



Top left: Anthony Ciaccio, vital records consultant, displays a plaque he received "in appreciation for unselfish and untiring efforts in behalf of the La. Clerks of Court Association." Center: Looking at health education materials in an orientation class are, standing, left-right: Charles DeGraw, PH advisor, TB Control Unit; Marguerite Pitts, area nutritionist; Martha Clark, University of Tennessee student; seated: Linda Gant, PH nutritionist, Jefferson; Martha Givens, University of Tennessee student; Joyce Conant, area nutritionist; Irene Findorff, PH nutritionist and mass media coordinator. At right: John Shirley Guillory, public health education officer, with the plaque presented by Consolidated Companies Inc. of New Orleans "in appreciation for . . . valuable assistance to the food warehouse sanitation training workshop" held in Baton Rouge for food warehouse managers and employees. Bottom: Minden's Mayor, J. E. "Pat" Patterson, visited Webster Parish Health Unit to issue a proclamation for Professional Nurses Week written by LaVerne Chance, PHN, (left) reporter and past-president of the Registered Nurses Association. Other officers shown are Dorothy Cross, secretary; Gloria Blackwell, president; Charlene Steele, PHN, vice president, and Avis Greer, treasurer.

UNITS PLAN WORKSHOPS, TRAINING SESSIONS

The following brief "progress" reports are for the month ending April 15.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION: Health Education will be added to the Delgado College curriculum in September. A series of VD programs, sponsored by the Jaycees, will be presented in East Feliciana Parish schools.

SANITARIAN SERVICES is planning a Food Protection training program, in cooperation with the Dallas Regional Office FDA Training Facility, to be held in New Orleans in September for some forty sanitarians.

The Advisory Board to the Joint Legislative Committee on Health and Welfare, of which Mr. Leo Spath, the **FOOD AND DRUG CONTROL UNIT'S** administrator, is a member, recommended legislation that would give the Division of Health authority to regulate household products other than food, drugs, and cosmetics.

MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS UNIT has started on the annual milk sanitation ratings for Interstate Milk Shippers' certification. (Now on the approved list are 26 plants and 1480 producers.)

Mr. J. C. Watson, chief of the **CIVIL DEFENSE and NATIONAL DISASTERS SECTION**, and other CD officials toured Concordia, Catahoula, Rapides, and Avoyelles parishes to assess problems in housing, sanitation, etc., resulting from flood waters.

EPIDEMIOLOGY UNIT investigated an outbreak of staphylococcal food poisoning in Terrebonne Parish. Sandwiches prepared from boiled, ground shrimp, and stored at room temperature overnight, were incriminated as the offending food.

THE VACCINATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM administered 250 doses of vaccine in West Feliciana Parish,

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Rosary Hargroder, steno clerk, and William G. Gresham, CDI, VD Control Unit, toast Robert B. Emerson, PH Advisor, before his departure to Lucknow, India, on a 3-month assignment with the WHO smallpox eradication program.

TRAINING

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300 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and poliomyelitis vaccine at a health fair in New Orleans, and 270 doses of vaccine to parochial school children in Lafayette.

THE TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL UNIT completed its special investigation and clinic at Delhi. Skin tests were administered to family members and associates of school converters, and X-rays were taken. Six films were interpreted "suspicious of tuberculosis." (Sputum tests were pending on these.) Only one of the six relates directly to one family of positive converters found in Delhi schools. No direct, conclusive source for the Delhi tuberculosis problem has been identified.

All VD casefinding staff in the **VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL UNIT** have completed the USPHS course in syphilis epidemiology. Baton Rouge and Monroe districts have installed a new, improved, filing system for interview records. Programs for follow-up of Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID) cases in charity hospitals are being initiated at Confederate Memorial Medical Center and Lafayette.

NEW ORLEANS CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT made plans for hypertension screening of all City Hall employees, in observance of National High Blood Pressure Month. A Dental Bus, converted from an old Tuberculosis Bus, will be operational this summer. Construction is proceeding on a new health center, expected to be completed by August.

THE NUTRITION PROGRAM is awaiting (May 5) authorization from the Division of Administration for expansion of the WIC program into 20 additional parishes. A June workshop in nutritional needs of the elderly is in the planning stage, as is the third in a series of workshops on program planning-evaluation.

HOME HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM reports that Cameron Parish was recertified for participation in Medicare and Medicaid programs. Forty-five parishes are now certified. The number of patients admitted to the program increased by 27 percent in the first seven months of FY 1975. Home visits increased 40 percent. The number of non-reimbursable patients, generally about 50 percent of the caseload, decreased to 20 percent.

THE CHEMISTRY LABORATORY is working up a cost analysis for determination of drinking water to comply with EPA regulations. No deviations from approved techniques in method or performance were found in a survey of the **MILK LABORATORY**. (Evaluation for certification is done every three years.) **The LAKE CHARLES REGIONAL LABORATORY** participated in a shellfish proficiency evaluation program - an excellent means of checking individual performance and quality control on media.

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Dr. Guillermo Vasquez, Calcasieu-Lake Charles Health Unit director, was appointed "Honored Citizen" by the City of Lake Charles for "38 years of service to the community" . . . **Dr. Sarah Braud**, director of the Lafourche Parish Health Unit, also honored for outstanding community service by the Thibodeaux Memorial VFW Post 5097 . . . No giraffes or elephants, please: Jefferson PHU said its antirabies vaccination clinics were for dogs and cats only . . . Livingston Parish scheduled dog vaccination clinics at 19 sites . . . **James Bryant**, Jefferson health educator, was chosen as an organization representative to the parish school system's Emergency School Aid Act advisory committee . . . **Dr. John M. Bruce**, director, Division of Health, was commissioned an officer of the Food and Drug Administration . . . **Miss Nell Roberts**, administrator, Lake Charles Regional Lab., presented a paper on the crayfish industry to the La. Environmental Health Convention in Lafayette, and was invited to co-chair the microbiology task force meeting at the National Shellfish Sanitation Program workshop convention in Charleston, S. C. . . . **Robert Emerson**, PH Advisor, VD Unit, departed May 6 on a 3-month assignment with the WHO smallpox eradication program; **Dr. Richard Greenberg**, EIS Officer, has returned from his assignment in Bangladesh; and **David Raines**, PH Advisor, New Orleans Health Dept., is scheduled to return from similar duty in June . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Bickham C. Pardue**, assistant director for administrative services, convalescing from surgery in April. . . . **Mrs. Emily Naquin** (retired public health nurse), Lafayette, was honored by the American Association of Retired Persons in observance of Americans Month. "Miss Emmy" continues to be active in national and community efforts.

SYMPATHY

Miss Polly (Annie Louise) Thorpe, clinical social worker, Medical Social Services, New Orleans, death of father, Saturday, May 10.

Mrs. Claudia Bourgeois, steno-clerk II, Lafourche Parish Health Unit, death of sister-in-law, March 23.

Mrs. Eugenia W. Vaughn, PH lab. technician, Amite Milk Laboratory, Amite, death of father, H. S. Ward, of Pineville, La.

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Darlene Bauer, clerk-typist, Central Laboratory, and Terry Steele, married April 25 at St. Raphael's in New Orleans.

Mary Ann Zibilich, steno-clerk III, Occupational Health, and Pero Cibilic, New Orleans (formerly of Yugoslavia), Saturday, May 17, at St. Joseph's Church in New Orleans.

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Born to Bobby and Mitzi Hession (she is a public health nurse), Vermilion Parish Health Unit, their firstborn daughter, Laurie, 5 lb., 4 1/4 oz., February 17.

Ray and Louise McDonald are proud parents of their first child, a daughter, Louraiseal Deshon, 6 lb., born April 1. Ray is a sanitarian with the Caddo Health Unit; Louise is an assistant Home Economics agent for Caddo Parish.



New officers elected at the L P H A annual meeting are (left-right) Clifford Murphy, second vice-president; H. Joe Osborn, treasurer; Mrs. Maudye Myrick, R. N., president; W. Findley Raymond, secretary-president elect; and Miss Nell Roberts, first vice-president.

la. health association elects officers

Mrs. Maudye Myrick, R.N., Baton Rouge, new president of the Louisiana Public Health Association, announced that the 1976 annual meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Corporate Square, Baton Rouge, in mid-April.

Other officers elected at the meeting in Shreveport, April 24, were Clifton Murphy, Baton Rouge, second vice-president; Miss Nell Roberts, Lake Charles, first vice-president; H. Joe Osborn, New Orleans, treasurer; and W. Findley Raymond, New Orleans, secretary-president elect.

Section officers for 1975-76 follow:

Laboratory: Gloria Lesh, chairman; Nell Roberts, vice-chairman; Billie Monsour, secretary, all of Lake Charles.

Sanitarians: Larry Fitzgerald, Monroe, chairman; Donnie McDonald, Vidalia, vice-chairman; Glynn Shelton, Shreveport, secretary.

Environmental Engineering: Perry Watson, Monroe, chairman; Atley Brasher, New Orleans, vice-chairman; Vernon Parker, New Orleans, secretary.

Public Health Physicians: Dr. James Dupree, Bunkie, chairman; Dr. Charles Caraway, New Orleans, vice-chairman; Dr. John Lewis, New Orleans, secretary.

Clerical: Claudia Bourgeois, Thibodaux, chairman; Judith Quirk, Lafayette, vice-chairman; Cindy Morse, Lake Charles, secretary.

Health Education and Special Services: Monroe Penrod, Alexandria, chairman; Don Mullins, Ruston, vice-chairman; Ann Gresham, Mandeville, secretary.

Social Work: Adine C. Owen, Alexandria, chairman; Doris E. Rollins, Lafayette, vice-chairman; Larry Badeaux, New Orleans, secretary.

Nursing: Careece Perritt, Minden, chairman; Sue Bennett, Monroe, vice-chairman; Patricia Carrier, Lafayette, secretary.

"Health for Children: Our Legacy to Tomorrow" was the theme of the 1975 meeting. Dr. William H. Stewart, LHHRA Commissioner and State Health Officer, reported on the State Health Program.

Other principal speakers were Dr. Donna O'Hare, Director of Maternal and Child Health Services, HEW; Dr. Bettina C. Hilman, professor of pediatrics, LSU Medical Center, Shreveport; and Dr. Nancy Haslett, assistant professor of psychiatry, LSU Medical Center, New Orleans.



Wearing corsages presented by Natchitoches Parish nurses in recognition of National Secretary Week are health unit clerks (left-right) Elizabeth Gilcrease, Mildred Mills, Janice Scott, and Floribel Menou.

LPHA AWARDS



Top left: Dr. Walter J. Laborde, administrator, Eye Anomalies Program, presents the Dr. Felix Formento Memorial Award to Dr. James H. Allen, former chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology, Tulane University Medical School; right: Dr. Harold H. Harms, Ruston, receives the Axson-Choppin Award from Mrs. June J. Moore, PHN, Lincoln Parish Health Unit; center: Mrs. June Moore was presented the Agnes Morris Memorial Award by Miss Shirley Angele, assistant head, Nursing, Northern Regional Office; bottom left: Mrs. Odelle F. Roddy, Houston, Tex., presents the Dr. C. B. White Memorial Award to William F. Roy, supervisor, VD Control Unit; right: Mrs. Catherine Johnson, clerk IV, Vital Statistics Office, accepts the Velma P. Brusse Award from Dr. John M. Bruce, director, Division of Health.

