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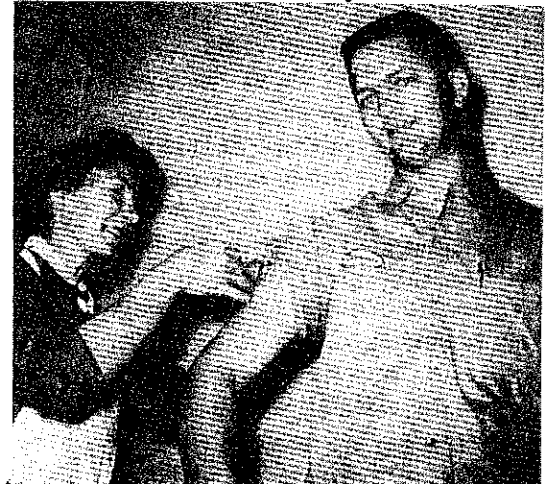
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CHILDREN AND STRONG MEN rolled up their sleeves for polio shots as public health workers stressed the importance of immunization before hot weather arrives with another polio season. At left, PH nurse Velma Rosser gives the injection to a student of the Tallulah elementary school, Madison parish. (Photo by Fred McDuff for the school annual). At right, Tensas parish health unit nurse, Birdie May, administers polio vaccine to Mr. J. Adams, at a recent night clinic.

Poor Response to Polio Clinics Seen in 1st Month of Crash Drive

Although given every opportunity to take advantage of polio immunization shots during these crucial months, the public has responded slowly, and in a few cases not a single person appeared at special immunization clinics established by parish health units.

In order to make polio shots available to daytime workers, and all persons who could not attend regular clinics, busy public health physicians and nurses have been working overtime. Every possible means of publicity was used to notify parish citizens of special clinic hours.

From reports sent to the Newsletter, a survey of the polio acceleration program since Feb. 15 shows the following:

OUACHITA - Special clinic hours for day workers (Mondays until 8:30 p.m., through April) were published in the Monroe News-Star.

JACKSON - Only seven persons came to the first night clinic, held from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Mrs. Vergie T. Harlow, health unit nurse, warned that the clinic would be discontinued if the public failed to use it.

RED RIVER - Not one person attended the special clinic, 7 to 9 p.m., although the hours were well publicized, especially through the Coushatta Citizen. As in other parishes, the clinic will be discontinued if not used.

UNION - The Gazette published hours for the special clinic, in addition to regular immunization clinic schedules at the health unit.

WASHINGTON - Night clinics for working people at Bogalusa and Franklinton were publicized in the Bogalusa Daily News. The schedule was supported by an article urging persons to complete the series of three shots and a booster.

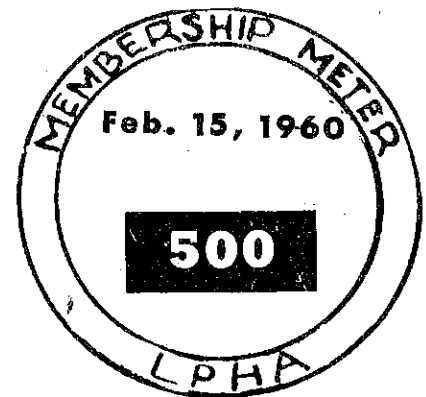
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20-Yr. Service Pins

Seven public health workers are eligible this year to receive 20-year service pins from the Louisiana State Board of Health.

The list, compiled by the Personnel section, includes the following: Grace Bailey, Mabel Bernard, Louise Chandler, Louise Guidry, Hettie Rowe, Lucille Sawyer, and Floriene Schoen.

Anyone else who believes himself eligible for a 20-year service pin is requested to write to Mr. Walter R. Smith, the Personnel Officer.



ALL ABOUT US

Dental directors, arriving on a rainy March morning for a biregional conference at Central Office, were greeted at the registration desk with a fresh camellia, courtesy of DR. PAUL COOK, host director. They were further cheered by the delicious New Orleans-style coffee made and served in the laboratory lounge.

Congratulations to LEO W. SPATH, food and drug division, who was elected president of the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, Inc., and to DR. MAURICE CAMPAGNA, honored by the Iberia parish TB Assn. for his 10-year service to the Iberia parish TB control program. Dr. Campagna has been associated with the state board of health TB program for many years; is now part-time clinician at the Metairie regional chest clinic.

Two of the prettiest maids in the carnival balls were SUSAN ARDOIN, Krew of Chocktaw, and MARY RUSSO, Krew of Elenians, both typist-clerks in the vital statistics office.

Welcome to MARJORIE I. Mc GOVERN, typist-clerk, tab and analysis section, and to ROSE GORDON, typist-clerk, Training Center.

CATHERINE JOHNSON, medical coding clerk, tab and analysis, says she finds it difficult to understand the term "baby sitting" - she has seven lively grandchildren.

Friends of BURNELL J. ROBERTSON, motion picture projector operator, health education, were pleased to see him photographed by the Louisiana Weekly in his capacity as pastor of St. Paul's church in New Iberia.

February, famed for special days, is now the anniversary month of REGINA M. AUDIFRED REMONDET, key punch operator, tab and analysis, whose wedding date was Feb. 6.

Appropriately enough, GLORIA MORITZ, secretary, health education, and her husband celebrated their 6-month anniversary by seeing the motion picture "Happy Anniversary."

SISTER HENRIETTA, director, LSU school of nursing, advised us

that, the four nursing students shown in the January Newsletter received their B.S. in Nursing degrees, and two are now working in public health, one in Jefferson and one in the New Orleans City Health Dept.

If you find yourself in New Orleans with time on your hands, you can spend it pleasantly at the Delgado art museum in City Park. Current showing of Oriental art has interesting historical physical and mental health connotations. The exquisite jades, for instance, were once considered to have medicinal properties, and were carried to ward off disease. Animal and fish motif, seen in the beautiful paintings, symbolized longevity, and certain plants, among them the favorite bamboo, represented strength and resiliency. The Oriental Spring exhibit closes May 1.

OVELLE THOMAS, supervisor of the medical-social training project for the state board of health, was invited to participate in a White House Children's Conference workshop on health problems of children of migratory laborers. Miss Thomas was a member of the team that carried on a research and service project in Florida, to find more effective ways of providing health service for migratory workers and their families, and also, to test the value of the team approach.

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Friends Afield




ETHEL H. RUCK, clerk, chronic disease and TB section, received her 20-year service pin in 1957, is a member of the board of the Credit Union.



LEWIS M. CARPENTER, pipe-smoking sanitarian with the West Baton Rouge Parish Health Unit, is chairman of the sanitarians' section of the LPHA.

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Appreciation Day



FANNYE WASSON (left) receives a token of staff appreciation from Tensas Parish Health Unit clerk, **Norma Lee George**. (Photo by Birdie H. May)

Appreciation Day." "Be it resolved," the scroll read, "that an effort has been made to make said person as happy as possible while in our surroundings."

"Be it further resolved that red curtains and table cloth will adorn the office, and by means of a mop and a broom, said office will be kept in apple pie order."

The proclamation, signed by the health unit staff, Birdie H. May, nurse, Norma Lee George, clerk, and John P. Hicks, sanitarian, was sealed by Dr. A. Reynolds, director. It was duly filed in the Tensas Parish Health Unit records.

Miss Godelfer Studies New Lab Technique

Miss Lucille Godelfer, Central Laboratory technologist, attended a two-week PHS course on fluorescent antibody technique for rapid diagnosis of streptococcus. One person from each state is being trained at Atlanta in the program, Miss Godelfer

Mrs. Bailey Ends Long PH Career

After 20 years of service with the state board of health, Mrs. Grace (Lloyd L.) Bailey, Concordia Parish Health Unit nurse, resigned February 26.

Mrs. Bailey received her nursing training at the Vicksburg, Miss., Sanitarium Training School for Nurses. She took a post graduate course at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans, and also has a B.S. degree from George Peabody Teachers College, Nashville, Tenn. Prior to entering public health, Mrs. Bailey did private duty, hospital, and office nursing.

Her long public health career began in St. Mary Parish. Later she became health nurse at Farmerville. She also assisted in the establishment of the parish health units at Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and Cameron. She was advisory nurse for five years in Central and Northeast Louisiana. From 1952 until her resignation this year, Mrs. Bailey was a member of the Concordia health unit staff.

Since her resignation was announced, friends and co-workers have shown their affection and esteem by entertaining her at a number of informal parties, according to local newspapers. Front page stories in the Natchez Democrat and parish press, and a fine write-up in the Monroe Morning World paid tribute to her service.

MISS GODELFER
will train lab work-



Forum Considers Health of Aged

Dr. James E. Perkins of New York, managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association since 1948, was elected president of the National Health Council at its annual meeting in Miami Beach following the conclusion March 18 of the 1960 National Health Forum.

Dr. James H. Sterner, medical director of Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N. Y., was named president-elect to succeed Dr. Perkins in 1961.

The Council, founded in 1920, has as members 71 national voluntary health agencies, professional societies and public service organizations.

"Positive Health of Older People" was the theme of the 1960 Forum. Approximately 600 authorities in health, welfare, government, industry, labor, civic organizations and religion attended the meeting; among them were Dr. William J. Rein, Louisiana State Health Officer, and Mrs. Rein.

Excerpts from some of the principal addresses, indicate the nature of the problem of ensuring positive health of older people:

"When employers are free to help choose their own time of retirement, everyone benefits...the free choice policy is ideal."

— Dwight S. Sargent, personnel director, Consolidated Edison Company of New York.

"There is no reason for surprise or alarm at increasing costs (for indigent older people). When dealing with an older population we can expect them to have greater medical needs, and the indigent aged have greater medical needs than the non-indigent. We must remember that better medical care is keeping patients alive longer and this increased life is often dependent upon even more expensive medical care."

— Dr. I. J. Brightman, executive director of the New York State Interdepartmental Health Resources Board.

Health insurance companies are prepared to provide "whatever coverage is desired" for older people, according to J. F. Follmann, Jr., director of information and research of the Health Insurance Association of America. The decision as to quantity and quality of voluntary coverage is not that of the insurers but of employers, employes and unions.

"As long as we think about planning retirement income in traditional and conservative terms, we will fail to provide adequate income because these terms make no provision for inflation, for unexpectedly high expenditures such as for medical care and for hospitalization, for changes in living standards, or for increases in productivity or gross national product."

— Prof. John W. McConnell, dean of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University.

Home-care programs successfully serving the poor will become increasingly available to sick people of all income brackets, predicted Dr. Franz Goldmann, associate professor emeritus of medical care at the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Goldmann cautioned that home care is effective "only if the clinical condition of the sick makes such service necessary and feasible, the physical environment is suitable, and the psychological attitudes of both patient and family are favorable."

WRONG NIGHT

A Scotchman telephoned to a friend.

"Are you busy tonight, Mac?"

"No."

"Busy tomorrow night?"

"No."

"Busy Friday Night?"

"No."

"Busy Saturday night?"

"Yes, I'm busy Saturday night."

"Oh, that's too bad, I wanted to invite you to dinner Saturday night."

Surgeon General Gives Smoking, Cancer Report

"It is a statutory responsibility of the Public Health Service to inform members of the medical profession and the public on all matters relating to important public health issues. The relationship between smoking and lung cancer constitutes such an issue and falls within this responsibility of the Public Health Service.

The Public Health Service believes that the following statements are justified by studies to date. 1. The weight of evidence at present implicates smoking as the principal etiological factor in the increased incidence of lung cancer. 2. Cigarette smoking particularly is associated with an increased chance of developing lung cancer. 3. Stopping cigarette smoking even after long exposure is beneficial. 4. No method of treating tobacco or filtering the smoke has been demonstrated to be effective in materially reducing or eliminating the hazard of lung cancer. 5. The nonsmoker has a lower incidence of lung cancer than the smoker in all controlled studies, whether analyzed in terms of rural areas, urban regions, industrial occupations, or sex. 6. Persons who have never smoked at all (cigarettes, cigars or pipe) have the best chance of escaping lung cancer. 7. Unless the use of tobacco can be made safe, the individual person's risk of lung cancer can best be reduced by the elimination of smoking."

— Dr. Leroy Burney

Surgeon General, U.S.P.H.S.

J.A.M.A., Nov. 28, 1959

With all the talk one hears about fluoridation, there are just three important things to remember: Fluoridation is safe. It prevents the forming of 2 out of every 3 cavities that would form if it were not used. It is inexpensive.

— Dr. Henry. F. Helmholtz,
Health Chairman of the National
Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Current Clips

Dr. Clarence Webb, Shreveport pediatrician, who received the 1957 LPHA Axson-Choppin award, was also the recipient of the George Freeman award at the 45th annual meeting of the La. Conference of Social Welfare. Congratulations, Dr. Webb!

F. E. Beck, Webster Parish Health Unit sanitarian and rabies enforcement officer, reminded dog owners in the Minden area that it wasn't enough to have dogs vaccinated for rabies, they had to be tagged as well. Owners were given a deadline to meet the vaccination tag requirement.

Mrs. Florine Hargrove, Allen Parish Health Unit nurse, presented a special program to the Oakdale Chapter of Business and Professional Women. Her subject was "Hospitals of Tomorrow."

Drs. Loyola Roeling and Joseph Kuebel of the New Orleans Dental Association fluoridation committee participated in a lively question and answer program on fluoridation on radio station WFIX. The listening audience was asked to telephone their questions during the program.

Roundup parties and a visit to the Webster Parish Health Unit were planned for children who will enter the two white elementary schools in Minden in September 1960. The preschool event is sponsored by local Parent-Teacher associations.

Annual reports are blossoming out like spring gardens. Those received since the last Newsletter issue: Catahoula, Franklin, Grant, Richland, Union, and Winn.

The Vermilion Parish school board and health unit announced the annual preschool roundup, asking parents to bring children's immunization records and birth certificates to registration.

Longer Life Spans Create Problems...

PUBLIC HEALTH CALLED "VILLAIN"

Ed. note: The following excerpt is from an address by the Honorable Margaret C. Schweinhaut, delivered at the Fifth annual meeting of the Maryland Public Health Association, and reprinted from the Baltimore Health News.

"When, during the past few months I have tried desperately to read, to absorb, to sort out and to put to work the vast amount of written material on all phases of what we now refer to as "problems of aging" — and when I realize that I can never hope to catch up with the thousands of experts in the field, I fall back on self-questioning. For example, admitting there are problems and that the sheer living longer of so many more people is largely what makes it a problem, then I ask, "When did it happen and how?" In other words I look for the "villain." And I have come to tell you today the astounding conclusion I have been forced to reach. YOU — YOU PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS — You are the villains who have primarily caused all these problems. When with diabolical determination you cleaned up the water we drank, you helped create this problem. When you then reached out and insisted upon standards of food and public cleanliness, you compounded your villainous deed. When with these successes behind you, you then began to control contagious disease; began to make inroads through the schools upon the health of children; began to be successful about periodic health examinations; insisted upon a good medical care program; poked your noses into dental problems, eye problems and now even into the matter of air pollution — when it is realized that all this and much, much more you have done, I repeat, that the problems of aging in this State based as they are upon the ever-increasing life span of our people — these problems you have primarily created. And you keep right on keeping people alive without once slowing up in deference to the fact that no other group was ready for this Sputnik of science. Now, what are the rest of us to do about your problem? Or are you, symbolizing as you do the villain, are you going now to reform and help undo your past guilt by giving us the answers to such problems as these?"

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Dr. H. N. Barnett, director, Webster Parish Health Unit, reported that the film "Rescue Breathing" was shown to the Minden Rescue Squad, and Fire Department, and to 1,100 students in the junior and senior high schools. Principals recommended the film highly for students.

With one typhoid case reported in Livingston parish, the health unit staff last month gave hundreds of typhoid shots to forestall the spread of the disease. "Dr. H. E. Cannon and his health unit staff were not leaving anything to chance," said the Denham Springs News.

An Oakdale (Allen parish) kindergarten class has been well prepared for preschool injections, thanks to a special program presented by Mrs. Florine Hargrove, parish health unit nurse. After showing films on good health habits, Mrs. Hargrove demonstrated vaccination procedures, and let the youngsters examine a syringe, and look at vaccine samples, thus removing possible fears due to unfamiliarity with preschool immunization routine.

Americans now spend as much for tobacco and alcoholic beverages as for all medical care — 5.3¢ out of each consumer-expenditure dollar.

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3 Valuable PRIZES

Polio

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TENSAS - Although widely-publicized night clinics were held, Dr. A. J. Reynolds, director of the parish health unit, advised the Newsletter that only seven persons between the ages of 20 and 40 showed up for polio shots.

SABINE - One of the finest publicity jobs of all was done by the Sabine Health Unit staff. In addition to press announcements of night clinics, the health unit distributed announcements to all schools, to Home Demonstration Clubs, Parent-Teacher groups and other clubs, to the Negro clergyment, the department of Public Welfare field workers, and to midwives. At the first night clinic, twelve injections were given - six initial, one third, and five booster shots.

DPW - The Department of Public Welfare house organ, "File 13" co-operated in the crash program by carrying an announcement urging polio vaccination, and suggesting that DPW employees go to their family doctor or health unit for polio shots.

HOUSING PROJECTS - Notices sent to the executive directors of the Housing Authority received favorable response, as in this reply from Mrs. Genny H. Morvant of Breaux Bridge: "I have received the material regarding polio immunization and I will be glad to distribute a notice to each of my tenants. Be assured of my full cooperation in all matters concerning Public Health, and the tenants of our project."

While the cooperation of the mass media, official agencies, and school and community organizations has been whole-hearted, and gratifying, these reports indicate that public apathy to polio immunization continues to be an unsolved problem in Louisiana.

ALL ABOUT US

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Congratulations to MRS. WILLIAM J. REIN, president of the Woman's Auxillary to the Orleans Parish Medical Society, on her receipt of a certificate of outstanding citizenship, presented on Doctors' Day by Mayor deLesseps S. Morrison. Mrs. Rein is the wife of our State Health Officer.

Best wishes for a good recovery to ADA FLAMBROUGH, secretary, accounting section, who sustained a broken hip when struck by a car the day before Mardi Gras. Reports are that she is "doing fine."

Sympathy is expressed to our colleagues: GLADYS V. BROWN, tab and analysis, death of father; SHELTON J. HANEMANN, occupational health, and safety section, death of mother; ANSEL WASKAM, milk and dairy, death of baby daughter; SHERWIN WALLICK, Caddo-Shreveport, death of mother; EDNA ANN KELLER, Shreveport regional lab, death of brother; ROSARY M. HARGRODER, chronic disease and TB section, death of son; ALFRED I. HOCKETT, chemical-toxicological section, death of mother-in-law; JOHN DRAYTON, central lab, death of father; EMMIE SCARBROUGH, Ouachita, death of brother-in-law.

DR. GEORGE HAUSER, director of laboratories, underwent surgery in mid-March. We sincerely hope he will have made a good recovery and rejoined us by the time this issue is off the press.

MRS. DOROTHY MAHER, secretary to the president, and MRS. LILLIAN MAY, public health nurse, and MRS. GERALDINE BYARGEON, typist clerk, both of West Carroll Parish Health Unit, attended the annual meeting of the Daughters of American Revolution, March 15-17 in New Orleans. The West Carroll duo also visited Central Office while they were in the city.

Poisoning Prevention

(The following editorial is reprinted from The AMA News, Feb. 8, 1960)

Today, physicians must be concerned not only with treating patients who have been poisoned but also with preventing poisoning.

MDS can help prevent poisoning by supporting the American Medical Association's legislation on proper labelling. More than a quarter million products now on the market are potentially dangerous, but now are not required by law to carry warnings on their labels.

The AMA measure requires, in addition to proper labelling, that these products also carry a listing of contents so immediate treatment with an antidote is possible.

Six official agencies were involved in planning and preparing for protection of the public health during the Eighth Winter Olympics held at Squaw Valley, Feb. 18-28.

It Pays To Be Curious

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In many communities air pollution has injured people's health; damaged vegetation and livestock; decreased visibility with hazards to air and ground transportation; and impaired property values.

1. What is air pollution?
2. Who is responsible for controlling it?
3. What are some of the research and technical assistance programs which have been developed so far?

Current Clips

Mrs. J. D. Nash, wife of the De Soto health unit's sanitarian, gave a talk on poisonous plants to the Fellowship Home Demonstration Club at Mansfield, using the January Newsletter as source material. Thank you, Mrs. Nash.

Two Northwestern State College nursing students, Misses Dorothy Meharg and Peggy Rougeau, are receiving public health training at the Union Parish Health Unit.

Poor attendance forced the closing of the special Thursday night polio clinic according to the Farmer-ville Gazette.

Dr. Murphy P. Martin, director, New Iberia Parish Health Unit, is program chairman for the 1960 annual Louisiana Tuberculosis Association meeting. Mrs. Wava Mouton, Lafayette regional public health nurse, is one of the planners for a special nurses' session.

Dr. Andrew Hedmeg, director, local health services, presided at the morning session of TAGNO's one-day institute on "Infectious Disease and Your Child". Felix Formento Award winner Miss Lauraine Goreau presided at the afternoon session. The project was planned by TAGNO health educator, Mrs. Andra Hedmeg Ledet.

Antivivisectionists have altered their strategy, according to a Special Report on the New Opposition to Animal Research, distributed by the Tulane University School of Medicine. No longer do they demand the abolition of animal experimentation but instead now claim their only aim is to eliminate "needless cruelty" and "unnecessary experimentation." The Special Report investigates the leaders of the antivivisectionist groups, and points out the false implications of their charges.

Miss Margaret Moore, chief, nutrition section, was a panelist at the Four State Conference on Aging, sponsored by the AMA and medical societies from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Miss Anna Harrison, chief, medical social services, is chairman of the subcommittee on Aging for the Southwest Regional Conference of the American Public Welfare Association, meeting in Baton Rouge, April 20-22.

Participating in the Fourth Annual Short Course on Dairy Products Technology, at the LSU Dairy Science building, were H. L. Hortman, director, division of milk and dairy products, and W. H. Reinhart, chief, occupational health and safety section.

Mr. Reinhart attended the dedication of the Southeastern Radiological Health Facility, at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 11-12. The new facility, the second unit of its type to be established by the Division of Radiological Health of the Public Health Service, will serve the States east of the Mississippi plus Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma.

The facility will principally be engaged in analysis of environmental and biological samples for radioactivity levels and in provision of training in laboratory techniques and procedures in radiochemical analysis.

Mr. Reinhart said sampling activity on a variety of foods will be expanded in the future, with most emphasis to be on milk. The present 12 sampling stations in the country will be increased to sixty, he said, and there will be more water sampling. This will mean more work for the public health employes, but plans and details have yet to be worked out, Mr. Reinhart said.

Health education personnel prepared and staffed health exhibits at the Archdiocesan Teachers Institute and the La. Conference of Social Welfare.

St. Landry Sanitarians Work Hard For Results

The Newsletter salutes the hard-working team of St. Landry Parish Health Unit sanitarians!

A recent sanitation survey made in the parish showed the following noteworthy results:

Each man performed more than 100 percent of the work load expected of him (based on units of work).

The total food score was over 85 percent. The restaurant score jumped from 56 to 87 percent from 1954 to 1960, and the enforcement score increased from 51 percent in 1954 to 88.7 percent in 1960.

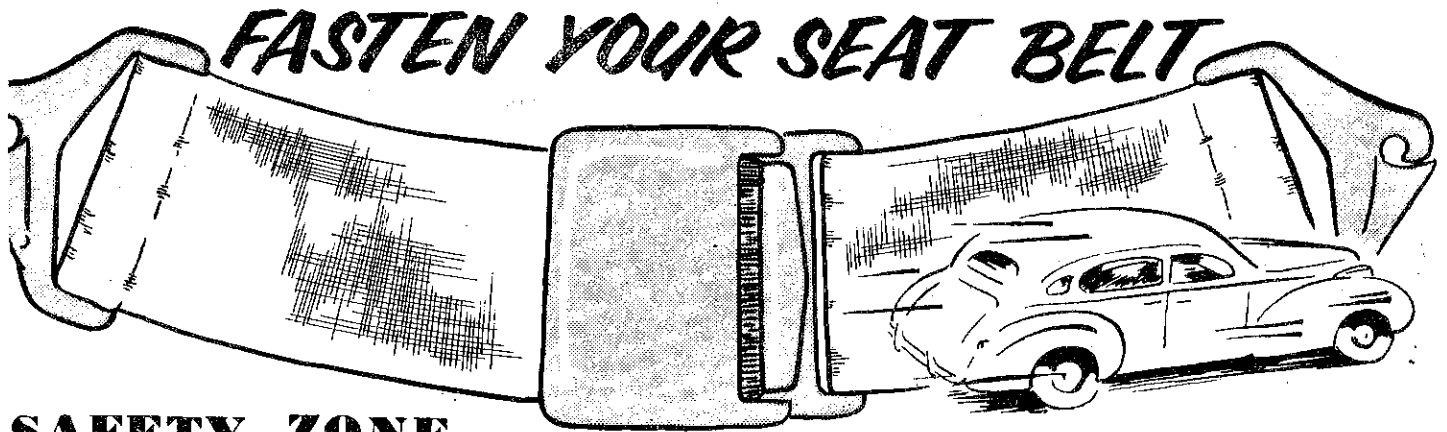
St. Landry Parish milk control activities were rated among the five best in the state.

The plant producer score, pasteurization plant score and pasteurized milk score were over the 95 percent mark.

Cooperation based on understanding was developed between the Ministerial Association and the Calcasieu-Lake Charles Health Unit at a recent meeting. At the Association's own request, its members toured the health unit, guided by Lawrence Estaville, health educator, who gave a brief talk on health unit activities, with emphasis on how the ministers and their churches could work with public health programs.

The Sabine Parish Health Unit, in cooperation with the Sabine Parish Police Jury, announced rabies vaccination clinics for a parishwide program. Full schedules were printed in the Sabine Index, together with an explanation of the new avianized vaccine that "will provide a good strong immunity for at least two years."

A. G. Owens, regional sanitarian, was guest speaker at the Minden Civitan Club recently. He spoke on cooperative effort of the U.S. Food and Drug division and the state board of health.



SAFETY ZONE

Always drive safely and **KEEP YOUR SEAT BELT FASTENED**, cautions the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service Accident Prevention Program.

ANSWERS TO "CURIOUS"

1. Air pollution has been defined as the presence in the air around us of substances put there by the activities of man in concentration sufficient to interfere directly or indirectly with our comfort, safety, or health, or with the full use and enjoyment of our property.

2. Congress, in passing Federal legislation on air pollution, reserved to the States and local communities the responsibility for controlling air pollution within their jurisdiction. Within the last 10 years, more than 20 States have adopted or modified legislation in this field.

3. (a) A national air-sampling network, established by the Public Health Service, permits a systematic measurement of air pollution throughout the United States. (b) New methods of analyzing pollutants have been developed which are proving to be more accurate and economical. (c) The relationship between weather conditions and the buildup of pollutants is under study. (d) An automobile exhaust test facility has been developed. (e) Short-term training courses are being given by the Public Health Service for personnel in health agencies. In addition, grants-in-aid have been made to 10 universities for development and support of graduate level courses. (f) Technical assistance on specific air pollution problems has been provided to State and local government agencies and other organizations. These programs are conducted by the Public Health Service under authorization by Federal legislation.

An automobile seat belt is made of strong fabric, buckles across the lap, and is anchored to the car frame or floor. In case of accident: (1) it keeps you from being thrown out of the car, and (2) it makes you less likely to hit objects inside the car, (the blow will be lessened, in any case).

Since half the injuries from accidents happen at impact speeds of less than 41 miles per hour, it is important to keep seat belts fastened whenever the car is in motion.

Safety experts say there is much less chance of death or serious injury if you are not thrown from the car during an accident. The chances of getting out of a car which catches fire after a crash is greatly increased if the occupants are conscious. The chances of remaining conscious are increased by wearing seat belts.

SAFETY BELTS IN YOUR CAR WILL:

Reduce chances of fatalities by at least 3½ to 1 and injuries 2½ to 1.

Keep your children seated on sudden stops, eliminating one cause of accidents.

Keep the driver behind the wheel in any emergency maneuver.

Greatly reduce your chance of being thrown out of the car in an accident.

Reduce fatigue by improving posture.

— from the Booklet, Safety Belts Save Lives, published by the Ford Motor Company.

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