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EDUCATION: The University of Maryland, BS. 1948 Biology; 1950 Zoology; Ph.D. 1959 Zoology (Medical Zoology)

THESIS TITLE Ph.D.: Epizootiological Studies on some Filarioid Parasites of the Family Dipetalonematidae (Nematoda: Filarioidea) found in certain small mammals.

PERSONAL: Born September 28, 1920. Entered College in 1940 and Military Service in 1942. Graduated as a pilot, U.S. Army, May 1944. Returned to civilian life in 1946 and remained in the military reserve. Married Ellyn Claire Holt 1948. Transferred from Air Force Reserve to U.S. Army Medical Service Corps AUS (Parasitology) 1949 and returned to active duty in August 1950. Commissioned Regular Army 1951. Retired as a LTC MSC U.S. Army in 1968. Dr. and Mrs. Price have two children, Laura P. Fasulka and Donald L. Price, Jr.

SUMMARY PARAGRAPH:

Dr. Price received his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. He served in the U.S. Army 26 years first as a Pilot and later as a research scientist. In 1968 he retired as a lieutenant Colonel from the Medical Service Corps where he had worked in tropical medicine. He continues work as a Research Scientist and as a Health Program Planner, Educator, and Consultant. He was appointed to the Graduate Faculty, College of Public Health, University of South Florida, is on the staff of manatee Community College as a Resource Professor. For 20 years, he has been a consultant to the chief of Laboratory Services at Bay Pines VA Medical Center (St. Petersburg, FL.). He has published two books, contributed book chapters for several books, and has published over 30 research papers.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Dr. Price received his Doctorate at the University of Maryland in Zoology with a specialty in Medical Zoology and Parasitology. He has had broad experience as a research scientist, consultant, and educator both in service and in civilian life. In-depth research included projects related to epizootic diseases, disease ecology, host-parasite interrelationships, laboratory diagnosis, and the development of laboratory procedures and products. Studies concerned with human disease included extensive field studies and the impact of physical, chemical, biological and cultural factors on parasitic diseases, especially in third world countries.

He began his military career in the U.S. Army Air Corps and became a pilot. His combat experience was during WW II in Europe. He transferred to reserve status and continued his education during which time he transferred to US Army Medical Service Corps. He returned to active duty in 1950. His military career included a long association with Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR). Under the direction of the Institute, he served in Malaysia, Puerto Rico, and Equatorial Africa as well as the Institute. After returning from three years in Africa, he joined the newly formed Geographic Pathology Division, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) where he served for seven years performing research activities and coordinating international studies on parasitic diseases.

The subjects of research covered variety of disease entities that included filariasis in Malaysia and Egypt; Onchocerciasis in Ethiopia and Uganda, for which he was appointed as an advisor to a World Health Organization Expert Committee. He conducted studies on schistosomiasis in Puerto Rico, Congo (Zaire) and East Africa; Malaria, amebiasis, and intestinal parasitic diseases in Congo (Zaire) and East Africa; and the pathology of certain parasitic diseases while at AFIP.

After retiring in 1968, Dr. Price engaged in planning and implementing programs for service and research in science, health, and related fields. He conducted studies in electron microscopy and spent two years as an Associate Director of a clinical laboratory. Because of his experience in designing laboratory facilities, he was asked to join a firm involved in prearchitectural program planning where, in collaboration with the company president, he designed the prearchitectural program plans for the Medical education Building, University of Pennsylvania Medical School; the Laboratory facilities program plan for Georgetown university hospital; and several smaller facilities.

As a private consultant, he developed a laboratory program for five rural hospitals in Appalachian Pennsylvania and put them together in a consortium to improve utilization of facilities, coordination of patient's care and reduce operational costs. He designed a program concept for the development of a regional program in primary care in rural communities, initiated the program and was responsible for the development of the first Primary Care Center under the program.

In 1976, Dr. Price moved to Florida where he returned to his primary interest, Parasitology. As a consultant, he developed the MIF collecting/preserving solution as a commercial product for Marion laboratories, Kansas City, MO. He worked with the nursing staff of the Sarasota Health Unit where he set up a program and evaluated patients in the area for intestinal parasitic infections and advised on prevention and treatment of infections. He established the Multidisciplinary Service and Research Institute in association with the University of Sarasota. He taught state-approved continuing education courses for physicians, educators and technologists in parasitic diseases and gave lectures on the diagnosis of parasitic infections. During 1978 and 1979, he conducted more than 50 workshops and lecture programs throughout the United States and Canada. He became a consultant for parasitic diseases for the Bay Pines V.A. Medical Center in 1979 and presently continues in that capacity.

In 1980, Dr. Price developed a program for the evaluation of parasitic infections in immigrants from Southeast Asia for the Pinellas County Health Department, one of the refugee points of entry into the U.S. and participated in the program as a Parasitologist.

He continued to work with the Health Department for 11 years as their consultant in parasitic diseases during which time he evaluated more than 2000 immigrant patients.

In 1981, Dr. Price became a consultant and Director of Parasitology for ImmunoMed Corporation, a private high technology company developing products for the medical and veterinary field. Dr. Price was instrumental in developing two veterinary products for the company.

In October 1983, Dr. Price formed and became president of DEVETEC, Inc., a small research and developmental corporation. Three new diagnostic products that were developed, received FDA approval over the next two years. Some are presently used in diagnostic Parasitology. In December 1983, he left ImmunoMed and the Multidisciplinary Service and Research Institute to devote more time to DEVETEC. He continued presenting state and nationally approved continuing education courses in diagnostic Parasitology. He continued to conduct research in collaboration with the Pinellas County Health Department and along with staff from the University of South Florida Medical School, completed a study on the treatment of Clonorchiasis in patients.

In addition to his research and teaching in Parasitology, Dr. Price entered into an environmental study of a small pristine bay for a company planning a real estate project in the area. The work required establishing a state approved microbiological testing laboratory to determine possible levels and sources of environmental pollution. The laboratory functioned with state approval for two years and closed when there were no more demands for its services.

Dr. Price changed to retired status in all professional societies in 1990, discontinued his association with Pinellas County Health Department, and closed DEVETEC. He retained his association with Bay Pines V.A. Medical Center and began writing a laboratory manual. He continued his teaching activities.

In January 1993, he was appointed as a Biological Resource Professor in the Natural Science Department, Manatee Community College. His book, "Procedure Manual for the Diagnosis of Intestinal Parasites," was published by CRC Press in 1994. He continues to teach and lecture. At Manatee Community College, he is developing a museum collection of fecal specimens for intestinal parasites diseases, microscope slides of parasitic diseases, and photomicrographs for parasitic disease studies. He is collaborating on research projects with members of the Natural Science Department of Manatee Community College.

With his continued interest in health care delivery, he worked as an advisor to Bay Pines V.A. Hospital regarding their reorganization and began writing a book on health care in the United States. The book entitled "*What No One Told You About Health Care*" was published in February 1997 by AVEBURY, Ashgate Publishing limited. He wrote to and discussed with congressional leaders his views on health care reform. In November and December 1977 a series of seven articles on health care was published in the Bradenton Herald, Bradenton, FL. Some additional newspaper articles on health care reform have been published. In April, 1999, a national magazine, The World And I, published, "A Better Health-Care System", by Dr. Price.

In April 1997, Dr. Price was appointed to the Graduate Faculty of the College of Public Health, University of South Florida and directed the research of one graduate student for a MPH. He serves on the Master's Committee. In May 1998, his first graduate student from the College of Public Health received her Masters Degree.

For two years, 1997 and 1998, Dr. Price was on the Board of Directors, Health Council of West Central Florida, Inc. He has worked with staff on several projects.

Dr. Price has published many research papers and written chapters in a number of scientific books. He also produced one scientific training film on tropical disease, "Filariasis" (See attached list)

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In the Fall of 1998, Dr. Price received a request from CERT, International, speaking for the Missionary group Wycliffe Translators, that he and some students visit the Indian village, Coshillococha, Peru to assess the parasitic infections in the native population. A Pilot study was made in January 1999 with one mature student. Reports of the study were made to the Wycliffe Translators, CERT, PAHO, and the General Director, Loreto Health Office, Iquitos, Loreto, Peru.

In Spring 2001, a second student from the College of Public Health was assigned to work under Dr. Price. He completed his thesis and graduated with a Master of Science in Public Health.

In summer 2001, the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida discussed moving Dr. Price's collection of specimens and other parasitologic materials to their laboratory at USF and in late summer the transfer was accomplished. The College of Public Health established a dedicated laboratory and honored Dr. Price by naming it after him.

*****In December 2002, the University of South Florida to the level of a Center, the Donald L. Price Center for Parasite Repository and Education. *****

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