OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

CHILD ABUSE - CHILDREN ARE TO BE SEEN AND NOT HURT. For reporting an incident of child abuse in Lafayette or St. Landry Parish, dial 234-1423 anytime. This is a twenty-four hour a day - seven days a week number. For those outside St. Landry or Lafayette, phone your local parish Office of Family Services.

ST. MARY’S HOME AND LEARNING CENTER - 601 W. St. Mary Boulevard (232-2067). A couple of years ago, St. Mary's was an orphanage, housing only thirteen children for whom families and homes were found. In June 1976, the building and grounds became available to serve a larger number of persons. In September 1976, St. Mary's opened as a school for special students. The special students are children between six and seventeen years old who are designated as learning disabled, slow learners, children with emotional problems, and mentally retarded. Most students are from Lafayette, though the school serves children of the entire geographic area of the Diocese. Children are accepted after an evaluation is made and a conference with the parents is had, acknowledging their acceptance of the school's philosophy. There are hopes to add classes in pre-job training as the students get older. The Director of St. Mary's Learning Center is Sister Audrey Fontenot.

LACUS - Louisiana Association on Children Under Six - LACUS - Twelfth Conference - will be held November 18th, 19th and 20th at Braniff Place Hotel in New Orleans. For more information, call Lil Murphy, 233-4211, extension 280.

CHILDREN'S ART AND CHILDREN'S DANCE - Classes are offered at Thomas Park Recreation Center. For more complete information, call 233-6611, Thomas Park Extension.

HALLOWEEN - Make a safe one. Be aware of the children's safety as you help them prepare for enjoying the fun. Watch out for costumes that are long and touch the ground. Hem them so the child doesn't trip or fall. Masks may cut down the child's viewing ability. Try grease paint and make-up for a cosmetic disguise. Use battery operated lights - no candles. A visit to Ascension Day School Haunted House at 1130 Johnston can set the mood for an eerie weekend!!

HANDICAPPED - For a list of publications on education for the handicapped child, write: Council for Exceptional Children, 1920 Association Drive, Reston, Virginia, 22091.

The Lafayette Children's Council is a parish vehicle for planning, coordination, and advocacy for improved programs and services which enable children to grow and develop to their full potential. The Council is composed of:
1. Provider agencies (Department of Public Health, Mental Health Center)
2. Supporter groups (Medical Association, Mayor's Office)
3. Consumers (parents and concerned citizens)

The Children's Council helps the parish maximize resources and expand the scope and availability of needed family services.
NEWSLETTER
LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Remember the Fifty Second Annual Meeting which will be held at Nicholls State University on February 3 and 4. Start making your plans now to attend.

If you have not paid your 1977 dues please do so soon. This is also a notice that 1978 dues are due. Please send your check in the amount of 7 dollars to Dr. Betty Lemmon, Dept. of Biology, USL, Lafayette, La.

Enclosed is a ballot for the election of officers of the Academy. Please exercise your right to vote. Mark your ballot with your selections and return it to Dr. Wayne Hanson, Centenary College, Shreveport, La. 71104.

Dr. Donald A. Webb has been formally installed as the 33rd President of Centenary College.

Dr. Larry Sellers, Assoc. Prof. of Zoology at La. Tech spent a summer sabbatical leave at Iowa State Univ.

Dr. Faddy A. Doll has assumed the duties as Acting Chairman, Dept. of Psychology, Loyola Univ.

Dr. K. W. Jacobs, Dept. of Psychology, Loyola Univ., is the recipient of a $17,700 NSF Instructional Scientific Equipment grant to improve equipment in Physiological Psychology and Psychology of Learning.

Dr. Mary Good, UNO, has been re-elected as a Regional Director of the American Chemical Society.
BALLLOT

PRESIDENT-ELECT (Vote for 1)

____ Dr. James Cason
____ Dr. Robert Webb

TREASURER (Vote for 1)

____ Dr. Elizabeth Sorbet
____ Dr. J. C. Watson

DIRECTORS OF DIVISIONS (Vote for 1 in each)

Agriculture

____ Dr. Le Roy Davis
____ ___________________________ (Write In)

Biological Sciences

____ Dr. Bradley McPherson
____ Dr. Shirley Tucker

Social Sciences

____ Dr. Greg Gormanus
____ Dr. Brian Kovacs

Science Teaching

____ Dr. C.J. Probst, Jr.
____ ___________________________ (Write In)

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

President-Elect

James Cason - B.S. - La. Tech, M.S. - Michigan State, PhD - North Carolina State. Taught at Univ. of Arkansas, Rutgers, and Univ. of Maryland. Has been head of the Dept. of Agriculture at Northeast La. Univ. for 7 years. Has served as Director of the Div. of Agriculture and Forestry of the La. Acad. of Sci. for past 3 years.

Robert H. Webb - B.S. - Memphis State Univ., M.S. - Ohio State Univ., PhD - Univ. of Kansas. Presently Prof. of Geography and Coordinator of the Geography Div. of the Dept. of Social Sciences at Univ. of Southwestern La. Has been a member of the La. Academy of Sci. for over 10 years. Has served as Dir. of the Div. of Social Sci. for the past 3 years.

Treasurer

Elizabeth Sorbet - A.B. - Louisiana State Normal (NSU), M.A. - George Peabody College, PhD - LSU. Presently is Professor of Marketing, Nicholls State Univ. Served as Chairman of the Industry and Economics Section of the La. Acad. of Sci. in 1975 and 1976.

J. C. Watson - Dept. of Biology, McNeese State Univ. Has been a member of the La. Acad. of Sci. for several years and has served as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Director, Div. of Forestry and Agriculture

Leroy Davis - B.S. - Univ. of Ark.-Fine Bluff, M.S. - Univ. of Ill., PhD - Univ. of Ill. Presently is Chairman, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Southern Univ. Has presented papers at Academy Meetings.
Director, Division of Biological Sciences

Bradley McPherson - B.S. - Southeastern La. Univ., M.S. - LSU, PhD - Southern Illinois Univ. Presently serving as Chairman, Dept. of Biology at Centenary College.

Shirley Tucker - B.A. - Univ. of Minn., M.S. - Univ. of Minn., PhD - Univ. of Calif.-Davis. Presently a member of the Botany Dept. LSU-BR. Served as Botany Section Chairma 1971-73 and Chairman Biological Sciences Section 1973-77 for La. Acad. of Sci.

Director, Social Science Division

Greg Gormanus - B.A. La. College, M.S. - Northwestern State Univ., PhD - Univ. of Southern Miss. Presently serving as Assoc. Prof. of Psychology at LSU-A.

Brian Kovacs - A.B. - Case-Western Reserve, M. Div. - Iliff School of Theology, ThD - Iliff School of Theology, PhD - Vanderbilt. Presently serving as Assoc. Prof. of Sociology at Centenary. Has presented papers at Academy Meetings.

Director, Division of Science Teaching

C. J. Probst, Jr. (No biographical data available at time of printing.)