

swered and the form returned to the Bureau at Harrisburg in a return addressed envelope which is sent with the questionnaire or registration form. A citizen referring the name of a disabled person to the Bureau of Rehabilitation can, a few days later, be of aid to the disabled person in filling out the registration form and seeing that it is returned to Harrisburg.

The reason why such registration form is sent by mail is primarily economic and in the interests of conserving the Bureau's funds that they may be of maximum benefit to the greatest possible number of disabled persons. The return of such registration forms by mail, properly filled out, brings full preliminary information from any section of the State at an operating cost of approximately ten or fifteen cents per case, although if the Bureau sent one of its representatives to interview each disabled person reported, to obtain such preliminary information, the cost would be, on an average at least, five or ten dollars per case. The sending of registration forms by mail was begun in a tentative way, but it has been continued because it was found to be successful, as well as economical. Approximately 20 per cent of the total number of registrations received at the Bureau of Rehabilitation are from persons who cannot read or write the English language, and approximately 4 per cent are from persons having defective vision in both eyes. In every such case, friends or relatives, undoubtedly filled out the registration form for the disabled person, and aided the Bureau in the conservation of its funds.

ORIGIN OF CASES

Disabled persons in Pennsylvania are reported to the central office of the Bureau of Rehabilitation, Harrisburg, from a number of sources. Many disabled persons, unable to obtain suitable employment, through their own efforts, write directly to the Bureau, or their friends write for them. Employers, officials and members of labor organizations, compensation insurance carriers, hospitals, physicians, social agencies, educational institutions and field representatives of the Department of Labor and Industry are constantly referring names and addresses of disabled persons to the Bureau.

The majority of references come, however, from the Bureau of Workmen's Compensation which is also a branch of the Department of Labor and Industry. Reports of all industrial accidents in Pennsylvania, resulting in injuries to workers, are received at the Bureau of Workmen's Compensation and whenever such reports indicate injuries of a severity that will probably prevent the victim from returning to the former employment, indicated on the accident report, information is transcribed, in the Bureau of Workmen's Compensation, to a definite form for transmission to the Bureau of Rehabilitation. Information regarding persons disabled in industrial accidents in Pennsylvania is consequently received daily at the Bureau of Rehabilitation. Registration forms are sent from the Bureau of Rehabilitation at Harrisburg to all disabled persons reported from all sources.

When a registration form, filled in by a disabled person, is received at the Bureau at Harrisburg, a duplicate copy of that registration form is made and sent to the branch office of the Bureau having jurisdiction of the district in which the registered disabled person resides. The central office and branch office districts with the counties included in each such district are as follows;