

Children Who Have Not Had Measles Should Receive One-Shot Vaccination

By E. J. WAINSCOTT, M.D., County Health Officer

At this time of the year the newspaper advertisements and the dwindling balance of the family checkbook serve to remind parents that school has started. This time of the year, however, has special significance to the family doctor as well.

To him, the start of the school season also signifies the start of the measles season. Despite the availability of a measles vaccine which has conferred what is thought to be permanent immunity to more than five million children in this country over the past year and a half, thousands of susceptible children will come down with the measles during the coming year.

These youngsters who have never had the natural disease nor been vaccinated against it, will contribute to the prolongation of a disease that doctors hopefully thought was destined for eradication.

Prevention Important

While we live in an age of great medical advances in the treatment and cure of many diseases that not long ago were always considered dangerous and fatal, I am sure that when it comes to any dangerous disease parents will agree with the old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

The prevention, in the case of measles, means a single visit to the doctor for a simple inoculation with a live-attenuated measles-virus vaccine. And, to lessen the slight reaction that sometimes accompanies all vaccinations, the doctor will administer a simultaneous dose of gamma globulin.

Disease Must Run Its Course

Taking a look at the other alternative of the adage, the cure—Well, there just isn't any. Once a child gets the measles he must go through the stages of the disease until it has run its course.

And, in addition to the discom-

forts of the disease itself and the ever-present possibility of communicating it to other susceptible children in the family and community, there are the dangers of measles encephalitis or the reactivation of arrested critical respiratory ailments or having complicating pneumonia, acute ear infections or kidney complications.

Although there is a tendency to consider measles an uncomfortable but rarely serious disease, the frequency of complications and the unfavorable effects on pre-existing illnesses results in a significantly high mortality rate. Public health records show that the incidence of encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) runs as high as one case in every 500 cases of measles.

Measles Fatalities Exceed Polio

Prior to the development of polio vaccine, mortality statistics associated with that disease struck terror to the hearts of American parents everywhere. There are new statistics we should consider now. The fact is that for each of the past three years measles has, by far been responsible for a greater number of deaths than polio. In 1961, for example, measles accounted for 510 deaths while polio was accredited with the death of 120 persons.

It is not hard to realize, then that parents of susceptible children could be flirting with possible medical danger. If a healthy and happy school year is the goal, may I suggest that the best road is the medically proven one of

Big Bend

By Miss Helen Hatch

BIG BEND—Mrs. Goldie Roberts, Mrs. Sharon Krause, Mrs. Karen Carroll and girls visited recently with Mrs. Florence Henderson of Melba, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Blades of Kuna.

Leroy Bishop of Boise spent a recent weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verl Bishop and Stevie.

Entertains Club Ladies

Jolly Jane club met Oct. 7 with Mrs. Verl Bishop. Co-hostess was Mrs. Pauline McGinnis. A shower was given for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton.

Mrs. Anna Hamilton of Nampa has been visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hamilton and family. She also called on long-time friends in Big Bend.

Mrs. George Kuhler of South Dakota is visiting her niece, Mrs. Harvey Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop of Eugene returned Sept. 26 to their home after visiting their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Chaney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Molt.

Returns From Hospital

Mrs. Florence Gale returned home Sept. 26 from Holy Rosary hospital where she had been a patient.

Miss Helen Hatch recently accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferguson to Sunny Slope and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Judd. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jones of Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cartwright recently visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Lawler of Meridian. Jim Wright and son of Baker were also visiting in the Lawler home. Miss Nancy Nelson of Ridgeview was a recent overnight guest of Miss Lois Seuell.

Visit From Coeur d'Alene

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cartwright of Coeur d'Alene visited on a recent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cartwright.

Mrs. Gertie Jones of Adrian was a recent Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Mary Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Avery spent a recent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oberst of Nampa.

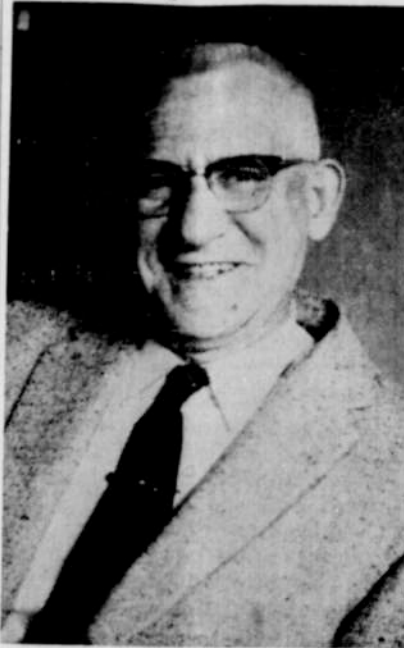
Mrs. Dick Reed and girls of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bauman and boys of Nyssa were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater and Billie.

Frank Miller has been a patient at Malheur Memorial hospital. He was expected to be able to return last week to his home.

Immunization with a live-virus measles vaccine.

The other road, taking your chances with the disease, may have unforeseen tragedy lurking behind one of the many blind curves.

Jim Henry Elkins Services Conducted Saturday Afternoon



JIM ELKINS
... Dies of Sudden Attack

Funeral services for Jim Henry Elkins were conducted Saturday afternoon, Oct. 3, 1964, at Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating was the Rev. John A. Milbrath of Faith Lutheran church.

Mr. Elkins succumbed Wednesday morning, Sept. 30, following a sudden heart attack.

He was born Sept. 26, 1894, at Mt. Vernon, Ill., a son of Henry and Susan Elkins. He moved to the Weiser, Idaho, area in 1906 and later went to Portland where he resided for 15 years. He spent 12 of those years in the Rose city as a street car operator.

On April 19, 1935, he was united in marriage to Mary Stone in southern Illinois. The couple returned to the Weiser area and farmed on Oregon Flats until Mr. Elkins went to work in 1949 for the Colorado Milling and Elevator company and became manager of Nyssa Elevator, a branch of the firm. He retired on Oct. 15, 1961, built a small work shop at the rear of his Nyssa home where he spent many hours working with his hobbies. He was also an ardent hunter and fisherman.

Mr. Elkins was a member of the Weiser IOOF lodge and the Rebekah lodge at Midvale, Idaho.

In addition to his widow of the home, the deceased is survived by two sons by a previous marriage. They are Donald Elkins of Downey, Calif., and Harold (Jack) Elkins, stationed with the armed forces in Korea.

Other survivors include a brother, Harley in California; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Hayes of Springfield, Ore., and Mrs. Quintilla Bailey of Portland; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Interment was made in Nyssa cemetery under direction of Lienkaemper funeral home, with graveside rites conducted by the

New Books Listed At County Library

New books going into circulation Saturday, Oct. 10, at Malheur county library include the following.

"The Privacy Invaders" by Myron Brenton. An account of how investigators destroy privacy by exploring facts about an individual's health, marital relations, jobs, finances, politics and other matters.

"The Winds of Revolution" by Tad Szulc. The author examines the political, social and economic forces that make Latin America ripe for social revolution.

"Marriage and You" by Bernard J. Oliver. A sociological and psychological study of American marriage and family life.

"What's Happening to Our Families?" by Wallace Denton. The author discusses some of the changes taking place in families and the pivotal roles of the Industrial Revolution and scientific development in bringing about these changes.

"Chennault and the Flying Tigers" by Anna Chennault. The story of the heroic American pilots known as "The Flying Tigers" and of their famous general.

Odd Fellows lodge of Weiser.

Active pallbearers were Leonard Newgen, Arthur Cartwright, John Reeves, Harold Sherman, Lloyd and Evan Tobler. Honorary bearers included Al Thompson, Theron Wheeler, Carl Seburn, Bob Martin, H. H. Kingrey and Ross Mills.

Coming Events . . .

Today, 1 p.m.—Nyssa Day Extension unit meeting and tasting luncheon at Methodist church.

Tonight, 8 p.m.—PTA meeting in cafeteria.

Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m.—Senior Citizens' club meeting in Catholic parish hall.

Oct. 9, 2 p.m.—Arcadia Sunshine club meeting at home of Mrs. Tom Drydale.

Oct. 11—All-day homecoming program at Christian church.

Oct. 12, 8 p.m.—Stated meeting of Golden Rule lodge 147 in Masonic hall.

Oct. 13, 8 p.m.—OES practice for friendship night and school of instruction at Masonic hall.

Oct. 15, 2 p.m.—OKK club meeting at home of Mrs. Ellis Walters.

Oct. 15—Oregon Trail Grange potluck dinner and Booster night program.

Oct. 15, 8 p.m.—Adrian PTA meeting in high school building.

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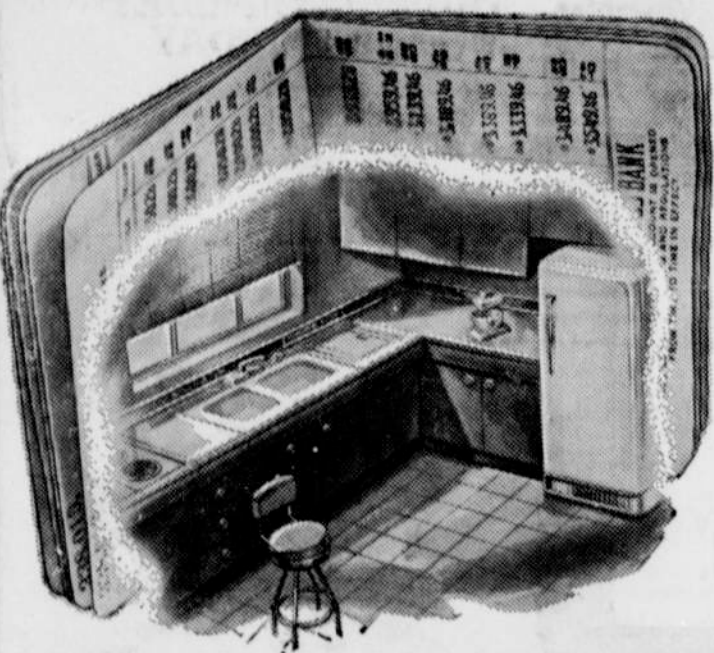
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