

# Tuberculosis Works Slyly Bringing Misery, Murder

BY HELEN BULLOCK.

Tuberculosis is a dull plodder which spreads its misery slyly and murders without fanfare.

Perhaps this explains why the disease has failed to capture the public interest as have polio and cancer. Maybe it explains why tuberculosis remains the No. 1 killer among persons aged 15 to 40, even though it could be eliminated altogether.

This community has not yet waged a strong enough offensive, but several organizations are making slow headway.

The Dallas Tuberculosis Association, Tuberculosis Control Clinic and Woodlawn Hospital, described in previous stories of this series co-operate with admirable harmony.

More Funds Asked.

These groups are far from satisfied with progress made. At a recent meeting of the association's executive committee and the clinic's advisory board, a letter was drafted and sent to the City Health Department, County Health Department and City-County Hospital Board.

The letter, a bid for more tax funds to fight tuberculosis, said:

"The progress of the recently organized control clinic is a matter of record, but only an excellent beginning.

"Present and future needs, because of an ever contributing county population and an abnormally high incidence of tuberculosis, necessitate an increase in funds and personnel.

"We respectfully request that the budget for 1947-1948 be increased to meet existing needs."

**Budget Overstated.**

This year's \$94,000 budget for Woodlawn has been overpriced by more than \$10,000. A new budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 will be adopted next month by County Commissioners and the City Council.

A city health department budget also will be determined in September, and the county health department budget in December.

Signers of the letter asking more tax money for tuberculosis were Weaver Holland, B. R. Brown, Dr. H. Frank Carman, Wilbur F. Wright, Adams Colhoun, Dr. Elliott Mendelhall, Dr. Richard M. Smith, Herbert Stelmacher, Dr. Samuel Weaver and Mrs. Marguerite Hays.

Others interested.

Other local groups are interested in tuberculosis.

The women's auxiliary of the City-County Hospital System will spend 1947 horse show profits on a rehabilitation program at Woodlawn.

The auxiliary plans to erect prefabricated buildings on the hospital grounds to serve as recreation hall and trade school. Recuperating patients will be taught occupations to fit their physical capacity.

Overwork is often a contributing factor in causing tuberculosis, and a return to former strenuous jobs



These 100 vehicles, ranging from staff cars for Generals to garbage trucks, will be sold by War Assets Administration to veteran buyers only Aug. 23.

## WAA Opens Inspection In Record War Surplus Sale

Opening of a \$3,000,000 sale of surplus property at the Grand Prairie War Assets Administration Office drew 334 prospective purchasers Thursday.

Inspection of the lots of merchandise plus 100 automotive vehicles will continue through Wednesday, with the exception of Saturday and Sunday.

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## Youths Facing Traffic Court

A docket of 233 juvenile traffic violation cases, including sixty-two charges of driving without a driver's license, are on the docket of the juvenile traffic court for Saturday morning.

Traffic Safety Education Director Joe J. Murray said the sixty-two license cases set a record. For the most part they involve youngsters on motor scooters, motorcycles and mopeds. Ten cases involved the driving of automobiles, and one a truck.

"It probably is not generally known that the state driver's license law applies to all motor-driven vehicles, including motor scooters and any bicycle equipped with a motor," Murray said.

"The law states that under no condition shall any person under the age of fourteen years operate any type of motor-driven vehicle."

## Homeless Vets Reach 16,566

The number of Dallas veterans seeking rental dwelling units had climbed to 16,566 Thursday, with no immediate relief in sight.

The Dallas Housing Authority announced the 16,566 figure—that's the number of active applications it has on hand for the 5326 rental units it operates. Applications which are kept current by requiring renewals every ninety days, are restricted to low-income married veterans with families.

James L. Stephenson, DHA executive director, said the agency received 789 new applications in July, when only ninety-eight vacancies occurred.

"With turnover in our units less than 2 per cent, and with applications far outnumbering available facilities, there is no apparent let-up in the critical housing situation," Stephenson said.

The first of 522 evictions slated in DHA units to make room for low-income families will come about Dec. 1 and will affect persons whose incomes are in excess of \$5,000 annually, Stephenson said.

A second round of evictions of tenants whose incomes are between \$4,500 and \$5,000 will take place in January, Stephenson said, and the third round in February will catch the \$4,000 to \$4,500 income bracket.

"Evictions will continue monthly until we reach the group of veterans with three children whose annual incomes are not in excess of \$3,000," Stephenson said. "Preference in filling vacancies thus created will be given veterans who make \$1,500 and less."

La Reunion, Texan and Mustang projects, all war housing developments, are not affected by the eviction program.

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