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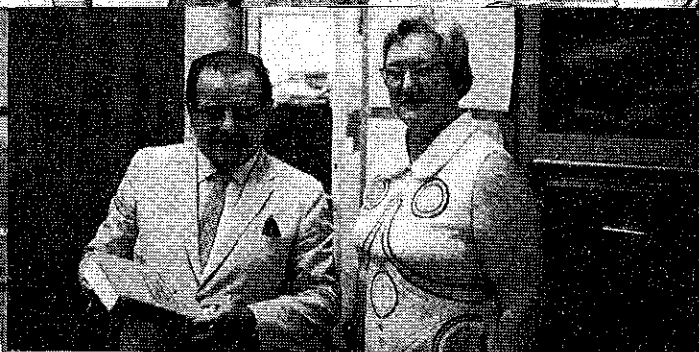
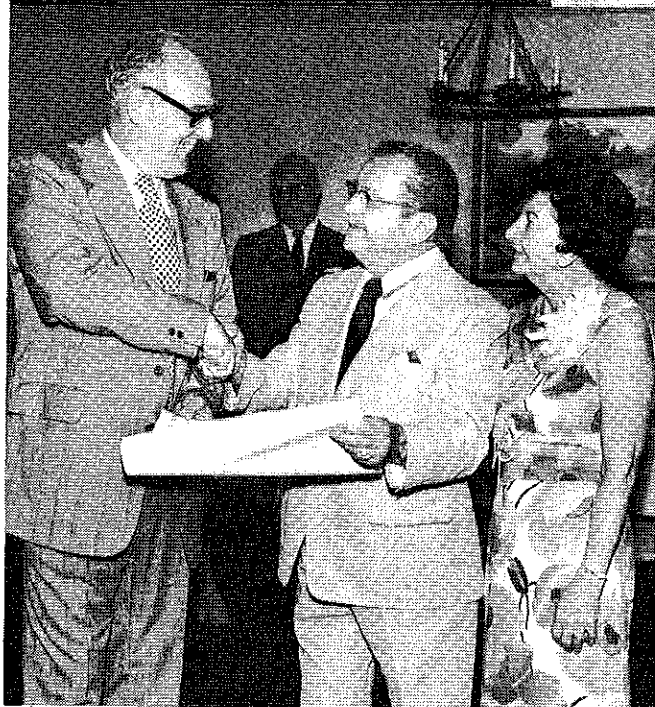
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Top: Among those honoring Dr. Andrew Hedmeg, retiring director of the Division of Health (R), at a reception August 26 at the View Carre Motor Lodge in New Orleans, were longtime friends and colleagues (L-R) Dr. Philip Beckjord, Professor of Public Health Administration, Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine; Dr. Guillermo Vasquez, director, Calcasieu-Lake Charles Health Unit; Dr. George Hauser, director, Division of Laboratories; and Dr. W. Carroll Summer, director, Ouachita Parish Health Unit. Above, State health commissioner Dr. William H. Stewart presents a Certificate of Merit, signed by Gov. Edwin W. Edwards, to Dr. Hedmeg, while Mrs. Hedmeg watches approvingly. Top right: Dr. Hedmeg holds the book "Infant Nutrition" by Dr. Samuel Fomon, a gift to the public health library presented in his honor by Dr. Rose Ann Langham on behalf of the Nutrition Section. The middle and bottom photos were taken at the farewell party given August 29 by Central Office employees for Dr. and Mrs. Hedmeg.



Top left, Dr. Walter E. Hunt (center), area medical consultant to Allen, Beauregard, and Vernon Parish Health Units, is shown on his first visit to the Oakdale branch unit, with Oakdale's mayor and LHHRA Advisory Board member Dr. George B. Mowad (l) and Dr. J. G. Dupree, regional medical consultant. In the center photo, PHN's Glenda Caballero and Tommie Campbell are shown with little Felecia Richardson, the baby they delivered July 3 at the Ouachita Parish Health Unit. At right, Jeanne (Mrs. Bob) Fraas, Med-Soc steno-clerk, is shown at the baby shower given by friends before she went on maternity leave in late August. Bottom left: Kathy Carter, steno-clerk III, joined the TB Section in August. Center photo: Three new members of the Epidemiology Section -- Kathleen Cottier, steno-clerk; Richard N. Greenberg, M.D., EIS Officer, and W. Charles Miller, field epidemiologist. Dr. Greenberg earned his M.D. at Tufts University and was a resident at Indiana Medical Center before PHS assigned him to Louisiana. Miss Cottier transferred from MCH. Miller, a native New Orleanian, got his B.S. and M.P.H. degrees from Tulane. At right, Caroline Vogel Blonde, M.D., M.P.H., recently appointed MCH pediatrician. Dr. Blonde got her medical degree from Albany (N.Y.) Medical College, and her M.P.H. from Harvard. She served as resident in the Nutrition Bureau, New York State Health Dept., resident at Albany County Health Dept., and public health physician, West Central Health District, Georgia. She is co-author of two articles on obesity in growing children, both published in "Postgraduate Medicine." She is married to Lawrence Blonde, M.D.

JAMBALAYA....

Randy Morgan, replacing Robert Hammons as sanitarian, and Arlice Evans, home health aide, are new employees at the Madison Parish Health Unit. . . . Mrs. Florine Hargrove, PHN, Oakdale branch, Allen Parish Health Unit, is back at work after three months off for surgery and convalescence. . . . Ruthie Mann, steno-clerk, Caddo, and husband Irvin, went to Mobile, Ala., to welcome their third grandchild in the Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Eaton family. . . . Debbie Laventhal, EMS coordinator, New Orleans, doesn't teach emergency medical services; she just sets them up. But when she rushed from a restaurant to aid a woman who had fainted on the sidewalk, "somehow I know all the right things to do," Debbie said. (They included riding to the hospital with the patient in the ambulance she'd called, and notifying the woman's relatives.) . . . In her 15 years as program director for the Louisiana Heart Association, Mrs. Sue Govan (who retired July 1) made many friends in public health. We

were all pleased that she received the Seid Hendrix Award for 1974, the highest award of the La. Rehabilitation Assn., especially as she is the first woman so honored. . . . If you're up by 6:30 a.m., and within range of WDSU-TV (Ch. 6) you can see Jefferson Parish Health Unit sanitarians on the Breakfast Edition: Nov. 6, Thomas E. Cochran will discuss "Water and Sewerage;" Dec. 4, Raoul Busquet with J.C. Watson, assistant director of the Bureau of Sanitarian Services, will appear in a wrap-up session. Those who have participated every first Wednesday since April are Michael A. Mitternacht, Frank L. Defess, Jr., Thomas E. Cochran, Barry Blue, Ned Chiro, David Vargas, Michael S. Pollet, Jr. . . . Dr. Mattye Boagni, area medical director for St. James, St. John, and Iberville Parish Health Units, resigned Sept. 6. She plans to re-enter private practice. Marilyn R. Roberts, dictaphone machine operator II, Eye Anomalies, resigned to join the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation program. . . .

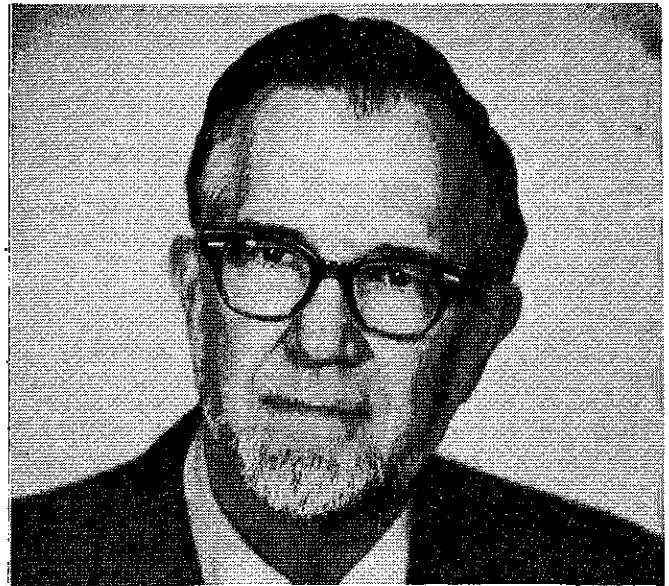
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PH Employees Get Acquainted With Dr. Bruce

Public health employees crowded into the Central Office classroom September 26 to meet their new chief--John M. Bruce, M.D., M.P.H., appointed director and deputy state health officer by Gov. Edwin Edwards. He succeeded Andrew Hedmeg, M.D., M.P.H., who retired September 1.

Many employees had worked with Dr. Bruce from 1953--when he started his public health career as assistant director of the Jefferson Parish Health Unit--until 1967, when he transferred to East Louisiana State Hospital as medical director.

During that period, Dr. Bruce had held several administrative posts--including that of director of the Bureau of Community Health Services, and chief of the Sections of Epidemiology and Chronic Disease and Tuberculosis. The Home Health Services program was started under his administration.



Dr. John M. Bruce, director of the Division of Health.

Guillory Urges 4-Parish United Way Giving

"Fair Share" pledge cards have been distributed by John S. Guillory, head of the Division of Health Education and chairman of THE UNITED WAY campaign for Central Office and health offices in the four-parish Greater New Orleans Area.

"Public health workers have always responded well to appeals for help from the handicapped and underprivileged," Guillory said. "I am confident our people will meet our area goal of \$2,450, to help the 52 United Way agencies."

The "Fair Share" formula: one hour's pay per month for 12 months--which is the same as 6/10 of 1% of income; or \$6.00 per \$1,000 of income.

Pledge your fair share now. The campaign ends October 22.



1975 Heart Fund Leaders



Alton Ochsner, Jr., M.D., (center) New Orleans, cardiovascular surgeon and past president of Louisiana Health Association (LHA), and Lt. Gov. James E. Fitzmorris, Jr., (left) are 1975 State Heart Fund Chairman and Co-Chairman respectively, according to Richard F. Gordon, Jr., (right) 1975 steering committee chairman and Jorge Martinez-Lopez, M.D., LHA president. Statewide goal is \$714,000

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United Way

GREATER NEW ORLEANS AREA
Orleans/Jefferson/St. Bernard/St. Tammany,

HURRICANE CARMEN

Health Workers Help 'Before During and After Hurricane

Public health workers were on duty "before, during, and after" Hurricane Carmen.

"Basically, we experienced no physical damage to public water and sewerage facilities," said Engineering Division director **Charles Bishop**, in mid-week following the hurricane.

He said that about ten facilities suffered electrical power loss, "but were quickly put back on line." Only two--District #6 in the Charenton (St. Mary Parish) area, and Erath (Vermilion Parish) were out for any length of time, and both were quickly restored, he said.

An hourly log, kept by regional engineer John Koury over the hurricane weekend, detailed the cooperative efforts of the engineers, sanitarians, laboratory staffs, water and sewerage plant superintendents, and community officials to assess possible damages and keep facilities operating.

Mrs. Wava Mouton, assistant head for Nursing, Lafayette, reported that nurses in Southwest Louisiana were all on stand-by, and went to the areas where needed.

In St. Bernard Parish, five public health nurses worked in the eight shelters housing 4,000 people. Health unit clerk Mrs. Amy Oetli and her teenage daughter were the sole providers of first aid ("fortunately, not needed") in a school sheltering more than 100 evacuees from nursing homes.

Jefferson's staff reported to the Metairie and Harvey units and by 7 a.m. Saturday, September 7, had been assigned and dispatched to work in some 20 Red Cross shelters, which ultimately registered 3,825 persons. Two sanitarians stayed in Lafitte through the following Monday; three sanitarians assisted the St. Mary Parish staff for four days; another worked four days in Grand Isle where the most damage occurred.

Following the storm, six teams of State and Federal Food and Drug inspectors, led by **Ronald J. Hingle**, assistant head, State Food and Drug Division, and **Charles Scarbrough**, Federal FDA, working with regional and parish sanitarians, visited 251 food, drug, and cosmetic plants in 12 parishes, making 10 seizures, and destroying 28 lots of hurricane-damaged food and drug supplies. The estimated wholesale value of these lots was \$15,000.

Additionally, some establishments voluntarily destroyed adulterated products: 9,000 lbs. of bread in Lafayette; 8,000 lbs. of shrimp in Grand Isle.

Governor Says 'Thanks'

Governor Edwin Edwards expressed "personal thanks" to Commissioner Dr. William H. Stewart and his staff for their actions "before, during, and after" Hurricane Carmen.

The full text of the Governor's letter follows:

"You reflected great credit on the State of Louisiana and this Administration when you acted so promptly and effectively before, during, and after last week's hurricane. I was pleased and proud of you, and it reinforced my belief that we have fine people serving in State Government.

"I am sending this along with my personal thanks with the request that you pass it on to the many people on your staff who so unselfishly gave their time, talents and expertise away from their homes and families to provide yeomen's service to the State and its people."

DR. BRUCE APPOINTS DELCAMBRE



The appointment of Leewood J. Delcambre to succeed the late William G. Gammon as head of the Division of Bedding and Upholstered Furniture in the Bureau of Sanitarian Services was announced October 1 by Dr. John M. Bruce, director of the Division of Health.

Delcambre, 47, was named acting head in August. He had served as assistant head since 1972, after 14 years as a Bedding Control Officer.

Delcambre, who is unmarried, is from Delcambre, La. (between New Iberia and Abbeville). His hobbies are cooking and fishing.

Thanks
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it's working



United Way

Acadia 'Carmen' Effort Cited

WHEREAS, on September 7 & 8 Acadia Parish was threatened, then hit by Hurricane Carmen, characterized by the U. S. Weather Bureau as "extremely dangerous";

AND WHEREAS, the residents of Crowley and Acadia Parish came through it with no loss of life, small loss of property and crops, and relatively little inconvenience;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Crowley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture feels that the Acadia Parish Health Unit provided invaluable services by having nurses alerted and ready to serve Evacuation Centers throughout the emergency;

THEREFORE be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Crowley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, in regular session on September 10, 1974, that the Acadia Parish Health Unit, Mrs. Ruby Reed, Chief Nurse, and the nurses who served be commended for their dedication, skill, and compassionate service through this emergency.

MIKE McBRIDE, President,
Crowley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

"Health of Non-white and Poor Americans" --Theme



102nd ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 20-24, NEW ORLEANS Special Convention Issue

Local Volunteers Ready for 10,000 Registrants

Governors and health officials from three neighboring states will join Louisiana state and New Orleans city officials as honorary chairpersons for the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, according to Mrs. J. B. Hickey, general secretary.

Dr. William H. Stewart, commissioner of the Louisiana Health and Human Resources Administration is chairman. Vice-chairpersons are Dr. Andrew Hedmeg and Dr. Doris Thompson.

Honorary chairpersons, serving with Gov. Edwin W. Edwards and New Orleans mayor Moon Landrieu, are Gov. William L. Waller, Mississippi; Gov. Dale Bumpers, Arkansas; and Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Texas; Dr. Alton B. Cobb, executive officer, Miss. State Health Dept., Dr. John A. Harrel, Arkansas state health officer, and Dr. J. E. Peavy, Texas commissioner of health.

The Louisiana Health and Human Resources Administration is the official host. Co-hosts are Louisiana State Nurses Assn., American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, La. Division, Arthritis Foundation, La. Chapter, National Foundation March of Dimes, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, American Lung Association of La., National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, La. Chapter, La. Heart Assn., New Orleans Council on Aging, La. Assn. for Mental Health, La. State Medical Society, La. Hospital Assn., South La. League for Nursing, New Orleans Area Health Planning Council, Tulane School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, and the Lower 9th Ward Neighborhood Health Center.

Oscar Medrano is chairman of the Committee on Volunteers; Adele L. Watson is co-chairwoman. Committee members are Lexi Lane, Mary Lou Steedley, R. N., Claudia Odom, Dr. Hilda Reynaud, Olga Lawson, Maudie Myrick, R. N., Claudia Bourgeois, Janet Newman, John S. Guillory, Dr. Frank Moore, and Jim Bryant.

Other committees include Transportation, James O. Gettys, chairman; Planning, Dr. Sarah M. Braud and Dr. Hilda Reynaud, co-chairwomen; Local Publicity, Richard A. "Dick" Cousins, chairman, Winston Lill and Betty Hugh, co-chairpersons; Hospitality and Entertainment, W. Findley Raymond, chairman; Rep. John J. Landry, Jr., chairman. Committee members are Ben Fontaine, Noel Brown, Sandy McGarrahan, Lois Crandell, Lexi Lane, Helen Bourgeois, R.N., Jane Blake, R.N., Dorothy Perrault, R.N., Blanche Cook, and Malcolm Martin.

"without loss of leave"

Dr. John M. Bruce, director of the Division of Health, has authorized employees to attend the APHA meeting without loss of annual leave. Travel and lodging were authorized only for persons on budgeted travel, and who are officers or on the APHA program.

Convention Schedule

General Sessions

Opening General Session: Monday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Cesar Chavez, Sargent Shriver, President Lorin E. Kerr. Rivergate, North Hall.

Women and Health: Tuesday, October 22, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Rivergate, North Hall.

Closing General Session: Thursday, October 24, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Rivergate, North Hall.

Awards General Session: Monday, October 21, 8:30 - 11:00 p.m., Marriott Hotel, Mardi Gras E.

Special Sessions

Tuesday, October 22, 11:00 - 12:30 a.m., Rivergate
Wednesday, October 23, 11:00 - 12:30 a.m., Rivergate

Governing Council

Sunday, October 20, 2:00 p.m., Marriott Hotel, Mardi Gras D & E - all Association members welcome

Wednesday, October 23, 11:00 - 12:00 noon.
Election of officers, consideration of resolutions and policy statements, old and new business. Marriott Mardi Gras D & E. Open to Association members.

Open Hearings on Proposed

Policy Statements and Resolutions

Monday, October 21, 2:00 p.m., International Hotel.
Environment Group - Tel Aviv Room
Manpower Group - Tokyo Room
Personal Health Services Group - Haifa Room
Social Factors Group - Rome Room

Icebreaker:

Sunday, October 20, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Rivergate North Hall. All registrants welcome.

SHRIVER, CHAVEZ TO KEYNOTE CONVENTION

Sargent Shriver, former Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and United Farm Workers leader Cesar Chavez will **keynote** the "health of non-white and poor Americans" theme of the **American Public Health Association's 102nd Annual Meeting**, expected to draw some 10,000 health professionals to **New Orleans October 20 - 24**.

The meeting's opening general sessions, Monday morning, October 21, will feature addresses by Chavez on **"Humanizing Medicine,"** and Shriver on **"The War on Poverty: An Evaluation."**

Other general sessions for the meeting include **"Women and Health"** on Tuesday, October 22; the Monday evening awards session, during which the **second annual Rosenhaus Lecture** will be delivered by **James G. Haughton, MD**, Executive Director of the Cook County Health and Hospitals Governing Commission; and **"Health of Non-White and Poor Americans: A Prospective View,"** which will close the conference on Thursday, October 24.

Twelve special sessions scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, October 22 and 23, include panels and detailed reports on specific issues in health of poor and minority populations, such as the projected effects of national health insurance; special disease problems and control efforts; obstacles to efficient data collection on minority health; nutrition; the controversial genocide vs. family planning issue; and many others.

Many of the 200 regular sessions of the meeting will also be dedicated to the theme. **Included in the Tuesday afternoon sessions** will be: "Mental Health of Non-White and Poor Americans;" "Focus on Visual Health Needs of the American Poor;" "Special Occupational Health Problems of the Non-White Population;" "Health Administration Training and Minorities;" and "Minorities and the Social Structure of Health." **Wednesday's sessions** will cover health information systems and minorities, the future of health care of native Americans, and language and cultural barriers to health care. Several sessions also relate to epidemiologic studies of minority populations, minority health manpower, dental health for minorities, and political dimensions of health care for non-white Americans during the post-Nixon era.

Supplementing the general Women and Health forum will be a **Monday 2:00 session** entitled **"Women as Health Professionals,"** a panel on **"Special Mental Health Problems of and Services for Women,"** scheduled for **Wednesday afternoon, October 23**, and a session on **"Women as Consumers of Health Services,"** on **Thursday morning**.

A variety of topics on scientific issues in health other than the minority/poverty questions will also be covered in other meeting segments, including:

- a four-session symposium on international aspects of drug use, with television personality **Art Linkletter;**

APHA Highlights

OVER 100 EXHIBITS

JOB PLACEMENT

NOTED GUEST SPEAKERS

200 SESSIONS:

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

WOMEN AND HEALTH

MINORITY MANPOWER

HEALTH CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

POPULATION CONTROL

OR GENOCIDE?

HEALTH IN CHINA

LEARNING DISABILITIES

HYPERTENSION

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

- several sessions on maternal and child health, discussing "Epidemiology of Perinatal and Childhood Problems" (Monday, 4:00), "The Politics of Maternal Health Care and Family Planning" (Tuesday, 2:00), "Implications of National Health Insurance on Mothers and Children" (Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.), and "Infant Mortality" (Thursday, 9:00 a.m.);
- symposia on learning disabilities (Wednesday, 2:00) and mental health (Sunday, 1:00);
- a panel on "Environment, Politics, and Health" (Thursday, 11:00 a.m.);
- analyses of PSRO issues (Tuesday, 2:00) and the HMO act (Wednesday, 2:00);
- a special preview of a major television experiment in health education by Children's Theatre Workshop (creators of "Sesame Street").

Scientific papers on a variety of more technical subjects in the fields of health and medicine, some relating to the minority and poverty population theme, will also be presented, in sessions sponsored by the Association's 21 special-interest membership Sections.

The traditional APHA exhibit hall, featuring displays of scientific products, publications, and activities will be open to registrants, as will be the combined book exhibit and the job placement center. New to this year's program will be a New Orleans Icebreaker social event planned for Sunday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rivergate Center.

RETIREMENT POLICY CLARIFIED

The Division of Health's policies concerning compulsory retirement at age 65 were outlined by Dr. John M. Bruce, director, in a memorandum dated September 9. The policies are based on Section 572 of Act 135 (1973) and will continue to be in effect "unless changed by law, executive order or administrative policy."

The Act states:

"Any member, except elected officials and department heads appointed and commissioned by the governor, shall be retired upon attaining age sixty-five if the member is eligible for regular retirement. If . . . not eligible for retirement upon attaining age sixty-five, he shall be retired upon attaining regular retirement eligibility. However, the appointing authority may extend the member's employment for periods of one year by certifying that his superior skills and knowledge make his continued employment advantageous to the state."

Accordingly, the Personnel Office will notify each employee 90 days in advance of his/her 65th birthday anniversary, the date on which the employee must apply for immediate retirement.

Letters requesting extension, together with the supervisor's recommendations, must be submitted to the Director of the Division of Health at least 60 days before the mandatory retirement date, and will be answered at least 30 days before that date.

YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION ADDED

A new Division of Youth Services within the Louisiana Health and Human Resources Administration was created by Act 558 of the 1974 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Gov. Edwin Edwards appointed Robert Rochester first director of the new Division. Don Hubbard was named deputy director.

The Division will exercise custody or supervision over children "found delinquent, neglected, or otherwise in need of supervision," and will serve as a research and planning agency.

April 1, 1975 is the target date for the consolidation which must be completed within 90 days thereafter.

Lab Gets Temporary Quarters

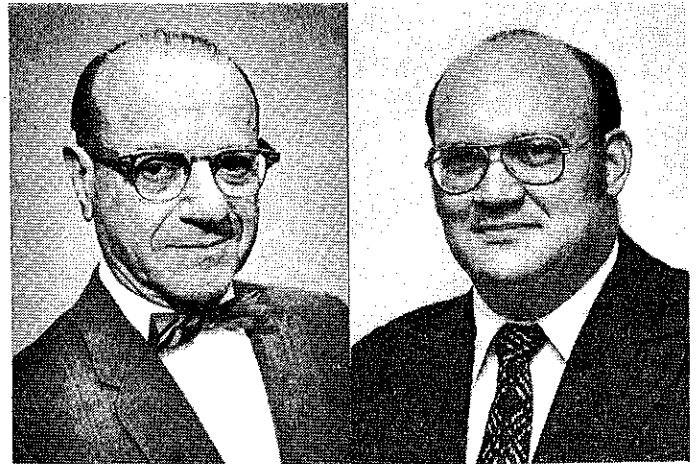
The Lafayette Regional Laboratory, burned out in April, found temporary quarters at 5300 Johnson Street, Lafayette.

The lab's new telephone numbers are 981-1342 and 981-1343.

JAMBALAYA... (Continued from page 2)

"Keeping Up" with the Calcasieu staff: Health Educator Lawrence Estaville's son has completed work toward a Master's degree in Geography at USL; Elmer Dunnehoo was promoted to Sanitarian III, Amilcar Torres to Sanitarian II; Frederic Hermann, a retired U.S. Air Force mechanic, is the health unit's new maintenance man; Mrs. Cynthia Lacombe replaced Mrs. Claudia Hanks (who resigned) as a home health aide in the Handicapped Children's program.

Parker Replaces Ciaccio in Vital Records Bureau



Anthony Ciaccio

Wayne P. Parker

Wayne P. Parker, a New Orleans businessman, became State Registrar and Director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics August 1, succeeding Anthony Ciaccio who has held the position for the past 26 years.

Parker, 31, a native New Orleanian, resides in Harahan with his wife, the former Catherine Houston of New Orleans, and their four children. A graduate of Jesuit High School, N.O., he earned his B. A. at LSU, Baton Rouge. He has completed several hours of graduate work in computer science.

For six years, Parker was an assistant materials manager for Rheem Manufacturing Company, and before that was assistant general manager of J. P. Whittaker, Inc., of New Orleans.

Ciaccio, a 1971 Charles E. Dunbar, Jr., career service award winner, was rehired on contract to assist the new registrar through the transition period.

A strong supporter of the Civil Service Merit System, Ciaccio laid the foundation for the passage of all laws relative to vital statistics since 1948, including an amendment to charge fees for certified copies of vital records, adding over \$320,000 annually to the state budget.

Under his administration more than five million birth and death records registered since 1914 have been preserved on microfilm. He helped to establish the Louisiana Public Health Workers' Credit Union, and served as its first president.

He was instrumental in eliminating Saturday work for public health employees, and changing the monthly payday to biweekly. In the years when only public health workers could join the Louisiana Public Health Association, he boosted membership from 200 to 500.

Dr. Hunt is 3-Parish AMC

Walter E. Hunt, M.D., is the new area medical consultant and director of Allen, Beauregard, and Vernon Parish Health Units.

Dr. Hunt's headquarters is the Calcasieu-Lake Charles Health Unit where he also serves as part-time clinician.



William G. Gammon Dies

William G. Gammon, director of the Bedding and Upholstered Furniture Division, died September 10 at the age of 62.

A Requiem Mass was said for him at St. Henry's Catholic Church in New Orleans, in lieu of a wake or graveside services.

Mr. Gammon had willed his body to the Louisiana State Anatomical Board, Department of Anatomy, Tulane University School of Medicine.

Mr. Gammon joined the health department in 1949 as an inspector.

A native of Lynbrook, N.Y., Mr. Gammon moved to New Orleans in 1933. He worked for the Saenger Theater, Sears Roebuck, and Maison Blanche before establishing his own floor covering business in 1944.

He is survived by his widow, the former Lillian Legnon; three daughters, Mrs. Dennis Heywood and Mrs. Richard Marquez of Metairie, and Susan Gammon of New Orleans; a stepson, Dennis Johnson, also of New Orleans; one brother and two sisters.



Richard A. "Dick" Cousins, on the death of his mother, Genevieve McCurdy Cousins, on August 25.

Family and friends of Mrs. Bonnie Greer Heath, former Calcasieu Health Unit clerk, who died September 2.

Ursula Nathan Retires

Ursula I. Nathan, library technical assistant, retired August 1 after a public health career that began in 1944.

First employed as a custodial worker, Mrs. Nathan became interested in the library, earned a high school diploma through home study to qualify as a Clerk I (library assistant), and after four years of determined effort at night school and as a part-time student at Delgado Junior College, she attained the degree of Associate of Arts in Library Science.

After the retirement of Miss Alecia Kline, Mrs. Nathan took over the full duties of operating the library.

A social gathering in her honor was scheduled for September 20 at Central Office.

Safeguard Oysters--Goal

Public health efforts to safeguard Louisiana's oyster industry have been intensified. The Center for Disease Control is assisting the surveillance program which is aimed at early detection of any new hepatitis involvement of oysters.

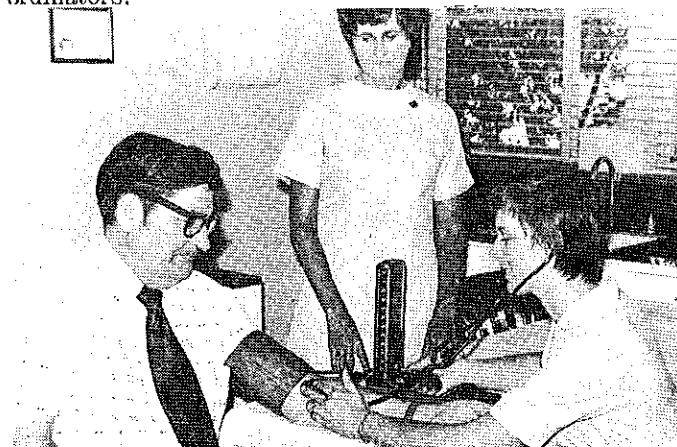
A field epidemiologist, William Charles Miller, Jr., of New Orleans, was employed by the Epidemiology Section in July to track down the source of oysters when associated cases of viral hepatitis are reported. Miller got his B. S. in Biology degree at Tulane University, and his M.P.H. at Tulane's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

In a July 31 memorandum, Dr. John Lewis, head of the Division of Communicable and Preventable Diseases, said there has been no recurrence of the 1973 hepatitis A outbreaks in Texas and Georgia which sources in those states attributed to consumption of Louisiana-grown oysters.

TWO MCH CONSULTANTS NAMED

Miss Georgia Wright and Mrs. Nancy Whittington were appointed maternal and child health nursing consultants in July.

In addition to MCH nursing consultation, Miss Wright will have responsibilities in the Sickle Cell Anemia and EPSDT programs. Mrs. Whittington also will direct nursing activities in the teen-age maternity projects, and give supervision and guidance to hospital nurse coordinators.



PHN Charlene Steele watches Laverne Chance, PHN and president of the Minden Registered Nurses measure the blood pressure of Col. Hank Butler, director of the Minden Chamber of Commerce. Everyone is cooperating with the Louisiana Heart Association's campaign