HEW SEC. FOLSOM CITES PHYSICIANS FOR ADDICTION WORK

Four PHS physicians whose work has made history in the field of drug addiction research received citations recently from DHEW Secretary Marion B. Folsom.

Dr. Robert H. Felix, NIMH Director, presented letters of commendation to two retired Assistant Surgeons General, Drs. Lawrence Kolb and Walter L. Treadway; to Dr. Nathan B. Eddy, Chief of the Section on Analgesics, NIAMD; and to Mrs. Marianne Small, the widow of Dr. Lyndon F. Small, former Chief of the Laboratory of Chemistry, NIAMD, who died June 15, 1957.

Dr. Kolb was the first Medical Officer in Charge of the USPHS Hospital and Addiction Research Center in Lexington, Ky. Dr. Treadway served as Chief of the PHS Mental Hygiene Division for eight years. Both were pioneers in the establishment of the two PHS drug addiction treatment centers in Fort Worth, Tex., and Lexington, Ky.

Dr. Eddy and the late Dr. Small were honored for their outstanding findings while searching for a drug that would relieve pain without the risk of addiction.

The citations were made in connection with a symposium on narcotic drug addiction problems held at NIH March 27 and 28.

Dr. Shannon Honored

Dr. James A. Shannon, NIH Director, recently received the 1958 scientific award of the New York University Alumni Association for "outstanding achievements in the fields of renal physiology, malaria control, and national administration of medical research." The award was presented at the dedication of Bellevue Medical Center's new Alumni Hall in New York.
Suspended in this Egyptian canal are cannisters containing sodium pentachlorophenate, a compound which kills aquatic snails who serve as hosts for the developing schistosome larvae.

In 1953 the Egyptian government requested assistance from the United States in the control of one of that country's major diseases, schistosomiasis. Humans contract this chronic debilitating illness when they come in contact with waters infested with minute free-swimming cercaria, the larvae of the schistosomes.

Scientists in NIAID have been studying various phases of schistosomiasis since 1943, when large numbers of American troops became infected while serving in the Far East. The disease is also a potential health hazard to the United States.

Part of the parasite's life cycle is passed in the body of certain aquatic snails, and attempts have been made to destroy these hosts with chemicals. One of the major investigations of the Institute has been the screening of more than 2,000 chemicals in an attempt to find a superior molluscicide. Several compounds proved highly effective, and one, sodium pentachlorophenate, was outstanding. Even in low concentrations, it killed not only the snail host but also its eggs. It was nontoxic to humans, domestic animals, and crops.

In response to the Egyptian request, Dr. E. G. Berry of NIAID's Laboratory of Tropical Diseases was assigned to head a pilot control project and to demonstrate this compound. A rural area northwest of Cairo was selected. There the incidence of schistosomiasis was high, and more than a hundred miles of canals and drains were infested with the intermediate snail hosts.

Within six weeks after the first application of sodium pentachlorophenate, all the waterways were free of the snails. Two or three treatments a year, however, were necessary to kill the snails that invaded from canals above the project boundaries.

Molluscacing with sodium pentachlorophenate is faster, simpler, and cheaper than with agents for the intermediate snail host but also its eggs. It was passed in the body of certain mammals, and crops.

During the three years of the program, the incidence of schistosomiasis in school children aged 6 to 10 declined from 40 percent to 25 percent. It is now evident that control may be effected through use of sodium pentachlorophenate alone. Dr. Berry is enthusiastic about the new molluscicide. He believes, however, that only through better sanitation, health education, and thorough control of the intermediate hosts will it be possible to eradicate the disease.
NIH Spotlight

Stanley B. Ward

Nineteen years ago, Stanley B. Ward joined NIH as a laboratory attendant. Today he is a research technician with a speciality in parasitology, and is co-author of two published research papers.

Stanley's close collaboration with the scientists in his lab (NIAID's Laboratory of Immunology) and his contributions to the development of the rapid flocculation test for diagnosing trichinosis and the adaptation of this test for rheumatoid arthritis have earned him co-author credit and scientific recognition.

Stanley joined the Laboratory of Tropical Diseases in 1940. His first duties included the management and observation of test animals.

Adding to his knowledge of animals while on three years’ military duty as a meat and dairy inspector in the Army Veterinary Corps, Stanley returned to NIH and put his knowledge to work. He worked his way up from a lab attendant to his present position.

As a research technician, he is responsible for preparing antigens for flocculation tests and for immunizing test animals. His long experience, efficiency, and thorough understanding of the problems involved in his work have earned him praises from his supervisors.

Off duty, Stanley plays softball and golf, and likes to go fishing and crabbing -- but he's up in the champ class in duckpin circles. Holder of a 120 average, he bowls with two top Bethesda teams and will go to Connecticut next month to compete in a National Championship Tourney. His wife and two carrot-topped daughters will lend moral support from the family home in Rockville.
HERE’S HOW NIH MAY LOOK IN 1968!

NIH’s new master plot plan—numbers indicate buildings authorized for construction in the near future. (1) Division of Biologics Standards; (2) National Institute of Dental Research; (3) CC Surgical Wing; (4) NIMH Greenhouse; (5) Boiler Plant Addition; (6) Office Building; and (7) National Library of Medicine.

Employees Brave Blizzard For CC “Reading Night”

In spite of the crippling blizzard, 11 NIH employees returned to the reservation on the evening of March 13 to lead library week discussions for CC patients.

Groups met in all CC solariums to enjoy oral readings and discuss the pleasures of sharing reading experiences. Employees who led discussions were Sue Oliver, Scott Adams, Robert Beauregard, Nelson Fitton, Richard Hopkins, Jack Fletcher, Roy Perry, Dan Rice, Julia Rowady, Mary Ann Fugitt, and Dr. Paul Schmidt. Mrs. Peter Mora, wife of an NIH scientist, also headed a discussion group.

Reading programs and storytelling sessions for younger CC patients were held on March 14 by Elizabeth Koenig, Mary Yagodinski, Mrs. Scott Adams, Priscilla Maury, and Margaret Hannigan.

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Noble, and Joseph E. Hayes, Jr., NIH; and Dr. Gary Felsenfeld, NIMH.
Chairman of the symposium committee is Dr. Robert L. Bowman, NIH. Dr. John Leonard of the Chemistry Division, National Research Laboratory, is vice chairman.

James B. Davis, DBO, is executive secretary of the committee.

DR. CRONIN DIES

Dr. John W. Cronin, 52, Assistant Surgeon General and Chief of the Bureau of Medical Services, PHS, since 1956, died of a heart attack March 27 en route to the hospital from his office. Dr. Cronin has been affiliated with PHS since 1932. He was also Chief of the Hill-Burton hospital construction program.

He is survived by his wife Virginia and their two children, Virginia May and John Williams Cronin, Jr.

DR. HALPERIN RESIGNS

Dr. Max Halperin, Chief of the Biometric Office, DBS, resigned recently to accept a position as a statistician with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, N. Y.

Employees Share $1,100 In Awards

A total of $1,100 in cash awards was presented recently to 13 employees at NIH for their suggestions and superior performance.

Four employees in the Office Services Branch, DBO, shared $500 for planning and carrying out the relocation of 876 employees at NIH in a period of 3 months. Recipients were Donald R. Cushing, Chief of the Office Services Branch; Arthur D. Catlin, Head of the Space Management Section; James G. Hawkes, Head of the Communications Section; and John Finch, Head of the Transportation Section.

An award of $250 was shared by members of the Laboratory of Nutrition and Endocrinology, NIAMD. They are Clara E. Mowry, Robert W. Adams, Ira O. Miller, William H. Mills, and Nicholas Williams.

Guard Lts. Richard F. Jones and Frederick D. Reynolds, Plant Safety Branch, DBO, were awarded $75 each for superior performance.

Suggestion awards of $100 each were presented to Betty M. Mattingly, Staff Nurse in the CC Diagnostic X-ray Department, and Alice B. Brooks, Statistical Draftsmen, Medical Arts Section, DRS.

Award winners in the DBO Office Services Branch—(l. to r.) A. D. Catlin, J. G. Hawkes, J. Finch, and D. R. Cushing—discuss relocation plans with DBO Chief R. H. Henschel.