

DR. JONAS E. SALK—"BENEFACTOR OF MANKIND"

DR. JONAS E. SALK (right) holds the special citation presented to him by President Eisenhower in a ceremony at the White House.



'Millions' Scheduled for Vast School Construction Programs

SANTA FE (AP)—A vast school construction program of 22 projects, "among the most going at one time in the country, compared to state population," is underway in New Mexico.

The State Education Department said the projects are being constructed mostly with about four million dollars in federal funds. The federal funds are available for schools in federally affected areas under Public Law 218, which provides for aid to construction where government installations add to school populations.

Bond issue totaling \$4,020,000 have been approved by the State Education Department. Not all, however, have yet been voted on by communities. Among the major bond issues already receiving voter approval are a \$1,200,000 issue in Albuquerque and a \$975,000 issue in Carlsbad.

Construction of the schools takes the form of either new schools or additions to existing plants. The Education Department said. All new schools are planned to house a recommended 25 to 35 pupils per class room. This will keep New Mexico high in comparison to other areas fighting overcrowding.

Albuquerque has by far the most projects in the idea stage or under construction. The recent school bond issue approval and about 1 1/2 million dollars in federal funds sets the Duke City's proposed construction at almost three million dollars.

Areas with school projects underway: Alamogordo—A nine-classroom elementary school building is being built plus a band hall and general shop additions to the high school at a total cost of \$345,000, all in federal funds.

Other McKinley County projects a \$300,000 addition to the outlying Yucca school, a \$300,410 elementary school at Thoreau, a \$642,774 elementary school at Zunil. The county has \$680,000 in reserve for an elementary school at Crownpoint.

Las Cruces—A \$106,765 addition to the high school with \$77,500 of the total in federal funds. Ruidoso—A \$186,000 elementary school. Kirtland—A seven-room high school addition costing \$259,629, a

Blouses Bringing More Versatility To Wardrobes

AP Newsfeatures No girl ever had enough blouses. Whether she be high school, college or career girl, the more blouses and skirts she can collect, the happier she is.

The versatility of these separates has made them a must in most young wardrobes—and women of all ages are discovering their usefulness. Thrifty young women have discovered that it's simple to make a whole wardrobe of separate blouses and skirts, adaptable to any occasion.

For school or office, the tailored shirt and flannel skirt is always in good taste. For sports wear, the shirt may be in high colors or splashy patterns, the skirt may give way to Bermuda shorts, pedal pushers or slacks.

For date wear, a dressy blouse and a full skirt, worn with plenty of petticoats, make a festive and flattering outfit.

And even for formal dances, a girl can wear a low-cut or strapless top and a separate skirt, either short or long, according to the degree of formality.

The nice thing about the blouse-and-skirt wardrobe is that all and colors is available at budget prices.

UNIVERSITY CITED MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The University of New Mexico has been cited as one of many universities which have organized "grass roots" opera groups.

DON'T TRY SAYING IT—Smithsonian at Last Finds Valuable Balanoglossus

WASHINGTON (AP)—A strange new what-is-it has been added to the Smithsonian Institution's vast collection of oddities: just about the biggest balanoglossus in the world. What's a balanoglossus? It's hard to get a straight answer out of scientists, and no wonder. The balanoglossus is something like a worm, something like a starfish and a little like a vertebrate—that is, a creature with a backbone.

In fact, says the Smithsonian, the balanoglossus—which looks like a giant worm and smells like a freshly opened bottle of iodine—sometimes is considered a sort of link between the worm, echinoderm starfish and vertebrate groups.

Summing up the balanoglossus, the government museum says: "It got stuck in the mud two or three hundred million years ago and remained lost like a worm."

This Particular balanoglossus was dug out of beach sand at Grand Isle, La., by Dr. Harry J. Bennett, of Louisiana State University. It took him and six helpers half a day. They had to work gingerly for balanoglossus—or is it balanoglossus?—are delicate and go all to pieces when disturbed.

When he got through, he had a balanoglossus more than three feet long—"probably one of the largest specimens of its kind ever obtained intact," says the Smithsonian. People have told of seeing balanoglossus up to six feet long but nobody's got a whole one that big.

You too could probably catch a balanoglossus if you had the patience—and happened to want one. They're found on seacoasts all over the world, usually just beyond the low-tide mark.

The trick is hunting them: Look for a balanoglossus proboscis. This is an acornlike organ which serves as a tongue. The balanoglossus spends his life buried in mud or sand, sticking his tongue

out. The tongue gathers food particles from the water.

This Proboscis—if you're still with us—extends backward through the trunk as a cordlike structure resembling the spinal cord of higher animals. The balanoglossus also has gill slits, like fish. Finally, the crazy, mixer-up thing lays eggs which hatch into wigglers you could hardly distinguish from the young starfish.

Who besides the Smithsonian needs a balanoglossus? Well, shrimp and lobsters gorge themselves on balanoglossus at certain seasons. It makes them taste dreadfully of iodine.

'Met' Considers New Quarters NEW YORK (AP)—The Metropolitan Opera Assn. has moved to get a more spacious and modern home.

The Met's board of directors yesterday approved a resolution to have a committee discuss with Mayor Robert F. Wagner the possibility of moving to a west side area between 60th and 69th streets.

This section may be redeveloped under slum clearance laws. The Met's opera house, erected in 1883, is on Broadway between 39th and 40th streets.

The directors also voted to extend general manager Rudolf Bing's contract through the 1958-59 season.

There are U. S. towns called Arabia, Argentina, Bavaria, Belgium, Bohemia, Bolivia, Siberia, Russia, Brazil and Poland says the National Geographic Society.

In Addict Role



ACTOR Bela Lugosi, 72, is shown in the Los Angeles General Hospital after the court ordered him committed to a state hospital as an admitted narcotics addict for the past 20 years.

The Dracula of the horror movies voluntarily signed himself into the institution. The veteran actor, who won the court's praise for his voluntary action, said he was "most anxious" to break the narcotic habit. (International Exclusive)

No Wonder She Used Nickname

JASPER, Ala. (AP)—One of Jasper's oldest residents, Mrs. Lu-Ma Banks, 100, was buried earlier this week although she was known as Lu-Ma. It was a nickname.

She was christened Luquency Raine Martha Jane Eldorado Julie Dean Delma Ruthie Matilda Felma Jacka Cina Sophi Husky Charlotte Moss Stone.

Artesia Woman's Golf Club Hosts Valley Association

Women's Golf Club of the Artesia County Golf Assn. at the club Wednesday with 85 golfers and guests present.

Portales, Roswell, Artesia, Carlsbad, Jal, and Hobbs clubs were represented. The Roswell, Artesia, and Carlsbad teams tied for the travelling trophy.

The highlight of the day was a man's par 35 shot on the second round by Mrs. Martin Boswell of Roswell. Mrs. Boswell was runner-up in the state tournament last year at Roswell. She is also secretary of the New Mexico Women's Golf Assn.

Among the Artesia winners in the various events were Georgie Crawford who won low gross on 9 hole event and Lois Clayton who tied Loy Bourland of Carlsbad for second puts on 9 holes. Mrs. Boswell took the low net on 18 holes; Mrs. Em O'Neil of Roswell took the low gross on 18 holes; Nes McGivney of Carlsbad took least puts on 18 holes and Mrs. Roy Anderson of Carlsbad took the most on 18 holes.

Dr. K. Behnke Rains, president of the Artesia Women's Golf Assn., introduced Mrs. George Frazier, Carlsbad, president of the Artesia Valley Assn. Mrs. Frazier announced that the next tournament will be held at Carlsbad May 25.

Luncheon was served at the house and members enjoyed the afternoon. Mrs. Tom Sivley won prize for the high bridge score the day and Mrs. Troy Harris the consolation prize.

The Artesia club will have next regular luncheon, meeting and bridge tournament on Wednesday May 11th.

Writer Workshop Is Entertained By Mrs. Mathis

Writers Workshop met Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. A. Mathis, Jr.

Mrs. Mathis read a story of an incident that happened in her childhood. Mrs. R. C. read the plots of two short stories. She has completed one and is writing the other.

Mrs. Mathis had some magazines of 1914-15, War Home Companion and Saturday Evening Post, which the group enjoyed looking at.

Refreshments of cookies and tea were served.

Personal Mention

Jack Dohrer of Jack's Trading Post left today for Tulsa, Okla. on a business and pleasure trip. He plans to return about June 1.

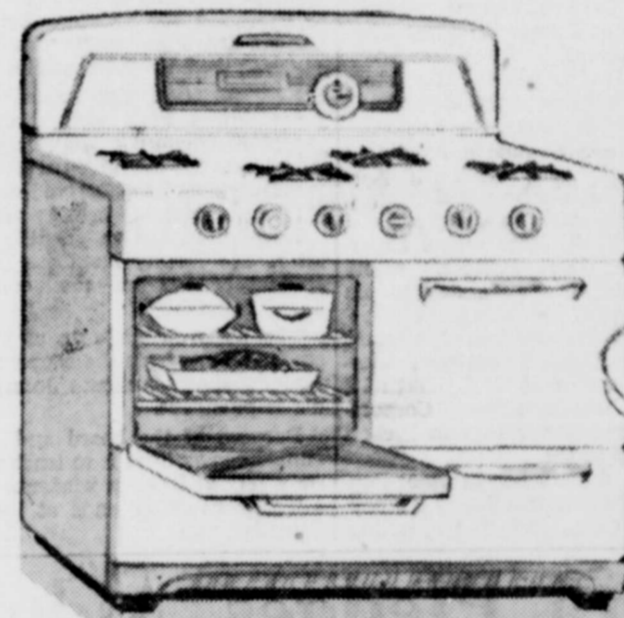
Mrs. H. B. Gilmore, Mrs. M. A. Waters, Jr., Mrs. Jack Staggs, Mrs. J. L. Briscoe, Mrs. Willis Baker, Mrs. Ora Howard, Mrs. Ralph Rogers, Mrs. Leo Hicks, Mrs. H. R. Paton, and Mrs. D. M. Walter, plan to attend the six district convention of department of New Mexico, American Legion Auxiliary, to be held in Legion Hall in Roswell Saturday.

Mrs. Eugene Anderson and daughter, Mary Ellen of Big Spring, Texas, arrived Wednesday to visit parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cluney, 212 S. Roselawn.

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Thursday, April 28 Sunshine class of the First Methodist Church, covered dish supper, party and monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Menefee, 6:45 p. m. Friday, April 29 Founders' Day banquet of Beta Sigma Phi at Veterans Memorial building, 8 p. m.

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Science Reporter Answers Parent's Questions On Salk Vaccine; Only Dribble Put on Sale

EDITOR'S NOTE: For years, Alton Blakeslee has followed scientific studies hunting a cure for infantile paralysis, as it once was called. From the first announcement that the Salk vaccine showed promise to the news that it was a success, he has been in on its development. Father himself of two youngsters within the polio danger age group, Blakeslee answers in the following article questions uppermost in the minds of parents everywhere.

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Science Reporter
A soaring demand for the new Salk polio vaccine is beginning to be met—but only here and there, in dribbles.

Questions about the vaccine tumble over one another in parents' minds. Foremost is: When can my children get it? As of today, this is the question with the most indefinite answer.

Three of four drug houses are shipping out some vaccine for private doctors to give children. And they are rolling vaccine to be given free to some schoolchildren.

The drug firms simply won't tell how much commercial vaccine they have started to send out. Medical leaders in big cities across the nation don't know how much various areas will get, or when.

A flood is expected, but no one seems sure when. In a few places a few children already have been inoculated. Doctors in most areas are besieged with requests.

AS for other main questions:
Q—How much vaccine will there be this summer? A—Drug firms just aren't saying, or perhaps don't yet know. The latest estimate is: Enough for 30 million children this year. This estimate seems to cover the "stretching" of supply even if only two shots are given, rather than three.

Q—Must the vaccine be given before summer? A—No, it can be given any time, even during summer, provided a child is well at the time. It's preferable to give it before the polio season starts.

Q—How quickly does the vaccination start protection? A—Antibodies begin to appear in the bloodstream within two weeks after the first shot, says Dr. Jonas E. Salk, University of Pittsburgh scientist who developed the vaccine.

Q—Will the vaccine wipe out polio this year? A—That cannot be hoped for. Not enough children could be vaccinated this year with the expected supply. The goal is to reduce polio's toll drastically this year.

Q—How long will immunity last? A—For months, and perhaps for life. Booster shots might well be needed occasionally. Only time and more knowledge can answer this.

Q—HOW could one course of vaccine produce long immunity? A—Dr. Salk finds the first one or two shots "prime" the body's mechanism to produce antibodies. It becomes "hyper-reactive," or like a cocked revolver. The detectable

amount of antibodies may be low. But the booster shot seven months or so later pulls the trigger, so tremendous amounts of antibodies are produced.

Dr. Salk also finds that natural infection to polio virus can do the same thing, pulling the trigger on antibodies in time to overcome the infection and prevent damage.

Perhaps the cocked-revolver may persist for years or life, so any exposure to virus creates protection. This remains to be proved.

Q—If a child got the real vaccine last year, should he get another shot? A—Dr. Salk recommends a booster, to pull the antibody trigger. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will offer this booster shot, a free shot, to youngsters vaccinated last year.

Q—Can polio be eradicated? A—That can be hoped for. It may come even before all children or adults also, later on could be inoculated. For vaccination may well work to stop easy spread of polio infection from one person to another.

Q—DOES the vaccine help prevent spread of polio within a family? A—Yes, from all indications in the test. This offers hope of stamping out a polio fire before it gets started, spreading from brother to sister within a family.

Q—What's the earliest age at which a baby should be vaccinated? A—Very young babies probably already have antibodies, inherited from their mother. Vaccinating babies at age 3 to 6 months is okay, says Dr. Salk. Earlier, it might have no good effect.

Q—Does it protect against non-paralytic polio? A—Very definitely. But the big value is that it protects against paralytic polio. Polio is bad only because it can kill or paralyze. Most of us by age 18 have had one or more bouts with polio, feeling sickly or feverish or like having a bad cold, with no other ill effects. Often this infection passed practically unnoticed, but we developed protective antibodies against that type of virus.

Q—Who should have priority? A—The children in the most susceptible age groups.

Children at ages 5 and 6 show the highest attack rate; next come the 4 and 8 year olds; next the 3 year olds; next those 2 and 7 years old; next those 1 and 9, then the 12 year olds, then 10, then 11, at least by last year's experience. After age 13, the attack rate declines pretty steadily with age.

High priority is also given to pregnant women.

Q—If you had children aged 14, 8, and 2, which should get the vaccine first, assuming the doctor has only a small supply? A—On the basis of greatest susceptibility, the 8-year-old should be inoculated first, then the 2-year-old.

Q—Is the vaccine safe? A—Yes, beyond any doubt. It even appears safer than most medicines already in general use. It is made of virus which first is killed, so it cannot cause any polio sickness. But this dead virus can still stimulate production of antibodies against nat-

ural, living virus.

Q—Didn't some children given the vaccine get reactions? A—Yes, but so did just as many—or more—kids who got only the "dummy" shots. In other words, no reactions could be attributed to the vaccine. Children getting the harmless shots of sterile water had the same few reactions. This means the "reactions" were due to emotional upsets, or the fact the children had some ailment, already underway, which would have appeared any how.

Police Search For Slim Lead As Two Slain

CLARKSBURG, W. Va. (AP)—Police looked to autopsy reports today to give them some clue in their search for the slayer of the socially prominent wife of a Clarksburg dentist and the family's part-time maid.

The two women, Mrs. Frances Laughlin, 44-year-old wife of Dr. Carl A. Laughlin, and the maid, Mrs. Joan Bland, 31-year-old divorcee, were found shot to death in the Laughlin's fashionable ranch-style home yesterday.

"We're not holding anybody at the present time," State Police Sgt. T. A. Welly said early today. "We still have troopers out checking several angles right now. But

400 and headed by Lt. Gov. Joseph M. Montoya, laid wreaths yesterday on monuments to Mexico's independence heroes.

NO DATE SET
MEXICO CITY (AP)—No date has yet been set for a formal visit to President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines by a delegation of New Mexicans to present a decree of the New Mexico Legislature setting aside Mexican Independence Day as a fiesta day in New Mexico. The delegation, numbering more than

Modest Widow Named as Top Mother of Year

PLEASANT GROVE, Utah (AP)—A modest Utah widow, mother of eight grown children, left for New York City today to accept the title of American Mother of the Year.

She is Mrs. Lavina Christensen Fugal, 75, who knew hunger as a child and since has shrugged off adversity to raise a family and become a teacher, homemaker, churchwoman, farm leader, and grower of prize flowers.

Mrs. Fugal modestly accepted congratulations from her neighbors for the honor and said "a wonderful husband and eight unusual children" were responsible.

A daughter of Danish immigrants, Mrs. Fugal obtained a teacher's certificate at 18 and began giving lessons in Pleasant Valley schools. In 1900 she married Jens Peter Fugal, who died in 1945.

"Mom could get work out of a broomstick," one of her daughters said. "And she made that work fun. She was liberal with praise. But when we needed punishment we got it."

Mrs. Fugal, though busy with family and church work, has served as director of the Utah county Farm Bureau; president of the local farm bureau; board member of the Utah county Fair and the Utah State Fair; and chairman of the Home and Community Department of Utah.

She outlines her theory of raising children this way: "I didn't believe in too many do's and don'ts. I tried to make the chores fun. And we always worked together as a family.

"When it was time to pick fruit, the beets, dig potatoes—we all went out together and did it. We even took the babies along.

"There were times when I would lose my patience and resort to spanking. But usually I would be sorry afterward.

"I feel that in punishing children you must make the result of the misdeed overbalance the satisfaction they got out of that deed."

All her children attended college, often on money raised in part by their mother.

Now This Porch Needs Repairs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—George E. Kilgore went to Mrs. Stella Talamento's house yesterday to make an estimate on remodeling the front porch.

He gave the porch support a lusty kick to test its strength. Now a repair job really is needed.

His kick knocked the support and the roof caved in on him. He injured his hip and broke his right arm.

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MARCH OF EVENTS

House Democrats Facing Another Senate Rebuff | **High Level Farm Price Supports' Future Dim**

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The move by House Democrats to junk the Eisenhower administration's flexible farm price support system and return to 90 per cent parity supports faces the same defeat dealt the recent tax cut drive.

Advocates of restoring the rigid high level supports admit privately that their proposal will be defeated in the Senate, even if it gets through the House.

However, they are convinced that they will be able to reap political hay out of the move in 1956 regardless of the outcome of the measure in Congress.

Democrats feel that the farm issue can be big enough in next year's elections to build up their party's strength in the House and Senate if they can offer farmers an appealing program.

● **TAXES AND POLITICS**—While their tax cut proposal went down to defeat in Congress, the Democrats still feel that they have created a major vote-getting issue on that subject, too.

They argue that the Democrats are on record as favoring a tax reduction, traditionally regarded as one of the best ways to win votes at the polls on election day.

The Democratic campaign was based on the "little man versus big business" issue, another attractive feature to many voters. They argued the GOP was helping big business with its tax program but was ignoring the little man.

You might still get a tax cut next year, incidentally. The Republicans, in countering the Democratic program, may decide that a tax reduction in 1956 is necessary for their party's sake.

● **FALL-OUT**—Countless new problems have been created by the disclosure of radioactive fall-out from nuclear weapons, according to Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson.

For example, he disclosed that \$131 million worth of medical supplies likely will have to be moved. They were stockpiled in warehouses "carefully selected because they were outside the fire and blast area."

However, Peterson now points out, the stockpiling was done in 1950 and 1951 when "we didn't know about fall-out." Peterson is also ordering the stockpiling of K-rations for emergency food in the event of an attack with nuclear weapons.

● **AEC MEMBER**—President Eisenhower is expected to nominate the fifth member of the Atomic Energy commission soon. White House informants say that the chief executive has two or three men in mind for the job, but has not yet made any decision.

It is believed the President may act soon after the Senate confirms Dr. John Von Neumann, who was recently given the endorsement of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy committee.

Insiders guess that the fifth AEC member will not be a scientist but an experienced legislator. The second scientist on the commission, after Neumann, is Willard Libby, who is on a leave of absence from University of Chicago.

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