

TALKING LEAVES

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Two Service Units Get Education Specialists

Miss Ann Obert, Area Health Educator, reports the first Health Education Specialists are being sent to Service Units in Mississippi and southwestern Oklahoma. Choctaws in Mississippi will work with Thomas Biehler, an Oklahoman from El Reno, and Plains tribes will work with Marland Koomsa, himself a Kiowa, transferring from BIA in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mr. Biehler has undergraduate degree from Central State College, Edmond, and completed graduate work at University of Texas.

Mr. Koomsa holds both

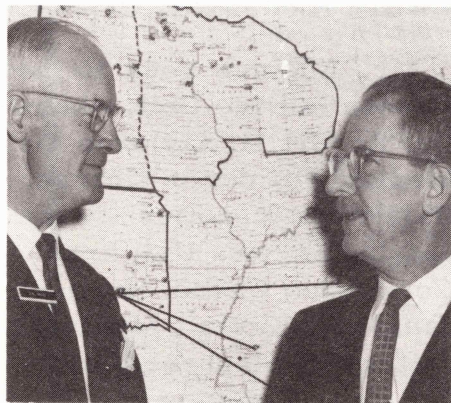
Bachelor and Master's degrees in Education from the Southwestern State College, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Both men have public school experience and have also served Bureau of Indian Affairs' Education Branch before coming to Public Health Service for special services in Health Education.

According to Dr. Herbert Hudgins, Area Medical Officer in Charge, these men will work with medical, nursing, dietary, sanitation, social service, and other Indian Health staff in their particular Indian Health service Units, giving current

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DOCTORS SHAW AND HUDGINS REVIEW AREA PROJECTS



Before a map of the United States on which black tapes indicate Okla. City Area Office administration of Indian Health in some of the southern states, Dr. James R. Shaw, Chief of Division (left) and Dr. Herbert A. Hudgins, Area Medical Officer, discuss priorities in program funds.

For instance, central tape leads to Mississippi. Descendants of the Choctaw Indians who did not come to Oklahoma (Indian Territory) during "Removal" depend entirely on the medical services provided by Indian Health under Public Health Service.

Dietitians Manage Six Ways

CONFERENCE EXPLAINS

Indian hospital dietitians in Area Office for special conference, got a thorough course in Management with six aspects of hospital dietary operation emphasized. Program was planned by Miss Mildred Barry, Area Nutrition and Dietetics Officer.

Participating dietitians were: Miss Katherine Harper, Claremore, who also serves PHS Indian Hospital, Pawnee; Mrs. Gladys Hudgins, Lawton; Mrs. Ellen Wapp, Tahlequah; Mrs. Lucille Warner, Talihina; and Miss Hazel Bolton, Training Dietitian, Lawton, who also serves at Clinton.

"Management Through Program Planning," was led by Miss Barry, herself.

"Management Through Budgeting," was led by Mr. Jeff Ward, Area Financial Management Officer.

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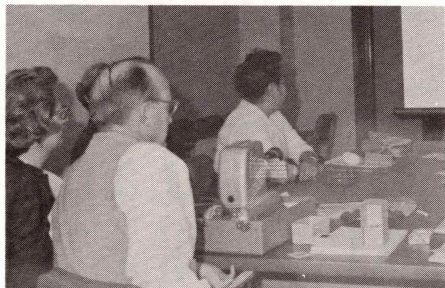
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DIETITIANS EXAMINE THEIR OWN MANAGEMENT IN SIX PARTS AT CONFERENCE

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Nutritional Accounting" had benefit of attendance of Miss Lois Shore, Dietary Consultant, Indian Health, Washington, D. C.

"Management Through Layout and Equipment" was



At Dietitians' Conference on six aspects of Management, Robert Jones, Assistant Area Sanitary Engineer, was leader for session on "Management Through Training."

He concentrated on one phase of dietary responsibility in Indian

a panel type discussion with Mr. Russell Simmons, the Chief of Property Section, and Mr. Perry Tennison, Assistant Construction and Maintenance Engineer.

"Management Through Training" (see illustration)

TRAINING IN FOOD HANDLING

hospitals, that of FOOD HANDLING.

He reviewed Indian Health materials which can be used to train kitchen staff, Indian hospital personnel, and even groups of Indian beneficiaries.

Demonstration of a type of visual education was use of projector and the slides which have been proved successful by PHS Indian Health sanitation branch staff to train students helping with kitchen activities at the BIA schools.

was by courtesy of Assistant Area Sanitary Engineer.

"Management Through Reports as Tools for Decision and Action" was pool discussion with Miss Harper selected by group to serve as Chairman.



Photographed during Conference, he is shown in picture to left, with Miss Barry sitting by him, and Mrs. Wapp up front near screen.

Photo above shows Miss Lois Shore, attending the Conference from headquarters office in Washington, D. C.

HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALISTS GO TO MISSISSIPPI AND LAWTON SERVICE UNITS

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emphasis to Indian education in sanitation, nutrition, accident prevention, control of respiratory infections, such as pneumonia and influenza, as well as tuberculosis, and also control of the diarrheal diseases.

Public Health Service

works closely with Bureau of Indian Affairs, State and County health departments, Indian tribal organizations, as well as other local voluntary agencies. Education Specialists will serve as consultants in Health Education methods which best apply for helping Indians to

assume community responsibility through better understanding of individual and local health programs.

Thomas Biehler will have as Service Unit Medical Officer in Charge, Dr. William A. Pettit, PHS Indian Hospital, Philadelphia, Miss.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Talking Leaves, Jan., 1961, carried article "Choctaws In Mississippi" which describes progress and problems in this Service Unit.

Indians who live on their own or tribal owned property are getting a break under new Sanitation Facilities Act. However, Choctaws whose ancestors sold the land, and who work today on that land for food, clothing, and housing as tenant farmers, are not so fortunate.



Dr. Robert M. Saylor, Medical Officer in Charge, PHS Indian Hospital, Lawton; Miss Ann Obert, Area Health Educator; and Marland Koomsa, Kiowa Indian assigned as Health Education Specialist to Lawton Service Unit, get together to plan his orientation to hospital, health stations, and sanitation facilities services.

Mr. Koomsa goes to the Lawton Service Unit, where Dr. Robert M. Saylor is the Medical Officer in Charge. Oklahoma counties in the Lawton Service Unit are: Comanche, Caddo, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, McClain, Jefferson, Stephens, Grady, Tillman, Cotton, Garvin.

Talking Leaves



(With apologies to Ted Koehler, lyric writer of the Leo Feist published love song of 1939)

We've come a long way together
 Since we started discussing
 our aims,
 We've weathered all kinds
 of weather
 And we'll have to admit we've
 made gains.
 Of course, we have all had
 our problems -- and
 They have made us love each
 other more ---
 We've come a long way together,
 BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG
 WAY TO GO!

BIA-PHS "Sing" Together!

November 1961 annual breakfast for Bureau of Indian Affairs and Public Health Service personnel to entertain members of Oklahoma Health and Welfare Association who are keen on Indian conservation, was in Tulsa at the Mayo Hotel.

Edythe Turner, Principal of Carter Seminary, Ardmore, headed a group of administrators of the eastern Oklahoma Indian schools to plan the unique program.

Students made the decorations - miniature athletic functions which require co-

ordination of individuals.

Miss Turner managed to lead a humorous audience-participation reflection on the farce of "teamwork" as it is usually talked, but not practiced.

Main speaker was BIA's Martin Crittenden of their Washington Social Services Division. Exploiting, with his native Arkansas humor, Miss Turner's theme to the fullest, he made a neat contribution to her intention.

Waving pompon sticks, and singing despite hysterical laughter, the audience

ended the Indian breakfast with "We've Come a Long Way Together, But We Still Have a Long Way To Go!"

Attending an Indian Breakfast for first time was the new Principal Chief of the Creek Nation, W. E. (Dode) McIntosh, who is Treasurer of Tulsa County. Another Tulsan who took advantage of Health and Welfare doings was C. C. Victory, for whom humor of BIA-PHS "teamwork" seemed particularly acute. He has given much time to both Agencies.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Above Oklahoma news story dedicated to Dr. G. D. Carlyle Thompson, formerly with Montana State Board of Health, now with State of Utah.

KNOW AN INDIAN BOY OR GIRL WHO IS PARTICULARLY GIFTED IN AN ART?

"Talking Leaves" has been requested to bring readers' prompt attention to an unusual opportunity for Indian youth of artistic ability. George A. Boyce, Superintendent of the new INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS, has had a bulletin prepared by A. K. Warren, Director of Relations, and Donald J. Morrow, Education Specialist in Training Aids, to explain the high school and post graduate programs which are being offered. Students gifted in fine arts, crafts, dramatics, communications such as Talking Leaves, etc., will be trained to find their own proper place in modern society. Guidance and employee placement to realize potential talent development.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dreams of this type education for Indian youth were voiced a quarter century ago by Dr. W. B. Bizzell, President of The University of Oklahoma. Private funds were raised by Mrs. Oscar Brousse Jacobson so that four Kiowa boys could be taught in a unique fashion by her husband, famed painter of the Rocky Mountains. At O. U. the students were provided time, materials, advantages of libraries of art and anthropology, but no formal instruction. Under these circumstances, they evolved a type of modern plains Indian art which gained world renown for the University, and today graces such proud rooms as the reception for Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Union Club Coffee Shop on campus at Stillwater's Oklahoma State University, and perhaps your own home. Universities in the states having high Indian population will be watching this new B.I.A. project. They will find ways to tie in to completion of the education of some of the students who emerge from INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS.

ORDER YOUR COPY OF BULLETIN FROM INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO. SHARE WITH TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS.

Pawnee First Service Unit To Set Up Regular Meetings With Indians

Pawnee Service Unit gets credit for enlisting regular attendance at the hospital a Health Committee of Indians selected by the Councils of the tribes in north central Oklahoma.

Public Health Service personnel attending each meeting, to share Indian Health program information, and to receive from the Indians, themselves, suggestions for implementation, were:

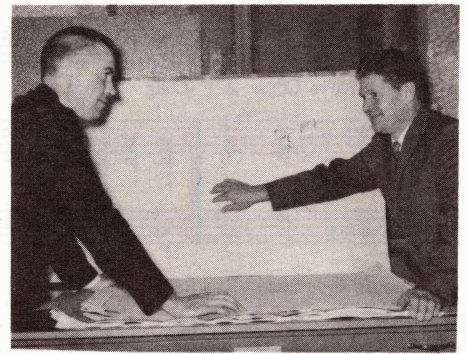
Dr. Donald Randall, Medical Officer in Charge; Dr. Denny Walters; Ruby Duff, Director of Nursing; Calvin Dailey, the Administrative Officer; and Public Health Nurses Joan Marshall, Pawnee, and Elizabeth Corkill, Pawhuska.

Representatives attend from Pawnee, Otoe, Kaw, Tonkawa, Sac & Fox, Osage, and Ponca Tribes.



Photo made at PHS Indian Hospital, Pawnee, shows a few of the Indian leaders who attended second Pawnee Service Unit Inter-tribal Health Committee Meeting, December 1, 1961. Seated, from left: Francis Pipestem (Otoe), Richard Kihega (Otoe), Walter Keys (Pawnee). Standing: Levi Stevens (Tonkawa), and Chairman Tom Dennison (Kaw) who heads the Inter-tribal Council of Northern Plains Tribes. Representatives of the Sac & Fox, Osage, and Ponca tribes are not shown.

"SPACE MEN"



Clarence M. Clarke, Real Property Officer (left) and Russell G. Simmons, Chief of Property Management Section, plot and plan for General Services' move to take advantage of the new space available to Division of Indian Health.

Area Office Rearranged

According to Executive Officer, E. V. Downing, space is being made available to Indian Health by the move of some of the other Federal agencies to the new Court House and Federal Office Building Annex.

Indian Health will remain in Post Office Building in same quarters and on same floor, but with added space there will be rearrangement of offices.

Office of Area Medical Officer in Charge and the Executive Officer will stay same as before, as will the suite for Office Services, where mail is received.

Carrying the brunt of the planning and coordinating of GSA with Indian Health personnel are Russell Simmons, Chief of Property Management and Clarence Clarke, Real Property Officer.

Maps and new telephone directories will be provided by Information Services.

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Medical Records Consultant Assigned

DOROTHEA L. WATKINS
TRANSFERS IN P. H. S.

In announcing that Miss Dorothea L. Watkins, PHS Commissioned Officer, had been selected to fill vacancy of Medical Record Librarian Consultant for this five-state Area, Dr. Herbert A. Hudgins told newspapers in Service Units, "Medical Records at Public Health Service Indian hospitals are to be brought up to standards deserving national hospital accreditation."

Miss Watkins received degree in Medical Record Library Science at St. Louis University, where she also specialized in psychology and sociology.

While serving Division of Indian Health in Albuquerque Area, she helped to develop that state's Medical Record Librarian Association. Earlier assignments were with Yale University School of Public Health and University of Tennessee's John Gaston Hospital, where she was an instructor in Medical Record Practice and Procedure.

In welcoming "Miss Dee," Doctor Hudgins, whose own daughter is a Medical Record Librarian, heartily agreed that continued improvement in medical records will have direct relationship to quality of med-

CLAREMORE HAS ROTO-FILES FOR MEDICAL RECORDS



New system for housing and filing of medical records was reported by PHS Indian Hospital, Claremore, in August 1961. "Claremore Progress" the local daily newspaper, sent photographer to share good news with its readers. Above is picture of Mrs. Lorene M. Cordray, Medical Records Librarian (Supervisor); Mrs. Margaret J. Hoge, Receptionist Clerk; and J. Tomey Shopteese, Clerk-Steno, all authorized personnel to handle the 12,000 active medical charts covering both In-patients and Out-patients being served at this Indian hospital.

ical care. Also, that adequate records are essential to research.

In Indian Health situation, with rather frequent change of medical personnel, the medical record results in better continuation of care

throughout an Indian's life. With the referrals that we encourage between hospitals, schools, field clinics, and related health agencies, the medical record becomes an even more important tool in medical care.

Federal Records School Held

In-service training was proven valuable with employee response expressed in sincere gratitude, says Thomas F. Gilmore, Chief of General Services, concerning Records Disposition Workshop, planned by Office Services in December.

Instructors were from the National Archives and Records Service of General Service Administration in Fort Worth, Texas. Ivan D. Eyler, Regional Director; Odell B. Lamb of Records Management; and Burton K. Jennings, Chief of Disposal Section, introduced the new U. S. Government Correspondence Manual and explained Records Disposition using visual aids helpful to training clerical personnel.



Robert J. Evatt, Manager, and Ola Case, Assistant Manager, Office Services Section, were given full credit by Chief of General Services for their initiation of a training workshop for clerical personnel in the disposition of Federal records.

Above, they receive Binding Cases used by Finance Branch for proper filing of Vouchers in Records Disposal.

ED. NOTE: Does anyone remember happy photo of Bob and Ola in Talking Leaves, June 1958? When we introduced Evatt, new Records Analyst, by posing him in Personnel Branch showing Clerk how to file in order to make disposition of records simpler, Miss Case took full advantage of opportunity to cultivate an Area Records Disposition team!

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - DIVISION OF INDIAN HEALTH SCHOOL HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETS

According to Miss Bertha Tiber, Chairman, the BIA-PHS School Health Committee met January 11 in Oklahoma City Area Office.

Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel cooperating in the project are Dr. A. B. Caldwell, Area Director of Schools; Mrs. Peggy Vaught, Director of Social Work; and Mrs. Betty Hollowell, Educational Specialist, all from Muskogee Area; and A. V. Kirk, Area Director of Schools; and Mrs. Vella Darrow, Area Child Welfare Worker, both of Anadarko. Mr. Kirk plans to have new

Educational Specialist, Mrs. Tommie Hanger, attend the co-op sessions in future.

PHS personnel appearing on program were Miss Ann Obert, Area Health Educator, and Miss Mildred Barry, Area Nutrition and Dietetics Officer. Others attending: Dr. Herbert A. Hudgins, Area Medical Officer in Charge; I. J. Jarin, Area Dental Officer; Mrs. Elisabeth Silcott, Area Medical Social Consultant; Miss Jean Casey, Area Nurse Officer; and Miss Jenny Rakich, the Nursing Supervisor.

DR. ALFRED KETCHAM WRITES LETTER TO "TALKING LEAVES"

"Without the least bit of hesitation, I have told numerous individuals that the most profitable and pleasant experience of my life was the time I spent with the fine people in Tali hina," writes Dr. Alfred Ketcham from his current post in PHS as Acting Chief of the Surgery Branch of Cancer Institute, Bethesda, M. D.

"This position has been a wonderful opportunity, as we are actively engaged in extensive radical surgery as it relates to patients with advanced malignancies, and I spend much time in the laboratory with research. But my pleasure and satisfaction here will never fully equal the experience of the work with the Indian people of southeastern Oklahoma."

Doctor Ketcham serves this year on Planning Committee for USPHS Clinical Society Meeting, April 4-7, National Institutes of Health, in Bethesda, Maryland.



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Clinton	" Cora Helen Gossman
Lawton	" Jephtha Dalston
Pawnee	" Calvin Dailey
Phila., Miss.	" Lucille Fricke
Shawnee	" Ruby Neddeau
Tahlequah	" Vina Mae Rogers
Talihina	" Virgil G. Tudor
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