

Questions, Answers Given on Problems Of Polio Vaccine

Editor's note: A series of government actions and reports finally cleared away much of the confusion plaguing the nation's polio vaccination program. In the following dispatch, it is possible for the first time in nearly seven weeks to provide official answers for many of the questions troubling parents.

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Washington—(U.P.)—Many parents are wondering what to do about polio shots for their children now that the government has given the signal for resumption of the inoculation program.

Here are the main questions they are asking along with the answers provided by the public health service, leading polio experts, and other authorities:

SAFETY

Q—Is Salk vaccine safe?
A—The nation's top polio specialists have reexamined the basic formula and proclaimed it safe and effective. The Public Health Service has double-checked all vaccine distributed so far and pronounced it generally safe. Only announced exceptions: Two suspect lots by Cutter Laboratories. Stiff new federal testing and manufacturing standard were put into effect last week to make new batches extra safe.

WHEN TO INJECT

Q—When is the best time to have your children vaccinated?

A—A committee of government advisers, including Dr. Jonas E. Salk, said the best time is "before the epidemic season," which runs from mid-August to mid-September. But it said shots during a polio outbreak do have a place in preventive medicine.

Q—Is it safe, then, to go ahead with second shots this summer?

A—You should check with your private physician or with your local health authorities on this point. The Salk committee said second shots can be given during the height of the polio season "without appreciable concern" because of the "slight immunity" provided by the first.

Q—What about first injections during the height of the polio season?

A—Authorities disagree. You should get the advice of your physician or local medical office.

Alva M. Perkins New Lions Leader

Alva M. Perkins was recently elected Medford Lions club president, to succeed Bob Dames, Medford attorney who served the years of 1954-55.

Perkins is manager of Consolidated Freightways here, and has been with the company 16 years. His wife is employed in the veterans county service office at the courthouse. His sons are Larry, a junior in Medford High school, and Jerry, a sophomore in Southern Oregon college.

Perkins has resided in Medford for seven years, being active in Lionism during that time. He has managed and coached the junior American Legion baseball teams for the past few years.

Other officers elected were first vice-president, Dr. W. Albrant; second vice-president, Kenneth Campbell; secretary-treasurer, Lee Knox; lion tamer, P. Smith; tail twister, Nick Gier, and directors, Don Minkler, James McGoodwin and Art Handy.

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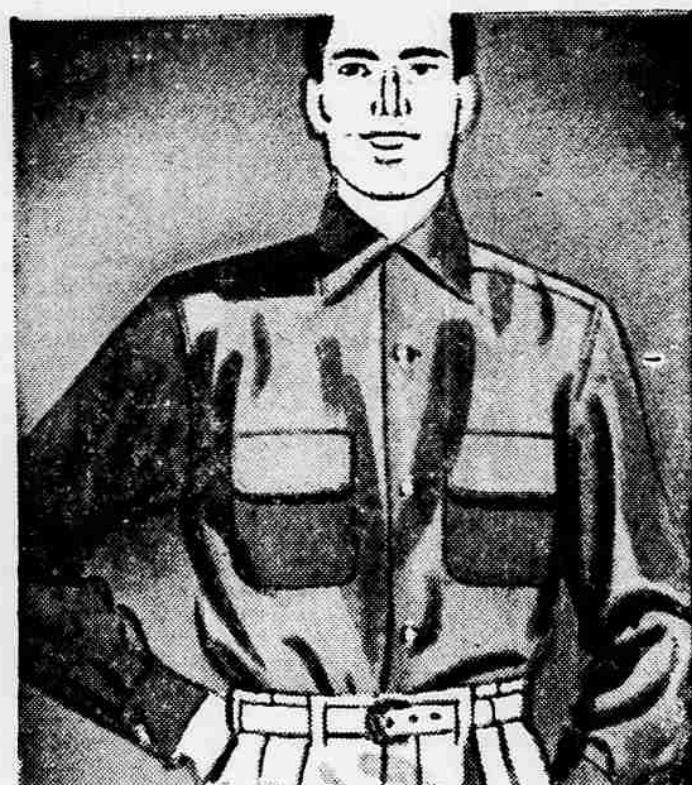
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