

## FIFTH ANNUAL GULF COAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL HEALTH

The Fifth Annual Gulf Coast Regional Conference on Industrial Health will be held in Houston, Texas, Sept. 24 to 27. The transportation industry will be its principal theme. The opening evening session will be devoted to a symposium on Alcoholism as a Problem in Industry. The program for Sept. 27 will consist of topics relating to industrial nursing. Current sessions on industrial wastes will again be held. Final programs for the meeting will be requested from the Texas State Department of Health, in Austin, or from the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

## COUNCIL ON INDUSTRIAL HEALTH OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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What is being accomplished through State Industrial Health Conferences? "Let's look at the record." During this past spring three State Medical Societies joined with other organizations and agencies interested in community health as co-sponsors of industrial health conferences. The Second Louisville Area Industrial Health Conference, an evening dinner meeting, was held at Louisville, Ky., the latter part of March. Since 1942 the Wisconsin Industrial Health Clinics have proved to be an effective medium through which physicians, industrial nurses, and management meet together to discuss problems of common interest. From March through May, clinics were held this year at Milwaukee, Eau Claire, and Kenosha. The Third Annual Michigan Industrial Health Day took place during the early part of May at Flint. Each of these meetings showed a healthy growth in attendance over last year, with physicians, nurses, and members of management experiencing the group approach to the discussion of problems of mutual interest.

On several occasions during recent years organized labor has been invited to join in these conferences on both national and state levels but the results have indicated labor's reluctance to enter into these group health conferences. Their wholehearted participation is needed, and it is hoped that soon a way will be found to allay their apparent wariness.

Through these conferences physicians are becoming oriented to the significance of understanding working conditions and relationships as they relate to their individual patients. They also discover that the in-plant industrial medical department's health maintenance program affords them a unique opportunity to participate in the preventive practice of medicine and rehabilitation. Most important of all, the physician in private practice becomes aware of the practical implications that are inherent in our current social and economic trends. A better common understanding of these issues by labor, management, and medicine will unite us in purpose in adjusting to our evolving culture through self-initiated planning rather than by governmental regulation.

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