

If Salk Vaccine Works, Youngsters Of Area Can Be Given Polio Shots

Health Officer Announces Plans For Distribution Program on Entirely Voluntary Basis

Plans now are being worked out for the possible administration of polio vaccine to some 3,000 Jackson county children who will be eligible to receive it if it is licensed, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer.

As was announced last week by state health officials, all first and second grade pupils in public, private and parochial schools in the state are included in the planned program, he explained. It also will be available to others through physicians.

But parents were warned by Dr. Merkel not to jump to the conclusion that the current planning indicated the vaccine already has been proved effective.

Evaluation Report Due
"The vaccine which will be furnished by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is the same vaccine that was given to 440,000 children last spring," he said. "We do not know whether it really prevents paralytic polio. Until April, when we will learn the results of the evaluation study now being conducted at the University of Michigan, we cannot know if the vaccine is effective."

"But we cannot wait until then for planning for the protection of as many of our children as possible," he added. "Vaccinating large numbers of children is a big and important job, entailing many procedural tasks that can't be performed over night."

"If the license is granted in April, we must be ready to start vaccinating at once, so that, if

possible, we can finish before our schools close and the polio season starts. We want to give the vaccine early so that many children can be protected before polio appears in their communities.

Would Not Be Test
"This program would not be another test but the first use of a newly established preventive measure."

Under the direction of the State Health Department, Dr. Merkel has been conferring with the school authorities and physicians who have pledged their full cooperation.

The polio vaccine will be furnished from a supply being purchased by the National Foundation with March of Dimes funds. It will be made available by the National Foundation without charge for the product to the state health officer, if licensed by the federal government. Supplies also will be distributed through usual channels at the same time.

\$9,000,000 Contract
The National Foundation has financed the development and production of the Salk vaccine. Contracts were made with manufacturers for a supply of vaccine costing \$9,000,000 in March of Dimes funds. This enabled manufacturers to keep their production facilities in operation during the waiting period and be ready to go into full production as soon as the

Former Teacher Sought Through School Office

Jackson county school superintendent's office has received an inquiry from a relative concerning the whereabouts of a Miss Bertha Smith who taught school in or near Phoenix in 1906 and 1907.

She later was married to a man named Kane, the school office was informed.

Persons knowing her whereabouts have been requested to telephone the superintendent's office. The number is 2-4424.

vaccine is licensed. "Vaccine would be given by the health department this spring only to those eligible children whose parents sign forms requesting it," Dr. Merkel added. "It is a completely voluntary program. The forms

will be distributed through the schools beginning March 21. We would like to know as soon as possible how many eligible children we must provide for, if the vaccination program is carried out. If the vaccine is not licensed, there will be no program."

Klamath Schools Man Says Plans Distorted

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Carroll Howe, Klamath county school superintendent, said Saturday his suggestion to the state labor commissioner that photographs be required to accompany teacher applications "had been distorted."

Answers Charge
Howe's statement was in answer to a charge made in Portland Thursday night that the Klamath school administrator was leading a move to undermine the Oregon fair employment practices act.

David Robinson, chairman of the FEP advisory committee, told a meeting of the Portland Urban League that Howe was responsible for an attempt by the Oregon School Superintendents Association to get a bill through the

Legislature which would require teacher applicants to submit photographs with their applications.

Howe said he wrote a letter to Norman Nilson, state labor commissioner, some time ago, suggesting that it might be possible to allow school administrators to require photos of teacher applicants.

Stems From Misunderstanding
He said racial discrimination had nothing to do with his suggestion and that any interpretation that it does "stems from a misunderstanding."

Robinson said Howe had told him he wanted the photos to determine if the applicant was a Negro because Indians in the Klamath area had strong prejudices against Negroes.

Disciplinary Methods His Responsibility, Vale High School Principal Declares

Vale—(U.P.)—Vale High School Principal Donald Gabbert Saturday said that action on a strong protest by Vale residents against student disciplinary methods was the sole responsibility of his office.

The statement resulted from a school board meeting here Thursday night at which a protest petition signed by 470 school dis-

trict residents was circulated. The petition was an outgrowth of a recent incident in which two students said they were "mishandled" by faculty members while being taken to a meeting of the Lettermen's Society.

Gabbert said he would regret dropping the form of student government. He said "the disciplinary method decided upon would be entirely the responsibility of the principal's office."

Arthur Hufaker, spokesman for the citizens' group, criticized the method, which he said utilizes paddling for minor student infractions and sets up the society as both judge and jury, as "unjust and un-democratic."

The Letterman issue has been a strong one in the area for some time. Critics said some students dropped out of school in fear of the society, and others took to knives for protection.

The students whose mishandling caused the waves of protest were escorted to a disciplinary meeting of the lettermen by two faculty members. One of the boys said he was tripped by teacher as he entered the meeting room, and the other was held so forcibly that examining physicians said bold handprints remained on either side of his chest.

Japan, Greece Sign Trade Agreement; Open Dollar Fund

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Japan and Greece Saturday signed a trade and payments agreement providing for an estimated maximum \$2,500,000,000 exchange each way in goods as well as services during the next one year.

The agreement, signed in Athens, is the first trade arrangement to be concluded between the two countries since the war. It goes into effect April 1, 1955 and will be good for one year.

Exports Listed
Main Greek exports to Japan under the agreement are dried fruits, olives, olive oil, cotton, tobacco and minerals. Japan in turn will ship to Greece machinery, textiles, chemicals, industrial goods and a wide range of other commodities.

Under the agreement the two countries agreed to consult with each other concerning the possibility of carrying out transactions on a multilateral basis, barter or compensating transactions "if circumstances require," in order to promote trade between the two countries.

The two countries also agreed to open a U.S. dollar Japan-Greece open account with the Bank of Japan in Tokyo to clear all payments on transactions between them except in cases otherwise agreed between the two nations.

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House Committee Takes Rap at GOP Farm Program

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Agriculture Committee charged Saturday that the administration farm program threatens to produce city unemployment by intensifying "the present recession in agriculture."

It denounced as "unwise and dangerous" the lowering of price supports on basic crops at a time when farmers' purchasing power "is the lowest since 1940."

The committee, comprised largely of farm congressmen, on Tuesday approved by a 23-11 vote a bill to repeal the administration's flexible support program and restore rigid high price supports.

The majority report, issued Saturday, was an obvious bid for the votes of city Democrats, votes which will be needed, if the bill is to clear the House. The report claimed that lower price guarantees for farmers under the administration program will not insure lower food prices.

Minority Report
Rep. R. D. Harrison (R-Neb.) said he and most of the other nine Republicans who opposed the bill in committee would issue a minority report.

The bill, tentatively scheduled for floor action March 22, would avert a scheduled drop in price supports on the wheat to 82½ per cent of parity on this year's crop. It also would continue 90 per cent supports for another three years for corn, peanuts, rice and cotton.

The majority report said lower wheat supports this summer would not lower the price of a loaf of bread, but would cost wheat farmers \$156,000,000. It said middle men would absorb the money lost by farmers.

Labor Support
In a direct bid for labor support, the report said AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter P. Reuther have endorsed the bill.

The report found it "astonishing" that the Eisenhower administration should lower farm price guarantees while asking Congress to boost federal minimum wages from 75 cents to 90 cents an hour.

Two objectives of the bill, the report said, are "to reverse the present recession in agriculture" and "to avoid unemployment among workers in the cities and the damaging impact on the whole economy that would result from continuing distress on the farms."

California ranked third among the states in value of mineral production in 1953.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Maurine Neuberger Bill Aimed At Secret Meetings of Board

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Salem—(U.P.)—A bill which its author admitted was aimed directly at the State Board of Higher Education faced revision and amendment Saturday in the House Committee on State and Federal Affairs.

Rep. Maurine Neuberger (D-Portland) said her bill requiring open meetings for all governmental bodies in Oregon was aimed at stopping unpublished meetings of the State Board of Higher Education which she said were being held on Sundays at the Arlington Club in Portland.

Portions of the bill applying to city councils and other local governing bodies ran into stern opposition from Rep. Al Loucks (R-Salem), former Salem mayor. He said that if a problem of unpublished meetings existed in cities, the solution should be found on the local level rather than in a state law.

Bill Follows Plan
Mrs. Neuberger said she was principally interested in practices at the state level. Her bill, she said, was designed after a plan long in effect for the Portland School Board where all business was transacted in the open, with the exception of personnel matters.

She declared that the open meetings of the state board of higher education were often mere formalities to confirm agreements reached privately. Only member of the board who did not attend the Arlington Club meetings, she said, was Mrs. E. B. MacNaughton, because the Arlington Club does not admit women. Even the press does not attend, Mrs. Neuberger said.

Mrs. William L. Cawood of the Portland Federation of Women's Clubs, told the committee that the Multnomah County Commission frequently holds unpublished special meetings and she

Additional Freighters For Grain Storage

Washington—(U.P.)—The government has obtained an additional 105 freighters from the maritime fleet for emergency storage of 24,000,000 bushels of grain in the Pacific Northwest.

The agriculture department said today that 75 of the ships will be docked at Astoria, Ore., and 30 will be provided at Olympia, Wash.

Much of the cork used in the U. S. comes from California.

endorsed the bill for that reason.

The committee agreed to consider a substitute bill for one introduced by Rep. Norman Howard (D-Portland) to require employers to grant free time off for voting. While endorsing the principle of the measure, the committee objected to some of its provisions as too complex and ambiguous. Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) was appointed to draft a substitute that would recognize the employer's responsibility for making time available to workers to cast their ballots without setting up hard and fast time limits such as contained in the original bill.

Both houses of the Legislature were in adjournment Saturday but held several committee meetings Friday afternoon.

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