



LOUISIANA STATE  
Department of Health



CHRISTMAS '70  
NEWSLETTER



Friends of Public Health:

The holiday season is a time for remembering and for appreciating the good things that have happened to us this year . . . the progress that we have achieved together, working as a team for a common cause.

To you and our many associates in the health field who have helped to make these accomplishments real and meaningful, the staff of the Louisiana State Department of Health joins me in wishing you

HAPPY HOLIDAYS and BEST WISHES for 1971.

*Andrew Hedberg M.D.*

**Acting State Health Officer**

## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TB MEET RATED MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER

More than 500 persons attended the 15th annual Southwest Regional Tuberculosis Conference in New Iberia November 12 making it the most successful ever according to Mrs. George J. Hebert.

Mrs. Hebert is executive secretary of the Iberia Tuberculosis Association which sponsored the conference.

Cooperating sponsors were the Iberia Parish Medical Society, Louisiana Thoracic Society, LTDRA, Iberia PHU and the state Health Department.

Participating in the 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. program were Dr. John A. Lewis, head, Div. Communicable & Preventable Diseases and Harold L. Ramos, Iberia PHU Sanitarian 3. Other health department personnel served on one or more of the committees.



## DAISY WAGLEY DAY, RETIREMENT FETE HONORS EAST CARROLL HEALTH AIDE

Mrs. Daisy Wagley's surprise retirement party came one month in advance and touched off a community celebration in her honor.

The mayor of Lake Providence proclaimed December 2nd as "Daisy Wagley Day" in honor of the popular East Carroll Health Unit Aide who retires January 1st.

At a surprise afternoon retirement party, a telegram from Dr. Hedneg was read praising her for 21 years of "loyal, conscientious and efficient efforts in behalf of public health in East Carroll Parish."



Natchitoches PHU nurse Mrs. Hilda C. Quimby on the death of her husband November 25.

Mrs. Juanita Couste, St. Bernard PHU Nursing Supervisor, on the death of her mother December 3.

## SET SMOKING EDUCATION WEEK FOR JANUARY

National Education Week on Smoking kicks off January 11, 1971 with an open meeting by the National Interagency Council on Smoking and Health in Washington, D.C.

Special reports and addresses will be given during a morning session concluding with a noon luncheon.

## Christmas stocking.



After they open the toys and the ties and the wallets and the watches, there's one more gift to go.

It's nestled at the bottom of the Christmas stocking. It's a U.S. Savings Bond.

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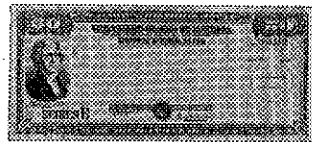
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## NEW FILMS

### EPIDEMIOLOGY OF PESTICIDES POISONINGS

(16 min.) Color - Cleared for television. Relates epidemiology to pesticide poisonings. Factors contributing are described step by step and further dramatized by the portrayal of two actual cases of poisoning by pesticides.

### ORGANOPHOSPHATE PESTICIDE POISONING

(19 min.) Color - Cleared for television. For medical and para-medical audiences. Describes symptoms of an organophosphate poisoning and appropriate treatment for poisoned patients. Includes discussion of laboratory methods available for diagnosis.

### VITAMINS FROM FOOD

(18 min.) Color. Age - middle grades & above. Re-enacts the drama surrounding the discovery of vitamins; explains how the body uses vitamins, detailing co-enzyme metabolism, and suggests the kind of food sources which supply all the vitamins we need.

### FOOD FOR LIFE (Prevention of Malnutrition & Obesity)

(22 min.) Color. Age - Jr. & Sr. High Schools. Explains various forms of malnutrition (the wrong foods, too much to eat, etc.) and what to do to prevent them. Compares food practice of 4 teenagers - 2 Americans, a South American, and an Asian. With its "reason why" approach to nutrition, "Food for Life" offers students a responsible basis for understanding the vital connection between how they eat and their physical wellbeing. (Do not confuse with 11 min. "Food for Life" on Pg. 59 of film catalog.)

### HOW A HAMBURGER TURNS INTO YOU

(20 min.) Color. Age - Middle grades & above. Provides scientific basis for understanding how we grow. Traces protein metabolism from digestion through resynthesis in the cells. Demonstrates essential processes which change food nutrients into "molecular building blocks" to nourish cells and fuel body activity.



USPHS TB Program Advisor John P. Kolnik (left) got an appreciation plaque at a Nov. 20 farewell party before his transfer to Albany, N.Y. New Union PHU nurse is Mrs. Faith Brantley (center). To learn identity of arm in cast holding miniature Christmas tree, see center of Page 4.

## entre nous...

Dr. J. B. Stotler has been named chairman, technical committee for delivery of health services; board member and public health committee member of the N.O. Area Health Planning Council . . . Nutrition Chief Rose Ann Langham is shedding crocodile tears over the demise of 8 ligustrum bushes at the rear of her home in Metairie . . . Clerk 3 Olga M. Faisans, Central office mailroom boss, whose recent illness went unnoticed by "Entre Nous" is on the job again and feeling much better, thank you . . . She completes 28 years of service on February 10 . . . Olga, Lynn Worley (Mr. Howe's secretary) and Roberta Peck, Milk and Dairy Prod. Div., visited Mexico during the Thanksgiving holidays while Mrs. Jacklyn Walker (Mr. Bailey's Sec.) and her sister Betty, former PH lab employee spent Thanksgiving week driving to New York and back via Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. . . . Fiscal Services typist clerk Cory O'Chery had a December 3rd birthday celebration . . . M. E. Kossack back "at the shop" after a month of sick leave during which he was made a member of the first Louisiana Advisory Council for Drug Education . . . Dr. Sarah Braud, Terrebonne & Lafourche PHU director showed a film, gave a lecture and held a discussion of V.D. Nov. 16 for Nicholls U. coeds . . . Rebecca McMahan has a mid-January surgery date . . . Natchitoches PHU nurse Lela G. Hankins left December 5 for a vacation in Spain . . . the Epps Rural Tribune devoted 16 inches of copy in its 4th issue (October 1) to a description of West Carroll PHU Services . . . five Jefferson Parish nurses are quietly observing their first service birthday . . . they are Theresa Brehm, Jane Bayhi, Brenda Galliano, Pete Osborne and Marionette Svehla . . . Miss Vivian C. Muller, Steno Clerk 3, Air Control Division, got a farewell party (including a cake with purple roses) before beginning her orientation as Secretary to Dr. Freedman in the Bureau of Health Conservation .

## TV SHOWS SLOW SMOKING

Decline of 8.5 percent in cigarette smoking among viewers of a nationwide TV series on "Why You Smoke" was noted in a study released by the American Cancer Society (ACS).

The drop in number of smokers and a reduction of 7 percent in total cigarette consumption among viewers was recorded four months after a National Educational Television network series was broadcast last March.

ACS said 99 of 144 TV stations surveyed will continue to run antismoking spots after broadcast cigarette advertising ends Jan. 2, 1971. Seventeen said they will not and 25 were undecided.

## Heired

Raymon, Jr., Sept. 21 to Natchitoches PHU Sanitarian Raymon Slaughter and wife Carol.

Sidney, Jr., Nov. 17 to Sidney Y. Lucius, Sanitarian 2, Sabine PHU. It's the first child for Sidney and Jeannette.

Pamela Gwyn, Nov. 27 to Air Control Specialist Robert N. McMullen and wife Ann, 2nd child, 1st girl, weighing in at 8 lbs., 11 ozs.

Nicole Marie, Nov. 5 to Walter and Beth Dubuc, Health Conservation division.

Granddaughter Jennifer, Nov. 29 to Suzanne Breland, daughter of Mrs. Frances Lopes, typist clerk 2, VD Case Finding Section. Born in Hanover, Germany, Jennifer weighed 8 lbs., 5½ oz.

## Paired

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## Snared

(Surely, someone somewhere is planning a partnership!)

### WAVA MOUTON SUFFERS MILD STROKE

Mrs. Wava Mouton, So. Region PH nurse, suffered a "mild stroke" early on the morning of December 1.

By December 3rd, her room at Lafayette General Hospital was crowded with flowers, get well messages were arriving from everywhere.

Get well cards should be sent to Wava at 709 Priscilla Lane, Lafayette, 70501.

### VIET ORPHANS GET CHRISTMAS 'LIFT' FROM VASQUEZ FAMILY

A Christmas Airlift: Clothing, toys, medical supplies  
To: A Vietnam orphanage  
From: Lake Charles & Vicinity  
Requested by: Dr. Gil Vasquez, Vietnam Navy flight surgeon

Christmas for tiny tots at an orphanage in Vietnam will be brighter this year thanks to the Vasquez family of Lake Charles and their friends.

Dr. Gil Vasquez, Sr., Calcasieu-Lake Charles parish health unit director and Mrs. Vasquez collected the gifts and took advantage of a "one-shot" opportunity of free military transport to airlift them December 3 to Providence Orphanage, Can Tho, Vietnam.

It was the second planeload sent since Lt. Gil, Jr., a 30 year old 1968 graduate of Tulane Medical School arrived in Vietnam in July and discovered that the orphanage had no medicine to treat the children and not much of anything else.

To date, over 1400 pounds of clothing, soap, toys, medicines, baby bottles, nipples and three badly needed sewing machines have been donated.

### SEE YOUR CREDIT UNION TODAY

The left-arm-in-a-cast belongs to Dr. George Hauser (not Archie Manning).

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## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER..

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant  
be given to all who work for

a world of reason and understanding.

That the good that lies in every man's heart  
may, day by day, be magnified.

That men will come to see more clearly  
not that which divides them  
but that which unites them.

That each hour may bring us closer to a final victory,  
not of nation over nation,

but of man over his own evils and weaknesses.

That the true spirit of this Christmas Season  
its joy, its beauty, its hope,

and, above all, its abiding faith

may live among us.

That the blessings of peace be ours -

the peace to build and grow,

to live in harmony and sympathy with others,

and to plan for the future with confidence.

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