

Expert Care Only Treatment When Crippler Strikes

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New York, Aug. 12.—When your child gets polio—infantile paralysis—his fate passes out of your hands. All you can do is to turn him over to specialists, doctors and nurses, and there are not many of these specialists in the entire United States.

That's where the dimes you and the children gave last winter come to your aid. They produced more than \$20,000,000 now ready to do the incredible medical job of making this scarce aid ready everywhere.

Your community has a local chapter of the National Foundation for infantile paralysis, one of 2,800 in the United States.

Call the community or nearest National Foundation office. They have plans ready. For those unable to pay the full expenses, the foundation expects to pay the balance. And this is a lot of money, about \$1,000 being an average expense for a single case. Some run far higher.

Local chapters of foundation keep half of the March of Dimes funds collected, and most of this goes to pay patient's bills, the policy of the foundation is to pay for all or part of the expense, depending upon each family's need for help.

When local funds are exhausted, the national headquarters advances money to help meet the costs. Last year the foundation and its chapters spent \$17,000,000, patient care, including \$8,700,000 from the national headquarters.

The foundation undertakes to find a hospital where this care can be given. Many hospitals have neither the equipment nor the experienced personnel.

Where cases are numerous, the foundation maintains teams of expert doctors and nurses to go to that area and train nurses and advise local doctors. These teams are top men in polio, in the leading medical institutions of the United States.

The foundation last winter took in \$25,000,000 in the March of Dimes. Half of this went to the local chapters, and half to the National Foundation. Deducting the expenses, there is about twenty million dollars left for polio aid and research.

In last summer's epidemic the National Foundation spent about \$4,000,000 more than it received in dimes money.

Some things which the experts will do can later be done at home by you. That will be in the cases where it will take years of training stricken muscles.

Where children are unable to move a muscle, nurses or parents or apparatus built for the purpose does this exercise. Some day the weakened muscles get able to do some of their own work. Results sometimes look like miracles. The reasons are intricate, but there is little guess-work.

Bulbar polio, the kind that comes to the "bulb" at the top of the spinal cord, has lost some of its death-dealing power. Bulbar kills in several ways. It may paralyze swallowing muscles, or breathing muscles, or interfere with heart action. In the swallowing trouble, the child chokes to death.

Opening the windpipe saves most of these, and that was discovered only two years ago. Iron lungs keep them alive in the breathing paralysis and pure oxygen helps tide over the heart crises.

The doctors say give the sufferer myanesis of prisol to relieve pain, but not because they think there is any curative effect. They use curare to loosen muscles that insist on tying themselves into knots. They have tried remedies like darvisul and gureomycin. There are swimming pools, rocking beds and other devices for mild exercises.

There are more than a score of medicines being used on animals with hopeful effects, and

Separate Bids For New School

Separate bids on the general construction, mechanical and electrical work on the newly-organized Monmouth-Independence school building until 8 o'clock the evening of August 31.

Construction of the 13-classroom grade school on a 40-acre site midway between the two towns was approved May 23 when a \$400,000 bond issue was voted to cover the cost of the modern one-story school plant.

The structure will be of reinforced concrete and in addition to the classrooms will provide administration facilities, kitchen and cafeteria, gymnasium with a stage and locker rooms, garage buildings and a shop building.

Except for the locker rooms, the school will not have a basement. The locker rooms will be beneath the gymnasium.

Materials to be used include steel sash, glass block, asphalt tile flooring, some ceramic tile and acoustical tile ceilings. The roof will be flat built-up.

Shops will be situated in a separate structure to be known as the Smith Hughes building.

Sun-Tan Bathers Hit Woman's Appetite

Santa Monica, Cal., Aug. 12. (U.P.)—The sight of "a nearly naked, hairy chested, sandy, oily man" is enough to take away the appetite of one woman resident of this beach city.

Mrs. William Kent Cooper made this complaint in a letter to the city council, requesting a law regulating the amount of clothing worn in public places. She said customers in a restaurant can't eat with sun-tanned bathers in sight.

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