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# WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.



*With the Compliments of the  
County Medical Officer of Health  
and School Medical Officer.*

HALL, WARWICK.

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.



to the Comptroller of the  
County Medical Officer of Health  
and School Medical Officer.

LAL, WARWICK.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

1. This report is on the health of the school child in Warwickshire during 1953. Since my last report there has been considerable improvement in the provision of dental services although the staff is still far below the number required. The problem of the educationally sub-normal child remains as great as ever, increased provision has been made by the opening of a Day School in Warwick, but the full extent of the problem of the educationally sub-normal child is still not fully known. There has been a reduction in the amount of louse infestation in the schools.

New school clinics have been opened at Atherstone, Kenilworth and Solihull.

**2. School Population.** (Tables 1 and 2).

Table 1 shows that there was again an increase in the number of children on the school rolls for the school year 1952/53. In the five years since 1947 the school population has increased from 56,770 to 70,141, an increase of 24%.

**3. School Medical Examinations** (Table 3).

There was a small decrease in the number of school children seen during the year both for periodic medical examination, and for special and re-examinations. The total number of periodic medical examinations was 22,540 compared with 23,727 in 1952. The total number of special and re-examinations was 14,886 compared with 16,004 in 1952.

The numbers and types of defects found at periodic and special examinations are shown in Table 3. In addition to children with defects requiring immediate treatment, large numbers of children are found to have defects which need to be kept under observation. These children are seen again at the next medical examination in the school and many of the defects are then found to require treatment.

Rather fewer defects were found in each category in 1953 compared with 1952.

**4. Defects of Vision** (Table 4).

As in previous years vision tests were given to school children at the age of eight years and the usual proportion of just under 5% of them were found to have defects which required correction, and a greater proportion were placed under observation.

The total number of cases on the registers of the County Council eye clinics was 7,490 which represents, as in previous years, just over 10% of all school children. In addition an unknown number of children are referred to Regional Hospital Board Clinics by general practitioners. During the year 1,584 new cases and 4,527 children for re-examination were seen at our clinics, a slight reduction from the previous year. About 67% of the new cases and 46% of the re-examined children were prescribed spectacles.

Details for each clinic are given in Table 4.

**5. Orthoptics** (Table 4).

Rather fewer new cases were referred for orthoptic treatment from our clinics in 1953 than in 1952, 203 compared with 328. In the Central Area of the County, the orthoptist is provided and paid by the County Council, and in the Southern area the County Council pay for the services of a Regional Hospital Board orthoptist. Elsewhere the treatment is provided and financed wholly by the Regional Hospital Board, and it is not possible to state with any accuracy the numbers of school children treated during the year.

**6. Ear, Nose and Throat Treatment** (Table 5).

The total number of operations for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis remained, as expected, at practically the same figure as in 1952, 2,129 against 2,207. Of these about one third were referred for the operation through the School Health Service and about two thirds were referred by general practitioners. This proportion referred through the School Health Service varied very widely from area to area from about 10% in one area to 90% in another. As mentioned in my previous report, however, many mothers take their children to general practitioners as a result of advice given at school medical examinations, and so many of the general practitioners cases originated through our service.

#### 7. **Speech Therapy** (Table 6).

One of the speech therapists resigned during the year so that our complete establishment of three speech therapists was only maintained for a period of ten months. One of the two remaining staff is resigning early in 1954.

During 1953 more children were treated than in any previous year, the total being 553 against 499 in 1952, the previous highest level. Of these 235 were new cases and the remainder were cases continuing treatment from previous years. A total of 114 children were discharged from ordinary clinics on completion of treatment, and of these all but 9 were considered to be cured or much improved.

As in 1952 a total of about 200 sessions was devoted to children in special schools and these were again of great value.

#### 8. **Child Guidance** (Table 8).

The Regional Hospital Board changed the catchment areas for certain mental hospitals, and this meant that children living in Solihull and Sutton Coldfield would be seen by specialists from the Selly Oak and Lichfield Hospital Groups respectively. However, by agreement, the Regional Hospital Board have permitted the officers attached to the Central Hospital, Hatton, to cover all Warwickshire children, and a special clinic for school children is in consequence being set up in the County Council's new clinic building at Drury Lane. Attempts are being made to make a similar arrangement at one of the clinics in Sutton Coldfield.

One hundred and fifty nine new cases were seen at the clinics during 1953, a slight reduction from the 1952 total of 170. The reasons for referral remained much the same as in 1952, they are shown in Table 8. All types of case are seen at these clinics from very slight disturbances to quite major ones. The officers of this department have regular meetings with the officers of the Central Hospital to discuss specific cases.

#### 9. **Minor Ailments Clinics.** (Tables 23 and 24).

The work of these clinics remains very constant over the years. Just under 5,000 children attended for treatment at the clinics during the year and they made between two and three visits each on average. An analysis of the reasons for attendance is given in Table 24.

#### 10. **Convalescence at Westhill** (Table 7).

The Westhill Children's Recuperative Home has again made a valuable contribution to the provision for delicate children in the County, but it does appear from the year's experience that the need for such accommodation has decreased. It is possible that this is due to more beds in hospitals for children becoming available, with the result that the children stay longer in hospital and require less convalescence. Parents during the winter months are less inclined to allow their children to go on short stay convalescence, but the home is popular during the summer months.

#### 11. **Report of the Senior Dental Officer** (Tables 9, 10 and 11).

For the first time since the implementation of the National Health Service Act there has been an increase in the staff of both full-time and part-time dental officers. On P. 17 tables showing the staffing position at the time of the last annual report (31-3-53) and at 31-1-54, are given so that the improvements can be studied in detail. In April, my appointment as Senior Dental Officer meant that the full-time staff was reduced by one, but in the Autumn two new full-time appointments were made, and there was also a steady increase during the year in the number of sessions worked by part-time officers. The full effect of these improvements will not be apparent until 1954.

It will be seen from Table 10 that during 1953, 2,982 sessions were worked compared with 2,536 in 1952, 2,769 in 1951 and 4,927 in 1948. Table 11 shows that some progress is being made in restoring a proper balance of treatment, which was upset in the years of very low staffing level. In 1953 extractions of permanent teeth numbered 2,175 compared with 1,883 in 1952, an increase of 15%, but fillings in permanent teeth increased to 8,401 from 6,685 in 1952, an increase of 26%. A total of 8,412 children received a routine inspection at school in 1953 compared with 5,375 in 1952. It must be remembered however, that the school population has been increasing steadily and the figure of 8,412 represents only 12% of all school children.

There has been a slight decrease in the number of special cases, that is those seeking treatment for the relief of pain or other condition noticed by parents or teachers, and a small but encouraging increase in the number of children treated as a result of routine inspection of all those on the rolls of the schools visited. At these inspections the parents can be informed of defects and the facilities offered for treatment. At the present level of staffing these visits are necessarily very widely spaced but it must be our constant endeavour to build up this service to the point where at least an annual inspection for senior children and a six-monthly inspection for infants and junior children, together with the necessary treatment, is possible. Only in this way can the service fulfil its proper role as a Health Service and not be merely an emergency service for the treatment of dental disease, much of which might have been prevented. In our endeavour to encourage a preventive outlook an Oral Hygienist was appointed in the latter part of the year. Working under the supervision of the dental officers she gives treatment and instruction in oral hygiene, providing a supplement to the operative work undertaken by the dental officers.

New clinic buildings have been brought into use at Bedworth, Solihull, Atherstone and Kenilworth, and work is being pressed forward on a number of new clinics both static and mobile. Three mobile clinics have been used almost to capacity during the year, and a welcome increase in the rate of acceptance of treatment offered has been noticed. In some schools the rate has been almost 100%. This is undoubtedly due to the confidence established between the children, parents, and teachers and the dental staff, when closer personal contact is possible and the clinic becomes part of the accepted school routine. Much less disturbance of school routine and loss of time is caused by having the treatment available on or very near to the school premises.

While the services of the part-time officers are most valuable in carrying on with the work, it is easier to establish a feeling of confidence and continuity in the service if full-time officers can be employed and each made responsible for an area or group of schools. An undue proportion of the time of the Senior Dental Officer has to be spent in administration and supervision of a large number of part-time officers each attending for only short periods each week, and many of whom have not had experience of this type of work.

My thanks are again due to the many private dental practitioners and the hospital service who have given assistance to the School Service in dealing with emergency treatments and cases requiring prolonged or specialist treatment.

## **12. National Survey of the Health and Development of Children (Tables 14A and B.)**

This survey was described in my Annual Report for 1952, it covers all children born in England and Wales during the week 3rd-9th March, 1946, of which there are 76 in Warwickshire. This year an analysis of school absence has been made from the survey forms completed during the year by school teachers and health visitors. At the beginning of each school term the mothers of the survey children were visited and asked to give the reasons for all school absence recorded during the previous term, and of any illness which occurred during the holidays. Only the school absence figures are analysed here. In the Spring Term about half these seven year old children were away from school for illness for a total of more than five days and about a quarter were away for a total of more than ten days. In the Summer Term only one in six children were away for more than five days and one in twenty for more than ten days. The detailed figures are given in Table 14A.

The causes of all absence, whether for sickness or other reasons are given in Table 14B. In the Spring Term 768 days of school absence were recorded for 76 children. Of this total 702 days were lost through illness and 66 for other reasons. The main causes of absence were coughs, colds, bronchitis and influenza which accounted for 298 days, followed by infectious diseases, mainly whooping cough and measles, which accounted for 202 days. In the Summer Term only 348 days of school absence were recorded. Of this total 211 days were lost through illness and 137 for other reasons, 88 days being lost through parents holidays. Practically all causes of illness were less than in the Spring Term, only 43 days were lost for coughs and colds and 37 for infectious diseases.



### 13. Tuberculosis.

#### (a) Pulmonary (Table 12).

There were 43 new notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis among children aged 5-14 during the year, 18 boys and 25 girls, compared with 48 in 1952 and 44 in 1951. The distribution of cases by age and County area is shown in Table 12; as in 1952 the number of notifications per 1,000 children was higher in the North Eastern than in any other area.

Of the 43 children notified during the year 36 had a primary complex or were in an early non-infectious, stage of adult disease, five were in an intermediate stage of the disease, one of these was infectious, and two were in an advanced stage of the disease.

Three of the children diagnosed in an early stage were discovered when they were examined as contacts of adult cases of tuberculosis. All contacts of newly diagnosed cases of tuberculosis are examined at the Chest Clinics and are followed up at regular intervals. Mantoux negative child contacts are offered BCG vaccination and during 1953, this was given to 329 school and pre-school children.

#### (b) Non-pulmonary (Table 13).

There were 23 new notifications of non-pulmonary tuberculosis among children aged 5-14 during the year, 9 boys and 14 girls, compared with 44 in 1952 and 30 in 1951. The reduction from the 1952 figure is due to a reduction in the number of cases of cervical adenitis from 29 to 8. There was no reduction in the number of more serious cases of tuberculous infection of other sites. Many of these children come on the handicapped pupils register later.

The distribution of cases by age and County areas is shown in Table 13. The milk supply of all cases is investigated.

### 14. Poliomyelitis.

There were 49 cases of poliomyelitis among school children during 1953, 21 paralytic and 28 non-paralytic. This compares with 11 cases, 9 paralytic, in 1952, 28 cases, 8 paralytic, in 1951, and 85 cases, 36 paralytic, 1950. In addition in 1953 there were 24 cases, 14 paralytic, among pre-school children. One school child and one pre-school child died.

The present condition of the 20 surviving paralytic cases is as follows :—

No residual paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Slight residual paralysis, requiring physiotherapy after care, but no appliances	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Residual paralysis severe enough to require appliances	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

It will therefore be seen that only 2 of the 20 children affected in 1953 are likely to require special educational facilities. Of the 9 paralytic cases among school children in 1952, two are now on the handicapped pupils register. Both are attending ordinary schools with special transport arrangements. The other 7 cases either recovered completely or had only slight residual paralysis.

### 15. Louse Infestation (Tables 19 and 20).

There was a distinct improvement in the standard of head cleanliness during the year. All schools are inspected once a term by the school nurses and this year they found among the boys only 6 schools where there were more than 5% of pupils infested, compared with 11 last year, and among the girls 38 schools where there were more than 5% of the pupils infested, compared with 58 last year. There were correspondingly more schools with no infested heads found at any of the three inspections. This record was achieved by 231 out of the 348 boys sections of schools inspected and 131 out of the 346 girls sections of schools inspected. The school nurses have continued to follow up each infested child until clear, and this involves much tactful and persistent work.



There are twelve partially deaf children in special schools. Of the remaining 22, three have been accepted by schools and are awaiting admission, three are recently ascertained and are on the general waiting list. Two have other defects in addition to deafness, one of these is receiving, and the other has been recommended, home tuition. Three have been recommended for special schools, but their parents have so far refused their consent. Eleven of the children are being tried under supervision in ordinary schools.

#### 20. *Educationally Sub-normal.*

One hundred and forty three educationally sub-normal children were ascertained during the year, the highest number ascertained in any year since 1949. There are now 579 educationally sub-normal children on the register compared with only 512 in all the other categories put together.

There are 165 children in special schools, 105 in Warwickshire and 60 outside the County. In addition there are 220 children who have been recommended for admittance to special schools but for whom places have not yet been found. Forty of these children have now been admitted to the Warwick Borough Day School for educationally sub-normal children which was opened in January 1954. This school will ease the position in the Central area of the County considerably, although it is likely that more children will be ascertained in the area in the future, since teachers are more ready to refer children when they know that special provision is available. Plans for the provision of further day schools are in hand.

One hundred and twelve children have been recommended for special classes in ordinary schools, and in a number of schools such classes are well organised. In many others special teaching is given informally.

The diagram on P. 24 shows that there has been no general reduction in the age at ascertainment during 1953. It is even more important now that some day special school places are available, and more are envisaged, for teachers to refer children for testing early, so that they can enter the day special schools at the proper age.

#### 21. *Epileptic.*

Three children with a sufficient degree of epilepsy to interfere with their normal education were found during the year, making a total of 17 such children on the register. Eleven of these children are in special schools, two newly ascertained children are awaiting admission to schools and one child has been recommended for a special school but her parents have so far refused consent. There remain two children who are under review in ordinary schools and one newly ascertained child who is too young for school.

#### 22. *Maladjusted.*

Of the maladjusted children who were examined during the year twenty were ascertained as requiring special educational treatment, making a total of 76 maladjusted children on the register of which 57 are boys. There are 36 maladjusted children in special schools and 7 in special residential institutions. In addition there are twelve children awaiting admission to special schools, nine of these children being newly ascertained, and three children who have been recommended for special schools but whose parents have so far refused permission. There remain 18 children who are in ordinary schools. Most of these children have been discharged from special schools and are being kept on the register so that their progress may be watched.

#### 23. *Physically Handicapped.*

Fifty-two physically handicapped children were ascertained during the year making a total of 209 physically handicapped children on the register. There are 71 children in special schools, 51 in Warwickshire and 20 outside the County, and six children in hospital special schools. An additional 18 children are being provided with tuition in their own homes. Eighty-four children are able to attend ordinary schools, some with the help of special transport. There remain eleven children who are awaiting admission to special schools, seven of these being newly ascertained. Ten children have been recommended for special schools but their parents have refused permission, and nine children are under review in hospital or at home.

24. *Delicate.*

Ten delicate children were ascertained during the year, making a total of 69 delicate children on the register.

Relatively few of these children require a long stay in a special school and most of them are satisfactorily dealt with by a stay of three months to one year in Westhill. After they have returned to ordinary schools they are kept on the register for a considerable period so that their physical and educational progress may be watched.

25. **Ineducable children** (Table 16).

A total of 49 children were referred to the Mental Health Officer during the year as ineducable mental defectives. This was six more than in 1952, and brings the total number of such children reported in the County to 275.

A further two children were referred for gross behaviour defects which made it inexpedient for them to be educated with other children. There are now six such children reported in the County, and the difficulties of placing them in suitable institutions remain as great as ever.

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Warwick.

## STAFF OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

(on 31/12/53, except where otherwise stated).

<b>County School Medical Officer</b> ... Dr. S. W. SAVAGE. <b>Deputy School Medical Officer</b> ... Dr. G. H. TAYLOR.			
	<i>Area.</i>	<i>Medical Officer.</i>	<i>School Medical Officers.</i>
1	Sutton Coldfield	Dr. J. R. PRESTON.	Dr. DORIS I. BUCKBY.
2	North Eastern.	Dr. J. H. BRISCOE-SMITH.	Dr. GWENDOLEN K. G. COOTE. Dr. G. HIRD. Dr. MARGARET STEANE. Dr. L. S. STEPHENS.
3	Eastern.	Dr. D. J. JONES.	Dr. ANNE DEY SURTEES. Dr. AGNES YOUNG.
4	North Western.	Dr. G. W. KNIGHT.	Dr. ELIZABETH A. BAGNALL. Dr. C. T. JONES.
5	Solihull.	Dr. I. M. McLACHLAN.	Dr. J. HENDERSON. Dr. ELIZABETH THOMPSON.
6	Central.	Dr. F. D. M. LIVINGSTONE	Dr. MYRTLE V. RICHARDS Dr. KATHERINE SCOTT. Dr. D. SUTCLIFFE WILLIAMS.
7	Southern.	Dr. J. B. BRAMWELL.	Dr. ELIZABETH THOMAS. Dr. W. M. WALKER.

The following Officers also served during 1953:—

*Area Medical Officer* ... .. Dr. G. R. KERSHAW (resigned 30/9/53).

*School Medical Officers:*

(North-Eastern Area) ... .. Dr. W. E. RIGBY (resigned 28/2/53).

(Eastern Area) ... .. Dr. C. E. FERGUSON (resigned 30/4/53).

(North-Western Area) ... .. Dr. W. D. H. MCFARLAND (resigned  
30/6/53).

Dr. M. THOMSON (resigned 31/10/53).

**Senior Dental Officer.**

Mr. H. J. BASTOW.

**School Dental Officers.**

North Eastern (Area 2) ... .. Miss S. CRUTE.  
Mrs. L. J. KNOX.

Eastern (Area 3) ... .. Mr. P. VIGANTS.

North Western (Area 4) ... .. Mr. W. DOUGLAS.

**Nursing Staff.***Superintendent Nursing Officer.*

Miss B. SHENTON.

There are 7 Area Nursing Officers. School nursing is carried out by 1 whole-time and 1 part-time school nurse, 64 health visitors and 14 district nurse/midwife/health visitors who combine school nursing with other duties.

**Speech Therapists.**

Miss D. E. HALL.

Miss E. M. WHITE.

**Physiotherapists.**

Mrs. E. G. MASON.

Miss F. E. PARSONS.

**Statistical Officer.**

Miss M. E. BROWN.

**TABLE 1. AVERAGE NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ON ROLL.  
SCHOOL YEARS 1946-47 to 1952-53.**

<i>School Year.</i>	<i>Nursery.</i>	<i>Primary and Secondary.</i>	<i>Special.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
1946-47 ...	263	53,420	17	53,700
1947-48 ...	340	56,410	20	56,770
1948-49 ...	363	59,071	38	59,472
1949-50 ...	369	60,902	94	61,365
1950-51 ...	360	63,051	214	63,625
1951-52 ...	360	65,751	479	66,590
1952-53 ...	364	69,233	544	70,141

**TABLE 2. NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ON ROLL. SCHOOL YEAR 1952-53.**

<i>AREA.</i>	<i>Nursery Schools.</i>		<i>Primary.</i>		<i>Secondary Modern.</i>		<i>Secondary Grammar.</i>		<i>Total Schools</i>	<i>Total Children</i>
	<i>Schools</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Schools</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Schools</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Schools</i>	<i>Children</i>		
1. Sutton Coldfield.	—	—	15	3973	4	1185	2	1053	21	6211
2. North Eastern.	5	219	56	13617	8	3494	3	1060	72	18390
3. Eastern.	—	—	43	6929	8	1571	2	933	53	9433
4. North Western.	—	—	39	5871	4	1128	1	86	44	7085
5. Solihull.	—	—	27	6540	4	2090	1	554	32	9184
6. Central.	3	145	71	9875	4	1290	2	643	80	11953
7. Southern.	—	—	64	5683	3	1121	2	537	69	7341
TOTALS ...	8	364	315	52488	35	11879	13	4866	371	69597

TABLE 3. TYPE OF DEFECT FOUND AT SCHOOL  
MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Defect.	Periodic Medical Examinations. Number 22,540		Special Medical Examinations. Number 3,815.	
	Defects requiring treatment.	Defects requiring observation.	Defects requiring treatment.	Defects requiring observation.
Eyes ... ..	661	2,127	163	431
Ears ... ..	24	355	11	86
Nose and Throat ... ..	371	2,008	92	344
Orthopaedic ... ..	166	1,427	59	342
Speech ... ..	36	174	13	42
Skin ... ..	29	279	6	65
Lungs ... ..	39	719	13	174
Heart and Circulation ... ..	13	229	1	52
Psychological ... ..	10	286	6	87
Other ... ..	32	473	13	117
TOTALS ... ..	1,381	8,077	377	1,740

OPHTHALMIC SERVICES.

OPHTHALMIC PART-TIME STAFF.

AREA.	OPHTHALMIC STAFF.	NO. OF SESSIONS DURING 1953.	NO. OF SESSIONS DURING 1952.
1. Sutton Coldfield ...	Dr. J. HENDERSON (Assistant School Medical Officer). Mr. A. N. CAMERON.	32 21	59 —
2. North-Eastern ... ..	Dr. C. E. CLARKE.	125	108
3. Eastern ... ..	Mr. T. J. P. KERWICK. Dr. H. RILEY.	100 24	101 30
4. North-Western ...	Dr. R. FRANCIS JONES.	169	146
5. Solihull ... ..	Dr. J. HENDERSON (Assistant School Medical Officer). Dr. S. R. LEIGHTON. Dr. H. RILEY.	10 28 69	83 52 —
6. Central ... ..	Mr. E. L. HOWELL-JONES. Mr. M. W. SMITH.	16 97	20 115
7. Southern ... ..	Mr. E. L. HOWELL-JONES. Mr. M. W. SMITH.	16 45	18 43
TOTAL ...		752	775

TABLE 4.

## ATTENDANCE AT EYE CLINICS.

AREA.	CLINIC.	No. of children who attended in 1953.		No. of children prescribed spectacles in 1953.		No. of children referred for orthoptic treatment.*	Total cases on register at 31st Dec., 1953.
		New cases.	Re-examinations.	New cases.	Re-examinations.		
SUTTON COLDFIELD	Sutton Coldfield	127	231	94	125	3	479
NORTH EASTERN	Atherstone ...	41	60	22	29	6	221
	Bedworth ...	147	148	68	79	16	660
	Nuneaton ...	309	461	177	244	46	1,152
	Polesworth ...	31	71	20	32	2	92
	TOTAL ...	528	740	287	384	70	2,125
EASTERN	Rugby ...	203	868	153	280	21	912
NORTH WESTERN	Arley ...	19	56	11	30	—	147
	Coleshill ...	73	156	39	128	—	441
	Meriden ...	15	48	10	35	—	138
	Wilnecote ...	69	198	48	193	—	390
	TOTAL ...	176	458	108	386	—	1,116
SOLIHULL	Haslucks Green ...	40	230	18	61	2	222
	Knowle ...	14	30	11	14	—	92
	Olton ...	30	240	22	41	5	232
	Sharmans Cross ...	37	163	21	91	1	198
	Solihull ...	41	274	29	114	1	305
	TOTAL ...	162	937	101	321	9	1,049
CENTRAL	Leamington ...	183	658	148	314	36	853
	Warwick ...	45	185	32	102	11	336
	TOTAL ...	228	843	180	416	47	1,189
SOUTHERN	Alcester ...	12	33	11	18	2	59
	Stratford-on-Avon	129	377	104	140	50	500
	Studley ...	19	40	16	19	1	61
	TOTAL ...	160	450	131	177	53	620
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,584	4,527	1,054	2,089	203	7,490
	1952 Figures ...	1,747	4,335	1,245	1,957	328	7,299

\*The figures given are the numbers of children referred from these clinics and do not include the many children who go direct to the orthoptic clinics of the Regional Hospital Board.



TABLE 5. NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED OPERATIVE TREATMENT FOR ADENOIDS AND CHRONIC TONSILLITIS.

<i>Area.</i>	<i>Total, 1953</i>	<i>Total, 1952</i>	<i>Total, 1951</i>
1. Sutton Coldfield ...	421	396	314
2. North Eastern ...	376	424	991
3. Eastern ... ..	297	357	559
4. North Western ...	170	158	162
5. Solihull ... ..	338	317	185
6. Central ... ..	412	419	721
7. Southern ... ..	115	136	289
TOTAL ...	2,129	2,207	3,221

ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICE.  
CLINICS.

<i>Area.</i>	<i>Address of Clinic.</i>	<i>Surgeon.</i>	<i>Physiotherapists.</i>
1 SUTTON COLDFIELD.	Sutton Coldfield Hospital.	Mr. J. F. SHEPHERD.	R.H.B.
2 NORTH- EASTERN.	Riversley Park Clinic, NUNEATON. Manor Hospital, Nuneaton Exhall Grange School Clinic.	Mr. PENROSE Mr. SEARGEANT. Mr. PENROSE.	Sisters from Warwickshire Orthopaedic Hospital. R.H.B. Mrs. E. G. MASON.
3 EASTERN	Hospital of St. Cross, RUGBY.	Mr. ROWAN MITCHELL	R.H.B.
4 NORTH- WESTERN	Warwickshire Orthopaedic Hospital, COLESHILL. College Lane School Rooms, TAMWORTH.	Mr. F. G. ALLAN Mr. INNES	Sisters from Warwickshire Orthopaedic Hospital. " " "
5 SOLIHULL	Solihull Hospital.  Red Cross House, Blossom- field Road, SOLIHULL. Tudor Grange School Clinic.	Mr. WILSON STUART. } Mr. WILSON STUART.	R.H.B.  } Miss F. E. PARSONS.
6 CENTRAL	Warwick Hospital.	Mr. E. J. GALLAGHER.	Miss F. E. PARSONS.
7 SOUTHERN	The Hospital, STRATFORD-ON-AVON.	Mr. F. G. ALLAN	Sisters from Warwickshire Orthopaedic Hospital.
BIRMINGHAM	Royal Orthopaedic Hos- pital, 80, Broad Street, BIRMINGHAM.	Various.	R.H.B.
COVENTRY	55, Holyhead Road, COVENTRY.	Mr. A. J. WATSON. Mr. J. H. PENROSE. Mr. LAWRIE.	R.H.B.
REDDITCH	The Old Vicarage, nr. Station Road, REDDITCH	Mr. F. G. ALLAN	R.H.B.

All surgeons are employed by the Regional Hospital Board.

In addition to the above clinics there are a number of Local Authority exercise and after-care Clinics.

**SPEECH THERAPY.  
CLINICS.**

<i>Area.</i>	<i>Clinic.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>When held.</i>
1. Sutton Coldfield	Sutton Coldfield.	49, Holland Street	Wednesday 1-30 p.m.—4-30 p.m.
2. North Eastern	Nuneaton.	Riversley Park	Wednesday 9 a.m.—12 noon 1-40 p.m.—4-40 p.m.
	Atherstone. Bedworth.	Health Clinic C.W. Clinic, Saunders Avenue.	Monday 2 p.m.—5 p.m. Friday (Alt. weeks) 9-30 a.m. —12-30 p.m.
	Exhall.	Exhall Grange Special School.	Tuesday 9-45 a.m.—12-45 p.m. 1-45 p.m.—4-45 p.m.
3. Eastern	Rugby.	F.A.P., Temple Street.	Thursday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. 1-45 p.m.—4-45 p.m.
4. North Western	Wilnecote.	Parish Hall.	Monday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m.
5. Solihull.	Olton.	Chapel Fields School	Wednesday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m.
	Solihull.	British Red Cross House, Blossom- field Road.	Friday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. 1-45 p.m.—5-15 p.m.
	Tudor Grange	Tudor Grange Special School.	Thursday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m.
6. Central	Leamington.	4, Holly Walk, Leamington Spa.	Monday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. 1-30 p.m.—4-30 p.m.
	Warwick.	F.A.P., Lakin Road.	Tuesday 9 a.m.—12 noon.
7. Southern.	Stratford-on-Avon.	Health Clinic.	Friday 9-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m.
	River House.	River House Special School.	Thursday 2 p.m.—5 p.m.

TABLE 6. NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SPEECH THERAPY CLINICS.

	AREAS							Special Schools.	1953 Totals.	1952 Totals.
	Sutton Coldfld.	North- Eastern	Eastern	North- Western	Solihull	Central	South- ern			
Number of clinics ...	1	3	1	3	2	2(a)	3	5	20	19
Number of children attending at 1st Jan., 1953 ...	12	47	16	22	22	46	34	45	244	214
Number of first attendances during 1953	9	34	17	38	33	58	24	22	235	245
Number of children recalled during 1953 after having been stood down in a previous year ...	26	17	7	2	13	5	—	4	74	40
Total number of children treated during 1953 ...	47	98	40	62	68	109	58	71	553	499
Number discharged during 1953 :—										
(a) Treatment completed ...	17	14	13	13	13	34	10	7	121	106
(b) Stood down under review ...	—	11	21	8	16	15	5	2	78	60
(c) Left district ...	3	2	1	3	—	4	1	11	25	23
(d) Ceased attendance	9	11	—	—	5	7	—	—	32	32
Total number of sessions ...	67	152	36	92	114	125	114	203	903	865
Total number of attendances ...	358	925	545	938	901	961	762	1,297	6,687	5,657

(a) In addition some children are seen at home. They are included in these figures.

TABLE 7. WESTHILL CHILDREN'S RECUPERATIVE HOME.

Type of Case.	NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS.			LENGTH OF STAY.								Still in at end of year.
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Under 4 weeks.	Over 4 less than 8 weeks.	Over 8 less than 12 weeks.	Over 12 less than 16 weeks.	Over 16 less than 20 weeks.	Over 20 less than 24 weeks.	Over 24 less than 28 weeks.	Over 28 weeks.	
Handicapped Pupils (Delicate) ...	12	6	18	—	2	2	2	2	5	2	3	5
Convalescent Cases ...	61	94	155	71	51	26	6	1	—	—	—	8
TOTAL ...	73	100	173	71	53	28	8	3	5	2	3	13

These admissions include 13 convalescent cases from other authorities.

The number of children in the home at the end of the year is low because no new admissions are arranged near the Christmas holidays.

TABLE 8.

## CHILD GUIDANCE.

Number of New Cases referred to Clinics.

Reason for Referral.	Males.	Females	Total.	I. Q.			
				Unclass.	Over 85	70 to 85	Under 70
Nervous disorders ... ..	20	14	34	10	18	5	1
Habit disorders and physical symptoms ... ..	25	11	36	12	15	7	2
Behaviour disorders ... ..	38	13	51	22	15	10	4
Education difficulties ... ..	17	14	31	9	5	7	10
Unclassified ... ..	3	4	7	4	3	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	103	56	159	57	56	29	17

*Nervous Disorders.*

Fears and anxiety  
Solitary  
Excitability  
Obsessional  
Depression  
Physical and social misfit

*Habit disorders and physical symptoms.*

Sleeplessness, nightmares, etc.  
Excretory disorders  
Speech defects  
Nervous pains, defective vision, asthma, etc.  
Movement, tic, thumb sucking  
Hysteria

*Behaviour Disorders.*

Unmanageable  
Stealing, housebreaking  
Tempers, screaming  
Aggressive, destructive, etc.  
Sex difficulty  
Breach of Recognisance  
Jealousy  
Irritable, stubborn  
Assault  
Attention getting

*Educational and Vocational Difficulties.*

Backwardness  
Reading difficulty  
Refusal to go to school  
Lack of concentration

The cases shown in the Table were distributed among the clinics as follows: Nuneaton, Riversley Park, 31; Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, 7; Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa, 40; Solihull Hospital, 37; Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, 41; Other, 3.

**TABLE 9.** **SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE.**  
**STAFF AND CLINICS.**

1. At March 31st, 1953 (excluding Senior Dental Officer).

	<i>Clinics.</i>		<i>Dental Officers.</i>		<i>Available sessions per week.</i>
	<i>Fixed.</i>	<i>Mobile.</i>	<i>Whole-time.</i>	<i>Part-time.</i>	
Sutton Coldfield ...	1	—	—	1	5
North-Eastern ...	2	—	—	1	5
Eastern ...	1	—	1	1	12
North-Western ...	—	1	1	—	11
Solihull ...	—	1	—	4	11
Central ...	1	—	—	3	6
Southern ...	1	1	1	1	13
<b>TOTAL ...</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>63</b>
Total 31/12/51 ...	6 (a)	1	4	3	56

(a) One of these clinics was closed during 1952 and a new one opened.

2. At January 31st, 1954 (excluding Senior Dental Officer).

	<i>Clinics.</i>		<i>Dental Officers.</i>		<i>Available sessions per week.</i>
	<i>Fixed.</i>	<i>Mobile.</i>	<i>Whole-time.</i>	<i>Part-time.</i>	
Sutton Coldfield ...	1	—	—	2	6
North-Eastern ...	4	—	2	1	26
Eastern ...	1	—	1	1	12
North-Western ...	—	1	1	—	11
Solihull ...	1	1	—	6	19
Central ...	2	—	—	5	15
Southern ...	1	1	1(a)	3	16
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>105</b>

(a) Temporary whole-time.

TABLE 10.

## SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE.

Area.	TOTAL SESSIONS.		ROUTINE CASES.				Emergency cases for which treatment was completed.	Total attendances made for treatment.
	Inspection.	Treatment.	Inspected.	Found to require treatment.	Referred for treatment.	Cases for which treatment completed.		
Sutton Coldfield	—	275	—	—	—	32	997	1,431
North Eastern ...	18	530	1,718	1,529	1,416	290	1,007	3,241
Eastern ...	6	494	755	582	582	294	589	3,189
North Western	31	358	1,772	1,310	1,037	781	15	1,633
Solihull ...	15	468	1,455	1,343	1,206	459	248	2,939
Central ...	—	332	—	—	—	—	931	2,202
Southern ...	43	412	2,712	2,363	2,222	1,361	66	2,866
COUNTY TOTAL 1953 ...	113	2,869	8,412	7,127	6,463	3,217	3,853	17,501
COUNTY TOTAL, 1952 ...	97	2,439	5,375	4,089	3,583	3,018	4,043	14,091

TABLE 11.

## DENTAL TREATMENT GIVEN.

Type.	Routine cases.		Emergency cases.	
	Number.	No. per 100 cases for which treatment was completed.	Number.	No. per 100 cases for which treatment was completed.
<b>Permanent teeth.</b>				
Extractions ...	661	20	1,514	37
Fillings ...	4,891	151	3,510	87
Other operations ...	1,311	41	3,171	78
Total ...	6,863	212	8,195	202
<b>Temporary Teeth.</b>				
Extractions ...	3,974	122	5,450	135
Fillings ...	1,244	38	1,197	30
Other operations ...	2,460	76	1,142	28
Total ...	7,678	236	7,789	193
<b>Appliances.</b>				
Dentures ...	16	0.5	47	1.2
Orthodontics ...	4	0.1	118	2.9
<b>General Anaesthetics</b> ...	820	25	2,070	51

**TABLE 12. NEW NOTIFICATIONS OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS  
IN CHILDREN AGED 5—14.**

	Number of new notifications, 1953.			Age.					No. of new notifications, 1952.
	M.	F.	Total.	5—6	7—8	9—10	11—12	13—14	
Sutton Coldfield	1	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	4
North Eastern	9	12	21	9	4	1	2	5	19
Eastern ...	1	2	3	1	—	—	1	1	8
North Western	1	3	4	—	2	—	2	—	3
Solihull ...	1	1	2	—	1	—	—	1	6
Central ...	4	4	8	1	1	1	2	3	7
Southern ...	1	2	3	—	2	—	1	—	1
Total ...	18	25	43	13	10	2	8	10	48
			Males	5	4	1	2	6	21
			Females	8	6	1	6	4	27

**TABLE 13. NEW NOTIFICATIONS OF NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS  
IN CHILDREN AGED 5—14.**

	Number of new notifications, 1953.			Age.					No. of new notifications, 1952.
	M.	F.	Total.	5—6	7—8	9—10	11—12	13—14	
Sutton Coldfield	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	1	3
North Eastern	5	5	10	3	1	4	—	2	14
Eastern ...	3	1	4	1	—	2	—	1	5
North Western	1	2	3	1	—	1	—	1	5
Solihull ...	—	2	2	1	—	—	1	—	1
Central ...	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	7
Southern ...	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	9
Total ...	9	14	23	7	2	8	1	5	44
			Males	2	1	6	0	0	25
			Females	5	1	2	1	5	19



TABLE 14.

## SCHOOL ABSENCE IN CHILDREN AGED SEVEN.

Data from school absence records, National Survey of the Health and Development of Children.

## A.—SCHOOL ABSENCE FOR SICKNESS ONLY.

Total days of absence per term.	Spring Term.		Summer Term.	
	No. of children.	% of total.	No. of children.	% of total.
0-5 ... ..	32	42	63	84
6-10 ... ..	19	25	7	10
11-15 ... ..	9	12	3	4
16-20 ... ..	7	9	1	1
21-25 ... ..	2	3	1	1
Over 25 ... ..	7	9	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	76	100	75	100

## B. CAUSES OF ALL SCHOOL ABSENCE.

## 76 CHILDREN AGED SEVEN.

Cause of Absence.	Spring Term.		Summer Term.	
	No. of absences.	Total days of absence.	No. of absences.	Total days of absence.
<b>Illness.</b>				
Coughs, colds, bronchitis, influenza ... ..	83	298	21	43
<i>Infectious diseases—</i>				
Measles ... ..	8	76	1	10
Whooping cough ... ..	3	96	1	12
German measles ... ..	2	8	1	3
Chicken pox ... ..	2	22	—	—
Dysentery ... ..	—	—	1	12
Total infectious ... ..	15	202	4	37
Sickness, vomiting ... ..	18	26	15	24
Ears ... ..	12	52	4	6
Sore throats, tonsillitis ... ..	8	32	10	62
Other illness ... ..	17*	92*	9†	39†
Total illness ... ..	153	702	63	211
<b>Accidents</b> ... ..	4	5	2	3
<b>Other reasons—</b>				
Attendance at clinics ... ..	29	22	59	34
Parents holiday ... ..	2	16	19	88
Other ... ..	10	16	6	4
Total other reasons ... ..	41	54	84	126
<i>Unknown</i> ... ..	6	7	6	8
Total ... ..	204	768	155	348

\* Includes one absence of 25 days for an orthopaedic operation and one absence of 25 days for impetigo.

† Includes one absence of 22 days for appendicectomy.



**TABLE 16.**  
**NUMBER OF HANDICAPPED PUPILS IN EACH AREA**  
**at 31st December, 1953.**

Area.	Sutton Coldfield.		North Eastern.		Eastern.		North Western.		Solihull.		Central.		Southern.		All Areas. 1953.		All Areas 1951-1952	
	1953	Total	1953	Total	1953	Total	1953	Total	1953	Total	1953	Total	1953	Total	1953	Total	1951	1952
<i>Number of school children</i>	6,211	18,171	9,433	7,085	9,184	11,808	7,341	69,233	65,751	63,051								
<b>CATEGORY.</b>																		
Educationally Sub-normal ...	2	27	15	89	8	47	13	55	44	124	44	124	13	55	143	579	492	475
Physically Handicapped	2	12	3	28	12	38	2	14	5	34	5	34	2	14	52	209	200	174
Delicate ...	2	12	1	14	1	14	4	12	1	8	—	8	1	4	10	69	84	65
Deaf ...	—	5	—	5	—	13	—	5	—	9	—	9	—	4	—	50	55	55
Partially Deaf ...	—	5	1	1	—	3	—	1	—	12	3	12	—	1	6	34	30	23
Blind ...	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	2	2	15	14	14
Partially Sighted ...	—	2	2	6	1	4	2	6	1	6	1	6	1	6	8	42	35	29
Maladjusted ...	3	12	2	11	5	18	2	11	5	9	3	9	1	3	20	76	58	47
Epileptic ...	—	—	2	1	1	6	—	1	1	3	—	3	—	1	3	17	15	18
<b>TOTAL ...</b>	9	76	26	154	28	136	38	154	28	206	56	206	19	90	244	1091	983	900
Ineducable—Referred to Mental Health Officer (57 (3) only) ...	2	24	7	28	3	30	6	28	3	63	7	63	6	32	49	275	246	239

TABLE 17.

## WARWICKSHIRE SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

School.	Type.	Residential Accommodation.	Age Range.	On roll Christmas Term, 1953.		
				Warwickshire children.		Children from other Authorities.
				Day	Res.	Res.
Tudor Grange	Physically handicapped Mixed ... ..	40	5—11	9	24	17
Exhall Grange	(a) Physically Handicapped Mixed ...	300	(a) Seniors	—	19	35
	(b) Partially Sighted Mixed ... ..		(b) All ages	—	17	225
River House	Maladjusted Boys ... ..	45	8—16	—	19	25
Packwood	Educationally Subnormal Boys ... ..	60	10—16	—	54	6
Tyntesfield	Educationally Subnormal Girls Res., Mixed Day ... ..	40	10—16	20	31	8
	TOTAL ... ..	485	—	29	164	316

Warwick Priory Day School for Educationally Sub-normal Children opened in temporary buildings on January 11th, 1954, 40 pupils aged 8 to 13+ were admitted.

In September, 1954 the school will move to its permanent buildings in the premises of the old Warwick Borough C.E. Boys' School and will accommodate 60 children.

TABLE 18. ANALYSIS OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN RESIDENT IN TUDOR GRANGE AND EXHALL GRANGE SPECIAL SCHOOLS during the Christmas Term 1953.

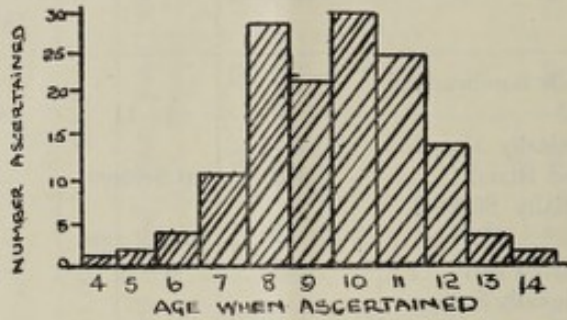
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	Tudor Grange.			Exhall Grange.		
	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.
Bronchiectatic conditions and asthma	1 (2)	— (1)	1 (3)	2 (3)	— (—)	2 (3)
Heart conditions ... ..	3 (3)	1 (1)	4 (4)	2 (4)	1 (1)	3 (5)
Post Poliomyelitis ... ..	4 (4)	4 (2)	8 (6)	4 (2)	— (3)	4 (5)
Progressive muscular dystrophy ...	— (1)	— (—)	— (1)	1 (5)	— (—)	1 (5)
Spastic and similar conditions ...	10 (5)	6 (5)	16 (10)	22 (26)	8 (10)	30 (36)
Tuberculous joints and bone infections	4 (7)	3 (5)	7 (12)	5 (3)	4 (3)	9 (6)
Other conditions ... ..	4 (2)	1 (1)	5 (3)	5 (8)	— (4)	5 (12)
TOTALS ... ..	26 (24)	15 (15)	41 (39)	41 (51)	13 (21)	54 (72)

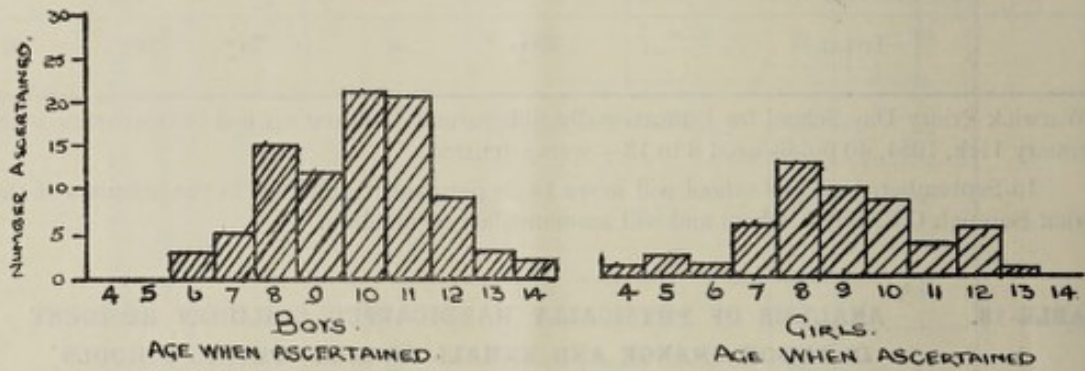
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EDUCATIONALLY SUB-NORMAL CHILDREN.

ASCERTAINED IN 1952 AND 1953

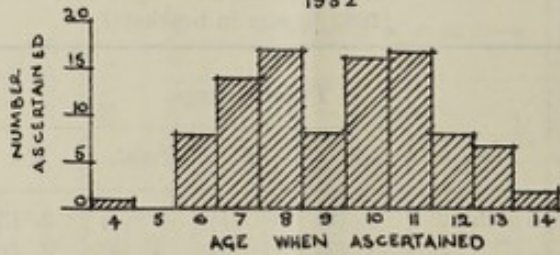
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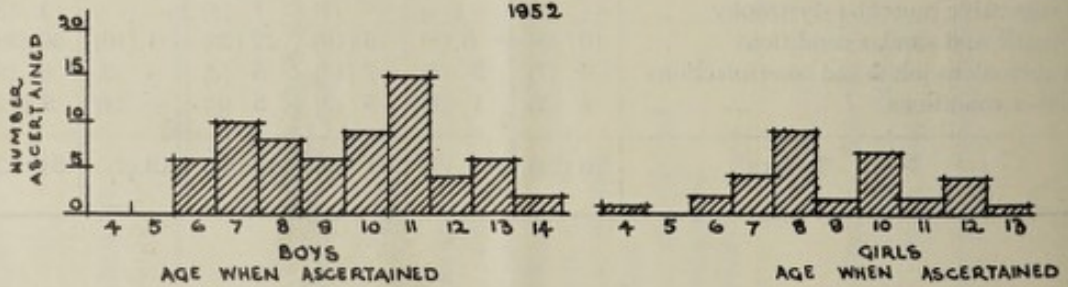


TABLE 19.

## LOUSE INFESTATION.

## DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN INFESTED WITH PEDICULUS CAPITIS.

## BOYS.

Area.	Average % of boys infested at an examination 1953. (1952 figures in brackets).				Total.
	0%	Over 0% to 2%	Over 2% to 5%	Over 5%	
	No. of schools.	No. of schools.	No. of schools.	No. of schools.	No. of schools.
SUTTON COLDFIELD ... ..	12 (7)	4 (8)	— (2)	— (—)	16 (17)
NORTH EASTERN ... ..	26 (24)	30 (29)	8 (9)	3 (3)	67 (65)
EASTERN ... ..	32 (26)	13 (11)	1 (4)	— (2)	46 (43)
NORTH WESTERN ... ..	27 (31)	10 (7)	4 (2)	1 (2)	42 (42)
SOLIHULL ... ..	25 (21)	6 (8)	1 (1)	— (—)	32 (30)
CENTRAL ... ..	62 (53)	12 (16)	5 (5)	— (2)	79 (76)
SOUTHERN ... ..	47 (50)	11 (7)	6 (6)	2 (2)	66 (65)
TOTAL ...	231 (212)	86 (86)	25 (29)	6 (11)	348 (338)
<i>Average number of boys on school roll:</i>					
Under 50 ... ..	120 (125)	16 (3)	14 (12)	5 (9)	155 (149)
50 to 100 ... ..	51 (35)	17 (25)	5 (12)	1 (1)	74 (73)
Over 100 ... ..	60 (52)	53 (58)	6 (5)	— (1)	119 (116)

TABLE 20.

## GIRLS.

Area.	Average % of girls infested at an examination 1953. (1952 figures in brackets).				Total.
	0%	Over 0% to 2%	Over 2% to 5%	Over 5%	
	No. of schools.	No. of schools.	No. of schools.	No. of schools.	No. of schools.
SUTTON COLDFIELD ... ..	4 (2)	9 (11)	1 (2)	— (1)	14 (16)
NORTH EASTERN ... ..	6 (5)	14 (11)	28 (23)	19 (26)	67 (65)
EASTERN ... ..	11 (14)	20 (11)	9 (9)	5 (7)	45 (41)
NORTH WESTERN ... ..	18 (17)	10 (8)	10 (11)	5 (7)	43 (43)
SOLIHULL ... ..	16 (13)	15 (10)	1 (6)	— (1)	32 (30)
CENTRAL ... ..	41 (31)	22 (20)	11 (13)	5 (12)	79 (76)
SOUTHERN ... ..	35 (38)	12 (7)	15 (16)	4 (4)	66 (65)
TOTAL ...	131 (120)	102 (78)	75 (80)	38 (58)	346 (336)
<i>Average number of girls on school roll:</i>					
Under 50 ... ..	95 (90)	19 (17)	26 (23)	11 (22)	151 (152)
50 to 100 ... ..	19 (18)	29 (13)	23 (22)	12 (21)	83 (74)
Over 100 ... ..	17 (12)	54 (48)	26 (35)	15 (15)	112 (110)

**TREATMENT CENTRES FOR SCABIES AND PEDICULUS CAPITIS.**

The County treatment centres are as follows :—

<i>Centre.</i>	<i>Staff.</i>
Nuneaton ) Bedworth )	... Mrs. ILETT.
Rugby	... Mrs. PLUMMER.
Warwick	... Mrs. EDWARDS.

The demand for treatment is now small and these centres are only open on request.

**TABLE 21. SCABIES—NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES AT TREATMENT CENTRES.**

TREATMENT CENTRE.	FIRST ATTENDANCE.			Subsequent Attendances.	Total Treatments.
	Adults.	School Children.	Pre-school children.		
RUGBY ... ..	2	3	3	9	17
WARWICK ... ..	2	—	—	—	2
TOTALS ... ..	4	3	3	9	19
Totals for 1952 ... ..	2	6	—	1	9
Totals for 1951 ... ..	5	24	2	20	51

**TABLE 22. PEDICULUS CAPITIS—NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES AT TREATMENT CENTRES.**

TREATMENT CENTRE.	FIRST ATTENDANCE.			Subsequent Attendances.	Total Treatments.
	Adults.	School Children.	Pre-school Children.		
NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH	2	—	2	15	19
RUGBY ... ..	—	12	—	4	16
WARWICK ... ..	5	5	2	—	12
TOTALS ... ..	7	17	4	19	47
Totals for 1952 ... ..	5	7	2	—	14
Totals for 1951 ... ..	2	30	—	5	37

TABLE 23. NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES AT MINOR AILMENTS CLINICS.

Area.	Clinic.	Sessions.	Attendances.		
			First.	Subse-quent.	Total.
2	Atherstone ... ..	34	96	154	250
	Bedworth ... ..	88	451	511	962
	Nuneaton ... ..	242	1,283	2,370	3,653
	Stockingford ... ..	222	1,466	1,674	3,140
	Polesworth ... ..	37	82	281	363
	Keresley Newlands ... ..	19	57	56	113
	Hartshill ... ..	247	175	331	506
	Bedworth—Nicholas Chamberlaine ... ..	8	17	30	47
	Totals ... ..	897	3,627	5,407	9,034
3	Rugby ... ..	47	45	142	187
4	Arley ... ..	44	27	147	174
	Coleshill ... ..	12	58	8	66
	Wilnecote ... ..	50	180	401	581
	Totals ... ..	106	265	556	821
5	Sharmans Cross ... ..	9	36	9	45
	Hatchford Brook ... ..	9	52	18	70
	Lode Heath ... ..	10	50	28	78
	Olton ... ..	8	44	19	63
	Shirley ... ..	10	58	35	93
	Totals ... ..	46	240	109	349
6	Kenilworth ... ..	50	22	16	38
	Leamington ... ..	300	476	1,596	2,072
	Warwick ... ..	52	45	45	90
	Southam ... ..	12	28	2	30
	Totals ... ..	414	571	1,659	2,230
7	Stratford-on-Avon ... ..	48	81	160	241
	Studley ... ..	12	37	8	45
	Totals ... ..	60	118	168	286
GRAND TOTALS ... ..		1,570	4,866	8,041	12,907
GRAND TOTALS FOR 1952 ... ..		1,465	5,319	7,717	13,036



TABLE 24. MINOR AILMENTS CLINICS.

<i>Type of Defect.</i>	<i>First Attendances.</i>	<i>Subsequent Attendances.</i>	<i>Total 1953</i>	<i>Total 1952.</i>
<b>Skin.</b>				
Ringworm—Scalp ... ..	—	—	—	8
Body ... ..	7	9	16	77
Scabies ... ..	11	14	25	56
Impetigo ... ..	184	832	1,016	515
Other Skin Diseases ... ..	555	1,513	2,068	2,525
Total ... ..	757	2,368	3,125	3,181
<b>Eye.</b>				
Blepharitis ... ..	44	77	121	114
Conjunctivitis ... ..	75	109	184	206
Other Minor Eye Conditions ... ..	262	158	420	417
Total ... ..	381	344	725	737
<b>Ear.</b>				
Miscellaneous Minor Ear Conditions	177	336	513	499
<b>Nose and Throat.</b>				
Miscellaneous Minor Nose and Throat Conditions ... ..	168	86	254	252
<b>Other Minor Ailments</b> ... ..	3,383	4,907	8,290	8,367
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	4,866	8,041	12,907	13,036

TABLE 25. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1933.  
NO. OF CHILDREN EXAMINED UNDER EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN BYELAWS.

<i>Area.</i>	<i>Number of Children examined.</i>	<i>Number granted certificates.</i>	<i>Number refused certificates.</i>
Sutton Coldfield ... ..	94	93	1
North Eastern ... ..	329	329	—
Eastern ... ..	75	74	1
North Western ... ..	46	46	—
Solihull ... ..	71	69	2
Central ... ..	295	292	3
Southern ... ..	112	112	—
Total 1953 ... ..	1,022	1,015	7
Total 1952 ... ..	940	935	5
Total 1951 ... ..	786	782	4

## SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE.

### Information provided by the Education Department.

The average number of meals provided daily in the schools in 1953 was 28,138. Comparison with previous years is given below :—

<i>Year.</i>					<i>Average no. of meals provided daily in schools.</i>
1943	...	...	...	...	5,737
1944	...	...	...	...	8,366
1945	...	...	...	...	15,680
1946	...	...	...	...	19,309
1947	...	...	...	...	22,943
1948	...	...	...	...	24,420
1949	...	...	...	...	25,235
1950	...	...	...	...	24,691
1951	...	...	...	...	26,832
1952	...	...	...	...	29,386
1953	...	...	...	...	28,138

The figure for 1953 represents approximately 43% of the children in attendance. The decrease in the number of meals was caused by the increase of the price from 7d. to 9d.

An average daily number of 54,874 children received milk in schools; this represents 84% of the children in attendance.

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The average number of cases reported in the above is 28.134 cases when with previous years is given below:

Year	Average no. of cases per day in week
1913	27.77
1914	26.67
1915	26.67
1916	26.67
1917	26.67
1918	26.67
1919	26.67
1920	26.67
1921	26.67
1922	26.67
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1929	26.67
1930	26.67
1931	26.67
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2023	26.67
2024	26.67
2025	26.67
2026	26.67
2027	26.67
2028	26.67
2029	26.67
2030	26.67

The figure for 1938 represents approximately 70% of the number of cases reported in the number of cases which were caused by the factors of the year from 1913.

An average daily number of 384 cases reported with previous years; this represents 1% of the number of cases.