

Polio Epidemic In Boston Easing; Other Areas Hit

Boston — (U.P.)—A polio epidemic which has stricken 1123 victims was believed on a "gradual decline" in hard-hit Boston today but was spreading rapidly to areas outside the city.

Sixty-eight cases were reported in the state yesterday. Last year at this time there were only 108 cases. The situation was considered a state-wide epidemic when the 1000 mark was reached.

Boston Health Commissioner John H. Cauley said that a decrease of three cases over the previous day was encouraging.

More Indicative
"A gradual decrease is more indicative of a leveling off than a precipitous drop in the number of cases," Cauley said.

"The situation has not changed any just because it has been labeled an epidemic," said Dr. Joseph P. Reardon of the Massachusetts Health Department.

"The disease is on the downgrade in Boston or at least has leveled off," Reardon said. "It is now beginning to move out of the city. Last week it moved into the Connecticut Valley area."

He said the Berkshire Hills region and Cape Cod are the only areas to escape epidemic conditions.

The county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis said it was prepared to give financial assistance to families of polio patients in the greater Boston area. The chapter now is paying medical expenses for "more than 350 victims of the current polio outbreak," it said.

There has been only 23 cases among children who received a single shot of Salk anti-polio vaccine in the foundation's program. There was a single case among children who had two or more shots. Some 150,000 children received a single shot and 20,000 received two or more shots before the program was called off because of the polio season.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

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Pension Boosting Measure Signed

Washington — (U.P.)—President Eisenhower yesterday signed a bill boosting pensions for 225,000 retired federal employees and 70,000 survivors of deceased federal workers.

The increase will take effect Oct. 1 and will cost about \$45,000,000 a year.

The measure will provide an across the board increase of 12 per cent for 185,000 persons now receiving pensions of less than \$1,500 a year.

Others who are receiving larger annuities will get a smaller percentage increase but bigger in actual cash. No pension, however, will be increased above \$4,104 a year or \$342 a month. This will set a maximum of about \$360 a year on increases anyone can receive.

The measure is aimed primarily at benefitting persons who retired in the past on small annuities.

Chrysler Contract Settlement Rejected

Detroit — (U.P.)—The CIO United Auto Workers today rejected a "pattern contract settlement" from the Chrysler Corp. Similar to those it recently accepted from Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp.

The union would not comment on the proposal made by the last of the "big three" automotive firms and said only that it would request a renewal of talks next week.

Robert W. Conder, Chrysler vice-president, called the company proposal "realistic and substantial" and said it was the largest economic package ever offered by Chrysler to the union and the 139,000 workers it represents.

The major provisions of the company's proposal included a guaranteed pay plan under which Chrysler would contribute five cents for each hour worked by employees to a \$49,000,000 trust fund. Idle workers would receive payments sufficient to bring their income up to 65 per cent of take-home pay for the

first four weeks and 60 per cent for an additional 22 weeks of layoff.

FEWER COWS

Portland — (U.P.)—Oregon had 3,000 less milk cows on farms in June of this year than it did in June of last year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's market news service said today. The state's total this year was 209,000 cows.

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Carpenter Comes Up With 'Dream House' Capable of Being Built by Uninitiated

Chicago — (U.P.)—On a hilltop near suburban Barrington Carpenter Manning Stires is building a dream house almost any do-it-yourself enthusiast could put up with a minimum of help.

"About all you need is one helper and a hammer," said Stires.

Strictly speaking the spacious, T-shaped ranch house Stires is building is not a prefab. It might be called a precut.

It incorporates the latest building techniques developed by some construction-wise college professors at Purdue and the University of Illinois.

The house represents the conventional builder's answer to the prefab, and requires less labor to build.

The exterior walls are framed with pre-formed panels which soon you may be able to buy from your lumber dealer. The roof is framed with pre-formed trusses.

The wall panels are two feet or four feet wide and almost ceiling height. Each panel has a sole plate, a top plate and studs made with two-by-fours.

No Waste to Sheathing
To this rectangular frame is nailed conventional sheathing, obtainable in two and four-foot widths so there is no waste.

Stires has carried the pre-forming idea a step further and has insulated each panel with conventional batting type insulation material.

The roof trusses are something of an innovation, too. Glue is

used to hold the truss members together.

Stires learned all about glue at a University of Illinois short course for contractors.

"One of the professors told us the Egyptians used casein glue," Stires said. "Archaeologists have dug up glued objects 3000 years old that haven't come unstuck."

Each truss weighs 70 pounds and can be installed by two men. **Stronger Roof**

Stires said the stress and strain experts declared that the trussed roof is stronger than a conventional rafter roof, and it doesn't tend to push out the walls as a

conventional roof sometimes does.

The exterior walls are topped by a "continuous" lintel made of double two-by-sixes running all the way around the house.

This permits the builder to cut windows and doors anywhere he chooses.

Flooring the house is a breeze, because when the house is framed it's just one big room, which can be floored in one operation. The interior partitions are put in later, and are non-bearing.

The house Stires is building is a luxurious number with four bedrooms, a huge living room and fireplace and a spacious dining area.

It uses more lumber than a conventional model, but none is wasted. There are no scraps lying around the building site.

"And almost anybody could build it, with the help of his uncle or brother-in-law," Stires said.

Former Washington Governor Succumbs

Cheney, Wash. — (U.P.)—Former Washington state governor Clarence D. Martin died at his home here last night.

Dr. J. P. Caldwell, attending physician, said the 69-year-old Martin died from a respiratory failure brought on by Parkinson's disease, an ailment of the arteries. The former governor had been unconscious for the last 24 hours.

Martin was elected governor in the Democratic landslide of 1932 that swept Franklin D. Roosevelt into the White House. He served two terms until 1940. Martin was Washington's 11th governor.



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