



**Duplin County Health Services Staff**

Left to right: L.H. Sikes, Joe Costin, Lula Williams, Eileen Whitfield, Sue Sutton, Lee Brock, Jo Ann Cavenaugh, Gail Sikes, Jervine Smith, Marie Miller, Sam Glasgow, Bonita Fountain, Alice Tuten, Lynn

Fussell, Ruth Harper, Ronnie Kennedy, Elnora Stanley, Betty Sue Rose, Beaty Dobson and Sarah Inez Hodges. Not in the picture: Ruth Cooper, Helen Ballard, Debra Beasley, Doris Bizzell, Becky Brown, Cindie Carlton, Mildred LaCoe and Grace Newton.

## Healthy Living

During the early 1940s, only three employees were working — Mary Lee Sykes, Louise Carter Bullock and the sanitarian, and of course the health director. In 1945, Donnie Outlaw was employed as secretary. Mrs. Outlaw was employed, with the exception of a year or two, until she retired in 1980.

These early years saw the health department actively involved with the county's health problems and prevention. The ongoing programs were: TB, water supplies, sewage disposal, foodhandling, venereal disease, immunization, pre-natal care, well-baby clinics and school health.

In 1948, the health department was able to obtain the use of the "TB Bus" during the summer months. This was a mobile chest X-Ray unit that traveled throughout the county making thousands of chest x-rays in the TB program. Ruby Kornegay operated this unit.

The number of employees increased in the early 1940s. New staff

members included Ruby Carter Kornegay, Donnie Outlaw, Fanny Robertson, Mary Alice Whitfield, Mildred Currie Pridden and Mary Wells Bowden. Jesse Canady worked for the county as sanitarian for a while, sometime in the early 1940s.

Later, Jesse was employed by the state and served as district sanitarian until he retired a few years ago. After Canady, Seth Gay served as sanitarian for Duplin County for a short time. Following Seth as sanitarian was William "Gib" Buck. Also employed about this time (the late 1940s and early 1950s) as nurses were Sarah Inez Barclay Hodges, Helen Batts Ballard, Norma Hill Candrena and Rosemond Brock. In 1952, Joe Lee Costin came to the department as sanitarian and in 1955 "Bill" Byrd was employed as a second sanitarian for a short time. From 1961-1973 Maurice Holmes was the county sanitarian.

### New Health Center

The year 1954 was a milestone in the growth and development of the health department. It was at this

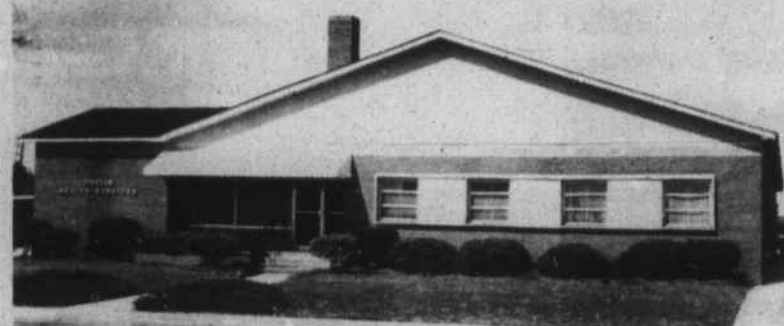
time that the department moved into its own building, a new 4,000-square-foot office/clinic complex built at a cost of "only" \$63,000. This year, the health department is celebrating its 30th year in this same building. Additions to the building were made around the 1970s.

### Present

Interestingly enough, the early programs and clinics are still the heart of Public Health, through the years, much progress has been made in public health. The results are evident by our healthier families and environment.

Look at a few facts listed: 1) In 1927, 20,000 cases of whooping cough were reported; in 1981, only 12. 2) In 1928, 60,000 cases of measles were reported, and in 1981, only three. 3) North Carolina has the largest network of fluoridated school water supplies in the nation; 119 schools. Duplin County has seven of these. Dental disease has been reduced by 38 percent in our county's schools. 4) In North

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The office/clinic building shown above has been the home of the health department since 1954. It is located behind the courthouse and was built the same year as the hospital and the South Wing Annex. The recent addition of a new A-frame roof has changed the outside appearance.



**South Wing Annex Offices**

The South Wing Annex Offices, formerly used as quarters by the hospital nurses, now houses the Environmental Health staff and the Administrative offices of the health department on the second floor. Recent additions in staff and programs required moving the e above offices from the main building to the South Wing Annex. The Building Inspection department is also located on the second floor.



**Keeping The Public Informed**

Health education is one of the major services offered to the public. Through health education, individuals and groups can acquire information and skills for making responsible decisions about their health. Debra Scott Beasley, health educator, explains some of the services and information that are available to everyone. Keeping the public informed and up-to-date on all the services available, supplying informative and accurate literature, films and programs to the public on various health topics are vital functions of the department.



**Service Offered**

A check on blood pressure is one of the many services offered by the health department. Show above, Sarah Inez Hodges, R.N., performs this vital service for one of the thousands of Duplin County citizens who uses the services available.



**New Records System**

Shown above are Jo Ann Cavenaugh, receptionist and Marie Miller, clerk, using the new records filing system. Complete and accurate records are kept on all clients. The files have expanded in recent years due to the increased numbers of Duplin County citizens using the services available. There are approximately 20,000 records on file.

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### 1984 Festival of Flowers Schedule of Events

Event	Time	Location
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 12</b>		
Merchant's Festival Flower Promotion	All Day	
BPW Fashion Show and Dinner	7 pm	MOC downtown campus
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 13</b>		
Merchant's Festival Flower Promotion All Day		
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 14</b>		
Train Engine & Caboose	All Day	Center Street
VFW Auxiliary Bake Sale	9 am-Until	White's Dept. Store
Kiwanis Speech and Hearing Clinic	9 am-1 pm	Southern Bank, Park Ave.
Concerned Women's Bake Sale	9:30-noon	M.C.S. Cherry Ins., Center St.
Joycees Festival Parade	10 am	Traditional route
Extension Homemakers, Art Class & Arts Crafts Show	10 am-11	Girls Club, Westbrook Park
MOC High School Day	9:45-11	MOC Campus
Festival Arts & Crafts Fair	10-4 pm	MOC Downtown Campus
Joycees Hot Dog Sale	10 am-11	Downtown & College Plaza
Lions Club, Rescue Squad, Eye, Diabetes, Blood Pressure Check	10 am-5	Summerlin Electric
Festival Car Show & Parts Sale	10:30-11	National Guard Amory
Rotary Auction	11 am	North Center St.
Recreation Dept. Film Festival	11 am	Boys' Club
Salem Advent Puppeteers Barbecue Park Dinner	11:30 am	Salem Advent Christian Church
American Legion Barbecue Park Chicken Dinner	12n-Until	American Legion Building
Kiwanis Money Tree Drawing	1 pm	Southern Bank, Center St.
Exchange Club Tours	2 pm	Wachovia Bank
BPW Club Entertainment & Talent Show	3 pm	Center Theater

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May 29 - June 7	England and Scotland
June 8-16	Canadian Summer Tour
September 4-29	California and the Golden West
September 9-13	Epco
September 16-21	New Orleans - Bellingrath Gardens - The World's Fair
September 30 - October 9	New England
(Cape Cod, Bar Harbor and the White Mountains)	
October 11 - 14	Nashville
(conjunction with Radio 101 - WWQQ)	
October 13-25	Nova Scotia
(Prince Edward Island - The Cabot Trail)	
October 18-21	Amish Country
October 26-28	The Great Mystery Tour
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November 29 - December 2	Scottish Christmas Walk, Alexandria, Va.

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