

ANNUAL REPORT
MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
1963

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Gentlemen:

The following annual report for 1963 presents a breakdown of the cost of operation of this department. Although the gross costs increased from \$1,392,403.66 to \$1,496,283.01, the net cost to the county to be raised by real property tax only increased from \$408,878.23 in 1962 to \$411,414.46, a net increase of less than \$3,000.00.

Unemployment in the county was the greatest factor creating the increase in costs and the increase in caseload. It is of interest to you, I am sure, to know that the taxpayers did benefit from the Work Relief program materially. A total of 171 employable men worked a total of 17,684-3/4 hours during the year. Crediting these men at the rate of \$1.25 per hour toward the cost of their welfare assistance resulted in their having earned a total of \$22,105.93. I urge every village, town, the City of Oneida and the county to take advantage of the availability of this labor force wherever possible.

Last year saw some major changes in the Federal Regulations which required welfare agencies to provide services where needed to welfare families as well as cash grants. This added greatly to the amount of paper work required in the office as well as a revision of the caseloads so that the caseworkers providing the services could carry a smaller caseload as mandated by the new regulations.

It has been a difficult year for everyone in the department, and I am most grateful to the members of the Board of Supervisors for their understanding of the problems involved in the administration of the welfare programs and for their complete cooperation with us.

I also wish to express my deep appreciation to the various city, village, town and county departments for their cooperation and assistance.

We shall continue to administer the affairs of this department as mandated by state and federal laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

William Liddle

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Commissioner

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General Administration:

Disbursements

Personal services	\$132,589.67
Equipment	2,084.75
Supplies & materials	4,842.99
Other expenses (travel, rent, telephone, postage, etc.)	<u>32,784.38</u>
	\$172,301.79

Credits

State reimbursement	\$63,684.94
Federal reimbursement	<u>49,892.24</u>
	<u>\$113,577.18</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 58,724.61

The total administrative costs increased from \$171,069.50 in 1962 to \$172,301.79 this past year, while the net cost to the county decreased from \$73,582.94 to \$58,724.61.

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SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION COSTSDisbursements

2/3 Clerk's salary	\$1,733.34
Deputies' salaries & expenses	2,146.70
Printing	121.41
Supplies	3.00
Postage	400.00
Local storage & hauling	1,815.91
Storage & costs (Albany Office)	<u>1,531.76</u>
	\$7,752.12

Credits

State Reimbursement	<u>\$3,876.06</u>
	\$3,876.06
NET LOCAL COST	\$3,876.06

The cost of this program has remained very stable, the total cost in 1962 being .85¢ less while the net local cost was .43¢ less than in 1963.

NOTE: The above figures will not appear in the Statistical Summary as they are included in the General Administration Disbursements and Credits.

The average monthly total of welfare families receiving surplus foods was 215 representing 1073 persons, while the average monthly non-welfare families totalled 344 which represented 1956 persons.

Again I am happy to see that the number of marginal families receiving surplus foods far outnumbers the number of welfare families.

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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE (OAA)Disbursements

Cash grants	\$109,443.17
Hospital charges	14,195.64
Physicians' fees	14,103.92
Prescriptions	9,164.16
Other	4,876.23
	\$151,783.12

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 16,468.48
State Reimbursement	19,134.49
Federal Reimbursement	<u>106,759.41</u>
	<u>\$142,362.38</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 9,420.74

Average monthly caseload in this program decreased from 182 in 1962 to 162 cases in 1963.

The total disbursements in this category decreased from \$164,575.62 in 1962 to \$151,783.12 this past year while the net local cost to the county increased slightly from \$9,343.73 in 1962 to \$9,420.74.

Medical costs represented approximately 25% of the total cost of this program, the same as in 1962.

Note: Physicians' fees include those paid to Medical Doctors, Dentists, Podiatrists, Optometrists, Osteopaths and all other licensed practitioners of the healing arts.

"Other expenses" include any expenditure not included in a regular grant or that paid by vouchers.

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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN (ADC)Disbursements

Cash grants	\$438,881.51
Hospital charges	28,672.96
Physicians' fees	47,299.37
Prescriptions	11,621.14
Other	<u>9,394.63</u>
	\$535,869.61

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 18,935.61
State reimbursement	104,449.99
Federal reimbursement	<u>303,871.00</u>
	\$427,256.60
NET LOCAL COST	\$108,613.01

This program continued its upward spiral as it did throughout the state. The average caseload increased from 205 representing 902 persons in 1962 to an average of 236 cases representing 1040 persons in 1963.

The gross cost increased from \$470,885.04 in 1962 to a total of \$535,869.61 this past year, while the net cost to the county increased from \$98,876.47 to \$108,613.01.

Medical costs represented approximately 16% of the total cost as compared to 15% in 1962.

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AID TO THE DISABLED (AD)Disbursements

Cash grants	\$41,749.38
Hospital charges	7,333.82
Physicians' fees	8,867.15
Prescriptions	4,876.11
Other	1,788.55
	\$64,615.01

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 686.76
State Reimbursement	10,458.93
Federal Reimbursement	42,498.00
	<u>\$53,643.69</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$10,971.32

The average monthly caseload in this category was approximately 80 this past year as compared to 81 in 1962.

The total cost of this program decreased from \$69,016.12 in 1962 to \$64,615.01 while the net local cost decreased from \$12,756.99 to \$10,971.32.

The cost of medical care was approximately 33% in 1963 as compared to 38% the previous year.

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AIL TO THE BLIND (AB)Disbursements

Cash grants	\$3,313.83
Hospital charges	1,584.34
Physicians' fees	733.85
Prescriptions	63.20
Other	<u>532.80</u>
	\$6,228.02

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 24.90
State reimbursement	1,105.32
Federal reimbursement	<u>3,942.00</u>
	<u>\$5,072.22</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$1,155.80

The average monthly caseload in this category was 7 as compared to 6 in 1962.

The total cost increased from \$5,275.93 to \$6,228.02 while the net cost to the county was \$1,155.80 in 1963 while it was a minus \$499.14 in 1962.

Medical costs represented approximately 38% of the total cost this past year while in 1962 they represented 24%. This increase was due entirely to the fact that hospital charges increased from \$458.08 in 1962 to \$1,584.34 this past year.

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HOME RELIEF (HR)Disbursements

Cash grants	\$84,956.04
Physicians' fees	14,319.79
Prescriptions	4,696.56
Other	<u>2,567.25</u>
	\$106,539.64

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 300.75
State reimbursement	<u>52,202.46</u>
	\$ 52,503.21
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 54,036.43

During the past year the caseload averaged 103 per month, representing 358 persons, while in 1962 the monthly average was 85 cases representing 252 persons.

The total cost of this program increased from \$93,658.91 in 1962 to \$106,539.64, and the net cost to the county increased from \$47,703.65 to \$54,036.43.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED (MAA)

(Exclusive of care at the Gerrit Smith Infirmary, which is reported separately)

Disbursements

Nursing home care	\$ 4,129.17
Hospital charges	41,250.98
Physicians' fees	11,144.08
Prescriptions and sick room supplies	7,206.57
Clothing & incidentals	67.20
Prosthetic appliances	523.56
Other	<u>1,620.40</u>
	\$65,941.96

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 5,049.00
State reimbursement	15,169.62
Federal reimbursement	<u>30,339.26</u>
	<u>\$50,557.88</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$15,384.08

In 1962 the average monthly caseload in this program was 119 while in 1963 it was 139, including Infirmary patients.

The total cost decreased from \$96,646.58 to \$65,941.96, while the net cost to the county decreased from \$21,196.25 in 1962 to \$15,384.08 the past year.

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HOSPITAL ONLY (HO)Disbursements

Hospital charges	\$77,261.52
Physicians' fees	16,530.80
Transportation	<u>424.10</u>
	\$94,216.42

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 3,673.59
Reimbursement on State-charge cases	3,686.55
Reimbursement on HR-HO cases	<u>6,079.73</u>
	<u>\$13,439.87</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$80,776.55
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The total cost of this program increased from \$82,100.48 in 1962 to \$94,216.42, while the net cost to the county increased from \$71,459.30 to \$80,776.55 in 1963.

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BURIALS

Disbursements

Payments for services \$12,064.20

\$12,064.20

Credits

Repayments & recoveries \$ 2,721.42
State reimbursement 2,753.99

\$ 5,475.41

NET LOCAL COST \$ 6,588.79

While the total cost of burials increased from \$11,461.35 in 1962 to \$12,064.20 in 1963, the net cost to the county decreased from \$6,924.56 to \$6,588.79 in 1963.

NON-PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Disbursements

For services to clients \$145.92

Credits

Repayments \$118.55

NET LOCAL COST \$ 27.37

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CHILD WELFARE DIVISION (FOSTER CARE)Disbursements

Board	\$51,977.87
Clothing	4,694.83
Supplies	649.47
Physicians' fees	1,813.85
Prescriptions	634.56
Optical expense	191.35
Hospital charges	3,755.66
Dental care	1,700.00
Miscellaneous	429.04
	\$65,846.63

Credits

Repayments	\$11,943.60
State reimbursement	27,759.00
	\$39,702.60
NET COST TO COUNTY	\$26,144.03

The total cost in this program increased from \$65,403.35 in 1962 to \$65,846.63 in 1963 while the net local cost to the county decreased from \$26,847.74 to \$26,144.03.

The monthly caseload ranged from a low of 93 children to a high of 103.

There was a total of 271 referrals this past year compared with 218 in 1962. The greatest number of referrals came from court, a total of 75, while 66 were referred by our Public Assistance Division, 48 from families, with the remainder referred by schools, private citizens and others.

The number of children provided care and supervision in Foster Homes ranged from 68 to 80 per month. Whenever at all possible we continue to provide supervision in a child's own home.

Again, as in last year's report, I would like to call your attention to the need for additional foster homes, especially those of the Catholic Faith.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENTSDisbursements

Board	\$3,589.70
Clothing	284.89
Supplies	35.83
Physicians' fees	6.00
Opticians' fees	9.20
Dental care	106.00
Institutional care	<u>5,853.73</u>
	\$9,885.35

Credits

Repayments	\$ 50.00
State reimbursement	<u>1,488.83</u>
	\$1,538.83

NET LOCAL COST	\$8,346.52
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The total cost increased from \$8,845.37 in 1962 to the sum of \$9,885.35 in 1963, while the net cost to the county increased from \$6,219.32 to \$8,346.52.

While this is not any type of welfare program the cost of care for Juvenile Delinquents is unfairly assessed against local welfare departments.

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THE GERRIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL HOME & INFIRMARY

This past year was the first full year of operation of the former county home as a 100-bed Infirmary. To my mind the conversion of this institution from a county home to a modern, fully-approved Infirmary has now proven to be a wise and progressive move.

We have undertaken a rehabilitation program in the Infirmary which has proven most successful. This program has resulted in our being able to return some patients to their homes and others to proprietary homes for adults, reducing the cost of patient care to the taxpayers.

In 1962 while operating as a 50-bed Infirmary with the upstairs portion of the building operating as a public home, the total patient days' care was 18,020 days. In 1963, operating as a 100-bed Infirmary, the total number of patient days' care increased to 28,823.

While the gross cost of operation increased from \$138,297.62 in 1962 to \$192,889.95 in 1963, the net cost to the county decreased from \$33,896.24 to \$26,663.48.

This reduction in the net local cost to the county was brought about by an increase in the state reimbursable rate for care of patients, which resulted in an increase in State and Federal reimbursement from \$72,674.90 in 1962 to \$134,448.34 in 1963. Also, repayments and recoveries from patients and/or relatives increased from \$18,408.47 in 1962 to \$31,190.07.

The following page will give a break-down of the cost of operation of the Infirmary during the past year.

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GERRIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL HOME & INFIRIARYDisbursements:

Salaries, wages & fees	\$130,883.08
Equipment	4,083.37
Food	19,872.30
Maintenance supplies	5,700.34
Drugs & medical supplies	12,828.17
Fuel	5,089.87
Drygoods & clothing	1,357.19
Tobacco, etc.	910.46
Milk pasteurization	759.24
Ordinary repairs	1,221.77
Laundry service	3,845.85
Telephone	2,076.63
Light & power	3,019.90
Fire alarm addition	231.00
Other(Extermination service, petty cash, advertising, freight, Cleaning septic tank)	707.53
Servicing elevator	<u>303.25</u>

\$192,889.95

Credits:

Federal reimbursement (MAA)	\$ 78,226.74
Federal reimbursement (AD)	7,236.00
Federal reimbursement (AB)	594.00
State Reimbursement (MAA)	39,113.37
State reimbursement (AD)	8,886.01
State Reimbursement (AB)	980.28
Repayments & recoveries	<u>31,190.07</u>

\$166,226.47NET LOCAL COST \$ 26,663.48

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COUNTY FARM

During the past year the disbursements on the farm increased from \$14,190.91 in 1962 to \$17,955.39, while the cash receipts decreased from \$12,203.85 to \$10,116.32. The value of produce consumed at the Infirmary increased from \$2,393.76 to \$3,277.34.

In 1962 the farm showed a net profit, including cash receipts and the value of produce consumed at the Infirmary, of \$406.70, while in 1963 it showed a net loss of \$4,561.73.

The farm committee of the Board has been working closely with me in the operation of the Farm and plans call for increasing the number of milch cows during the next year with an expected substantial increase in cash receipts.

The operation of the Farm is not essential to the operation of the Infirmary as it was years ago in the operation of the County Home. The barns need painting and this can create an operating deficit again in 1964, unless our cash receipts do increase substantially.

With the operation of the farm no longer essential to the operation of the Infirmary, the question that must be determined by the Board of Supervisors is whether or not it is economically sound to continue the operation of a farm.

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COUNTY FARMFarm Inventory of Livestock

Milch cows	28
Heifers	15
Yearlings	3
Calves	4
	50

Produce for Livestock Consumption

Hay	160 tons
Oats	575 bushels
Straw	6 tons
Ensilage	125 tons

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COUNTY FARMFarm Machinery Inventory 12/31/63

- 1 Farmall M Tractor 1952
- 1 New Holland Hay Baler (repaired after 1951 fire)
- 1 New Holland Side Rake 1962
- 1 Hay and Grain Elevator 1953
- 1 Dis-Wick Disc
- 1 Wagon Box
- 3 Farm wagons, 1953, '54, '56
- 1 Snow plow 1957
- 1 Cultivator 1959, used
- 1 Corn planter
- 1 Grain Drill
- 1 Cultipacker
- 1 Corn sheller
- 1 Ensilage cutter
- 1 Ford tractor 1953 model, purchase in 1957
- 4 Conde milking machines (4 units)
- 1 Ford lift-all platform
- 1 Conde pump 1954
- 1 Lime sower 1955
- 1 Milk house heater 1955
- 1 Corn crib 1955
- 1 Ford plow 1958, used
- 1 John Deere mowing machine
- 1 Ford mowing machine 1959, used
- 1 Farmall cultivator
- 1 New Holland PTO Manure spreader 1959
- 1 Harrow 1958
- 1 Steinhurst side-opener milk cooler, 1958, used
- 1 John Deere trip bottom plow 1960,
- 1 Portable dump box for pickup
- 1 New Holland Hay crusher 1962

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COUNTY FARMProduce for Resident Consumption:MILK

January	3630	lbs. @ \$6.70 per cwt.	\$243.21
February	3427½	lbs. @ 6.70 per cwt.	229.60
March	3800	lbs. @ 6.60 per cwt.	250.80
April	3645	lbs. @ 6.30 per cwt.	229.63
May	4085	lbs. @ 6.00 per cwt.	245.10
June	3555	lbs. @ 6.00 per cwt.	213.30
July	3905	lbs. @ 6.40 per cwt.	249.92
August	3765	lbs. @ 6.60 per cwt.	248.49
September	3450	lbs. @ 6.90 per cwt.	238.05
October	3670	lbs. @ 7.00 per cwt.	256.90
November	2915	lbs. @ 7.20 per cwt.	209.88
December	3360	lbs. @ 7.10 per cwt.	<u>238.56</u>

\$2,853.44

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January	679	lbs. @ .30¢ per lb.	\$203.70
December	734	lbs. @ .30¢ per lb.	<u>220.20</u>

\$ 423.90

Total value of produce used for
Resident consumption

\$3,277.34

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COUNTY FARMDisbursements

Salaries, wages & fees	\$6,236.17
Equipment	27.72
New Barn roof	2,489.20
Barn Cleaner	1,448.75
Supplies & materials	6,799.00
Other(ordinary repairs, registration & breeding)	<u>954.55</u>
	\$17,955.39

Credits

Milk checks	\$9,246.13
Sale of calves	152.75
Sale of cows	437.92
Sale of Dairymen's League	
Stock	219.52
Plowing neighbor's garden	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$10,116.32
VALUE OF PRODUCE CONSUMED AT Infirmary	<u>3,277.34</u>
Total credits	\$13,393.66
Net operating loss to county	\$ 4,561.73

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DISBURSEMENTS

General Administration	\$172,301.79
Old Age Assistance	151,783.12
Aid to Dependent Children	535,869.61
Aid to the Disabled	64,615.01
Aid to the Blind	6,228.02
Home Relief	106,539.64
Medical Aid to the Aged	65,941.96
Hospital Only	94,216.42
Burials	12,064.20
Non-Public Assistance	145.92
Child Welfare	65,846.63
Juvenile Delinquents	9,885.35
Gerrit Smith Infirmary	192,889.95
County Farm	<u>17,955.39</u>
	<u>\$1,496,283.01</u>

CREDITS

General Administration	\$113,577.18
Old Age Assistance	142,362.38
Aid to Dependent Children	427,256.60
Aid to the Disabled	53,643.69
Aid to the Blind	5,072.22
Home Relief	52,503.21
Medical Aid to the Aged	50,557.88
Hospital Only	13,439.87
Burials	5,475.41
Non-Public Assistance	118.55
Child Welfare	39,702.60
Juvenile Delinquents	1,538.83
Gerrit Smith Infirmary	166,226.47
County Farm	<u>13,393.66</u>
	<u>\$1,084,868.46</u>

NET LOCAL COST

\$ 411,414.46