

Polio Vaccine Verdict Due Week From Today; Questions About Immunization Plan Answered

A week from today, on April 12, University of Michigan scientists will announce the verdict on the Salk anti-polio vaccine.

This verdict which is expected to be favorable, is based on 1954 field trials, in which some 440,000 American school children received the vaccine, with another 1,390,000 children serving as "controls" for comparative purposes.

The records of these children are now being studied to determine the effectiveness of the vaccine in preventing paralytic polio.

The Oregon State Board of Health recently authorized use of the Salk polio vaccine in the state if the widely publicized new product is licensed by the federal government. Licensing will be dependent upon the findings of the University of Michigan studies.

Questions Answered

The following questions and answers have been prepared by Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county health officer, to help keep interested parents and teachers of the county informed on this important subject.

Q. How will we know the vaccine is really safe?

A: As far as we know, all 440,000 children received it last year without ill effects. It will not be licensed for general use by the national institutes of health unless it has been proved to be completely safe.

Q. Who will receive the vaccine this year if it is licensed?

A: The vaccine will be offered to all American children who are enrolled in the first and second grades of public, private and parochial schools as of this spring, and all children who were enrolled in the first three grades of schools in the 217 test areas at the time of the 1954 field trials who did not receive the vaccine. It will also be available to others through their private physicians.

Q. Does your child have to receive the vaccine?

A: No, the vaccine will not be given to any child unless the parents or guardians make a written request for the immunization. The program will be entirely voluntary.

Q. How much will the vaccine cost?

A: If your child is one of those

eligible to be immunized at school this year, the vaccine will be supplied free by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and cost of administering the vaccine will be donated by private physicians with the help of health officers from your community. You may consult your physician about the cost of receiving the vaccine as a private patient.

Q. Why were only certain grades selected to receive the vaccine this year?

A: First and second grade children were selected because of the higher polio incidence in the age group and because their accessibility in schools would speed completion of the vaccination program. The national foundation also feels it has a moral obligation to offer vaccine to those who participated in the 1954 field trial and did not receive the vaccine because they served as "controls" for study purposes.

Q. How many shots are necessary?

A: Children should have three inoculations to receive protection. The second shot is given one week after the first and the third shot is given four weeks after the second. Inoculations are given in a muscle of the arm.

Q. Who will be in charge of the program?

A: The plan of administration of the vaccine in Oregon is under the direction of Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, in cooperation with the state and county medical societies, national foundation for infantile paralysis, state department of education and local public health and school authorities.

Q. How much vaccine will be available this year?

A: In the hope that the vaccine would prove successful, and to keep production going while the results of the 1954 field trials were being studied, the national foundation contracted for enough vaccine for 3,000,000 American children this year. Oregon will receive its proportionate share based on its population. Manufacturers will make available additional supplies for purchase, to be administered by private physicians to those not eligible for or not desiring to participate in the school programs.

Q. Will volunteers be needed to help the school immunization

programs?

A: Yes, many physicians will volunteer their services, and other volunteer workers will be needed. If you wish to help, contact your local health department or local chapter of the national foundation.

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A: No. Remember, results of field trials have not yet been announced, and the vaccine has not yet been licensed. Even if the program is conducted this year, many Americans will still be unprotected against polio.

Q. How can I obtain more information about the vaccine?

A: Just as soon as findings of the field trials are released, they will be widely publicized through the press, radio, television, pamphlets and public meetings. Informational material will also be sent home to parents of all children eligible to receive the vaccine during the school programs.

Q. How rapidly will the program begin if the vaccine is licensed?

A: Supplies of the vaccine will immediately be flown to the state board of health in Portland, which will in turn immediately distribute it to the counties. The program will be under way within a few days after the green light is given. Details of the program have already been worked out so that no delay will be necessary if the vaccine is licensed.

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SHOCKED BY VERDICT, Mickey Jelke, millionaire oleomargarine heir and wife meet press outside New York court after jury found him guilty of compulsory prostitution involving two young girls. He faces 40-year prison term. (International)

Solon Objects To President's Use of Church in Politics

Fairmont, W. Va.—(U.P.)—Sen. Matthew M. Neely (D-W. Va.) stood firm today on his criticism of publicity surrounding the church activities of President Eisenhower.

"I will continue to cry out against the popping of flash bulbs and reservation of newspaper space for the furtherance of political ambition," Neely said.

The senator, visiting his hometown here while en route to Senate subcommittee hearings on unemployment at Pikeville, Ky., said he is preparing a rebuttal to cries of outrage from Republican leaders and some churchmen.

Conscience Clear

Neely charged in a speech before the United Automobile Workers convention in Cleveland last week that the President was making political capital of his church attendance, although Mr. Eisenhower had not formally joined a church until after his election.

"My conscience is clear," Neely said. "I would make the same criticism again under the circumstances."

Objects To Use of Church

The Bible-quoting senator said the fact the President did not join a church until later in life had no bearing on the criticism. "I am glad Mr. Eisenhower joined a church," he said. "It is only his use of it to which I object," Neely said.

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Married People Live Longer Than Single Ones, Scientists Say

By DELOS SMITH

United Press Science Editor

New York—(U.P.)—The social scientists tell you that if you want to live a long time you must get married and stay married.

There's no question about it: Married people live longer than single people; and people who were once married live longer than people who were never married.

The public health service's national office of vital statistics has proven this to be a fact. But the social scientists tell you that it wasn't in need of any proof, that it should be as evident as the nose on your face.

The big reason why this is so is that there are no pent-up people among married people, assuming, that is, that they "communicate" with one another, and if they don't, they don't stay married.

No Pent Up Emotions

Perhaps a husband and his wife have learned disrespect for one another. This makes them prone to tell one another off, each is happy to explain why the other's faults are extremely irritating.

So each has a sounding board. Neither is pent up, both get their troubles off their chests. But if they're happily married, each has a weeping wall and a confessional and a builder-upper, all combined in one person. Each has an outlet with a guaranteed non-stick valve.

But whether married people like one another or not, they're assured of excellent attention from their mates. The wife who thinks her husband is a jerk and tells him so, feeds and cares for him with zeal because she wouldn't want to have mistreatment of him on her conscience, the social scientists say.

Concern Over Wife

And the husband who tells his wife she's a shrew and a nag, also calls the doctor for her at the slightest excuse because, feeling as he does, his conscience tells him that he has to give constant proof that he doesn't wish her ill.

All this scientific "evaluation" came to this reporter from social scientists who thought statistics were just

Patterson Plans Gorge Preservation

Salem—(U.P.)—Plans to spend \$50,000 on the Columbia Gorge to assure a watershed for the various waterfalls and to preserve scenic areas have been made public by Governor Paul Patterson.

Long-range planning on the state's park system will be done by the State Highway Commission's tourist subcommittee, which will be expanded into a tourist park committee according to the agreement with the Highway commission.

In addition to the \$50,000 planned for the Gorge, Patterson said the Highway commission plans to spend \$165,000 in the next biennium to develop Rooster Rock park on the Columbia river.

Patterson said the plan should solve within existing agencies the problems which have led to demands for a Columbia Gorge commission and for a separate state park commission.

He said that commission financing from gasoline taxes would eliminate the knotty problem of getting an appropriation from the Ways and Means committee.

Irate Hog Forces

Morse To Use Cane

Boise—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), limped off a plane with the aid of a cane here and told reporters he was the victim of an irate hog. The Senator, here for the first of four Northwestern hearings on a Federal Hells canyon dam proposal, explained that he picked up a newborn pig on his Poolesville, Md., farm and was charged by the animal's mother. The rush sprained his leg, Morse said.

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