STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

DES MOINES, IOWA

JUNE 30, 1955



Honorable Chet B. Akers Auditor of State Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir:

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 11, Section 2, 1954 Code of Iowa, we have audited the books and records of the

# STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA

for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955, and submit herewith our report as contained in the Exhibits and Schedules listed in the Index and our Comments thereon.

This department embraces the programs of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Child Welfare, Emergency Relief and Aid to Dependent Children. It sets general standards and through a field staff, keeps in touch with and helps the County Welfare Departments which give direct service to needy people living in the counties. Emphasis is placed on services which will prevent personal or family breakdowns and an attempt is made to restore those who have had serious difficulties to normal life as soon as possible.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Decame effective March 16, 1934, and the first assistance grants paid were for the month of November 1934. All assistance payments were financed entirely from State funds until February 1, 1936, when grants were matched by the Federal Government on a fifty - fifty basis to and including \$40.00 grants.

The various rates of Federal participation in the three assistance programs, Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to Dependent Children, applicable to the period under review, are given in our comments covering "Federal Grants Earned" later in this report.

The State appropriation for Old Age Assistance for the year under review amounted to \$14,400,000.00. This amount together with grants earned from the Federal Government totaling \$16,721,861.57, recoveries of assistance paid, per Capita tax and penalty collections and other miscellaneous receipts produced a total revenue of \$32,564,894.01. Expenditures totaled \$31,439,611.09, so that at the end of the year, available funds amounted to \$3,855,117.10 compared with \$2,729,834.18 a year earlier, or an increase of \$1,125,282.92.

Federal Grants for participation in both assistance payments and administrative costs are also received in the Aid to Blind Program. Payments for funeral benefits and eye treatment expenses are not subject to Federal participation.

Chapter 241, Section 20, 1954 Code of Iowa, provides that each county in the State shall participate in Aid to the Blind to the extent of one-fourth of all monthly assistance payments, funeral benefits, eye treatment expenses and administrative costs within the county.

In addition to the State appropriation of \$410,000.00 and Federal grants earned of \$606,087.08 the various counties of the State participated in the amount of \$330,343.61. Other receipts consisted of refunds from recipients \$14,264.41 and miscellaneous \$49.24, for a grand total of \$1,360,744.34.

Expenditures totaled \$1,384,380.60 of which sum \$1,286,636.75 was for assistance and \$84,825.49 for administration. Available funds at the close of the year was \$119,203.05 a reduction of \$23,636.26 compared with a year ago.

This program consists primarily of services and has no funds for direct financial assistance.

The revenues consisted of a State appropriation of \$300,000.00, Federal participation in administrative costs \$112,198.10 and other income of \$347.12 for a total of \$412,545.22. Disbursements consisted entirely of administrative costs and amounted to \$426,745.15. Available funds at June 30, 1955 were \$171,441.10 compared with \$185,641.03 a year ago, a reduction of \$14,199.93.

This program consists for the most part of administrative costs at the State office and in the 64 counties whose relief programs are integrated with the County Boards of Social Welfare. In counties which operates their relief programs under the "Overseer of the Poor", but have a Child Welfare program, the clerical expense is included under Emergency Relief.

During the Fall of 1954 the State Department of Social Welfare agreed to participate in the distribution of Surplus Commodities throughout the State. A Director was appointed and the responsibility for the distribution was assigned to the various County Boards of Social Welfare. Funds for the expense of distributions was advanced from the Emergency Relief appropriation and later charged back to the counties participating in the program.

For the period under review, revenues consisted of a State appropriation of \$10,000.00, County reimbursements amounting to \$237,995.76 and

Other receipts of \$131.25, for a total of \$248,127.01. There is no Federal participation in this program. Disbursements totaled \$257,908.92, consisting of \$247,483.34 for administration and \$10,425.58 covering trucking charges on Surplus Commodities. Available funds at June 30,1955 amounted to \$66,138.39, a reduction of \$9,781.91 compared with a year earlier.

Federal grants for participation in both monthly assistance and Administrative costs are also received in the Aid to Dependent Children Program. As in the Old Age and Aid to the Blind programs, funeral benefits are not subject to such participation.

Chapter 239, Section 11, 1954 Code of Iowa, provides for County participation as follows: after giving effect to the amount of Federal participation, each county to pay one-half of the remaining balance of assistance payments chargeable to the county. There is no provision for county participation in administrative expenses.

Revenues for the period consisted of a State Appropriation of \$2,200,000.00, Federal participation in both assistance grants and administrative costs totaling \$4,690,013.65, County participation \$2,142,200.86, refunds from Recipients \$70,298.39 and other receipts of \$88.42 for a grand total of \$9,102,601.32.

Disbursements for the year were \$9,254,833.86 of which sum \$8,660,491.37 was for assistance payments and \$525,756.72 for administrative expense. Available funds at the close of the fiscal year amounted to \$212,641.08 compared with \$364,873.62 a year ago, a reduction of \$152,232.54.

## BALANCE SHEET COMMENTS BY PROGRAMS

A consolidated balance sheet showing the financial condition of the combined funds under the adminstration of the State Board of Social Welfare as of June 30, 1955, may be found in Exhibit "A". A condensed tabulation of this statement follows:

Assets		
Cash Accounts Receivable Other Assets- Suspended and Stop Payment Warrants Suspense Account -Outstanding Checks Advance to Merit System Council Prepaid Metered Postage Prepaid Automobile Expense Revolving Fund Advances Assigned Assets - Held in Trust Real Estate Liens- Assessed Value 8,298,965.58 Less-		8,539,672.84 54,702.00
Encumbrances 1,950,711.36 General Administrative	6,348,254.22	
Fund Advance	113,915.77	7,230,713.06
Fixed Assets - At Cost		122,506.57
Total Assets		15,947,594,47
Liabilities and Funds		
Accounts Payable Other Liabilities- Federal Aid Unearned Trust Account Credits General Administrative Fund Advances Total Other Liabilities	1,966,232.77 2,107,400.13 113,915.77	10,495.11 4,187,548.67
Reserves-		
Suspended and Stop Payment Warrants Assigned Assets and Real Estate Liens-Net Outstanding Checks Revolving Fund	38,378.50 6,841,948.22 2,649.83 319,526.85	
Total Reserves Investment in Fixed Assets		7,202,503.40
Available Funds		122,506.57

A Balance sheet of the Old Age Assistance OLD AGE ASSISTANCE Program Funds at June 30, 1955 is presented in

Exhibit "A-1", and compares with June 30, 1954 as follows:

Assets	June 30 1955	Ending June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
Cash Other Assets-	7,377,290.86	6,346,193.49	1,031,097.37
Suspended & Stop Payment of Warrants Revolving Fund Advances	14,838.00 218,085.56	17,501.50	-2,663.50 89,398.73
Assigned Assets - Held in Trust	493,694.00	491,877.25	1,816.75
Real Estate Liens- Assessed Value Less Encumbrances General Administrative	8,298,965.58 -1,950,711.36	8,383,041.92 -1,983,709.04	-84,076.34 32,997.68
Fund Advance	98,670.36	95,153.11	3,517.25
Total Assets	14,550,833.00	13,478,745.06	1,072,087.94
Liabilities And Funds			
Other Liabilities- Trust Account Credits Federal Aid Unearned Reserves-	2,107,400.13 1,412,002.70	2,006,535.81 1,514,136.59	100,864.32
Suspended & Stop Payment of Warrants Revolving Fund	14,838.00	17,501.50	-2,663.50
Assigned Assets & Real Estate Liens - Net Available Funds	6,841,948.22 3,855,117.10	6,891,210.13 2,729,834.18	-49,261.91 1,125,282.92
Total Liabilities and Funds	14,550,833.00	13,478,745.06	1,072,087.94

The accounts of the Old Age Assistance program are segregated under the following funds:

Old Age Assistance Fund Revolving Fund

The Old Age Assistance Fund is the principal fund of the program, and all payments for monthly assistance and funeral benefits are made therefrom and all revenue deposited therein. Transfers from this fund to the General Administrative Fund are made each month to meet the Program's proportionate share of the Administrative costs.

The Revolving Fund is used to reflect all financial transactions in connection with assigned assets received from recipients of Old Age Assistance.

The Trust Section is responsible for all property assigned to the Department by Old Age Assistance recipients in qualifying for assistance. The property is held in Trust until the death of the recipient, or in the event the recipient is removed from the assistance rolls and full reimbursement is received by the Department. If it is considered expedient by the Trust Section, notes, stocks, bonds and other normally liquid assets may be liquidated sooner. The assessed value of real estate covered by assistance liens, less encumbrances, is also reflected in the Revolving Fund.

Cash receipts from income or liquidation of assigned assets, from the release of liens and deposits made by the recipients, are credited to individual recipients accounts and are reflected in the Revolving Fund under Trust account credits. Cash disbursements are made from the Revolving Fund for the payment of taxes, abstract expenses, insurance premiums, interest, property repairs and other expenditures considered necessary to protect the interests of both the recipient and the State. If there is a sufficient amount to the credit of the recipient involved the disbursement is charged to his Trust account, if not, it is considered as an advance made from State Funds and is charged to the recipient under the account of Revolving Fund advances.

Cash receipts for Federal participation are not segregated, but are deposited direct to the cash account for State Funds of the respective programs. We have, however, provided a separate heading for Federal Aid in the various exhibits and balance sheet of each program.

A balance sheet of Aid to the Blind Funds at June 30, 1955 is presented in Exhibit "A-2", which compares with June 30, 1954 as follows:

Assets	June 30 1955	June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
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Cash Other Assets-	172,655.17	191,522.91	-18,867.74
Suspended & Stop Payment Warrants General Administrative Fu	1,379.50	1,145.50	234.00
Advance	5,912.90	7,809.13	-1,896.23
Total Assets	179.947.57	200.477.54	-20,529.97
Liabilities and Funds			
Federal Aid Unearned	59,365.02	56,492.73	2,872.29
Reserve for Suspended and Stop Payment Warrants Available Funds	1,379.50	1,145.50	234.00
Total Liabilities and Funds	179,947.57	200,477.54	20,529.97

All payments for monthly assistance, funeral benefits and eye treatment expense are made from the Blind Assistance Fund. Since the Federal Government does not participate in funeral benefits and eye treatment expenses of the Blind program, these two types of assistance are paid one-fourth by the counties and three-fourths by the State.

Eye treatment expenses are provided for in Chapter 241, Section 14, 1954 Code of Iowa. Ophthalmological fees are paid from the general administrative fund, and are included when computing Federal participation in Administrative expenses.

In Exhibit "A-3", there is presented a balance sheet of Child Welfare program funds. A comparison of these funds at June 30, 1955 and June 30, 1954 follows:

	Period	Increase	
Assets	June 30 1955		Decrease
Cash Federal Aid Receivable General Administrative	162,295.17 54,702.00	187,490.56	-25,195.39 54,702.00
Fund Advance	8,445.77	8,758.41	-312.64
Total Assets	225,442.94	196,248.97	29,193.97
Liabilities and Funds			
Federal Aid Unearned Available Funds	54,001.84 171,441.10	10,607.94	43,393.90 -14,199.93
Total Liabilities and Funds	225,442.94	196,248.97	29,193.97

The duties of the "Division of Child Welfare" as set out in Chapter 235.3, Code of Iowa 1954 are: Plan and Supervise all public Child Welfare services within the state. The Federal Government participates in these activities.

An Emergency Relief Fund balance sheet for June 30, 1955, is presented in Exhibit "A-4", and compares with June 30, 1954 as follows:

Assets	Period End June 30 1955	ing June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
Cash Other Assets- Suspense Account	60,586.68	65,610.05	-5,023.37
and Outstanding Checks General Administrative	2,649.83	2,649.83	-
Fund Advance	5,551.71	10,310.25	_4,758.54
Total Assets	68,788.22	78,570.13	
Liabilities and Funds			
Reserve for Outstanding Checks Available Funds	2,649.83 66,138.39	2,649.83 75,920.30	-9,781.91
Total Liabilities and Funds	68,788.22	78,570.13	-9,781.91

There are no Federal grants received under this program. The service performed is administrative in connection with the Emergency Relief program and Surplus Commodities distribution in the various counties of the State.

A balance sheet of Aid to Dependent

Children program funds at June 30, 1955 is

presented in Exhibit "A-5" and compares with June 30, 1954 as follows:

A	Period E		Increase
Assets	June 30 1955	June 30 1954	-Decrease
Cash Other Assets- Suspended and Stop	658,169.26	786,406.61	-128,237.35
Payment Warrants General Administrative	22,161.00	19,704.00	2,457.00
Fund Advance	_4,664.97	5,687.52	10,352.49
Total Assets	675,665.29	811,798.13	_136,132.84
Liabilities and Funds			
Federal Aid Unearned Reserve for Suspended &	440,863.21	427,220.51	13,642.70
Stop Payment Warrants Available Funds	22,161.00 212,641.08	19,704.00	2,457.00 152,232.54
Total Liabilities and Funds	675,665,29	811,798.13	_136,132.84

All monthly assistance and funeral benefit payments are made from this fund. Since the Federal Government does not participate in funeral benefits, these expenses are shared equally by the State and County.

A General Administrative Fund balance sheet at June 30, 1955 is presented in Exhibit "A-6", and compares with June 30, 1954 as follows:

Assets	June 30 1955	Ending June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
Cash Other Assets-	108,675.70	118,291.84	-9,616.14
Advance to Merit System Council Prepaid Metered Postage Prepaid Automobile Expense Fixed Assets at Cost	9,036.48 3,436.26 3,262.44 122,506.57	8,432.78 3,791.65 2,116.22 118,689.95	603.70 -355.39 1,146.22 3,816.62
Total Assets	246,917.45	251,322.44	
Liabilities and Investment			
Accounts Payable Administrative Advances Investment in Fixed Assets	10,495.11 113,915.77 122,506.57	14,914.07 127,718.42 118,689.95	5,581.04 -13,802.65 3,816.62
Total Liabilities and Investment	246,917.45	251,322.44	_4,404.99

The General Administrative Fund is operated as an "Imprest Fund" from which administrative expenses of all programs under the State Department of Social Welfare are paid, each program reimbursing the fund at the end of each month for its proportionate share of the expenses.

### BALANCE SHEET COMMENTS BY ITEMS

The cash on deposit with the State Treasurer at June 30, 1955, consisted of the following:

Program	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
Old Age Assistance Aid to the Blind Child Welfare Emergency Relief Aid to Dependent Children General Administrative Fund	5,965,288.16 113,290.15 162,995.33 60,586.68 217,306.05 108,625.70	1,412,002.70 59,365.02 -700.16 440,863.21	7,377,290.86 172,655.17 162,295.17 60,586.68 658,169.26 108,625.70
Totals	6,628,092.07	1,911,530.77	8,539,622.84

These balances were verified as of June 30, 1955, by reference to the records of the State Comptroller. Reconciliation of the balances shown by his books with the records of the State Department is set forth in Exhibit "B", Schedule No. 1. In addition to the above total for State Funds, there was on deposit with the State Comptroller \$2,649.83 held in suspense for outstanding checks. Verification by count made of the Petty Cash account in the amount of \$50.00, which is in addition to the General Administrative total of \$108,625.70.

A comparison of cash balances at June 30th this year and a year ago follows:

Particulars	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
June 30, 1955	6,628,092.07	1,911,530.77	8,539,622.84
June 30, 1954	5,687.007.69	2,008,457.77	7,695,465.46
Increase or Decrease	941,084.38	-96,927.00	844,157.38

The greater share of increase in cash was in the Old Age Assistance program where there was a reduction of 1919 Old Age Recipients during the period under review.

There were accounts receivable representing unpaid charges to the various counties of the programs, wherein county participation is provided by law for their share of assistance and administrative costs. Due to the Department's books being on a cash receipt and disbursement basis, these unpaid amounts do not appear as an asset in the balance sheet. For collection and control purposes, however, an account is maintained with each county, for each program in which it participates, and at June 30, 1955 the total unpaid balances were as follows:

Program	Total	June	May	April 1955 And Prior
Aid to the Blind Emergency Relief	33,827.46 17,316.98	25,824.56 16,869.74	5,226.64 167.88	2,776.26 279.36
Aid to Dependent Children	225,216.72	172,361.26	30,876.23	21,979.23
Totals	276,361.16	215,055.56	36,270.75	25,034.85

A further breakdown of amounts due from counties prior to May 1, 1955 follows:

County	Year Due	Aid To The Blind	Emergency Relief	Aid To Dependent Children	Total
Monroe	1949 1950 1951 1954	448.23 1,589.01 641.42		5,130.46 12,139.24 4,226.63	5,578.69 13,728.25 4,226.63 641.42
Total Monroe	County	2,678.66		21,496.33	24,174.99
Benton	1955	_	. 26	_	. 26
Fremont	1955			.40	.40
Osceola	1955	97.60	278.26	482.50	858.36
Palo Alto	1955		.84		.84
Grand Tota	al	2,776.26	279.36	21,979.23	25,034.85

The amounts due from Benton, Fremont and Palo Alto counties were paid during the month of July and from Osceola during September 1955, leaving unpaid the \$24,174.99 due from Monroe County.

During October 1954 a District Court Judge for Southern Iowa, denied the petition filed by the State Board against the Supervisors of Monroe County, for a writ of Mandamus ordering the Board of Supervisors of Monroe County to issue funding bonds, if necessary, to pay the old claims. A new attempt to collect the amounts due from Monroe County was made during December 1955 when the State Executive Council authorized the Attorney General for Iowa to employ a Special Assistant to file a civil suit against Monroe County and the Board of Supervisors.

Federal Aid Receivable in the amount of \$54,702.00 in the Child Welfare program, represents funds which had been alloted to the Program by the Federal Government, but which had not been received from them at June 30, 1955.

Suspended and Stop Payment warrants in the OTHER ASSETS

amount of \$38,378.50 represents monthly assistance

warrants in the three assistance programs against which suspension or stop-payment orders had been issued. A reserve for the full amount was established and the balance in the three accounts is constantly changing as suspensions and stop orders are lifted and new ones issued.

Suspense Account - Outstanding Checks in the amount of \$2,649.83 represents \$2,584.56 applicable to the Emergency Relief Fund and \$65.27 from the Clearance Fund. The Emergency Relief portion is comprised of outstanding checks drawn during the years 1934 to 1937 on a bank account carried at that time with the Iowa Des Moines National Bank. The bank account was closed June 30, 1941, and the funds deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Program's funds. Some 568 checks were involved, with a large majority of them being for amount under \$5.00. During the intervening period only four of these checks have been redeemed.

The \$65.27 from the Clearance Fund, represents 95 unpaid checks drawn between February 1942 and March 1951, a good share of the checks ranging in small amounts. Only one check in the amount of .44 cents has been redeemed from these funds. The Clearance Fund is a separate bank account carried by the State Board and is used to make refunds to employees and others, as well as making distribution of receipts to two or more programs. A reserve has been established covering the above amount of outstanding checks.

Advance to Merit System Council in the amount of \$9,036.48 represents the excess of cash paid to the Council over the actual expenses totaling \$15,464.57, charged to the State Department of Social Welfare.

Prepaid Metered Postage totaling \$3,436.26 represents the value of unused meter impressions remaining in the postage meter machine on June 30, 1955.

Prepaid Automobile Expense in the amount of \$3,262.44 is on deposit with the State Car Dispatcher, and represents the balance accumulated from the payment of depreciation and proceeds from the sale of automobiles. The funds will be used in the future to replace or purchase new automobiles.

Revolving Fund Advances totaling \$218,085.56 represents disbursements made in the current and prior years from the Old Age Assistance Revolving Fund for Insurance Premiums, Special and Real Estate Taxes, as well as other expenses deemed necessary to protect and maintain the properties on which assistance liens have been filed, and the assets assigned and held in Trust for the recipients.

During the audit period there was an increase of \$89,398.73 in advances from the Revolving Fund, most of which consisted of Special Assessment taxes on real estate owned by Old Age Recipients. Prior to December 1954 an allowance had been made for Special Assessment taxes on real estate and included in the monthly grants. In a large number of such cases the recipient neglected to pay the taxes and used the money for living expenses. Later after the recipient's death when his estate was probated, it was necessary to pay these taxes again in order to give clear title to the property.

According to statistics furnished by the Accounting Department, total advances for Special Assessment taxes as of June 30, 1955 was \$81,432.76.

Assigned Assets - Held in Trust with a book value of \$493,694.00 at June 30, 1955, are summarized in the following statement, which also shows the changes made during the year:

Classifi- cation	Balance July 1 1954	Assign- ments	Releases	Cash Applied	Balance June 30 1955
Stocks Bonds Secured Note	1,307.82 1,250.00 s 23,536.44	685.00	750.00 - 197.17	312.00	930.82 1,250.00 22,809.26
Unsecured Notes Judgements Closed Bank	34,815.10 18,444.95	5,051.89	13,299.26 419.15	1,781.00	24,786.73 16,525.80
Claims	416.00	-	-	-	416.00
Trust Certif icates	574.45	-	- 1	11.08	563.37
Life Insuran Policies Bank Deposit	152,908.53	1,000.00	3,282.38	15,910.62	134,715.53
Interest in Estates	2,041.00	21.00	2.00	12.00	2,048.00
Deeded Real Estate Contracts Miscellaneou	134,915.85 103,835.07 s 4,884.30	29,720.00 58,422.26 1.00	6,563.83 454.64	22,490.17 31,185.43 1.00	135,581.85 130,617.26 4,884.30
R.E. Lien Agreements	12,946.74	15,071.50	965.24	8,488.92	18,564.08
Totals	491,877.25	110,123.65	25,933.67	82,373.23	493,694.00

The assigned assets on June 30, 1955 were verified by examination of the securities and assignments on file with the Trust Section of the Department. There no doubt are items among the assigned assets, such as notes, judgements and stocks, where the recovery that will eventually be realized is very uncertain.

Real Estate Liens in the amount of \$6,348,254.22 represents the assessed value, less encumbrances, of real estate owned by Old Age Recipients at June 30, 1955. The liens are set up from information contained in investigation reports which are a part of each recipient's file.

The following summary shows the changes recorded for real estate liens and encumbrances during the year:

Particulars	Real Estate Liens	Encumbrances	Real Estate Liens - Net
Balance July 1,1954 New Liens	8,383,041.92 667,683.00	1,983,709.04	6,399,332.88
Total to Account For	9,050,724.92	2,141,022.04	6,909,702.88
Liens Released	751,759.34	190,310.68	561,448.66
Balance June 30,1955	8,298,965.58	1,950,711.36	6,348,254.22

A statement of assigned Assets and Real Estate Liens, by counties, is shown in Exhibit "A-1", Schedule No. 1.

General Administrative Fund Advances amounting to \$113,915.77
represents the excess of cash advances from the various program funds for administrative purposes, over the expenditures made from the General Administrative Fund for the programs. A summary of the advances follows:

<u>Fund</u>	Amount
Old Age Assistance Aid to the Blind Child Welfare Emergency Relief Aid to Dependent Children	98,670.36 5,912.90 8,445.77 5,551.71 -4,664.97
Total	113,915.77

The investment of the five programs in fixed assets,

FIXED ASSETS

which for accounting purposes is included in the General

Administrative Fund Balance sheet, is shown as follows:

Fund	Amount
Old Age Assistance Aid to the Blind Child Welfare Emergency Relief Aid to Dependent Children	73,131.69 4,340.93 24,264.26 14,602.28 6,167.41
Total	122,506.57

The assets consist of six automobiles and all types of furniture and equipment at the main office. Since all such items are charged to expense at the time of purchase the account carried on the books is in reality a memorandum account for control purposes.

The following summary sets forth the changes recorded in the fixed asset account during the year:

Balance July 1, 1954 Additions-		118,689.95
By Purchase		8,399.61
Total		127,089.56
Deductions- Sales Trade-ins	1,763.50 2,819.49	4,582.99
Balance June 30, 1955		122,506.57

Additions by purchase during the fiscal year are included at cost as evidenced by purchase invoices, without any deductions for trade-in allowances. A summary of the items purchased and further remarks concerning fixed assets will be found in the comments of this report pertaining to administrative expenses.

There were accounts payable at June 30, 1955

accounts payable at June 30, 1955

in the amount of \$10,495.11 all in the General Administrative Fund. The entire sum was due the various counties as their share of recoveries in the Aid to the Blind and Aid to Dependent Children programs for the last quarter of the fiscal year.

OTHER LIABILITIES

\$1,966,232.77 is made up of an amount from each of
the four programs in which the Federal Government participates. A detail
of this figure by programs follows:

Fund	Amount
Old Age Assistance Aid to Blind Child Welfare Aid to Dependent Children	1,412,002.70 59,365.02 54,001.84 440,863.21
Total	1,966,232.77

The various amounts represent in their respective Programs the excess receipts over the amounts earned during the fiscal year, as the Federal's share of assistance payments and administrative expenses.

Trust Account Gredits with a balance of \$2,107,400.13 in the Old Age Assistance Revolving Funds, represents the amount held in trust for Old Age Recipients and has been derived from various sources, such as, cash deposits, liquidation of assigned assets and recoveries from estates.

General Administrative Fund Advances amounting to \$113,915.77 is the liability of the administrative fund for cash advances from the various program funds.

The following are balances of contra-accounts to the various asset items at June 30, 1955:

Particulars		Amount
Suspended and Stop Payment Warrants	1102 601 00	38,378.50
Assigned Assets -Held in Trust Real Estate Liens -Net Outstanding Checks Revolving Fund	493,694.00 6,348,254.22	6,841,948.22 2,649.83 319,526.85
Total Reserves		7,202,503.40

INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS

We have previously commented on the Fixed Assets amounting to \$122,506.57.

This account serves as a contr-account therefor.

AVAILABLE FUNDS

The available funds aggregating \$4,424,540.72

for all programs represents the net amount of funds
at June 30, 1955, available for expenditure in future periods. Changes
in available funds during the current year are shown by programs in

Exhibit "C-1".

#### CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

In Exhibit "B", Consolidated Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, there is presented a statement of cash transactions, by programs, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955, from which the following summary reflecting combined totals is taken:

Balance on Deposit with the State Treasure July 1, 1954-	er-	
State Funds Federal Funds	5,687,007.69 2,008,457.77	7,695,465.46
Receipts-		7,0,0,0,0,0
	17,320,000.00 21,357,866.09 75,026.30 2,710,540.23	
Assistance 1.067.597.20	1,096,321.75	

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## CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS -Continued:

Trust Account Credits Miscellaneous Receipts	522,971.79 515.00	43,083,241.16
Total to Account For		50,778,706.62
Disbursements- Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits Eye Treatment Benefits Revolving Fund Advances Refunds to-	38,780,075.10 273,752.57 51,400.25 117,325.61	
Other State Departments Counties Recipients and Estates Trust Account Credits Expenses Applicable to Recoveries Administrative Expenses	148,754.04 13,863.00 2,853,913.21	42,239,083.78
Balance June 30,1955 on Deposit with the S	tate Treasurer-	
State Funds Federal Funds	6,628,092.07 1,911,530.77	8,539,622.84

Exhibit "B", Schedule No. 1, reflects a reconciliation of the various fund balances as shown by the records of the State Comptroller at June 30, 1955, with balances shown by the State Department of Social Welfare.

A detail of Receipts and Disbursements, by funds carried within each program, is shown in Exhibits "B-1" through "B-6".

## OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

In Exhibit "C" there is presented a comparative statement of consolidated Revenues and Expenditures, for the years ended June 30, 1955 and June 30, 1954 from which the following summary is taken:

Particulars		Ending June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
Total Revenues Total Expenditures	43,688,911.90 42,763,479.62	44,201,654.09 43,565,952.83	-512,742.19 -802,473.21
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	925,432.28	635,701.26	289,731.02

A detail of the decrease in Revenues totaling \$512,742.19 over a year ago follows:

Decreases- Federal Grants Earned Recoveries County Reimbursements Miscellaneous Revenue	545,057.46 33,668.59 5,234.93 1,462.00	585,422.98
Increases- County Reimbursements Refunds From Recipients Per Capita Tax	36,649.69 32,506.39 3,524.71	72,680.79
Total Decrease in Revenues		512,742.19

A detail of the decrease in Expenditures amounting to \$802,473.21 follows:

Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits Refunds to Federal Government Refunds to Counties -Administrative Refunds to Other State Departments  898,067.55 10,516.43 1,681.51 858.96 458.29	911,582.74
Increases-	
Administrative Expenses 83,398.62	
Refunds to Counties - Recoveries	
and Refunds 11,528.98	
Eye Treatment Benefits 10,309.63 Refunds to Federal Government 2,645.55	
Refunds to Recipients and Estates 1,226.75	109,109.53
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Total Decrease in Expenditures	802,473.21

The statement of operating revenues and Expenditures, by funds, Exhibit "C-1", differs from the Consolidated statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Exhibit "B", due to the various transactions between funds, also the Old Age Assistance Fund includes the Revolving Fund transactions.

STATE APPROPRIATIONS

The State Appropriations for the fiscal year under review was the same as a year ago.

Section No. 2 of Chapter 10 of the 55th General Assembly reads in part as follows: "No more than the amount herein appropriated to each fund, plus the unexpended balance in each fund on June 30, 1953 shall be expended from State Funds for the purposes of each said fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 1953 and ending June 30,1955."

A detail of the State Appropriations follows:

_Particulars	Amount
Old Age Assistance Aid to Dependent Children Aid to the Blind Child Welfare Emergency Relief	14,400,000.00 2,200,000.00 410,000.00 300,000.00 10,000.00
Total	17,320,000.00

These revenues are derived from a head tax of PER CAPITA TAX
\$1.00 levied for the calendar year 1934 and \$2.00 for each of the years 1935 and 1936, together with penalty at the rate of one per cent per month for delinquent payment of the tax. The taxes and penalties are collected by the various County Treasurers, and remittances are made monthly to the State Treasurer.

Collections during the current and preceding year are compared in the following statement:

Particulars	June 30 1955	d Ending June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
Per Capita Tax Penalty	22,908.36 52,117.94	22,647.16 48,854.43	261.20 3,263.51
Totals	75,026.30	71,501.59	3,524.71

Penalty collections for the year ended June 30, 1955 accounted for 69.46 percent of total receipts.

Below we show a statement of estimated tax due, collections to date, and the unpaid balance at June 30, 1955:

Estimated tax due, based on the 1930 Federal census	7,371,900.00	
Collections, Tax only to June 30, 1954	6,354,074.24	
Receipts for year ended June 30, 1955	22,908.36	6,376,982.60
Estimated uncollected tax as of June 30,	1955	994,917.40
Department estimated unpaid tax on same of	late	242,789.00
Estimated amount of Uncollectible Tax		752,128.40

A tax section is maintained for the purpose of stimulating Per Capita tax collections, and expenditures for the fiscal year amounted to \$3,350.47 of which sum \$1,289.05 was for salaries and \$2,061.42 for postage and supplies.

Delinquent tax statements are mailed twice a year to persons of record who still owe this tax. The names of people whose letters are returned unclaimed are removed from the mailing list.

The difference of \$752,128.40 shown above would represent the estimated uncollectible tax at June 30, 1955. Department records also show an estimated amount of penalty to be \$569,457.60 on the same date.

FEDERAL GRANTS EARNED

vancement basis from the United States Treasury,

and become grants earned upon expenditure in conformity with Federal

standards and regulations.

Federal grants earned during the period for assistance amounted to \$20,820,025.65 and for administration \$1,310,134.75. The following summary, by programs, shows a comparison with amounts earned this year and a year ago:

Program		Ending June 30 1954	Increase Decrease
Old Age Assistance- Monthly Assistance Administrative	15,858,628.85 863,232.72	16,684,775.85	-826,147.00 -33,814.32
Totals	16,721,861.57	17,581,822.89	-859,961.32
Aid to Blind- Monthly Assistance Administrative	561,609.00 44,478.08	540,327.30 35,888.09	21,281.70 8,589.99
Totals	606,087.08	576,215.39	29,871.69
Child Welfare- Administrative	112,198.10	165,638.99	53,440.89
Aid to Dependent Children- Monthly Assistance Administrative	4,399,787.80	4,103,543.50 247,997.07	296,244.30
Totals	4,690,013.65	4,351,540.57	338,473.06
Assistance Totals Administrative Totals	20,820,025.65	21,328,646.65	-508,621.00 -36,436.46
Grand Totals	22,130,160.40	22,675,217.86	-545,057.46

The rate or basis of Federal participation in the various programs is as follows:

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE -AID TO THE BLIND :

Effective October 1, 1952: Assistance-

One-half of each monthly grant up to a maximum of \$55.00, plus \$7.50 for each recipient on the monthly roll.

Administrative-One-half of administrative expenses.

### CHILD WELFARE:

Administrative onlyConsisting principally of the payment of salaries to
Child Welfare Consultants, educational leave and travel expenses. Also
salaries and travel expenses for Child Welfare workers in rural areas.

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

Effective October 1, 1950: Assistance-

The warrant payee if meeting certain requirements, considered as one of the eligible group, and also subject to participation of one-half of the monthly grant.

Effective October 1, 1952:
One-half of each monthly grant up to a maximum of \$30.00
for the first child and \$21.00 for each additional child. Plus \$4.50 for each child on the monthly assistance roll.

Administrative-One-half of administrative expenses.

During the period under review there were recoveries totaling \$1,367,144.67 from the assets of recipients, as well as from excess assistance payments. The recoveries were allocated to Federal and State share on the same basis as their participation had been in the assistance payments.

This allocation resulted in the following distribution:

 State Share
 715,963.46

 Federal Share
 651,181.21

 Total
 1,367,144.67

The Federal share of \$651,181.21 appears both as a revenue and as an expenditure in Exhibit "C" and "C-1".

There is County participation, either or

COUNTY PARTICIPATION

both assistance and administration expenses, in

the Aid to Blind, Emergency Relief and Aid to Dependent Children programs.

For the year ended June 30, 1955 county participation may be summarized as follows:

<u>Particulars</u>	Aid To The Blind	Emergency Relief	Aid To Dependent Children	Total
Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits	305,364.96 1,092.38	Ī	2,140,495.03	2,445,859.99 1,861.96
Ophthalmological Fees	676.12			676.12
Eye Treatment Expense Ineligible	13,379.56		-	13,379.56
Payments		- 4	936.25	936.25
Administrative Expense	9,830.59	237,995.76		247,826.35
Totals	330,343.61	237,995.76	2,142,200.86	2,710,540.23

A further summary showing the charges to Counties and Receipts, as well as, beginning and closing balances follow:

<u>Particulars</u>	Balance July 1 1954	Charges	Receipts	Balance June 30 1955
Aid to the Blind Emergency Relief Aid to Dependent	31,094.44 16,929.09	333,091.63 238,383.65	330,358.61 237,995.76	33,827.46 17,316.98
Children	237,658.68	2,129,758.90	2,142,200.86	225,216.72
Totals	285,682.21	2,701,234.18	2,710,555.23	276,361.16

Included in the Aid to the Blind Receipts of \$330,358.61 is a \$15.00 credit for Webster County, which was written off as uncollectible during June 1955.

Refund from recipients or their estates were received during the year as follows:

Program	_ Amount_
Aid to the Blind Aid to Dependent Children	14,264.41 70,298.39
Total	84,562.80

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

Miscellaneous revenue for the current
year amounted to \$1,477.50 which sum consisted of
\$545.00 cash receipts, and \$932.50 trade-in allowance on new equipment.

The receipts were distributed to the several programs according to their interest or investment therein.

ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

aggregated \$39,105,227.92 for the current year, as

compared with \$40,003,502.27 for a year ago. A comparative summary of

assistance payments for the two periods, by programs, is set out below:

Program	Period June 30 1955	Ending June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
Old Age Assistance— Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits  Totals Aid to the Blind—	28,890,485.40	30,021,019.30	-1,130,533.90
	<u>267,614.40</u>	<u>277,701.61</u>	-10,087.21
	29,158,099.80	30,298,720.91	-1,140,621.11
Monthly Assistance	1,230,629.50	1,179,490.60	51,138.90
Funeral Benefits	4,607.00	4,662.39	-55.39
Eye Treatment Expense	51,400.25	41,090.62	10,309.63
Totals	1,286,636.75	1,225,243.61	61.393.14

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ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS-Continued Program		Ending June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
Aid to Dependent Children- Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits	8,658,960.20 8 1,531.17	8,477,632.75	181,327.45 -373.83
Totals	8,660,491.37	8,479,537.75	180,953.62
Grand Totals- Assistance Funeral Benefits Eye Treatment	38,780,075.10 3 273,752.57 51,400.25	39,678,142.65 284,269.00 41,090.62	-898,067.55 -10,516.43 10,309.63
Totals	39,105,227.92	40,003,502.27	-898,274.35

In the summary set out below we show the share of participation of Federal, State and County Funds in the assistance payments:

	Program	Federal	State	County	Total
Old	Age Assistance- Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits	15,858,628.85	13,031,856.55		28,890,485.40 267,614.40
	Totals	15,858,628.85	13,299,470 95		29,158,099.80
Aid	to the Blind- Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits Eye Treatment	561,609.00	363,655.54 3,514.62 38,020.69	305,364.96 1,092.38 13,379.56	1,230,629.50 4,607.00 51,400.25
	Totals	561,609.00	405,190.85	319,836.90	1,286,636.75
Aid	to Dependent Child: Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits	+,399,787.80	2,118,677.37 761.59	2,140,495.03 769.58	8,658,960.20 1,531.17
	Totals	4,399,787.80	2,119,438.96	2,141,264.61	8,660,491.37
	Grand Totals	20,820,025.65	15,824,100.76	2,461,101.51	39,105,227.92

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ceeded the State share by \$2,826.772.30. On a percentage basis the rate of Federal participation for the current year was 54.89 compared with 55.58 a year ago. The number of Old Age recipients as of July 1, 1955 was 41,231, compared with 43,150 a year earlier, a reduction of 1,919 cases.

As a result the total assistance payments show a reduction of \$1,130,533. 90 for the year ended June 30, 1955.

In Exhibit "C-1", Schedule No. 1, there is shown by counties a comparative summary of Old Age Assistance payments for the current period and a year ago.

Attention is also directed to Exhibit "H", which shows by counties the number of grants, the total amount of the grants and the average per grant, for each of the three assistance programs as of July 1, 1955.

Below we show a summary of the fifteen counties having the highest averages, and the fifteen having the lowest, for Old Age Assistance monthly payments:

High Average	Low Average	
Carroll 66.05 Clarke 64.44 Poweshiek 63.57 Madison 62.98 Calhoun 62.28 Union 62.11 Emmet 61.79 Shelby 61.68 Ringgold 61.56 Guthrie 61.29 Henry 61.10 Jackson 60.78 Cherokee 60.53 Mahaska 60.05 Crawford 60.04	Worth Winnebago Plymouth Louisa Osceola Iowa Lee Clayton Des Moines Mitchell Wayne Benton Ida Appanoose Audubon	49.80 556 50.33 50
CLAWICIA CO.OT	Audubon	77.02

The over-all state average on July 1, 1955 was \$57.71 as compared with \$57.18 a year ago. It will be noted there is a spread of \$16.50 between Carroll county having the highest average and Worth county, having the lowest average assistance payments.

Monthly Old Age Assistance grants ranged all the way from a low of \$5.00 per month to a high of \$209.50. A check of the case folders of

the five highest grants, revealed the information that special allowances in three grants were for \$100.00 each and covered Hearing aids, and the other two cases were for dentures, one for \$108.00 and another for \$121.00.

According to statistics furnished by the Department, there were 5,714. Old Age Recipients receiving nursing care during September 1955 at an average cost of \$83.10 per month as food, shelter and nursing service.

A detailed analysis of the number of Old Age Assistance grants, by dollar amounts, in effect July 1st for the last five years, is shown in Exhibit "E", and the following tabulation is taken therefrom:

<u>Date</u>	Total Number Of Grants	Monthly Assistance	Average Grant
July 1, 1955	41,231	2,379,303.50	57.71
July 1, 1954	43,150	2,467,205.00	57.18
July 1, 1953	45,291	2,572,599.50	56.80
July 1, 1952	47,695	2,471,637.00	51.82
July 1, 1951	48,920	2,448,242.00	50.05

The reduction of 7,689 Old Age recipient cases during the last five years is partly due to the efforts of the State Board to shift cases to responsible relatives, as well as, the increasing number who receive aid through the Federal Social Security pension system.

The amounts expended for Old Age Assistance during each of the

Year Ended	Monthly Assistance	Funeral Benefits	Total
June 30, 1951	29,022,689.50	311,339.46	29,334,028.96
June 30, 1952	29,416,388.80	321,215.67	29,737,604.47
June 30, 1953	30,949,600.60	304,286.49	31,253,887.09
June 30, 1954	30,021,019.30	277,701.61	30,298,720.91
June 30, 1955	28,890,485.40	267,614.40	29,158,099.80

A cumulative statement of the disposition of all applications received from the inception of the program to July 1, 1955, is shown in the following tabulation:

New applications received to July 1, 1955 Reapplications	162,428 36,622	199,050
Applications Rejected Pending Applications  Tatal Applications	50,451	50,991 148,059
Total Applications Approved to July 1, 1		140,079
Recipients Deceased Cancelled Recipients	81,547	107,005
Net Total		41,054
Add- Approvals July 1st to 14th 1955 which are included in July 1, 1955 Assistance roll		177
Assistance Roll July 1, 1955		41,231

Applications for Old Age Assistance pending July 1, 1955, are compared with those at July 1, 1954, in the following summary:

	Period Ending Increase		
Particulars	July 1 1955	July 1 1954	-Decrease
Applications Pending July 1st Add-	599	624	-25
New Applications Reapplications	3,599 1,451	3,726 1,429	-127 22
Total to Account for	5,649	5,779	-130
Deduct- New Approvals Rejections Reinstatements	3,085 1,513 511	3,187 1,455 538	-102 58 -27
Total Deductions	5,109	5,180	-71
Applications Pending June 30, 1955	540	599	59

A summary according to months in which the pending applications were made is as follows:

June 1955       298         May       131         April       62         March       16         February       8         January       5	520
Prior to January 1, 1955	20
Total	540

At the time this report is being written all pending applications on January 1, 1955 had been cleared.

The funeral benefits under the Old Age Assistance program are as follows:

Up to a maximum of \$150.00 as funeral expenses for a deceased Old Age Recipient, provided the total expense of such funeral does not exceed \$300.00 and -- that he did not have an estate or insurance benefits of that amount.

The 56th General Assembly amended section 249.18, 1950 Code of Iowa as follows: However, if the County Board directs that a burial lot, grave opening, or clothing be furnished for the decedent, the expense thereof shall be paid by the State in a total amount not to exceed \$50.00, to such person or persons as the County Board directs, and such expense shall be allowed in addition to the \$150.00 limit provided in this section.

During the year, funeral benefits for Old Age Recipients amounted to \$267,614.40, and represented 1,847 claims. There were 4,098 cases closed by death, thus making a ratio of 45 percent between the number of funeral claims paid and the number of deaths.

In Exhibit "C-1", Schedule No. 2, there is shown by Counties the total Aid to Blind Assistance paid for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1955 and June 30, 1954. A comparative summary showing payments for the two periods follow:

Particulars	Period June 30 1955		Increase -Decrease
Monthly Assistance Eye Treatment Funeral Benefits	1,230,629.50 51,400.25 4,607.00	1,179,490.60 41,090.62 4,662.39	51,138.90 10,309.63 -55.39
Totals	1,286,636.75	1,225,243.61	61,393.14

Section 241.14 Code of Iowa, providing for Eye Treatment expenses, reads in part as follows: "Remedial services may be provided by the State Board to any person who is in need of treatment either to prevent blindness or to restore eyesight, whether or not he is an applicant for or recipient of Old Age or Blind Assistance, or whether or not he is eighteen years of age or over -- the remedial services may include necessary traveling and other expenses to receive treatment from a hospital or clinic designated by the State Board".

Attention is again directed to Exhibit "H", which shows Blind Assistance payments by counties, the number of monthly grants, the total amount of grants and the average per grant as of July 1, 1955. The following tabulation shows fifteen counties having the highest averages, and the fifteen having the lowest:

High	Average	Low	Average
Adair Poweshiek Green Hancock Grundy Hamilton Mitchell Crawford Jefferson Scott Franklin Washington Decatur Pocahontas Muscatine	111.75 104.31 96.88 94.75 93.75 91.50 88.14 85.40 84.30 83.80 83.80 83.08 82.25 82.04 81.50 81.41	Ida Worth Osceola Plymouth Van Buren Wright Floyd Allamakee Tama Chickasaw Jones Audubon Boone O'Brien Bremer	34.50 49.50 50.50 52.93 53.64 56.83 57.59.11 59.68 59.69

The over-all average on July 1, 1955 was \$73.64 as compared with \$73.06 a year ago.

Monthly Blind Assistance grants ranged all the way from a low of \$2.00 per month to a high of \$207.50. A check of the case folders of the five highest grants revealed the information that a good share of each grant consisted of special allowances for such items as dentures and nursing care.

A detailed analysis of the number of Aid to the Blind grants, by dollar amounts, in effect at July 1st each year from 1951 to 1955 is shown in Exhibit "F", from which the following information is taken:

Date	Total Number Of Grants	Monthly Assistance	Average Per Grant
1955	1428	105,159.00	73.64
1954	1393	101,774.00	73.06
1953	1324	90,048.00	68.01
1952	1291	80,064.00	62.02
1951	1258	73,247.60	58.22

The total Aid to Blind Assistance expenditures during each of the last five years follows:

Year Ended	Monthly Assistance	Funeral Benefits	Eye Treatment	Total
June 30 1951	882,785.70	3,852.40	30,559.77	927,197.87
June 30 1952	946,839.30	6,161.15	37,243.53	990,243.98
June 30 1953	1,069,947.08	4,650.00	37,584.72	1,112,181.80
June 30 1954	1,179,490.60	4,662.39	41,090.62	1,225,243.61
June 30 1955	1,230,629.50	4,607.00	51,400.25	1,286,636.75

#### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

In Exhibit "C-1", Schedule No. 3, there is shown by counties the Monthly

Assistance paid as Aid to Dependent Children for the current period and a year ago. Net Assistance paid for the year ended June 30,1955 was \$8,660,491.37 compared with \$8,479,537.75 a year ago, an increase of \$180,953.62. Below we show a comparative summary of the case load during the two periods:

Particulars	June 30 1955	Ending June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
Number of Cases	6,500	6,459	41
Number of Recipients	23,611	23,062	549

ent Children grants \$3.00 per month per person. This reduction became necessary due to the rapid increase in the case load and also to the provision made by the 55th <sup>G</sup>eneral Assembly, limiting the expenditure of State Funds each fiscal year to that year's appropriation, plus the balance at the beginning of the period.

In the Aid to Dependent Children portion of Exhibit "H" there is presented by counties the number of grants, the number of eligible recipients, the total amount of grants, the average per grant and per recipient as of July 1, 1955.

The following tabulation shows the fifteen counties having the highest and the fifteen having the lowest average per grant:

High County	Averag Per Grant	Per Recipient	Low County	Average Per Grant	Per Recipient
Carroll Jackson Dickenson Adams Union Story Dallas Warren Decatur Cass Hancock Benton Harrison Poweshiek Cherokee	160.83 135.81 135.07 134.20 133.37 133.02 131,97 131.64 131.40 129.79 128.57 128.46 128.11 127.16 127.01	37.84 38.80 34.70 37.95 36.19 35.21 34.28 33.20 35.56 34.44 27.02 33.42 36.02 34.20	Ida Taylor Marshall Jefferson Lucas Lyon Montgomery Mahaska Appanoose Grundy Bremer Franklin Cerro Gordo Mills Wapello	71.29 75.72 90.39 90.42 92.11 92.14 93.94 94.00 95.89 95.89 95.95 100.08 100.96 101.45 101.55	25.16 23.30 26.84 29.77 28.83 26.51 27.07 29.33 29.07 26.97 25.74 29.43 28.46 30.08 29.38

A comparison of the over-all State average assistance payments for the Aid to Dependent Children at July 1st this year and a year ago follows:

July 1, 1955 July 1, 1954	Per Grant Per Grant		Per Recipient Per Recipient	32.01 33.72
	Decrease	-4.12		-1.71

Monthly Aid to Dependent Children grants ranged all the way from a low of \$1.50 per case to a high of \$468.00. Information regarding five of the highest assistance grants follow:

Number of Recipients	Amount	Special Allowances
12 10 10 11 7	468.00 466.50 415.00 413.50 402.00	Dental Allowance \$93.00 Extra Help in the Home Allowance for Dentures \$90.00 Special Allowance \$122.00 Dental Allowance and Layette \$169.40

A detailed analysis of the number of Aid to Dependent Children grants and the number of recipients, by dollar amounts, in effect July 1, 1955 is shown in Exhibit "G". A summary covering the last five years appears below:

Date	Total Number Of Grants	Total Number Of Recipients	Monthly Assistance	Average Per Grant	Average Per Recipient
July 1, 1955 July 1, 1954 July 1, 1953 July 1, 1952 July 1, 1951	5,796	23,611 23,062 20,631 19,006 18,052	755,882.00 777,751.00 685,774.00 570,696.50 503,978.30	116.29 120.41 118.32 105.55 97.46	32.01 33.72 33.24 30.03 27.92
Five Year Increase	1,329	5,559	251,903.70	18.83	4.09

On October 1, 1950 the warrant payee, when meeting certain requirements, became a member of the eligible group and subject to participation in Federal Assistance the same as other recipients. At June 30, 1955 there were 6,500 grants of which 5,960 qualified under the "Eligible Payee" provision.

The amounts expended as assistance for Aid to Dependent Children during each of the last five fiscal years follows:

Year Ended	Monthly Assistance	Funeral Benefits	Total
June 30, 1951	5,417,654.07	484.00	5,418,138.07
June 30, 1952	6,334,538.75	983.75	6,335,522.50
June 30, 1953	7,739,567.80	1,265.51	7,740,833.31
June 30, 1954	8,477,632.75	1,905.00	8,479,537.75
June 30, 1955	8,658,960.20	1,531.17	8,660,491.37

REFUNDS TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Refunds to the Federal Government for the period under review may be sum-

marized as follows:

Particulars	Old Age Assistance	Aid To The Blind	Aid To Dependent Children	Total
Recoveries Fiscal Exceptions Ineligibles Miscellaneous	651,181.21 451.55 1,341.00 352.25	4,723.54 51.20 65.50 24.62	15,390.07 687.91 1,054.25 44.21	671,294.82 1,190.66 2,460.75 421.08
Totals	653,326.01	4,864.86	17,176.44	675,367.31

The Federal share of recoveries from the three assistance programs totaled \$671,294.82, and consisted of the proceeds from the liquidation of assigned assets and recoveries from estates of assistance paid, as well as, refunds of excess assistance payments. The distribution of such recoveries is made to the Federal Government on the same basis that their participation had been in the assistance payments.

Under fiscal exceptions the refund of \$1,190.66 consists of exceptions taken by the Federal auditor to participation in certain expenditures during the year ended June 30, 1952.

The Federal's share of ineligible payments amounted to \$2,460.75 and consisted of improper payments due to the recipient receiving pensions, changes in living conditions and not removing special allowances on time.

When such refunds are made in the Old Age Assistance program, the assistance becomes financed entirely from State Funds, in the Aid to Blind program, three-fourths from State and one-fourth from County funds, and in the Aid to Dependent Children, one-half each from State and County funds.

The responsibility for the greater share of the improper assistance payments rests with the County Welfare Departments, and constant care is required to keep these payments to the minimum.

Refunds to the Federal Government from miscellaneous income consisted of its share of proceeds from the sale of and trade-in allowances for fixed assets.

REFUNDS TO COUNTIES

30, 1955, may be summarized as follows:

Particulars	Old Age Assistance	Aid To The Blind	Aid To Dependent Children	Total
Recoveries and Refunds Administrative	63,005.19	2,989.42 2,195.66	27,444.15	30,433.57 87,404.58
Totals	63,005.19	5,185.08	49,647.88	117,838.15

The greater share of recoveries and refunds amounting to \$30,433.57 consists of the County share of recoveries from recipients due to excess assistance payments.

The payment of \$87,404.58 consists entirely of Federal Aid and covers one-half the administrative costs paid locally by the various counties for the operation of their welfare offices.

The following tabulation sets forth the refunds to Other State Departments for the period under review:

<u>Particulars</u>	Old Age <u>Assistance</u>	Aid To The Blind	Aid To Dependent Children	Total
State Comptroller Executive Council	5,320.12 3,875.20	167.87 393.60	870.73 890.72	6,358.72 5,159.52
Totals	9,195.32	561.47	1,761.45	11.518.24

These refunds were made entirely from Federal Funds. The portion going to the State Comptroller represents one-half the actual expense of writing all assistance warrants, such as salaries, I.B.M. machine rental and the cost of warrants, and is the Federal participation of 50-percent of the total cost.

The amount of \$5,159.52 was due the State Executive Council as reimbursement to them of Federal participation in that portion of the operating expenses for heat, light and power for the State Office building,
allocated to the three assistance programs.

In addition to participating in the operation of the State Office Building, the Federal Government also participates in amortization of the building, and amount of such participation is retained by the Welfare Department. The computation of amortization follows:

Total Cost of Building Amortization per year (15 year period)	6,000,000.00
Department share based on space occupied (16.245%) Yearly amortization applicable to	64,981.60
three Assistance programs (66.98%) Federal Participation One-half	43,524.72 21,762.36

Two refunds were made in the amount of REFUNDS TO RECIPIENTS

AND ESTATES \$2,306.

\$2,306.93 and were for the Aid to Blind Program.

\$2,302.00 was paid to an Aid to Blind recipient who had sold her property and reimbursed the State in full for the assistance received. There is no provision for

the repayment of Blind assistance while the recipient is living, so the refund was made. The monthly assistance for this recipient was cancelled as of December 1, 1954.

A payment of \$4.93 was made covering revenue stampes on a deed for real estate sold under contract.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

summary for this year and a year ago follows:

Exhibit "D" in this report consists of a consolidated statement of administrative expenses by programs for the year ended June 30, 1955. A comparative

Particulars		Ending June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
Salaries Travel Printing and Stationery Postage Telephone and Telegraph Repairs and Maintenance Equipment Rental Express, Freight & Cartage Clipping Service Office Supplies & Expense Miscellaneous Expense Examination Fees Purchase of Fixed Assets Surety Bond Premiums Psychological Testing Materi Purchase of Books District Conference Expense Building Maintenance I.P.E.R.S. F.I.C.A. Merit System Council Expense	1,635.16 11,337.33 224.11 82,586.09 47,129.56	2,359,632.38 157,867.83 15,572.57 26,233.68 4,913.83 1,844.26 17,233.41 456.12 199.11 10,812.90 2,527.24 3,247.25 15,985.19 52.00 220.19 942.50 12,224.84 23.70 81,289.73 40,795.10 15,748.60	60,273.29 7,138.01 1,198.26 1,784.98 923.53 -111.52 -364.40 10,444.39 7.20 2,322.55 -576.06 44.88 -7,585.58 749.15 -202.41 692.66 -887.51 200.41 1,296.36 6,334.46 -284.03
Totals	2,851,221.05	2,767,822.43	83,398.62

The percentage relationship between administrative costs and assistance expenditures for the three programs follow:

Particulars	Old Age Assistance	Aid To The Blind	Aid To Dependent Children	Total
Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits Eye Treatment	28,890,485.40 267,614.40	1,230,629.50 4,607.00 51,400.25	8,658,960.20 1,531.17	38,780,075.10 273,752.57 51,400.25
Totals	29,158,099.80	1,286,636.75	8,660,491.37	39,105,227.92
Administration Costs	1,555,984.77	84,825.49	525,756.72	2,166,566.98
Percent of Administrative Costs to Assistance Payments	t- _ <u>5.34</u>	6.59	6.07	5.54

Payrolls, purchase invoices and claims supporting administrative expenditures were examined in sufficient number to indicate the authorizations, approvals and distribution thereof appeared to be correct.

#### Salaries and Travel Expenses \$2,584,911.51-

The above items represent 90.66 percent of all administrative costs. Salaries at the State Office show a reduction of \$15,351.34 compared with a year ago, while County salaries show an increase of \$75,624.63.

Exhibit "D", Schedule No. 1, sets forth both State Office and County salaries and travel expense, by programs, for the year ended June 30, 1955 and a year ago. A comparative summary of this schedule follows:

<u>Particulars</u>	June 30 1955	Ending June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
State- Salaries Travel	725,466.71 89,299.23	740,818.05 82,152.67	-15,351.34 7,146.56
State Totals	814,765.94	822,970.72	- 8,204.78
County-			
Salaries Travel	1,694,438.96 75,706.61	1,618,814.33	75,624.63
County Totals	1,770,145.57	1,694,529.49	75,616.08
Total Salaries and Travel	2,584,911.51	2,517,500.21	67,411.30

In Exhibit "D", Schedule No. 2, we show a comparative statement of County salaries and travel expense, by counties, for June 30, 1955 and 1954. Also shown is the number of employees in each county at the year end.

A tabulation of the total number of employees at June 30th for each of the last five years is as follows:

Particulars	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	Increase or -Decrease 1951 thru 1955
State Office Counties	221 613	228 607	257 607	265 598	272 580	-51 _33
Totals	834	835	864	863	852	-18

The reduction of personnel at the State office and the increase in the Counties, can be attributed to the change made during 1953, when the ReView Section in the State Office was abolished and the responsibility for passing on applicants for assistance was transferred to the County offices.

During the five year period July 1, 1951 through 1955, the total case load handled by the counties decreased by 6,190 cases as per schedule below:

<u>Particulars</u>	Number of Cases	Old Age Assistance	Aid to Blind	Aid To Dependent Children
July 1, 1955 July 1, 1951	49,159 55,349	41,231 48,920	1,428	6,500 5,171
Increase or Decrease	<u>-6,190</u>	7,689	170	1,329

In Exhibit "H-1", the counties are classified by employee groups, as well as case loads. Below we show some interesting comparisons:

	Comparis		
County	Number Of	Number	Average
	Employees	Of Cases	Case Load
Osceola	2 2 2	136	68
Worth		136	68
Louisa		246	123
Plymouth	3	193	64.3
Fremont		405	135
Wright Page	1+	232 588	58 147
Calhoun	5 5	320	64
Harrison		623	124.6
Hamilton Boone	6	364 708	60.6

Variations between counties are set out in the following schedule:

Continued on Following Page

County	Number Of Employees	Case Load	<u>Variation</u>
Fremont Calhoun Hamilton	356	405 320 364	85 Less Cases 41 Less Cases
Page Johnson Des Moines	14 9 9	588 432 434	156 Less Cases 154 Less Cases
Black Hawk Pottawattamie	13 20	1,409	136 Less Cases

The average case load for the 613 county employees was 80.19 per employee.

The term "Integrated County" as used by the State Department of Social Welfare, refers to any county wherein the county Director also serves as "Overseer of the Poor", and the work in connection therewith is integrated with the work of the three assistance programs. At June 30, 1955 there were 64 integrated counties:

Adair Allamakee Appanoose Audubon Boone Bremer Buena Vista Calhoun Cass Cherokee Clarke Clay Clayton Clinton Crawford Dallas	Davis Decatur Delaware Des Moines Dubuque Franklin Green Grundy Guthrie Hamilton Hancock Hardin Henry Howard Ida Jackson	Jasper Jefferson Johnson Keokuk Lee Louisa Lucas Lyon Madison Marion Marshall Mills Monona O'Brien Osceola Plymouth	Pocahontas Polk Pottawattamie Ringgold Shelby Sioux Taylor Union Van Buren Wapello Warren Washington Wayne Winnebago Worth Wright
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#### TRAVEL EXPENSE

miles during the 1954-55 fiscal year at an average cost of 4 cents per mile. Omitting the mail and messenger car which traveled 4,326 miles, the average cost per mile was 3.52 cents. Below we show by division, Department personnel who traveled more than ten thousand miles during the period under review, which also includes the mileage of State owned cars:

The six State owned cars traveled 70,632

<u>Particulars</u>	Official Station	Private Car	State Car	Total
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE-				
Helen Bray Everett Daggett Margaret Fannin W. J. Freeman P. T. Hockett James Matters Jane Mitchell Lowell Olson Dorothy Runcie George Scofield George W. Shove Mildred Whipple	Cedar Rapids Fairfield Keokuk Sioux City Des Moines Spencer Des Moines Iowa Falls Clear Lake Elkader Des Moines Davenport	13,357 9,125 15,590 15,297 9,408 11,950 8,592 10,859 11,904 11,855 15,180	2,144 662 3,125 4,512 3,192 1,762 14,800 2,382	13,357 11,269 16,252 18,422 13,920 15,142 10,354 14,800 10,859 14,286 11,855 15,180
Total Field Repres	sentatives	133,117	32,579	165,696
PROPERTY COUNSELORS-				
A. J. Ehrhardt P. W. Grummon L. A. Osborn W. G. Van Nostrand	Elkader Mason City Centerville Iowa City	9,415 12,550 16,810	2,975	12,390 12,550 16,810 13,113
Total Property Counselors		38,775	16,088	54,863
CHILD WELFARE CONSULTA	ANTS			
Maurice Beale Mary Reistoffer	Buckingham Clinton	2,709 14,566	11,229	13,938 14,566
Total Child Welfare	e Consultants	17,275	11,229	28,504
ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW	_			
Gerald Evans Deloris Iltis	Lamoni Atlantic	13,079	CMC2 CMC2 dates professional consecutive profession	13,079
Total Administrati	ive Review	23,154	COCO COCO COCO COCO COCO COCO COCO COC	23,154
PSYCHOLOGIST-				
Richard Lowenberg	Des Moines	12,581	COO COO	12,581
Grand Total Mileage		224,902	59,896	284,798

Travel by State owned cars accounted for 59,896 of the 284,798 miles traveled by Department personnel who spend a greater share of their time in the field. At present six State owned cars are operated, one of which is used entirely for mail and messenger service, the other five are assigned to personnel who travel more than ten thousand miles a year. The savings to the Department in operating the five State owned cars was about 3.5cents per mile and for the current year was in excess of \$2,000.00.

It will be noted from the above schedule, there were 13 persons traveling more than ten thousand miles in personal cars, for a total in excess of 45,000 miles. In order for the Board to furnish State owned cars to hold the personal mileage to 10,000 for each person a year, it would be necessary to purchase three additional cars. The savings to the Department in operating three additional State cars would be sufficient to pay for their entire cost over a three year period.

Only a few of the large number of travel claims examined had excess charges. During the period from June 26th to the 29th, 1955, eight persons attended a meeting of the Central States Regional conference of the American Public Welfare Association held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was noted the averagedaily charge for meals at Conference for one employee was \$8.43, while for the three others in his group the average daily charge was \$5.50, a difference of \$2.93 a day.

#### PRINTING AND STATIONERY \$16,770.83

The above total represents an increase of \$1,198.26 compared with a year ago. Contributing to this increase was the cost of printing and supplies in connection with the State wide distribution of Surplus Commodities.

Payment to the Centralized Printing division totaled \$4,925.90 of which sum \$2,357.11 was for paper stock and \$2,568.79 for labor.

#### PURCHASE OF FIXED ASSETS \$8,399.61

The following schedule sets forth the equipment purchased during the year, charged to expense and classified as fixed assets:

Equipment	Quantity	Cost
Typewriters (5 electric) Dictating Machines (6 carrying cases) Postage Meter Machine Chairs, -Office 12, Folding Chairs 50 Adding Machines - Electric Steel Files Sectional Davenport (3 pieces) Machine Stands Klear a Desk	16 4 1 62 2 3 1 2	3,535.00 1,458.00 1,227.09 762.95 675.00 478.84 190.00 60.48 12.25
Total Purchases		8,399.61

Equipment disposed of during the year was as follows:

Particulars	Quantity	_Sales_	Trade-ins	Total
Typewriters Postage Meter Sound Scriber Adding Machine Electric Fans	2 <sup>1</sup> + 1 2 2 7	1,089.23 530.05 144.22	1,823.79 532.65 463.05	2,913.02 532.65 530.05 463.05 144.22
I	otals	1,763.50	2,819.49	4,582.99

In addition to the above equipment purchases, the following items were paid from Federal Funds, Child Welfare Division:

Sound Projector and Screen Beseler -Nu Lyte Opaque Projector	466.34
Total	713.34

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE EXPENSE \$11,337.33

A breakdown of the above total follows:

Iowa Welfare Association -Spring I Iowa Welfare Conference, Des Moine Child Welfare Institutes and Work Out of State Travel-	s	4,708.96 3,105.53 145.27
Child Welfare Division	2,721.31	
Other Departments	2,721.31 656.26	3,377.57
Total		11,337.33

Personnel from the State Office, as well as County Welfare workers, are in attendance at the Spring Institute and Fall Conference. Only hotel and travel expenses are paid for the County workers, while all expenses are paid for State Office personnel.

Out of State travel totaling \$3,377.57 covers hotel and travel expenses at "Workshops, Summer Institutes and Seminars" as well as attendance at Regional and National Conferences conducted by the American Welfare Association. Included in the above out of State travel figure was a charge of \$1,587.50 covering the expenses of five State Office employees attending a National Conference of Social Work held at San Francisco, California, during the period May 26th to June 6, 1955.

#### EXPRESS, FREIGHT AND CARTAGE \$10,900.51

The above figure represents an increase of \$10,44.39 compared with a year ago, and covers the distribution cost of Surplus Commodities in 49 counties of the State. The trucking and storage charges are equalized and charged back to the participating counties. In this way the delivered cost of the Surplus Commodities is the same for all counties.

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE \$1,951.18

Some of the larger items making up the above total are:

Child We National Adult Ed Institutes and Serving Subpose Temporary Help Psychological	enas and Court Costs Services and Bank Drafts	300.00 200.00 50.00 5.00	555.00 406.90 393.82 150.00 50.00 35.42 360.04
onior Emponior	Total		1,951.18

#### MERIT SYSTEM COUNCIL \$15,464.57

There are five State agencies sharing in the expenses of the Merit System Council, their names and percentages for the year follows:

Particulars	Percent
Social Welfare Employment Security Health Department Services for Crippled Children Iowa Mental Authority	55.59 26.32 15.20 2.63 .26
Total	100 %

Based on their percentages of the total, the Board's share of the Merit System Council expenses was as follows:

Personal Services Rent Supplies Communications Services Travel Expense Equipment Printing and Binding Heat, Light and Water Repairs Other	10,914.19 2,110.75 570.70 527.05 437.55 401.13 310.12 54.29 6.64 132.15
Total	15,464.57

#### SURETY BONDS \$801.15

All employees of the State Board of Social Welfare are bonded under a Public Employees Blanket position bond in the amount of \$2,500.00 each. In addition 18 employees have additional coverage ranging from \$500.00 to \$17,500.00 each, depending on their position responsibility.

This Surety bond was issued by the Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Company for a period of three years from July 1, 1954, and the entire premium in the amount of \$771.15 was paid in advance.

Surety bonds for the three Board Members in the amount of \$1,000.00 each, was on file in the office of Secretary of State.

#### GENERAL COMMENTS

In previous audit reports we have called attenBOARD MINUTES

tion to the Board Minutes, in that there is no information regarding policy changes or subjects that come up for discussion.

It would appear the present minutes, for the most part, record only the daily conferences with various personnel and reports of any affirmative action taken.

It would seem that scheduled weekly Board meetings with definite agenda would be desirable.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Consultants under the Child Welfare Division

were transferred to the Field Staff and given the title of Case Work

Supervisors. Three Child Welfare Consultants were assigned to the

Standards and Procedures division with the responsibility of staff development. One employee was transferred from the Iowa City office and assigned to this division.

The transfer of Child Welfare Workers to the Field Staff section was due to a Federal request to integrate their work with that of the three assistance programs, especially Aid to Dependent Children. The change should also eliminate to a certain extent duplication of visits from State Office personnel.

Three of the employees who were transferred to the State Office and assigned to Staff Development work, continued their official station away from Des Moines, and were paid subsistance while at the State Office and travel expense home over the week ends. A review of the travel claims of these employees for the period from March 1st to October 15, 1955 revealed the information the average number of days spent at the State Office was 84 and in the field 34 days.

In this connection we wish to call attention of the Board to Official rule number six, issued by the State Comptroller which reads in part as follows: "Officers and employees whose residence is elsewhere than the official domicile, will not be allowed any expense at such residence or for traveling between residence and official domicile."

The distribution of Surplus Commodities to public assistance recipients, the unemployed and other low income groups continued to increase during the 19541955 fiscal year. According to information furnished by the Department,
the number of counties participating in the program increased from 49
on July 1, 1955 to 59 on December 31st and to 66 as of March 1, 1956.

A summary of Surplus Commodities distributed during the period from February 1st to June 30, 1955 in 49 participating counties, as well as 84 non-profit institutions in the State, were as follows:

Dry Milk
Butter
Cheese
Shortening
Lima Beans
Rice

Total

411,428 lbs 403,088 " 346,353 " 339,086 " 231,000 " 95,425 "

1,826,380 lbs

The 56th General Assembly placed a ceiling of \$175.00 a month on aid to families receiving assistance under the Aid to Dependent Children proram. According to information furnished by the Department, there were 1,027 families as of August 1, 1955 receiving monthly assistance in excess of this limitation.

The average grant per case for July 1955 was \$116.29, and after the \$175.00 ceiling was put into effect during August, the average grant per family was reduced to \$108.68. While the difference in average grant was only \$7.61 per case, the average for the 1,027 larger families would be closer to \$50.00 a family per month.

Some of the major phases of work in administering the Old Age Assistance law is in connection with estates of Old Age Recipients. A summary prepared by the Trust Section covering its activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, reveals the following information:

Estates Pending July 1, 1954 New Estates Opened	1,317 752
Total	2,069
Number of Estates Closed	731
Estates Pending June 30. 1955	1.338

Included in the June 30, 1955 pending total are a number of estates in which the suspended real estate and special assessment taxes equal the appraised or market value of the properties. Also a number of estates in which the administrators have remitted all the cash the Department will receive, but the Attorney for the estate has never filed a final report with the Probate Court of his county.

The Trust Section now has an opinion by the Ass't.Attorney General in regard to the disposition of such estates which reads in part as follows:

"It is my opinion that when the Board has, after proper investigation, found that an estate in which it has a claim on file, is clearly not possessed of sufficient assets to make a payment, or any further payment on the Board claim --- the Board might properly abandon its claim and close its file in the matter, in order to forego further expense. This would also apply to pending guardianship matters where the Ward has died and the guardianship remains open under similar circumstances."

If by chance, other assets should subsequently be discovered in the estate, the Board, its claim still being on file, would by laws, participate in the distribution of these assets through the estate.

Also included in the above total are quite a number of estates where the surviving spouse or relative continues to occupy the property and for that reason the Department is unable to foreclose on its lien

until the death of the survivor.

In our report a year ago, reference was made to 36 pending estates as of December 31, 1954. These same estates were checked as of December 31, 1955, a year later and its was found 16 of these estates were closed, while 20 were still pending. In seven of the pending estates the real estate had been sold and the final report was held up for various reasons. A detail of these seven estates follows:

Estate Number	Date Real Estate Sold	Amount
7 - 2141 15 - 424 20 - 228 56 - 1791 56 - 1226 82 - 2622 97 - 2138	May 21, 1952 November 10, 1950 June 2, 1953 November 5, 1951 July 31, 1951 July 1, 1953 June 27, 1952	2,125.00 3,280.00 3,389.45 2,850.00 1,111.69 1,071.54 950.00

Real Estate taxes, Court and Administrations costs would be deducted from the proceeds shown above.

An audit of all pending estates as of December 31, 1955 revealed the following information:

Number of Estates Current and Pending from One to Three Years 931
Spouse and Relative Living 211
Estates Pending from Four to Seventeen Years 196

Total <u>1,338</u>

A further breakdown of estates pending for more than 9 years and included in the 196 pending figure follows:

Period	Number
10 Years 11	665553221

On a percentage basis 85.4 of all Trust Section estates opened are closed within three years or for some valid reason cannot be closed. The remaining 14.6 percent represents the estates pending for 4 to 17 years.

Below we show a summary of the counties having four or more estates pending for more than four years as of December 31, 1955:

County	Number	County	Number
Woodbury Polk Pottawattamie Lee Wapello Monroe Decatur	16 15 15 13 9 6 5	Mahaska Poweshiek Bremer Hardin Lucas Scott	5 5 4 4 4 4

The hiring of temporary Assistant Attorney General on a trial basis was authorized by the State Executive Council under date of December 19, 1955. The special aids would not serve full time, but would be available to appear in court at hearings or otherwise represent the Board in connection with specific cases they were assigned.

At the time this report is written the State Executive Council had approved the hiring of eight Special Assistants who were assigned 35 pending cases needing attention.

Considerable space has been given in our previous audit reports to excessive fees allowed in certain Probate Courts of our State. In fairness to the large majority of Administrators and their Attorneys who charge reasonable fees, we wish to give them credit for doing a good job for the State Department.

We wish to express our appreciation to the members of the Board and employees for their assistance during the progress of this examination.

Respectfully submitted

M. B. Bolsem

-57- Superintendent of State Audits

# STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA AID TO THE BLIND FUND BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1955

Assets	Total	State Assistance Fund	Federal Aid Fund
CASH:			
On Deposit With State Treasurer	172,655.17	113,290.15	59,365.02
OTHER ASSETS: Suspended Payment Warrants General Administrative	1,379.50	1,379.50	
Fund Advance	5,912.90	5,912.90	
Total Other Assets	7,292.40	7,292.40	emb)
Total Assets	179,947.57	120,582.55	59,365.02
Liabilities and Funds			
OTHER LIABILITIES: Federal Aid Unearned	59,365.02		59,365.02
RESERVES: Suspended Payment Warrants	1,379.50	1,379.50	<u> </u>
AVAILABLE FUNDS: Balance July 1, 1954 Excess of Revenues	142,839.31	142,839.31	
Over Expenditures for Current Period	-23,636.26	-23,636.26	
Balance - June 30, 1955	119,203.05	119,203.05	de non-monte de constante de la constante de
Total Liabilities and Funds	179,947.57	120,582.55	59,365.02

# STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA CHILD WELFARE FUND BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1955

Assets	Total	State Child Welfare Fund	Federal Aid Fund
CASH: On Deposit With State Treasurer	162,295.17	162,995.33	-700.16
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: Federal Aid Receivable	54,702.00	577A	54,702.00
OTHER ASSETS: General Administrative Fund Advance	8,445.77	8,445.77	
Total Assets	225,442.94	171,441.10	54,001.84
Liabilities and Funds			
OTHER LIABILITIES: Federal Aid Unearned	54,001.84		54,001.84
AVAILABLE FUNDS:  Balance - July 1, 1954  Excess of Revenues over	185,641.03	185,641.03	
Expenditures for Current Year	-14,199.93	-14,199.93	
Balance - June 30, 1955	171,441.10	171,441.10	CONTRACTOR
Total Liabilities and Funds	225,442.94	171,441.10	54,001.84

# STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1955

#### Assets

CASH:		
On Deposit with State Treasurer		60,586.68
OTHER ASSETS:		
Suspense Account -Outstanding Checks General Administrative Fund Advance	2,649.83 5,551.71	
Total Other Assets		8,201.54
Total Assets		68,788.22
Liabilities and Funds		
RESERVES:		
Suspense Account - Outstanding Checks		2,649.83
AVAILABLE FUNDS:		
Balance - July 1, 1954 Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	75,920.30	Ø
	-9,781.91	
Balance -June 30, 1955		66,138.39
Total Liabilities and Funds		68,788.22

#### STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

### DES MOINES, IOWA AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

#### FUND BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 1955

Assets	Total	State Assistance Fund	Federal Aid Fund
CASH: On Deposit with State Treasurer	658,169.26	217,306.05	440,863.21
OTHER ASSETS: Stop Payment Warrants Suspended Payment Warrants General Administrative	115.50 22,045.50	115.50 22,045.50	
Fund Advance	-4,664.97	-4,664.97	
Total Other Assets	17,496.03	17,496.03	
Total Assets	675,665.29	234,802.08	440,863.21
Liabilities and Funds			
OTHER LIABILITIES: Federal Aid Unearned	440,863.21	905	440,863.21
RESERVES: Stop Payment Warrants Suspended Payment Warrants	115.50 22,045.50	115.50	
Total Reserves	22,161.00	22,161.00	460
AVAILABLE FUNDS:  Balance -July 1, 1954  Excess of Revenues over  Expenditures for Current	364,873.62	364,873.62	and the same
Period	-152,232.54	-152,232.54	
Balance-June 30,1955	212,641.08	212,641.08	CONC.
Total Liabilities and Funds	675,665.29	234,802.08	440,863.21

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA AID TO THE BLIND

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - BY FUNDS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1955

<u>Particulars</u>	Total	State Assistance Fund	Federal Aid Fund
BALANCE ON DEPOSIT WITH			
STATE TREASURER-			
JULY 1, 1954	191,522.91	135,030.18	56,492.73
RECEIPTS:			
State Appropriation Federal Grants Received Reimbursements from	410,000.00 604,094.51	410,000.00	604,094.51
Counties Recoveries of Assistance	330,343.61	330,343.61	
Paid Miscellaneous Receipts	14,264.41	14,264.41	
Total Receipts	1,358,721.68	754,627.17	604,094.51
INTERFUND TRANSFER		601,222.22	-601,222.22
ADVANCES TO GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR			
EXPENDITURES	90,952.67	90,952.67	
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	1,459,291.92	1,399,926.90	59,365.02
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits	1,230,629.50	1,230,629.50	
Eye Treatment Expense	51,400.25	51,400.25	and the same of th
Total Disbursements-	1,286,636.75	1,286,636.75	
BALANCE ON DEPOSIT WITH STATE TREASURER -			
JUNE 30, 1955	172,655.17	113,290.15	59,365.02

#### STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

#### DES MOINES, IOWA

#### CHILD WELFARE

#### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - BY FUNDS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1955

<u>Particulars</u>	Total	State Child Welfare Fund	Federal Aid Fund
BALANCE ON DEPOSIT WITH  STATE TREASURER -  JULY 1, 1954	187,490.56	_ 176,882.62	10,607.94
RECEIPTS:			
State Appropriation Federal Grants Received Miscellaneous Receipts	300,000.00 100,890.00 127.63	300,000.00	100,890.00
Total Receipts	401,017.63	300,127.63	100,890.00
INTERFUND TRANSFER		112,198.10	_112,198.10
ADVANCES TO GENERAL  ADMINISTRATIVE FUND AS  REIMBURSEMENT FOR  EXPENDITURES	-426,213.02	_426,213.02	
DISBURSEMENTS			
BALANCE ON DEPOSIT WITH  STATE TREASURER -  JUNE 30, 1955	162,295.17	162,995.33	-700.16 

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1955

BALANCE	ON	DI	EPOS:	IT	WI	TH	STA	TE
TREASUR	RER	-	JULY	Y 1	. ,	195	54	

65,610.05

#### RECEIPTS:

State Appropriation
County Participation
Miscellaneous Receipts

10,000.00 237,995.76 18.92

Total Receipts

248,014.68

### ADVANCES TO GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENDITURES

-253,038.05

#### DISBURSEMENTS

BALANCE ON DEPOSIT WITH STATE
TREASURER - JUNE 30, 1955

60,586.68

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA

#### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - BY FUNDS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1955

Particulars	Total	State Assistance Fund	Federal Aid Fund
BALANCE ON DEPOSIT WITH STATE TREASURER-JULY 1,195	786,406.61	359,186.10	427,220.51
RECEIPTS: State Appropriation Federal Grants Received Reimbursements from	2,200,000.00 4,686,479.91	2,200,000.00	4,686,479.91
Counties Recoveries of Assist-	2,142,200.86	2,142,200.86	
ance Paid Miscellaneous Receipts	70,298.39	70,298.39	
Total Receipts	9,099,015.55	4,412,535.64	4,686,479.91
INTERFUND TRANSFERS		4,672,837.21	-4,672,837.21
ADVANCES TO GENERAL  ADMINISTRATIVE FUND AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR			
EXPENDITURES	-566,761.53	_566,761.53	
Total to be Accounted For	9,318,660.63	8,877,797.42	440,863.21
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits	8,658,960.20 1,531.17	8,658,960.20 1,531.17	
Total Disbursements	8,660,491.37	8,660,491.37	
BALANCE ON DEPOSIT WITH STATE TREASURER-			
JUNE 30, 1955	658,169.26	217,306.05	440,863.21

#### STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

#### DES MOINES, IOWA

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

#### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1955

BALANCE	ON	DEPOS	IT WI	TH
STATE	TREA	ASTRER	ПП.У	1.1954

118,241.84

#### RECEIPTS:

Refunds on Administrative Expenses

2,260.13

### ADVANCES FROM PROGRAM FUNDS AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENDITURES:

Old Age Assistance
Aid to the Blind
Child Welfare
Emergency Relief
Aid to Dependent
Children

1,631,153.97
90,952.67
426,213.02
253,038.05

2,968,119.24

2,970,379.37

3,088,621.21

#### TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Expense Prepaid Expenses Refunds -To Other State Dept's.-

Total Advances

2,809,611.81 44,214.49

State Comptroller 6,358.72 Executive Council 5,159.52 11,518.24 To Counties 112,257.11 To Recipients and

Estates 2,306.95
Travel Expense-

126,082.30

86.91

Total Disbursements

2,979,995,51

BALANCE ON DEPOSIT WITH STATE
TREASURER -JUNE 30,1955

Emergency Relief

108,625.70

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Particulars	Fiscal Ye	ar Ended _June 30 1954_	Increase -Decrease
REVENUES:	<u>sune 30 19))</u>	<u> </u>	-Decrease
State Appropriations	17,320,000.00	17,320,000.00	-
Per Capita Income- Tax Penalty	22,908.36 52,117.94	22.647.16 48,854.43	261.20 3,263.51
Federal Grants Earned- Assistance Administrative	20,820,025.65	21,328,646.65	-508,621.00 -36,436.46
Recoveries- State Share	715,963.46 651,181.21	743,103.81 657,709.45	-27,140.35 -6,528.24
Federal Share County Reimbursements- Assistance Funeral Benefits Ophthalmological Fees Eye Treatment Benefits Ineligible Payments Administrative Refunds from Recipients Miscellaneous Revenue	2,445,859.99 1,861.96 676.12 13,379.56 936.25 247,826.35 84,562.80 1,477.50	2,450,227.88 2,046.96 712.32 9,926.15 1,582.09 214,630.07 52,056.41 2,939.50	-4,367.89 -185.00 -36.20 3,453.41 -645.84 33,196.28 32,506.39 -1,462.00
Total Revenues	43,688,911.90	44,201,654.09	512,742.19
EXPENDITURES:			
Monthly Assistance Funeral Benefits Eye Treatment Benefits Refunds to Federal Gov't.	38,780,075.10 273,752.57 51,400.25	39,678,142.65 284,269.00 41,090.62	-898,067.55 -10,516.43 10,309.63
Recoveries & Refunds Ineligibles Fiscal Exceptions Miscellaneous Refunds to Counties-	671,294.82 2,460.75 1,190.66 421.08	669,839.93 3,838.78 724.56	1,454.89 -1,378.03 1,190.66 -303.48
Recoveries & Refunds Administrative	30,433.57 87,404.58	18,904.59 88,263.54	11,528.98
Refunds to Other State Departments Refunds to Recipients	11,518.24	11,976.53	-458.29
and Estates Administrative Expenses	2,306.95	1,080.20 2,767,822.43	1,226.75
Total Expenditures	42,763,479.62	43,565,952.83	-802,473.21
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	925,432.28	635,701.26	289,731.02

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSISTANCE AND FUNERAL BENEFITS - BY COUNTIES

	Fiscal Ye	ar Ended June 30	. 1955	June 30 1954	
County	Monthly	Funeral	Total	Total	Increase
	Assistance	Benefits	Assistance	Assistance	-Decrease
Adair	163,065.60	1,050.00	164,115.60	165,838.00	-1,722.40
Adams	124,162.00	1,295.00	125,457.00	131,252.00	-5,795.00
Allamakee	177,599.00	900.00	178,499.00	172,356.50	6,142.50
Appanoose	575,261.00	3,375.00	578,636.00	597,252.36	-18,616.36
Audubon	87,621.00	300.00	87,921.00	89,814.50	-1,893.50
Benton Black Hawk Boone Bremer Buchanan	198,119.00	1,200.00	199,319.00	222,768.00	-23,449.00
	816,615.30	7,650.00	824,265.30	855,617.46	-31,352.16
	414,947.50	4,932.20	419,879.70	447,012.57	-27,132.87
	140,799.50	1,050.00	141,849.50	151,494.00	-9,644.50
	180,303.50	996.70	181,300.20	193,941.30	-12,641.10
Buena Vista	148,111.00	900.00	149,011.00	164,880.50	-15,869.50
Butler	188,787.00	1,500.00	190,287.00	202,338.50	-12,051.50
Calhoun	208,469.50	1,800.00	210,269.50	204,238.85	6,030.65
Carroll	216,129.50	1,000.00	217,129.50	211,952.70	5,176.80
Cass	284,432.00	1,750.00	286,182.00	293,947.06	-7,765.06
Cedar	114,577.50	1,100.00	115,677.50	125,177.50	-9,500.00
Cerro Gordo	542,992.50	6,070.55	549,063.05	558,221.05	-9,158.00
Cherokee	154,708.50	1,564.02	156,272.52	165,362.00	-9,089.48
Chickasaw	161,707.50	2,100.00	163,807.50	176,724.10	-12,916.60
Clarke	227,697.00	2,257.75	229,954.75	230,709.23	-754.48
Clay	147,304.50	1,950.00	149,254.50	156,188.50	-6,934.00
Clayton	202,463.50	2,700.00	205,163.50	224,952.00	-19,788.50
Clinton	328,300.50	2,221.96	330,522.46	358,746.30	-28,223.84
Crawford	258,692.00	2,109.00	260,801.00	266,811.00	-6,010.00
Dallas	295,288.50	4,421.85	299,710.35	306,360.25	-6,649.90
Davis Decatur Delaware Des Moines Dickinson Dubuque Emmet Fayette Floyd Franklin	177,563.00	1,650.00	179,213.00	188,355.50	-9,142.50
	392,227.00	3,497.10	395,724.10	399,915.88	-4,191.78
	243,735.00	2,250.00	245,985.00	239,183.80	6,801.20
	234,163.50	2,558.00	236,721.50	249,559.80	-12,838.30
	123,961.00	1,383.90	125,344.90	136,446.00	-11,101.10
	614,643.00	6,631.50	621,274.50	637,604.90	-16,330.40
	146,380.40	1,650.00	148,030.40	153,085.50	-5,055.10
	314,220.30	4,689.40	318,909.70	348,015.60	-29,105.90
	255,456.50	2,077.29	257,533.79	263,282.50	-5,748.71
	159,392.00	2,400.00	161,792.00	170,517.50	-8,725.50

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County	Fiscal Yea Monthly Assistance		Total	June 30 1954 Total Assistance	Increase -Decrease
Fremont	238,902.50	3,318.00	242,220.50	246,860.00	-4,639.50
Greene	152,953.00	1,200.00	154,153.00	157,246.50	-3,093.50
Grundy	84,540.50	810.00	85,350.50	94,550.50	-9,200.00
Guthrie	233,957.50	2,331.75	236,289.25	252,272.32	-15,983.07
Hamilton	198,525.00	2,578.00	201,103.00	217,963.52	-16,860.52
Hancock	125,981.50	514.20	126,495.70	131,427.50	-4,931.80
Hardin	227,523.00	1,350.00	228,873.00	240,771.17	-11,898.17
Harrison	358,550.00	3,332.70	361,882.70	370,708.00	-8,825.30
Henry	303,805.00	2,466.30	306,271.30	320,694.50	-14,423.20
Howard	177,423.50	1,350.00	178,773.50	187,601.50	-8,828.00
Humboldt	111,132.50	2,100.00	113,232.50	122,268.00	-9,035.50
Ida	95,489.00	750.00	96,239.00	103,886.50	-7,647.50
Iowa	129,374.00	841.30	130,215.30	138,898.00	-8,682.70
Jackson	288,803.50	3,300.00	292,103.50	297,658.50	-5,555.00
Jasper	296,914.00	2,100.00	299,014.00	305,425.50	-6,411.50
Jefferson	189,378.00	1,120.00	190,498.00	198,246.30	-7,748.30
Johnson	259,290.00	2,907.35	,262,197.35	280,583.60	-18,386.25
Jones	210,029.50	2,167.73	212,197.23	217,201.00	-5,003.77
Keokuk	245,899.50	1,587.63	247,487.13	251,076.80	-3,589.67
Kossuth	178,471.80	1,800.00	180,271.80	188,967.00	-8,695.20
Lee	405,424.50	3,153.05	408,577.55	433,850.50	-25,272.95
Linn	900,744.00	7,449.43	908,193.43	929,667.38	-21,473.95
Louisa	132,697.50	994.39	133,691.89	139,804.28	-6,112.39
Lucas	315,631.00	3,300.00	318,931.00	321,375.50	-2,444.50
Lyon	123,110.00	300.00	123,410.00	117,321.00	6,089.00
Madison	301,003.00	3,098.86	304,101.86	318,478.12	-14,376.26
Mahaska	450,590.50	4,273.50	454,864.00	481,958.30	-27,094.30
Marion	375,569.30	3,131.49	378,700.79	379,881.20	-1,180.41
Marshall	324,734.50	3,750.00	328.484.50	354,809.00	-26,324.50
Mills	187,316.00	1,262.55	188,578.55	192,144.89	-3,566.34
Mitchell	116,487.00	843.25	117,330.25	126,044.50	-8,714.25
Monona	232,851.50	1,800.00	234,651.50	237,660.10	-3,008.60
Monroe	307,880.10	2,250.00	310,130.10	327,102.50	-16,972.40
Montgomery	189,556.00	1,200.00	190,756.00	188,126.50	2,629.50
Muscatine	351,643.70	3,372.45	355,016.15	379,255.25	-24,239.10
O'Brien	151,061.00	1,771.18	152,832.18	151,089.50	1,742.68 -3,448.27 -1,745.95 -5,649.50 -2,287.00
Osceola	77,924.00	442.23	78,366.23	81,814.50	
Page	360,447.00	3,500.55	363,947.55	365,693.50	
Palo Alto	157,816.00	1,050.00	158,866.00	164,515.50	
Plymouth	109,862.00	1,050.00	110,912.00	113,199.00	
Pocahontas	111,183.50	860.00	112,043.50	126,676.00	-14,632.50
Polk	2,590,690.00	25,375.90	2,616,065.90	2,795,743.16	-179,677.26
Pottawattam	nie 754,039.50	8,481.40	762,520.90	792,038.78	-29,517.88
Poweshiek	232,424.00	2,019.30	234,443.30	238,869.46	-4,426.16
Ringgold	242,533.00	2,694.50	245,227.50	233,468.00	11,759.50

County	Monthly	ear Ended June 3 Funeral Benefits	Total	June 30 1954 Total Assistance	Increase -Decrease
Sac	179,262.60	750.00	180,012.60	185,809.67	-5,797.07
Scott	748,000.70	6,452.33	754,453.03	785,501.41	-31,048.38
Shelby	172,895.70	1,950.00	174,845.70	172,402.00	2,443.70
Sioux	262,744.00	1,950.00	264,694.00	276,120.50	-11,426.50
Story	353,938.00	2,634.50	356,572.50	362,820.80	-6,248.30
Tama Taylor Union Van Buren Wapello	211,609.00	1,950.00	213,559.00	213,803.00	-244.00
	207,024.00	2,975.96	209,999.96	226,548.35	-16,548.39
	359,386.40	2,515.00	361,901.40	372,569.21	-10,667.81
	224,858.00	2,640.00	227,498.00	238,613.00	-11,115.00
	632,851.50	5,800.00	638,651.50	651,554.60	-12,903.10
Warren	240,492.80	2,200.00	242,692.80	255,310.84	-12,618.04
Washington	200,634.50	2,115.00	202,749.50	205,242.50	-2,493.00
Wayne	338,995.00	2,700.00	341,695.00	354,149.50	-12,454.50
Webster	446,887.20	6,000.00	452,887.20	469,559.20	-16,672.00
Winnebago	85,395.00	450.00	85,845.00	88,413.00	-2,568.00
Winneshiek	192,111.50	2,550.00	194,661.50	197,437.99	-2,776.49
Woodbury	1,192,966.50	9,851.40	1,202,817.90	1.241,432.00	-38,614.10
Worth	62,908.00	600.00	63,508.00	68,951.50	-5,443.50
Wright	147,467.00	1,200.00	148,667.00	157,665.50	-8,998.50
Totals 2	8,890,485.40	267,614.40	29,158,099.80	30,298,720.91	-1,140,621.11

### STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSISTANCE AND FUNERAL BENEFITS BY COUNTIES

County	Monthly		30, 1955 Total Assistance	June 30 1954 Total Assistance	Increase -Decrease
Adair	20,988.50	33.00	20,988.50	23,266.50	-2,278.00
Adams	33,582.50		33,615.50	36,709.50	-3,094.00
Allamakee	46,188.50		46,188.50	51,678.50	-5,490.00
Appanoose	98,382.50		98,382.50	104,188.00	-5,805.50
Audubon	32,270.00		32,270.00	38,484.50	-6,214.50
Benton Black Hawk Boone Bremer Buchanan	23,974.50 339,230.50 105,520.50 25,748.50 53,577.00		23,974.50 339,230.50 105,520.50 25,748.50 53,577.00	29,676.00 305,800.60 109,462.00 31,420.50 54,664.00	-5,701.50 33,429.90 -3,941.50 -5,672.00 -1,087.00
Buena Vista	38,452.50	83.17	38,452.50	41,784.00	-3,331.50
Butler	39,669.00		39,669.00	41,080.00	-1,411.00
Calhoun	57,354.00		57,354.00	70,787.50	-13,433.50
Carroll	55,597.00		55,597.00	48,938.50	6,658.50
Cass	81,588.50		81,671.67	74,809.60	6,862.07
Cedar	37,500.50		37,500.50	39,021.00	-1,520.50
Cerro Gordo	125,579.50		125,579.50	118,676.50	6,903.00
Cherokee	46,270.50		46,270.50	47,304.00	-1,033.50
Chickasaw	51,989.50		51,989.50	61,046.00	-9,056.50
Clarke	32,806.50		32,806.50	21,519.00	11,287.50
Clay	52,560.80	150.00	52,560.80	55,759.00	-3,198.20
Clayton	47,797.50		47,797.50	51,370.50	-3,573.00
Clinton	79,755.50		79,755.50	73,700.00	6,055.50
Crawford	101,525.50		101,525.50	87,280.50	14,245.00
Dallas	121,142.00		121,292.00	112,654.50	8,637.50
Davis Decatur Delaware Des Moines Dickinson	36,845.50 69,788.00 47,665.00 60,310.50 51,260.00		36,845.50 69,788.00 47,665.00 60,310.50 51,260.00	32,910.50 80,680.50 48,257.50 63,637.00 59,371.50	3,935.00 -10,892.50 -592.50 -3,326.50 -8,111.50
Dubuque	184,718.50	450.00	184,718.50	168,041.30	16,677.20
Emmet	51,214.50		51,214.50	43,976.50	7,238.00
Fayette	99,024.50		99,024.50	109,186.50	-10,162.00
Flovd	104,028.50		104,478.50	113,622.00	-9,143.50
Franklin	22,293.00		22,293.00	19,662.00	2,631.00

County	Fiscal Year Monthly Assistance	Funeral Benefits	30. 1955 Total Assistance	June 30 1954 Total Assistance	Increase -Decrease
Fremont Green Grundy Guthrie Hamilton	77,359.50 52,033.50 20,339.50 63,516.00 88,512.00		77,359.50 52,033.50 20,339.50 63,516.00 88,512.00	79,210.00 58,442.50 20,796.50 57,240.50 88,968.50	-1,850.50 -6,409.00 -457.00 6,275.50 -456.50
Hancock Hardin Harrison Henry Howard Humboldt Ida Iowa Jackson Jasper	34,165.50 60,024.00 156,876.50 29,312.00 40,728.50 38,105.00 14,551.50 12,432.00 97,288.50 79,182.00	150.00 300.00	34,165.50 60,024.00 156,876.50 29,312.00 40,728.50 38,255.00 14,551.50 12,432.00 97,588.50 79,182.00	41,351.25 73,262.00 156,852.50 24,949.50 45,580.00 31,841.50 11,461.00 17,002.00 100,481.50 78,876.00	-7,185.75 -13,238.00 24.00 4,362.50 -4,851.50 6,413.50 3,090.50 -4,570.00 -2,893.00 306.00
Jefferson	27,766.00		27,766.00	33,309.00	-5,543.00
Johnson	78,453.00		78,453.00	85,233.00	-6,780.00
Jones	82,828.00		82,828.00	93,336.50	-10,508.50
Keokuk	17,111.50		17,111.50	21,254.50	-4,143.00
Kossuth	61,805.00		61,805.00	59,510.00	2,295.00
Lee	92,047.50	215.00	92,047.50	93,932.20	-1,884.70
Linn	293,548.00		293,763.00	234,663.00	59,100.00
Louisa	35,371.00		35,371.00	34,845.00	526.00
Lucas	40,882.50		40,882.50	47,808.50	-6,926.00
Lyon	24,110.50		24,110.50	26,828.00	-2,717.50
Madison	34,581.50		34,581.50	38,402.00	-3,820.50
Mahaska	45,703.00		45,703.00	49,692.50	-3,989.50
Marion	84,205.00		84,205.00	99,343.50	-15,138.50
Marshall	66,409.60		66,409.60	61,243.00	5,166.60
Mills	34,369.00		34,369.00	36,663.50	-2,294.50
Mitchell	14,909.00		14,909.00	14,371.00	538.00
Monona	57,373.50		57,373.50	70,102.50	-12,729.00
Monroe	90,812.00		90,812.00	97,935.50	-7,123.50
Montgomery	21,891.00		21,891.00	21,123.00	768.00
Muscatine	119,753.00		119,753.00	116,981.50	2,771.50
O'Brien	37,478.50		37,478.50	32,892.00	4,586.50
Osceola	9,031.50		9,031.50	9,977.50	-946.00
Page	80,720.50		80,720.50	81,553.50	-833.00
Palo Alto	39,636.00		39,636.00	43,878.00	-4,242.00
Plymouth	27,482.00		27,482.00	30,693.50	-3,211.50

County	Monthly	Year Ended Jur Funeral Benefits	Total	June 30 1954 Total Assistance	Increase -Decrease
Pocahontas Polk Pottawattamie Poweshiek Ringgold	41,542.00 1,271,849.50 273,807.00 66,065.50 36,665.50		41,542.00 1,271,849.50 273,807.00 66,065.50 36,665.50	46,490.50 1,105,977.00 255,740.50 62,970.00 35,954.00	-4,948.50 165,872.50 18,066.50 3,095.50 711.50
Sac Scott Shelby Sioux Story	56,343.50 409,759.50 40,394.00 51,938.00 95,136.50		56,343.50 409,759.50 40,394.00 51,938.00 95,136.50	60,592.00 410,280.50 42,734.00 55,125.50 104,506.00	-4,248.50 -521.00 -2,340.00 -3,187.50 -9,369.50
Tama Taylor Union Van Buren Wapello	35,480.00 13,593.50 122,919.00 24,969.50 177,489.50		35,480.00 13,593.50 122,919.00 24,969.50 177,489.50	40,856.00 12,860.50 136,428.00 19,367.00 168,061.50	-5,376.00 733.00 -13,509.00 5,602.50 9,428.00
Warren Washington Wayne Webster Winnebago	44,156.50 53,631.30 52,704.50 207,192.00 11,451.00	150.00	44,156.50 53,631.30 52,704.50 207,342.00 11,451.00	40,327.50 46,040.00 49,007.70 188,966.50 15,818.50	3,829.00 7,591.30 3,696.80 18,375.50 -4,367.50
Winneshiek Woodbury Worth Wright Tama Indians	32,483.50 599,856.50 36,903.50 21,479.00 22,246.00		32,483.50 599,856.50 36,903.50 21,479.00 22,246.00	50,446.00 563,333.10 30,269.50 20,827.50 24,245.00	-17,962.50 36,523.40 6,634.00 651.50 -1,999.00
Totals-	8,658,960.20	1,531.17	8,660,491.37	8,479,537.75	180,953.62

# STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF STATE AND COUNTY SALARIES AND TRAVELING EXPENSES - BY PROGRAM

Program	Fiscal June 30 1955	Year Ended June 30 1954	Increase -Decrease
STATE SALARIES:			
Old Age Assistance Aid to the Blind Child Welfare Emergency Relief Aid to Dependent Children	310,015.05 31,379.43 301,833.44 11,282.48 70,956.31	353,753.16 23,614.21 299,368.04 8,769.69 55,312.95	-43,738.11 7,765.22 2,465.40 2,512.79 15,643.36
Total State Salaries	725,466.71	740,818.05	_15,351.34
STATE TRAVELING EXPENSE:			
Old Age Assistance Aid to the Blind Child Welfare Emergency Relief Aid to Dependent Children	36,340.91 3,693.76 39,497.15 1,414.99 8,352.42	37,901.36 2,537.23 34,828.70 942.25 5,943.13	-1,560.45 1,156.53 4,668.45 472.74 2,409.29
Total State Traveling Expense	89,299.23	82,152.67	7,146.56
Total State Salaries & Travel	814,765.94	822,970.72	_8,204.78
COUNTY SALARIES:			
Old Age Assistance Aid to the Blind Child Welfare Emergency Relief Aid to Dependent Children	1,028,096.52 35,381.97 29,701.88 211,919.98 389,338.61	1,024,905.22 35,863.60 26,378.49 194,756.02 336,911.00	3,191.30 -481.63 3,323.39 17,163.96 52,427.61
Total County Salaries	1,694,438.96	1,618,814.33	75,624.63
COUNTY TRAVELING EXPENSE:			
Old Age Assistance Aid to the Blind Child Welfare Emergency Relief Aid to Dependent Children	42,562.90 2,351.64 4,564.30 8,060.92 18,166.85	44,532.16 2,152.15 4,185.06 8,207.42 16,638.37	-1,969.26 199.49 379.24 -146.50 1,528.48
Total County Traveling Expense Total County Salaries	75,706.61	75,715.16	
and Travel	1,770,145.57	1,694,529.49	75,616.08
Total Salaries Total Traveling Expense	2,419,905.67 165,005.84	2,359,632.38 157,867.83	60,273.29
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# STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DES MOINES, IOWA OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

#### ANALYSIS OF ASSISTANCE ROLLS - BY DOLLAR AMOUNTS

			f Grants at		
Rate	July 1, 1955	July 1, 1954	July 1, 1953	July 1, 1952	July 1, 1951
209.00-209.90 207.00-207.90 204.00-204.90 199.00-199.90 196.00-196.90	1 1 1	1 2			1
193.00-193.90 188.00-188.90 183.00-183.90 182.00-182.90 181.00-181.90	1 1 1 1		1		
180.00-180.90 176.00-176.90 175.00-175.90 174.00-174.90	2 1	1	1 1		1
171.00-171.90 167.00-167.90 164.00-164.90 163.00-163.90 162.00-162.90 161.00-161.90	1 2 1 1 1 1 2 1	1			
160.00-160.90 159.00-159.90 158.00-158.90 157.00-157.90 156.00-156.90	1 1 2 1	1	1		1
153.00-153.90 152.00-152.90 151.00-151.90 150.00-150.90 145.00-149.90	1,	1 1 2 2	1 1 1 4		1
140.00-144.90 135.00-139.90 130.00-134.90 125.00-129.90 120.00-124.90 115.00-119.90	5 1 3 3 6 4 7	3 3 4 2 3 6 5 24 1189 1109 440	32 33 55 406 1160 544 529 547	1 2 2 8	3 1 3 5 19 24 50 159 444 541
110.00-114.90 105.00-109.90 100.00-104.90 95.00- 99.90 90.00- 94.90 85.00- 89.90	34 1433 1225 481 810 493	24 1189 1109 440 802 508	406 1160 544 529 651 547	8 331 1090 392 524 619	159 444 541 422 466 469

	Number of Grants at Each Rate				
Rate	July 1, 1955	July 1, 1954	July 1, 1953	July 1, 1952	July 1, 1951
80.00-84.90 75.00-79.90 70.00-74.90 65.00-69.90 60.00-64.90 55.10-59.90	1298 2356 2621 2597 4256 3637	1316 2349 1940 2900 4962 4144 482	1454 2075 2065 3381 4990 4825 660	594 1338 1978 2150 3616 5484	540 975 1498 2200 3458 4902
55.00-Even 50.00-54.90 49.00-49.90 48.00-48.90 47.00-47.90 46.00-46.90 45.00-45.90 44.00-44.90 43.00-43.90 42.00-42.90 41.00-41.90 40.00-40.90 39.00-39.90 39.00-37.90 36.00-35.90 35.00-35.90	397 5146 1013 891 836 7643 547 547 416 349 349 449	5844 1168 1004 801 7042 6095 5484 4664 4501 472	6205 1163 1183 1011 907 887 741 673 568 523 5427 452 406	6160 1400 1362 1395 1520 1423 1377 1277 1188 1067 1034 907 798 721 665 553	6348 1418 1336 1438 1491 1467 1346 1343 1406 1312 1176 1023 904 871 723
34.00-34.90 33.00-33.90 32.00-32.90 31.00-31.90 30.00-30.90 29.00-29.90 28.00-28.90 27.00-27.90 26.00-26.90 25.00-25.90 24.00-24.90 23.00-23.90 21.00-21.90 20.00-19.90 19.00-19.90 18.00-18.90 17.00-17.90 16.00-16.90 15.00-15.90 14.00-14.90	295 282 308 295 248 247 264 267 241 249 246 210 235 206 199 204 197 212 159 119 148	315 302 333 271 280 260 242 277 269 266 227 202 162 174 146 174 146 179 107	321 385 287 240 275 248 228 261 246 223 218 192 163 147 153 147 145 125 103	533 471 3833 377 394 398 337 394 277 277 287 297 195 195 197 197 197 197 197 197 197 197 197 197	636 560 533 487 424 403 3513 388 247 2241 223 2216 217 205 187 190 191 146
13.00-13.90 12.00-12.90	115 135	96 95	111	125 97	107 125

	Number of Grants at Each Rate					
Rate	July 1,	July 1,	July 1,	July 1,	July 1,	
	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	
11.00-11.90	99	64	95	156	157	
10.00-10.90	106	78	133	94	110	
9.00- 9.90	82	50	58	74	136	
8.00- 8.90	83	64	46	81	99	
7.00- 7.90	77	51	32	59	76	
6.00- 6.90	54	51	36	65	79	
5.00- 5.90	209	141	157	150	266	
Totals	41231	43150	45291	47695	48920	

<u>Date</u>	Total Number Of Grant	Monthly s Assistance	Average Grant
July 1, 1951	48920	2,448,242.20	50.05
July 1, 1952	47695	2,471,637.00	51.82
July 1, 1953	45291	2,572,599.50	56.80
July 1, 1954	43150	2,467,205.40	57.18
July 1, 1955	41231	2,379,303.50	57.71

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

## DES MOINES, IOWA

#### AID TO THE BLIND

#### ANALYSIS OF ASSISTANCE ROLLS - BY DOLLAR AMOUNTS

		Number	of Grants at	Each Rate	
Rate	July 1, 1955	July 1, 1954	July 1, 1953	July 1, 1952	July 1, 1951
ita de				19)2	
221.00-221.90			1		
211.00-211.90 207.00-207.90	1	1		1	
205.00-205.90	1				
195.00-195.90		1	1		
193.00-193.90 185.00-189.90	1		_		
185.00-189.90	,		2		1
180.00-184.90 175.00-179.90	1				1
165.00-169.90	1		1		
160.00-164.90	1 1	3	1 1 1		
150.00-154.90		3234359986 1671		2	2
145.00-149.90	1 5 4 18 5 12 16	4	1 3 2 5 13 6 21 66	1	1
135.00-139.90	4	5	3	1 3 3 4 8 4 18 49	1 3 1 3 6 9
130.00-134.90 125.00-129.90	18	9	2	3	1
120.00-124.90	12	8	13	4	3
115.00-119.90	16	16	6	8	6
110.00-114.90 105.00-109.90	96 54 45 56 67 83 111	57	66	18	11
100.00-104.90	45	57 42 56 52 69 74	42	49	
95.00- 99.90	56	56	39	41	36
90.00- 94.90 85.00- 89.90	67	69	51	37 54 51	48
80.00- 84.90	83	74	39 56 51 69 72	51	29 36 27 48 38 52
75.00- 79.90 70.00- 74.90	78	85 115	96	73 71	52
65.00- 69.90	109	136	107	93	70 82
60.00- 64.90 55.10- 59.90	118	113	120	109	97
55 00 Fron	14	8	9)	de en	102
55.00- Even 50.00- 54.90 45.00- 49.90 40.00- 44.90 35.00- 39.90	107	118	124	123	112
40.00- 44.90	48	61	73	122 118	141
50.00- 54.90 45.00- 49.90 40.00- 44.90 35.00- 39.90 30.00- 34.90	70 48 27 25	113 8 118 69 61 21 17 3 2	124 92 73 50 20 6 8	118 83 32 6 5	138 113 56 6 3
29.00- 29.90	1	3	20	32	56
28.00- 28.90		2	8	5	3
27.00- 27.90	8	6	3	5	4

	Number of Grants at Each Rate					
Rate	July 1, 1955	July 1, 1954	July 1, 1953	July 1, 1952	July 1, 1951	
Rate					and the same of th	
26.00-26.90	5	36	3	6	2	
25.00-25.90 24.00-24.90	5556	1	3 3 2 6	6 3 5	3 2	
23.00-23.90	6	7	6	2	7	
22.00-22.90 21.00-21.90	5	1	5	2 3 7	1	
20.00-20.90	4	4	á	i	ī	
19.00-19.90 18.00-18.90	2	2 2	4 2	4	2	
17.00-17.90	1			3	4	
16.00-16.90 15.00-15.90	1,	1 2 1	2 2 2 1	4	6	
14.00-14.90	i		2	6	4	
13.00-13.90 12.00-12.90	1	1 2 2 2	1	1	2 3 2 2	
11.00-11.90	ī	2	ī	2 2	2	
10.00-10.90	3 2 1	2	1	2	2	
7.00- 7.90	i	1				
6.00- 6.90 5.00- 5.90	1	1	Q	6	10	
3.00- 4.90	1		8 2	O	12	
2.00- 2.90	1				Charles and Arthur Charles and Arthur Date	
Totals	1428	1393	_1324	1291	1258	

Date	Total Number Of Grants	Monthly Assistance	Average Grant
July 1, 1951	1258	73,247.60	58.22
July 1, 1952	1291	80,064.00	62.02
July 1, 1953	1324	90,048.00	68.01
July 1, 1954	1393	101,887.50	73.06
July 1, 1955	1428	105,159.00	73.64

#### STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

#### DES MOINES, IOWA

#### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

## ANALYSIS OF ASSISTANCE ROLLS - BY DOLLAR AMOUNTS

# JULY 1, 1955

Rate	Number of Grants	Number Of Eligible Recipients	Rate	Number of Grants	Number Of Eligible Recipients
468.00-468.90 466.00-466.90 415.00-415.90 413.00-413.90 402.00-402.90 389.00-389.90 376.00-376.90 375.00-375.90 359.00-354.90 345.00-344.90 330.00-334.90 325.00-329.90 320.00-324.90 315.00-319.90 310.00-314.90 305.00-309.90 310.00-294.90 295.00-299.90 285.00-289.90 285.00-289.90 285.00-279.90 275.00-279.90 275.00-279.90 275.00-279.90 275.00-279.90 275.00-279.90 275.00-279.90 275.00-259.90 255.00-259.90 255.00-259.90 255.00-249.90 255.00-229.90 215.00-219.90 225.00-229.90 220.00-224.90 235.00-219.90 215.00-219.90 210.00-214.90 215.00-199.90 195.00-199.90 195.00-199.90	111111211411242564567180831197054728303558	12 10 10 11 12 16 10 11 14 10 15 18 18 19 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	180.00-184.90 175.00-179.90 170.00-174.90 165.00-169.90 160.00-154.90 155.00-159.90 150.00-154.90 145.00-149.90 135.00-139.90 120.00-124.90 115.00-119.90 110.00-114.90 105.00-109.90 100.00-104.90 95.00-99.90 90.00-94.90 85.00-89.90 80.00-84.90 75.00-79.90 70.00-74.90 65.00-69.90 60.00-64.90 55.00-59.90 10.00-14.90 35.00-39.90 30.00-34.90 25.00-29.90 20.00-24.90 15.00-19.90 15.00-19.90 15.00-19.90 15.00-19.90 15.00-19.90 15.00-19.90	93 117 124 96 136 174 145 169 185 177 199 201 201 180 192 201 193 194 195 107 80 126 126 127 127 128 129 129 129 129 129 129 129 129 129 129	460 556 587 460 578 722 579 700 676 673 671 643 678 627 608 578 525 530 648 578 529 7235 533 6297 23611 23611

Number of Eligible Payees 59.60
Number of Children on Rolls 176.51

Number of Eligible Recipients 236.11

Date	Total Number Of Grants	Total Number Of Eligible Recipients	Monthly Assistance	Average Per Grant	Average Per Recipients
July 1, 1951	5171	18052	503,978.30	97.46	27.92
July 1, 1952	5407	19006	570.696.50	105.55	30.03
July 1, 1953	5796	20631	685,774.00	118.32	33.24
July 1, 1954	6459	23062	777,751.00	120.41	33.72
July 1, 1955	6500	23611	755,882.00	116.29	32.01

	Old Age Assistance		
County	Number Of Grants	Total Amount Of Grants	Average Per Grant
Fremont Greene Grundy Guthrie Hamilton	329	19,535.00	59.38
	228	13,123.50	57.56
	128	6,924.50	54.10
	319	19,552.00	61.29
	291	16,292.50	55.99
Hancock Hardin Harrison Henry Howard	168	9,576.00	57.00
	333	19,373.50	58.18
	513	29,694.00	57.88
	405	24,744.00	61.10
	270	15,994.50	59.24
Humboldt Ida Iowa Jackson Jasper	165	9,190.00	55.70
	141	7,545.00	53.51
	195	10,056.50	51.57
	392	23,828.00	60.78
	422	23,946.50	56.74
Jefferson	266	15.577.50	58.56
Johnson	360	20,679.50	57.44
Jones	298	16,976.00	56.97
Keokuk	364	20,341.00	55.88
Kossuth	262	15,042.50	57.41
Lee	636	33,211.00	52.22
Linn	1,256	74,248.50	59.12
Louisa	206	10,367.50	50.33
Lucas	447	25,999.50	58.16
Lyon	180	10,044.50	55,80
Madison	390	24,564.50	62.98
Mahaska	613	36,811.50	60.05
Marion	575	31,489.00	54.76
Marshall	488	26,514.50	54.33
Mills	268	15,889.50	59.29
Mitchell Monona Monroe Montgomery Muscatine	180	9,520.00	52.89
	341	18,857.00	55.30
	453	25,824.50	57.01
	288	16,302.00	56.60
	498	28,376.00	56.98

	Old Age Assistance			
County	Number Of Grants	Total Amount Of Grants	Average Per Grant	
O'Brien	216	12,212.00	56.54	
Osceola	126	6,439.00	51.10	
Page	516	30,013.50	58.16	
Palo Alto	235	13,227.50	56.29	
Plymouth	177	8,885.50	50.20	
Pocahontas Polk Pottawattamie Poweshiek Ringgold	172	9,489.00	55.17	
	3,501	208,575.50	59.58	
	1,031	61,750.00	<b>59.89</b>	
	308	19,580.00	63.57	
	321	19,762.00	61.56	
Sac	265	15,267.50	57.61	
Scott	1,055	61,304.50	58.11	
Shelby	231	14,249.00	61.68	
Sioux	360	21,481.50	59.67	
Story	493	28,953.00	58.73	
Tama Taylor Union Van Buren Wapello	300	17,655.00	58.85	
	316	17,411.50	55.10	
	485	30,123.50	62.11	
	333	18,480.00	55.50	
	916	53,705.50	58.63	
Warren Washington Wayne Webster Winnebago	337	20,005.00	59.36	
	288	16,442.00	57.09	
	535	28,400.50	53.08	
	626	36,824.00	58.82	
	137	6,831.50	49.86	
Winneshiek Woodbury Worth Wright Indians	290	15,695.00	54.12	
	1,729	98,958.00	57.23	
	103	5,103.50	49.55	
	210	12,058.50	57.42	
Total	41,231	2,379,303.50	57.71	

