

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH:

1952 for the Tuscarawas County General Health District marked the first year of operations of your Health Department with the entire county being covered with the exception of the City of New Philadelphia. Also the first full year of Health Commissioner, Dr. Roy D. Hildebrand. During the year many changes came about affecting the future of your Health Department. Our Staff operated the School Health program in a comprehensive manner. In the early fall the staff was improved with the return of Mrs. Mary Hahn who had completed her training and qualified as Nursing Supervisor. Mrs. Edna Streb who has been a faithful servant called upon to assume many duties since the formation of the Department will act in the capacity of Administrative Assistant of Dr. Hildebrand. Our Sanitarian has worked under a handicap due to the tremendous amount of work necessary in this branch of the program. Plans for an additional Sanitarian are rapidly taking shape and we hope the new appointment will be made shortly.

Chief among the developments during 1952 was the action permitted by the Townships and Villages of the County to assume a greater financial burden for the year 1953. In this connection it should also be pointed out that the two cities, Uhrichsville and Dover will also assume a greater burden toward the financial support of the Health Department. This has been a great step forward and your Board of Health thanks you for this mark of appreciation and cooperation.

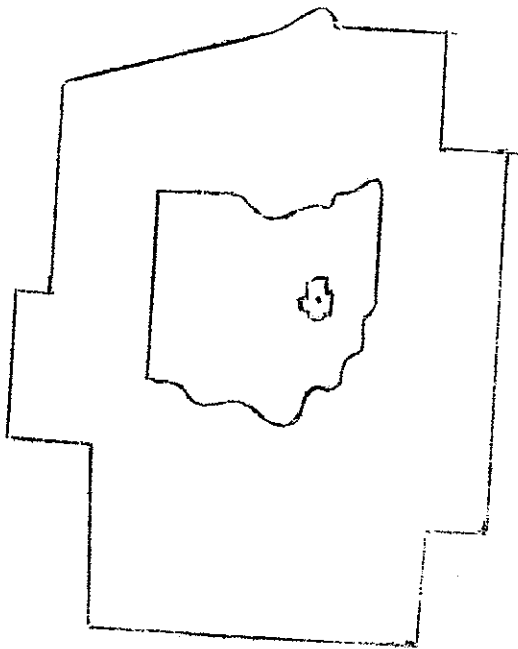
Looking ahead for 1954 we find that our budget needs will need the assistance of the friends of the Health Department to the end that a deficit may be met. It will be necessary to invoke the use of the recently passed Wheeler Act and place the proposition before the voters of the Health District. An estimated one quarter of a mill levy will be needed. Any further information on this matter will be gladly furnished by contacting your Health Commissioner, Dr. Hildebrand. Your continued interest and cooperation will assure us continuing to improve the service of Public Health to our citizens. It should be pointed out that our costs to the public have not been increased by the loss of revenue from various former sources makes it necessary to replace the loss. We must not lose the advantages which the past four years have brought about through the work of the Health Commissioner and his Staff.

Sincerely,

Tom Adams, President
Board of Health

THE 1952

ANNUAL REPORT



THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY
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GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

The facilities of the Central Laboratory of the Ohio Department of Health in Columbus are directly available to this Department and were used for hundred of Sputum Specimen examinations, Gonorrhea smears, Serological tests for Syphilis, Water Analysis and Rabies examinations.

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Cancer, Heart Disease, Arthritis, Orthopedic disabilities, and other chronic ailments are all a part of the services in this field that are performed by the Health Department.

These patients are usually referred to the Department by hospitals and physicians, and the nurses make home visits to demonstrate home care of the patient to the other members of the family; to supervise and follow up the treatment which has been prescribed by the physician; to help with dressings and medication; and to educate the patient and the family as to the nature of the disease and its care and treatment.

The Cancer Clinic at Union Hospital was staffed by Department nurses until September. At that time the Cancer Society employed a full-time nurse, who now staffs the Clinic and makes home calls in all cancer cases.

Q. HOW MANY PATIENTS ARE TREATED AT THE CLINIC?

A. ABOUT 100 PATIENTS PER YEAR.

Q. HOW MANY NURSES ARE EMPLOYED AT THE CLINIC?

A. ONE NURSE IS EMPLOYED AT THE CLINIC.

Q. HOW MANY VISITS ARE MADE TO PATIENTS AT HOME?

A. ABOUT 100 VISITS ARE MADE TO PATIENTS AT HOME PER YEAR.

Q. HOW MANY PATIENTS ARE TREATED AT HOME?

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births and deaths of the community. The person responsible for the accumulation of this data is Mrs. Mary K. Sentez, Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Tuscarawas County General Health District. Mrs. Sentez also doubles as a Stenographer for the Department.

The figures shown here are for the General Health District only, and do not include the City of New Philadelphia.

Total Births	1,680
Total Deaths	686
Total Stillbirths	33
Premature babies	109

Causes of Death

Heart	273
Vascular lesions of Central Nervous System	127
Cancer	73
Influenza and pneumonia	26
Diabetes	8
Tuberculosis	2
Neonatal deaths (under 24 hrs.)	21
Diseases of Infancy (under 1 yr.)	20

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Children who display emotional or behaviour problems are usually referred to the Nurses by teachers, school administrators and physicians. The nurses make a home visit to discuss the child's problem with the parents and to encourage the parents to bring their child in for a psychological examination by Dr. Seaton, Psychologist of the Bureau of Juvenile Research.

When the examination has been made, the nurses, in helping to carry out the recommendations which have been made, visit the homes and schools for the follow-up of the prescribed treatment. In some cases, appointments have to be made to corrective schools, Boys Town, and other places.

The facilities for carrying out a good mental health program are very limited in that the services of Dr. Seaton are available to us for only one or two days every five or six weeks. His appointment schedule is always full and there are a great many other children who need to be helped. During the year 96 children were brought in to Dr. Seaton, and 137 visits were made to homes by the nursing staff.

One very encouraging happening during the year was the formation of the Tuscarawas Valley Mental Hygiene Association in the county. The Association, with the help of the State Welfare Department, is attempting to establish a Guidance Center for this County and to promote mental health education. The Guidance Center, to be housed in Union Hospital, would have as a staff, a Psychiatrist, a Psychologist, Psychiatric-social workers and clerks. The employment of a Psychiatrist, and some funds, is all that stands in the way of the Guidance Center being a reality.

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immunized through the various well-Child Clinics and nursing activities, many children and adults become ill and their cases brought to the attention of the Department.

Communicable Diseases are Reportable and when a physician reports a case the nurse makes a home call to demonstrate the proper type of treatment as prescribed by the physician; instructs on proper isolation techniques; distributes literature and educates the family in regard to the disease; and refers the patient, if a school child, back to the family physician before the child re-enters school. Nearly 500 home visits were made during the year.

The following are the diseases, and their incidence, as reported to the Department by physicians during 1952:

Measles	311	Whooping cough	17
Scarlet Fever	110	Meningitis	5
Poliomyelitis		Diphtheria	1
(6 deceased)	46	Mumps	1
Chickenpox	44	Typhoid Fever	1

Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis still remains as one of our serious health problems. During the year 13 new cases and one re-activated case were discovered; and 63 cases were carried on the TB register as still under treatment or follow-up procedures.

TB patients are brought to the attention of the Department through Sanatoria referrals or physician referrals. Nurses then make a home visit to the person or suspect in an effort to have him come in for a positive diagnosis; or to enter the Sanatorium for his recovery if he is an active case. The nurses also arrange for TB contacts to have Chest X-rays; they instruct home patients on proper diet, rest, isolation, and periodic X-rays and sputum examination; they educate the family and patient as the nature of the disease; they patch-test school children contacts; and they staff the Thursday morning TB Clinic at the Tuscarawas Valley Sanatorium.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 TUSCARAWAS COUNTY
 OHIO
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Following persons, through their qualifications and performance, have directly responsible for the high level of service performed by this Department during the year of 1952:

Department of Health

William Adams, President
William Humerickhouse
James Garber
Lida Freed
John Agricola

Dover, Ohio
R. D. #2, New Philadelphia
Bolivar, Ohio
R. D. #2, Uhrichsville
Newcomerstown

Staff

Health Commissioner
Administrative Assistant
Supervising Nurse
Staff Nurses

R. D. Hildebrand, M.D.
Mrs. Edna Streb, R.N.
Mrs. Mary Hahn, R.N.
Mrs. Ella Mae Riggle, R.N.
Miss Jane Sundheimer, R.N.
Mrs. Florence Peck, R.N.
Mrs. Dorothy Reed, R.N.
Mrs. Mary Lou Grimm, R.N.
Miss Mary Fay Walter, R.N.
Mr. Norman Miller
Mrs. Mary K. Sentz
Miss Helen Sullie
Mrs. Mary K. Sentz
Mr. James Stumm

Sanitarians
 stenographers

Registrar of Vital Statistics
Custodian

Employees who left during the year:
 stenographer
 Staff Nurses

Mrs. Arlene Mizer, April 1
Mrs. Eleanore Allton, R.N., Sept. 1
Mrs. Catherine Corse, R.N., Sept. 1
Mrs. Rita Goth, R.N., Dec. 15

Consultants to the Tuscarawas County General Health District from the
West District of the Ohio Department of Health, 2025 Second St.,
Akron, Ohio:

Director
Surgeon
Assistant Engineer
Health Education
Sanitation
Nutrition
Nursing

Louis Mueller, M.D., M.P.H.
W. R. Wagoner
A. L. Fishback
Paul W. Schuster, B.A., M.P.H.
James Warfield
Ethel Patterson
Edith Myers, R.N., B.S.

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BUREAU OF HEALTH SERVICES

Children, who are disabled through some physical impairment of the skeletal or muscular system, or through Rheumatic Fever, Polio, and other conditions, are usually brought to the attention of the Health Department through the Well-Child Clinics, physician referrals, hospital referrals, school referrals, and Polio cases.

The nurses make visits to the homes of these children to find out what is being done to help the child's condition. If indicated, appointments are made for the children to visit the Orthopedic Clinic at Union Hospital, where, each month, specialists study each case. The nurses then help in the follow-up of the prescribed treatment and care by making periodic visits to the child and family; by education as to the nature of the disability; and, in some cases, by arranging to have the child placed in special school classes.

There were 333 home visits made in connection with 144 cases. 451 children visited the Orthopedic clinic; and 31 cases were referred to the Physical Therapist for treatment. All responsibility has now been taken over by the Medical Auxiliary and Union Hospital.

Report of the Physical Therapist, Miss Miriam Luby of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis

The Polio Treatment Center was opened at the Union Hospital in October, and from then until the end of December, there were 16 days of actual treatment with a total of 42 patients being treated. 15 of these patients had minimal involvement and were discharged to their families; the remaining had either moderate or severe involvement and were on a "carried" basis of being seen weekly or bi-weekly.

The Center was set up to instruct, guide and reassure families of polio patients who had been discharged from the hospitals. Instruction by the physical therapist consisted of exercise and stretching, gait and posture training, and proper use of braces and crutches. Families have been instructed and guided to assume responsibilities for much of the treatment, and many of the patients have shown remarkable improvement after a period of strict daily routine treatment.

The Nurses of the Health Department have visited the families, and have made follow-up visits wherever indicated. They have done a wonderful job of explaining the Center to people in the community, and have been of great help in the activities of the Center itself.

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Maternal Service

Theoretically, it should be the function of a Health Department to help protect the health and life of a prospective mother during her pregnancy, and during her confinement and post-confinement periods. In order to determine whether or not there was a need for special classes in Maternal Welfare, this Department sent a questionnaire to the practicing physicians throughout the county. Their lack of response indicated that there was not enough demand to justify a special class; so this service is being rendered, now as before, on a request basis only.

Premature-baby service

The care of premature babies is an important part of the Maternal and Child Welfare program; and receives the special attention of both the nurses and the Commissioner. Most cases are referred to the Department by the family physicians; the nurses make home calls and interpret the recommendations of the physicians to the parents; and when the "premie" is old enough to appear at Well-Child Clinics, his progress is charted carefully, unless he is under the supervision of a private physician.

Pre-school Child Service

The Well-Child Clinics in Tuscarawas County are intended primarily for the pre-school child in the birth to 6-year age group. There were a total of 76 Clinic sessions held during the year in the different communities of Bolivar, Dennison, Dover, Gnadenhuetten, Midvale, Mineral City, New-comerstown, Fort Washington and Strasburg. Nearly 100 children a month visited the Clinics, where they received physical examinations; inoculation if indicated; instructions on nutritional care; literature on various phases of child growth and development; and, whenever defects were found, were referred to their family physicians and clinic for correction of the defects.

School Service

The school health program exists as the major activity of the Department in the Maternal and Child Health program. Even though school contracts have been dropped by the Board of Health, the service to these schools still continues on as high a level as before. The Sacred Heart School (located in the New Philadelphia City Health District), in order to remain under the program of the County Health Department, is the only school in the county that now pays directly for this service.

Both the quality of the service as performed by the staff, and the quantity as revealed by such a limited measuring-device as Statistics,

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tends itself to a serene appraisal of the professional capacities and personal integrity of the people who work here together. 3300 children were personally examined by the Health Commissioner; nearly 3000 had a hearing test, and over 10% of these were referred to their physicians for further examination; every child has a vision check, and over 1000 were referred for further examination; immunizations were given wherever needed; dental corrections, as indicated in a great many cases, were made with the cooperation of Dentists in some parts of the county, and still remains as a problem in other parts; and last, but not least, visits to homes and parents was a logical procedure in the cases of a great many children.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Since January 1, 1952

Receipts:			
Machine taxes	8,173.38		
Wages taxes	3,576.62		
City of Dover	3,090.80		
City of Uhrichsville	<u>2,144.36</u>	16,985.16	
State Subsidies			
Villages and Twps	1,580.00		
City of Dover	1,650.00		
City of Uhrichsville	<u>407.43</u>	3,637.43	
Federal Funds			9,250.00
Schools			
Dover City Schools	868.44		
New Philadelphia Schools	2,387.36		
Uhrichsville City School	338.50		
Sandyville (for 1951)	67.50		
St. Joseph's	200.00		
St. Mary's	144.90		
Sacred Heart	<u>273.96</u>	4,280.66	
Unofficial Agencies			3,000.00
Cancer Society ($\frac{1}{2}$ for service in 1951)			
Fees and Permits			
Meat	187.00		
Trailer Parks	30.00		
Scavenger	25.00		
Other	3.00		
		<u>245.00</u>	37,398.25

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Expenditures:

Salaries	31,349.44		
Travel	2,895.24		
Expenses of Board members	186.80		
Workmen's Compensation	378.60		
Public employees Retirement	1,967.71		
Stationary and Supplies	592.16		
Medical Supplies	265.34		
Equipment	406.96		
Well Child Conferences	566.35		
Unanticipated emergencies	1,169.99		
Other expenses (telephone etc.)	<u>522.49</u>	40,201.08	2,802.83

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Expended from balance of Jan. 1, 1952
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Balance as of Jan. 1, 1953 (Est.)		
Ship and Village Taxes		11,620.00
State Subsidy	17,625.00	
City Taxes	4,636.20	
Capital Investment	1,755.00	
State Subsidy	2,016.54	
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Commissioners (TB Nurse)	1,214.43	
Department of Education	7,400.00	
Receipts	3,000.00	
Receipts and Balance	3,000.00	
Expenditures for 1953	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Balance December 31, 1953		<u>42,447.17</u>

Commissioner's Salary	8,500.00
Salaries	23,325.00
Salaries	4,020.00
Salaries of Sanitarians (two)	7,600.00
Supplies	500.00
Travel and office supplies	800.00
Expenses of Board Members	275.00
Expenses of travel	3,500.00
Other expenses	500.00
Workers Compensation	400.00
Public Employees Retirement Fund	1,720.00
Expenses of	500.00
Health Conference	1,000.00
Unanticipated emergencies	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>53,640.00</u>

The position of Health Educator in Tuscarawas County is made possible through the Christmas Seal Fund of the Tuscarawas County Tuberculosis and Health Association. I have been employed by the Association since September 1951 and still continue in that capacity.

My primary responsibility is to the Executive Secretary of the Association in carrying out a program of Tuberculosis Education, and in furthering the aims of Tuberculosis Control.

My secondary responsibilities are to cooperate with various official and voluntary health agencies in the furtherance of a good public health program.

Whatever the primary or secondary responsibilities may be, it is recognized that a healthy community is one which will also be free of Tuberculosis as well as other diseases; therefore the activities of the Health Educator should be coordinated and integrated to the end that all communities be healthy. This report submitted here, then, as a record of my activities, will be very similar to the report which will be submitted to the Association at a later date.

Paul R. Mico, Health Educator

School Health Education

Conferences with health teachers of the various schools throughout the county on school health problems; movies and talks to health classes on such topics as Tuberculosis, Mental Health, Sanitation, Family Life, and others; field trips to such places as the Tuscarawas Valley Sanatorium, Union Hospital for chest X-rays, and the Twin City Sewage Disposal Plant; and distribution of literature and posters -- this comprised the basic service to the schools.

The Tuscarawas County School Health Education Literature Brochure was developed from an idea to a reality, and is now in the hands of every grade school and high school in the County.

The Extension Course, "Methods and Materials in Health Education for Elementary Teachers," through the Extension Service of Kent State University, was brought to Tuscarawas County, held at Dennison in the early fall, and was supervised by Miss Florence Hellman, who is Health Coordinator of Kent State University.

Community Health Education

The services to social and civic groups consisted of giving a great many talks and showing many health films on the subjects of Tuberculosis, Family Life, Mental Health, and others; and in distribution of literature.

The Port Washington series of Adult Classes on Family Life Education, the first of its kind in the county, was planned and conducted in that community during the spring; and preparations have been made for a similar class to be conducted in Uhrichsville during the early part of 1953.

Health displays, consisting of health posters mounted on flexible cardboard and displayed in donated show-window spaces, were created and distributed for a period of eight months, ending in December. These exhibits, changed weekly for a few months and then bi-weekly, were displayed in Dennison, Uhrichsville, the Sanatorium, New Philadelphia, Dover and Newcomerstown.

A study was conducted of the geographical location of Sanatorium-admitted Tuberculosis cases from Tuscarawas County, based upon the 15 years of admission records that were available from the Tuscarawas Valley Sanatorium. It was found that Mineral City, Newcomerstown, and Dennison had the highest ratio of Tuberculosis in the county; and a State Mobile X-ray Unit was requested for a survey of these communities. An educational program is being carried out that will be directed toward the X-ray surveying of the communities.

A Free Chest X-ray Certificate was made available for the veterans of Tuscarawas County, and the Educator appeared before the American Legions, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans with an educational program in conjunction with the presentation of the certificates.

The Educator became an active member of the Tuscarawas County Health Council, and helped them in the production and distribution of a Newsletter as a part of their educational aims.

He helped to organize and develop what is now known as the Community Health Council of Uhrichsville. This Council has produced and issued Newsletters periodically as a part of its educational programs; and has conducted a House-to-House Health Survey to gather facts. This Survey has been completed, and tabulation was still under way at the end of the year.

He became an active member of the Tuscarawas Valley Mental Hygiene Association, a newly established group organized for the expressed purpose of creating a mental hygiene clinic in Tuscarawas County and in the furtherance of mental health education.

He took part in a great many county and state health meetings.

He maintained a very close cooperation with the County Health Department in the storing and distribution of health education literature; in the writing of many newspaper articles on various phases of health; in the planning of programs for the coming year; in the production and development of this Annual Report; and in various other activities.

Sewage Treatment and Disposal

Human wastes are known to be important factors in the spread of disease; therefore, it follows that with the growth and development of both rural and urban communities, the method in which human wastes are disposed becomes a matter of concern to public health authorities. Standards for proper Sewage Treatment and Disposal are in effect in Tuscarawas County; and a considerable portion of time and effort is devoted to this end.

Water Supply

A safe water supply is of primary importance to every family. A poorly-located or developed water supply is capable of carrying, at any time, disease-causing organisms; therefore one of the important activities of your health department is in assisting individuals to avail themselves of safe Standards for protection and development of new water supplies. Assistance is also given in developing existing supplies.

Water sampling and inspection of existing and new water supply sources is maintained. Through this service many defective supplies are found, and corrective measures are prescribed to improve them.

Municipal Water Supply and Sewage Disposal

While Standards for, and control of, municipal water supplies and sewage disposal are under the Ohio Department of Health, this office is frequently called upon for information and assistance by the various municipalities. Regular sampling of municipal water supplies is maintained. Through the operation of municipal water supplies entire communities are assured of a consistently safe water supply, therefore this Department has taken an active part in encouraging installation of such systems where they do not now exist. The village of Midvale has, in the past year, completed a municipal water system which is now in operation. The neighboring communities of Barnhill and Erightwood have taken advantage of this system and are also served by it.

The Water Pollution Control Board of the Ohio Department of Health is attempting to promote proper sewage treatment in municipalities and industries, and has issued 20 sewage disposal permits to towns and industries in Tuscarawas County. These permits are good for a period of 6 to 18 months, and their renewal depends upon the holders having complied with certain terms having been stated; in most cases the submission of plans for, and the cost estimates of, the proper disposal systems necessary.

Schools

The child spends a great portion of his years of growth and development in school. The environmental conditions, either good or bad, existing in and around the school is often reflected in the health and behaviour of the child, both at the time and in his future life. Therefore it is most important that ideal conditions be maintained in the school. Regular inspection is maintained by this Department and a report made to the various school boards pointing out where ever defective items have been found. The major areas covered in our inspection are Lighting;

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Heating, Ventilation; Water Supply; Sewage Disposal; Handwashing Facilities; Toilet Facilities; Food Handling and Service; and General Cleanliness. School Boards have been most cooperative in improving conditions which have been called to their attention.

Camps and Swimming Pools

Standards for camps and swimming pools are provided by State Law and the responsibility for enforcement is placed upon the local health departments. Therefore, this is a field in which we must participate. This field constitutes a minor activity of the department since the number of camps and pools is quite small.

Nuisance Complaints

While some nuisance complaints are the result of neighborhood quarrels and differences, the majority of them are created by carelessness, thoughtlessness, or the complete lack of interest by individuals. The main causes of nuisance complaints are: Improper Sewage Disposal; Improper Disposal of Garbage and Refuse; and the Keeping of Animals. Many complaints about garbage and refuse can be blamed directly or indirectly to the lack of their proper collection and disposal methods in the various municipalities.

Food Handling Establishments

Food is a daily requirement of each and every individual, and its safety must be assured at all times. Once produced, the quality of foods can be assured only through the observance of the strictest of sanitary measures and precautions. In order to safeguard our foods more effectively, the Board of Health has adopted standards of sanitation for all types of food handling establishments; including eating and drinking places. In general the food industry is very cooperative in attempting to preserve and improve the quality of their products, and many improvements are noted in successive routine visits. The magnitude of the food industry requires that a large amount of our time be devoted to it.

Rodent Control

While there is no definite rodent control measure in effect, this Department is frequently called upon for information and advice in eliminating these unwelcome guests.

Housing

We find ourselves being drawn more and more into the field of Housing. Undesirable housing problems or conditions are being created by the housing shortage; by high rents; and by the fact that many older homes have not been maintained over the years and therefore are in a very bad state of repair. Practically all housing complaints have been found to be justified, and substandard conditions existing.

Institution Inspections

Sanitation standards for institutions such as Rest Homes and Nursing Homes have been set up by the Department of Welfare. Our office makes frequent inspections of these establishments and our reports of such inspections are submitted to the Ohio Department of Health for referral to the Department of Welfare.

Civil Defense

This Department has been called upon to take an active part in the civil defense effort, due to the obvious need that will arise for sanitation measures and practices in the event of disaster or attack. The very nature of our normal activities in many fields makes possible the accumulation of valuable information which would be of vital importance in time of disaster.

Dog Bite and Rabies Investigation

While dog-bites and rabies could not be classed under Sanitation, this Department has been called upon to follow-up the reported cases of dog bites and Rabies. Dogs which have bitten, are ordered confined for observation; and information pertaining to Rabies and to protective measures are given.

General Survey:

through the services of the Ohio Department of Health, will be carried out with the first four years of all the schools in the Health District participating and is planned for the early part of 1953.

Multiple Survey:

The Union Health School system has been selected for a Nutritional study to be made by Mrs. Ethel Patterson, in conjunction with the Northeast District of the Ohio Department of Health and will be carried out during the early part of 1953.

Speech Therapy:

It is hoped that a Speech Therapist can be added to the staff on either a part time or full time basis. A grant is being made for the funds which will be necessary and it is hoped that some voluntary organization will help in this cause.

Stenographer:

There is a possibility that another stenographer can be added to the staff, thereby relieving the large load now being carried by Mrs. Santz and Miss Sullie.

Better Quarters:

The middle of 1953 should find us in the renovated quarters of the old wing of Union Hospital in Dover. The second floor of the wing is being planned especially for this department. Our presence there, along with the hospital facilities, Orthopedic Clinic, Cancer Clinic, Polio Treatment Center, and the proposed Guidance Center, should truly result in the establishment of a Health Center for Tuscarawas County.

Laboratory Services:

The new quarters, being planned for the Department at Union Hospital, will include a Laboratory complete with the equipment necessary to provide the same type of services locally, that is now available to us only from the State Department Laboratory in Columbus. The addition of this Laboratory will be a great boost to the services being offered by the Department to the people of the Health District.

Sanitation:

Beginning February 2nd, Mr. Robert E. Miller will be employed by the Board of Health as a second sanitarian in this Department. It is expected that Mr. Miller will, in addition to his sanitation duties, also provide laboratory services within the Department. Even though the Sanitation Department has engaged in many fields of activities, the amount of time that has been devoted to any one phase has been limited because of lack of personnel. The addition of Mr. Miller to the Staff will provide better and more efficient application of these various programs.

The Standards for individual Sewage Treatment and Disposal devices, such as Septic Tanks and Cess Pools have now been in effect in this county for two years. Inasmuch as these Standards should be more widely known and understood, more education and stricter enforcement practices will have to be applied. Special attention is being given to providing proper disposal methods in newly built-up areas, and it is hoped that within the year at least one more sanitary sewer district may be established.

Nuisance conditions resulting from unsatisfactory garbage and refuse collection and disposal methods will continue to exist until proper facilities are provided, therefore it is the duty of this Department to continue to encourage adoption of proper disposal methods.

The year-round problem of Rabies results in both the wasteful expenditure of money for treatment, and the loss of valuable cattle and dogs. A rabies control program should be started with eventual compulsory or voluntary vaccination of all dogs as a goal.

Health Education:

It is going to be necessary for a tax levy to be passed in November of 1953, in order that the services of the Department will continue to exist during 1954. To assure the passage of the Levy and to inform the people of Tuscarawas County as to the services and function of the Health Department, a well-planned program of education and publicity is being prepared. The newspapers and radio will be used; members of the staff will be called upon to speak before groups; and the aid of voluntary organizations will be utilized.

TO: THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

In the past year Tuscarawas County was not spared from the widely spread epidemic of poliomyelitis. For a time it seemed that the epidemic might be confined to a small area adjacent to Holmes County, however the enemy struck deeper into the County apparently with little or no relationship to the cases in the Sugarcreek area. During the year Gamma Globulin was used experimentally on a large group of children in another State, to determine if it would give them a passive immunity to the disease. It was found that it did give a relatively good percentage of those inoculated, protection against poliomyelitis, for a period of about five weeks. The children who were inoculated and did develop the disease had a lighter course and the paralysis was not so marked. There has also been a report on a vaccine that has been used on animals which produces a more lasting immunity and the outlook for its perfection is very good.

The recent cases of poliomyelitis in our County who acquired a deformity are being treated by a qualified physical therapist provided by the Infantile Paralysis Association and stationed in our own Union Hospital.

Due to the development of antibiotics, medicine has made many advances in the past few years. This past war phenomenon has had a profound effect upon control measures in the United States. Malaria has been practically eradicated, pneumonia and meningitis now come under better control and treatment. Scarlet fever takes its place as a rather minor communicable disease. The complications of measles are preventable. For the first time in history infectious syphilis can be handled effectively in short order. A venereal disease control program has been set up in our Department with the use of such tools as we have at our command.

Newer drugs have been developed and are being used in the treatment of tuberculosis and all show promise in the treatment and management of this disease.

In this county we have maintained a high standard of public health nursing service in all established programs. In our School Health Program we are ever anxious to preserve sight and hearing. Much emphasis has been placed on this feature of the service and this activity has been augmented by the procurement of three new audiometers.

Although the Cancer Society and the Orthopedic Clinic have been separated from this Department, we have insisted that under an expanded health program such as we have here in this county, we can not be divorced from a responsibility in these cases. Our creed is to work with these groups for the good that may be accomplished. We may differ in policy in that we feel that lay groups should be the fund raising organization and that the Health Department should be the service group. Every opportunity should be taken to utilize its resources both in personnel and in its very wide spread source of consultation services and help from overnmental agencies.

An additional sanitarian has been added to the Staff to assist in the work of the sanitary field. It is hoped that in the near future we will have a safe, sane and satisfactory milk program. We gaze beyond and over the horizon hoping that the people of Tuscarawas County see fit to continue the health program they have. It will make for a happier and more healthful living both for the child and the adult.

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