

Battle Against Infantile Paralysis Resembles Hunt for Unknown Killer; Death Toll Mounts With Hot Weather

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CLEVELAND, O.—Authorities here have thrown a tight cordon around a slum area where one of the most vicious killers in history is holed up.

In his latest onslaught, the fiend attacked two families living around the corner from each other. In one humble home, he turned on six of eight children, killing one and sending the other five to the hospital. In the other, three of seven children were victims, winding up in hospital cots.

The area is one of tumble-down shacks and vacant lots, overgrown with weeds and infested with rats. Usually, the killer had preferred to do his evil work in better-class sections.

Killer Works Fast

As soon as the first victim, five-year-old Tommy Ray, was admitted to the hospital, authorities immediately began the usual routine investigation. The attacker was quickly identified, since he had left unmistakable evidence of his presence.

Within the next few hours, five

of Tommy's brothers and sisters were taken to the hospital. The authorities quickly ordered a full-scale investigation, surrounded the area, set to work.

They searched for clues everywhere—in the house itself, in the vacant lot next door, in the whole section. They probed the little stores and homes, asking the same questions over and over again, trying to find out how the killer had gotten in.

Then the killer attacked the Zimmermann home. An hour after 14-year-old Lois Ray died in City Hospital, the first of the three Zimmermann children was brought in.

Played Together

The authorities had a new road to investigate. Had the two families known each other? Yes, they had. The children had often played together in the same playground.

The questioners rushed to the playground. Perhaps here was the clue they sought. They turned the place upside-down, looking always for the elusive little murderer.

Little? Yes, they know he is little. He's so small that he can sneak up without arousing suspicion. In fact, even science's most powerful microscopes can't expose a trace of him. The killer is a virus.

It is the virus of infantile paralysis, alias poliomyelitis.

What Cleveland's investigators

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NIGHT PROMOTER MCHIZZLE BADGERED 'BICYCLE' BENNY INTO A SMALLER CUT OF THE GATE WITH A LINE LIKE THIS



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BUT AFTER THE POOR GUY HAD SIGNED—WOW! HOW MCHIZZLE CHANGED HIS TUNE FOR THE PRESS



BICYCLE BENNY—NEXT CHAMPEEN—GREATEST FIGHTER EVER LIVED—GOT A TON OF DYNAMITE IN EACH HAND—MATCHED WITH CANNASBACK ARNICA—WHAT A BOUT—TERRIFIC, HEY?—THE BROGAN FIGHT?—OH, HEHHEH—AN ACCIDENT—THE BOYS BUMPED THEIR HEADS AN—AN—UH—M—

Code Revision Need Discussed at Bar Association Meet

Code revision was the principal item of discussion at the Douglas County Bar Association meeting at Club 99 Monday night. Kenneth J. O'Connell, professor at the University of Oregon School of Law and chairman of the code revision committee of the Oregon State Bar, was present and discussed proposed changes.

The group voted unanimously a resolution to Joseph A. McKeown, chairman of the program committee for the Oregon State Bar convention Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1 and 2 at Coos Bay, that Robert K. Cullen, Kentucky, be invited to the convention to speak on code revision. Cullen is in charge of code revision in that state.

It was generally recognized by the members that the Oregon code needs revision, reported Harold Wayman, vice-president who presided in the absence of President Harrison Winston. Changes especially in indexing are recommended, he said.

Committee appointments announced by Wayman in behalf of the president include: library, George Luoma, chairman, Carl Felker, Ed Murphy and Judge Carl E. Wimberly; minimum fees committee, J. V. Long, chairman, Ray B. Compton, Spencer Yates and Fred Bernau; unauthorized practice of law, Avery Thompson, chairman, William D. Green and R. L. Whipple; establishing a district court, A. N. Orcutt, chairman, Paul Geddes and D. R. Dimick. George Luoma was appointed in charge of the program for the next meeting.

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Toastmasters Hear Talks On Various Topics

Carl Felker, Sam Reed, Phil Harth and John Patton were speakers at the weekly toastmasters club meeting Tuesday night in the Umpqua Hotel, with Jim Turk serving as toastmaster.

Felker, local attorney, in a biographical sketch, described his early life as the son of a Regular Army officer. As a boy he saw New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon and other states. After his parents settled at Estacada, he enrolled at Willamette University and later completed his education in law at Portland.

"Dangerous Ground" was Reed's topic, in which he stated reference to unions, politics or religion places a person on dangerous ground. He spoke favorably of sincere union members and stated that persons who blame unions in general are victims of union propaganda. He pointed out that, while some unions have been the scene of Communistic activity, the great majority of union members are sincere, hard-working folks who have the interest of their communities at heart.

Methods of transportation and cultivation of the ancient Aztecs, the looting of their culture and their eventual extinction were described by Phil Harth, speaking on the subject, "Xachimilco," an area of ancient Mexico. He described "The Floating Gardens," a natural phenomena, as well as other wondrous sights in that country.

"The Flying Squad," a term used to describe a specialized crew of the Marina shipyards in San Francisco, was Patton's subject. Patton superintendent of the crew, described shipbuilding

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—and investigators all over the U. S.—are searching for the answer to a question that still baffles science—"What transmits the polio virus?" Health authorities throughout the nation are interested in the outcome of this intensive combing of the killer's hideout. Seldom has the killer polio struck down so many people in such a concentrated area in such a short time.

When Tommy Ray first came to the attention of the Health Department, a routine investigation was ordered. The movements of each member of the family were traced back three weeks. Had they been swimming? Had they been on a picnic? What had they eaten? Where had they bought it?

When the other Rays and the Zimmermanns caught the disease, a systematic survey of the area began. They checked sanitation and refrigeration in the homes. They checked the rat population, found plenty in the lot next to the Ray home and in the Zimmermann's basement.

At the playground, they took the precautions of disconnecting the drinking fountain and removing the sandbox. They made tests on the playground's toilets. They checked and double-checked nearby movies, beaches and parks.

As often happens in major crime mysteries, local authorities have called on outside experts, Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr., University of Michigan authority on virus diseases, has been asked by Cleveland Health Commissioner Harold J. Knapp to join a polio posse consisting of the president of the Cleveland Academy of Medicine; the chairman of the Academy's public health committee; representatives of the Na-

Yoncalla Funeral Set For Mrs. Henry R. Parks

Mrs. Henry R. Parks, 77, died Tuesday at a Eugene hospital after a long illness. She had been residing at Cottage Grove prior to her hospitalization. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 30, at 2 p.m. at the Yoncalla Methodist Church, Stearns Mortuary at Oakland is in charge.

ional Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; county and suburban health officers and representatives of Cleveland's three metropolitan daily newspapers.

Somewhere in the area's, of course, the answer. The virus is lurking there, ready to strike down other children. It has never been isolated, never been forced to face the light of day. Perhaps in this slum area, it will be unmasked.

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