	-	4	1
<u>Hard of Hearing</u>	Males	10	4	2
	Females	7	6	2
<u>Handicapped Persons</u> (General Classes)		58	56	38
Total		75	74	45

Aid to the Disabled

Applications for aids and equipment for the disabled were dealt with by the Medical Loans Scheme.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Welfare of Disabled Persons (Section 29 and 30)

The Royal Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Institution for the Blind continued to maintain the registers of blind and partially sighted persons in the County and also to provide welfare services for them as agent for the Rutland County Council.

Blind Register

Number of persons on register at 31.12.70 - 46

Partially Sighted Register

Number of persons on register at 31.12.70 - 17

Structural Alterations in Homes of Disabled

The Council co-operated with the Housing Authorities in dealing with requests for structural alterations in the homes of the disabled.

Welfare of the Deaf

The Northants and Rutland Mission to the Deaf are the Council's Agency for the welfare of deaf or partially deaf persons. The Rev. Kenneth Earle pays home visits, arranges lip-reading classes and club activities.

VISITS BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER

<u>Total number of visits</u>	1084
Elderly people	640
Disabled people	148
Families	36
Miscellaneous visits	215
Clubs	45

Referrals to -

Ministry of Health and Social Security	7
Royal National Institute for the Blind	10
Home Help Organiser	7
W.R.V.S. Meals on Wheels	15
W.R.V.S. Clothing	37
Medical Loans	31
Chiropody	9

Disabled Persons Register

The number of disabled persons over 16 years of age registered with the Department has increased over the year by 18 to 94.

