that means all of us—there is inspiration as well as information and entertainment in this book.

Hazel Corbin


Health education in rural areas has been a highly neglected field of endeavor. It is therefore gratifying to take up a book which has grown out of and is geared to rural health problems. Miss Lamkin has drawn upon her long and varied experiences with rural people in the Middle West and Southwest to produce a book which embodies the simple but sound philosophy that health education should be a cooperative adventure in which all members of a community work together on practical problems of healthful living.

The book is intended primarily as a guide for school administrators and teachers in rural communities. It is divided into five parts as follows: Part I, Health Problems in Rural Areas; Part II, Helping Children in Rural Areas to Understand and Practice Healthful Living; Part III, Helping Children to Understand Life—The Rural High School—Community Cooperation on Community Problems; Part IV, The Teacher's Health and Preparation; Part V, Additional Helps.

The strength of the book lies in its many practical suggestions for making health a reality in the lives of rural people, especially rural children, and in its stress upon the importance of community health leadership by school personnel. Miss Lamkin is at her best in Parts II and III. In Part II, common rural health problems are taken up one at a time, and for each problem there is a brief discussion of it as it reveals itself in the rural setting, suggestions for discussion and for planning together, and lists of cooperative activities reported by teachers in rural areas. Part III contains a suggested outline for a course in personal health and human relations in the secondary school.

Throughout the book community health resources, including public health department personnel and facilities, are made known. A case is built up for community health councils to plan and act on school and community health problems.

The book is written in a very readable style and should serve as a useful source of ideas for school administrators, teachers, and public health nurses working in rural areas.

Ruth E. Grout


The Director of the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine of the University of Sydney has brought together Australian facts and experience for the benefit of medical students. Clearly presented in logical arrangement, the contents deal with human life history, environment, communicable diseases, and public health administration.

Teachers of preventive medicine and of public health, who will desire to have a copy of this instructive volume for reference purposes, will note with interest that the course for fifth year medical students "is able to work on a considerable basis of scientific and clinical preparation" because preventive aspects permeate the work of the student, notably in physiology, bacteriology, and obstetrics. "The aim of the course is to introduce the student to the world in which his labours will be set, to present to him the larger problems of social life and health with which he will be faced, and to suggest ways in which the practitioner is so often able to help his patients and to contribute in some measure to the welfare of his
generation. To do this well implies some knowledge of the background of public health organization, and of the campaigns for health in which the practising doctor is a front-line unit."

IRA V. HISCOCK


Sanitary control of milk has been a legitimate subject for government regulation for nearly a century. Economic control of the dairy industry by government is, however, of more recent origin. In 1933 Congress passed the Agricultural Adjustment Act, which was amended in 1935, and promptly thereafter declared unconstitutional, in part, by the United States Supreme Court. In 1937 Congress adopted the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act, which was amended in 1940, and has been upheld by the federal courts in a number of notable decisions.

This authoritative book, prepared by a former Assistant Attorney General of the United States, describes in detail the background, content, administration, and operation of this important statute. Not only does it give the substance of the Act, but also the intricate rules of practice and procedure which are now such an inevitable feature of federal administrative law.

The book is well documented, and has a number of useful appendices, showing among other matters the legislative history of the law, and the marketing orders in various jurisdictions. There is a good index.

Although designed primarily for members of the milk industry, the book should also be of interest and value to official milk inspectors and all others who are concerned with the regulation and control of milk, a food now recognized as being acutely affected with a public interest. JAMES A. TOBEY


Here is a short, concise report on the strategy of the Japanese in the War of the Pacific and the way we were able to circumvent them in their aims. In addition to its brevity it is authentic and written in an impartial vein. It outlines briefly the steps of the Japanese in their offensive and the defensive measures we took, with the final decisive offensive steps that culminated in our victory. Two maps illustrate the report.

Of particular interest to public health workers are the two pages given to a consideration of health and morale of the Japanese civilian population under assault and a description of the effects of the atomic bomb.

FRANCIS B. ELDER


An important series of monographs on the progress of research in Holland during the war is being issued under the editorial direction of R. Houwing of Delft, and J. A. A. Ketelaar of Amsterdam. These monographs, released on VE Day, report the secret research intensively carried on in Holland under the oppressive burden of the Nazi occupation. Several monographs will deal with medical subjects, including one on nutrition by B. C. T. Jansen, another on sex hormones by S. E. de Jongh and J. H. Gaarenstroon, and one on embryology by M. W. Woerdeman and C. P. Raven. It is a remarkable example of scientific fortitude which our Dutch colleagues have given us in carrying forward so much significant work in the face of Nazi oppression.