

Salk Polio Vaccine Field Trials To Begin April 26

PORTLAND — The Salk polio vaccine field trials will start on schedule in Oregon the week of April 26, a state supervisory committee has announced, after expressing "complete confidence" in the safety of the vaccine.

The committee said it decided to go ahead "after again reviewing all the evidence available to us." It is made up of representatives of the Oregon Medical Society, the State Board of Health and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Second grade children in Lane and Marion counties and in Multnomah County outside Portland will be immunized. The committee emphasized, however, that inoculation will be made only at the written request of the parents.

First and third grade children in the same schools whose parents make written request will be used as unimmunized controls through blood tests to measure the effectiveness of the program.

According to the committee about 6,500 second grade children will be immunized and about 13,500 first and third graders will be involved in the controls program.

The committee said the program will work this way:

Physicians will begin next week taking blood samples from a minimum of two per cent of the children taking part in the trials. These samples will be sent to Dr. A. W. Frisch of the University of Oregon Medical School to be used in analyzing what changes are caused in the children's protective antibody levels during the field trial period.

Then each second grade partici-

pating child will be given three shots of the Salk vaccine, the first two a week apart and the last four weeks after the second. A second blood test will be made two weeks after the shots are completed and there will be a final test of antibody levels next fall.

Public meetings for parents will be held in all three counties. Motion pictures explaining the vaccine will be shown and parents will be invited to ask questions.

Top Rodeo Performers To Compete For Purse

BRIDGER, Mont. — The nation's two top rodeo cowboys will compete in a matched saddle bronc riding contest here May 9 with a \$3,000 purse at stake.

Don Beebe of Billings announced Friday that the man-to-man contest between Bill Linderman, Walla Walla, Wash., and Casey Tibbs, Fort Pierre, S.D., will open Montana's 1954 rodeo season.

Linderman beat Tibbs in a similar event last year at Fort Pierre.

Linderman, president of the Rodeo Cowboys Assn., was winner of the 1953 all-around cowboy award by the association. Tibbs was runnerup and first in the organization's bronc riding standings.

ADLAI IMPROVES
CHICAGO — Adlai Stevenson was reported "progressing satisfactorily" today after a kidney operation four days ago.

Clown Sentenced For Child's Death

DETROIT — The court room was hushed. Nicholas Petrocy, 53, the clown, was being sentenced for manslaughter. He sobbed aloud.

For years Petrocy, a jeweler, has played the clown. It was his hobby. He did it for children.

One warm evening last August he was driving home from the swank Detroit yacht club on Belle Isle after a performance for orphans.

Two children were asleep under a tree. Petrocy's car leaped a curb and struck 13-year-old Catherine Waters. Catherine died of her injuries.

Petrocy admitted that he'd had a few drinks.

In court Thursday with him were his wife, Eleanor, and a son, William, 18.

The sentence was 1 to 15 years in prison. With his head in his hands, Petrocy slumped into a chair. He wept so hard his shoulders shook.

"I'm not giving you this sentence to punish you," said Traffic Judge John D. Watts. "I'm doing it only because I think it will deter somebody else who might get drunk and kill a child."

Judge Orders Subpoena For Ritchie To Appear

PORTLAND — Federal Judge Gus J. Solomon Friday ordered William M. Ritchie, an Oregon State Prison convict, subpoenaed in the trial of Walter R. Carroll, 38, Reno, Nev.

Carroll is charged with robbing the Umatilla post office of \$20,000 in November, 1950.

Ritchie, now serving a sentence on another charge, has pleaded guilty to twice breaking into the post office with intent to steal. After the first break-in in June, 1950, a registered package containing \$20,000 was missing. After the second entry the following November, another \$20,000 package was missing.

Carroll is being tried for the second robbery. Ritchie has not yet been sentenced for the break-ins.

Navy Is Planning To Build 2 Conventional Submarines

WASHINGTON — The Navy is reluctant to put all its eggs in the atomic basket, at least right now.

That apparently is why it plans to start building two new conventional submarines—as well as a third nuclear powered sub—during the coming fiscal year.

The Navy's cautious approach to this and other innovations was pointed up in recent testimony by the chief of naval operations, Adm. Robert B. Carney, before the House Appropriations Committee.

Carney's testimony in support of Navy money requests for the year starting July 1 was made public this week.

Describing what he termed the Navy's "orderly" approach to new developments, Carney said he is convinced that nuclear power will have a revolutionary effect on fleets of the future.

But, he added, "until we know exactly where we are going" he would not recommend a "large and precipitate building program."

The Navy asked \$9,870,000,000 for next year, about 500 million more than it got this year, despite the fact that Navy and Marine Corps manpower will drop by 61,000 and the Navy will operate about 50 fewer ships.

The Navy wants to earmark \$40 million of this for 1,455 new aircraft and 30 new ships, including the third atomic powered submarine and a fourth \$6,000-ton Forrestal Class aircraft carrier. The building program also includes conversion of 17 older vessels and purchase of 1,000 landing boats.

Carney testified that the fleet air arm is now about 45 per cent modern, and that by the end of December 1956, Navy aircraft will be about 87 per cent jet powered.

The canted deck permitting simultaneous carrier plane take offs

and landings, a British innovation, also plays a part in the Navy's building and conversion program.

Angled decks are planned for the 45,000-ton Midway and three 27,000-ton carriers—the Yorktown, Bennington and Wasp.

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Federal Jury Acquits Truck Robbery Accused

BOSTON — A federal jury has acquitted George D. O'Brien 44, of Quincy, Mass., of larceny in the record \$691,700 looting of an armored truck at Danvers March 25, 1952.

The theft, carried out while the armored truck's three-man crew was having coffee in a nearby drugstore, was the largest haul in U. S. crime records.

Judge George C. Sweeney said he did not personally agree with the verdict and asked the jury if any member had been intimidated.

He then explained the reason the jury had been locked up was that the original foreman's wife had been threatened by telephone.

O'Brien's wife, Margaret, 43, and his son, George Jr., 20, Massachusetts Institute of Technology student, were among the spectators. Mother and son both are under indictment, charged with receiving loot.

O'Brien has been the only person brought to trial for the huge cash theft.

NAMED TO VACANCY

LINCOLN, Neb. — Mrs. Eve Bowring, Nebraska ranch woman and vice-chairman of the Republican Party in Nebraska was named Friday to fill the vacancy in the U. S. Senate created by the death Monday of Sen. Dwight P. Griswold (R-Neb.).

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