

EIGHT HEALTH WORKERS RETIRE, JAN. 1 - JUNE 30

NAME	CLASSIFICATION	DATE	LOCATION
Mrs. Yvonne D. Broussard	P. H. Nurse II	1/ 3/75	St. Martin P. H. U.
Albert F. Boyd, Jr.	P. H. Lab. Tech. IV	3/25/75	Lafayette Regional Lab.
Mrs. Helena P. Hennessy	P. H. Nurse I	3/31/75	Lafourche P. H. U.
Willie R. Bourge	Sanitarian II	4/ 4/75	Vermilion P. H. U.
Mrs. Ida M. Holsomback	P. H. Nurse I	5/29/75	Allen P. H. U.
Mrs. Bessie P. Allain	P. H. Nurse I	6/ 2/75	W. Baton Rouge P. H. U.
Mrs. Flora F. Cottingham	P. H. Nurse II	6/30/75	Caldwell P. H. U.
Mrs. Pearl Aaron	P. T. Custodial Worker I	6/30/75	Grant P. H. U.

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Dr. Bruce Opens Workshop in BR

Speaking on "Life and Health," Dr. John M. Bruce, director of the Division of Health, opened the first of three summer workshops in school and community health offered by the Department of Health, Physical and Recreation Education, LSU-Baton Rouge, June 9.

Now in their seventh year, the LSU-sponsored workshops are directed by Dr. Curtis R. Emery, associate professor of health. John Shirley Guillory, public health education officer, Division of Health, and Delmon McNabb, chief of health and physical education, La. State Department of Education, are state coordinators and speakers.

Other Division of Health personnel who are participating in the courses at Baton Rouge, Alexandria, and Shreveport include Dr. Charles Caraway, "Communicable Diseases"; Dr. John Norton, "Dental Health"; Mrs. Beth Reames, "Nutrition in Health"; Dr. Eugene J. Stassi, "Speech and Hearing Disorders"; Don Mullins, "Smoking and Health Programs in Louisiana" and "Venereal Disease"; Dr. Walter J. Laborde and Mrs. Ellen Hoganson, "Health Appraisal"; Mrs. Maudye Myrick, "The Nurse in the School"; and Henry Hutson, "Survival in Man's Environment."

Other public health professionals listed as speakers and consultants are Mrs. Mary Diltz, Miss Sherry LeBlanc, Mrs. Sheridan Kudela, and Douglas Wheelington.

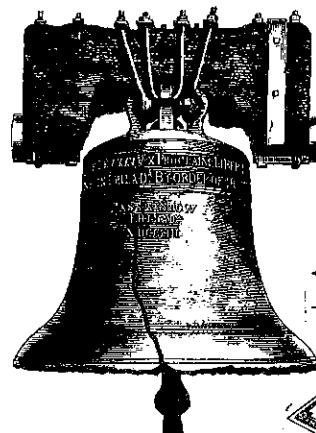
Workshop dates are LSU-Baton Rouge, June 5-July 26; LSU-Alexandria, June 23 - July 11; LSU-Shreveport, July 14 - August 1.

Grant PHU Publishes Annual Report

The Grant Parish Health Unit's 1974 annual report highlights the successful parishwide solid waste program, and resumption of nursing maternity clinics. The Nurse Program also reported it was appointed to the Council for Schoolage Parenthood, to meet the needs of the growing number of teenage parents. The Health Unit budget, from local, state, and federal funds was \$55,072, or \$3.86 per capita.



Answering questions at a health education staff meeting about the LHHRA and the Louisiana Family Planning Program are, left to right, John S. Guillory, Public Health Education Officer; Ben Jeffers, director, Division of Management, LHHRA; and Roland Batiste, director of Health Education, LFPP.



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Dr. H. N. Barnett Dies

Dr. Herbert N. Barnett, 93, director of the Bossier Parish Health Unit for 32 years, died June 5 at his residence in Bossier City.

A native of Enterprise, Tenn., Dr. Barnett had lived in Bossier since August 1937, when he became director of the health unit. He retired in August 1969.

He was an Army veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Dr. Barnett is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Cullen of Austin, Tex., two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

JAMBALAYA....

Jack Nicklaus and Judy Rankin aren't eligible, but full-time state employees, retirees, and their guests may enter the **La. State Employees Annual Open Golf Tournament**, July 27, at Howell Park Golf Course in Baton Rouge. July 15 is the deadline for entries; the number of entrants is limited to 120. The event includes prizes and a jambalaya supper. For information call **Ferdinand Theriot**, 389-5749, or **Lorrie Henslee**, 389-6794 (La. Dept. of Highways). . . . Loreauville Junior School students learned about the democratic election process by practicing it: their candidate for president of the State Beta Club was elected on the first ballot. He's **Terrell Dressel**, 13, son of **Mrs. Juliette Dressel**, nurse supervisor for St. Martin Parish Health Unit. The 8th grader's election climaxes a six months' campaign by his supporters who raised \$900 in campaign expenses. . . . Following funeral services for the late **Dr. H. N. Barnett**, **Dr. W. Carroll Summer**, Ouachita Parish Health Unit director, and friends stopped at the Holiday Inn in Bossier City. "We were struck by the wording on the marquee: "May God be with you till we meet again." Dr. Barnett was a good friend of the manager, so I feel sure this was put up in his memory." Dr. Summer said. . . . **Thyria (Mrs. Bill) Broussard**, Health Education secretary, an expert on African violets, is teaching the difficult skill to **Lynne Cottier**, pamphlet librarian, and **Debra Gostl**, typist clerk II; the three plant enthusiasts also have repotted and otherwise improved most of the greenery in the State Office Building in New Orleans.

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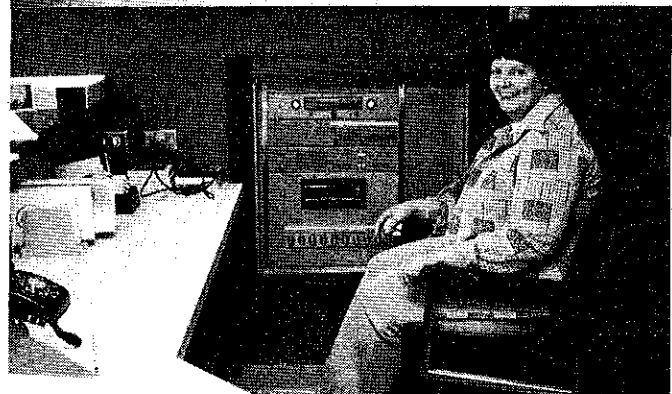
Rebecca Fontenot (daughter of **Mrs. Virginia Fontenot**, Special Health Educator, Northern Regional Office) and **Mark Preston Rinehart**, May 30, at **Claiborne Baptist Church, Monroe.**

Contracts Must Have Civil Rights, EEO Assurance Statements

Effective June 11, all new and renewal contracts must contain assurance statements of Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunity, In a memorandum of that date, Dr. John M. Bruce, Division of Health director, told the Division's budget units that the statements should be included "as an appropriate section within the body of the contract" and should state:

" HEREBY AGREES that he/she will render service without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, age or sex, in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Pub. Law 88-352, Section 601. "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

"Pursuant to the Executive Order 11246 as amended, you are advised that under the provisions of government contracting and in accordance with the Executive Orders, contractors and subcontractors are obliged to take affirmative action to provide equal employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, age or sex."



Two views of the new "Concordia Parish Public Health Center": top, left to right, **Little M. Johnson**, home health aide; **Carolyn Lushute**, typist clerk II; **Louise D. Milby**, PHN I; bottom, **Carlyn Lushute** tries out the unit's borrowed furniture. New furniture had been ordered but not delivered when the staff moved into its new quarters.

Concordia PHU Has New Home

The Concordia Parish Health Unit moved into its new building in Ferriday, La., in May.

The 3,228 sq. ft. unit, built at a cost of \$148,714, includes three nursing offices, one sanitarian office, the director's office, two examining rooms, a kitchen, X-ray room, and dressing rooms.

The official opening date will be announced after the unit's new furniture is delivered.



Dr. Theodore Drapanas, chairman of the department of surgery at Tulane Medical School and a cardiac surgeon associated with the Handicapped Children Program, was a victim of the Eastern jet liner crash in New York June 24.

LIBRARY AMALGAMATION COMPLETED ON TIME

Where have all the old books gone?

Forty shelves of historical material from the Division of Health's library were accepted by the University of Texas at Dallas, where a new medical library has just been completed.

"Dallas is headquarters for the TALON (South Central Regional Medical Library) Program, of which Louisiana is a member, and will provide any items on demand to us," said John P. Ische', director of the LSU Medical Center's Division of Libraries. Ische', who was responsible for the disposition of the library materials, said that no medical library in Louisiana had space for the historical collection.

Amalgamation of the library, requested in November, 1974, was completed April 30.

"Every effort was expended to see to it that every volume and book was checked and that just about each one was put to good use in a Louisiana library," Ische' said.

The LSU Medical Center, New Orleans, took 100 cartons of medical titles; the Shreveport Center, 77 cartons. Nineteen other Louisiana libraries, and Mercer University, Macon, Ga., each took one or more cartons of materials.

The LSU Medical Center's Division of Libraries will provide services to public health personnel. Those located above Alexandria should use the library in Shreveport; those below Alexandria should call, write, or visit the medical center library in New Orleans. The Division of Libraries is affiliated with city, state, regional, and national networks, offering a broad scope of services to the medical community.



LSU Medical Center librarians came to Central Office June 16 to report on the library merger and explain their services. Front row, left to right, John P. Ische', director, Division of Libraries; Mary King Gammage, reference librarian; Ann McComber, associate librarian. Back row: Dr. Ben Freedman, former administrator of the public health library; Harry Heisdon, HCS administrator; Donald D'Antoni, associate administrator, Home Health Services.

Dr. Lewis Outlines Procedure For Quick Consumer Complaint Action

Dr. John A. Lewis, head of the Bureau of Personal Health Services, has notified Division of Health personnel about LHHRA procedures for handling Long Term Care consumer complaints.

His memorandum of June 16 quotes the policy stated by Dr. William H. Stewart, LHHRA Commissioner: "All complaints will be acted upon as expeditiously as possible. It is expected that all complaints will be acted upon within 30 days but shall not exceed 60 days." The procedure is as follows:

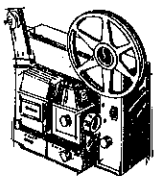
"Complaints regarding Long Term Care should be sent to the Office of Medical Services Policy and Planning, attn: Sister Michael Sibille, DC, Louisiana Health and Human Resources Administration, P. O. Box 44215, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804. If acknowledged, a copy of the acknowledgement should accompany the complaint. Whether the complainant wishes to remain anonymous should be made clear in all correspondence. If telephone complaints are received the complainant should be requested to put his complaint in writing."

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Born to Jean W. Gaspard, typist clerk III, Acadia, and husband Robert, their fourth child, a son, Alan Paul, 9 lb., 15½ oz., March 28.

Born to Carol R. Hayes, typist clerk II, Acadia, and husband Jim, their third child, first son, Cory James, 6 lb., 12½ oz., April 12.

Born to Rosslyn Moore, PHN, Acadia, and husband Cecil, their second daughter, Lisa Renee, 7 lb., 2½ oz., May 6.



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AUG. 1 - 31.

FDA BANS SMALL TURTLE SHIPMENT

U. S. Food and Drug Administration regulations, effective June 23, ban the sale and distribution of small turtles throughout the United States in intra- and inter-state commerce.

The regulations state, in part, that "viable turtle eggs or live turtles with a carapace length of less than 4 inches which are held for sale or offered for any other type of commercial or public distribution shall be subject to destruction in a humane manner by or under the supervision of an officer or employee of the Food and Drug Administration."

Health workers were notified of the new regulations in a memorandum from Dr. Charles T. Caraway, chief, Communicable Disease Control Section.

An Associated Press article said "the restrictions affect only Louisiana, the only state now growing and shipping pet turtles to other parts of the state." (sic)

The ban was imposed on the grounds that the turtles could carry salmonella, an infectious organism that can cause upset stomach and other serious medical problems. Earlier, the FDA required that the turtles be checked for salmonella and other bacteria when shipped.



Mrs. Ernie Helen Atkins has been appointed Statistical Officer, Office of Public Health Statistics. At right, Antoinette Winstel, dict. machine op., HCS, Central Office, displays the colorful mushroom crewel work she completed in six weeks.



James F. Coerver, head of the Bureau of Environmental Services, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in April. Given for "meritorious achievement," the Commendation cited Lieut. Colonel Coerver for "exemplary service as an Instructor with the Command and General Staff Department, 4152d United States Army Reserve School, New Orleans."



THIBODAUX IS LEHA PRESIDENT

Horace J. Thibodaux, R.S., chief sanitarian, Terrebonne Parish, was elected president of the Louisiana Environmental Health Association at the organization's 1975 conference in Lafayette.

Other officers elected were president-elect, Frank L. Dautriel, R.S., M.S., supervisor, Orleans Parish Sanitarian Services; Victor Monsour, R.S., Ph.D., head, Department of Microbiology, McNeese State University, Lake Charles; secretary, Kenneth L. Copes, R.S., M.P.H., assistant professor, Department of Environmental Health, Delgado Junior College, New Orleans; treasurer, Ben Potier, R.S., M.S., chief sanitarian, St. Mary Parish.

Inservice Training Starts at Hotel Dieu

Health educators, sanitarians, and nutritionists are cooperating in presenting a training course, June-October, for 40 dietary personnel at Hotel Dieu in New Orleans.

Course subjects will include health services, sanitation, nutrition, personal hygiene, kitchen safety, and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, according to Mrs. Mary S. Dilts, area health educator, who is coordinating the program.



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Progress Report

Oyster Harvesting Resumed; La. VD Morbidity Declines

About one-third of the oyster harvesting areas closed April 22 in Plaquemines Parish because of "Mississippi floodwater intrusion were reopened June 6.

The Air Quality Section has received calibration equipment and no longer needs to send continuous monitor equipment to the EPA center for calibration.

The Environmental Protection Agency allocated \$71.7 million to Louisiana for municipal treatment facility construction for FY 1976.

The Civil Defense and National Disaster Section conducted a survey to determine location and service dates on radiation monitoring equipment in health units. A packaged disaster hospital will be transferred from Acadia Parish (at the request of the Parish Civil Defense Office) to New Iberia.

Analysis of the Tuberculosis Control Unit's 1974 activities shows a 34.7 percent tuberculin reactor rate among household contacts to active cases. Among every 1,000 household contacts examined, 26.01 new active cases were discovered.

Reported Venereal Disease morbidity is declining in Louisiana. Comparisons for April 1974 and April 1975 show a 31 percent decrease in the number of early syphilis cases, and a 7 percent decrease for gonorrhea. April, 1975, marked the fourth successive month during which female gonorrhea morbidity exceeded male morbidity. This reversal of the male-female ratio indicates a successful program.

The Home Health Services Program was surveyed in May by the Licensing and Certification Section of the Division of Management, and found to be in compliance with all conditions necessary for continued participation in Medicare and Medicaid programs.

The Amite Milk Laboratory has been recertified for three years.

Health Officials Commend Jurors

State health officials have approved a new parishwide solid waste collection and disposal system, effective August 1, in Assumption Parish.

Dr. John M. Bruce, director of the Division of Health, Louisiana Health and Human Resources Administration, called it "a major step in abating air, stream, and land pollution in the parish." He said that the Assumption Parish Police Jury's action would result in "immediate improvement of the environment, and reduce the risk of disease outbreaks."

Cecil V. Allen, of the Division's Section of Solid Waste and Vector Control, also commended Police Jury President P. J. Daze, Jr., and the other jurors for "working out a satisfactory system at reasonable cost."

Open dumping and burning, a longtime practice in the parish, violated State and Federal codes, Allen said.

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Miss Pam Odom, steno-clerk II, Northern Regional Office, to Terry Hicks on May 23.