

DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH UNIT

Monthly report of Director

May 8, 1945

1. I traveled 1065 miles in April.

2. Immunizations continued at top speed during the whole month and are now pretty well completed. The really rural schools including the preschool children are certainly more than 50% and probably nearer 80% immunized. The mothers, the county over are almost unanimous in their desire for complete protection for their children but refuse it for themselves. The schools at Baldwin and Eudora and the preschools, especially at Eudora are well covered. In district # 60 the work will be completed before the school year ends. One day last week I did over 200 smallpox vaccinations and the work still goes on.

3. The assistant technician, Elaine Griffitts, has been in rather uncertain (undependable) health during all of her service with us and recently reached a decision that she should spend all her energies in another direction. Her physician and I agreed in advising her to lessen her work so she was allowed to resign. Her letter will be read to you. Mr. Beck is now carrying on in the laboratory, but as his other work opens up a little more, we shall really need some one in our laboratory. We are looking for him (her) now.

4. The day when boys and girls took over the city government was well observed by the Unit. Each of us had an understudy and all of them seemed interested. It may be that our high School is full of bright and patriotic young people or that the teachers immediately responsible for the selection, gave the youngsters a careful hand picking,--possibly both. Certainly, the young people that came to us sold themselves, their school and their faculty, not only to the City Government but to all the forward looking public that they contacted.

The plan and practice in the Unit was to take the student officials fully into our confidence and show them all we could. I went with a nurse and three young people to visit and inspect an interesting country school and with the sanitarian and the same girls to look over one of the newest dairies.

At the noon luncheon, my personal understudy, Miss Elam, made a most acceptable speech--best or next to best, I think, of all that were made. In introducing her I said, "With very few exceptions, in every city in The United States, the people are worth more than all other assets put together. Computing them at \$10,000.00 each, a value set by the courts and generally recognized by every one that knows anything about it, the people of Douglas County are worth almost exactly a quarter billion dollars,--six hundred sixteen and two thirds percent (616.66%) of the value of all real and personal property turned in for ad valorem taxation.