

## ANNUAL REPORT

### MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Jan. 1, 1956 - Dec. 31, 1956

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:-

Gentlemen:

In this Annual Report, as in the past, I shall endeavor to present as complete a picture as possible of the complexities which go into the operation of a Department of Public Welfare today.

The charts on the following page are self-explanatory. They represent a comparison of the caseload in Madison County for the past two years.

In addition to the usual statistical reports which I have presented in the past, I have, for the first time, endeavored to present a breakdown of medical costs by categories and have finally determined the actual total percentage of costs chargeable as medical.

The reason for this is that more and more is heard today about the cost of medical care in public assistance cases. It is my belief that the figures shown on the following pages will be enlightening to the general public and will prove, at least in Madison County, that medical costs are not out of proportion with the remainder of expenditures.

The total gross expenditures in 1956 decreased slightly from the gross expenditures in 1955 and it is hoped that costs of public welfare will drop even more in 1957; that will be determined by general economic conditions.

#### ORGANIZATION

Although we had a turnover in staff this past year, the positions have been filled and we are again working with a full staff.

The members of my staff join with me in expressing their appreciation for the salary increases granted to certain members beginning Jan. 1, 1957.

It is hoped that a study may be made by the proper committees of the Board in 1957 with a view of evaluating the amount of work turned out by all employees.

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COMPARISON CASELOAD CHARTS

1955

|          | OAA | AB | AD | ADC   |          | HR    |        | TOTAL |
|----------|-----|----|----|-------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
|          |     |    |    | CASES | CHILDREN | CASES | IND'LS | CASES |
| Jan. 31  | 340 | 11 | 92 | 119   | 367      | 154   | 738    | 716   |
| Feb. 28  | 337 | 11 | 91 | 114   | 333      | 174   | 865    | 727   |
| Mar. 31  | 342 | 11 | 91 | 115   | 332      | 150   | 859    | 709   |
| Apr. 30  | 343 | 12 | 85 | 102   | 298      | 112   | 722    | 654   |
| May 31   | 336 | 11 | 83 | 106   | 313      | 83    | 491    | 619   |
| June 30  | 341 | 11 | 78 | 106   | 325      | 74    | 375    | 610   |
| July 31  | 333 | 11 | 78 | 108   | 332      | 67    | 318    | 597   |
| Aug. 31  | 342 | 11 | 78 | 104   | 321      | 58    | 318    | 593   |
| Sept. 30 | 337 | 11 | 76 | 105   | 325      | 63    | 405    | 592   |
| Oct. 31  | 341 | 11 | 79 | 102   | 298      | 78    | 394    | 611   |
| Nov. 30  | 343 | 10 | 81 | 113   | 338      | 90    | 525    | 637   |
| Dec. 31  | 341 | 10 | 84 | 118   | 354      | 105   | 544    | 658   |

1956

|          | OAA | AB | AD | ADC   |          | HR    |        | TOTAL |
|----------|-----|----|----|-------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
|          |     |    |    | CASES | CHILDREN | CASES | IND'LS | CASES |
| Jan. 31  | 338 | 10 | 80 | 123   | 362      | 117   | 599    | 668   |
| Feb. 29  | 344 | 10 | 82 | 129   | 383      | 120   | 699    | 685   |
| Mar. 31  | 347 | 9  | 79 | 139   | 406      | 111   | 646    | 685   |
| Apr. 30  | 341 | 9  | 79 | 135   | 396      | 100   | 477    | 664   |
| May 31   | 338 | 8  | 81 | 112   | 335      | 81    | 440    | 620   |
| June 30  | 334 | 7  | 77 | 105   | 319      | 71    | 275    | 594   |
| July 31  | 349 | 7  | 74 | 101   | 304      | 66    | 256    | 597   |
| Aug. 31  | 353 | 7  | 73 | 100   | 308      | 59    | 267    | 592   |
| Sept. 30 | 344 | 7  | 72 | 108   | 338      | 62    | 207    | 593   |
| Oct. 31  | 337 | 8  | 69 | 110   | 347      | 65    | 296    | 589   |
| Nov. 30  | 340 | 8  | 69 | 114   | 363      | 65    | 303    | 596   |
| Dec. 31  | 337 | 7  | 71 | 121   | 372      | 86    | 370    | 622   |



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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
1956

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

The average caseload per month in this category was 342 in 1956 as compared to 340 in 1955. This slight increase was due to the fact that former residents of the County Home, who were not classified in any category previously, were placed in this category upon admission to the Infirmary when it was opened in June.

Cash grants decreased from \$201,468.59 in 1955 to \$189,335.84 in 1956; Hospital care increased from \$21,027.21 in 1955 to \$28,912.99 in 1956; Physicians' fees increased from \$28,565.36 in 1955 to \$33,971.92 in 1956, while the cost of prescriptions increased from \$11,542.30 in 1955 to \$13,667.43 in 1956. The total gross expenditures in Old Age Assistance increased from \$268,818.60 to \$275,719.36.

As will be noted above, the reason for increased costs in Old Age Assistance was due to increased medical costs, which is to be expected in this category. As our elder citizens live longer, medical costs will continue to increase, because it is only through proper medical care that lives are prolonged. Approximately 27% of the total cost of Old Age Assistance this past year was medical.

AID TO THE BLIND

The average caseload per month in this category dropped from 11 in 1955 to 8 in 1956.

Cash grants in this category decreased from \$6,370.73 in 1955 to \$4,618.53 in 1956. Hospital charges decreased from \$1,075.58 to \$936.91; Physicians' fees decreased from \$746.15 to \$697.25; while prescription costs decreased from \$425.38 to \$336.29. The total gross expenditures in Blind Assistance decreased from \$8,801.09 in 1955 to \$6,940.71 this past year.

Medical costs in this category represented 28% of the total costs.

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AID TO THE DISABLED:

The average monthly caseload in this category decreased from 83 in 1955 to 75 this past year.

Cash grants decreased from \$47,053.08 in 1955 to \$41,301.80 in 1956; Hospital charges increased from \$9,632.98 in 1955 to \$11,167.63 in 1956; Physicians' fees increased from \$8,516.15 to \$9,359.21 while costs of prescriptions showed an increase from \$4,575.85 to \$4,790.23. The total gross costs in this category decreased from \$70,495.19 in 1955 to \$67,501.10 in 1956.

As is to be expected in this category medical costs reached a higher percentage than in the other public assistance categories. Medical costs in this category represented 37% of the total Aid for Disabled budgetary expenses.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

The average caseload per month in this category continued to increase again in 1956. In 1955 the average caseload was 109 while in 1956 it was 116. The number of children cared for under this program ranged from 304 in July to a high of 406 in March.

Cash grants in this program increased from \$156,183.43 in 1955 to \$170,285.97 in 1956; Hospital charges increased from \$6,164.64 to \$6,933.53; Physicians' fees increased from \$15,286.06 to \$17,862.43; prescription costs increased from \$2,969.82 to \$3,971.83 while the total gross expenditures increased from \$183,070.09 in 1955 in this program to \$201,035.73 in 1956.

Total medical costs in this program represented only 14% of the total cost.

HOSPITAL ONLY:

Gross costs of Hospital Only in 1956 were \$53,731.21 as compared to \$58,097.51 in 1955. Net costs increased from \$38,206.14 in 1955 to \$42,288.03 in 1956, which resulted from a decrease in reimbursements from \$19,891.37 in 1955 to \$11,443.18 in 1956.



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HOME RELIEF

The average caseload count per month in this category in 1956 was 83 while in 1955 it was 100.

The total costs of this program dropped from \$131,220.27 in 1955 to \$99,467.11 in 1956.

Cash grants dropped from \$115,178.99 to \$81,880.06; Physicians' fees increased from \$9,508.18 to \$10,844.13 while cost of drugs decreased from \$3,406.53 in 1955 to \$2,916.13 in 1956. It is impossible to determine the total hospital cost for recipients of Home Relief inasmuch as only those persons receiving a grant for 30 days immediately preceding their hospitalization would be listed as HR-Hospital; the remainder would be listed under Hospital Only.

Figuring HR-Hospital with other medical costs in this program the medical costs amounted to 22% of the total.

BURIALS

Burial costs increased from \$11,411.00 in 1955 to \$11,956.00 in 1956, while the net cost to the county increased from \$5,021.71 to \$6,265.01.

\*\* In discussing Medical Costs on the preceding pages I think it is important to note that physicians' fees include fees of dentists and optometrists. In fact, all costs pertaining to the health of an individual or groups of individuals receiving public assistance are included in "Medical Costs".

\*\* I also wish again to call your attention to the fact that in the statistical report under disbursements the term "other" refers to payments for transportation, taxes and any other items not included as a regular budgetary item.

SUMMARY OF MEDICAL COSTS

You will note that the medical costs on a percentage basis vary in the various categories. Considering the total cost of all categories, including Foster Care, but excluding burials, operation of the County Farm, Home and Infirmary, the over-all medical costs totaled 26% of the expenditures.

I believe that this percentage is considerably lower than the average of most Welfare Districts in the State, and I do not believe it proportionately high.

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CHILD WELFARE DIVISION  
1956CASELOAD

|         | Boarding<br>Homes | Free<br>Homes | Adoptive<br>Homes | Work-Wage<br>Self-Support | Out of<br>County Supervision | Total |     |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Jan. 1  | 95                | 1             | 12                | 3                         | 3                            | 27    | 141 |
| Feb. 1  | 102               | 0             | 11                | 3                         | 3                            | 37    | 156 |
| Mar. 1  | 102               | 1             | 13                | 3                         | 3                            | 31    | 153 |
| Apr. 1  | 107               | 1             | 12                | 3                         | 8                            | 30    | 161 |
| May 1   | 109               | 1             | 12                | 2                         | 8                            | 37    | 169 |
| June 1  | 106               | 1             | 13                | 1                         | 9                            | 40    | 170 |
| July 1  | 93                | 1             | 12                | 7                         | 6                            | 44    | 163 |
| Aug. 1  | 91                | 2             | 14                | 5                         | 6                            | 43    | 161 |
| Sept. 1 | 91                | 1             | 13                | 3                         | 4                            | 40    | 152 |
| Oct. 1  | 93                | 2             | 12                | 1                         | 4                            | 26    | 138 |
| Nov. 1  | 95                | 1             | 11                | 1                         | 4                            | 23    | 135 |
| Dec. 1  | 100               | 2             | 10                | 2                         | 3                            | 18    | 135 |
| Dec. 31 | 99                | 2             | 6                 | 2                         | 5                            | 18    | 132 |

REFERRALS

|       | Family | Private<br>Citizens | Court | P.A. | Schools | Out of<br>County | Clinic | Other | Total |
|-------|--------|---------------------|-------|------|---------|------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Jan.  | 3      | 0                   | 16    | 15   | 6       | 0                | 0      | 0     | 40    |
| Feb.  | 4      | 3                   | 1     | 5    | 0       | 2                | 0      | 3     | 18    |
| Mar.  | 0      | 0                   | 19    | 8    | 3       | 6                | 0      | 8     | 44    |
| Apr.  | 3      | 6                   | 6     | 0    | 2       | 3                | 0      | 3     | 23    |
| May   | 6      | 6                   | 5     | 5    | 0       | 2                | 0      | 1     | 25    |
| June  | 3      | 6                   | 2     | 3    | 0       | 3                | 0      | 8     | 25    |
| July  | 2      | 8                   | 9     | 6    | 0       | 4                | 0      | 2     | 31    |
| Aug.  | 9      | 4                   | 2     | 5    | 0       | 5                | 0      | 0     | 25    |
| Sept. | 5      | 1                   | 2     | 2    | 0       | 1                | 0      | 4     | 15    |
| Oct.  | 7      | 0                   | 13    | 8    | 7       | 1                | 1      | 0     | 37    |
| Nov.  | 11     | 0                   | 3     | 0    | 0       | 3                | 0      | 1     | 18    |
| Dec.  | 2      | 0                   | 20    | 0    | 0       | 1                | 0      | 7     | 30    |
| Total | 55     | 34                  | 98    | 57   | 18      | 31               | 1      | 37    | 331   |



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CHILD WELFARE DIVISION  
1956

The charts on the previous page will give a reasonable breakdown of the work performed by the Child Welfare Division of our Department.

It is of interest to note that the average monthly caseload increased from 152 cases in 1955 to 164 cases in 1956. A total of 57 children were accepted in boarding homes during this past year, while a total of 53 were discharged.

The total of 331 referrals shown on the previous page was an increase of 51 over 1955, when referrals totalled 280.

The greatest increase in referrals came from Children's Court. From this source alone 98 children were referred, while in 1955 only 36 referrals were received. The majority of these were based on charges of neglect or improper guardianship brought against the parents.

This year, for the first time, juvenile delinquents placed in State Institutions became a charge against our Child Welfare Division. Previously there was no local charge for these children, but, now, as a result of new legislation we are charged one-half of the cost of such care and are billed quarterly.

As a result thereof, I have noted in the Statistical Report on Foster Care that the total includes \$3,458.49 for Juvenile Delinquents.

The gross expenditures in this Division increased from \$69,918.69 in 1955 to \$72,210.01, while the net cost to the county increased from \$26,193.89 in 1955 to \$31,020.70 in 1956.

Once again I would like to urge the Board of Supervisors to give serious consideration to the recommendation of the State Department that Mrs. Francelia Heinley, Senior Caseworker in this Division, be promoted to Case Supervisor and that the Caseworker handling adoptions be promoted to Senior Caseworker.

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STATISTICS  
1956GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

|                                     |                  |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Personal Services - Salaries        |                  | \$83,276.11      |
| Equipment:                          |                  |                  |
| Exchange County Car                 | \$1197.00        |                  |
| 2 Dictating Machines                | 270.40           |                  |
| 1 File Cabinet                      | 81.50            |                  |
| 1 Chair                             | <u>56.00</u>     |                  |
|                                     |                  | 1,604.90         |
| Supplies and Materials:             |                  |                  |
| Stationery, Postage,                |                  |                  |
| Printed forms, office supplies      |                  | 4,235.48         |
| Other Expenses:                     |                  |                  |
| Travel, telephone, rent,            |                  |                  |
| light, repairs to equipment         |                  | 16,586.70        |
| Outstanding encumbrances            |                  | <u>327.00</u>    |
| Total gross expenditures            |                  | \$106,030.19     |
| Reimbursement:                      |                  |                  |
| State Aid                           | \$39,943.82      |                  |
| Federal Aid                         | <u>21,566.26</u> |                  |
|                                     |                  | <u>61,510.08</u> |
| Local net total Administrative cost |                  | \$ 44,520.11     |

HOME RELIEF

|                         |                 |                  |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Disbursements:          |                 |                  |
| Cash Grants             | \$81,880.06     |                  |
| Doctors' fees           | 10,844.13       |                  |
| Prescriptions           | 2,916.13        |                  |
| Other                   | <u>3,826.79</u> |                  |
|                         |                 | \$ 99,467.11     |
| Reimbursements:         |                 |                  |
| State Aid               | 56,619.22       |                  |
| Repayments & recoveries | <u>746.62</u>   |                  |
|                         |                 | <u>57,365.84</u> |
| Net Local Cost          |                 | \$ 42,101.27     |



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## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

### Disbursements:

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Cash grants   | 189,335.84      |
| Hospital care | 28,912.99       |
| Doctors' fees | 33,971.82       |
| Prescriptions | 13,667.43       |
| Other         | <u>9,831.18</u> |

\$275,719.36

### Reimbursement:

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| State Aid               | 81,150.79     |
| Federal Aid             | 122,731.58    |
| Repayments & recoveries | 4,110.87      |
| From other counties     | <u>859.15</u> |

208,852.39

Net local cost

\$ 66,866.97

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

### Disbursements:

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Cash grants      | \$170,285.97    |
| Hospital Charges | 6,933.53        |
| Doctors' fees    | 17,862.43       |
| Prescriptions    | 3,971.83        |
| Other            | <u>1,981.97</u> |

\$201,035.73

### Reimbursement:

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| State Aid               | 49,976.71        |
| Federal Aid             | 88,720.78        |
| Repayments & recoveries | <u>10,775.69</u> |

149,473.18

Net local cost

\$ 51,562.55

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ASSISTANCE TO THE BLIND

Disbursements:

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Cash Grants      | \$4,618.53    |
| Hospital charges | 936.91        |
| Doctors' fees    | 697.25        |
| Prescriptions    | 336.39        |
| Other            | <u>351.63</u> |

\$6,940.71

Reimbursement:

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| State Aid               | 2,079.16      |
| Federal Aid             | 2,950.20      |
| Repayments & recoveries | <u>112.50</u> |

5,141.86

Net local cost

\$1,798.85

AID TO THE DISABLED

Disbursements:

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Cash grants   | \$41,301.80   |
| Hospital care | 11,167.63     |
| Doctors' fees | 9,359.21      |
| Prescriptions | 4,790.23      |
| Other         | <u>882.23</u> |

\$67,501.10

Reimbursements:

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| State Aid               | 20,765.95     |
| Federal Aid             | 27,047.43     |
| Repayments & recoveries | <u>100.73</u> |

47,914.11

Net local cost

\$19,586.99



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## FOSTER CARE

### Disbursements:

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Board            | \$58,910.74*  |
| Clothing         | 6,463.17      |
| Supplies         | 671.78        |
| Physicians' fees | 1,956.70      |
| Prescriptions    | 604.38        |
| Optical care     | 106.50        |
| Hospital care    | 1,619.34      |
| Dentists' fees   | 1,598.00      |
| Miscellaneous    | <u>279.40</u> |

\*Includes \$3,458.49 for  
Juvenile Delinquents

\$72,210.01

### Reimbursements:

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| State Aid  | \$31,271.82     |
| Repayments | <u>9,917.49</u> |

41,189.31

Net local cost

\$31,020.70

## BURIALS

### Disbursements:

Burial costs

\$11,956.00

### Reimbursements:

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| State aid               | 2,536.70        |
| Repayments & recoveries | <u>3,154.29</u> |

5,690.99

Net local cost

\$ 6,265.01

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## HOSPITAL

(HR Hospital)

### Disbursements:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Paid to hospitals  | \$8,059.55      |
| For transportation | 5.00            |
| Doctors' fees      | <u>2,100.00</u> |

State reimbursement

|                 |
|-----------------|
| \$10,164.55     |
| <u>4,663.27</u> |

\$5,501.28

(Hospital Only)

### Disbursements:

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Paid to hospitals | \$37,475.61   |
| Doctors' fees     | 5,627.45      |
| Other             | <u>463.60</u> |

\$43,566.66

### Reimbursements:

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| State charge cases  | \$2,339.68    |
| Repayments          | 3,550.32      |
| Other welfare dist. | <u>889.91</u> |

6,779.91

\$36,786.75

Total net local cost

\$42,288.03

## NON-PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Expenditures  
Repayments

|               |
|---------------|
| \$200.60      |
| <u>153.00</u> |

Net local cost

\$47.60



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## COUNTY HOME 1956

This year brought about the completion of the Infirmary and formal approval of the State Department for opening, which took place on June 18.

Formal dedication ceremonies were held on September 26 with members of the Board of Supervisors, our State Senator and Assemblyman, the President of the Madison County Historical Society and Deputy State Commissioner of Social Welfare, Joseph Loucheim participating. At that time the name of the County Home was changed to the Gerrit Smith Memorial Home and Infirmary, approval for such change having been provided by resolution of the Board of Supervisors at a previous date.

The total cost of converting the first floor of the County Home to an approved Infirmary was \$24,188.21. This figure includes plumbing, carpentry work, painting, plastering, supplies, materials, new kitchen equipment, all hospital equipment, new floors and bell-call system.

The cost of rewiring the entire institution was \$24,962.78; the fire alarm and detection system cost \$6,942.00, while the architect's fees were \$3,051.62. These figures are not included as a part of the cost of converting to an Infirmary inasmuch as this work was required had we not converted.

Although bids were let for an Auxiliary system this past year, it has not been installed as yet. Efforts are being made to determine the reason for the long delay.

Painting of the entire first floor was completed in 1956 and painting of the second floor is nearly completed.

Bids for covering wooden floors in all rooms on the second floor with the exception of one room not being used were let in December.

Additional staff members were appointed in 1956 in conjunction with the operation of the Infirmary. These included, Superintendent of Nurses, 1 Registered Nurse, 4 Licensed Practicals, 2 Attendants, and an additional Resident Cook.

Our milk is now being pasteurized as required by the State.

The infirmary is now being operated at nearly full capacity and there is every indication that this will continue.

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All repairs to the building were done with the prior approval of the building committee of the Board of Supervisors and Mrs. Liddle and I wish to take this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation to the members of this committee and the Chairman of the Board for their complete cooperation at all times.

I cannot conclude my report on the County Home without again publicly expressing my personal gratitude to Mrs. Liddle, who as matron, worked so untiringly in her efforts to make a success of this project. Without her efforts I, personally, would have found the establishment of an Infirmary far more difficult to accomplish, if not impossible.

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## COUNTY HOME 1956

### DISBURSEMENTS:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Salaries, wages and professional fees                                       | \$30,883.78      |
| Office expense, telephone, etc.   | 442.91           |
| Fuel, light and power   | 6,701.06         |
| Ordinary repairs to building & equipment                                    | 6,946.31         |
| Supplies & minor equipment  | 13,651.68        |
| Food  | 10,302.67        |
| Clothing  | 720.15           |
| Other (Laundry, Extermination service,<br>advertising, express, fees, etc.) | 1,236.13         |
| New Construction (floor covering)   | 1,857.76         |
| New furniture, furnishings & equipment                                      | 3,585.79         |
| Capital expenditures from Peterboro<br>Home fund                            | <u>11,923.59</u> |
|   | \$88,251.83      |
| Value of farm produce consumed at Home                                      | <u>3,341.97</u>  |
| Gross expenses, including value of farm produce                             | \$91,593.80      |

### REVENUES:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Board and care from patients                                     | \$ 5,982.84      |
| State reimbursement  | <u>26,150.61</u> |
|  | \$32,133.45      |
| Net cost to county including Peterboro<br>Home Fund expenditures | \$59,460.35      |
| Total number of residents Jan. 1, 1956                           | 38               |
| Total number of residents in Home and<br>Infirmary Dec. 31, 1956 | 64               |
| Total number of days' board & care                               | 17,663           |



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## COUNTY FARM 1956

Once again the County Farm was operated under the capable managership of Clarence Edding, assisted by Farm Laborer, Wesley Jacobs.

Our statistical report will show that our gross operating expenses this year were \$14,298.54 as compared \$15,376.77 in 1955. This was a reduction of \$1,078.23.

While reducing our cost of operation it will be pleasing to note that our revenues reached a total of \$14,622.29, an increase of \$1,906.14 over 1955's total revenues of \$12,716.15.

As a result thereof, the County Farm showed in 1956 an operating profit of \$323.75. Although this is a small profit it becomes somewhat larger when compared to an operating loss in 1955 of \$2,660.62. This is the first year that a profit has been shown on the County Farm in many years and it is our hope that we may never have to operate at a loss in the future.

The major repairs this year consisted of rewiring the farm buildings.

Provision has been made in the 1957 budget for repainting these buildings. Also, consideration will have to be given to a new milk house and an expansion of our milk cooling equipment if we plan to continue producing the increased milk supply that we have in the past year.

Once again we wish to express our sincere thanks to the members of the Farm Committee of the Board of Supervisors for their cooperation and advice on problems which confronted us during the year in the operation of the Farm.

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COUNTY FARM  
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FARM INVENTORY:

32 Milch cows  
3 Heifers  
5 Yearlings  
7 Calves  
90 Hens  
90 Chickens

PRODUCE FOR LIVESTOCK CONSUMPTION:

80 Tons Hay  
1080 Bushels Oats  
400 Bales Straw  
130 Tons Ensilage  
600 Bushels picking corn

PRODUCE FOR RESIDENT CONSUMPTION:

MILK

|       |                    |                  |
|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| Jan.  | 3631 lb. @ \$4.244 | \$154.10         |
| Feb.  | 3749 lb. @ 4.023   | 150.32           |
| Mar.  | 3547 lb. @ 3.942   | 139.82           |
| Apr.  | 3370 lb. @ 3.688   | 124.29           |
| May   | 3055 lb. @ 3.646   | 111.39           |
| June  | 3308 lb. @ 3.740   | 123.72           |
| July  | 3043 lb. @ 3.650   | 111.07           |
| Aug.  | 3026 lb. @ 4.179   | 126.45           |
| Sept. | 2658 lb. @ 4.540   | 114.41           |
| Oct.  | 3073 lb. @ 4.632   | 142.34           |
| Nov.  | 3850 lb. @ 4.810   | 185.19           |
| Dec.  | 4280 lb. @ 5.080   | 217.42           |
|       |                    | <u>\$1701.02</u> |

EGGS

|       |                       |                  |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Jan.  | 76½ doz. @ \$.50      | \$ 38.25         |
| Feb.  | 112-3/4 doz. @ \$.50  | 56.38            |
| Mar.  | 98-5/6 doz. @ \$.50   | 49.42            |
| Apr.  | 119-5/12 doz. @ \$.50 | 59.71            |
| May   | 77 doz. @ \$.50       | 38.50            |
| June  | 78-7/12 doz. @ \$.50  | 39.29            |
| July  | 85½ doz. @ \$.50      | 42.63            |
| Aug.  | 175 doz. @ \$.50      | 87.50            |
| Sept. | 72-2/3 doz. @ \$.50   | 36.33            |
| Oct.  | 142-5/6 doz. @ \$.50  | 71.42            |
| Nov.  | 76-3/4 doz. @ \$.50   | 38.38            |
| Dec.  | 52-5/12 doz. @ \$.50  | 26.21            |
|       |                       | <u>\$ 584.02</u> |

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### MEAT

|          |                            |               |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------|
| February | 625 lb. beef @ \$.30       | \$ 187.50     |
| April    | 700 lb. beef @ \$.27       | 189.00        |
| November | 600 lb. steer beef @ \$.40 | <u>240.00</u> |
|          |                            | \$616.50      |

### CHICKENS

|          |                         |               |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------|
| August   | 609 lb. chicken @ \$.35 | 213.15        |
| December | 384 lb. chicken @ \$.35 | <u>134.40</u> |
|          |                         | \$347.55      |

### VEGETABLES

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 240 lb. beans @ .055                 | 13.20       |
| 80 lb. swiss chard @ .02             | 1.60        |
| 100 lb. summer squash @ .015         | 1.50        |
| 60 lb. beet greens @ .02             | 1.20        |
| 180 lb. beets @ .02                  | 3.60        |
| 78 lb. lettuce @ .03                 | 2.34        |
| 252 lb. cucumbers @ .02              | 5.04        |
| 56 lb. green peppers @ .05           | 2.80        |
| 932 lb. sweet corn @ .02             | 18.64       |
| 30 lb. radishes @ .03                | .90         |
| 26 lb. onions @ .03                  | .78         |
| 520 lb. peas @ .04                   | 20.80       |
| 72 lb. carrots @ .025                | 1.80        |
| 560 lb. tomatoes $\frac{1}{4}$ @ .02 | 11.20       |
| 110 lb. winter squash @ .02          | 2.20        |
| 216 lb. cabbage @ .015               | 3.24        |
| 136 lb. turnips @ .015               | <u>2.04</u> |
|                                      | \$ 92.88    |

### Total income from produce used for resident consumption:-

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| Milk       | \$1701.02    |
| Eggs       | 584.02       |
| Beef       | 616.50       |
| Chickens   | 347.55       |
| Vegetables | <u>92.88</u> |

\$3,341.97



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EQUIPMENT PURCHASED IN 1956:

1 John Deere Wagon

TOTAL FARM MACHINERY INVENTORY 12/31/56:

1 1½ Ton International truck (1947)  
1 John Deere Manure Spreader (1952)  
1 Mowing Machine  
1 Farmall M Tractor (1952)  
1 New Holland Hay Baler (Repaired after 1951 fire)  
1 Side Delivery Rake (1952)  
1 Hay and Grain Elevator (1953)  
1 Potato Digger  
1 Dis-Wick Disc (1953)  
1 Wagon box  
3 Farm Wagons (1953-1955-1956)  
1 Plow-Hydraulic lift (1953)  
1 Ford plow (1953)  
2 Snow plows (1 old-1 new 1952)  
1 Harrow  
1 Cultivator  
1 Corn planter (changed to hydraulic lift)  
1 Grain drill  
1 Culti-packer  
1 Corn sheller  
1 Ensilage cutter  
1 Hay loader  
1 Ford Tractor (1946 Model-Purchased in 1953)  
1 Conde Milking Machine -(3 Units purchased in 1953-1 Unit in 1954)  
1 Ford Lift-All Platform (1953)  
1 Conde Pump exchanged for new Conde pump with 3/4 H.P. (1954)  
1 Ford Truck (1½ Ton-1954)  
Ventilating system for barn (1954)  
1 Lime Sewer (1955)  
1 Milk House Heater (1955)  
1 Grain Bin (1955)  
Barn completely rewired (1956)

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DISBURSEMENTS:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Salaries, wages and professional fees   | \$5,517.68      |
| Equipment                               | 325.00          |
| Supplies & Materials                    | 7,257.53        |
| Other (repairs, registration, breeding) | <u>1,198.33</u> |
|   | \$14,298.54     |

REVENUES:

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Milk checks                              | \$10,707.47        |
| Eggs                                     | 228.70             |
| Calves                                   | 214.00             |
| Miscellaneous (chickens, hay, etc.)      | <u>130.15</u>      |
|  | 11,280.32          |
| Value of milk & produce consumed at Home | <u>3,341.97</u>    |
|  | <u>\$14,622.29</u> |
| Net operating <u>profit</u> to county    | \$ 323.75          |

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## SUMMARY

### DISBURSEMENTS

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| General Administration    | \$106,030.19     |
| Old Age Assistance        | 275,719.36       |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 201,035.73       |
| Aid to the Disabled       | 67,501.10        |
| Aid to the Blind          | 6,940.71         |
| Home Relief               | 99,467.11        |
| Foster Care               | 72,210.01        |
| Hospital Only             | 53,731.21        |
| Burials                   | 11,956.00        |
| Non-Public Assistance     | 200.60           |
| County Home               | 91,593.80        |
| County Farm               | <u>14,298.54</u> |

\$1,000,684.36

### CREDITS

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| General Administration    | \$ 61,510.08     |
| Old Age Assistance        | 208,852.39       |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 149,473.18       |
| Aid to the Disabled       | 47,914.11        |
| Aid to the Blind          | 5,141.86         |
| Home Relief               | 57,365.84        |
| Foster Care               | 41,189.31        |
| Hospital Only             | 11,443.18        |
| Burials                   | 5,690.99         |
| Non-Public Assistance     | 153.00           |
| County Home               | 32,133.45        |
| County Farm               | <u>14,622.29</u> |

\$635,489.68

Net local cost to county

\$365,194.68



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### MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE 1956

In conclusion I again wish to express the sincere appreciation of Mrs. Liddle, myself and members of our staffs for the kind cooperation and consideration given to us by the Chairman and members of the Board of Supervisors. The advice and counsel of the members of the various committees of the Board with whom we have been privileged to work has been of inestimable value to us.


I desire also to again this year express my sincere thanks to County Attorney William L. Burke and District Attorney Harold Simons for the great amount of work turned out by them for our department.

We also wish to express our gratitude to Judge Clarence Conley and members of his Probation Department for the continued co-operation which we have enjoyed this year.

To the many other county, state, town, village and city officials who have cooperated with us so whole-heartedly we wish to say thanks again.

We pledge ourselves to continue to conduct the affairs of this department in an efficient and business-like manner.

Respectfully submitted,

  
William Liddle, Commissioner