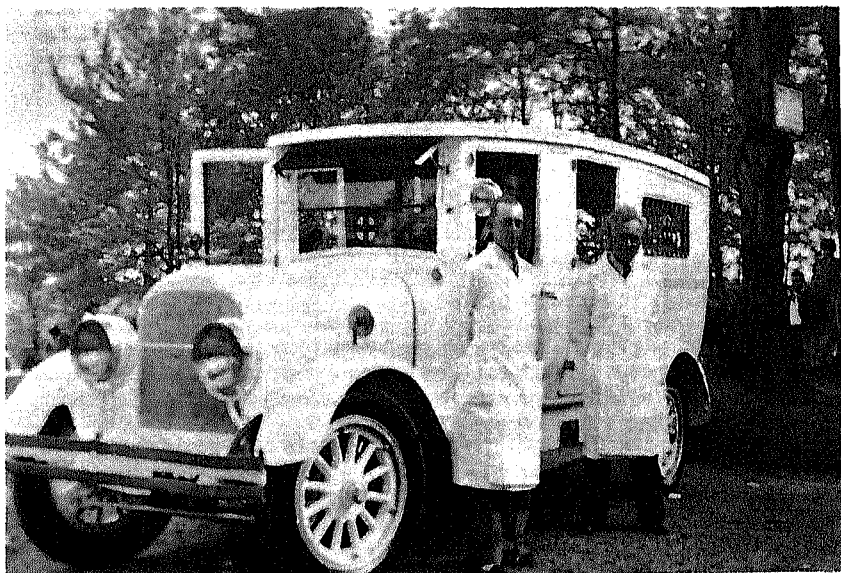


births, deaths, marriages, increases or decreases in populations, stillbirths, infant mortality rates, and sickness and disease rates.

Further responsibilities of the Health Department include:

1. Issuing licenses to food establishments and distributors.
2. Conducting periodic milk and meat inspections.
3. Conducting periodic tests of all water sources.
4. Inspecting facilities where food is produced, processed, stored, handled, and sold.
5. Control of communicable disease.
6. Maintenance of rodent and rabies control.
7. Inspection of buildings which violate minimum health standards.
8. Support of venereal disease control. (Clinic service is available through the Health Department.)
9. Providing health services to mothers, infants and children.
10. Conducting environmental health programs relating to air, water, and noise pollution.
11. Providing chronic illness screening programs.



"Scotch Plains" first ambulance, 1937"

Complaints concerning ragweed and poison ivy may be directed to the Health Officer. A weed control code was adopted in 1972. Mosquito control is handled by the Union County Mosquito Commission which sprays ditches and catch basins during the summer to control mosquito breeding.

Dog Control

Dog licenses are issued by the Township Clerk. There is an annual rabies clinic where vaccine is administered free to both dogs and cats. Dogs or other animals that bite humans are quarantined by the Health Officer and are re-examined for rabies after a 10 day observation period. It is illegal to keep a dog that habitually barks or cries between the hours of 10 P.M. and 6 A.M.