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COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

BECAUSE WE CARE . . .





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MR. CITIZEN:

This is a report about people.

The CCDPH is a department of people, whose primary concern is the health and well-being of every individual, family and community that lies within its jurisdiction.

It is a group of highly skilled professional and clerical personnel, working as a team, striving to provide a high quality of public health services to an ever increasing population whose urgent needs and demands for health services are a constant challenge.

Eighty-eight per cent of the people who live in suburban Cook County reside within the boundaries of the CCDPH. More than 1,910,000 persons are served in an area of 735 square miles, including some 114 municipalities . . . a booming complex of cities, towns, villages, unincorporated communities, and more or less isolated homes and farms.

The annual budget represents an investment of about 55 cents per person per year. Its operations are paid for largely by taxes, not ear-marked for public health, but out of the corporate fund of Cook County, supplemented by a grant from state-federal funds.

Physicians, nurses, dentists, nutritionists, public health educators, sanitary engineers, sanitarians and clerks, unite their skills and knowledge in order to carry out service programs designed to Prevent Disease, Prolong Life and Improve the Health of the Public.

Service programs designed to meet the needs of the total population include infant care, maternal and child health, communicable disease control, public health nursing, chronic illness and aging, school health, environmental sanitation, nutrition, health education, dental health, and vital statistics.

But—within each broad program are those special services, tailored to meet the unique needs of the individual and his family . . .

BECAUSE WE CARE!

WE PLAN . . .

Planning is a continuous and ongoing process for developing and maintaining quality community health services. It is a mechanism used within the health department staff, and cooperatively with community organizations in order to identify health problems, define health needs and determine realistic courses of action.



The focus was on techniques of investigation at this planning meeting.



A briefing session— all public health disciplines are involved in planning for coordination and delivery of health services.



Nursing home administrator reviews construction plans with health department consultant team, public health nurse, sanitarian, and nutritionist.

Sanitarians and sanitary engineers keep up-to-date on trends and newer developments in environmental health.



WE GIVE NURSING CARE . . .

Nursing care, under medical direction, is provided to families in their homes by public health and registered nurses.



Changing the dressing for a bedridden patient.



Instructing the patient in proper use of the walker.



Helping the patient to use an artificial hand.



Adjusting the long leg brace to help the patient relearn to walk.

Teaching the father the special skills required to feed his child with an external stomach tube.

WE PROVIDE CLINIC SERVICES . . .

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

Vision and hearing conservation programs are part of the school health program. A trained technician conducts screening tests to identify children in need of professional care.



Nurse volunteers assist CCDPH staff in preparing for the clinic.

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Immunization clinics for protection against communicable disease are held monthly in each district area for families unable to afford the services of a private physician.



Public health nurse discusses with the mother the immunizations her children need.



Technician demonstrates vision screening equipment to summer nursery school children prior to testing.

OTOLOGIC CLINIC

A medical diagnostic examination in the CCDPH Otologic Clinic is available for every child failing the hearing screening test.



Public health nurse arranging the instruments used by the physician in the hearing diagnostic clinic.

CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCE

The child health conference is a combined education and health service planned for the protection and promotion of the health of well young children, and to teach parents some of the fundamentals of child care.



The community volunteer, under the supervision of the public health nurse, weighs baby before medical examination.

MATERNAL CLINIC

Services in the maternal clinic include examination of the expectant mother early in pregnancy, plan for delivery and care of the newborn infant, nutrition instruction, health teaching, and medical supervision throughout pregnancy.



As part of the physical examination the public health nurse takes blood pressure recordings.

DENTAL CLINIC

Dental services, located in mobile units and permanent facilities in health centers and schools, provide treatment for children under 16 years of age whose parents cannot afford private dental care.



Dentist examines teeth of a school child.

WE TEACH ...



A demonstration baby bath by the public health nurse helps the mother to develop confidence and security in the care of her new baby.



The nurse explains to the mother the importance of completing the series of immunizations, and makes an appointment for a return visit to the clinic.



The public is alerted to the hazards of accidental poisoning.



Pre-school children are taught dental hygiene.

Nutrition service includes teaching and discussion of diabetic and other modified diets with people of all ages.



WE REGISTER BIRTHS AND DEATHS...



Copies of all vital records are made for the files of the health department as well as for the Cook County Clerk.

WE GIVE CONSULTATION TO NURSING HOMES,
HOMES FOR THE AGED,
SHELTERED CARE,
AND EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES . . .

The consultants for the health department are
physicians, nurses, engineers, sanitarians, and nutritionists.



Outdoor activity encouraged.



Shoulder wheel used to restore activity.



Learning to walk again.



Observing food service line.



Installation check that the grab bar is safe and secure.



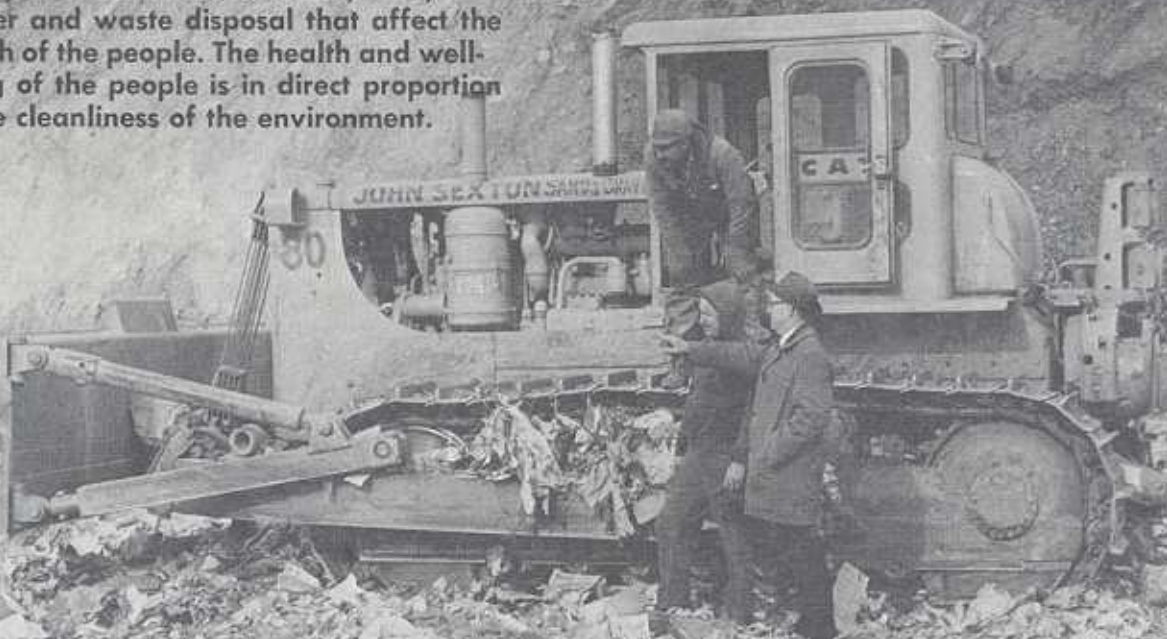
Blanket carry in case of fire.



Recreation becomes therapy for a weakened hand.

WE INSPECT AND LICENSE . . .

Environmental health is the science of control of such factors as water, food, shelter and waste disposal that affect the health of the people. The health and well-being of the people is in direct proportion to the cleanliness of the environment.



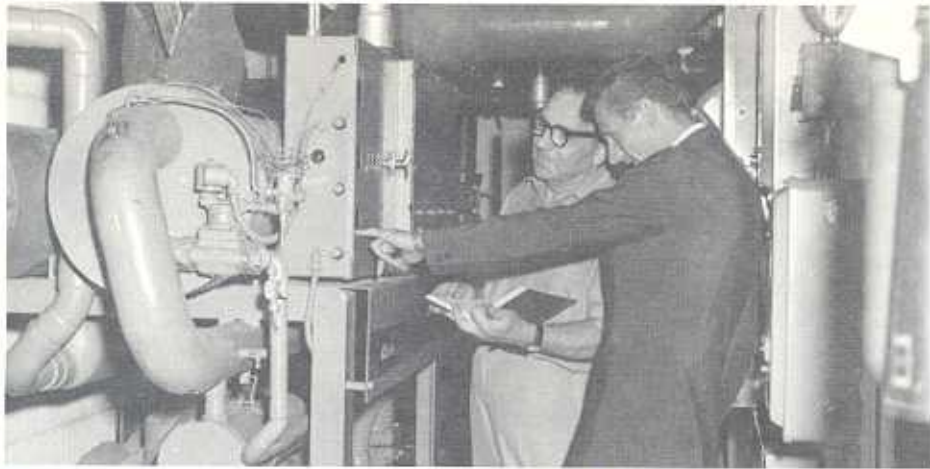
Solid waste disposal ranks in importance with air and water pollution. Sites like these are licensed and checked under state law.



Trailer park sewage disposal facilities are checked as a phase of our licensure program.



Thorough plan review prevents costly building errors.



The complex equipment serving modern hospitals make hospital inspectional work a demanding profession.



Testing the soil determines its ability to disperse septic tank effluent.



School lunch facilities are checked periodically to protect the health of the students.

A swimming pool is a healthful means of recreation only if it is properly operated and maintained.



WE WORK TO PREVENT AND CONTROL MANY DISEASES AND CONDITIONS, INCLUDING ...



MENTAL RETARDATION

When PKU (phenylketonuria) is discovered early, a special diet will prevent the mental retardation.



VENEREAL DISEASE

A confidential interview may find contacts to venereal disease—an important part of prevention.



CHILDHOOD DISEASES

Materials used to immunize citizens against a variety of communicable diseases are carefully packed for distribution.



TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculin testing programs help to find unknown cases of TB.



RHEUMATIC FEVER AND RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE

Drugs to prevent these conditions are dispensed at the request of the family physician.



MENTAL RETARDATION

Measles may cause mental retardation and many other complications. A simple immunization prevents measles.

WE PROVIDE PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES . . .

Physical therapy is an important part of the treatment of patients with disabilities resulting from disease or injury. The services include instructing patients and their families to carry on the prescribed treatment at home.



Helping the patient with arthritis.



Teaching a child with cerebral palsy to walk with parallel bars.



Teaching a family member to assist a patient with multiple sclerosis.



Helping a stroke patient to learn to walk with bars made on a diningroom table by her husband.

Exercising the hands of a child with cerebral palsy.



VITAL STATISTICS*

POPULATION	1,910,000**
Live Births	
Total	34,661
Hospital births	34,510
Non-hospital births	151
Premature births	2,458
Deaths	
All ages	14,750
Total infants	1,177
Under 1 year	665
Under 28 days	512

*CCDPH jurisdiction.
**1967 estimates Illinois Dept. of Public Health.

PRENATAL CLINICS

Sessions per year	20
Pregnant women registered	75

VITAL RECORDS FILED

Live Births	13,424
Fetal Deaths	147
Deaths	6,443
Total	20,014

CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCES

Number of sessions held	206
Number of locations	8
Children registered	697
Under 1 year	532
1 to 4 years	165
Visits	3,063
Under 1 year	2,296
1 to 4 years	767

ACCIDENTAL POISONING

(Children 12 years of age and under)	
Poison control centers located in hospitals	7
Accidental poisoning cases reported	2,348

DENTAL HEALTH

Number of sessions held	635
Number of locations	19
Children registered	2,397
Visits to clinics	10,972

SCHOOLS

Total number of schools	690
Nursing service given to:	
Public	22
Enrollment	8,328
Parochial	95
Enrollment	54,173
Vision screening	15,599
Hearing screening	12,103
Otologic clinics (8)	198

SELECTED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(Figures include only cases reported to CCDPH)	
Diphtheria	0
Encephalitis, acute infectious	25
Hepatitis, infectious	147
Measles	25
Meningitis (all types)	59
Poliomyelitis	0
Rheumatic fever	190
Rubella (German measles)	177
Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	3,371
Tuberculosis (all forms)	369
Typhoid fever	2
Venereal diseases	606
Syphilis	288
Gonorrhea	318
Animal bites reported	7,519
Positive for rabies	0

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases under investigation	251
Cases under active supervision	3,374
Home visits	3,802
Hospital visits	374
Office visits	486
Patients in nursing homes visited	192
Telephone conferences	612

TUBERCULIN TESTING PROGRAMS IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY**

Schools tested	23
Public*	19
Parochial	4
Students tested	5,740
Public	5,114
Parochial	626

*Including OEO.
**Cooperative program with official and voluntary health agencies.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Administered in:	
Child health conferences	4,863
District office clinics	3,001
Total	7,864

RHEUMATIC FEVER REGISTRY

Total cases in registry	1,729
Inactive	225
Active	1,504
New cases registered	187
Cases reported not receiving medication	452

NURSING HOMES

Services to Nursing Homes, Homes for the Aged, Homes for Children and Sheltered Care Homes by Nurses, Nutritionists and Sanitariums. Total number of homes	89
Licensure visits	335
Consultant service	495
Interviews and conferences	641
Certification visits	90

NURSING SERVICES

Patients admitted to nursing service	767
Home visits to patients	14,593
Office visits by patients	537

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Swimming Pools inspected	363
Private	20
Indoor	71
Outdoor	272
Water analyses reported	2,359
Septic Tank and Seepage System Applications	
Processed	417
Approvals	342
Tourist and Trailer Parks	
Licensed and inspected	112
Motels inspected	49
Nuisance complaints	
Received	479
Investigations	1,100
Food Handling Schools	
Conducted	2
Attendance	50
Migrant Labor Camps	
Inspected and licensed	10
Visited	32
Stream Pollution Investigations	110
Water samples reported	325
Water Treatment Plant Inspections	
Inspection surveys	72
Visits to water supplies	245
Samples reported	6,500
Subdivisions	
Approvals	5
Food Service Establishments	
Inspected	575
Licensed	186
Solid waste disposal sites inspected	17
Private water analyses reported	2,208
Rodent control investigations	59
Hospitals inspected	8

TOP TEN CAUSES OF DEATH

1. Heart Disease	6,413
2. Cancer	2,685
3. Vascular lesions of central nervous system	1,497
4. All accidents	684
Motor vehicle	330
Other accidents	354
5. Congenital malformations and diseases of early infancy	588
6. Influenza and pneumonia	424
7. Diabetes	304
8. General arteriosclerosis	232
9. Cirrhosis of liver	228
10. Other Circulatory	226

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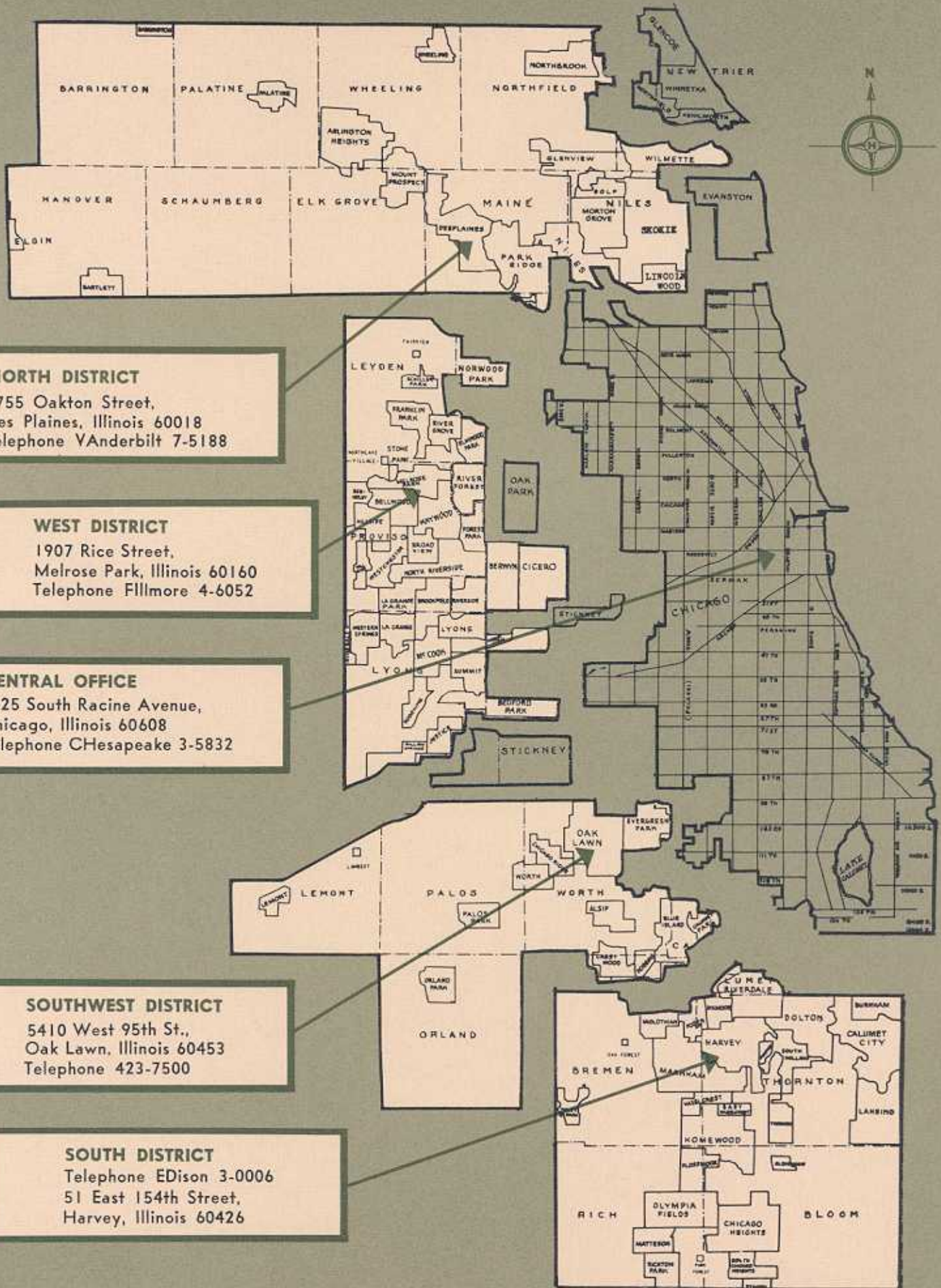
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