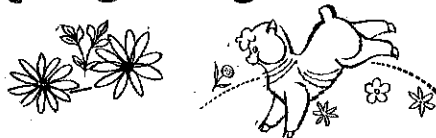


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Retirement System Said 'Secure'

The State Employees Retirement System is secure, assures Robert L. Allen, chairman of the Board of Trustees, in a recent issue of "Retirement Topics." The newsletter said:

- There has been no \$13.5 million loan to the "Westside Twelve," (a firm proposing to develop approximately 12,000 acres of West Baton Rouge Parish land):
- Such a loan will not be made.
- The System has collected a nonrefundable fee of \$405,000 for a commitment letter from the firm, and has continually invested that money since 1973.

It also cited increased employee and survivor benefits since 1964, and said that the System has been systematically eliminating low-yielding municipal and U.S. Government bonds in favor of higher-yielding investments, almost doubling the average yield.

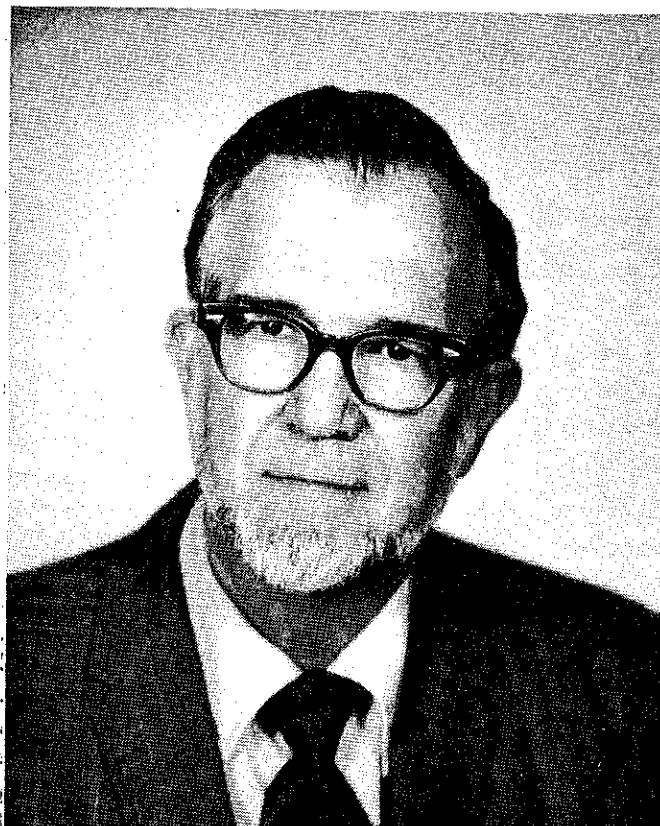
Replying to accusations of "lack of knowledge to make sound investments," the chairman said the past ten-year record "speaks for itself."

Parish Residents Go To School

Citizens of St. Charles Parish were invited to attend a number of free courses at Destrehan High School in April, including two night programs, Total Health Care - - Yours For The Asking, sponsored by the La. Health and Human Resources Administration.

The health care program was presented by John Shirley Guillory, Mrs. Mary Causey, Mrs. Mary Dilts, of the Office of Public Health Education; and Mrs. Joyce Conant, nutritionist.

Topics included programs and services, "Prescription Foods," and venereal disease.



A televised interview with Dr. John M. Bruce, director, Division of Health, will be shown at the New Orleans Graduate Medical Assembly meeting, as one of several programs made to acquaint out-of-state physicians, especially, with outstanding people, facilities, and related resources of the Louisiana medical community. Dr. Ralph Sanchez conducted the interview which was videotaped at the LSU School of Medicine.

41 PUBLIC HEALTH EMPLOYEES COMPLETE 20 YEARS' SERVICE

Mrs. Shirley Hennessey
 Alfred G. Smith
 William Fischer
 Mrs. Elvira T. Durnin
 Mrs. Annie Cannon
 Miss Nell C. Roberts
 Mrs. Patricia Carriere
 Mrs. Dorothy S. Leonardos
 Miss Marie Mildred Daigle
 Dr. Marion Picinich
 Mrs. Ruby Reed
 Mrs. Florine Hargrove

Personnel Technician II
 Duplicating Equip. Op. I
 Electronic Data Proc. Op. II
 PH Lab. Technologist I
 Custodial Worker II
 PH Lab. Technologist IV
 PH Nurse IV
 PH Nurse IV
 Typist Clerk III
 PH Physician III
 PH Nurse III
 PH Nurse I

Personnel Office, New Orleans
 Purchasing & Services, New Orleans
 Data Processing Section, New Orleans
 Amite Milk Laboratory
 Regional Laboratory, Shreveport
 Regional Laboratory, Lake Charles
 Handicapped Children, Opelousas
 Handicapped Children, Baton Rouge
 Handicapped Children, Baton Rouge
 Bureau Comm. Hlth Ser., Port Allen
 Acadia PHU, Crowley
 Allen PHU, Oakdale

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Units Report Birth Records Rush, New Computer, FDA Contract

Following is a brief summary of program activities, based on monthly progress reports by the Division of Health's administrative units to the LHHRA Advisory Board.

VITAL RECORDS reports that preschool registration requests for birth certificates are the heaviest on record.

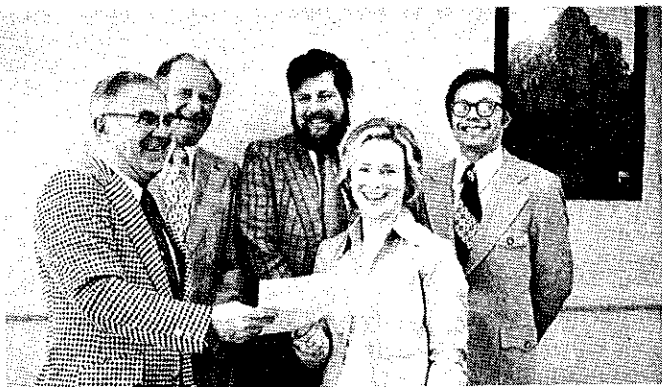
The **OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS** announced that its new data processing system (IBM System 3/Model 15 computer) was successfully installed in March. In the Automated Classification of Medical Entities Program (ACME), all death certificates received during October, 1974, were coded and used for program testing. Data from January, 1975, death records also will be put through the ACME system. Census tract coding of January and February resident birth and death certificates was completed for nine parishes. March certificates were being coded as received.

John Shirley Guillory, **PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION OFFICER**, was elected secretary of the Health Education Advisory Council, an organization formed to implement a new curriculum fostering comprehensive health education in schools.

The **BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES** completed a report on its oyster water survey of the West Delta marshes for 1965-72. The Air Control sampling trailer has been renovated, and will be used in Lake Charles for on-site sampling in connection with a vinyl chloride monomer study.

BUREAU OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, Food and Drug Control Unit, advised oyster fishermen and all certified shellfish shippers of changes in Chapter VI of the State Sanitary Code on harvesting and/or sale of shellfish, and oyster tagging. These revisions are expected to help Louisiana maintain an approved Shellfish Certification Program.

Sanitarian Services reports that a cost reimbursement contract was awarded by the Food and Drug Administration, for Interstate Carriers services, covering all air and bus catering services, all cafes providing food at bus stops, and all watering points for ships. The 20-month contract for \$142,436, will reimburse the Division of Health for services, most of which already are being provided.



Happiness is a new cost-reimbursement contract for interstate travel sanitation services awarded by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Shown are (L-R) Leo W. Spath, Food and Drug Control Unit administrator; Osborn Willis, Sanitarian Services Section chief; Robert Dickerson, director, Federal-State Relations, FDA, and Sandra O'Connor, Division of Contracts and Grants Management, FDA, Washington, D. C., and Joe Perrin, FDA, Dallas.



Clerical personnel of the SE region met at Central Office March 17 in the first of a series of regional inservice training sessions conducted by Wayne Parker, state registrar, and Anthony Ciacco, consultant (top, L-R), Office of Vital Records. Other meetings were scheduled at Lafayette, Alexandria, Bossier, and Monroe.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL SECTION, Epidemiology: A meeting of infectious disease consultants resulted in the recommendation of close surveillance in lieu of chemoprophylaxis for intimate contacts of patients with meningococcal disease. **Venereal Disease Unit** says February marked the 10th successive month in which the number of reported cases of gonorrhea in males was below that for the previous year. **The Tuberculosis Control Unit** announced a cooperative program in the Delhi area to reduce the mini-epidemic of tuberculosis cases reported there last year. **Vaccination Assistance Project** conducted a mass rubella immunization program in Vernon Parish, where cases have occurred among older children. Small mass programs were held in four other parishes to boost poor immunization levels.

BUREAU OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES. The **Eye Anomalies Program** and the Shreveport Area Council on Aging are planning an adult eye screening, diagnostic, and referral program in Caddo and Bossier parishes. The **Nutrition Program** held regional and parish planning meetings to develop implementation for the WIC program in 20 additional parishes, pending approval from the Division of Administration. Some Title V funds may be released for **MCH** and **HCS** services, should the Division of Health's Plan for Implementation of P. L. 96-647 (Title XX) be accepted and funded.

A new ophthalmology clinic opened April 17 in Thibodaux, with Dr. Quentin Falgoust as attending physician. Home visits in the **Home Health Services Program** increased 28 percent during the first five months of 1975, over the same period in 1974. The greatest percentage of increase (32.1%) was in the Medicaid patient category. Program expansion is mostly in the Central and Southern regions.

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Mrs. Carmen Crawford (right), chief clerk, Lincoln Parish Health Unit, was the recipient of the Distinguished Public Servant Award presented by the Ruston Jaycee Jaynes. Donna Waltz (left) made the presentation. (Photo by Ruston Daily Leader)

SYMPATHY

Gerald Cross, 29, Concordia Parish Health Unit sanitarian, died Wednesday, March 12. He was in charge of Teen Club at Vidalia, member of the Concordia Moose Club and the First Christian Church. We express our sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Delores R. Cross of Ferriday; son Todd Gregory Cross, and to his parents, brothers, and colleagues.

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This month's "Good Neighbor Award" goes to Harry Thompson, motion picture projector operator II, Health Education, for saving the life of his neighbor who was suffering a sickle cell crisis. While waiting for an ambulance, Harry administered rescue breathing for fifteen minutes, and later, at the hospital, when the patient's pulse faltered, he again applied "the breath of life" successfully . . . Dr. George H. Hauser, laboratories director, was one of ten physicians honored on Doctors Day by the Women's Auxiliary to the Orleans Parish Medical Society . . . Wayne Parker, state registrar, combined St. Patrick's Day festivities with his own "Happy Birthday" observance . . . Dr. Sarah Braud, director, Lafourche PHU, and Miss Margaret Pitts, nutrition specialist, participated in a Holiday Inn sponsored breakfast meeting keyed to the formation of the Thibodaux Nutrition Council and March-Nutrition Month. Miss Pitts was named to the Council's steering committee . . . Mrs. Andra Ledet, daughter of Dr. Andrew Hedmeg, former state health officer, won second Best in Show award and the first popular citation at the Ft. Lauderdale 1975 Festival of Art . . . Mrs. Nancy Moreau, PH nurse coordinator, was assigned to Lafayette Charity Hospital, replacing Mrs. Doris McCardell . . . Jack H. Deshotels, sanitarian I, replaced Steve Tate at St. Mary PHU, when Steve transferred to Evangeline . . . Archie Burns Doss, sanitarian I, moved from St. Mary PHU to the Caddo-Shreveport Health Unit . . . Mrs. Ruby Reed, nurse supervisor, Acadia PHU, spoke on Home Health Services at the 11th annual convention of the Pelican State Golden Age and Senior Citizens Association meeting in Lafayette, and "did a beau-

Dr. R. Frank Miller Dies

Funeral services were held in Welsh, La., Sunday, March 16, for Dr. Roger Frank Miller, former director of the Jefferson Davis Parish Health Unit.

Dr. Miller, 67, a native of Welsh, had resided in Jennings for the past 35 years.

He earned his M.D. degree at Tulane University and did his internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps, 1942-1946, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Major.

In 1948, while in private practice in Jennings, he was employed as a part-time TB clinician at the parish health unit. He later served as director of the Jefferson Davis and Allen Parish Health Units. He also served as medical consultant for Cameron and Jeff Davis.

Dr. Miller was married to the late Ruth Watson Miller. He is survived by a son, Roger Charles Miller, of Lake Charles, La., and a daughter, Mrs. Earl Mendoza, Jr., of New Orleans, one granddaughter, a brother and a sister.

tiful job," says Mrs. Wava Mouton, assistant chief, nursing services, SW regional office. . . Mrs. Mary E. Causey, SE regional health educator, invited to a high school classroom to present a program on communicable diseases, was interrupted three times by a voice on the intercom (pledge of allegiance, silent prayer, introduction of Mrs. Causey), twice by students (selling school papers and doughnuts), and once more by a teacher who came into the room to dismiss students who had to prepare exhibits. As this all occurred within the first period, we can only hope things settled down soon after . . . Gloom at St. Bernard Parish Health Unit caused by accidents: Stanley Raymond, husband of Rita G. Raymond, R.N., was hospitalized with severe burns suffered in a plant explosion; the husband of Dr. Katsu Oikawa, part-time clinician, was injured in a 26-foot fall . . . Everyone, including Dr. David J. Sencer, Assistant Surgeon General, is proud of Frankie E. Sylvest, Jackson Parish sanitarian II, whose efforts in rabies investigation were described in the July, 1974, Louisiana Monthly Morbidity Report. The report was called to the President's attention by an Alexandria, La., physician. In reply, Dr. Sencer recommended Sylvest's "diligence and persistence" and said, "Your dedication to public health exemplifies the best in public servants. I congratulate you on a job well done." . . . More good news, this from Mrs. Mabel Marie Simon who retired April 1973 as administrator of Handicapped Children's Service at the Calcasieu-Lake Charles Health Unit, and moved to Sun City, Arizona. Mrs. Simon is now working full time at Sun Valley Lodge, a retirement living and health care center.

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Annette McFadden, typist clerk, Pierre the Pelican, married to Bernell Brady, April 5, at Battleground Baptist Church, New Orleans.

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Construction of the new Lafayette laboratory is ahead of schedule and should be ready for occupancy by August, according to the BUREAU OF LABORATORIES.

In the NEW ORLEANS CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT lead poisoning prevention program, blood lead levels in excess of 30 ug% were found in 527 of 1,665 children screened. Five of 121 premises tested had lead-based paint in excess of 0.5% lead on interior surfaces.



Top left: In conjunction with Professional Nurse Week, Mrs. Roberta Herr was elected Public Health Nurse of 1975 for the North-east Region. She is shown receiving a corsage from Dr. W. Carroll Summer, Ouachita Parish Health Unit director. Center: Mrs. Ellyce Goins, Jefferson Parish health educator, receives an audio visual aid kit from Royce Leavell, Pfizer Pharmaceutical Corp. representative who demonstrated audio visual aids and new programs at the health educators' staff conference. At right, Raymond J. Fagot, Sr., Food and Drug Consultant II, in charge of the Office of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. Mr. Fagot graduated from Loyola University School of Pharmacy in 1954, and was employed in hospitals, institutions, retail pharmacies, and the Orleans Parish Prison. He is married and the father of four children. Bottom left: John Shirley Gullory, public health education officer (left), and Dr. Curtis Emery, associate community health educator, LSU, discuss plans for summer workshops. Center: Ouachita Parish Health Unit's new nurses (L-R), Mrs. Margie Short and Mrs. Rose McGowen. Right: Harry Thompson, motion picture projector operator, shown with the mannikin. Smoking Sam at the Dillard University Health Fair.

TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

Mrs. Roma Jean Caldwell
 Jack Boatright
 Charles Gillham
 Elmer Dunneho
 Mrs. Dorothy McClelland
 Cecil R. Ballard
 Dr. Horace Duckenfield
 Derwin L. Dubose
 Charles Cain
 Miss May W. Jean Batiste
 Miss Myrtle Gautreaux
 Mrs. Shirley J. Thompson
 Mrs. Ursial Denney
 Thomas E. Cochran, Jr.
 Michael Pollet
 Mrs. Viola Davis
 Mrs. Roma Grinnell
 Mrs. Nelwyn Mistrot
 Mrs. Louise Rabalais
 Mrs. Mae Jackson
 Miss Marlene Hebert
 Mrs. Bertha Duchene
 Mrs. Bernadette McClelland
 Mrs. Jeanette A. Meaux
 Mrs. Hazel B. Broussard
 Mrs. Dorothy S. Werner
 William B. Carter
 Mrs. Vera D. Thomas
 Lewis M. Carpenter
 Miss Rabie Muriel Reid

PH Nurse I
 Sanitarian II
 Sanitarian II
 Sanitarian III
 PH Nurse I
 Sanitarian II
 Veterinarian II
 Sanitarian I
 Radiologic Tech. I
 PHU Aide
 Typist Clerk II
 PH Nurse II
 PH Nurse IV
 Sanitarian II
 Sanitarian III
 PH Unit Aide
 PH Nurse II
 PH Nurse II
 PH Nurse I
 Typist Clerk I
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 Iberville PHU, Plaquemine
 Jackson PHU, Jonesboro
 Jefferson PHU, Metairie
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 Lafayette PHU, Lafayette
 St. Landry PHU, Opelousas
 St. Landry PHU, Opelousas
 St. Landry PHU, Opelousas
 St. Landry PHU, Sunset
 St. Landry PHU, Opelousas
 St. Tammany PHU, Slidell
 Vermilion PHU, Erath
 Vermilion PHU, Erath
 Vernon PHU, Leesville
 St. Helena PHU, Greensburg
 Webster PHU, Minden
 WBR PHU, Port Allen
 Winn PHU, Winnfield