

# Doctor Says Health Service Shouldn't Delay Polio Vaccine

Washington—(Science Service)—The U.S. Public Health Service may be responsible for thousands of possible casualties from polio in the coming year, according to Dr. Albert B. Sabin of Cincinnati, Ohio. His live polio virus vaccine has been safely used by 80 million persons, mainly in other countries.

Q. Is not the public health service justified in its caution in awaiting further tests?  
A. No further tests are necessary to throw light on the

## Savings, Loan Firm Declares Dividend

The Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association declared a 4 per cent dividend for the period ending June 30 at the last regular board meeting, according to W. J. Warner, president.

Warner said that although there has been a slight decrease in home building this spring, the association's total mortgage loans have increased 8.63 per cent over May 31, 1959.

Savings as of May 31, 1960, have increased 11.7 per cent over a year ago, Warner said. This indicates that there is a continued growth in the valley, which also indicates that employment in the valley has been steady, he noted.

The new building at the corner of East Main and Front st. is progressing according to schedule, Warner said, and if construction continues at the present rate, is expected to be completed by Sept. 1.

## Area 4-H Members Named Group Heads

Corvallis—Patrick Neal, Medford, and Phil Krause, Applegate, have been elected president of their living group at the 45th annual 4-H Club Summer School at Oregon State college.

A total of 1,883 4-H members from every area of the state are registered at the one-week school—one of the largest of its kind in the nation. They live in college dormitories, cooperative houses and fraternities and sororities.

Each of the 46 living groups elects its own officers and carries out special activities under supervision of advisors.

Members attend classes covering various fields of home economics, agriculture and related sciences. To supplement course work, general assemblies are held each day along with special recreation activities—sports, swimming instruction, folk and social dancing, and band and chorus.

Gov. Mark Hatfield headed the list of special speakers. The 4-H Summer School will end June 25.

## MIXED UP WESTERN

London—UPI—The Independent Television Network Wednesday night inadvertently ended a 55-minute Western—'Rawhide'—25 minutes too soon when the reels got mixed up. The network just finished the show in its somewhat reversed sequence and said the story came out all right in the end anyway.

safety of the Sabin vaccine. In my paper at the International Conference on Live Poliovirus Vaccines I show that even in the subtropical conditions where economic underdevelopment poses health hazards of other virus infection, we can stop the spread of polio. We could not prove this at the meeting last year.

Q. As an American born in Russia, how do you feel about the fact that Russia has forged ahead in the use of your vaccine?  
A. I am highly gratified. This has nothing to do with Russia's political organization but is due to the leadership of one public-spirited man, Prof. Mikhail P. Chumakov, director of the Institute for Poliomyelitis Research of the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences. I have been in Russia four times in recent years and I found the same indecisive way that we have in dealing with the polio question until Dr. Chumakov got the support of his ministers of health.

Q. Can you name any examples of leaders in promoting the use of live polio virus vaccine in this country?  
A. Dr. Herman E. Hilleboe, New York State Commissioner of Health, is one. The Department of Health in Cincinnati is another.

Q. What has been done in Cincinnati?  
A. Since April we have given 185,000 pre-school and school children the Sabin vaccine safety. Physicians gave their time to feed vaccine to 50,000 pre-school children in one week. The rest were given vaccine in clinics, beginning with the first and most dangerous of the three strains. Eighty-five per cent of the epidemics are caused by this strain. Second and third doses will be given later.

Q. Do you approve of the one-shot dose of vaccine (trivalent) containing all three strains?  
A. The Cox and Koprowski virus vaccine have not had the extensive tests that mine have had, and they should not be recommended because of weaknesses found.

Q. If licensing of your vaccine is done in the United States, should it be under the direction of boards of health as smallpox vaccination now is?  
A. Yes, I would recommend the Cincinnati system, giving live polio virus vaccine at two-month intervals beginning in December, with strain I, III, and II given rather than the one-shot (trivalent) dose.

Portland—UPI—County commissioners have rejected an appeal from a builder on plans for an estate-type development for 50 acres east of Gresham overlooking the Sandy river.

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## Cannery Strike In Seventh Day

San Francisco—UPI—Northern California's cannery strike entered its seventh day today as apricot growers claimed crop losses already topping the \$1 million mark.

The Council of California Growers, a farmers' public information group, disputed claims by Teamsters Union officials here that enough independent canneries were operating to absorb the 1960 crop for at least a week to 10 days.

A two-day survey in the Winters, Calif., area by the CCG indicated that more than half of the estimated 20,000 ton crop was lost because of the idled canneries. Early loss estimates were placed at \$900,000.

Meanwhile, union and cannery representatives met here again today in an attempt to settle the strike. Federal and state mediators, sitting in on the negotiating sessions, reported no success from Wednesday's daylong meeting.



A PRETTY POSE—Reflecting on the situation, Penny Potter of Manhattan, a finalist in the Miss New York State contest, strikes a pretty pose. The winner of the contest will compete in the Miss Universe contest in Miami Beach, Fla., in July. (UPI Telephoto)

## Milk Distributors Reach Agreement On New Contract

Salem—UPI—Major milk deliveries resumed in five Willamette valley cities today following speedy settlement of a dispute which saw nine dairies close milk distributing plants Wednesday.

The dispute, between the Teamsters Union and major dairies in Salem, McMinnville, Albany, Corvallis and Lebanon, was settled late Wednesday night in the office of Gov. Mark Hatfield.

The governor said Teamsters Local 324 and the distributors agreed on a two-year contract calling for a 12-cent hourly pay increase effective May 1, 1960, and 12½ cents an hour effective May 1, 1961. Employers also agreed to furnish four uniforms per year.

The terms were a compromise from the original 14½ cents asked by the Union and the 11 cents offered by management.

200 Employees Affected  
The Teamsters struck Mayflower Milk Distributors Dairy Co-op Association here Tuesday. On Wednesday morning the distributors shut down other plants in Salem, Corvallis, Albany, McMinnville and Lebanon, cutting off home milk deliveries to many areas. About 200 employees were affected.

Three-member union and management teams met with Hatfield Wednesday afternoon in the second round of talks called by him and announced two hours later that a settlement was near. The Teamsters Union membership ratified the agreement and the end of the dispute was officially agreed upon about 11 p.m.

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## Actress Awarded \$65,700 Damages

Los Angeles—UPI—Actress Bette Davis was awarded \$65,700 in damages Wednesday for injuries she received in a fall.

The Oscar-winning film star was in tears when the Superior Court jury announced the settlement.

"This is so wonderful I can't believe my ears," she said. "These are just tears of joy." Some members of the jury asked for Miss Davis' autograph at the conclusion of the case.

The actress had brought suit for \$85,000 in damages against owners of the rented house in which the fall occurred June 29, 1958. She said the injuries forced her to give up a \$2,000 weekly starring role in the Broadway production, "Look Home—ward Angel."

## San Francisco Tot Said Durable Child

San Francisco—UPI—Six-year-old Dorothy Azzato is a durable child.

That sounds like adorable—which she is, too—but Wednesday durable was more appropriate.

Dorothy tumbled out of a three-story window in an apartment house, struck a planter box at a second-floor apartment, landed on a six-foot wooden fence, and tumbled to a small enclosure of concrete.

Dr. William Cunha, who treated the girl for a bruised eye and a scratched hip, commented:

"It's amazing . . . no, it's more than that . . . it's miraculous."

# Tests for Allergy Suggested Before Penicillin Shots

Miami Beach, Fla. (Science Service)—The next time your doctor decides you need penicillin, do not be surprised if he brings in an oxygen tank, a tourniquet and a bottle of epinephrine. He may even send you to a hospital.

Dr. Alexander A. Fisher of Woodside, Long Island, N. Y., reported to the American Medical Association here that many doctors are urging that allergy tests be made before penicillin is given because so many persons are developing sensitivity to the drug.

In a poll of 50 general practitioners and allergy specialists in the New York area, Dr. Fisher found that some had stopped prescribing penicillin because it had brought on fatal anaphylaxis, a shock-like reaction in which the body tries to reject the foreign substance. Others were making tests before giving shots, but were unsure of just what technique and how much precaution to use.

Noting the confusion over how to test for this allergy, Dr. Fisher suggested a standard method, to be used before each and every penicillin injection.

For patients who have never had a reaction, a skin-scratch test should be given. The solution to be rubbed into the scratch should be from the same bottle as the injection dose, because specially prepared test solutions may deteriorate on the shelf and will not give a true result. A control scratch with normal saline rubbed in should be made at the same time.

If the patient is allergic, a positive reaction will show up in 15 minutes, usually in the form of a wheal (hives) at site of the scratch. If generalized itching, difficulty of breathing or general wheals appear, the tourniquet is applied and epinephrine is injected under the skin. If the scratch test is negative, one-tenth of the full dose is injected, and after a few minutes, the remainder is given.

Second Test Made  
For patients who may have had a previous reaction, the skin-scratch test is made with dilute penicillin. If it is negative, a second test is made by injecting a small amount not under, but into, the skin. This should be done only if equipment for shock treatment, such as an oxygen mask, is available.

Time May Be Crucial  
For patients who have had a reaction, tests should be made only in a hospital where full shock treatment, including facilities for making a substitute opening in the windpipe, is available. An intravenous drip would be started before testing begins since, in cases of severe and rapid reaction, the time required to find the patient's vein and insert a needle for antishock treatment may be crucial. Such persons would be tested and given penicillin only if the illness was serious and when no other medication would do.

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