

ANNUAL REPORT
MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
1964

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Gentlemen:

The following report presents a breakdown of the cost of operation of this department during the year 1964.

The gross cost of operation increased from \$1,496,283.01 in 1963 to \$1,611,669.30 this past year. The net cost to the County increased from \$411,514.46 to \$469,300.48.

Once again unemployment in the county was the greatest factor in creating the increase in costs and the increase in the caseload. The category of Aid to Dependent Children continued to be the one costing the greatest amount of money. This is true in every welfare district in the State.

The work-for-relief program in Madison County again proved worthwhile. A total of 290 men, an average of 24 per month, worked on county, town, village and City of Oneida work projects for a total of 24,408 hours. Crediting these men at the rate of \$1.25 per hour toward the cost of their welfare assistance resulted in their having earned \$30,510.00. This compares with a total of 171 men in 1963, working 17,684-3/4 hours and earning \$22,105.93. I sincerely hope that the various villages, towns, City of Oneida and the County will continue to use these men so that we can require employable persons in receipt of Public Assistance in our County to work for at least a portion of the taxpayers' money which they receive.

I wish to thank the members of the Welfare Committee for their interest in the activities of this department and the employees of this department are most grateful for the salary increases voted for them at the 1964 Annual Meeting of the Board.

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 to the best of our ability and according to the state and federal laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

William Liddle

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Commissioner

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General Administration

Disbursements

Personal Services	\$141,331.52
Equipment	2,193.30
Supplies and materials	4,334.60
Other expenses (travel, rent, telephone, postage, etc.)	33,399.49
Outstanding encumbrances	<u>355.39</u>
	\$181,614.30

Credits

State reimbursement	\$ 54,850.08
Federal reimbursement	<u>58,495.17</u>
	<u>\$113,345.25</u>
Net Local Cost	\$ 68,269.05

The total gross administrative costs increased from \$172,301.79 in 1963 to \$181,614.30 in 1964, while the net local cost increased from \$58,724.61 to \$68,269.05.

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SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION COSTSDisbursements

2/3 Clerk's salary	\$1,800.00
Clerk's travel expenses	352.70
Deputies' salaries & expenses	2,236.60
Printing	24.92
Postage	200.00
Local storage & hauling	1,765.93
Storage & costs(Albany office)	918.73
Estimated value of other departmental supplies & services	<u>279.30</u>
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCEDisbursements

Cash grants	\$111,432.84
Hospital charges	15,826.62
Physicians' fees	12,242.92
Prescriptions	9,407.31
Other	<u>8,788.11</u>
	<u>\$157,697.80</u>

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 7,249.34
State Reimbursement	16,938.76
Federal reimbursement	<u>113,201.07</u>
	<u>\$137,389.17</u>
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$ 20,308.63</u>

Average monthly caseload in this program remained nearly the same, 162 cases in 1963 and 161 cases in 1964.

Total gross expenditures in this category increased from \$151,783.12 in 1963 to \$157,697.80 in 1964, while the net cost to the county increased from \$9,420.74 to \$20,308.63.

Medical costs represented approximately 24% of the total costs of this program.

NOTE: Physicians' fees include those paid to Physicians, Dentists, Pediatrists, Optometrists, Osteopaths, etc.

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aid to dependent childrenDisbursements

Cash grants	\$491,913.40
Hospital charges	34,850.61
Physicians' fees	46,808.41
Prescriptions	12,633.35
Other	<u>15,078.79</u>
	\$601,284.56

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 19,845.42
State reimbursement	118,297.44
Federal reimbursement	<u>329,460.87</u>
	\$167,603.73
NET LOCAL COST	\$133,680.83

The average caseload in this category was 238 per month, representing 1680 persons, compared to 236 cases representing 1040 persons in 1963.

The gross cost increased from \$535,869.61 in 1963 to \$601,284.56 in 1964 while the net cost to the county increased from \$108,613.01 to \$133,680.83.

Medical costs were approximately 15% compared to 16% in 1963.

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AID TO THE DISABLEDDisbursements

Cash grants	\$45,450.77
Hospital charges	12,446.98
Physicians' fees	6,801.62
Prescriptions	4,489.01
Other	<u>2,178.15</u>
	\$71,366.53

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 194.70
State reimbursement	11,237.95
Federal reimbursement	<u>33,585.00</u>
	<u>\$45,017.65</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$26,348.88

The average monthly caseload in this category remained the same as in 1963, 80 cases.

The gross cost of this program increased from \$64,615.01 in 1963 to \$71,366.53 in 1964, while the net cost to the county increased from \$10,971.32 to \$26,348.88.

The cost of medical care in this program remained the same as in 1963, approximately 33%.

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aid to the blindDisbursements

Cash grants	\$2,340.62
Physicians' fees	530.80
Prescriptions	118.53
Other	<u>1,018.20</u>
	\$4,908.15

Credits

State reimbursement	\$ 409.51
Federal reimbursement	<u>1,737.00</u>
	\$2,146.51
NET LOCAL COST	\$1,861.64

The average monthly caseload was 5 compared to 7 in 1963.

The gross cost decreased from \$6,228.02 in 1963 to \$4,908.15 last year. The net cost to the county increased from \$1,155.80 to \$1,861.64.

Due to the fact that there was no hospitalization costs in this program last year, the medical costs decreased from 38% in 1963 to approximately 16% this past year.

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HOME RELIEFDisbursements

Cash grants	\$101,173.12
Physicians' fees	20,512.81
Prescriptions	6,537.09
Other	<u>2,844.01</u>
	\$131,067.03

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 456.65
State reimbursement	<u>62,870.99</u>
	<u>\$ 63,327.64</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 67,739.39

During 1964 the average monthly caseload in this program was 105 representing 463 individuals, while in 1963 the caseload averaged 103 per month representing 358 persons.

The gross cost increased from \$106,539.64 in 1963 to \$131,067.03 last year, while the net local cost increased from \$54,036.43 to \$67,739.39.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED

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

Disbursements

Nursing Home care	\$ 1,623.02
Hospital care	44,914.64
Physicians' fees	13,256.29
Drugs & sickroom supplies	9,468.60
Prosthetic appliances	1,282.11
Other	<u>2,703.15</u>
	\$73,247.81

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 4,490.12
State reimbursement	17,189.42
Federal reimbursement	<u>34,378.85</u>
	\$56,058.39
NET LOCAL COST	\$17,189.42

The average caseload in this program per month during 1964 was 170 compared to 139 in 1963, including those patients in the Infirmary.

The cost, exclusive of the Infirmary, was \$73,247.81 in 1964 while in 1963 it was \$65,941.96. The net cost to the county increased from \$15,384.08 in 1963 to \$17,189.42 last year.

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HOSPITAL ONLYDisbursements

Payments to hospitals	\$47,374.84
Physicians' fees	12,065.98
Transportation	<u>123.40</u>
	\$59,564.22

Credits

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 511.63
Reimbursement on State charge cases	1,602.40
Reimbursement on IIR-HO cases	<u>8,096.59</u>
	<u>\$10,210.62</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$49,353.60
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The gross cost of this program decreased from \$94,216.42 in 1963 to \$59,564.22 last year, while the net cost to the county decreased from \$80,776.55 to \$49,353.60.

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BURIALSDisbursementsPayments for services \$11,476.00\$11,476.00CreditsRepayments & recoveries \$ 2,207.00
State reimbursement 2,430.08\$ 4,637.08NET LOCAL COST \$ 6,838.92

The gross cost for burials decreased from \$12,064.20 in 1963 to \$11,476.00 in 1964, while the net cost to the county increased from \$6,588.79 to \$6,838.92.

NON-PUBLIC ASSISTANCEDisbursementsFor services to clients \$2,004.53\$2,004.53CreditsRefunds to appropriations \$ 785.27
Other repayments 61.43\$ 846.70NET LOCAL COST \$1,157.83

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CHILD WELFARE DIVISION (FOSTER CARE)Disbursements

Board	\$58,396.05
Clothing	5,166.52
Supplies	642.30
Physicians' fees	2,631.81
Prescriptions	576.98
Optical expense	246.32
Hospital charges	3,551.29
Dental care	2,352.00
Miscellaneous	583.50

\$74,146.77

Credits

Repayments	\$10,234.26
State reimbursement	31,581.80

\$41,816.06

NET LOCAL COST	\$32,330.71
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The gross cost of this program increased from \$65,846.63 in 1963 to \$74,146.77 in 1964. The net local cost increased from \$26,144.03 to \$32,330.71.

The monthly caseload ranged from a low of 99 children to a high of 124.

There were 283 referrals to the Child Welfare Division last year compared to 271 in 1963. The greatest number of referrals, 77, came from court, 74 came from the Public Assistance Division of our department, 37 from families, while the remainder were referred by schools, private citizens and others.

The number of children provided care in Foster Homes during the past year ranged from 66 to 78 per month.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENTSDisbursements

Board	\$9,715.47
Clothing	262.47
Supplies	33.55
Doctors	6.00
Opticians	8.70
Dentists	31.00
Miscellaneous	73.35
To state for Institutional Care	<u>6,027.31</u>
	\$16,157.85

Credits

Repayments	\$ 700.00
State reimbursement	<u>3,167.04</u>
	\$ 3,867.04
NET LOCAL COST	\$12,290.81

The total cost for the care of Juvenile Delinquents in 1964 increased from \$9,885.35 in 1963 to a total this past year of \$16,157.85, while the net local cost increased from \$8,346.52 to \$12,290.81.

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THE GERRIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL HOME AND INFIRMARY

This was the second full year of operation of this institution as a 100-bed Infirmary and the wisdom in converting to an Infirmary will be shown on the next page in the statistical report.

The total number of patient days¹ care increased from 28,823 in 1963 to 30,072 in 1964.

At the beginning of 1964 there were 83 patients under care in the Infirmary; admissions during the year totalled 53; total under care during the year was 136; discharges during the year, including deaths, were 52 and the number under care at end of the year was 84.

While the gross cost of operation increased from \$192,889.95 in 1963 to \$208,154.86 in 1964, the net cost to the county decreased from \$26,663.48 to \$24,880.71.

I believe that every taxpayer in the county can be justifiably proud of our Infirmary and the manner in which it has been operated. We have had numerous applications for the care of private patients, but we are unable to accommodate these persons; therefore, we must continue to deny admission to any persons except those eligible for the receipt of public assistance.

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GERIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL HOME & INFIRMARYDisbursements

Salaries, wages & fees	\$144,158.24
Equipment	2,274.91
Food	24,255.58
Maintenance supplies	5,965.65
Drugs & medical supplies	13,772.52
Fuel	4,729.18
Drygoods & clothing	832.49
Tobacco, etc.	1,036.97
Milk pasteurization	699.28
Ordinary repairs	647.55
Laundry service	4,127.70
Telephone	1,430.05
Light & power	2,903.21
Other (extermination service, petty cash, advertising, freight, cleaning septic tank, etc.)	855.28
Servicing elevator	466.25
	<u>\$208,154.86</u>

Credits

State reimbursement (MAA)	\$ 44,933.67
Federal reimbursement (MAA)	91,715.46
State reimbursement (AD)	7,688.39
Federal reimbursement (AD)	6,588.00
State reimbursement (AB)	1,070.95
Federal reimbursement (AB)	618.00
Repayments & recoveries	<u>30,629.68</u>
	<u>\$183,274.15</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 24,880.71

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COUNTY FARM

During the past year the disbursements on the farm increased from \$17,955.39 in 1963 to \$19,878.89, while the cash receipts were \$10,242.89 as compared to \$10,116.32 in 1963. The value of produce consumed at the Infirmary was \$2,585.94 in 1964 while it was \$3,277.34 in 1963.

Including the value of produce consumed at the Infirmary, the net loss in the operation of the farm increased from \$4,561.73 in 1963 to \$7,050.06 in 1964. Although the number of milch cows was increased by the farm committee during the past year, we did not realize the gain in revenue that was anticipated. It would appear that this loss in operation of the farm will continue through 1965.

The Building Committee engaged a painter to paint the barns, but this job was never completed. This will be an additional expense during the coming year.

The original plan of the Farm Committee in engaging a Farm Manager at a salary of \$5,000.00 per year was that this would be a one-man operation. This has not proven feasible; therefore there is an amount of \$3,000.00 in the 1965 budget for extra help, an increase of \$2,000.00 over that provided in the 1964 budget. I am calling this to your attention to show that with a larger herd the cost of operation is increasing.

As I have pointed out in my previous annual reports, the Farm is no longer essential to the operation of the Infirmary. No patients at the Infirmary are able to work on the farm as they once did when we operated a County Home. Therefore, any additional help must be hired and it is proving next to impossible to employ experienced farm hands.

I still do not think that the operation of the farm on a deficit budget is good business. A study of the Farm Machinery Inventory on Page 17 will show that much of our machinery is old and will have to be replaced in the near future. This will be an additional expense.

As I have stated before, I believe that a thorough study of the economic value of continued operation of the County Farm should be made. I believe that the cost of operation should be projected over a period of from five to ten years, taking into consideration the need for replacement of equipment, the size of the herd which we can accommodate and whether or not our acreage is sufficiently large enough to raise a sizeable amount of the cattle feed consumed.

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COUNTY FARMFarm Inventory of Livestock

Milch cows	40
Calves	9
Bulls	1
	<u>50</u>

Produce for Livestock Consumption

Hay	200 tons
Oats	475 bushels
Straw	350 bails
Ensilage	150 tons

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COUNTY FARMFarm Machinery Inventory 12/31/64

- 1 Farmall "M" Tractor 1952
- 1 New Holland Hay Bailer (repaired after 1951 fire)
- 1 New Holland Side rake (1962 new)
- 1 Hay & grain elevator (1953)
- 1 Dis-Wick Disc
- 1 Wagon Box
- 3 Farm Wagons 1953-1955-1956
- 1 Snow plow 1954
- 1 Cultivator 1959 used
- 1 Corn planter
- 1 Grain drill
- 1 Cultipacker
- 1 Corn Sheller
- 1 Ensilage cutter
- 1 Ford Tractor 1953 Model, bought in 1957, used
- 4 Conde Milking Machines, 4 units
- 1 Ford Lift-all platform 1954
- 1 Conde pump
- 1 Lime sower 1955
- 1 Milk House heater 1955
- 1 Corn crib 1955
- 1 Ford plow 1956 used
- 1 John Deere mowing machine
- 1 Ford mowing machine
- 1 Farmall cultivator
- 1 New PTO manure spreader 1964
- 1 Harrow 1958
- 1 Steinkhorst Milk Cooler, 1964
- 1 John Deere trip bottom plow 1960 new
- 1 Portable dump box for pick-up
- 1 New Holland hay crusher 1962 new
- 1 Fork lift for Ford tractor 1964

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COUNTY FARMProduce for Resident Consumption

MILK

January	3630 lbs.	@ \$7.00 per cwt.	\$254.10
February	3270 lbs.	@ 6.90 per cwt.	225.63
March	3175 lbs.	@ 6.70 per cwt.	212.72
April	3085 lbs.	@ 6.40 per cwt.	197.44
May	3365 lbs.	@ 6.00 per cwt.	201.90
June	3180 lbs.	@ 6.00 per cwt.	190.80
July	3095 lbs.	@ 6.40 per cwt.	198.08
August	3342 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	@ 6.60 per cwt.	220.61
September	3180 lbs.	@ 6.90 per cwt.	219.42
October	2870 lbs.	@ 7.00 per cwt.	200.90
November	3270 lbs.	@ 7.10 per cwt.	232.17
December	3270 lbs.	@ 7.10 per cwt.	232.17

TOTAL VALUE OF MILK USED AT INFIRMARY	\$2,585.94
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COUNTY FARMDisbursements

Salaries, wages & fees	\$5,696.31
Equipment, including new stanchions and cows	5,560.32
Feed, seed & fertilizer	4,919.25
Supplies & materials	2,198.73
Other (ordinary repairs, testing, registration & breeding, etc.)	<u>1,504.28</u>
	\$19,878.89

Credits

Milk checks	\$9,801.00
Sale of calves & 1 cow	440.04
Refund	<u>1.85</u>
 TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$10,242.89
VALUE OF MILK CONSUMED AT INFIRMARY	<u>2,585.94</u>
 TOTAL CREDITS	\$12,828.83
 NET OPERATING LOSS TO COUNTY	\$ 7,050.06

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

DISBURSEMENTS

General Administration	\$181,614.30
Old Age Assistance	157,697.80
Aid to Dependent Children	601,284.56
Aid to the Disabled	71,366.53
Aid to the Blind	4,008.15
Home Relief	131,067.03
Medical Aid to the Aged	73,247.81
Hospital Only	59,564.22
Burials	11,476.00
Non-Public Assistance	2,004.53
Child Welfare	74,146.77
Juvenile Delinquents	16,157.85
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County Farm	19,878.89

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