

# 28th Annual Meeting American Red Cross Scheduled June 22-24

## First to Be Held In Nation's Capital Since 1941

Several thousand delegates from all parts of the nation will meet in Washington June 22-24 for the 28th annual convention of the American National Red Cross—the first to be held in the nation's capital since 1941.

With "Answering the Call" as its theme, the convention proper will begin with a plenary session in Constitution Hall the morning of June 22. After the procession of the color guard and some 200 volunteers from chapters in the District of Columbia metropolitan area, E. Roland Harriman, national Red Cross president, will make his annual report to the delegates.

Because the convention this year will emphasize close-up panel discussions of Red Cross services, general meetings will be confined to two, besides the opening and closing plenary sessions. Monday night the subject, "What Is the Call—the Needs of the Civilian and Military Communities," will be discussed by two outstanding speakers, one representing the local community, the other the federal civil government and the armed forces.

Tuesday afternoon, Livingston L. Blair, national director of the American Junior Red Cross, will report on the national and international Junior Red Cross program. The annual Junior Red Cross banquet will be held that night. No separate Junior Red Cross section of the convention will be held this year, since junior members will participate fully in all other convention sessions.

The annual board of governors reception will be held Tuesday afternoon at the National Gallery of Art.

The closing plenary session of the convention will be held Wednesday afternoon, and the final meeting, for which the program is now in preparation, will be held Wednesday night.

### GAMMA GLOBULIN AND POLIO

(A Summary of Questions and Answers)

1. What is gamma globulin?  
It is the disease-fighting part of human blood which contains substances called antibodies. When polio virus attacks the body, the body fights back by building up special polio antibodies.
2. How does GG fight polio?  
By providing polio antibodies in the bloodstream which entrap the virus before it has a chance to attack nerve cells. These antibodies attach themselves to the virus, making it incapable of damaging the nerve cells. Paralysis results only when nerve cells are damaged by the virus.
3. How long does GG-induced immunity last?  
Approximately five weeks, if given proper doses based on body weight.
4. Does GG always work?  
No, but if injected at the right time and in proper amount it may provide some protection against paralysis, according to March of Dimes-supported tests made in 1951 and 1952. Once the virus has left the bloodstream and reached the nerve cells, GG cannot alter the course of the disease.
5. Is GG a cure for polio?  
No. At best it is a temporary preventive. There is no cure for polio once the nerve cells have been affected. But 50 per cent of all patients recover completely, 30 per cent recover with only slight weaknesses, 14 per

cent are paralyzed and only 6 per cent die.

6. Is it expensive to buy?  
You should not be able to buy GG this year. All GG has been placed in a national stockpile under control of the Office of Defense Mobilization, a government agency. The GG was furnished by the American National Red Cross, the Department of Defense and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

7. How is it being distributed?  
GG, being a part of blood which is a national resource in short supply, is allocated and distributed by the Office of Defense Mobilization, a federal agency. It will be apportioned among State and Territorial Health Officers who will decide where and when and to whom it may be given.

8. Is there a source of GG other than human blood?  
No.

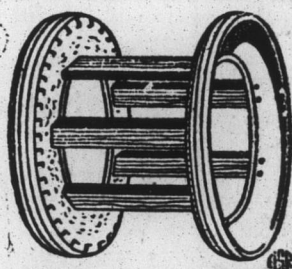
9. Is GG used for other diseases besides polio?  
Yes. Its greatest use up to this year has been for measles. It is now used also for infectious hepatitis, a form of jaundice. Supplies for use against these two diseases, as well as polio, are being allocated by the ODM.

10. What is the dose for polio and how much blood does it take?  
The dose is based on body weight of the child to be temporarily protected—4.14 cubic centimeters per pound of weight. It takes a pint of blood to produce about 7 cc's of gamma globulin, enough for a 50-lb. child.

11. Is commercial GG different from that made from Red Cross-collected blood?  
Probably not. Red Cross GG, the kind that was used in March of Dimes field tests last year, was made from the pooled blood of many donors who lived in many parts of the country. Therefore, it probably contained antibodies to all three of the known polio viruses. Commercial GG is being tested now to determine whether all three kinds of antibodies are in it. This is important because protection against one of the polio viruses does not provide protection against the other two.

12. Why does a GG shot last such a short time?  
Because GG is gradually eliminated by the body. After about five weeks the level of antibodies is too low to afford protection against polio.

### Barbed Wire Reel



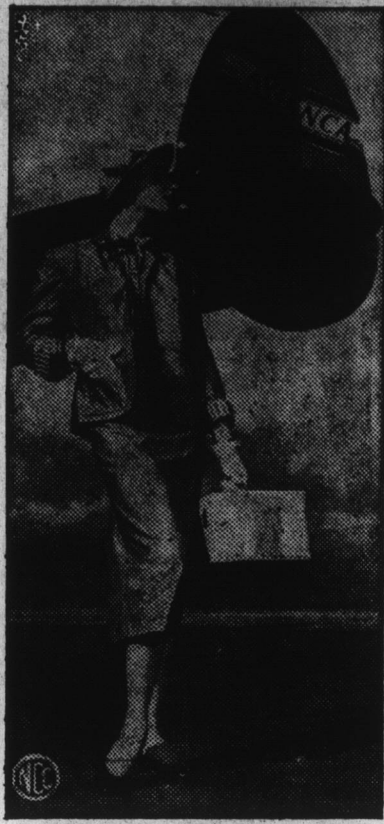
It's easy to make this reel for barbed wire from an old automobile tire and five 18-inch two by fours. Just split the casing around the center so it is in two equal halves. Then, with the outsides of the two halves towards the center, space the two by fours, and nail them to the casings through the concave sides, as shown. This reel, used by an Illinois farmer, will roll easily on the ground to wind, or unwind, barbed wire.

### MYSTERY OF SINGER MARIO LANZA

In a two-part series, Adela Rogers St. Johns, famous writer, clears up the mystery surrounding Mario Lanza's difficulties with his studio, reviews his career and sheds new light on much of the controversy surrounding him. Look for this feature in the June 14th issue of

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### SUITED FOR TRAVEL



Ready to take off on a flying vacation to Caribbean islands, this smart vacationer is well-suited to travel in a three-piece ensemble in Hope Skillman's chambray. The loose, straight-hanging coat is an incoming fashion that is due for a long life. The matching cotton blouse and jacket lining are typical of the costume look that will be seen frequently this summer. National Cotton Council fashion experts suggest.

### See-Worthy

On the beach a genial fat man watched a group of shapely young ladies in scanty swim suits as they went through their morning setting-up exercises.

"Do you think this sort of thing is really good for reducing?" a sour-visaged acquaintance demanded.

"Unquestionably!" beamed the fat man. "Why, I walk three miles every morning to watch it."

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A statistician took his children to the zoo one Saturday. Later he handed his wife this memorandum on the day's activities:

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Answer: Sodium fluoride has been found to be a safe and simple drug to use in worming hogs of large intestinal round worms. The round worm is the most common of all worms that may infest hogs, and it causes considerable financial loss to North Carolina hog producers each year. While hogs of any age may be wormed with sodium fluoride, it is generally accepted that the best time is about two weeks after weaning. See your county agent for more complete details.

Question: How can I save fuel when curing tobacco this year?

Answer: Proper insulation of your barn is all important. Be sure the side walls and ceiling of the building are properly insulated. If there is much air leakage, these slight repairs will save considerable fuel. Barns having tight double walls with heavy

building paper between the solid roof sheathing to prevent air leakage may not need insulation. Your county agent has a new booklet on ridge ventilators, and barn construction in general.

Question: How can I get rid of depluming mites in my chickens?

Answer: The depluming mite, a very small parasite which penetrates the skin of the fowl near the base of the feathers, causes discomfort and may result in the chicken depluming itself by plucking out the feathers at the base of which the mite is located. The parasite is difficult to control. Houses must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as infestation is detected. Affected birds should be removed from the flock and treated individually. Sulphur ointment consisting of one part flowers of sulphur and four parts lard or vaseline may be applied to the affected regions.

### RETURNS ON USS ROANOKE

Seaman Charles L. Haste was among a group to return on the USS Roanoke after spending six months in the Mediterranean with the Sixth Fleet.

### Good Advice

Mechanic: "My advice is to keep that car of yours moving."  
Owner: "Why?"  
Mechanic: "Well, if you ever stop, the cops will think it's an accident."

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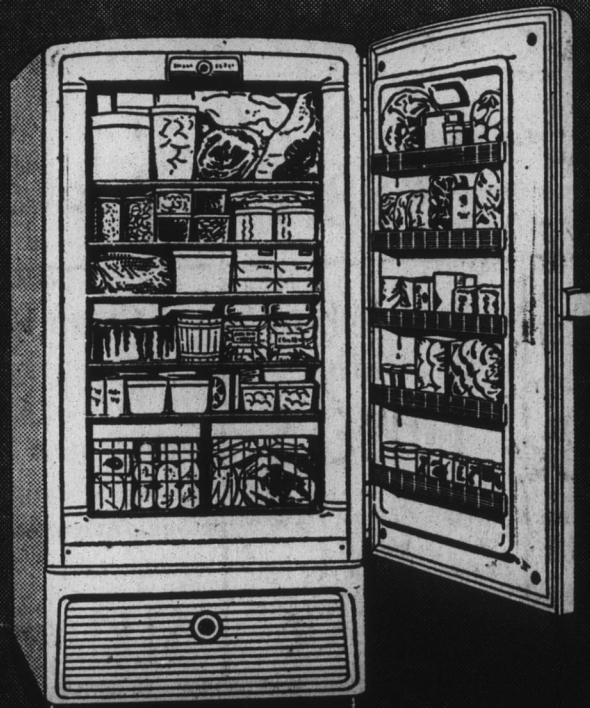
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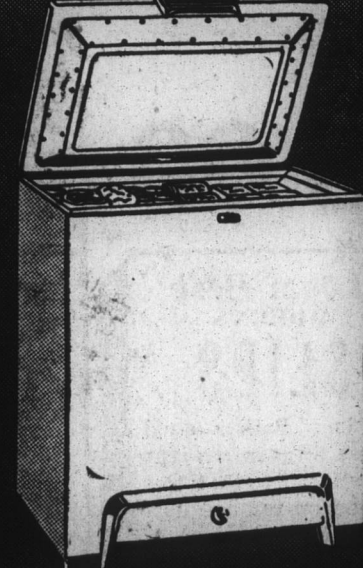


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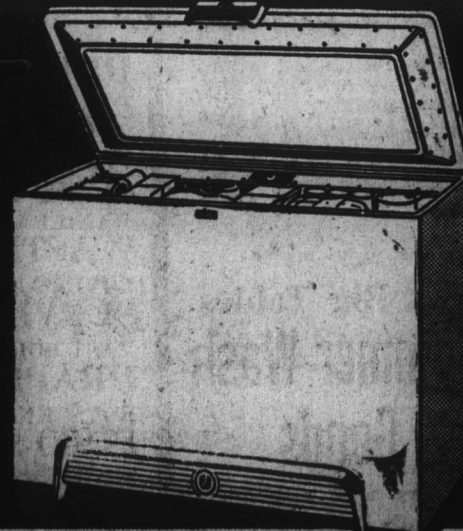
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