



FRANCIS HONORED—If you will look to the right you will see the hero of this picture, Francis the famous talking mule of the movies. He has just won his fourth PATSY award (Picture Animal Top Star of the Year). Okeh, okeh, the girl on the left is actress Leigh Snowden, who you may see more of in "Francis in the Navy."

Dr. Salk Advises Against Giving Third Polio Vaccine Shot During Short Supply

Editor's note: It is a year since Salk polio vaccine was made available for widespread use among children. Now another polio season is coming up. Millions of parents are asking whether their children need booster shots, whether they are protected by only one or two injections. To get the answers, the United Press went to the man who probably speaks with more authority than any other, Dr. Jonas E. Salk himself.

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Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Dr. Jonas E. Salk is strongly against giving third polio shots to any children this year while supplies are short.

He said two injections will protect most children during the coming polio season. Third shots, recommended for the long run, should be delayed to make more vaccine available to children who need it most.

"No child should get a third dose until all children have had two shots," Salk told the United Press. "For the good of the country, the third injections should be postponed until 1957."

Salk talked rapidly, intensely, with the assurance of a confident, dedicated man. But there wasn't a hint of triumph in his voice. He spoke only of his science, not of himself or his family, not even about how soon his vaccine may bring polio under control.

Delay Third Dose
Salk made it plain he decided to recommend postponement of the third shots this year only because there is now substantial evidence that two doses—a certain extent even one—will give most children protection during the coming polio season.

"On the basis of our 1955 experience," he said, "two doses can be expected to have such a good effect that little risk is involved in delaying the third. The third injection can be regarded as the one which provides a relatively long effect. Since this is not our immediate concern in 1956, the third dose should be delayed while supplies are short."

Then what kind of protection can children expect this year if they have received only one or two shots? Salk, who speaks with more authority on this subject than perhaps any other man, provided this guide:

One shot: Between 60 and 100 per cent of the children who get one dose receive protection against paralytic polio. This dose sensitizes the body's defensive mechanism so that it reacts quickly and powerfully if polio virus threatens to invade the central nervous system. Since the first shot does not produce an immune response in all children, however, a second shot is recommended.

Two shots: Between 85 and 100 per cent of the children who receive two shots can expect protection. This is particularly true if the second shot is given at least two and preferably four, six or even more weeks after the first.

Three shots: Indications are that between 95 and 100 per cent of the children who receive three shots are protected. In addition, the level of their im-

munity appears to be equal to, and in some cases greater than, the immunity found in recovered polio victims.

The great remaining question is how long this vaccine-induced immunity will last. Will booster shots be needed every year. Or will a few doses provide long-range protection as in the case of smallpox and diphtheria.

Fourth Dose Waste
Salk now is devoting much of his time and considerable energy to this problem.

"Our studies have progressed to the point where we will be able to advise everyone well in advance if it becomes apparent that more than three doses will be needed. A fourth dose at this time would be a waste of vaccine."

It was on April 12, 1955, that one of Salk's old professors, Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., of the University of Michigan, told the world that the vaccine had proved amazingly successful in the field trials of 1954.

The great mass inoculation program started in a blaze of optimism. Then, just two weeks later, children who had received vaccine made in California began getting polio. A wave of fear swept the nation. The vaccination program, so hopefully begun, plunged into depths of confusion, controversy, delay.

Salk's confidence never wa-

vered. For sleepless weeks, he and others fought for the vaccine, defended its basic safety and effectiveness. In time, the government's safety standards were tightened; the program got going again. And then, much later, Salk received his vindication in a coldly factual government report: Despite the faulty California vaccine and the fact that most children received only one shot, the vaccine proved to

Forecast Meeting Set Friday; Films Slated

A film on snow survey activities will be shown at the annual water forecasting meeting for the Rogue Basin Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the courthouse auditorium.

Sponsors of the session are the Rogue and Sams Valley-Beagle Soil Conservation districts.

The water outlook is good and reports should be of special interest to irrigation farmers and industrialists in the area, according to A. E. Stevens, Rogue Soil Conservation district chairman, and Bruce Greives, Prospect, Sams Valley-Beagle Soil Conservation district chairman.

The meeting will be open to the public.

be 75 per cent effective in preventing paralytic polio in 1955.

So Salk might be excused if he were to celebrate the anniversary of his vaccine's formal launching a year ago. But he said he has no plans to do so. He's too busy in his laboratory. And in a way this is typical. Even Salk's critics admit he has won his fame with extraordinary grace.

He has refused to accept any profit from his discovery. Grateful citizens have sent him thousands of dollars. He has put the money in a trust fund and plans eventually to earmark it for medical research. He once ordered a gift car sold and the money used to buy vaccine for needy children. He turned down numerous movie offers.

Annual Elks Crab Feed Scheduled On Thursday

The annual Elks club crab feed, preceding the installation of officers for the coming year, will be this Thursday, April 5, lodge members were reminded today. All Elks in this area are invited.

The evening's festivities will get underway at 5:30 p.m. with a fellowship hour. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., with lodge session at 8 p.m. with the installation.

KISS BRINGS COPS

Wilmington, N. C. — (U.P.) — Dixie Lee Shepard, 20, charged with reckless driving after her car hit a utility pole and crashed into a sign, told police a young Marine "was trying to kiss me." The Marine, Richard Patrick Paymont, 22, of Camp Lejeune, was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

POTATO CHIP CHAMPS

Bedlington, England — (U.P.) — Joe Steele, 41, a miner, won the potato chip championship of Britain Monday by downing 29 packages of chips in 62 minutes without taking a drink.

Miners' Picnic Plans Due at Council Meet

Plans for a miners' picnic, to be sponsored in the near future by the Northwestern Mining Council at TouVelle park, will be made at the council's next meeting, Thursday at 8 p.m., in the courthouse auditorium.

The meeting will be open to all who are interested in mining in southwestern Oregon. Refreshments will be served. Committees will be selected to arrange for the picnic and plan feature, related to early-day and

present mining in Oregon, according to Council President Frank DeSouza.

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GM Tops List of Defense Contracts

Washington — (U.P.) — The Defense department has listed the 100 companies which received the most military contracts in the five years from July 1, 1950, to June 30, 1955.

The industrial giants, headed by General Motors corporation, were awarded contracts amounting to \$77,100,000,000. This was 62.6 per cent of the grand total of \$123,000,000,000 of military contracts for the period. The remaining 37.4 per cent went to hundreds of other companies.

General Motors, formerly headed by Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, was No. 1 on the list with contracts amounting to \$6,800,000,000 or 5.6 per cent of the total.

Boeing Aircraft company was close behind General Motors with \$5,500,000,000. United Aircraft corporation got \$4,200,000,000; General Electric company, \$4,000,000,000; Douglas Aircraft \$3,900,000,000; North American Aviation, incorporated, \$3,500,000,000; General Dynamics corporation, \$3,100,000,000; Lockheed Aircraft corporation, \$3,000,000,000; Curtiss-Wright corporation, \$2,200,000,000; Republic Aviation corporation, \$2,200,000,000; Chrysler corporation, \$2,000,000,000; the American Telephone and Telegraph, \$1,900,000,000; and Ford Motor Company, \$1, 800,000,000.

Wild Swans Move Into Lake County

Bend — (U.P.) — Wild white swans, estimated at 10,000 strong, have moved in at Flagstaff lake to form one of the largest concentrations of recent years at the northern Lake county chain of lakes.

Game department officials report that great flocks of the beautiful birds are winging their way from lake to lake in the Werner valley area. Flagstaff is one of a series of lakes that includes Bluejoint, Hart, Crump, Pelican, Mugwump, Campbell and Stone Corral.

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