

## **LARRY GORDON AWARDED SIPPY AWARD**

Mr. Larry Gordon, Health Officer of the Albuquerque, New Mexico, health department has been awarded the 1962 John J. Sippy Award of the Western Branch, American Public Health Association. The award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions made by younger persons in public health.

The citation which accompanied the Award plaque said, in part:

"Mr. Gordon entered public health in the early 1950's, after having received a B.S. and .S. degrees in Biology and Chemistry. After two years of service in the Navy, he became a student and then graduate assistant at the University of New Mexico and than became a high school science teacher.

"After entering public health, he rapidly succeeded from a position as County sanitarian to District Sanitarian and then to a position of State sanitarian in New Mexico.

"In 1955 he became Chief Sanitarian of the Albuquerque Health Department, and in 1957 was appointed Director of that Department, which had a staff of 16.

"Under his direction, nationally recognized programs of food sanitation, environmental health programs in child care centers, health centers, schools, boarding houses, hotels, and related institutions, radiation and occupational health programs, training programs and other services, particularly in the environmental health field, have been established.

"His department was the recipient of the 1959 Samuel J. Crumbine Award of merit for "Meritorious Achievement in the Development of a Comprehensive Program of Environmental Sanitation and the Eating and Drinking Component thereof". This was the first time a department placed first and second in both categories at the same time."

"His department was also the recipient of the 1961 Samuel J. Crumbine Award for Development of an outstanding program of public food and drink sanitation.

"In 1961 he received the Walter Man Mangold Award for outstanding sanitarian." "He was highest scholastically in his class at the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1953-54.

"He is a member of Delta Omega, National honorary public health society, Phi Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary societies.

"He has served since 1960 as a special consultant to the U. S. Public Health Service Food Sanitation Advisory Committee. He is a guest instructor at the Communicable Disease Center and the Public Health Service Engineering Center. In addition to these achievements, he has been active in public health associations, including our own Western Branch, APHA, having been president of both - the New Mexico and Rocky Mountain Associations of Sanitarians.

"He is on the Governing Council of the American Public Health Association. He served as Vice President of Western Branch, APHA, in 1960-61, and as a member of the Regional Board of Western Branch 1954-61 and the Executive Committee 1957-61.

"He is married and has a family. He is well known to all of us - Larry Gordon, Director of the Albuquerque Health Department, New Mexico."