



MRS. WILLIAM J. REIN



Mrs. William J. Rein, wife of the president of the Louisiana State Board of Health, died Friday, May 5.

She was the past president of the women's auxiliary to the Orleans Parish Medical Society, past president of the women's auxiliary to the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat hospital, president of the Audubon Garden club and a past secretary of the women's auxiliary to the Louisiana State Medical Society.

To many of the state's public health workers, Mrs. Rein was a personal friend. All of us benefited from her interest in medicine and public health. We feel her loss deeply. To our president, Dr. Rein, and their sons, William J. Rein, III and Robert N. Rein, we express our sincere sympathy.

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Gov. Davis Backs Polio Campaign

Governor Jimmie H. Davis endorsed the Louisiana State Board of Health "Babies and Breadwinners" polio immunization campaign in a statement released to Dr. W. J. Rein, state health officer, in April. Dr. Rein forwarded copies of the Governor's statement to the heads of State agencies with a request that State workers and their families be encouraged to get polio protection.

Below is the Governor's statement:

I am glad to lend my efforts to those of the Louisiana State Board of Health in accomplishing its stated objectives of eradicating polio in our State during 1961.

Last year Louisiana had 50 cases of polio and no deaths from this disease among those cases that developed in 1960. This is our finest record to date.

However, if we are to have any success in reducing or eradicating

polio, it is necessary for our citizens to help themselves.

In our country there still remains a vast segment of people who have not as yet been fully vaccinated with Salk vaccine. About 38% of children of 5 years or under are now protected. Almost half of the women of our country between the ages of 20 and 40 are not yet fully vaccinated and 63% of the men between these ages are without this protection.

Polio is acrippler without conscience. It strikes all walks of life and all stations. The only way we can show any appreciable advance against this disease is to condition our citizens to fortify themselves by being vaccinated with the Salk vaccine.

I hope our citizens will take advantage of this vaccine before the advent of summer when the incidence of polio is at its highest.

Port Allen Clinic for Exceptional Children Is First in State; Has Definite Value

Considerable interest has been expressed in the new Port Allen Screening Clinic for Exceptional Children noted briefly in the March-April Newsletter. First of its kind in the state, the clinic is a cooperative effort of the West Baton Rouge Parish Health Unit and the Louisiana Evaluation Center for Exceptional Children in New Orleans, which operates under the state department of hospitals.

After its third session, Dr. M. J. Picinich, health unit director, said the clinic has "definite value to West Baton Rouge parish." He expects this value to be "even more apparent" as time goes on.

According to Mrs. Mercedes Munson, state board of health nursing consultant in mental retardation, assigned to the Evaluation Center in New Orleans, the program could be extended to other parishes, with particular emphasis being given to preschool-age children.

The clinic got its start, according to Dr. Picinich, when a parish health nurse expressed concern about the lack of evaluation facilities in the parish. The New Orleans center, with its long waiting list, was the main resource. (The evaluation team of Southern University is a nearby resource for Negro school children.)

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ALL ABOUT US

Attending the 29th annual meeting of the Southern Branch, APHA, from Central Office, were DR. ANDREW HEDMEG, official LPHA representative, MRS. HEDMEG, DR. and MRS. JOHN BRUCE, DR. CHARLES CARAWAY, MR. ANTHONY CIACCIO, MRS. VELMA BRUSSE, and MISS EDNA IRL MEWHINNEY. Dr. Caraway, secretary of the biology section, received high praise for the program he arranged. Miss Mewhinney, active in Southern Branch for many years, was named chairman of the nursing section, and other Louisiana delegates proudly reported that her efforts contributed much to the success of the conference.

MARGIE MIXON, secretary, St. Tammany health unit and author of "On a Covington Clinic Day," (Newsletter, Jan. '61) is a much-published author, but she says her poem was her first published poetical effort.

ROSE ANN LANGHAM passed along this note from DR. J. D. MARTIN: "I'd appreciate it if you'll remember me to the folks in the Health Department and tell them I'm feeling better. I wish each of you could know how much I enjoy and appreciate hearing from you."

MISS ANNA HARRISON was named second vice-president of the Louisi-



Attending a conference at the Calcasieu-Lake Charles Health Unit were (L-R) Dr. Guillermo Vasquez, health unit director; Dr. Andrew Hedmeg, director, division of local health services; Dr. Murphy P. Martin, director, Lafayette, St. Martin and Iberia health units; Mrs. Velma Brusse, Southwest regional records consultant; Lloyd Methe, Southwest regional sanitarian, and Milton E. Kossack, director of health education.

ana Tuberculosis Association; MISS LILLIAN JEFFERS is a new board member of the New Orleans chapter of the American Red Cross. Miss Jeffers recently attended the biennial meeting of the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nursing Directors in Washington, D. C.

Recent issues of Calcasieu-Lake Charles unit's house organ, "Keeping UP," have described director DR. GUILLERMO VASQUEZ as a concert-goer and a bowler. But his talents do not end there. We quote from issue no. 6: "Mrs. Delaune and Dr. Vasquez gave as excellent demonstration of an all-in-one dance, jitterbugging, bop, can-can, stroll, limbo, etc." LIMBO?



Pierre

says:

It's a girl for HUGH WINSTON, JR., sanitarian, Iberia... a girl for JUDITH POPEJOY, former typist-clerk, epidemiology... a boy for CHARLES CAIN, X-ray technician, Iberia... and twin grandchildren, a boy and a girl, for STEPHEN NEWITT, director, Division of Administrative Services. (Grandfather doing as well as can be expected.)

A recent visitor at Central Office was DR. MALCOLM H. MERRILL, California's state director of public health. Dr. Merrill said he was glad to see that so many of Louisiana's public health workers were interested in the LPHA meeting.

One of our favorite "Spring Fiesta" hostesses in New Orleans is MRS. DOROTHY MAHER, secretary to the president, who dons a lovely white hoopskirted costume for the annual event.



GEORGE G. KAHL

Mr. Kahl died at his home April 24, 1961 at age 67. A native of New Orleans, he was employed by the Louisiana State Board of Health since his appointment as Accountant, Administrative Assistant, in September, 1944. His colleagues express their deep sympathy to his relatives and friends.

Sympathy is also expressed to A. B. RITTER, death of father; ROSARY HARGRODER, mother; JAMES SISTRUNK, mother; CORRINE R. CIRAVOLA, sister; BERNARD FREEDMAN, mother, and ESSIE RUTH SAVOY, mother.

HEART TO HEART

Folks in Delacroix Island, Reggio and Wooklake, La., from grade-schoolers to grandpas, have learned a lot about the human heart.

Their new knowledge is mostly due to a public health nurse, Mrs. Claire Edwards. Armed with an 8 mm. movie camera and an idea, the St. Bernard Parish Health Unit nurse took on a health survey, education, and service program last winter that has had remarkable results.

It all started with a comment made at a parish Heart Council meeting. Somebody said, "There are a number of people in Delacroix Island with heart conditions."

Mrs. Edwards wondered about that. Delacroix Island, Reggio and Woodlake form a small, rather isolated, community in St. Bernard parish, sharing a grade school, a new community center, and a way of life in which fishing and trapping play a major role. Mrs. Edwards knew that the three towns were miles away from regular medical care, although emergency ambulance service was provided to the parish hospital at Chalmette and New Orleans. Direct health unit activity in that area was a once-monthly immunization clinic. She had made home visits, offering well baby services, investigating tuberculosis suspects, and working with the Vocational Rehabilitation agency.

But did anyone really know the residents' health needs? Were there a number of heart patients, for instance? If there were, did they have the medicine they needed? Was anyone teaching the patients' families how to care for them? Mrs. Edwards concluded that a health survey was called for, and her director, Dr. B. L. Newell, agreed.

Her opportunity came soon, an invitation to speak at the Delacroix Island school Mothers' Club. At this meeting she explained how a health survey would benefit the three com-



munities. The mothers seemed interested. She asked for volunteers to help conduct the survey. Ten women promptly joined up.

(Later Mrs. Edwards made a short movie of their health survey activities, and presented it to the club as a souvenir.)

The next step was to hold a training session for The Ten, at the Delacroix Island Community Center, already familiar to them as the health unit clinic site. To make their task easier, notices were distributed to parents through the school, and copies were posted in business places and churches. (Another welcome volunteer in this aspect of the survey was Mrs. Andra Ledet, TAGNO health educator.) Also, each canvasser was provided with a letter of introduction. On November 14, the Ten began to make their house-to-house inquiries.

Within a few weeks approximately 200 homes were visited. This was nearly 100 percent coverage. Reporting back to Mrs. Edwards, the volunteers agreed they had been well received; people were pleased that "the health department was taking an interest."

An immediate result of the survey was the establishment by the St. Bernard health unit of a second monthly clinic at Reggio for immunization and nurse conferences.

Now the health unit had a practicable grasp of the health needs in the three communities.

PLANNING the program, "Second Chance," at the Delacroix Island Community Center, are (L-R), Mrs. Marie Treadway; Mrs. Louise Evans; Mrs. Roxine Schmidt; Mrs. Mary Palazzola, St. Bernard Parish Health unit nurse; the Rev. Mr. James Coney, Baptist minister at Reggio and Delacroix Island; Mrs. Sue Govan, field director, La. Heart Association; Mrs. Alvin Serigne, and Mrs. Mildred Domingo.

Because the health survey stemmed from a heart disease query, logically, the first program to be developed from it was one emphasizing education about heart disease. Respondents had indicated interest in such a program. The program was planned by representatives of the three towns and health agencies: the Reverend Mr. James Coney, Delacroix Island Baptist Church; Mrs. Wilfred Domingo, president of the Mothers' Club, and three club members; Mrs. Roxine Schmidt, R.N., heart consultant for the state board of health; Mrs. Edwards; and Mrs. Sue Govan, field director, Louisiana Heart Association.

Building their program around the film, "Second Chance," and information pamphlets, the planning committee announced a poster contest. Fifth, 6th and 7th grade pupils made posters; Miss Drucella Bradley, school principal, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade teachers judged them. They were displayed in all three towns. Prizes, donated by the Heart association, the Ken Edwards Real Estate Agency, and a local club, were awarded on the night of the program. Additional publicity was planned through the press, Baptist and Catholic churches, Mothers' Club, and the school newsletter. In no time at all, it seemed, everybody got into the act.

That's how a health program came to three little towns in St. Bernard parish. According to Mrs. Edwards, it's just the beginning.

A.G. Owens is LPHA President

Louisiana Public Health Association members returned home from their annual meeting in Alexandria, April 27-28, with A. G. Owens, as their new president, succeeding Miss Lucille Godelfer.

Also elected were Dr. John Bruce, first vice-president; Miss Edna Irl Mewhinney, second vice-president; George Inelchen, secretary, and John Lemasson, treasurer.

New sectional officers are as follows: Public health administration section — Dr. T. N. Armistead, chairman; Dr. M. P. Martin, secretary. Nurses' section — Mrs. Elvena Laurent, chairman; Mrs. Sybil Thomason, vice-chairman; Mrs. Odie Lee Gossett, secretary.

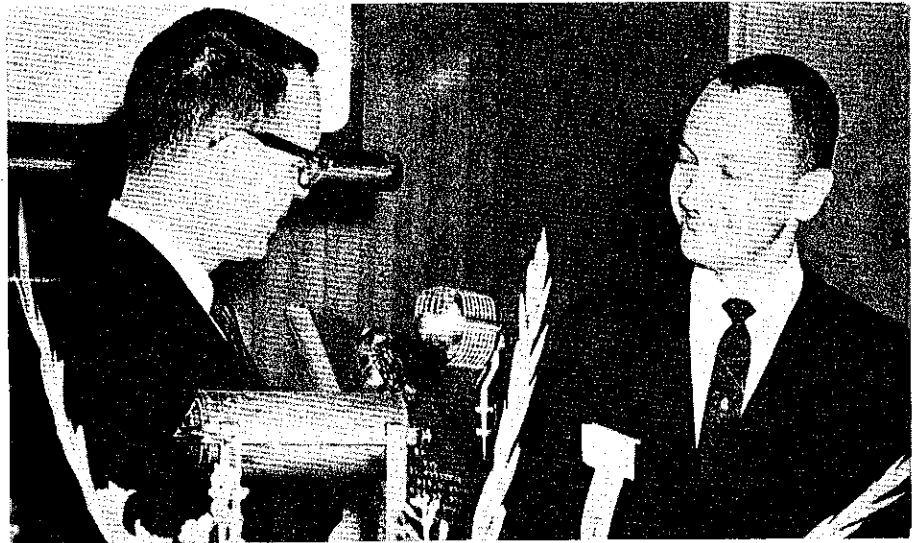
Santarians — Frank McCardell, chairman; Roosevelt Lafleur, secretary. Clerical and statistical — Toby Smith, chairman; Cecile Kiper, vice-chairman; Odelle Scarbrough, secretary.

Laboratory — A. F. Boyd, Jr., chairman; Allen Hebert, vice-chairman; Nelson Aguilard, secretary. Education and Special Services — Edwin Brooks, chairman; Mrs. Patricia Larkin, vice-chairman; Mrs. Andra Ledet, secretary.

At the opening session Thursday morning, 268 attendants were greeted by Rep. Robert Munson, Mayor W. George Bowden Jr. of Alexandria, and Dr. O. B. Owens, president of the Louisiana State Medical Society and member of the state board of health.

The opening talk was given by Dr. William W. Frye, dean of LSU medical school, who spoke on "Modern Advances in Parasitology." Other key speakers were Dr. James H. Steele, chief of the veterinary public health section at the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Ga., whose topic was "Veterinary Medicine and Public Health," and Bryan Blalock of Marshall, Tex., goodwill ambassador for the Borden company, who talked on "Effective Public Relations in a Public Health Program."

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RECEIVING ONE of LPHA'S highest service awards was Dr. Wallace Rubin of New Orleans, right. After presentation of the Axson-Choppin award by Clifton Lawrence, administrative audiologist, Dr. Rubin hurried back to New Orleans by chartered plane to perform previously scheduled surgery.

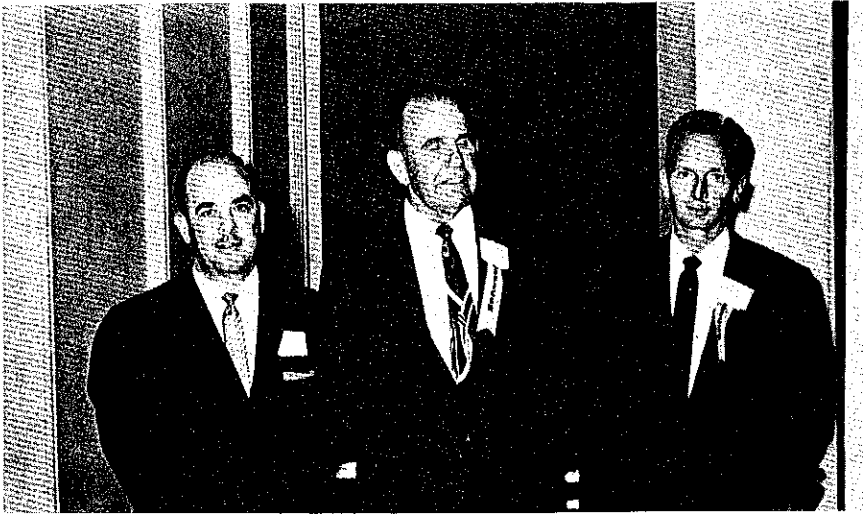
AMONG THOSE receiving Louisiana State Board of Health 20-year service pins were, from left, John M. Norris, B. C. Pardue, Mrs. Wava Mouton, Mrs. Eola O. Lightfoot, John E. Trygg, Lloyd H. Methe and Dr. Murphy P. Martin.



LPHA PHOTOS BY ED BROOKS



J. R. RUSSELL, past president of the board of Shreveport's Tuberculosis League, accepts the Felix Formento Award from Dr. Virginia Webb on behalf of Mrs. Meyer Benson.



A TRIO of new officers are, from left, John Lemasson, treasurer; A. G. Owens, president, and George Inelchen, secretary.



EXCHANGING congratulations are Dr. Murphy P. Martin and Miss Ruby Giroir.



REP. ROBERT MUNSON

DR. O. B. OWENS extends greetings to the convention from the state medical society.



Dr. Rubin Gets Top Award

Eight persons were honored with the much-anticipated Louisiana Public Health Association awards during the Thursday afternoon session of the annual meeting in Alexandria.

The Axson-Choppin Award was presented by Clifton Lawrence to Dr. Wallace Rubin, ear, nose and throat specialist of New Orleans, for his efforts in stimulating the organization of the state board of health's hearing conservation program, and for his unselfish participation in developing this program during the years.

Mrs. Meyer Benson of Shreveport was given the Dr. Felix Formento Memorial Award by Dr. Virginia Webb, director of Caddo Parish Health Unit. Mrs. Benson was honored for her pioneering efforts in developing the tuberculosis control program for the northwestern part of the state, and for her continued activity in this program for more than 40 years.

For her long-time, meritorious and diligent service in public health to the people of her parish, Miss Ruby E. Giroir, public health nurse at the Lafayette Parish Health Unit, was presented the Dr. C. B. White Memorial Award by Miss Margaret C. Moore.

The Agnes Morris Memorial Award for long, loyal service to public health was presented to Dr. James Arthur Coleman, director of the Catahoula, LaSalle and Concordia Parish Health Units; Mrs. Elvena Laurent, public health nurse of Red River Parish Health Unit; George Hayes, custodial worker at the Central Laboratory, New Orleans; George L. Hebert, sanitarian for Terrebonne Parish Health Unit, and Whitney C. Martinez, seafood sanitarian for the food and drug division.

In addition, state board of health 20-year service pins were given to 14 employees. From Central Office: John E. Trygg, S. C. Newitt, B. C. Pardue, Dr. Paul Cook, Mrs. Henrietta Wedell, Mrs. Hazel Anseman, Mrs. Catherine Johnson and Miss Betty Ford.

Southwest region: Mrs. Wava L.
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Clinic...

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A series of meetings with Dr. James A. Neely, Evaluation Center administrator, Mrs. Munson, and health unit personnel resulted in the establishment of the present clinic, with the approval of the state board of health and state department of hospitals.

Essentially, the program is carried out by local people, and this is considered one of its greatest advantages. Except for the psychologist, Dr. O. Randall Braman, and educational consultant, Mr. James L. Harris, who travel from New Orleans to Port Allen once a month, all staff personnel are local.

Four children are seen in the morning at each monthly clinic for psychological, educational and physical examinations. Staffing of each case, an interpretation to parents of examination results, and staff recommendations, are scheduled for the afternoon.

Noting the importance of integrating psychological, educational and physical examinations, Dr. Picinich observed that specific medical material has had to be considered for 10 of the 12 children seen at the clinic in the first three months.

Efficient clerical help is an important factor in the preparation, conduct and follow-up of the clinic.

Public health nurses, Mrs. Bessie Allain and Mrs. Gladys Nelson, work with other members of the professional team at the clinic, acting as the agent of the child. They provide transportation to and from school, occupy the children who are not being examined, brief the other team members about each case, and help to interview the parents.

Prior to the clinic day, the nurses have selected the children, in cooperation with the schools, particularly, the classroom teachers; visited the families in their homes; prepared detailed developmental histories on each child, including summaries of their own impressions and contacts with each family; obtained speech and hearing reports and the classroom

teacher's report. The health unit requests medical reports from private physicians.

One of the special advantages of this type of clinic, all participants agree, is that follow-up will be carried out by those people who conducted the clinic.

As previously noted, 12 children were seen in the first three months that clinics have been held. A diagnosis of mental retardation—2 severe cases, 5 moderate and 1 mild—was made in 8 of the 12 cases. A significant point made by Dr. Picinich is that preschool detection would have been possible in 8 of 12 cases, based on early developmental history. This is one reason, Dr. Neely suggests, why future clinics may develop for evaluation of preschool-age children especially.

Follow-up recommendations include placement at state institutions, custodial care at home, referral to private psychiatrist, counseling, reevaluation at a specific time, and neurological examination. Medical problems detected in the children included dental caries, orthopedic difficulty, poor nutritional status, questionable hearing loss, defective vision, and others. Appropriate referrals were made through private physicians, the health unit, the department of public welfare whose workers frequently attend the post-examination conferences, and the state board of health's Crippled Children's Services.

A somewhat comparable program in Hawaii was listed in a recent Children's Bureau publication of diagnostic centers for mentally-retarded children, Mrs. Munson observed. However, she pointed out, in Hawaii the entire team travels to the islands, whereas the Louisiana plan does not superimpose a whole team of experts upon local people. Only two specialists in psychology and education are supplied to fill the local lack.

"Dr. Braman and Mr. Harris have done a splendid job in making the clinics a success," wrote Dr. Picinich.

Many factors will determine whether the local evaluation screening clinic

will be adopted by other parishes. Distance from New Orleans is one important consideration; availability of staff, another. The philosophy and intent of such a cooperative program embodies the basic public health administrative principles of the divisions of local health services, preventive medicine and nursing, explained one public health worker. Dr. Andrew Hedmeg, Dr. Ben Freedman, Dr. Marie Pareti, Miss Lillian Jeffers and Miss Edna Irl Mewhinney have actively supported the development of the Port Allen screening clinic.

While they expect the program to expand slowly, those involved in the development and conduct of the new clinic are watching it with keen interest and enthusiasm.

Audiometry Workshop In Lafayette, June 7-20

A workshop in school audiometry will be held June 7-20 at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, La., for teachers, nurses, public health personnel, school administrators and others interested in testing of hearing. The course, which is sponsored by the University, the Louisiana State Board of Education and the Louisiana State Board of Health, may be taken for credit, or audited.

The workshop will deal with the general anatomy of the ear, types of hearing problems, and the administration of routine pure tone audiometric tests. Credit will be granted for Speech 482, Introduction to Audiology, 3 semester hours.

The faculty will be staff members of the Department of Special Education, Department of Speech, USL, and the administrative audiologist of the state board of health who will coordinate the program. Visiting lecturers will discuss specific types of hearing problems and related subjects.

Information concerning fees, formal registration, and room and board, may be obtained from the Department of Special Education, the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

\$ Credit Union \$ Interest on Loans

Mayors Boost Local "Babies & Breadwinners" Polio Campaigns

How long is a month?

To your Louisiana Public Health Workers Federal Credit Union the answer is: "30 days."

Interest on loans from the Credit Union is figured at 1 percent per month. Actually, according to Mrs. Virginia Kuhnell, assistant treasurer, the Credit Union charges interest by the day — the number of days between the last payment and the current one.

For the convenience of its borrowers, the Credit Union automatically stipulates payment dates as the 5th or 20th of each month to coincide with paydays. This sometimes means that the number of days between payments extends beyond 30 days to as many as 33, perhaps. In such cases, interest is figured at 30 days (one month), plus 3 days. However, Mrs. Kuhnell explains, the borrower may select his own payment date — sooner than 30 days, or later. In either case, interest is figured on the number of days between payments. Here's an example:

If you should borrow \$500 on the 17th of one month, your first payment of \$25.00 plus interest of \$5.00 would fall due on the 17th of the following month, exactly 30 days later. But, if you were to make payment on the 20th of the month, the interest would be \$5.50. If your payment were dated the 15th (28 days) the interest would be only \$4.67.

Mrs. Kuhnell also points out that the Credit Union allows the borrower 45 days in which to make the first payment on a loan. Interest is figured for the full 45 days, of course, if the borrower chooses to take the full time.

There is no penalty for repaying a loan in full. If you suddenly should see your way clear to repay your loan in full, interest would be charged only on the balance from the last payment to the date of final payment.

And to answer another question that frequently pops up, Mrs. Kuhnell says that on a year's basis interest on loans amounts to 6½ percent, not 12 percent as some people claim — provided that you make your payments exactly on time.

Traditionally, the mayor of the town makes friends by kissing babies, cutting ribbons, and bestowing the keys to the city upon distinguished visitors.

But give us the man who will roll up his sleeve, stand at the head of the line, and take his polio booster shot with a smile (for the local press photographer) — all in the interest of furthering his community's "Babies and Breadwinners" polio immunization campaign.

Among these honorable civic leaders in Louisiana are: Mayor Charles E. Cox, Oak Grove; Mayor Rene Breaux, Gueydan; Mayor W. P. Sevier, Jr., Tallulah; Mayor A. Aswell Rhodes, Colfax; Mayor L. W. Davis, Ferriday; Mayor Adias Saunier, Sulphur; Mayor Ray Scott, Natchitoches; Chief of Police Frank Taylor, Sulphur; Chief of Police Robert Warren, Ferriday, Fireman Frank DeLaughter, Ferriday, and P. L. Roundtree, Jr., publisher of The Concordia Sentinel, Ferriday.

Polio shots were given unusual glamour in Richland parish where Rayville's beauty queen, Miss Sherry Sims, (Miss Wool of the South) led the polio-shot lineup.

And there's the nameless hero who brought his 5-year-old son to a preschool roundup in Crowley. As Fred Bandy, Crowley Daily Signal columnist tells it, "faster than Josh Randall could swing his hip gun a fully-loaded needle was buried to the hilt in Dad's left arm." But just in case anyone suspects the public health nurses of shooting first and asking questions afterwards, let it be understood that Mrs. Christine Ducote had a friendly fact-finding chat with Junior's poppa before giving him the needle.

At least 30 health units have reported, through the Division of Local Health Services, that they have contacted ministers, doctors and parents of newborn babies in their parishes. Others, even more enterprising, en-

gaged the cooperation of local businessmen, health councils, PTA's, parish medical societies, parish health boards, fire and police departments, and many other civic organizations.

Solid support by newspapers, television and radio stations, has been supplemented by the industrial editors of the state, labor unions, voluntary and state agencies, professional groups, food and drug manufacturers and packers, milk producing plant owners, executive directors of public housing projects, and communications workers.

Louisiana's polio immunization campaign for 1961 is allied with the national effort. President John F. Kennedy endorsed the drives in a White House release on March 13 and again at his press conference on April 12. The campaign has the active support of the Public Health Service, the American Medical Association, and The National Foundation.

As Surgeon General Luther L. Terry said at a news conference, "...the first case of polio to appear in any community is tragic news. If vaccination is wide spread, there will be fewer and fewer of these 'first cases' to report."

Have you had your polio shots?

Noise Unwanted

Noise is one of the waste products of the 20th century — as unwanted and unnecessary as smog, polluted water or littered streets. It is one of the chief drawbacks to the enjoyment of modern urban living. In recent years, the sheer volume of noise that daily surrounds us has grown from simple annoyance into a potentially dangerous source of physical damage.

("What You Hear Can Hurt You" by Dr. Vern O. Knudsen, as told to Andrew Hamilton, THINK, February, 1961.)

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During the afternoon general session, a resolution was passed asking the governor, legislature and the state medical society to look into fragmentation of health services.

According to Dr. Ben Freedman, more than 100 services in 37 health categories have been taken over wholly or in part by some 34 state agencies other than the state board of health.

A surprise highlight of the LPHA meeting was a long distance telephone greeting Thursday morning from Dr. Luther Terry, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service.

In talking to Dr. Ben Freedman, who attended Tulane medical school with Dr. Terry, the surgeon general commended the state board of health on its polio immunization campaign, adding that he hopes to have oral vaccine available by the fall or before the 1962 polio season.

Dr. Terry also said that he hopes to arrange a trip to Louisiana next fall.

The resolution asked that the governor, legislature and state medical society be made aware of the wasting of state funds and resources due to this fragmentation.

Another resolution asked that the U.S. Congress not pass any new legislation in the field of medical aid to the aged until the effectiveness of the Kerr-Mills act has been established. This would give the states enough opportunity to adopt legislation to operate under the act, which provides for medical care to persons on welfare rolls.

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Mouton and Lloyd H. Methe; Shreveport Regional Laboratory; Miss Olive Parham; Rapides Parish Health Unit; Mrs. Eola O. Lightfoot; Iberia, Lafayette and St. Martin Parish Health Units; Dr. Murphy P. Martin, and Natchitoches Parish Health Unit; John Melvin Norris.

Iberia Scores 88.41 In Sanitary Survey

The Iberia Parish Health Unit received one of the highest scores ever registered in Louisiana in a state board of health sanitary survey, recently completed. The score of 88.41 was earned for all aspects of sanitation work in the parish for the year 1960. This includes everything from milk, food and water supervision, to sewage and swimming pool inspection.

Corroborating the good score, according to Graves J. Grant, chief of the state board of health's section of sanitarians' services, is the laboratory report on 34 swab tests made on dishes in restaurants throughout the parish. All 34, exactly 100 percent, came within the requirements of the United States Public Health Service and the state board of health.

"This is really an achievement to be proud of," Mr. Grant said.

The sanitation chief complimented Dr. Murphy Martin, health unit director, and health unit sanitarians, Harold Ramos, August Thomas, Henry Porter, Derwin Dubose, and Hugh Winston, for their fine work.

"Chief sanitarian Ramos especially deserves credit, because he has been working with the people of Iberia parish for many years in an effort to improve and maintain sanitary conditions," he said.

He praised Iberia parish citizens who have cooperated with their public health officials in sanitation programs, making Iberia "the cleanest parish in Louisiana."

Mental Health Careers

The Louisiana Association for Mental Health and its affiliated chapters have introduced a program to interest teenagers in selecting careers in the mental health professions.

A new, illustrated, 16-page pamphlet, "Because You Like People... Choose a Career in Mental Health," is available, at no charge, from The Field Representative, LAMH, 6011 Joyce St., Alexandria, La.

"Rags to Riches" is Health Unit Story

Dr. Andrew Hedmeg, director of local health services, was the featured speaker at the dedication and formal opening, April 23, of the Grant Parish Health Center in Colfax, La.

Narrating the health unit's "rags to riches" story, Dr. Hedmeg pointed out that it was first housed in an old Civil War jail, and that only two years ago serious consideration was given to closing the unit because of lack of funds. Faced with withdrawal of organized local public health services, parish property owners, on May 19, 1959, voted a millage tax to construct and maintain a health unit.

Dr. Hedmeg noted that only 6 of the state's health units now are considered to be housed unsatisfactorily. Last month the East Feliciana unit, then occupying historic Marston House, lost its fight with snakes, bats and mites and was relocated in renovated quarters. Recently, the State Bond and Tax Board approved funds for construction of a building in Monroe for the Ouachita Parish Health Unit, northern regional office, and regional laboratory. Dr. Hedmeg said a summary of health unit construction in Louisiana was published in the April, 1961 issue of the Police Jury Review.

New Play Available

A new play, "Ticket to Tomorrow," written by Nora Stirling and produced for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company by Plays for Living, Family Service Association, is available to health educators and others. Directions for production and a discussion guide are included with the script.

The play portrays a crisis in the Danforth family that involves their teenage son and his father's car. As they seek a solution to the problem, each member of the family learns more about himself. The play stimulates discussion of many family problems. Materials may be obtained without charge from Metropolitan.