

Tuberculosis in Kids Easy to Cure

AUSTIN.—"Hard to diagnose but easy to cure" is the Texas Tuberculosis association's tag line for the white plague among children. But according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state

health officer, this organization has made long strides toward combating the dread disease in both children and adults. He lists the Tuberculosis association as among the foremost of those groups concerned with child health. It will cooperate with other agencies on May Day-Child Health Day to make the entire nation child-health conscious.

Discussing the work of the association, Doctor Cox said, "Familiarity breeds contempt" is an aphorism which has been spoken for years; in the case of tuberculosis the opposite is true. Intimate association between tuberculosis and the human race for five thousand years has bred in the human race a most wholesome respect for this intruder in the family circle. Tuberculosis, known as phthisis 3000 years B. C. for almost 4900 years was known as a hereditary disease which was a doubtful birthright of the child; only during the past few years has the true infectious nature of the disease been known. Now it is known that it is spread by contact with the germ which causes the disease.

"Since early in the twentieth century the National Tuberculosis association and its component parts which include the Texas Tuberculosis association, has been waging relentless warfare against this one disease. With great breadth of view in its high purpose, this association has cooperated with all health agencies. Today in Texas the state May Day committee is proud to include the Texas Tuberculosis association in its membership.

"The activity of this association is truly in the interest of the child. Despite the decrease of the annual death rate from 200 per 100,000 in 1900 to 56 per 100,000 at the present time, this state still saw the death of 4,000 Texans, approximately six hundred of these being children. Tuberculosis still maintains its position as the leading cause of death between the ages 15 and 45.

"The Texas Tuberculosis association is stressing the fact that 'early tuberculosis is hard to diagnose but easy to cure; advanced tuberculosis is easy to diagnose but hard to cure.' This leads to the conclusion that advantage should be taken of every possible means to obtain early recognition. The most effective methods of diagnosis are the tuberculin test and the X-ray in the hands of competent physicians.

"Tuberculosis is being cured in all climates. The great need of Texas is provision for treatment, as there are only one-half enough beds in the state to meet the minimum requirements for cure.

"In fifty-five counties volunteer Tuberculosis associations affiliated with the state and national associations are now active. Your county may have such an organization upon application to the Texas Tuberculosis association. Such an organization will be definitely of benefit to the children of your community."

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LOS ANGELES, (U.P.). — Students at the Los Angeles campus of the University of California voted war as being their worst "hate." After that came injustice, poverty, reckless drivers, slow drivers, turnips and beets.

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