

Plans Formed for Treatment Of Paralysis Victims at Home

Plans for training laymen volunteers in the care of polio patients were formed Thursday night at a meeting of the Marion County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in the Senator Hotel.

A training program for 25 volunteers is expected to get underway after the return to Salem of two medical representatives who are being sent by the county chapter to the Los Angeles County Hospital polio center.

Vote to Send Two

It was voted to send Dr. Robert Anderson, Salem physician, and Mrs. Fae Lefor, superintendent of nurses at Salem Memorial Hospital, to the Los Angeles clinic, Oct. 26-29 to learn the latest methods of caring for polio patients.

Mrs. Albert Gragg, secretary of the Marion County Chapter, said Dr. Anderson and Mrs. Lefor would lead a training program upon their return to teach the newest techniques in polio care to volunteers.

Work in Homes
These volunteers would do much of their work in polio patients' homes, she said. Mrs. Ted Jenny is in charge of recruiting the workers.

On-the-job training would also be given staffers at local hospitals. It was announced at the meeting that the county chapter owes \$8,628.68 in outstanding bills through Sept. 1. Since there are no funds in the local treasury, application has been made to the national foundation for financial assistance.

No More Aid
Mrs. Gragg said the national is expected to pay the current bills, but that no more aid could be expected from the parent organization until after the 1954 fund campaign in January.

She pointed out that this has been the worst polio year in the history of the national foundation. (Applications of two new polio patients were accepted.)

The National Geographic Society says the first storm windows in America are believed to be those at Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home.

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Viks' Coaches Tell Lions of Team Spirit

There's more team spirit and little or no "gang feeling" to Salem High School's football squad this year, the Vikings' coaches told Salem Lions Club in a pre-season football program Thursday noon at the Marion Hotel.

Salem High opens its football schedule with a game with Cleveland at Portland tonight.

Head Coach Lee Gustafson said the team has fine spirit and good training habits this fall and should put up a real fight in district and league competition. He and assistant coaches Hank Juran and Al Gray described the team to the service club. Newly named team captain, Quarterback Herb Triplett, was introduced.

Coach Gustafson said an unusual mark of the present squad of some 40 boys is their overall scholarship average of over 3.0 (B).

Gov. Patterson Addresses AAA Meeting

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Gov. Paul L. Patterson of Oregon said Thursday that the federal government should either get out of the gasoline tax business or use these taxes for highway construction.

The governor, addressing the American Automobile Association convention, said the federal government collects about two billion dollars annually in automotive excise taxes, about half of it in the form of gas taxes. But, he said, the government spends only about 200 million dollars of this on the nation's roads.

"The funds from this tax go into the general fund and are in no way connected with or contingent upon the amount of money expended by the Federal Bureau of Roads," he explained.

However, the governor added: "We of the Western states, where the federal government holds nearly half of our area, know it is impossible for the government to get out of the road building business in this part of the country."

He said he favors enlargement of the federal government's responsibility for highway construction but feels that "the final duty for the construction of suitable roads for the people of the country lies in the hands of the individual states."

Bomb Tosses Strikes Again In Kansas City

KANSAS CITY (AP)—A mysterious bomb thrower renewed his work Thursday night, tossing a bomb that damaged two business buildings on the east side.

The bombing was the sixth of business houses in the last three weeks here.

Damage in the latest incident was minor. The officers said the bomb apparently was thrown from a moving car and landed about 15 feet from the front door of the Keystone Trailer and Equipment Co. factory.

The glass was broken in the factory doors and 10 windows were broken in a Continental Can Co. plant across the street.

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FFA Contests Set for Fair On Saturday

An influx of between three and four hundred additional Future Farmers will hit the fair grounds to take in the fair Saturday and participate in the FFA dairy livestock, and poultry judging finals. The winning teams in each division will get a trip to the national contest in Kansas City, Mo., and Waterloo, Iowa.

The Junction City chapter beef herd Thursday won first place among FFA beef exhibitors and received the new rotating plaque donated by the First National Bank of Portland. Senior and grand champion in the Angus division was shown by Jim Coffield of Estacada. Eldon Powell, Junction City, showed the junior champion Angus. Glen Wagner, McMinnville, showed the senior and grand champion Hereford in the FFA division. Ralph Wilcox, Albany, had the junior champion Hereford. Jim Coffield was champion FFA showman with Glen Wagner runner-up.

David Warren, Shedd, showing a Southdown, was chosen Future Farmer champion sheep showman. Jack Long, Scio was top showman in the Suffolk-Hampshire class while John Clark of Central High School, Independence-Monmouth led the way in long wool showmanship.

Newbury's chapter sheep flock, a smooth group of Suffolks, won the new Future Farmer Sheep plaque put up by the Ladd and Bush Branch, U. S. National Bank. McMinnville's flock was runner-up.

Honors were pretty evenly divided in other classes. Jack Humphrey, Corvallis sheep raiser, took his 4th straight championship in the FFA single fat lamb division.

Ninety Woodmen exhibited 4-H forestry projects at the state fair this year with the top awards going to Gerald Martin, St. Paul, forestry I, and Betty Jones, Salem, forestry II. Summer school scholarships go with the two highest awards. Alternate winners are Dennis Vanderwile, St. Paul, and Pat Miller, Salem.

Sightseeing Tot Upsets Neighborhood

They all thought two-year-old Brent Burrell had drowned in Mill Creek — but he was only sightseeing.

Brent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Burrell of 790 N. Winter St.

He was romping with a playmate Thursday morning on the bank of Mill Creek near the Burrell's home when suddenly he dropped out of sight.

"He went in there," said the playmate, pointing to a five-foot hole in the creek.

The alarm was spread and two city first aidmen arrived plus four police officers. A score of neighbors started searching. A couple of men waded into the creek, while first aidmen prepared to start grappling.

The playmate kept insisting: "He went in there."
A thoughtful police officer started cruising around the neighborhood and found Brent sightseeing near Summer and D Streets.

Brent was handed over to his tearful but much relieved mother. Remarked a first aidman: "That was one run with a happy ending."

Enrollment Above 60,000 at Portland
PORTLAND (AP)—Enrollment in public schools here passed the 60,000 mark Thursday, the third day of the new school year.
Grade schools had 45,462 students and high schools 14,945.

'Race Killer' Could Cripple Food Supply in Wide Area

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—A University of Arizona soils biochemist Thursday disclosed secret research on a simple, almost fantastic new weapon that might wipe out life of an entire nation.

The element is strontium, and Dr. Wallace H. Fuller said a dust bomb produced from it could someday cripple the food supply of a wide area.

Its implications, he said, could even equal that of the recently publicized "race killer," the cobalt bomb.

The Arizona professor has quietly conducted research on the element for the past 2 1/2 years. He is on special assignment from the Atomic Energy Commission.

He made the formal announcement of his work at a special press conference.

Radioactive strontium introduced into the human or animal body would concentrate itself in the bones and teeth. It has a half-life of 25 years.

There, if allowed to build up in sufficient amount, it could cause radiation sickness or death.

As Fuller explained it in an interview with newsmen, "strontium is potentially the most biologically hazardous of the fission products."

It could be dropped from the air to contaminate crops, lands and water supplies.

"It is similar to calcium, which is an essential plant nutrient," he said. "So far as plants are concerned, strontium and calcium may readily inter-change."

"Both elements are absorbed equally well by plants through leaves or from the soil via their roots."

"Both elements concentrate in the same tissues. Plants will build up strontium in their tissues up to five to 50 times as high a concentration as is present in a soil."

"Radioactive strontium could be introduced into the human or animal body by many means, by contaminated food crops, or by food crops grown in contaminated soil."

"If animals should eat forage, such as grasses or alfalfa, that contain radio - strontium, the radioactivity would concentrate in their bones."

"Man also could get it by consuming leafy vegetables as well as other edible parts of plants."

"So far as we know here no tests have been conducted on animals or humans to determine the effects of eating foods or drinking liquids on human or animal bodies."

"The AEC reports that all aspects of the biological utilization of radioactive strontium and other fission products are being studied in their research program—from the production of fissionable products to their absorption by plants and utilization by animals to their final effects on animals."

"This research will permit scientists to determine the levels of radiostrontium that are of health hazard proportions."

Weary Fliers Rescued After Desert Jump

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. (AP)—A long and trying adventure in the Arizona desert is all over for nine tired but happy airmen. The flyers were rescued early Thursday from the sandy, barren wilderness near the ghost town of Sundad, Ariz., where they had parachuted from a crippled KC97 tanker 20 hours earlier.

Aside from minor injuries they were in good condition.

"Boy, were we happy to see that plane," said A. C. Daniel C. Cameron, 21, of Washington, D. C. He was referring to the pet fighter that spotted them at dusk Wednesday night after an aerial search by 35 planes.

"We didn't have any water, and that desert was really hot. A plane came back later and dropped us food and water, and then we just waited until morning."

The airmen were catapulted into their dramatic experience by an aerial collision between the tanker and a B47 Stratojet during a refueling operation.

The bomber, with a crew of four, flew safely back to its station at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base near Tucson. The four-engine tanker, its two right engines knocked out and a wing damaged, veered off at a sharp angle.

The pilot, Capt. F. F. Jenkinson of Mineola, L. I., ordered the crew to bail out, and then landed the plane safely at Luke Air Force Base.

Judges Prefer Blondes in Test Prelude

ATLANTIC CITY (AP)—Two 19-year-old blondes — Miss South Dakota and Miss Wyoming — won preliminary honors in the Miss America contest Thursday night.

Miss South Dakota, Delores Jerde of Spearfish, got the nod from the judges for a piano rendition of "Rhapsodien in C Major" by Dohnanyi.

Miss Wyoming, Elaine Lois Holkenbrink of Torrington, was victorious in the bathing suit division.

Both of the girls set coveted points toward the title of Miss America of 1954 and its \$50,000 in prize money.

Thursday night was the second night of preliminaries in the week-long pageant which ends Saturday, when the contest winner will be picked from among the 52 contestants, representing most of the states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Oregon PW Among 32 Enroute Home

TOKYO (AP)—Thirty-two Americans released from Communist prison camps departed from Tokyo for the United States Thursday night aboard a hospital plane.

Four of the 32 former POWs are litter patients.

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