

Drug Firm Seeks More Effective Anti-Polio Vaccine

Washington — (U.P.)— Parke, Davis & Co., a Detroit pharmaceutical firm, says it is trying to develop a polio vaccine that is "more effective and just as safe as the present vaccine."

The company has not released any Salk polio vaccine for several months. The United Press was informed by other sources that one reason for this was that Parke Davis had been developing ultraviolet radiation to provide an extra margin of safety for its Salk vaccine output.

More Safety Impossible
But Company President Harry J. Loynd denied in a formal statement that his firm "has secretly developed a system of ultraviolet radiation to provide an extra measure of safety."

"Safety of the vaccine was proven long ago, and government standards for its manufacture were established accordingly," he said. "It is impossible for Parke Davis or any other company to develop a product that is safer than safe."

"The fact of the matter is that Parke Davis, like other manufacturers, is continually trying to develop a polio vaccine that is more effective and just as safe as the present vaccine."



KEEP OUT OF HERE — DRIVE SAFELY — Funeral director William Cramer views caskets containing bodies of six young people killed when their car was struck by a train near Forreston, Ill. Mass funeral was held for them at Orangeville, Ill. Flag drapes casket of Wayne Zettle, 25, an Army veteran. Others are his wife, Joanne, 24; their daughter, Rebecca, 3; half-sister Marilyn, 12, and Alvin and June Wagner, both 20.

Checks for Highway Safety Must Be Filled in by Driver of Auto

Editor's Note: The most important person in the nationwide observance of S-D day Dec. 1 is the one behind the wheel of any motor vehicle on the road. Upon him falls the job of showing whether the nation on that day, or any day, can go 24 hours without a traffic fatality. The following dispatch, first of a series on highway safety, to be presented before S-D day, tells some of the obligations which fall upon the individual driver.

By RICHARD A. HILL
Chicago — (U.P.)— The checks with which a driver pays for

highway safety are like any checks, a National Safety Council spokesman said today.

They're all blank to start with. To have value, he has to fill them in himself.

If he uses them, the council says, he has a good chance of being alive for Safe Driving Day Dec. 1, or any given day. And Dec. 1 is a tough date for driv-

ers; it is the first day of what statistics show is the most dangerous driving month of the calendar. An average month may see 3000 die on the highways; in December, with its early darkness and icy roads, the average may jump to 3750.

But, the council spokesman said, here are the checks the driver—and it means you, behind the wheel of your car—can use to pay for your own safety and that of others.

Check:
Your Speed: More than three out of 10 drivers in fatal accidents were violating speed laws.

Your Drinking: In 24 out of 100 fatal accidents a driver or an adult pedestrian had been drinking.

Your Car: Six per cent of fatal accidents where the condition of the vehicle was reported were caused by faulty mechanisms.

Tired or Sleepy
Yourself: Drivers in one of 14 accidents usually were tired or sleepy, which may have contributed to the accident.

The Weather: The weather was rainy, snowy or foggy in one out of six fatal accidents.

The Time: Night driving in winter is hazardous. Reduce speed.

Your Manners: Discourtesy ranks high among driver violations in fatal accidents.

Traffic experts say if motorists will be conscientious in making all those checks they can do better than equal the 15 per cent dropoff in accidents recorded on S-D Day in 1954.

Average Year For Forest Fires

Portland — (U.P.)—The past year was an average one for fire fighters in federal forests in the Pacific Northwest.

The Regional Forester's office here reported yesterday that slightly more than 1,000 fires had been reported on national forest protected lands.

September was the worst month of the season with 342 fires out of the 1,000. All the fires that month started during the dry lightning storms which occurred over the Labor Day weekend on seven Oregon forests.

During the period Sept. 4 to 12, about four-fifths of the entire season's acreage of burn was reported from the spread of the lightning fires.

For the entire season, lightning started 620 fires. Smokers caused 133; lumbering 20; trains 15; campfires 129; debris burning 27; incendiaries 1, and 63 fires had miscellaneous origins.

Audrey Hepburn, Ferrer Deny Rumors of Divorce

Amsterdam — (U.P.)— Audrey Hepburn and Mel Ferrer yesterday denied rumors they were planning a divorce, and Ferrer hinted he might sue the Italian weekly L'Europeo that published the rumor.

The independent Amsterdam daily de Telegraaf said today the couple denied the rumor in an exclusive telephone interview and reported they answered questions in the Paris hotel suite with: "A divorce? Out of the question."

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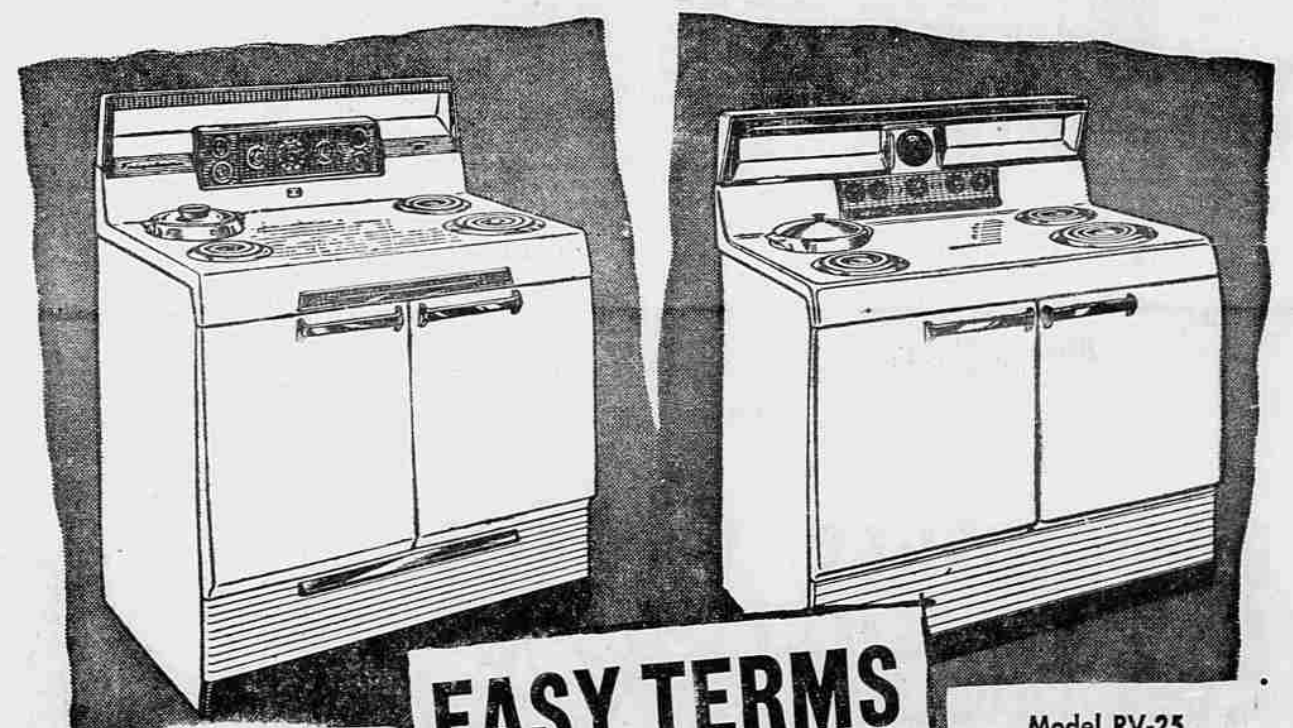
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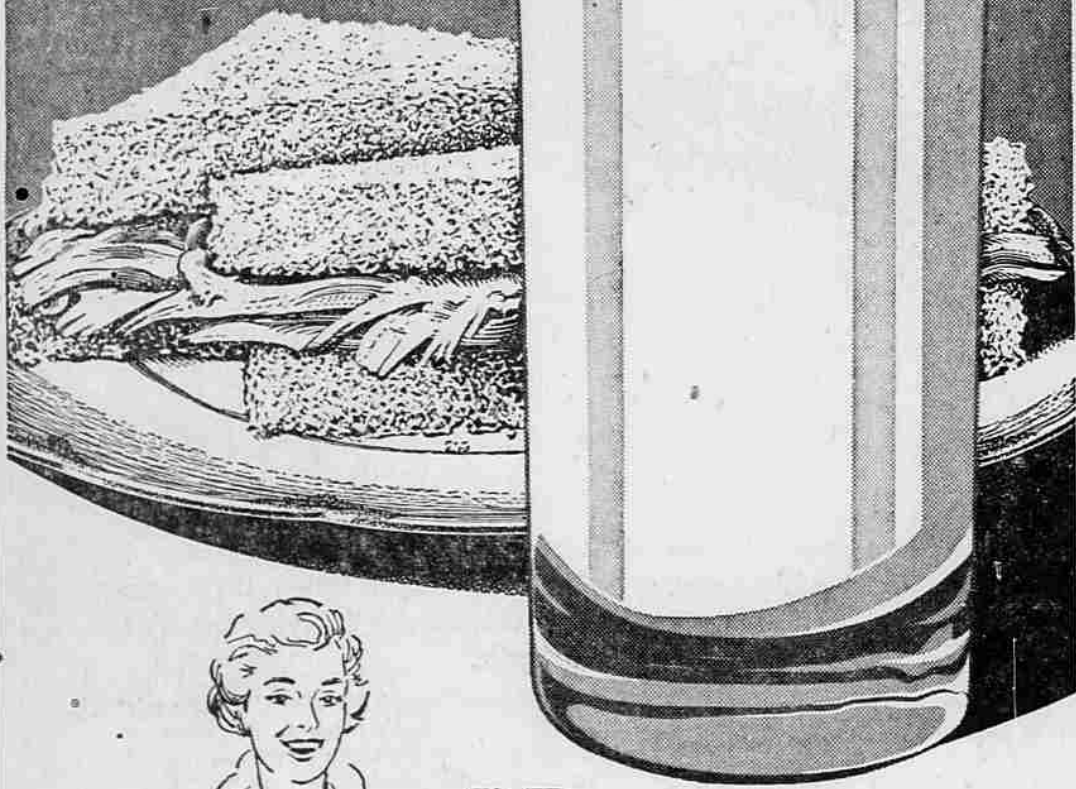
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