

ANNUAL REPORT

Department of Epidemiology

1953-1954

SECTION I. Facilities

The physical facilities of the Department remain the same as in previous years and again attention is called to the urgent need for an additional room for the Administrative Assistant in relationship to the functions of the Dean. Two additional rooms are also needed as soon as personnel are obtained for the Chronic Disease division of the Department of Epidemiology, funds for which have been available since last December.

SECTION II. Instructional Activity

Due to shortage of faculty in the Departments of Administration and Epidemiology the teaching loads have been exceptionally heavy this year with resulting neglect of the functions and office of the Dean of the School. The first semester: P.H. 102ab, Lecture in Epidemiology and Public Health, and P.H. 103ab, Clinical Education in Public Health. The second semester: P.H. 318, Seminars in Diagnosis and Evaluation in Public Health, P.H. 103c, Seminar in Situation Consideration in Public Health, and the Public Health course in Dental Science, 170. Lecture and seminar sessions were given in other regular courses of the School in short course workshops and institutes and at North Carolina College, Duke, and Bowman Gray.

SECTION III. Activities in the University

In addition to the usual functions of the Dean pertaining to the School of Public Health and the Division of Health Affairs, Dr. McGavran has continued to function as a member of the Board of Governors of the Institute for Research in Social Science, and with the Registration Committee.

SECTION IV. Services to the State and NationA. State

President of the North Carolina Health Council

Consultant to State Health Department

Member of County and State Medical Associations and Committee on Chronic Diseases.

Member of North Carolina Public Health Association

Executive Committee of Academy of Public Health of North Carolina

President of the Citizens Committee on Aging and Geriatrics

B. National Activities

Governing Council of American Public Health Association

Director of Editorial Board, Public Health Reports

Member of Committee on Professional Education, American Public Health Association

Chairman of Field Training Committee of C.P.E., APHA

Vice-President, Association of Schools of Public Health

Chairman of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of Association of Schools of Public Health

Member of Advisory Committee of Iranian Foundation

Guest speaker: Canadian Public Health Association, Toronto, Canada; Illinois Public Health Association, Springfield, Illinois; Peruvian Public Health Association, Lima, Peru.

SECTION V. Research

None

SECTION VI. Publications

McGavran, Edward G., "What Is Public Health?" Canadian Journal of Public Health, December, 1953.

McGavran, Edward G., William P. Richardson, Gilbert L. Kelso, and Alpha K. Kenny, "Field Training in Public Health." Public Health Reports, March, 1954.

SECTION VII. Scientific Papers Presented

"What Is Public Health in 1954?" Illinois Public Health Association Meeting, Springfield, Illinois

"Education of Professional Public Health Workers," Illinois Public Health Association Meeting, Springfield, Illinois

"Tuberculosis is a Public Health Problem," Virginia Public Health Association Meeting, Norfolk, Virginia

"Modern Philosophy in Public Health and Some Public Health Implications," Peru Public Health Association Meeting, Lima, Peru

SECTION VIII. Faculty Appointments and Resignations

None

SECTION IX. Needs

The primary need of the Department of Epidemiology, which is one of the basic disciplines of public health, is for a full-time person in this Department. The Dean as Professor of Epidemiology can devote less than one-tenth of his time to departmental teaching and work. Epidemiological research is out of the question. Advanced and doctoral work for students is impossible. The result is that this department, which should be the strongest in the School of Public Health, is actually the weakest.

The administration of the School of Public Health with its preponderance of outside funds and grants, plus promotional work and the usual administrative work of a School with a staff of seventy-four and an annual budget of half a million dollars, requires a full-time Dean plus an administrative assistant. The amazing extent of service to the University, the State and the Nation rendered by the School further emphasizes this need. Until additional full-time personnel can be obtained for this Department, the science of epidemiology can continue to receive only lip service.