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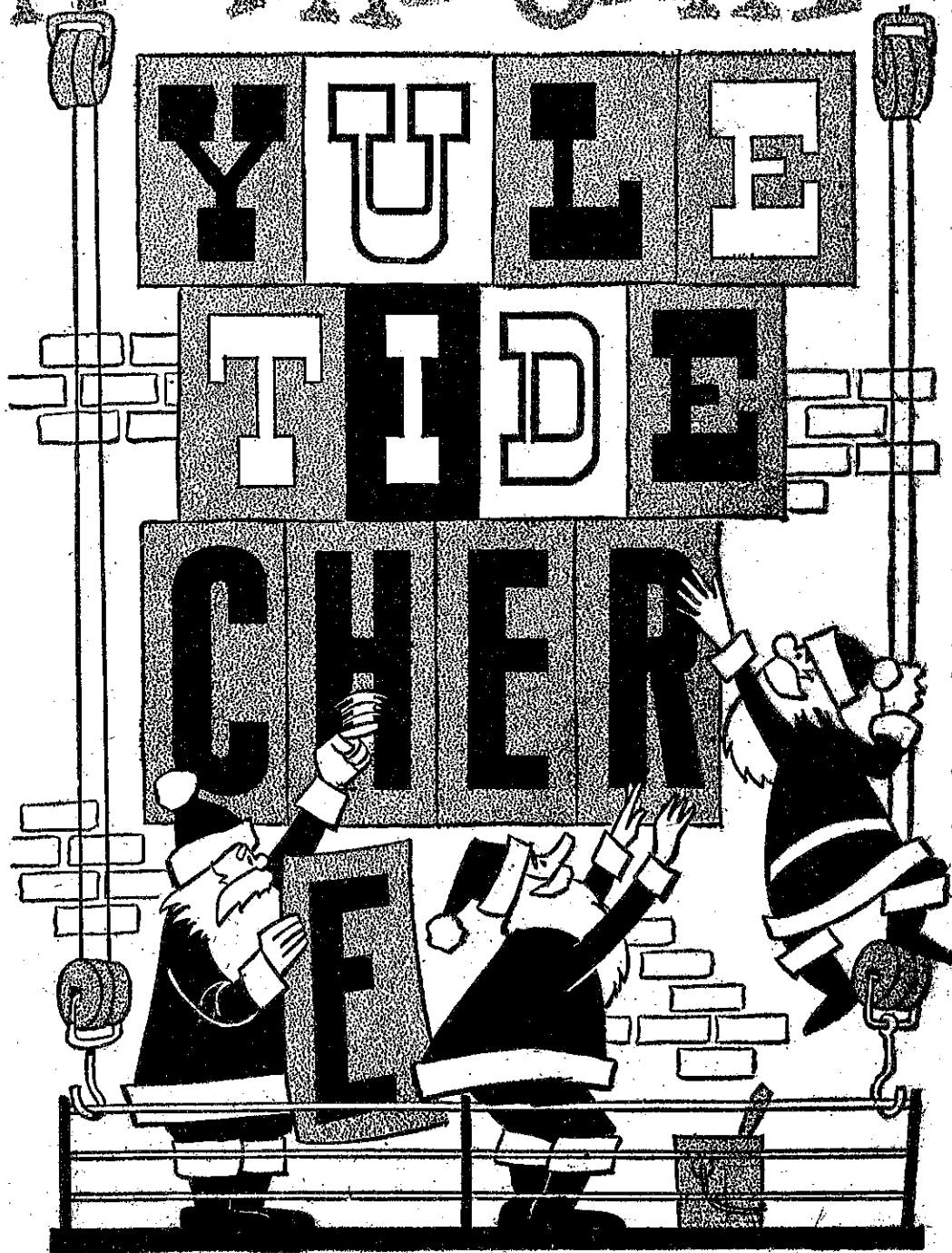
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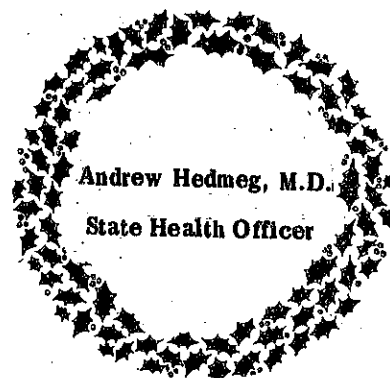
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Christmas is a time of happiness, fellowship, holiness and love. But it is also a time for recognition of what you and our many co-workers in the health field have done individually and collectively toward the betterment of all of our citizens. It is this team effort that enabled the Louisiana State Department of Health to do more things for more people in 1971 than any other single government agency. The staff and I wish you and yours a happy Christmas Season and a safe, prosperous and rewarding 1972.



Andrew Hedmeg, M.D.
State Health Officer

TWENTY THREE DECEMBER RETIREMENTS IS RECORD FOR ONE MONTH

Louis A. Carney
Mrs. Leoti H. Malone

Shreveport Lab.
Amite M & D Sect.

PH Tech. 2
Typist Clerk 2

11/9
12/3

The following are planning to retire on December 31, 1971:

Mrs. Mabel D. Bernard
Miss Belle Boyer
Mrs. Nell Caballero
Mrs. Louise Davis
Mrs. Remas D. Finch
Mrs. Gertrude R. Gurley
Graves Grant
Miss Elizabeth M. Harris
Mrs. Selma A. Hodges
Miss Lillian M. Jeffers
Miss Carrie Kirkpatrick
Mrs. Alma M. McCary
Louis R. Menendez
Mrs. Mabel Moore
Mrs. Edna R. Murray
Miss Thelma Oalman
Mrs. Hazel N. Raines
Miss Ella Anne Roussell
Alon L. Shirley
Mrs. Ethel T. Trapp
Mrs. Joyce Traylor
Eugene M. Welch

Iberia PHU
Avoyelles PHU
Assumption PHU
E. Baton Rouge PHU
Iberia PHU
Maternal & Ch. Hlth
Sanitarian 4
Rapides PHU
Epidem. Sect. Comm. Hlth. Serv.
MCH Nurs. Consult.
E. Baton Rouge PHU
Admin. Sect. Hlth Serv.
Food & Drug Div.
Monroe Lab.
Lafourche PHU
Washington PHU
Natchitoches PHU
St. James PHU
Winn PHU
Ouachita PHU
Washington PHU
Washington PHU

Steno Clerk 3
PH Nurse I
PH Nurse I
PH Nurse I
PH Nurse I
Typist Clerk 3
Central Region
PH Nurse II
Clerk 4
PHU Nurse IV
Typist Clerk 2
Secretary
F & D Contr. Ofcr 2
Typist Clerk 1
PH Nurse I
Steno 2 (Eff. 1/72)
PH Nurse II
PH Nurse I
Sanitarian 1
PH Nurse II
PH Nurse I
Sanitarian 2

WHAT? NEVER A DUNBAR AWARD WINNER? DON'T WAIT-NOMINATE!

The Louisiana Civil Service League says you can qualify for a Dunbar Award if you:

- ☐ have an excellent or outstanding service record (length of service is important but not a major consideration).
- ☐ are nominated by March 1, 1972.

You don't have to be in a supervisory position to be eligible. The League says that even if your civil service job is routine (and you do it well), you may merit special attention because of your community service outside of working hours.

You don't necessarily have to work either in Baton Rouge or New Orleans office to qualify. Dunbar Award judges are "especially eager to consider nominations from smaller offices without prejudice, however, to those working in Baton Rouge or New Orleans".

Everyone receives equal consideration regardless of job classification but the League thinks it's important that as many classifications as possible be recognized.

The State Health Department is one of the 200 agencies (city, parish and state) which has not had an award winner (85 agencies have).

Yet we have so many deserving nominees!

So, send six copies of your nomination, in 250 words or less, (with approval of department head) to:

La. Civil Service League 203 Carondelet St., Room 919 New Orleans, La. 70130

ACADIA BEGINS TYPHUS STUDY

The Acadia Health Unit has begun a typhus evaluation study in conjunction with its parishwide rat eradication program, to determine if typhus infestation exists in the parish rat population.

Certain species of rodents act as reservoirs of murine typhus and other communicable diseases which can be spread to man by certain types of ectoparasites (fleas, mites, lice, etc.) usually found on domestic rats.

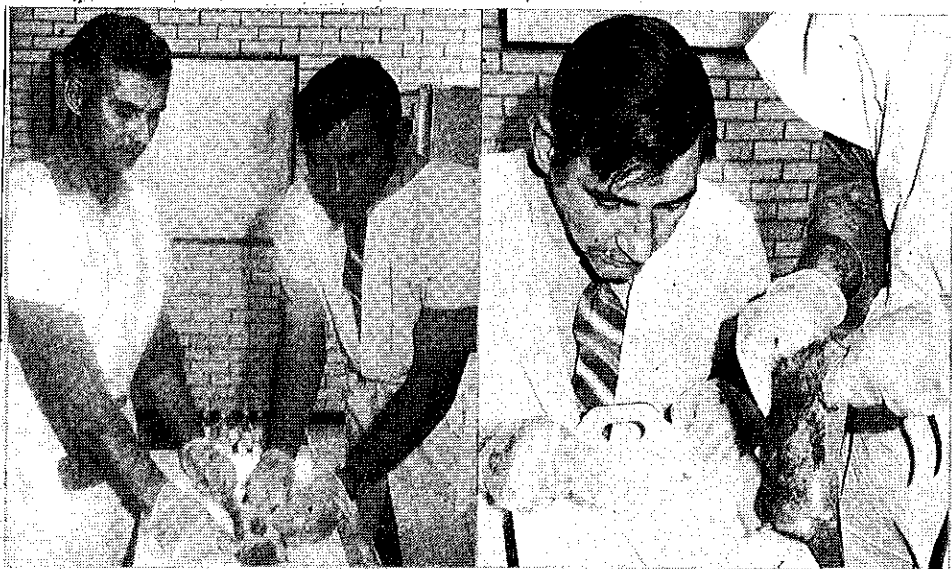
To obtain specimens, traps are set in pre-selected locations by the sanitarians.

Live rats are put to sleep, blood samples collected and sent to the Chemical Laboratory in New Orleans for analysis.

Rats are then combed, ectoparasites collected and sent to the State Entomologist for proper identification.

If results of these tests are positive, steps are taken to eliminate ectoparasites and rodent infestations in areas where specimens were collected.

Funds to initiate the program were obtained from the mayor and aldermen of the city of Crowley.



Dewitt Villejo, staff sanitarian, left and Larry J. LeJeune, chief sanitarian, draw a blood sample from a rat in typhus evaluation study and eradication program. In other photo, LeJeune combs and collects ectoparasites while Villejo holds specimen.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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GOD OF US ALL! Somehow let
men and women of all nations hold ,
for a little longer this year ,
the heart-part of this shining season
.. let us keep alive
.. the reverence .. the selflessness ..
the simple faith and radiant beauty ..
the promise of peace that is Christmas.

The Vidrine family and over 1300 other public health workers and their families join me in wishing you and yours a happy and holy Christmas.

Ramson K. Vidrine M.D.

Ramson K. Vidrine, M.D. State Health Officer

Personnel Officer Dies

Walter R. Smith, personnel officer for 14½ years, died December 12 at his residence. He was 62.

Mr. Smith had a long career of state and federal government service, serving with the Emergency Relief Administration, Internal Revenue Service, and Bureau of the Census before joining the health department in 1958.

A native of Elizabeth, Pa., he received a B.S. degree from the University of Alabama, and an M.B.A. from Tulane University. He was an Air Force veteran, and Lt. Col. in the Air Force Reserve.

A member of the New Orleans, Louisiana, and Houston Bromiliad Associations, he had one of the finest bromiliad collections in the world.

Drug Control Chief Mourned

Dr. Edward J. Ireland, chief of the Narcotics and Drug Control Section since January 1971, died December 4 at his residence. He was 68.

Dr. Ireland was the last dean of the now discontinued School of Pharmacy at Loyola University and later was pharmacologist in the Loyola School of Dentistry.

A native of Victor, Colo.; he resided in New Orleans for 33 years. Dr. Ireland was co-founder of the Historical Pharmaceutical Museum, 514 Chartres St., in New Orleans.

He received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Wisconsin.

TB Award Programs Offered

Three new award programs to upgrade education standards in the respiratory disease field have been established by the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association (NTRDA).

For information and application materials contact: Medical Director, National TB-RD Assn., 1740 Broadway, N.Y., N.Y. 10019.

Willis Earns Restaurant Honor

Osborn Willis, head, Division of Sanitarian Services, will receive a plaque inscribed "In appreciation of outstanding service to the food industry - 1972" from the Louisiana Restaurant Association (LRA) at their Greater New Orleans installation dance December 18 at the Marriott Hotel.

The first health official to be honored by LRA, he was praised for his "dedication to the development of mutual understanding among the members of the food service industry and the state Health Department."

Maurice E. Lewis, executive vice president, made the announcement on behalf of LRA state president Jules Sevin, and other officers and directors.

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Maria Garcia, Health Data Information Center, and Fritz Kron, Touro Infirmary med tech., at St. Rita's Catholic Church (N.O.), December 30. The bride-to-be, a Loyola grad, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jose Luis Garcia-Oller.

Charity Means Love, Not Poor

"Charity," says Dr. Charles C. Mary, Jr., director of "Big Charity" at (N.O.), "does not mean POOR; charity means LOVE." Dr. Mary, who leaves his administrative post January 1 to become Commissioner of the La. Health & Social & Rehabilitation Services Administration, defines the foremost mission of the 235-year-old hospital as **CARING FOR THE PEOPLE.**

"Big Charity," a leader in medical care and education, gives Louisianians many causes for pride:

- It is the oldest hospital in continuous operation in U.S.
- It serves as the second largest outpatient and emergency facility in the U.S.
- Charity's new School of Nursing will be the largest in the South.
- The outpatient system is second largest in the U.S., with outpatient visits, including emergencies, totaling more than one million in the past fiscal year.
- Outpatient clinic visits have reached over 600,000, which is the highest in more than a decade.
- Outpatient service has been extended through satellite clinic facilities, first of their kind in Louisiana.

Some other facts that our citizens should know about their distinguished hospital:

Full and part-time physicians number 120; professional and practical nurses number 700. The total number of beds and bassinets is 1,800. Overall occupancy has risen from an average 70 per cent in the 1960's to over 80 per cent. The average patient stay is 8 days. In long term units (tuberculosis, psychiatry, premature nursery) the average is 10 days. Charity Hospital has 4,000 employees.

New Orleans Museums Unique

Anyone with historical interests should enjoy two unique museums in New Orleans.

The Historical Pharmaceutical Museum, 514 Chartres in the French Quarter, was the apothecary shop of Louis Dufilho, America's first licensed pharmacist (1816).

Dr. Edward J. Ireland, late chief of the Drug and Narcotics Control Section, was a co-founder of this museum which displays sea chests, apothecary jars, and early surgical instruments, among other pharmaceutical curiosities. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is closed on holidays. Admission is free.

The George E. Burch Medical Museum was opened in November on the west corridor, first floor, at Charity Hospital. The museum, authorized by the State legislature, honors Dr. Burch, who is Henderson Professor and Chairman of the Dept. of Medicine at Tulane.

In this collection are the first electroencephalograph in the western hemisphere, and the earliest medical records of Charity patients. Also on view are more than 600 papers and books by Dr. Burch about work conducted at Charity and the Tulane School of Medicine. The museum is open to the public from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m., weekdays.

Governor Names 14 to Superboard

Fourteen board members were named December 11 by Gov. Edwin W. Edwards to the new Louisiana Health and Social and Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Named to the Superboard were Charles W. Armistead, M.D., Shreveport; State AFL-CIO president Victor Bussle, Baton Rouge; J.L. Comeaux, M.D., New Iberia; Allen A. Copping, D.D.S., New Orleans; Professor Anna Cherrie Epps, Tulane Medical School; Fenwick LaBorde, pharmacist, Marksville; Donald J. Landry, D.D.S., Metairie; Jewell P. Lowe, Lafayette; George B. Mowad, M.D., Shreveport; Farrell R. Nicholson, M.D., Marrero; Louise Rachal, social work instructor, Tulane; E. Ward Sudderth, M.D., Gretna; Mrs. N. Sidney Wiener, New Orleans, member of Charity Hospital board; Dean Bernard J. West, LSU School of Social Welfare.



Shirley "Amanda" LeBlanc, steno II, Communicative Disorders Section, transferred to Dept. of Public Safety, Drivers License Division, in November. Co-workers gifted her with a gold wristwatch and handsome china tureen at a farewell party. In center are Mrs. Bennie Bradford LaSalle PHU clerk who retired November 20 after 44 years service and William Strickland St. Helena PHU and E. Feliciana PHU (part-time) sanitarian who retired December 15. At right are new employees (See Jambalaya) Mrs. Florence Pemberton and Mrs. Dorothy Bourque.

JAMBALAYA....



In photo at left are David (13) and Fred Alsup (14), sons of Mary J., SE regional nurse consultant, and T.F. Alsup, sanitarian, E. Feliciana PHU, who are appearing in the motion picture "Sounder" which was filmed last April in Clinton, La. . . . new Acadia PHU Nurse (9/27/72) is Anne F. Gaspard . . . Lafayette Health Educator Sam

Scelfo on the mend from a heart attack . . . target date for E. Baton Rouge PHU's new "complex" is "sometime in February" . . . Betty Johnson passed the typist-clerk II test and was promoted from "Pierre the Pelican" to the VD Control Section . . . Lucy Klotz bravely carrying on (with crutches) after breaking a kneecap in an office accident . . . Loretta Lesseigne, steno-clerk, St. Martin PHU, commenting on the new health unit addition completed in November says: "We use it mostly on clinic days, but sometimes I slip over there to do my work" . . . Mrs. Joyce Vidrine, Central Region Vision Screening Technician, went home to Ville Platte December 6 to recuperate from her recent auto accident.

Mrs. Wava Mouton, assistant head, Nursing division, SW, received "another cherished gift" -- an engraved dish -- from the Iberia TB-RD Assn. at the SW Regional TB-RD Conference Nov. 9. Mrs. Louise Bass Davis, retired Baton Rouge PHU Nurse is proof that history repeats itself. Commenting on the Newsletter's \$1 a visit dental care for the needy in Lake Charles, she recalled her efforts in 1943 to get charitable dental service for school children there. One dentist agreed to help, charging a \$1 fee for extractions and fillings. Mrs. Davis, then a new graduate nurse at the Lake Charles Health Unit, persuaded the PTA to give the money; she transported the children on her own time. Mrs. Mary Florence Pemberton, PHN, Ouachita PHU, replaced Mrs. Rita Cobb who resigned. She is a graduate of Northeast La. U., and worked in the Professional Home Health Services Agency in Monroe. Mrs. Dorothy H. Bourque, formerly on Dr. Denton Cooley's staff at St. Luke's Hospital, Houston, has joined the EPSDT program in Monroe as a home health aide . . . Assumption PHU's new phone number is 369-6684 . . .

Calcasieu-Lake Charles, PHU director Dr. Guillermo Vasquez and wife who have been vacationing in Spain and visiting Dr. V. Jr., an army M.D. in Europe, return Jan. 3. January 3.

Morehouse Votes Better Health

Morehouse became the 43rd parish to approve a millage tax on November 7.

The one-mill-for-five years proposition passed two to one (3120 to 1864).

It was a re-run of a first-time millage try which lost in a May 2 election by only 58 votes (805 to 863).

Dr. Carroll Summer, PHU director, said the meager voter turnout in May (only one third of the November total) was responsible for the initial defeat. He said many voters who favored the tax did not go to the polls in May (for various reasons) because they thought "it couldn't lose".



Edward E. Bahm, Amite Milk Lab., on the death of his mother, November 27.

Miss Josie Wagner, Communicative Disorders steno-clerk, on the death of her father, November 26.

The family of Dr. Trois E. Johnson, former director, Bureau of Local Health Services, who died recently.

The family of Dr. Edward J. Ireland, chief, Narcotics and Drug Control Section, who died December 4 (see story).

Mrs. Miriam V. Smith on the death of her husband, Walter R. Smith, Personnel Officer, who died Dec. 12 (see story).

Poison Prevention Meet Held

A planning meeting for the 1973 statewide observance of National Poison Prevention Week (March 18-23) was held November 28 at the USPHS Hospital in New Orleans, sponsored by the Louisiana Poison Control Center there.

Attending were representatives of the Health Department, La. Co-operative Extension Service, La. State Pharmaceutical Association and American Academy of Apothecaries, Progressive Pharmacist Assn., N.O. City Health Department, N.O. Safety Council, Model Cities, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

A speakers bureau and a variety of educational materials were made available to all organizations.

Twenty One Employees Retire in November-December

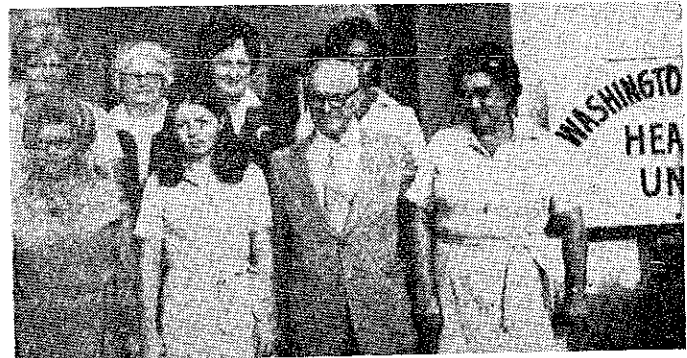
NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	DATE RET.	YRS. SERVICE
Mrs. Bennie S. Bradford	Typist-Clerk	LaSalle	11/20/72	44 yrs. 75 days
Mrs. Margaret Lewis	Health Unit Aide	Lincoln	11/ 1/72	14 yrs. 25 days
Otto Bolin	Sanitarian	Beauregard	12/31/72	30 yrs. 75 days
Mrs. Maydel D. Boudreaux	Typist-Clerk	St. Bernard	12/31/72	18 years
Mrs. Betty G. Chatelain	P.H. Nurse	Avoyelles	12/31/72	30 yrs. 25 days
Theodore Good	Sanitarian	Concordia	12/31/72	27 yrs. 75 days
Mrs. Rubye C. Harlan	P.H. Nurse	Washington	12/31/72	25 years
Mrs. Victoria B. Ishem	P.H. Nurse	Iberville	12/31/72	31 yrs. 50 days
Miss Lela M. Knight	P.H. Nurse	Washington	12/31/72	32 years
Mrs. Beatrice G. Lilly	Typist-Clerk	Livingston	12/31/72	18 yrs. 75 days
Mrs. Lillian May	P.H. Nurse	W. Carroll	12/31/72	32 yrs. 50 days
Mrs. Hazel T. Meadows	Medical-Social	Monroe Dist.	12/31/72	22 yrs. 75 days
Mrs. Irma S. Mitchell	Cust. Worker	Central Lab.	12/31/72	18 yrs. 25 days
Mrs. Marjorie N. Patterson	Typist-Clerk	Bienville	12/31/72	29 yrs. 25 days
William F. Strickland	Sanitarian	St. Helena	12/31/72	26 yrs. 50 days
Mrs. Lucy Ann Thompson	P.H. Nurse	Rapides	12/31/72	18 yrs. 50 days
Otha T. Trapp	Sanitarian	Ouachita	12/31/72	30 years
Mrs. Nell Jones Wise	Typist-Clerk	Webster	12/31/72	18 yrs. 50 days
Mrs. Belle W. Hunter	Medical-Social	New Orleans	12/31/72	11 yrs.
Miss Hazel Jean Moberley	Typist-Clerk	Madison	12/31/72	45 yrs. 50 days
Mrs. Jewell F. Arthur	P.H. Nurse	Caddo-Shreveport	12/19/72	14 yrs. 25 days

Winston's Daughter 4-H Winner

Iberia PHU Sanitarian Hugh B. Winston's daughter Ruth was one of five Iberia Parish youths whose excellence in 4-H earned them a place on the 40 member Louisiana delegation to the 1972 National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 26 to 30.

A tenth grade student at New Iberia High School, Ruth earned her place on the delegation for being on the state winning team in the girls general demonstration team contest. During her six years in 4-H, she has worked in eight projects with major emphasis in forestry, photography and public speaking.

In 1972, she was named "Most Outstanding 4-H Freshman" in her school. She received the Grand Champion Award in photography at the 1970 Sugar Cane Festival and had the best 4-H record book in her parish for 1971.



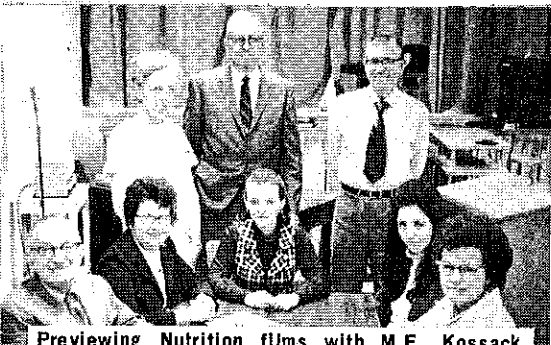
Washington PHU staff gave 100 per cent to United Fund. L to r., first row are Dessie D. Miller, Kaye Ard, Dr. H.A. Stafford, Sr., Director, Edith C. McElveen. Back row Jessie M. Bateman, Lela M. Knight, Velma B. Fussell, Evelyn R. Brumfield. Missing from photo are Katherine D. Kennedy and William B. Carter.



Left to right are 4-H winner Ruth Winston (see story); Dr. Larry W. Anglin, PH Physician II, Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Health Conservation, who has been named chief, Chronic Illness and Aging Section and coordinator for EPSDT. Dr. Anglin is one of three graduates (1972) of the first combined program offered by the Tulane schools of medicine and public health. He is currently helping to develop a tri-parish tumor registry program. Lucius J. Tucker joined the health department November 8 as head of the Fiscal Services Division. Although he calls Baton Rouge "home," he has lived in New Orleans for the past 15 years where he was chief accountant for a firm there. At far right, Robert Laguens, duplicating equipment supervisor, receives congratulations on completing 25 years of service (on December 1) from Louis F. Leteff, Jr., head, Division of Purchasing & Services. Joining in the informal celebration are Bob's crew: Mrs. Mary L. Schneider, clerk (rear), Mrs. Simone A. Lewis, varitype operator, and Alfred G. Smith, duplicating equipment operator.



Full page article in Oct. 28 St. Charles Herald on PHU services carried these newspaper photos. From left are Sanitarian Richard J. Anzalone, J.E. Newman, Assoc. Div. Head Sanitarian Services and Dr. Sue Ann Servoss, AMC. In center photo are New Sarpy branch PHU nurse Mrs. Nora M. Dumas and typist clerk, Mrs. Joyce M. Breaud. At right, flanking Dr. Servoss are Mrs. Margaret L. Noble, PHU nurse (left) and Mrs. Gertie M. Fauchaux, typist clerk. Standing at right is Marcel G. Peterson, Vaccination Assistance Program.



Previewing Nutrition films with M.E. Kossack, Health Ed Head (left) were these staff members of N.O. Archdiocese & state Education Dept.

HEDMEG, ATTENDS ASTHO, SURGEON GENERAL MEETINGS

Dr. Andrew Hedmeg, state health officer, attended the annual conference of the Surgeon General, USPHS (Dec. 7) held in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the 1971 meeting of the Assn. of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO).

Highlights included discussions on drug abuse control, health maintenance organization plus remarks by Dr. Merlin K. DuVal, the new assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs.

Banquet speaker was Dr. Melvin Evans, former state health officer, now governor of the Virgin Islands.

Also attending from the state Health Department were Philip W. Howe, director, Bureau of Administrative Services and Bickham C. Pardue, Public Health Program Administrator.

'KING HEROIN IS MY SHEPHERD' SUICIDE NOTE

"King Heroin is my shepherd, I shall always want. He maketh me to lie down in the gutters.

"He leadeth me beside the troubled waters. He destroyeth my soul.

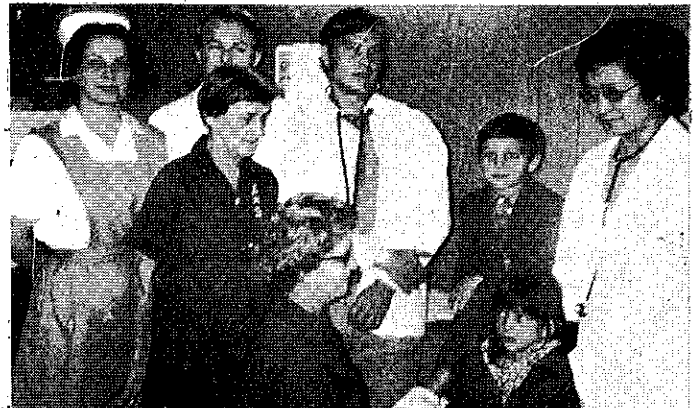
"He leadeth me in the paths of wickedness for the effort's sake.

"Yea, I shall walk through the valley of poverty and will fear all evil for thou, Heroin, art with me.

"Thy Needle and Capsule try to comfort me. Thou strippest the table of groceries in the presence of my family. Thou robbest my head of reason.

"My cup of sorrow runneth over. Surely heroin addiction shall stalk me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Damned forever."

Found in the death car of a 23 year old heroin addict suicide victim.



Serving at the recent screening medical Pediatric Clinic held at the Church Point Health Unit were, left to right, Miss Deanna Floyd, student nurse from the Trade School in Crowley, Miss Lizette Gaudin, PHN, Dr. Andre Guette, Dr. Doug Harris and Dr. Pearl Castor; kneeling, Mrs. G.W. Ducote, P.H. Supervisor, with Ricky Carrier and Regina Lyons, children at the Clinic.



Presenting a silver coffee service wedding gift to Dr. Fried (see "Paired") are l. to r. Josie Wagner, Leola Landor and Barbara Blazio.

Paired

Monica Yates of N.O. and Dr. Gabriel Fried, assistant to the Dir., Bureau of Health Conservation, December 11 at First Unitarian Church, N.O., at 6 p.m.

SYMPATHY

Mrs. Vera Beyer, Personnel Technician 2, Personnel office, and Mrs. Rita T. Alfano, Steno Clerk 2, Jefferson PHU on the death of their brother November 8.

Mrs. Edward B. Chapman on the death of her husband November 21: He was a Sanitarian 1, in the Richland PHU.



Retirement party for Mrs. Gertrude R. Gurley, Maternal & Child Health Typist-Clerk III and Miss Lillian Jeffers, MCH Nursing Consultant, was held Dec. 14. Mrs. Gurley holds one of her gifts. (Miss Jeffers was camera-shy) both plan to retire Dec. 31.



Mrs. Esther Wood, R.N.
(See "Entre Nous")

CREDIT UNION CHRISTMAS CLUB IS INTEREST-ING !

Need cash for next Christmas?

Join the Credit Union's Christmas Savings Club now and your savings check (plus interest) will be mailed to you on November 10, 1972.

You can save by payroll deduction or by check and earn the same interest as other credit union savings accounts.

However, you have to be a member of the credit union to join the savings club.

The only other requirement is that you can't withdraw your money until the first payday in November. But there's no penalty for stopping your payments anytime you want to "freeze" your savings.

All credit union members of your family can open a Christmas account.

entre nous:

Mrs. Juana B. Stanford, typist clerk, quietly rounding out 18 years in the Pierre the Pelican Program on December 4 by taking the day off . . . a noon till noon postgraduate course for physicians on "Pediatric Pulmonary Function and Disease" was held Dec. 9-11 in N.O. with LTRDA as administrative sponsor . . . Mental retardation Program Coordinator Ruth Hofschulte was M.C. for the first "Fall Talent Festival" of the Greater N.O. Assn. for Retarded Children which featured dancing, singing, pantomime, juggling and playing of instruments . . . During the program, Miss Hofschulte said, "Though what the children are doing seems very simple, it takes hours and hours of work, but the pay-off is worth it." . . . health department employees expressed their sympathy to Senator B.B. "Sixty" Rayburn on the death of his father December 1 . . . Avoyelles Easter Seal Chapter was presented "Chapter of the Year Award," at the recent meeting of the Louisiana Easter Seal Society in New Orleans . . . accepting the award was Mrs. Betty Chatelain, president of the Avoyelles Chapter and Avoyelles PHU nurse. Sharing in the citation were Mrs. P.B. Kelone, president of the Avoyelles H.D. Council; Mrs. Eva DeCuir, PHU typist clerk 1; Miss Alma Louise Norman, PHU typist clerk 2 . . . Larry Moran, chairman of the Society's House of Delegates, made the presentation . . . he pointed out that the Avoyelles Chapter had served 146 disabled youths and adults this year . . . a figure representing four percent of the area's disabled population, and a figure far higher than any other local chapter in service to the handicapped . . . TB Consultant Mrs. Theresha Piccione is the first president of the newly formed Acadiana Chapter, American Business Women's Assn. . . In-service meetings held by the Sanitarians (Oct. 2 in Metairie) and Nurses (Nov. 2 in Baton Rouge) of the Southeast Region were well attended . . . Dr. Jaime Castrejon Diaz, rector of the Guerrero State University, was kidnapped by guerrillas in Mexico and held for 13 days until \$200,000 in ransom money was paid is the brother-in-law of Mrs. Marie Nickel, Typist-Clerk in the Central Laboratory. Both Dr. Diaz and his wife, the former Ruby Nickel, are graduates of Tulane University . . . Caddo-Shreveport PHU director Dr. Pattie Van Hook's 14 year son Jim won the coveted Eagle Scout Award December 7 . . . Nov. 12 Lafayette Advertiser had a page 5 story on the record-breaking (attendance 550) . . . SW Regional TB Conference at New Iberia . . . Nov. 14 issue carried a story and picture of Mrs. Josefina M. Gatchalian's visit to Lafayette with Mrs. Wava Mouton, SW Regional Nursing Supervisor playing host . . . our Nursing Convention story in the last Newsletter overlooked Mrs. Esther T. Wood, PHU nurse and Administrator for Plaquemines Parish Health Dept . . . She was elected to the Board of Directors and was named chairman of the Public Health Occupations Forum.

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