

BROTHERS RIDE THE 'GRAVY TRAIN'

GOSBERTON has its own particularly impressive "local lads who made good" story. For the Burdall brothers who were brought up in the village did so well in their chosen line of business that theirs has become a household name.

The product that brought them fame and fortune was Burdalls' Gravy Salt, an item that has become indispensable in many homes throughout the country.

The brothers started work as delivery boys for a former grocer in the village but at about the turn of the century they left home to go to Sheffield.

There they began to make patent medicines and gravy salt in some old barracks in the city.

And once the product started to sell well they never looked back.

PROUD

One of the brothers, Herbert Moses Burdall, remained in contact with Gosberton until his death, in his nineties, nine years ago.

Mr H. James, headmaster of the village school, says that he was proud of his associations with the village of his childhood and spoke of looking after sheep for his father in the area and blowing the church organ in its days as a hand-blown instrument.

He gave quite large sums of money to the school when cash was needed, right up to his death, although letters he wrote to Mr James show that he had not had the benefits of much schooling himself.

End of road for Nursing Association

THE work of Gosberton's Nursing Association has finally come to an end — nearly 50 years after its inauguration. The association was formed in 1926 as a kind of insurance against ill-health.

Villagers who joined paid five shillings or more a year so that if they became ill they could count on a visit from the district nurse.

Mrs Edith Clark, of Beech Tree Farm, Gosberton Westhorpe, the association's secretary since 1946, says that the scheme was a success but as a working arrangement it came to an end when the National Health Service was introduced in 1948.

EQUIPMENT

The £320 in the association's kitty was kept in a bank until this year, when the 12 members of the committee that had controlled it decided time had come to dispose of the money.

With it they bought a hoist for the use of the present district nurse, Nurse Gill, in lift-

ing heavy patients and paraplegics; six chairs for the elderly residents at Bank House, Gosberton; and an adaptable bed for Pilgrim Hospital, Boston.

Originally the nursing association had started for Gosberton and Quadring residents but later it also incorporated Surfleet. The £320 was Gosberton's share of the money in hand when the three villages decide to part at the end of the association's working life.

While active the Gosberton association had bought a car for the nurse and rented a cottage owned by the church for her.