

He's Doctor To Millions

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Dr. George I. Lythcott, administrator of the Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, operates the most important federal agency providing day-to-day primary health care to millions of Americans.



DR. LYTHCOTT

His agency employs more than 16,000 people and has an annual budget of two billion-plus dollars.

More than five million persons receive care through HSA's Community and Migrant Health centers, National Health Service Corps and Indian Health Service. Several million others, mostly mothers and children receive valuable services from HSA through its Maternal and Child Health program.

Since joining HSA in August, 1977, Dr. Lythcott has become increasingly aware of the broad spectrum in human needs in health. A special challenge facing HSA is to ensure access to health care in isolated rural communities and urban ghettos where an estimated 28 million residents are without a regular source of private sector health care.

One means of helping these people, often poor persons not covered by welfare or Medicaid, is through the National Health Service Corps. With a 1980 appropriation of \$74 million it has on assignment in urban and rural areas 1,211 doctors, 341 dentists and 508 other medical support personnel — most of them nurses.

There are 6,500 others in training under a scholarship program that pays for their education in exchange for their agreeing to serve — in urban and rural areas where there are shortages — one year for each year of subsidized training received. Twenty-three per cent of trainees are black.

Under Lythcott's leadership, HSA has developed several initiatives designed to more effectively increase access to health care. The three most important of these are in urban health, rural health and child health.

The urban health program is designed to build primary care capacity in medically under-served urban areas through the coordination of manpower, support service, facilities and technical assistance at the community level. This initiative was created for urban areas with high percentages of poor and elderly, high infant mortality levels and low physician patient ratios.

In 1980, HSA is operating more than 290 urban community health centers and serving some 2,250,000 men, women and children, many of them minorities. The rural

health effort has received renewed emphasis under Dr. Lythcott's leadership. Like its urban health counterpart, it is targeted to serve people living in medically underserved rural areas. This year, Dr. Lythcott's agency has supported some 570 projects serving more than two million people living in rural America.

HSA works with state and local governments in trying to develop a system for identifying and keeping in touch with high risk mothers and infants. Key goals of the child health effort are to reduce unacceptably high infant mortality rates and to ensure that all children are immunized. The effectiveness of this program can be seen in the District of Columbia, where in one year there was a drop of eighteen per cent in the infant mortality rate.

HSA is responsible for

servicing more than 770,000 American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The Indian Health Service provides direct health services to 48 hospitals, 100 health centers and more than 300 health stations.

HSA is the agency within HHS' Public Health Service responsible for ensuring access to health care. As the major federal provider of health care, HSA was called upon to see that Indo-Chinese, Haitian and Cuban refugees received prompt, high quality medical care when they entered this country. Since 1978, facilities supported by HSA provided health services to more than 425,000 refugees.

HSA also operates several other programs in important areas such as genetic diseases, hypertension and black lung disease. Dr. Lythcott was born in New York City April 29, 1918. He received a bachelor of science degree from Bates College in 1939 and graduated from the Boston University School of Medicine in 1943. He served as a consultant for Public Health Service programs in smallpox eradication, American Indian Health and Cancer research. In 1971, he received a Meritorious Honor Award from the Agency for International Development for directing the smallpox eradication program in twenty West and Central African countries where the disease was stamped out.

In addition to previous private practice in pediatrics, Dr. Lythcott has served as a professor, instructor and practitioner in pediatrics at the New York University College of Medicine and the Boston University School of Medicine. From 1969 to 1974, he served as associate dean and professor of pediatrics at Columbia University. In 1978, he received Boston University's Alumni Award and this year he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Bates College. In 1977, he received the Edward Jen-

Ask Lawyer Day Set For Wednesday

The Durham and Raleigh Call for Action offices will participate in the fourth National "Ask The Expert Lawyer Day," co-sponsored by Call For Action, Inc., and the State Bar Associations throughout the nation, on Wednesday, November 12.

Volunteer lawyers will provide free and confidential legal information by phone for such areas as consumer rights, landlord-tenant problems, domestic relations, commercial law, taxes, and housing, between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. The attorneys can be reached by calling 688-9306 in Durham and 832-7578 in Raleigh.

"Ask the Lawyer Day combines the best efforts of broadcasters and CFA volunteers with the expertise of attorneys to bring free information to thousands of people," says Mrs. Mary Livas Smith, director of WRAL-TV's Durham Call For Action office. In 1979, over 5,000 people were able to reach 160 volunteer attorneys while thousands more were unable to get through the busy lines.

Call For Action, Inc., is a national telephone information and action service in partnership with broadcast stations and staffed by 2,000 volunteers in 38 cities. Nationally, CFA helps 200,000 citizens annually. Sixteen per cent of all calls require some form of legal assistance.

Lamplighters Club Meets

The Lamplighters Club of the Hayestown Community met in the Community Building recently, under the leadership of Mrs. Alice Carrick.

Members present were Mmes. Roberta Allen, Della Hubbard, Annie Webb, Josephine Lassiter, Edna Royster, Lillie Owens, Ollie Ray, Mary Satterfield, Hester Brown, Mozelle Robinson, Sonya Allen, Janet Allen, Alice Carrick, and Odessa Flake.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, November 16, 4 p.m., in the Hayestown Community Building in C.R. Wood Park.

Lyon Park Rose Garden Club Meets

Mrs. Mae W. Webb hosted the Lyon Park Rose Garden Ladies in her home recently, which was gracefully decorated with several green, leafy flower arrangements. The "Garden Gate" was opened by Mrs. Hortense Jones with a reading entitled, "Making Use Of Your Time Wisely." Ms. Hallie Crews rendered prayer.

The business session was opened by Ms. Margaret Milligan and committee reports were given and tentative plans were made for the club's Christmas dinner. The club is also planning a plant sale for the spring of the year.

Mrs. Catherine Shaw, who recently returned from a Bermuda cruise, shared pictures of island flowers and scenery.

Members present were Mmes. Mattie Canny, Margaret Milligan, Hallie Crews, Celestine Cunningham, Mae W. Webb, Hortense Jones, Mable Freeland, Mary Hardy, Mary Rice, Catherine Shaw, Annie B. Green and Misses Brenda Lyde and Arnetta Merriit. Guests present were Mmes. Martha Lyde, Pearl Tilley, Gemala Webb and Miss Calandra Rice.

Mrs. Green closed the meeting thanking Mrs. Webb for her hospitality.

Professorship in International Health at the University of Wisconsin where he was a professor of pediatrics and associate vice chancellor at the University's Center for Health Sciences.

Durham Social Notes Of Interest

By Mrs. Symner Daye

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Happy birthday anniversary to Mrs. Olinzie Johnson.

Mrs. Rebecca Whitfield of Kinston spent a week's vacation with Mrs. Nola Folks in Rougemont recently.

The Red Mountain Baptist Church Usher Board held its most recent meeting Sunday October 26 with the president, Oliver Bullock, presiding.

Others present were Mmes. Connie Bullock, Emma L. Bullock, Lillian Glenn, Cornelia Riley Clayton, Thelma Parrish, Nola Folk, Georgia Lyons, Wallace Harris, Symner Daye; James Harris and Norman Daye. The Board will meet again in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning Maxwell and family of Kinston spent the weekend with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. John Folks in Rougemont.

It's a fine baby boy! Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Branch on their new arrival.

Miss Portia Scott has returned to Ferrum College after spending fall break with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scott in Durham. Miss Scott is a member of Voices of Hope Choir in college.

Miss Lydia Harris, daughter of Dr. B.W. Harris and Mrs. Ben Harris of Greensboro, has returned to school at UNC-Chapel Hill after spending fall break with her parents.

Please pray for the sick and shut-in: Mesdames Georgianna Moore, Viola Smith, Ida Thorpe, Dianna Montgomery, Estelle Nixon, Maud Lucas, Willie Mitchell, Maggie Parker, Grace Mack, Lina Glenn, Lillie Eubanks, Eula Johnson, Moriah Judd, Pearl Foskey; Ms. Bernella Phillips, Patricia Coln, Julia Robinson; Messrs. W.A. Harris, Ervin Lyons, William Carrington, Bonnie Lee Allen, Sammie Parker, Lucious Glenn, Edward Glenn, Alphonzo Claiborne, Hosea Moore, Master Brian Umstead, Ross Scoggins.

Sincere sympathy to the family of Rev. S.P. Biggers; and to the Eubanks Family of Chapel Hill, the McCall Family and the Garner Family.

Prize Winner

Mrs. Generia Reid of Weaver Street won the 300 pound hog that was given away at Whitted School, November 2, during the closing service of the crusade for Elder Bradsher.

Mrs. Delois Rogers of 2401 Southern Drive, won the prize for the Queen.



The only example of a visored military helmet found in the New World was unearthed in 1979 at the 1619 Wolstenholme settlement 10 miles from Jamestown, Virginia.

BALDWIN'S

NORTHGATE 10-9

DOWNTOWN 10-5:30

SOUTH SQUARE 10-9

Fall Coat Sale



Beautiful All-Weather Coats With Button Front

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