CANCER CRUSADE — In the local cancer crusade, the Lafayette Parish Unit of the American Cancer Society will join the Community Chest Fund drive for $57,000 which will benefit 13 other agencies as well as the Cancer organization. Left to right, Mrs. E. N. Mancill, commander of the parish unit displays cancer slogans with Mrs. Henrietta Daigle, patient, and Mrs. Robert Stephens, deputy commander.

YOUR COMMUNITY CHEST

3. American Cancer Society

(Editor's note: This is one of a series of articles outlining the functions and purposes of the 14 agencies included in the Lafayette Community Chest drive beginning Oct. 13. The agencies are American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts of America, Lafayette Day Nurseries, United Defense Fund, Louisiana Heart Association, Lafayette Charity Hospital Guild, American Cancer Society, National Association for Mental Health, National Social Welfare Association, International Social Service, National Travelers Aid Association, Girl Scouts of America and Area Guidance. The Chest's goal this year is $57,000.

"Cancer strikes one in five, strikes back, give to conquer cancer" is the slogan of the American Cancer Society which is one of the 14 agencies to benefit from the Lafayette Community Chest Fund drive for $57,000 opening Oct. 13.

The Lafayette Parish Unit of the American Cancer Society was organized in 1946 under the leadership of Mrs. W. J. Richard, commander, and a charter was received in 1947.

Funds raised for the cancer crusade are sent to the Louisiana Division of the society located in New Orleans. Of the total amount, 40 per cent goes to the American Cancer Society in New York, which uses 25 per cent for research and 15 per cent for education.

Out of a $100,000 budget last year, the Louisiana division allocated $25,000 for research to the national fund, Dr. A. J. McComiskey, vice president of the American Cancer Society, said, and received in return $85,000 for use at Louisiana State University and Tulane Medical Schools.

In the parish cancer crusade, Mrs. E. N. Mancill, parish commander, said that one of the most rewarding areas of the work in the American Cancer Society's program is rendering services to cancer patients. "The results in terms of appreciation by the distressed families of the cancer patients is immediate," she added.

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Mrs. Mancill reported that the parish unit has handled 125 patients in the last 5 years, sending them to New Orleans Charity Hospital for surgery, treatments and follow-up checks. She stated that a number had survived while others were too late for results.

One of the patients, Mrs. Henrietta Daigle, said: “Thank God for an organization like the American Cancer Society which has helped me so much, and the wonderful doctors who gave me their help. Without them I just could not have made the comeback that I did in the last six years.”

The present service program of the parish unit includes providing funds for transportation to the New Orleans Charity Hospital for treatment or surgery, bandages and dressings and 50 per cent of the cost of pain-relieving drugs. Transportation is given upon the authorization of the doctor or the welfare department to needy patients. Bills for drugs are sent by the druggist to the Louisiana Division, office in New Orleans. Bandages and dressings are made by volunteers and are on hand for any patient called for by the doctor.

Dr. Donald B. Williams, chairman of the parish unit cancer board said that there is today a greater degree of cancer control than ever before in the history of the disease. He added that “our combined efforts another year will find us a little closer to the goal of cancer control.”

For the cancer crusade and 13 other agencies will go the $57,000 to be raised by the Lafayette Community Chest. The other organizations are: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Lafayette Day Nurseries, United Defense Fund, Louisiana Heart Association, National Association for Mental Health, National Social Welfare Association, International Social Service, National Travelers Aid Association, Area Guidance and Lafayette Charity Hospital Guild.