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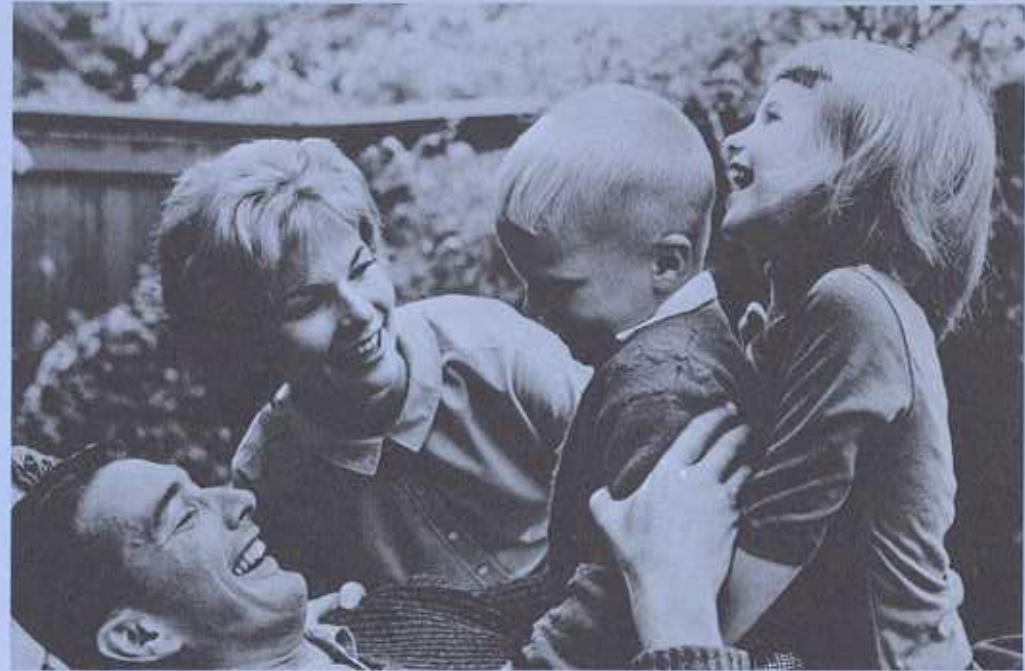
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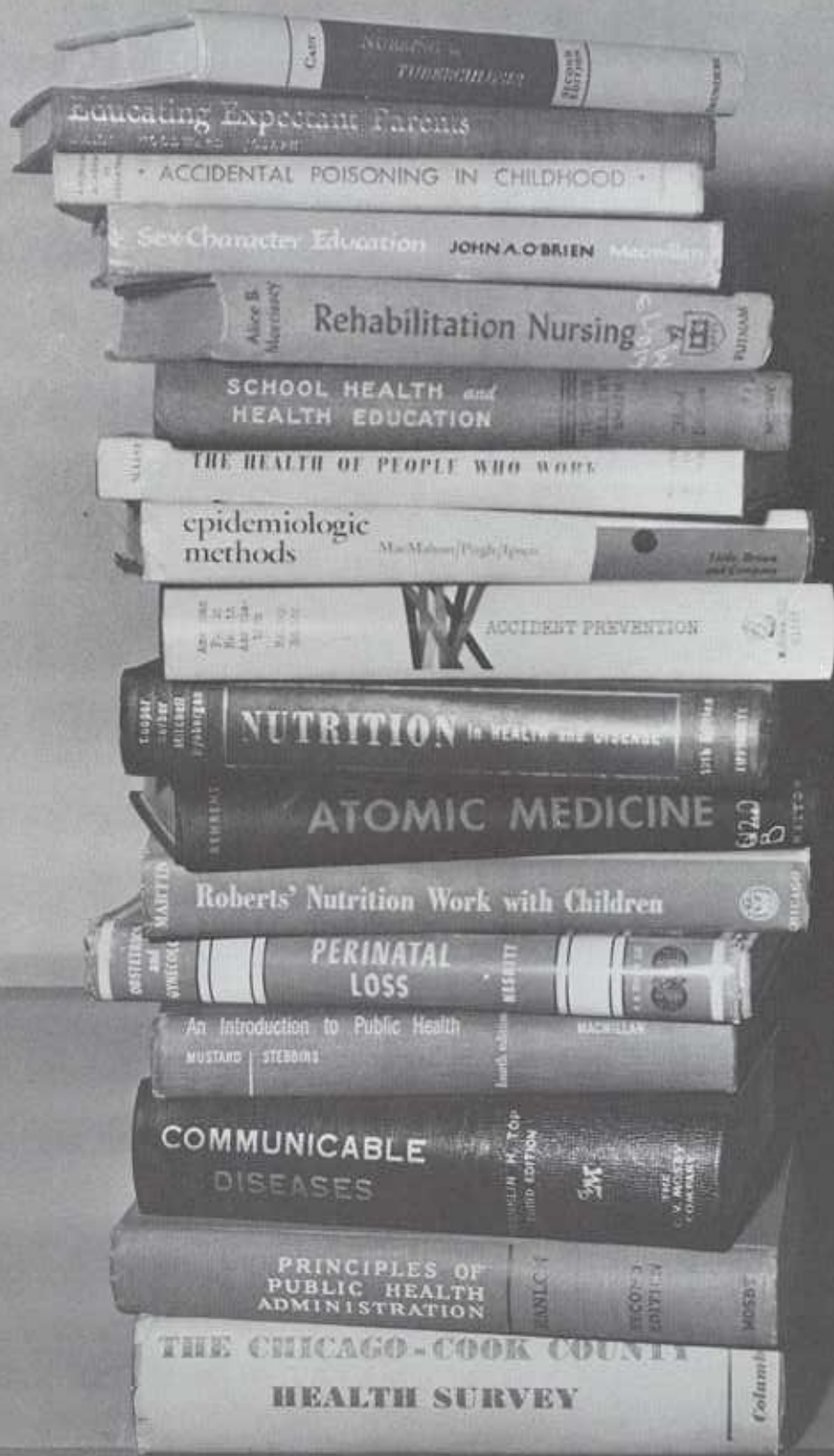
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## WE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

We are physicians, dentists, public health nurses, engineers, sanitarians, physical therapists, nutritionists, public health educators, hearing and vision screening technicians, and clerical personnel. Our goal is to use our special knowledge and training to provide better health for you. Much of what we do as a Health Department is in the area of preventive work. This report shows you some of the ways in which we strive to prevent disease, prolong life and protect your health, with special reference to 1968.

# WE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## I AM A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE.

I am concerned for the health of people and work with individuals and families.

### I work with physicians:

- to give nursing care to persons confined to the home.
- to help people that have long-term chronic illness by teaching members of the family to care for these patients in the home. Conditions include CVA (stroke), multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, cancer, heart disease, and other diseases.

### I work with families:

- to teach expectant mothers to have a healthy pregnancy, plan for delivery and prepare for the arrival of the new baby.
- to teach new mothers to care for their infants, demonstrate formula preparation and bathing the baby.
- to give to tuberculosis patients an understanding of their disease, to teach them to prevent its spread, and to help them with their care.
- to help well individuals remain well and enjoy the benefits of good health by:
  - encouraging periodic physical examinations.
  - assisting with well-child conferences to teach and counsel families to maintain good health.
  - referring for medical examination, as early as possible, to identify and treat birth defects, cleft palate, orthopedic and other conditions.

### I work with other professionals:

- to plan, to coordinate, and to study health services necessary to the community.



## WE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### I AM A PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICIAN.

The community is my patient.

- I coordinate the activities of the health department staff. Together we plan programs to maintain and improve the total health of our community.
- Comprehensive health planning involves many agencies such as hospitals, nursing homes, charitable agencies and various levels of government. The most efficient use of health funds and facilities is our goal.
- Communicable diseases remain an important part of my work. Advice about the prevention, the diagnosis and the treatment of these diseases is given to physicians and to the public.
- Protecting the health of mothers and children is another major task. I help by promoting education, giving consultation and advice, and sometimes by direct clinic services.

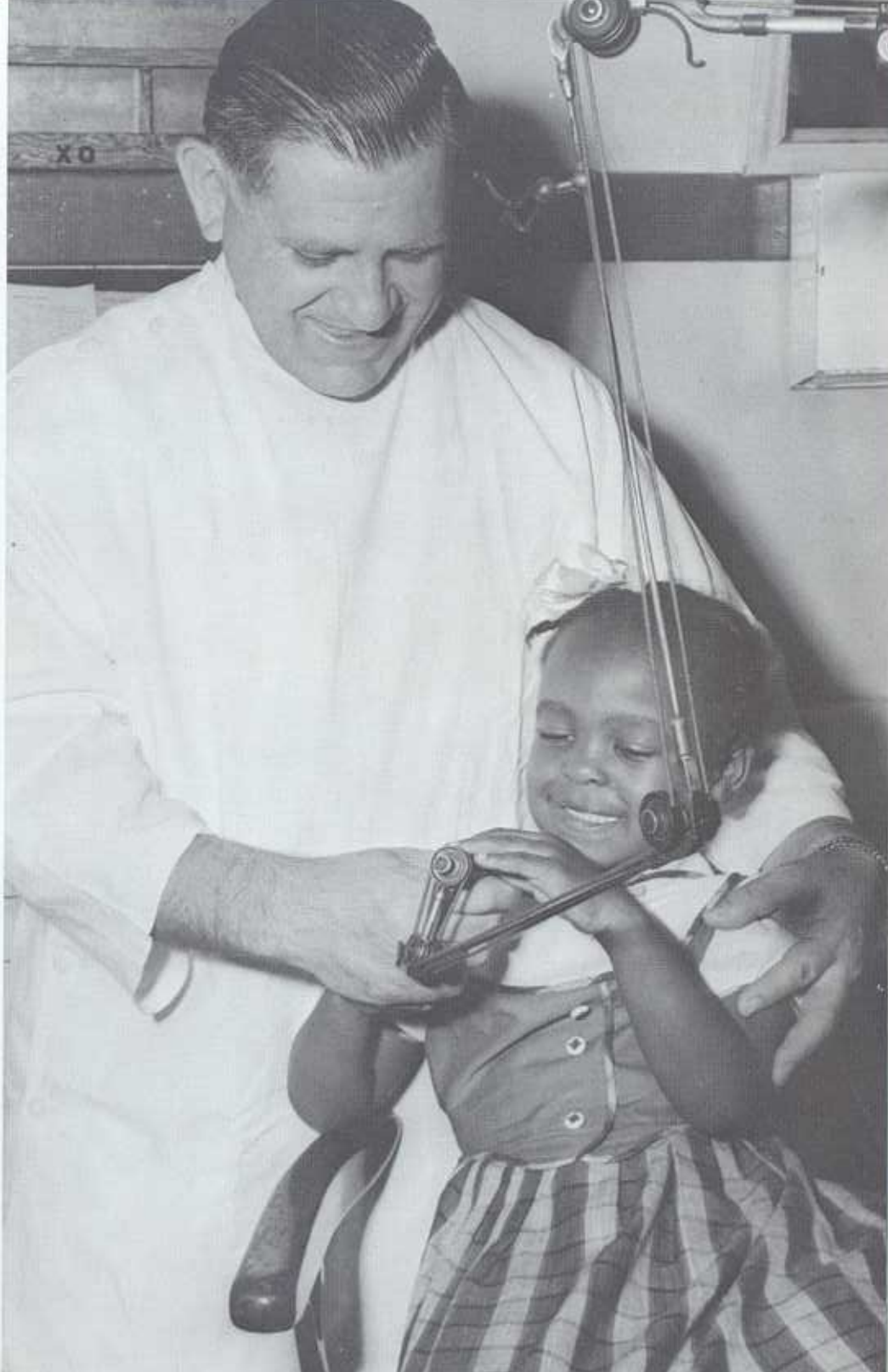


## WE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### I AM A PUBLIC HEALTH DENTIST.

As a specialist in community dental health, I work to improve the dental health condition of the whole community.

- Dental health education has a high priority in the program. I work with school administrators, nurses, community groups and professionals to create an awareness of dental health problems, and to provide necessary services.
- I work to promote the fluoridation of water. In areas where the water supply has not been fluoridated, patients are treated individually by applying the proper fluoride to their teeth. This treatment is highly effective in preventing and reducing the incidence of decay.
- I examine and treat children in need of dental care who are financially unable to secure these services, or who for other reasons would not get dental care. Patients requiring special treatments are referred.



## WE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### I AM A VISION AND HEARING SCREENING TECHNICIAN

I work with the public health nurse to identify and prevent vision and hearing disabilities.

- I go to schools and nursery schools to test the vision and hearing of children.
- I refer children who fail the hearing test to the family physician, or an otologic clinic conducted by the department where a medical evaluation of the problem is made.
- Children failing the vision test are referred for early diagnosis and medical care.
- I bring vision and hearing problems to the attention of the public health nurse who makes the necessary plans for referral and follow up.
- In health education I help children to understand the value of their sight, to guard against eye accidents, and to practice good eye habits.





# WE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## I AM A PHYSICAL THERAPIST.

I am primarily concerned that patients with weakening and crippling conditions are restored to their maximum potential for independence.

### I work with physicians:

- By applying the techniques of physical therapy, I treat patients with disabilities resulting from disease or injury, under the physician's orders. These diseases and conditions include strokes, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, amputations, fractures and others.

### I work with patients:

- to help them develop strength, mobility and coordination of body.
- to teach them the proper use of prosthetic appliances, crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs.
- to help them accept physically impairing conditions which may be of long duration.

### I work with families of patients:

- to assist them in helping the patient to recovery.

### I work with public health nurses:

- to improve their skill in working with patients requiring physical therapy.



## WE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### I AM A PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONIST.

- I talk with mothers, family groups, school children and other people about foods that promote growth and health, and encourage people to eat these foods.
- I help people learn to use their food money more wisely. Some foods give greater dollar value than others. This is pointed out to families so that they can stretch their food dollar.
- For those people who have special needs for food, such as infants, people who are sick and older people, I help the family plan for the extra needs in such a way that the special diet fits into the family's food plan wherever it can.
- Another part of my work is helping institutions where older people live. We know that the older person needs to have food that is attractive, tasty and familiar. I help the administrator, the cook, and the nurse plan and serve food that will maintain health.



## WE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### I AM A PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR.

My special skills are in education, the group process, and methods and media of communication. I am a program planner as well as a community organizer.

- With other members of the public health team, I work to inform and influence the behavior of the public in matters pertaining to personal and community health.
- As a consultant to school administrators and teachers, I work to enrich the health curriculum.
- I participate with providers and consumers of health services in developing an understanding of health problems and methods of solution.
- A library of health pamphlets and educational materials is maintained to support programs of health education.
- Coordinating the public relations activities of the health department is a responsibility of the public health educator.
- Selected timely information on health problems, hazards, issues and conditions are disseminated and interpreted to the public.





# **WE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

## **I AM A PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEER.**

**I work to make the community a safe place in which to live by coordinating programs that relate to environmental health such as:**

- public water supply systems
- institutions—hospitals, nursing homes
- solid waste disposal
- public and private sewage disposal
- public and private swimming pools
- food service establishment sanitation
- nuisance control
- recreational areas
- tourist and trailer parks

**I work with agencies—Federal, County, and State—to coordinate activities in these programs:**

- approve plans for licensure or permits
- approve water supply and sewage disposal for proposed subdivisions
- inspect the more complicated installations
- air pollution

**I work with other members of the department to:**

- supervise and direct the activities of sanitarians.
- conduct in-service training programs.

**I consult with public officials and engineers to:**

- offer advice concerning installations affecting the environment.
- coordinate similar programs.
- help train local sanitarians.
- act as a resource.

**I give talks and lectures to lay and professional groups.**



# **WE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

## **I AM A PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN.**

I work under the supervision of the public health engineer and help carry out the objectives of the environmental health program.

I inspect for a license:

- tourist and trailer parks
- public swimming pools
- food service establishments
- nursing homes

I assist the engineer in his surveys of:

- solid waste disposal sites
- recreational areas
- proposed subdivision areas
- stream pollution

I inspect and investigate:

- nuisance complaints of all kinds
- migrant and substandard housing
- private sewage disposal systems
- private water supplies

I attend inservice training classes to learn more about my position and the services of the health department in order to be better prepared to answer questions from the public.





## WE WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### I AM A VD INVESTIGATOR.

I work to control and eradicate venereal disease by:

- screening all reports of blood tests received from private and public laboratories which may indicate the presence of VD.
- maintaining a register of all cases of venereal disease, showing the current status of the patient and the extent and nature of the treatment.
- conducting a confidential interview of each infected person (confirmed by laboratory examination) in an effort to identify all persons involved with the infections, and to motivate them to be placed under medical care and treatment.
- serving as a consultant to physicians and the public regarding venereal disease information.

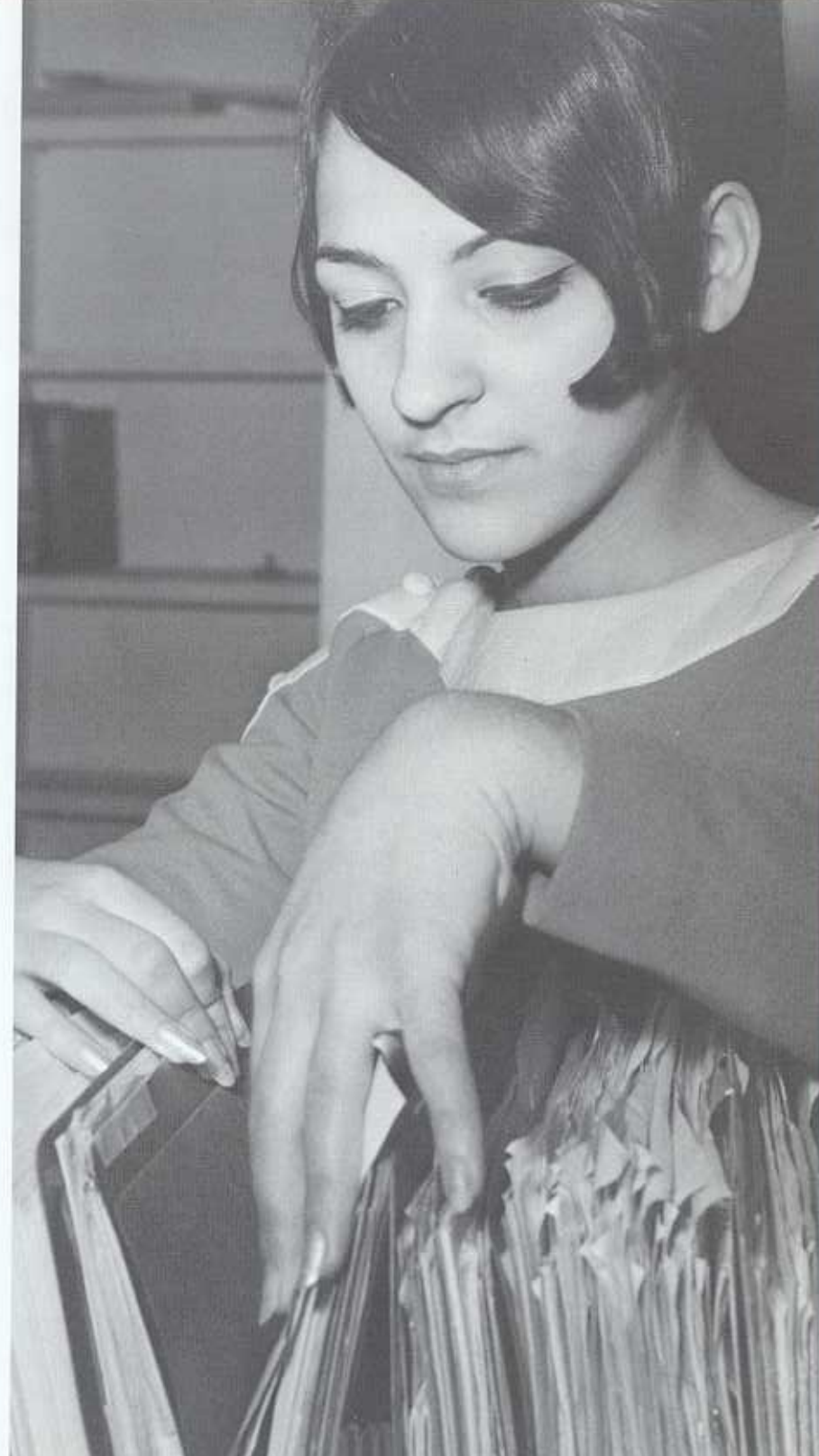


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### I AM A CLERICAL WORKER.

I am involved in some aspects of all health programs under the supervision of the professional staff of the department.

- I keep daily records of communicable diseases reported to the department, as well as maintaining the VD and TB registries, where the status of each patient is kept current.
- I distribute biologicals used for immunization to practicing physicians who request them.
- I record and file all births, deaths and other vital statistics. Certified copies of birth and death certificates are made on request.
- I serve as a deputy registrar in the Vital Statistics program.
- I make copies of all vital records for the health department files as well as for the County Clerk.
- I accept reports on all animal bites for the necessary follow-up.
- I check for all necessary information in order that appropriate follow-up can be done on cases of accidental poisoning.
- I keep records of patient billings and bookkeeping of monies received for home nursing service.
- I handle the procedures for validating international certificates of vaccination necessary for foreign travel.
- I provide supporting services for all communications and carry out the typing, filing and regular secretarial procedures that are a vital part of the day-to-day activities of the department.

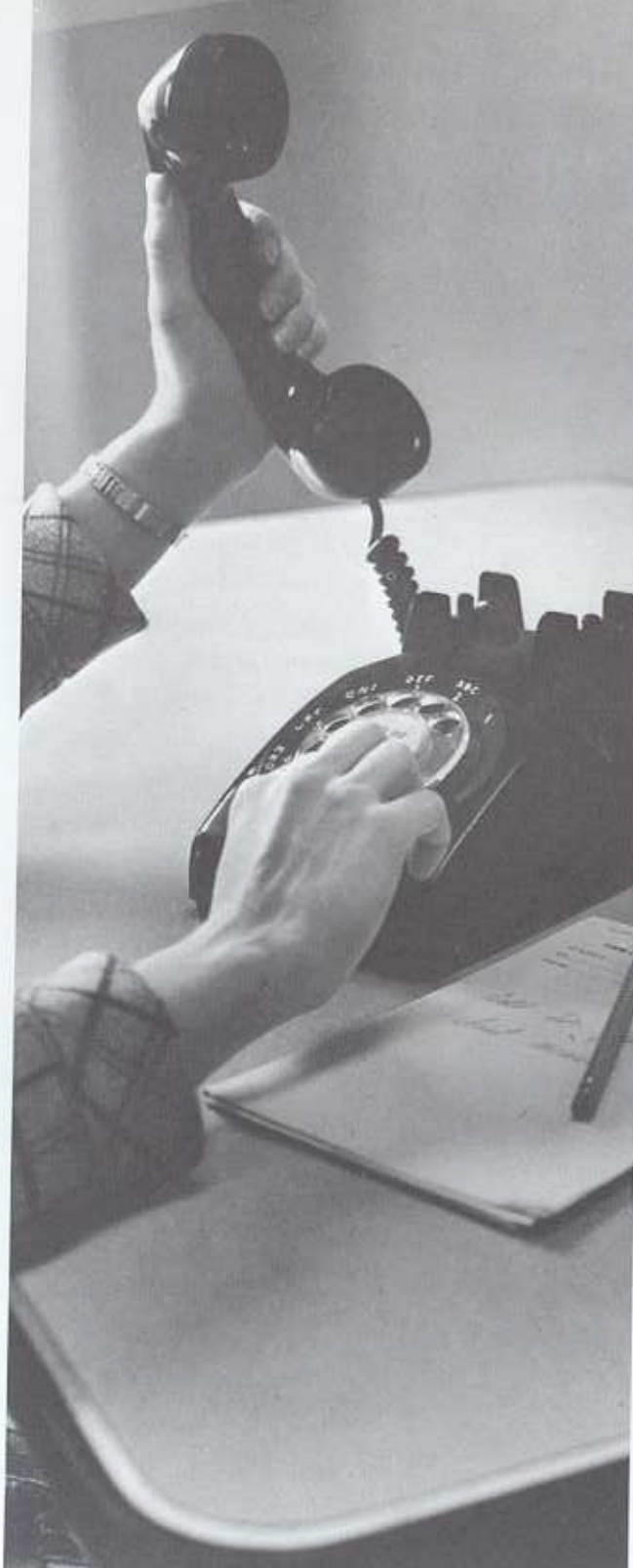


## COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

When the Cook County Department of Public Health was established on July 1, 1940, there were 400,000 people living within its boundaries. Today, by the latest count, there are more than 1,730,000 people residing in the 724 square mile health jurisdiction.

Appropriations for conducting the work of the department come from the general corporate fund of Cook County, and a grant-in-aid from the Illinois Department of Public Health. About two-thirds of the money is funded by Cook County and one-third comes from the State of Illinois. The 1968 budget totalled \$975,000.00.

The department is composed of eight major divisions. Each is headed by a chief who is responsible to the director. As a group, the chiefs form a professional team to assist the director in planning health services, determining health needs and establishing broad program policies. Field services are provided through four district offices strategically located in the suburbs. The central office is located in Chicago.



# PERSONNEL

## ADMINISTRATION

Director..... John B. Hall, M.D., M.P.H.  
 Resident in Public Health..... Mata Hilgeson Flom, M.D., M.P.H.  
 Business Manager..... Leo V. Hennessy  
 Administrative Assistant..... Jessie Pierson

## PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

Chief..... Colette Rasmussen, M.D., M.P.H.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Chief..... Elaine Nemoto, R.N., M.A.

### Assistant Chiefs

Maria Coburn, R.N., M.A., Helen Nystrom, R.N., M.A.

### Supervisors

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 Mary Strohacker, R.N., B.S.N.  
 Dorothy Wickliffe, R.N., B.S.P.H.N.

### Consultants to Nursing Homes

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 Donna Ryan, R.N., B.S.N.  
 Theresa Seermon, R.N.  
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 Mary Wordell, R.N., M.S.  
 Jill Zderadicka, R.N., B.S.N.

## SANITARY ENGINEERING

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 Assistant Chief..... Steven W. Nich, B.S., R.P.E.

### Program Supervisors

Robert J. Wollschlager, M.S., R.P.E.  
 LeRoy V. Dzierzanowski, B.S., R.S.

### District Engineers

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 Stanley J. Gizewski, R.S.  
 Stephen Shemanski, R.S., Nursing Home Consultant

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 Paul Friedman                                  Paul Nicopoulos  
 Ralph Heller                                    Norman Semrau  
 Dominick Lupo                                Dominic Storino

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 Elisa M. Ramilla, M.A.  
 Denise Sofka, B.S., M.P.H.\*

## DENTAL HEALTH

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 Dentist..... W. C. Lukaszewski, D.D.S.  
 Dental Mobile Driver..... Stanley Wenc

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 Jeanette Buffie\*                                Thelma Lloyd  
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 Zelma Johnson                                   Geraldine Sepel  
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## CUSTODIAL WORKER

Nathaniel Jones

\*Resigned  
 \*\*Leave of Absence  
 \*\*\*Death

# VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION .....	1,730,000**
Live Births	
Total .....	30,483
Hospital births .....	30,381
Non-hospital births .....	102
Premature births .....	2,087
Deaths	
All ages .....	12,580
Total infants .....	580
Under 1 year .....	443
Under 28 days .....	137

\*CCDPH jurisdiction.  
\*\*1968 estimates Hosp. Planning Council for Metro. Chgo.

## VITAL RECORDS FILED

Live Births .....	13,670
Fetal Deaths .....	141
Deaths .....	6,259
Total .....	20,070

## CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCES

Number of sessions held .....	178
Number of locations .....	8
Children registered .....	675
Under 1 year .....	480
1 to 4 years .....	195
Visits .....	3,055
Under 1 year .....	2,149
1 to 4 years .....	906

## ACCIDENTAL POISONING

(Children 12 years of age and under)	
Poison control centers located in hospitals .....	8
Accidental poisoning cases reported .....	2,303

## DENTAL HEALTH

Number of sessions held .....	586
Number of locations .....	19
Children registered .....	2,327
Visits to clinics .....	8,319

## SELECTED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(Figures include only cases reported to CCDPH)	
Diphtheria .....	1
Encephalitis, acute infectious .....	11
Hepatitis, infectious .....	220
Measles .....	39
Meningitis (all types) .....	69
Poliomyelitis .....	0
Rheumatic fever .....	156
Rubella (German measles) .....	96
Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever .....	2,963
Tuberculosis (all forms) .....	369
Typhoid fever .....	2
Veneral diseases .....	449
Syphilis .....	252
Gonorrhea .....	197
Animal bites reported .....	7,971
Positive for rabies .....	0

## IMMUNIZATIONS

Administered in:	
Child health conferences .....	7,477
District office clinics .....	3,684
Total .....	11,161

## NURSING SERVICE

Total family visits .....	12,150
Total individual visits .....	20,623
Total families served .....	5,405
Total members of family served .....	12,072
Families admitted to service .....	746
Members of family served .....	1,855
Families carried over .....	1,596
Members of family served .....	4,652
Families given service (one visit) .....	3,063
Members of family served .....	5,565
Medicare patients served .....	219
Total home visits .....	3,925
Follow-up service through the school health program	
Home visits to school age children .....	783
Parent-nurse conference in schools .....	178
Other individuals given service .....	386

## SCHOOLS

Total number of schools .....	663
Nursing service given to:	
Public .....	21
Enrollment .....	8,921
Parochial .....	90
Enrollment .....	51,934
Hearing Conservation Program	
Screening .....	10,957
Re-screening .....	1,284
Referrals .....	231
Otologic clinics (8) .....	149
Pre-school screening .....	384
Pre-school re-screening .....	121
Pre-school referrals .....	9
Vision Conservation Program	
Screening .....	12,100
Re-screening .....	3,383
Referrals .....	2,034
Pre-school screening .....	284
Pre-school re-screening .....	57
Pre-school referrals .....	8

## TUBERCULOSIS

Active cases under investigation .....	245
Visits to diagnosed cases .....	946
Visits to contacts .....	1,472
Visits to suspect cases .....	98

## NURSING HOMES

Services to Nursing Homes, Homes for the Aged, Homes for Children and Sheltered Care Homes by Nurses, Nutritionists and Sanitarians. Total number of homes .....	89
Licensure Visits .....	224
Other Visits .....	470
Conferences .....	132
Certification Visits .....	73

## PRENATAL CLINICS

Sessions per year .....	11
Pregnant women registered .....	71

## RHEUMATIC FEVER REGISTRY

Total cases in registry .....	1,882
Inactive .....	606
Active .....	1,276
New cases registered .....	171
Cases reported not receiving medication .....	48

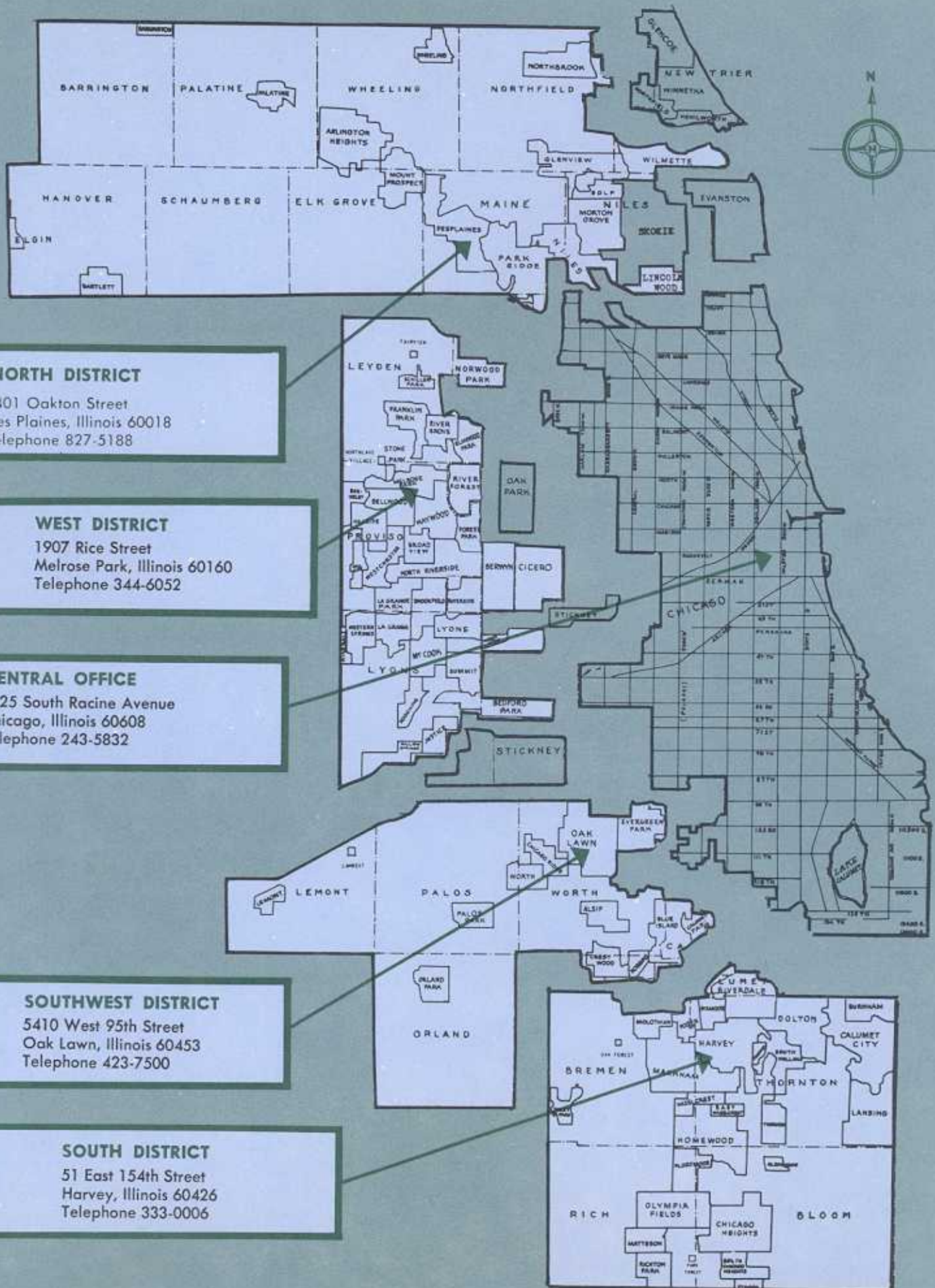
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Swimming Pools inspected .....	416
Private .....	39
Indoor .....	75
Outdoor .....	302
Water analyses reported .....	2,408
Septic Tank and Seepage System Applications	
Processed .....	475
Approvals .....	398
Tourist and Trailer Parks	
Licensed and inspected .....	116
Motels inspected .....	51
Nuisance complaints	
Received .....	588
Investigations .....	1,250
FHA evaluations .....	95
Migrant Labor Camps	
Inspected and licensed .....	11
Visited .....	35
Stream Pollution Investigations .....	102
Water samples reported .....	370
Water Treatment Plant Inspections	
Inspection surveys .....	70
Visits to water supplies .....	203
Samples reported .....	6,850
Subdivisions	
Approvals .....	4
Food Service Establishments	
Inspected .....	600
Licensed .....	192
Solid waste disposal sites inspected .....	20
Private water analyses reported .....	2,000
Rodent control investigations .....	75
Hospitals inspected .....	12

## TEN LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

1. Heart Disease .....	5,493
2. Cancer .....	2,352
3. Vascular lesions of central nervous system .....	1,213
4. Congenital malformations and diseases of early infancy .....	508
5. All accidents .....	450
Motor vehicle .....	202
Other accidents .....	248
6. Influenza and pneumonia .....	411
7. Diabetes .....	227
8. Cirrhosis of liver .....	203
9. Other Circulatory .....	190
10. General arteriosclerosis .....	181

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