

## Health Department

The St. Clair Co. Health Dept. was established Nov. 8, 1937 and located in a store building back of the courthouse. The Health Department remained in this building until the <sup>new</sup> Center was built on March 26, 1957. There ~~has~~ has been a succession of Health officers, Nurses, Secretaries and Sanitarians. The present janitor, Alfred Mellion, has remained throughout the 20 years.

The Staff at this time:

Health Officer: Dr. John D. Layfield  
app. in 1956 (once a week)

Public Health Nurse: <sup>Ms.</sup> Rubie M. Zack <sup>R.N.</sup>  
(app. Aug. 1945.)

Secretary: Mrs. Nell D. Howards  
app. 12-54

Sanitarian: Robert B. Culpepper  
app. 6-55 &

Parttime Secretary: Mrs. Mary M. Masew  
app. 10-56

1-26-57

The Health Department provides the following services:

Immunizations, supervision of infants and prenatals, tuberculosis cases, schools, vital statistics, inspection of dairies, food establishments, and installation of sanitation, and various records.

March 21, 1955 St. Clair Co. Rabies Inspector, Dr. L. G. Isbell of Gadsden supervised the program - Every dog was to be inoculated in July -

Polio Vaccine Shots

March 19, 55 - 1500 St. Clair County school children in first & second grades may receive Polio Vaccine shots - Miss Ruth Zuckey, hard working and efficient Co. Health Nurse, urges complete cooperation from all parents. "Polio that has struck down many thousands at an age before they ever had a start in life."

April  
7, 1955

Operation Needle - Polio Vaccine

Salk Vaccine

# Public Health Concerns

① Rabies - Inoculation for every dog - 3.21.55

② Polio vaccine 1500 St Clair  
3-55 Co. School children 1st & 2nd  
grades -

③ operation needle - Polio vaccine  
4-55 Salk vaccine

④ Tuberculosis - chest X-Rays

⑤ "Mothers' March"

## Mental Health Program

⑥ BCG Vaccine Protect against TB

June 1956 -

July 1956 Nurses 'front line workers -  
Mental Health Program

November 10, 1955 - Teachers, School Employees  
get chest X-Rays

1956 - BCG Vaccine Protects Against  
TB

Developed by a French doctor  
in 1916. The doctor was interned  
in Paris during WWI by the  
Germans & he kept the precious  
vial of BCG culture hidden  
in his pocket during the  
entire time. The world's supply  
of BCG has come from that  
single vial as the TB  
bacilli have reproduced  
and portions been removed  
to start other cultures.  
BCG is a live culture vaccine  
and produces a much  
greater immunity than  
vaccines that contain  
viruses that have been killed.

1916

347 State wide  
deaths in tuberculosis  
none in 1955  
St. Clair Co.

1956 - Hepatitis -

1956 Health Exam. urged for children  
of School-age.

1956 - Heart Surgery - Children -  
values of heart

1932 Typhoid Fever

1956 Lung Cancer  
Heart Diseases

outbreaks

1956

Diphtheria

Whooping cough

Oct. 17, 1963 - Sakin Oral Vaccine -

21,000 took

Sakin Vaccine

in St. Clair Vaccine

in three doses will

eradicate polio forever

25¢ each shot

4-4-63 Paul Turner - Easter Seals  
Chairman of the St. Clair  
County Chapter of the Alabama  
Society for Crippled Children  
& Adults (Speech & Hearing)

Buford Lowe, Judge of  
Inferior Court, Pell City - St. Clair  
Chmn for the American  
Cancer Society's Annual  
Crusade.  
Slogan - "To cure more,  
Give more."

St. Clair News - begins -  
Your Health Section

2-27-64 Jack Hagan, Campaign  
Chairman for the Red  
Cross March fund drive  
in St. Clair Co.

1962 - Mrs. Marie Turner, chmn. March  
of Dimes Mothers' March for  
Pell City - fight against birth  
defects, arthritis and polio.

8-13-64 Ingram's Skilled Nursing Home

8-5-70 St. Clair Observer -

Headstarters Honor Their  
Sweetheart - Miss Jackie

11,25,70 Rubella (German Measles)  
Vaccine - Miss Rubie Jackie

1962 Mental Health Fund Drive  
Fred L. Kelly of W F H K

11,31,1963 - Plea of Marching Mothers  
Give For The Life of a Child  
Community - Mrs. Howell Henderson

11,31,63 \$50,000 set up for P.C.  
Health Center

4-10-64 Rescue Squad - St Clair  
Citizens Band Radio Club -  
Co-Chairmen Nat Riddler & Hugh  
Williamson



2-28-63 - Bob Hall named Red Cross  
Campaign Chairman

3-14-63 - March 17-23 National  
Poison Prevention Week  
in Bell City  
Mayor Sam Burt

Feb. 8, 1962 - March of Dimes donation  
cards - Mrs. Mary Collins &  
Mrs. Pauline Leich -  
Kindergarten class

Oct. 12, 1961 Vocational Rehabilitation  
21 from

1. 11 1962 F-Ray Bus (D.P.C.)  
on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Teachers,  
school bus drivers, school  
lunch personnel, Cafe employees,  
& anyone else, who wants to  
be F-rayed

Events

- | Dates                | Service   |
|----------------------|---|
| March 21, 1955       | Rabies - Inoculated in 7-5  |
| March 55<br>Schedule | 1500 St. Clair Co School<br>children: 1st & 2nd grades -<br>Polio Vaccine - Salk Vaccine                            |
| April 7, 1955        | "Operation Needle" -  |
| Jan. 30, 1959        | "Mothers March"<br>(Polio)  |
| Nov. 1956            | float   |
| April 28, 1955       | Polio - Salk Vaccine 20 Be<br>made more effective in 1955   |
| May 5, 1955          | No Polio in St. Clair Co. Second<br>Round Starts May 16, 1955   |
| Aug. 25, 1955        | Miss Ruthie Zachie, R.N. completed<br>a refresher course in the<br>general treatment of tuberculosis<br>@ U of Ala. |
| Sept. 29, 1956       | No child with three polio<br>shots died in 1956.  |