1961 Polio Rate Reported Being Below Last Year

For First 30 Weeks of 1961 Only 327 Cases Reported In United States

The number of polio cases reported in the United States this year is running far below the incidence of recent years, the Health Insurance Institute reports.

In the first 30 weeks of 1961, going through the end of July, a total of 327 polio cases were reported, the Institute said in its statement based on data supplied by the U. S. Public Health Service.

Although last year, 1960, was the lowest for polio incidence in over 20 years, a total of 837 polio cases were reported in the first 30 weeks of the year.

In 1955, the year when the Salk vaccination programs were initiated, 6,520 polio cases were reported in the first 30 weeks. The Institute said the 30-week polio totals were 4,564 for 1956, 2,244 for 1957, 1,168 for 1958, and 2,036 for 1959.

In all of 1960, there were 3,277 polio cases in the United States, the lowest figure since 1938 when there were 1,705 cases. The lowest intervening year was 1942 with 4.167 cases of polio.

The Institute said the highest year for polio incidence was 1952 when nearly 58,000 cases were reported.

The current 1961 total of 327 polio cases is less than 40 per cent of the 1960 figure of 837 cases. Of the 327 cases, 207 were paralytic, 72 were non-paralytic, and 48 were listed as unspecified.

Of the 1960 total of 837 polio cases, 609 were paralytic, 168 were non-paralytic, and 60 were unspecified. Of 1960's full-year total of 3,277 cases, 2,265 were paralytic, 658 were non-paralytic, and 354 were unspecified.

As an indication of how low the polio rate is this year, the median 30-week total for the years 1956-60 was 2,036 cases, consisting of 1,338 paralytic cases, 498 non-paralytic, and 200 unspecified.

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Juanita Hopkins Weds Harlon Johnson

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Miss Juanita Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hopkins of Palmetto, Fla., formerly of Edenton, and Ward (Harlon) Johnson, son of Mrs. C. W. Johnson and the late Mr. Johnson, also of Palmetto, Fla., were united in marriage Saturday, August 19. A double ring ceremony was performed in the First Baptist Church of Palmetto. The Rev. Ralph Gwin was the officiating clergyman.

Prior to the ceremony Mrs. Clayton Beers, church organist, and Dr. E. D. McKissack, soloist, presented a program of appropriate nuptial music including the songs, "Because", "Until", "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" and, as the couple knelt at the altar, "The Lord's Prayer".

Given in marriage by her father, the bride's floor-length gown of hand-clipped Chantilly lace patterned in a romance of the fan design was worn over white taffeta. The bodice, which had cap sleeves, was fashioned with a sweetheart neckline. A crushed taffeta cummerbund encircled the waist of the aisle-wide skirt, ending with a bow in the back and billowing panels. Her fingertip veil of French illusion cascaded fro ma queen's crown of orange blossoms made of dainty white pearls and crystal beads. Her only jewel was a single strand of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. She carried a pure white orchid on a white Bible showered with stephanotis, white satin ribbon and lace leaves.

Mrs. Robert Adams of Ruskin, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Lou Davenport and Miss Grace Whiteman, both of Edenton.

All three attendants were dressed in shades of blue with the matron of honor's slightly lighter than the others. The gowns were of sky blue silk organza featuring round necklines, cap sleeves and cummerbunds crisscrossed at the waist with streamers from the back bow flowing down the length of the skirt. Flowers for the attendants were white lace fans adorned with sprays of feathered blue carnations.

Robert Adams, brother-in-law of the bride, was best man and the ushers were Maurice Hopkins and Franklin Hopkins, brother of the bride.

Frankly Speaking

By FRANK ROBERTS

Letters are still being published in various periodicals concerning how to figure out what movies children should see. McCall's Magazine recently published one from an irate parent who walked out in the middle of a movie, children in hand, then wrote a nasty letter decrying the idea of letting children see certain shows. Of course, some people just like to gripe, but if you're interested in having your children see movies that you feel won't harm them in any way, there are several things that can be done. Reference to movie reviews in some of our larger newspapers or checking with theatre owners regarding the type of story they are showing on the screen. Best way is a free subscription to The Green Sheet, which is a monthly survey of current films. It not only gives you a rundown on the movie itself, but classifies each motion picture as entertainment for adults, or mature young people, or young people, or family, or children. This excellent periodical can be obtained simply by writing to Mrs. Marie Hamilton, Film Estimates Director, Film Estimate Board of National Organizations, 28 West 44th Street, New York 36, New York. Leading organizations compile their opinions after careful reviews. The organizations that work closely together on the Green Sheet include the American Jewish Committee; American Library Association; Federation of Motion Picture Councils, Inc.; General Federation of Women's Clubs; National Congress of Parents and Teachers; National Council of the Women of the U.S.A.; National Federation of Music Clubs; National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Protestant Motion Picture Council and Schools Motion Picture Committee.

Speaking of the cinema, a few notes on same: Idea behind the movie "Shadow of a Cat" came from the producer's own pet Siamese, which purportedly purred and spat at almost the same time; Actress Catherine Feller, starring in "Curse of the Werewolf," was actually born on top of the Eiffel Tower, an event which seldom happens in the French capital; Jim Brown, who portrays Lt. Rip Masters on tee-vee's "Rin Tin Tin" stars now in the movie version of "Wings of Chance." Brown, by the way, is also a fine singer. Had the pleasure of doing a show with him in Iowa a few years back; Mimi Gibson, 8-year-old star of "Courage of Black Beauty," has already appeared in over 20 movies and over 30 tee-vee shows; Actor Chill Wills, now appearing in "Sad Horse," began his show-business career as a comedian and guitar player with a Texas medicine show. Under terms of her contract, Debbie Reynolds was able to keep the $4,000 wedding gown she wore in the movie "Pleasure of His Company." She's saving it for her daughter, now five; Peter Lorre's leading lady in "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea" was Bessie . . . a shark; My favorite show-biz young'un was sensational in "Parent Trap" and sensational in "Pollyanna." A re-quote from an earlier column: she'll be a star for a good long time. She's just terrific, and then some.

Closing Thought: Youth is the opportunity to do something and to become somebody.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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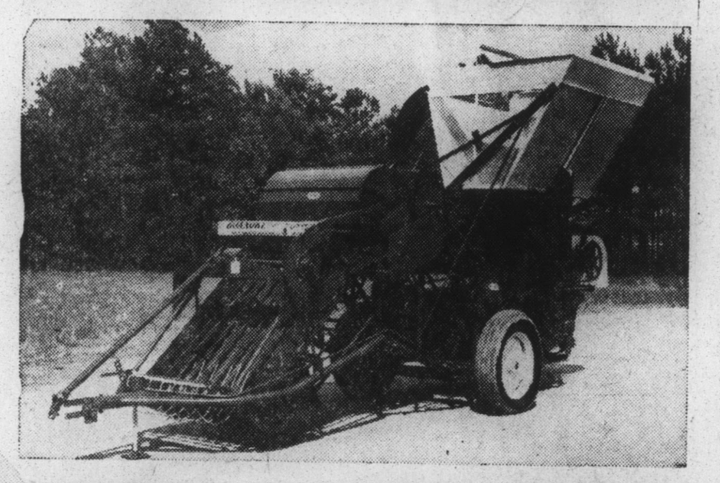

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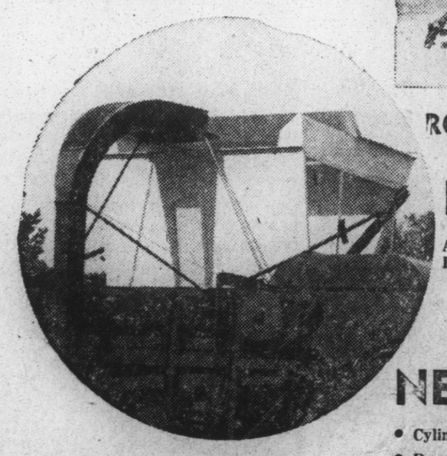

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