

A final criterion of the success of the demonstrations is of course the full assumption and financial support by the community itself of activities shown to meet essential health needs. The absorption of a comprehensive health program into the life of the community should serve effectively to establish a sound physical and mental basis for social and economic progress.

## RECENT PROGRESS IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS

### *Rural Demonstration: Cattaraugus County*

The ground work for the development of a comprehensive health program in Cattaraugus County is being laid in a promising manner. As the first important tangible result of the demonstration, the County Board of Supervisors has created a county health district there—the first in New York State to be established pursuant to the permissive law of 1921 authorizing Supervisors to take such action. A Health Board has been appointed with Dr. Leverett D. Bristol, former Health Commissioner of Maine, serving as full time Health Officer and acting at the same time as the local Director of the demonstration. Practical services in tuberculosis prevention and control, laboratory facilities, public health nursing, and other activities have been established or expanded.

The county has been organized into six health divisions. New projects under way or being planned include contagious disease control, maternity and infant hygiene, more adequate care of the physical needs of school children, health education, and related activities. The initiative and enthusiasm displayed by local groups in Cattaraugus County have been gratifying.

Four district health stations are now in operation. These are in Olean, Salamanca, Randolph, and Franklinville. Two