

RE-ORGANISATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LAST DAY

# COUNTY OF RUTLAND

ABSORBED INTO LEICESTERSHIRE 1st APRIL 1974



## *The end of a county*

ON SUNDAY, March 31, the county of Rutland will cease to exist.

Under the Local Government Act the county will be merged into Leicestershire and the smallest county in Britain will be only a District.

To mark this event the Post Office has authorised the issue of a special one-day postmark to be used on March 31 only at the county town of Oakham.

The postbox provided by the Post Office will be sited at the Rural Council Offices in Oakham, and only covers posted there will get the special postmark applied.

A special philatelic cover has also been designed for this postmark. Printed in two colour thermography it depicts a map of the county of Rutland with the principal plans marked.

The cover is strictly limited to 2,500 copies and as such is likely to become a very highly prized and sought-after souvenir by both local philatelists and historians of the area.

To prevent congestion at the council offices and also to give all residents in the county and surrounding area a chance to obtain a

copy the covers will be available by postal application only. The cover, fully stamped and with the special postmark will be posted direct at a cost of

22p and can be ordered from Rutland Special Cover, PO Box 49, Granby Street, Leicester, LE1 9EP.

Early application is advised.