

ANNUAL REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY
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SECTION I. Physical Facilities

Through rearrangement of space in the medical and public health building, we have been able to provide an additional office for the Administrative Assistant and Project Administrator of the Peruvian project, and two additional rooms from the old library stacks area for the Division of Chronic Diseases. The location of these offices and space from the Dean's Office is not ideal but is workable and provides some relief from last year's crowded condition.

SECTION II. Instructional Activity

The teaching loads have remained heavy this year. In P.H. 102ab and P.H. 103ab the Department of Epidemiology has been able to increase its participation because of the addition of the Chronic Disease Division. We have continued to teach P.H. 318, Seminar in Diagnosis and Evaluation in Public Health. We have been able to return to the Department of Administration, P.H. 103c, Seminar in Situation Consideration in Public Health, and the Public Health Course in Dental Science, 170. Some of the lecture load has been assigned to Dr. Cassel. In general, lecture and seminar sessions have been conducted in the above courses and in other regular courses of the School in short courses, 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.

Dr. Cassel, of the Chronic Disease Section, has been able to institute again, a closer working relation with the Institute for Research in Social Science.

SECTION IV. Services to the State and Nation

A. 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

Chairman 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

Chairman of Committee on Constitution and By-laws of Association of Schools of Public Health, also Legislative Committee

Member of Medical Advisory Committee of Iran Foundation

Member, Cancer Committee, National Institutes of Health

Health Survey of Hamilton, Ohio

Guest Speaker:

Blue Ridge Conference

Rural Health Conference, Asheville, North Carolina

Georgia Public Health Association

South Carolina Public Health Association

Regional Health Officers Conference

SECTION V. Research - None

SECTION VI. Publications

1. Health, Culture, and Community, John Cassel. To be published April, 1955, by Russell Sage Foundation, New York. Ed., Benjamin Paul.

SECTION VII. Scientific Papers Presented

1. "Who Spends What for Health in North Carolina," Blue Ridge Conference, N. C.
2. "Sanitation, 1955 Variety," Rural Health Conference, Asheville, N. C., March, 1955.
3. "The Changing Concept of Public Health," Georgia Public Health Association, April, 1955.

SECTION VIII. Faculty Appointments and Resignations

Dr. John Cassel, Associate Professor, appointed August 1, 1954

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 addition of an Associate Professor in the Chronic Disease Section is again a part-time service for Epidemiology. It definitely strengthens the department but does not change the outstanding need for a full-time person in this area.

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 will continue to receive only lip service.