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The First Thanksgiving



"A plenteous harvest had been gathered in; they had built themselves substantial houses; they had learned how to adapt themselves to the new manner of living; and so they faced the future with lighter hearts. The whole countryside was aglow

with its rich autumn tints; and as they looked across their rich fields to the wild flowers and russet foliage of the forest, which, only a few short months before, had seemed so bleak and forbidding, a spirit of gratitude filled their hearts. They resolved to prepare a great feast of Thanksgiving, and to invite to it their Indian friends who had helped to make all this possible."—THE BOOK OF HOLIDAYS



MANY STUDENT nurses attending the recent Louisiana State Nurses' Association convention in Lafayette found time to inspect the facilities of the Lafayette parish health unit. Here three pretty nurses learn about Heaf-gun testing from Mrs. Frances Ford, Lafayette parish health unit staff nurse. Students pictured (from left): Judy Garcia, New Orleans, attending Mercy Hospital; Charlene Coco, Marksville, attending Our Lady of the Lake; Marie Goebel, Shreveport, attending University of Southwestern Louisiana.

PHS Calls Meeting On Fallout Surveillance

A special meeting of State and Territorial Health Officers was called Oct. 26-27 by the Public Health Service to discuss the current fallout situation. Representing the Louisiana State Board of Health was Warren H. Reinhart, chief of the Section of Occupational Health, and Safety, and assistant director for radiological defense.

One result of the meeting will be quicker reporting, particularly on milk sampling, Mr. Reinhart said upon his return from Washington. One purpose of the meeting was to coordinate pol-

icies and activities among the State and Federal agencies.

In a memorandum to the press the Public Health Service said that the health authorities of the nation were giving careful consideration to the possible situation under which various corrective activities might be necessary. They also discussed methods of informing the general public in the event special measures become necessary.

Pay LPHA Dues Now

Troy Cox Joins Hearing Conservation Program

Troy Cox of Baton Rouge has joined the dental and school health staff as public health audiologist. He will work with Clifton Lawrence, administrative audiologist, in the hearing conservation program for school children.

A graduate of Southeastern College in Hammond, Cox received a masters degree in speech correction and audiology from Louisiana State university in August.

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ALL ABOUT US

Six Tulane University students are participating in the Medical Social Training program under the supervision of Miss Ovelle Thomas: Irene Donvan, Mobile, Ala., Hermenegilda Gayoso, Paraguay, Mrs. Belle Watson Hunter, and Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, both of New Orleans, Miss Jean Meeks, Gainesville, Ga., and Robert G. Stewart, Jr., Coats, N. C.

MORE HONORS have come to public health workers since last we met in these columns. JOHN TRYGG, engineering director, was named vice-chairman of the American Waterworks Assn., Southwest section. DR. ANDREW HEDMEG, director of local health services, was elected director-at-large of the board of directors of the Louisiana TB Assn. DR. LEO TUCKER, director, St. Landry health unit, was designated medical director of the state health and medical plan for St. Landry parish civil defense. He also was elected chairman of the advisory committee of the practical nursing department of T. H. Harris Vocational-Technical school. WINTON JUNEAU, pest control worker, Calcasieu-Lake Charles, was chosen "staff member of the month" in the Oct. issue of the health unit's newsy bulletin, "Keeping Up".

THE ANNUAL parish sanitation survey in Calcasieu got off to a good start with the help of Graves J. Grant, chief, Section of Sanitarian Services (left), Mrs. Velma Brusse, records consultant, and Dr. Andrew Hedmeg, director, Division of Local Health Services.



The NEWSLETTER selected as its favorite "quote of the month" from the same bulletin, these words by DR. GUILLERMO VASQUEZ: "Life is hard—but the sun shines and flowers bloom and stars come out, and tomorrow is another day."

MISS LOUISE PERRITT, dental health coordinator, took part in the workshop of the state association of dental assistants, held currently with the New Orleans Dental Conference, Nov. 5, in New Orleans. Miss Perritt showed the new film "The Dental Assistant—A Career in Service," (see New Films, p.7) and led a discussion on how dental assistants could help in implementing the film. About fifty trained dental assistants attended the workshop.

DR. LUTHER L. TERRY, surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service, addressed the opening session of the 14th annual reunion and scientific program of the Fellows' Association of Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation.

BILL GAMMON, bedding inspector, says his is the only place at Central Office where you can work at your desk and watch "TV" at the same time. He hastily explains that TV in this case stands for Teresa Venezia, new typist-clerk who transferred to the Division from Central Laboratory.

PHYLLIS MILLER of Abbeville was crowned queen of the 1961 Yambilee at Opelousas by Dave L. Pearce, Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture. Miss Miller is the daughter of a former sanitarian, Bill Miller.

MRS. MARY O'BRIEN, secretary, dental and school health, came home from an out-of-town visit too late for

the excitement in her neighborhood. She learned, however, that one of her many cats had gone up a tree, and concerned neighbors, the fire department, and the SPCA all took a hand in coaxing pussy down. All were unsuccessful. The adventurous cat watched the commotion for awhile, then coolly jumped down unassisted.

Pierre
says:



It's a boy for Mrs. Katie Aragon, stenoclerk, dental and school health.

Alice Staunton, nutrition section, is beaming over the birth of her grandniece, Kathryn Ann.



Public health workers were saddened by the deaths of their colleagues: LOUIS P. BROU, Sanitarian I, St. John Parish Health Unit, Reserve, La., died October 11, 1961... ERNEST HENDRIX, Public Health Laboratory Technician I, Central Laboratory, New Orleans, died October 19, 1961... FRANK BROCATO, X-ray Technician I, Metairie office, Jefferson, died August 1961... F. P. Blanchard, retired records consultant, Shreveport, died October 1961.

SYMPATHY is extended to MAUDE DU MOULIN, East Baton Rouge, death of father; MERTIS H. NEWTON, Grant health unit, father; ZILLA S. HENDERSON, Lake Charles regional laboratory, father; CHARLIE SIMS, East Baton Rouge, grandfather; JUSTILIEN A. ORGERON, Jefferson, death of brother.

24 Agencies Show Exhibits at St. Bernard Fair



THE YSCLOSKEY HEALTH COUNCIL exhibit (above left) was one of twenty-four exhibits presented by health and welfare agencies at the St. Bernard Parish Health Fair. Key workers for the Fair (from left) were Dr. B. L. Newell, director, St. Bernard Parish Health Unit; Mrs. Andra Ledet, TAGNO health educator; Mrs. Juanita Couste, parish health unit nurse, and William Fripp, health unit sanitarian. — Photos by Mrs. Claire Edwards.

Dr. Moloney Talks At Central Office

Dr. James Clark Moloney, well-known psychiatrist and faculty member at Wayne university in Michigan, recently presented a short talk and two of his films on children and family relations at a gathering in Central Office.

Viewing the films, "Children Who Love" and "Mexican Tempo" — a film on rural family life in Mexico — were public health workers, nurses, educators, psychologists and others interested in family problems.

In addition to his teaching position, Dr. Moloney is psychiatric consultant for the U.S. Army, an advisory editor for the Child-Family Digest and co-founder of the Cornelian Corner of Detroit, an institution where mothers come to learn how to bring up children with love.

Author of "The Magic Cloak", "The Battle for Mental Health", "Understanding the Japanese Mind" and "Fear: Contagion and Conquest", he has recently completed a manuscript on "Russia Brainwashes the Free World". He has also made a number of films including those shown at the meeting.

Three months of planning and hard work culminated October 4 in a successful parish health fair sponsored by the St. Bernard Parish Health Unit and the Tuberculosis Association of Greater New Orleans. The Business and Professional Women's Club of St. Bernard and VFW Hinton Causey Post 7194, Auxiliary were co-sponsors.

Twenty-four health and welfare agencies serving the parish set up manned booths with exhibits to which all professional clubs and organizations were invited by letter.

Planning and organization were done by Mrs. Juanita Couste, health unit nurse, and Mrs. Andra Ledet, TAGNO health educator. Health unit clerks, Mrs. Maydel Boudreaux and Mrs. Helen Galliano, got out letters and materials. William Fripp and Joseph Loria, health unit sanitarians, and two nurses, Mrs. Mary Palozzola and Mrs. Shirley Gonzales, helped to set up the gym and exhibits, and staffed the health unit booth.

Dr. N. P. Trist, parish sheriff, proclaimed October 4 as St. Bernard Parish Health Day, and many other individuals and business firms cooperated. Mr. Ken Edwards, chairman of the parish health board, donated a plant for entrance prize.

Several of the exhibiting agencies ran out of materials and had to call their offices for additional supplies. Many agencies found, to their surprise, that parish residents were unaware of their services. Some 500 health information pamphlets were re-requested from the State Board of Health.

The NEWSLETTER congratulates the members of the St. Bernard Health Unit and of the other sponsoring and co-sponsoring agencies on their excellent work. The Parish Fair was obviously a most enjoyable, and educational, event. Although not open to the general public, the event was so successful that some of the exhibitors proposed holding it again next year and opening the Fair to the public.

EXPLAINS RULES

Rules of the Louisiana State Board of Health as they pertain to waste disposal were explained at a special meeting of Opelousas Plumbers. W. C. Harris, regional engineer, was the speaker. Frank McCardell and Felix Richard, St. Landry Parish Health Unit sanitarians, assisted in arranging the meeting.

It Pays to be Curious

(See page 6)

Seat belts save lives. Everyone should have them in their car. Do you? Do you know how much protection they offer you and your family?

1. What injuries occur most frequently in an auto accident?
2. Do death causes follow the same order?
3. What usually causes the injuries?
4. Isn't ejection sometimes the lesser of two evils?
5. Suppose you stay in the car. How do you get hurt then?
6. What happens to rear seat passengers?
7. What is meant by an approved belt?
8. Who sets the standards?
9. Is there any law to ensure that the standards are met?
10. What about installation? Isn't that important?



Current Clips

Caldwell parish property owners approved a renewal of a 2½ mill tax which will be used for maintenance of the parish courthouse and the operation of the health unit. Of the fund derived from the tax 1½ mills will be used exclusively for the purpose of operating the health unit.

"Let's all work together to clean up Farmerville," urged Richard Wolterson, Union Parish Health Unit sanitarian, who announced that the health unit would cooperate with local officials during the "Clean-up Campaign." Other public health activity reported from Union parish recently included a course in food sanitation for lunchroom workers and other foodhandlers given by Miss Lillian Edwards, regional health educator, and a cooperative effort by the health unit, and the Claiborne parish and Union County (Ark.) health units to conduct a tuberculin patch test survey in the Junction City area.

Mrs. Annette Badaux, new public health nurse at St. Tammany Parish Health Unit, received a stormy reception shortly after reporting to her new job, namely Hurricane Carla which brought wind and flood water to the parish.

The Winn Parish Health Unit reports that at least 8,000 persons—half the parish population—has been given polio shots since the program started in 1955.

Increase in a good water supply through the completion of a third water well may prove instrumental in helping the Town of Farmerville secure industrial development, according to Water Commissioner Russell Adams.

Three towns in Tensas parish, Newellton, St. Joseph and Waterproof, held their annual rat extermination campaign in cooperation with the Tensas Parish Health Unit. Rat poison, harmless to children and pets, was distributed throughout the business and residential areas.

Funds were advanced to Dubach, La., for preliminary planning of sewerage facilities. After the survey is completed a sewer bond issue will be submitted to a vote of the people.

Men and women of the New Orleans area may enroll for any of thirty short night courses offered at low rates at the New Orleans YMCA Adult School. For information and a free bulletin telephone JA 5-5141 or visit the Adult School at 936 St. Charles St.

This may be a record. A bond issue election for a sewerage treatment plant in Independence was passed with only three votes "against," and 101 popular votes "for". Assessments ran \$172,554 as against \$15,850. Of the latter total, one anti-bond issue voter accounted for \$13,000. Our hats are off to Independence's progressive citizens!

From Hedda Hopper's Hollywood, Oct. 6:

Ann Sothern has finally recovered from that auto accident, and is on an all-out campaign for seat belts. The accident happened when she and daughter Tish were en route to Sun Valley. A 70-year-old couple, equipped with seat belts, drove out of a side street in front of them and suffered only slight injuries, despite the fact that their car turned upside down. Ann broke the mahogany dashboard on her car with her kneecap.

According to the Bulletin of the Louisiana Hospital Association, the number of practical nurses licensed to practice in Louisiana as of July 1, 1961 is 5,012. Of the 4,523 L.P.N.'s who renewed their licenses as of December 31, 1960, 2,000 are working in hospitals.

The state's first alcoholism treatment center has opened in the Huey P. Long Charity Hospital in Pineville. The 20-bed center for male and female patients is the first of its kind in the state; in the past, alcoholics have been admitted to regular hospital wards. Besides the services of the regular hospital staff, the center employs a graduate psychiatric social worker and a medical consultant. The only other inpatient treatment available in Louisiana has been through commitment to East Louisiana State Hospital in Jackson or referral to the Southeast Louisiana Hospital at Mandeville. — Bulletin of the Louisiana Hospital Association.

Canada's Highway Safety Committee has opened a campaign to persuade motorists to use seat belts for any and all trips, "Even to the corner store and back," according to an AP news story from Ottawa.

When the new St. Mary Parish Health Unit branch office opens in Morgan City it will be equipped with a new x-ray developing tank. A check for purchase of the tank was contributed by the St. Mary Tuberculosis Association.

Executive Director Reports

First Test Project Underway In La. Mosquito Control Program

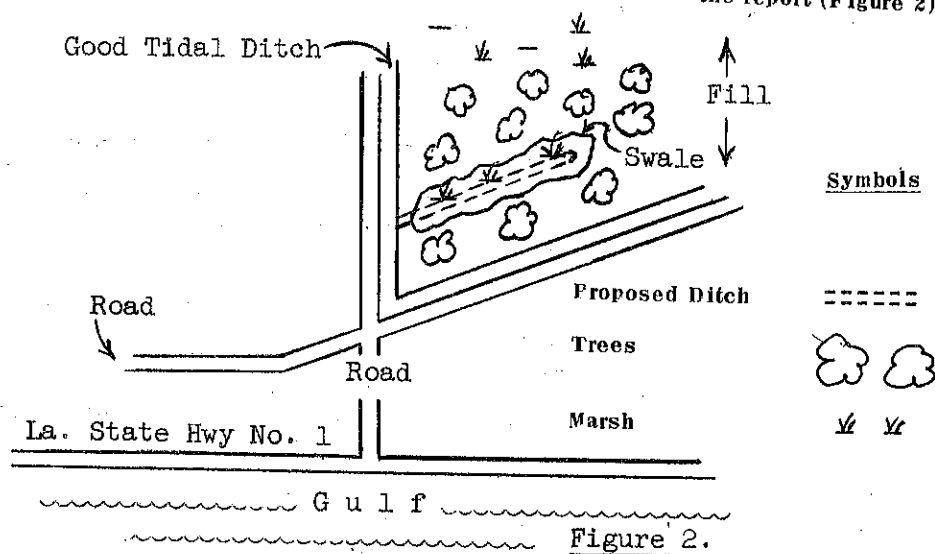
"The time was 2 p.m., October 3, 1961; the place, a brackish marsh at Cypremort Point in St. Mary Parish. A dragline scooped a bucketful of earth from the surface of the marsh, starting construction on a system of 'access ditches'.

"Thus did the mosquito control movement in Louisiana pass a memorable milestone; for this was the launching of our first pilot experiment."

The two paragraphs above were taken from the Oct. 9 report from the executive director to the members of the Louisiana Mosquito Control Association and its cooperating agencies. Preliminary studies, lasting eight months laid the foundation for the experimental program described in the report. During this period test plots were selected, and permission to use some of the proposed sites was secured. Recruiting and training a staff of technical workers was a major activity.

Digging access ditches, to enable tide water to penetrate and to flush frequently certain areas of marsh that are now wholly or partially cut off from tidal action, was one of five methods to be employed in conducting eight pilot experiments this year. The other methods were listed as: impounding rain water to prevent the egg laying of several very troublesome "floodwater" mosquitoes which lay their eggs only on moist ground; deepening some swales which are so isolated that access ditches are too costly to be feasible; grading the surface of undeveloped building lots; and studying mosquito breeding on pasture lands that have been diked and pumped to produce more and better grass.

In planning their experiments, the Association had to answer three questions: 1. How many different types of marsh mosquito breeding areas are there in South Louisiana? 2. Which



An example of an access ditching project planned for use in a large swale on Grand Isle, behind sand dunes and completely cut off from tide water. Reproduced from the report (Figure 2).

well-known method of control appears to be best suited for use in each important type of breeding area? 3. Where can we find good examples of each type of breeding area?

One criterion used in selecting an experimental plot was that it must be a fair sample of a type of breeding area that is important in the coastal parishes.

While the research program was financed by state and parish funds, private contributions will be necessary in future years for the education program which must play a very large part in bringing mosquito control to Louisiana, the report stated.

The report also noted that there have been numerous marsh drainage projects for agricultural and business reasons; and there has been some management of marshlands for increased production of muskrats and of water fowl food plants. But the present cooperative program, it is believed, is the first attempt ever made in Louisiana to control mosquitoes by management of marshlands and to evaluate the results of this method.

Officers of the Association are Frederick G. Deller, Port Sulphur, president; Mayor Leon Gary, Houma,

vice-president; A. B. Ritter, New Orleans, secretary-treasurer, and E. S. Hathaway, New Orleans, executive director.

Anyone interested in receiving a full copy of this excellent report should write to Mr. Ritter, P.O. Box 630, New Orleans 7. Copies have been mailed to each parish health unit.

CDC Classes Held Here

A course in epidemiology and control of food-borne disease was held Oct. 30-Nov 3 by the U.S. Public Health Service Communicable Disease Center in cooperation with the Louisiana State Board of Health. Approximately 50 public health sanitarians and other personnel, including Tulane medical students, attended the classes at the Training Center.

The staff included Dr. Alexander D. Langmuir, chief, Epidemiology Branch, CDC; Dr. Carl C. Dauer of the National Center for Health Statistics; and Dr. Gail M. Dack, director, Food Research Institute, the University of Chicago, and others. State Board of Health staff members were Dr. Ben Freedman, John E. Trygg, and Graves J. Grant.



RABIES ROUNDUP

Demonstration of the spread of rabies virus through the air, under special conditions in a bat cave, was announced September 18 by the Public Health Service, as a result of studies recently completed in Texas.

Until this finding, the PHS statement said, scientists had believed that rabies was transmitted only by the bite of a rabid animal. However, the study has revealed evidence that in some types of bat caves rabies may be transmitted through the air.

A number of animals, including dogs, foxes, coyotes and cats, were placed in cages in a cave. Four types of cages were used, one covered with plastic mesh so fine that no animal, not even the smallest insect, would penetrate it. Some of the coyotes and foxes, housed in all four cages, became ill and died. Laboratory studies confirmed the fact that these animals died of rabies.

The Iberia parish rabies control program reports a total of 826 dogs picked up by patrol during the first six months of 1961. Of these 60 were claimed or released to individuals; 530 were destroyed; 246 were sold to medical schools. Thirty-one dogs were kept under observation; 10 animal heads were submitted to the state laboratory for analysis and no cases of rabies were diagnosed. During the 6-month period 4293 dogs were vaccinated against rabies.

For the first nine months of the year the Lafayette parish rabies control program reported 1209 dogs picked up of which 964 were destroyed. Owners or other individuals claimed 102 and 141 dogs were sold to medical schools. Forty-six dogs were kept under observation but none proved to be rabid. Six thousand dogs were vaccinated against rabies during the nine months.

ANSWERS TO "CURIOUS"

1. Cornell university research found the following: head and facial, 73 percent; legs, 47 per cent; chest and thoracic spine, 37 per cent; arms, 30 per cent; abdomen-pelvis and lumbar spine, 16 per cent; neck and cervical spine, 7 per cent. Since these add up to more than 100 per cent, it is obvious that many auto crash victims receive multiple injuries, usually the head and some other part of the body.
2. No. Head injuries are by far the most important cause of death. Chest and neck injuries rank next.
3. One cause is ejection, or being thrown out of the car, when you really have two accidents in one. Cornell found that ejection multiplies the risk of dangerous or fatal injury five times. Other important ways of getting hurt are striking the steering wheel assembly and other surfaces or objects inside the car, and receiving neck injuries from the so-called whiplash effect of a collision.
4. Possibly - if you can be sure of sailing out of the car without cracking your skull in the process, and of landing in a nice, soft spot. The statistics, however are against you.
5. The major causes of injury inside the car, in the order of importance fixed by Cornell, are steering assembly, instrument panel, windshield, top portion of the front seat back, door structures, lower portion of front seat back, and front corner posts.
6. They are not as important in the accident studies because there are fewer rear seat passengers, and their chances are somewhat better because of the cushioning effect of the front seat and passengers. They can add to the injury of front seat occupants when hurled against them, however. This points up the importance of having seat belts for back seat passengers too.
7. Many shoddy belts - actually no protection at all - flooded the market when public interest was aroused in seat belts. The legitimate manufacturers have formed a trade association and authorized a seal of approval to makers meeting performance standards. This organization is the Automobile Safety Belt Institute.
8. The Society of Automotive Engineers.
9. Not nationally. California requires all belts sold in the state to meet high standards. The other states have no law or regulations on the subject. A buyer can trust the belts made by auto manufacturers, and other belts bearing the seal of the Automobile Safety Belt Institute.
10. Very important - no chain is stronger than its weakest link. Since installation must vary with the make and model of the car, it is best to follow exactly the specific instructions provided by the belt manufacturer. These instructions also must conform to SAE recommendations. A frame rail or cross member provides the most reliable anchorage, because the sheet metal of the floor may be weakened by rust or salt corrosion. However, they can be fastened to the floor with safety if the floor is in good condition and the recommendations for installation are followed. Your best bet is a good garage, or your auto service agency. Do-it-yourselfers should make sure they know what they're doing.

Forty-seven persons attended classes in food sanitation for school lunchroom personnel, owners, operators and employees of other food and drink establishments in West Carroll parish. Sponsored by the parish health unit and parish school board and the State Board of Health, the program was conducted by Miss Lillian Edwards, regional health educator.

A talk on childhood diseases by Dr. Nicholas Campbell, Acadia Parish Health Unit director, made a big hit with the parish Home Demonstration Council. A thank-you letter from Mrs. Ethel Bickham, Home Demonstration agent, said, in part: "The information was both timely and valuable. We are an educational organization. The health unit is one of our most valuable public agencies."

Paraguayan Takes Advanced Course

Though people may be basically alike, working with them is quite different from country to country, Miss Hermenegilda Gayoso of Asuncion, Paraguay, has found.

"The basics of social work are the same, but they have to be adapted to each country," she said.

According to Miss Gayoso, social work is a young profession in Paraguay, organized less than 25 years ago. The school of Social Service accepts only students between the ages of 18 and 35.

Participating in the medical social work training program, sponsored by the U. S. Children's Bureau, Miss Gayoso is a third year student in the Tulane School of Social Work. Under this program, graduate students work with children receiving care through the Crippled Children's Program of the Louisiana State Board of Health.

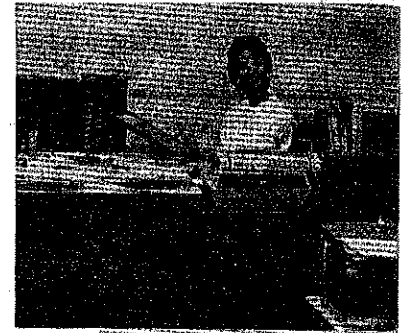
Though primarily concerned with training second year graduate students working toward their masters' degrees, the project is of such value that the school decided to include a more advanced student this year. Being more advanced, Miss Gayoso is concerned with case analysis, devising special techniques for working with groups and observing and participating in the board of health program on a broader scale than her colleagues.

In addition to Miss Gayoso, five other foreign students have worked in the program since its beginning in 1948. According to Miss Ovell Thomas, supervisor, students have come from Colombia, India, Canada, the Philippines and Bolivia, Miss Gayoso being the first from Paraguay.

Miss Gayoso will return to her country where she will resume her work as coordinator of field work instruction at Paraguay's School of Social Service. Since this school is under the Public Health Ministry and Social Welfare, she is especially happy to be receiving her advanced field work training at the Louisiana State Board of Health.

NEW FILMS

Eighteen new films, and one set of color slides, were added to the public health film library in recent months. Film librarian Miss Joyce Musacchia suggests that as these titles are not yet listed in your film catalog and supplements you may wish to cut out this listing and attach it to your catalog for easy reference.



Joyce Musacchia

- SPARKLING CLEAN (8 min. - color—adults) Food handling.
- CROSSROADS AT 4 (14 min. - color - adults) Amblyopia (lazy eye blindness) explained.
- DIABETICS UNKNOWN (30 min. - B & W - high school up) Detecting diabetes.
- MANAGEMENT OF THE LEPROSY PATIENT (19 min. - color - adults) U. S. Hospital care, treatment, rehabilitation of leprosy patients.
- HELP YOURSELF TO A SMILE (15 min. - color - from upper elementary level) Dental health.
- HEAR NOW (10 min. - color - primary, intermediate grades) Care of the ears.
- A MATTER OF TIME (13 min. - color - adults) Heart research.
- GROWING UP DAY BY DAY (10 min. - color - primary elementary) Exercise, rest and diet.
- HEALTHY FEET (11 min. - interm., jr. high)
- HEALTHY SKIN (11 min. - interm., jr. high)
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION - LOUISIANNE (24 min. - color - from elem.) Louisiana school program for physical fitness.
- BABY GETS A BATH (27 min. - from sr. high) Techniques of bathing infants.
- PREPARING FOR CHILDBIRTH (15 min. - color - adults) Fathers included in parent education demonstration.
- EARLY MARRIAGE (26 min. - color - from high school) Problems of teen-age marriage.
- THE DENTAL ASSISTANT—A CAREER OF SERVICE (14 min. - color - from high school)
- MITOSIS, ALLELISM, and LETHALS, and MEIOSIS (30 min. each, B & W, undergraduate college level) Three filmed lectures on genetics by some of the nation's leading geneticists. Produced for classroom use by both the genetics instructor and the biologist trained in another area.
- SLIDES: THE CASE OF THE HOUND'S TOOTH (24 color slides, 6 pg. script) Rabies control.

PLANNING an advanced course of social work with her instructor, Miss Ovelle Thomas (right) is Miss Hermenegilda Gayoso of Asuncion, Paraguay.



SAFETY ZONE

Carbon Monoxide Is Deadly Poison!

With the arrival of cool weather and heater-lighting time, carbon monoxide poisoning becomes a hazard, both in homes and automobiles. Poor ventilation, closed windows and faulty heating can be a deadly combination.

Make sure all heaters in bathrooms, bedrooms and other confined areas are regulated and properly ventilated by qualified service men. Always keep windows partially open to assure a free intake of air when your heater is in use.

Have the exhaust system of your car checked regularly and replace leaking mufflers and tail pipes. Never run the engine of your car with the garage door closed. Be sure a car window is always open while the engine is running.

If someone should accidentally be overcome by carbon monoxide, remove him immediately to fresh air and begin artificial respiration, preferably by the mouth-to-mouth method. Have someone call a doctor. Keep the victim warm and don't give him coffee, tea or other stimulants.

Thanks Health Unit

A one-day polio drive in Alexandria, at city hall and a shopping center, resulted in 626 people getting polio shots. Dr. Kendrick Taylor, director of the Rapides Parish Health Unit, received the following letter of appreciation from Mrs. Marion J. Chaney, project chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce:

"Please accept our sincerest thanks for the important work you so willingly undertook in helping to make our community a better place to live through 'Operation Polio.' The Alexandria Jaycees appreciate the interest and cooperation you gave us in making this a successful Jaycee project.

"We hope that this project was also beneficial to you and the aims of your organization, and we look forward to working with you again in the future."

Public Swim Pools Must Be Approved

Construction of public swimming pools must be approved by the Louisiana State Board of Health, cautioned John E. Trygg, director of the Division of Public Health Engineering. He said a number of public pools, particularly those of the motel type, are being constructed without approval of plans and specifications as required by the State Sanitary Code. Substandard installation has resulted in some cases.

All parish health units were advised to notify the engineering office about such construction, and to have the work delayed or postponed until approval had been received.

Public pools include those constructed at motels, hotels, apartment buildings, subdivisions, country clubs, and private clubs, as well as publicly owned pools serving the general public. The engineering office should be consulted for an interpretation if there is any question as to whether or not a pool is public or private.

Nurses Hear Talk

"The Practical Nurse and the Louisiana State Board of Health" was the subject of a talk by M. E. Kossack, director of the Division of Public Health Education. He spoke at the 15th annual convention of the Practical Nurses of Louisiana.

Friends Afield



E. J. SYLVESTER, chief of sanitary surveys, was in charge of the team that recently surveyed Calcasieu parish. Sanitarians of the Lake Charles-Calcasieu Health Unit were jubilant over their quality score of 90.79, said to be the highest ever achieved on a statewide level.

Food and Fallout

"Confidentially Speaking", a publication of the Nutrition Section, was the source for information on family fallout shelter food supplies which appeared in TIME magazine, (Oct. 27.) Miss Margaret Moore, chief of the Nutrition section, was quoted in the nationwide news roundup on fallout shelters. TIME'S reporters, or their informants, should be commended for digging out this information from the December 1952 issue of the nutrition bulletin — an issue which wisely stated that "Civil Defense plans... should be plans made long in advance."

LOUISIANA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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