

Kansas Public Health Association

Salutes

LEONA BOYD
and
PAUL LUCKAN

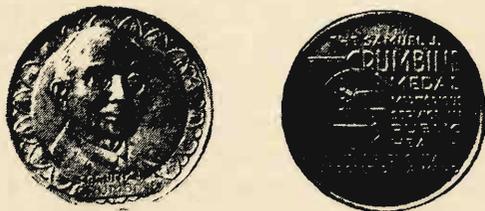


SAMUEL J. CRUMBINE BANQUET

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THE SAMUEL J. CRUMBINE MEDAL



Presented for outstanding service in public health

Past Recipients

- 1946—Samuel J. Crumbine, M.D.*
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1954—Earle G. Brown, M.D.*
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William C. Menninger, M.D.
1956—Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.
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1961—Franklin D. Murphy, M.D.
1962—Leona Baumgartner, M.D.
1963—Charles A. Hunter, Ph.D.
1964—Fred Lowe Soper, M.D.
1965—Dwight F. Metzler, C.E., M.P.H.

*Deceased

SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

To give recognition to members who have given long and faithful service in the field of public health, the Kansas Public Health Association has established a Service Recognition Award. This Award is presented to those who are selected by a committee composed of the President of the Association and the Chairman of each Section. The Award in the form of a Certificate, was presented for the first time in 1956.

1956—Miss Cassandra Ritter
Mary C. Bure, R.N.

1957—Alice M. Finley, R.N.
Ivan F. Shull, M.P.H.

1958—Sarah Zeller, R.N.
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Past

1959—Bertha H. Campbell
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Recipients

1960—C. Herbert Munger, M.D.
Jesse M. Reddy

1961—Flora Acton McKinley
Evan E. Wright

1962—Bernard J. Langdon
Margaret P. Shadoan, R.N.

1963—Roberta E. Foote, R.N.
James M. Mott, M.D.

1964—Hannah E. Lindberg, R.N.
Russell J. Stanbridge

1965—Virginia Pence Lockhart
Waldo W. Wilmore



LEONA BOYD — Secretary Par Excellence

The power behind the throne, the girl Friday, the woman behind the scenes — that is Leona Boyd.

A diminutive redhead, friendly and vivacious, Leona's secretarial career with the State of Kansas spans 39 years.

Born in Topeka, Leona was the second child of Albert R. and Delia Davis. She has two sisters and a brother. She attended Topeka High School and Strickler's business College.

Leona was secretary to the late J. C. Mohler, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, for a year. She resigned to marry Neil E. Addington. They had one son, Neil, better known as Bill.

Between 1927 and 1929, Leona worked for the late Frank J. Ryan, Secretary of State. She was in Evanston, Wyoming for a few months during that time. She helped take inventory for the Union Pacific Railroad there.

Leona was in the State Motor Vehicle Department for nine years but left to work in Republican Headquarters for a year. She went to the State Board of Health in 1939.

Her first job with the department was secretary to Thomas Dalton, then director of the Food and Drug Division. She also worked for the present director, Evan Wright.

In 1940, Leona became secretary to Dr. Fred P. Helm, Executive Secretary to the State Board of Health. She was also secretary to the Board.

Leona admits she was frightened when it was time for her first Board meeting. The night before, she prayed that she would have an attack of appendicitis! (She had been threatened with an attack previously.) Her prayer was not answered, she remained healthy, but she got the job done.

Minutes of several Board meetings record special recognition for Leona's services. A motion carried that ". . . the Board express its sincere appreciation for her industry, intelligence, and integrity; that she has been of inestimable value to the health program of Kansas." Later minutes also extol her loyalty and efficiency.

Not recorded, however, are the hours of overtime through the years. Employees waiting for a five o'clock elevator can hear her typewriter.

Comments from co-workers include such phrases as: Patience, willingness to help anyone at any time, undying energy, dedication, dependability, sets an example for other workers.

Glowing in Their Praise

The State Health Officers under whom Leona has served are just as glowing in their praise. They are: Dr. Fred P. Helm, now director of the Division of Crippled Children's Services Texas State Department of Health, from 1940 to 1941; Dr. Floyd C. Beelman, now in private practice in Topeka, from 1941 to 1951; Dr. Thomas R. Hood, now Deputy Director of the American Public Health Association, from 1951 to 1958; Dr. Geof-

frey Martin (deceased), Topeka pediatrician and recipient of the 1966 Crumbine Award, from 1958 to 1961; and Dr. Robert H. Riedel, present State Health Officer and Executive Secretary.

One of her bosses has this to say about Leona: "During her years of service she has quietly but substantially and consistently contributed to the effectiveness of public health programs and of the State Department of Health.

"Leona is undoubtedly one of the cutest and brightest secretaries that has ever graced an executive office and her unfailing good humor has cheered not only her parade of bosses but the staff and visitors to the Department.

"Her long, loyal, and efficient service under a succession of health officers attests to her great resiliency and adaptiveness . . ."

What's "behind the scenes" of Leona herself? A mischievous little redhead who could mimic anyone — even her teachers; a lively little sister who sometimes embarrassed her family with her harmless escapades; a tiny "believer" who listened to her County Claire grandmother tell about the leprechauns and the Blarney Stone; a devoted daughter who tells how her parents helped rear her son in an atmosphere of warmth and refinement; a hard-working but fun-loving mother who has been an inspiration to that son; a good wife who will go fishing with her husband even though it isn't her favorite pastime; and a doting grandmother who speaks proudly of her four "jewels."

They are Kandis, 15 years old; Michael, 12; Kerry, 11; and little Kathleen who is three.

Son Bill is now Chief of the Austin Bureau of the Houston Post, Austin, Texas. He worked part time in the Board of Health when he attended Washburn University.

Her husband is Fred Boyd: they were married in 1954. Fred still chuckles at this incident. He and Leona had been visiting in Canada. When they went through customs at Victoria, Leona reported her address as Topeka, Kansas. The man in uniform retorted, "Sure'n I thought you were from Ireland."

Leona is a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Always busy, she never had much time for hobbies. She is thinking of writing a book when she retires. The title? "Behind the Scenes in the State Department of Health."

Any time Leona has problems, she uses this philosophy. She gets up, shakes herself, and says sternly, "O. K. now Sister, you got yourself into this . . ."

When asked to give a tribute to his mother, Bill wrote: "My business is writing but my ability to describe the little gal that has worried herself gray about me for so many years falls far short of my true feelings. She is something extra special in so many, many ways."

Following is his attempt. Those who know her best say he describes Leona Boyd perfectly:

A Son's Tribute

"A diminutive redhead . . . a wiggle that the fur coat worn against freezing Kansas winds only partially hid . . . the sound of hurried, clicking high heels on the sidewalk early every morning and again at sundown.

"The changing seasons affected only the clothes she wore. The routine was the same six days a week, year after year.

"Work . . . work . . . work.

"It has been her only life. She had a son to support and jobs were difficult to find in the early '30s.

"But the worries of those many years never kept her from smiling—or talking—and she has always had a cheerful word for all.

"Her smile is the dance and sparkle of her eyes. It's given freely. It's the same today as it has been as long as I can remember.

"Like most redheads, she has a temper that flares occasionally. It showed itself the time her son spilled her only bottle of perfume and a few other times. There were only a few spankings he recalls. Afterward her concern made the disciplinary action easier to laugh about.

"She still laughs, despite a lifetime of concern for others and seldom, if ever, for herself. Her unselfish sacrifice and loyalty is characteristic of her every breath.

"She'll never change. She'll never slow down. It's not her nature to do so.

"If she does, it won't be Leona, the little redhead

who still works, still worries and still sees good things in every person she has ever met. That's the grandmother of my four children."

Bill.



As the man, Webster, puts it in his word-book, "Chronology — The science which treats of measuring time by regular divisions or periods, and which assigns to events or transactions their proper dates." Hence the title:

PAUL LUCKAN

The Chronology of a KPHA Member

1900 Turn back the clock to that New Year's Eve when the nineteenth century died and the 20th century was born. The 7-month old boy slept soundly as the citizens of Lawrence loudly welcomed in the new century.

In all of Douglas County you could not have found a dozen automobiles. In Dayton, Ohio, the Wright brothers were still repairing bicycles. With radio still 20 years away and TV yet undreamed, Dr. Crumbine was designing his health car to take the first message of public health to all Kansans — by railroad.

1910 "I grew up in dad's hotel. At 10, the traveling salesmen were telling me stories. A year or so later I was telling them stories."

By 1910, the kid was puzzling over how he could please his musician father who was insisting that the violin must have priority over baseball, football and skating.

1912 Typhoid fever hit the kid — and for some years the violin won out. Then came cars!

- 1916 First job—in a Ford dealership. By 1916, Paul had taught dozens of Lawrence citizens how to drive their first cars. When he graduated from Lawrence High in the war year of 1918, the year book was to say, "You can probably find him—playing his violin—among a litter of Fords.
- 1918-22 At Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska, he met this brown-eyed gal from Omaha—Blanche Sherwood.
- 1922-30 The FORD Years. The dealership had expanded and Paul and Blanche were in Eudora in 1924 and in Baldwin 1925-30.
- 1920 State Sanatorium, Norton. Paul joined the group at the State San June 1, 1930, as steward or purchasing agent. Dr. C. F. Taylor had just been appointed as Superintendent of the Sanatorium. Many changes and improvements resulted in the modernizing of the institution. Among these came the complete replacement of the X-ray equipment. Paul's interest in X-ray equipment began here.
- 1943 Joins State Department of Health, June 1, 1943. With Dr. Homer Hiebert, worked out many of the problems which mobile chest x-rays had to solve. At Washington, D.C., working with Dr. Herman E. Hilleboe's staff as technician, made the first photo-cell controlled x-ray ever made outside the laboratory, the instrument, a product of Dr. Paul C. Hodges and Dr. Russell H.

Morgan, then of Chicago University Chest x-rays—and mobile chest x-ray units—their operation, servicing and schedule planned, have been Paul's life — with a short break at Mt. Vernon, Missouri—from 1943 to the present.

KPHA members are aware of the great strides made in controlling tuberculosis — good medical care, good sanatoria, new efficient drugs, good follow-up, and good case finding. In the many pages of the Public Health book, the page on tuberculosis is another of the many good pages, yet one that needs continuing study. It has been Paul Luckan's life for many years—'43 - '66, under the following directors:

Dr. Homer Hiebert
 Dr. Paul Joliet
 Dr. Francis Bishop
 Dr. Kenneth Albrecht
 Dr. Andre Baude
 Dr. James M. Mott
 Dr. Don Wilcox

What Others Say About Him

The present Director of the Division of Disease prevention and Control, State Department of Health, Dr. Don Wilcox, has this to say about Paul:

"During the past 12 years, Paul Luckan has been the mainstay of the mobile chest x-ray program in Kansas. The field coordinator for the program, he has always demonstrated a remarkable enthusiasm for insuring the success of each survey. No matter what obstacles or manner of problems would arise, he always seems to handle each with tact, confidence, and an abundance of good common sense. Paul Luckan has contributed immensely to the success of the tuberculosis case-finding program in Kansas. Through his dedicated efforts, thousands of Kansans in communities throughout the State, now enjoy better health."

Dr. Ralph I. Canuteson, who for many years was director of student health services at the University of Kansas, Crumrine Medal winner in 1956 and president of the Kansas Tuberculosis and Health Association for twelve years, makes the following statement:

"I have worked with Paul Luckan for years. Paul has been a dedicated worker, there is no doubt about that. During the many years he has worked with the mobile x-ray program in Kansas, he has always had the public along with him. His personality always seemed to harmonize with the local Kansas people with whom he worked. Also, as anyone who has received one of those 'special' Christmas cards or has seen Paul 'whip up' an x-ray survey poster will agree, he is a pretty good amateur artist."

Organizations: Church — First Lutheran, Topeka
Palmyra Lodge #23, AFAM Baldwin,
Kansas
Long a member of the group of Shawnee
County X-ray Technicians
Is an associate member of the Kansas
Society of Radiologic Technologists

Hobbies: Photography
Music
Boats
Cars
Fishin'

Paul says, "It's a long time since New Year's Eve 1900 — that turn of the century! Maybe I'd better go fishin!"

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