

Health Department Plans Open House March 14-20

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For the past 20 years, official and voluntary health organizations, together with private physicians, numerous civic groups and individuals, have observed an annual community health week in Los Angeles County.

This year the week of March 15-20 has been set aside for the occasion. During that week many of the health agencies in this area, including district offices of the health department, will hold "open house" in order to acquaint newcomers and interested members of the public with their services and functions.

Utilizing the theme, "Know and Use Your Total Health Resources," the Community Health Association, official sponsor of Health Week, is this year emphasizing family health through use of protective health services.

SPOTLIGHTED as perhaps the most important protection to the family's health is maintaining a relationship with a medical doctor who serves as the family physician and who provides needed immunizations to all members, performs periodic physical examinations, and supervises

necessary medical treatment. Persons not having a physician may call the Los Angeles County Medical Association, HU 3-1581, for the names of qualified physicians in their vicinity.

The health department, a governmental agency legally bound to safeguard the health of the community, particularly in those matters in which an individual or condition becomes a threat to others, offers a wide variety of services. Some of these, such as environmental sanitation services, are provided the public as a whole; others, chiefly clinic services are rendered to individuals who do not obtain these services from private sources. A leaflet entitled "Welcome to the Services of the Los Angeles County Health Department" is available on request.

IMMUNIZATION of young children against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and polio is a particular emphasis of the health department this year and is being highlighted during Health Week. Because it has been found that about 50 per cent of Los Angeles County children under the age of five are not fully immunized against these diseases, this department has

joined in a nationwide effort to protect all such children.

A host of voluntary health agencies also offer a variety of services to the public in this area. These are organizations supported by public donations and usually are devoted to helping in problems associated with a single disease or with a certain type of disabling conditions or disorders. Persons needing help locating services for health problems of a particular nature may call the Welfare In-

Rev. Weaver Will Speak For Youth

"Teenage Taints" will be the topic for the fifth in a series of sermons being delivered at the Del Amo Southern Baptist Church, 3915 W. 226th St. Sunday evening.

The Rev. Daniel B. Weaver, pastor of the church will deliver the message. In it, he will consider problems of young people involved in participation in the popular social trends of the day.

The final message in the series, "Clay in His Hands," will be given March 14. Services begin at 7 o'clock each Sunday evening.

formation Service, an agency of Public Health Education, 220 N. United Way, MADison 3-8221, and receive expert counseling and referral to the agency or source best able to help solve these problems.

Civic groups or professional organizations needing informational or educational service from health agencies may obtain a directory entitled "Health Education Services in Los Angeles County" from this department.

Requests for this or the "Welcome" leaflet should be directed in writing to the Di-

ARBOR DAY PLANS

Arbor Day ceremonies will be held at Carson Park, 21411 S. Orrick Ave., Friday at 3:30 p.m. The program will be held in conjunction with Arbor Day tree planting rites set for southwest county parks during this week of observance of the state holiday which falls on Sunday.

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