



Dr. Salk, Developer Of Vaccine, Relaxes With Wife And Three Sons. (AP)

Goodman May Introduce Bill Wider Shot Coerage Sought

More polio vaccine news on the second front page.

By JULIAN SCHIEER
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The possibility of giving free Salk polio immunization shots to all North Carolina school children and to indigent families was being investigated today.

Mecklenburg Rep. Arthur Goodman told The News he may introduce a bill in the North Carolina General Assembly next week which would (1) call for the county or state to provide free Salk vaccine shots for all school children and/or (2) provide for free shots for the needy.

Thinking along these lines is beginning to crystallize, he said, after some investigation before the Salk vaccine report was made public yesterday.

FEDERAL AID

State Health Officer Dr. J. W. R. Norton said from Raleigh that he had investigated the possibility of some federal aid in Washington recently, but found "nothing definite."

Present plans call for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to offer free Salk vaccine shots to all first and second grade children in the state. The National Foundation pays for the vaccine while county officials pay for supplies, labor, etc.

There are approximately 250,000 first and second grade children who will receive free shots. With a school population of nearly one million, any measure to cover all school children would leave a bill to take care of about 750,000 pupils.

OVER \$2 MILLION

It is estimated that the cost of the vaccine at wholesale and in such large quantities may run over \$2 million.

We still have much investigation to do. A great number of parents of school age children will pay for the shots themselves. Others cannot afford it," Rep. Goodman said.

"We must do something about seeing that the vaccine is available to all, especially a family that cannot afford it. The National Foundation has gone far as far as it can in supplying the Salk vaccine."

It may be that we'll have to try to get a smaller segment of the school population covered, but certainly we should provide for the indigent," he said.

"It is a worthy thing," Dr. Norton said, "if we have the means and the funds. I certainly wouldn't want to say anything to discourage."

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DOCTORS TO DISCUSS SHOTS FOR INDIGENTS

Salk vaccine inoculation of indigent children in Charlotte and Mecklenburg will be discussed tomorrow at 5 p.m. at a meeting of the members of the Health and Rehabilitation Committee of the United Community Services.

Arthur H. Jones, president of UCS, called the meeting to be held at the Medical Library.

A study of the extent and need of inoculations for indigent children and plans for meeting the need will be started.

"Free inoculations will be given only to children in the first and second grades. Inoculations for other age groups will be done privately."

Representatives of private and public health agencies and civic clubs have been requested to attend the meeting.

Members of the committee include Dr. Monroe T. Gilmour, Dr. James M. Alexander, Dr. Logan Jones, Stowe Moody, Charles M. Lowe, J. L. Stewart and James B. Craighill. Dr. Raymond Wheeler, chairman of the health division of the Social Planning Council, is consultant to the committee.

Blizzard In Southwest Traps Many Motorists

CLAYTON, N. M. (AP)—Snow carried on brisk winds was piled on highways up to eight feet deep here today, isolating the town and stranding hundreds of motorists.

The spring blizzard extended from Wyoming to Nebraska and south into the Texas Panhandle, where Dalhart, Tex., also was reported cut off from highway communications. Skies cleared over the area today and snowplows churned toward the isolated towns.

A Greyhound bus with 13 passengers today in the Clayton area was dug out of eight-foot drifts this morning after one of the drivers, H. D. Prater of Amarillo, Tex., staggered into a filling station at Capulin, N. M., to report the situation.

TRAPPED BY DRIFTS

The bus was trapped by the drifts last night. All passengers were removed by 5:45 a.m. and were en route to Raton, N. M., this morning.

H. C. Haddock, Greyhound dispatcher at Raton, said all were in good condition. Prater collapsed after giving directions to locate the bus. He had bucked the drifts for about 10 miles.

Snow in the Clayton-Raton area was 8 to 10 inches deep, with drifts closing all highways up to 7 and 8 feet, the Clayton police dispatcher, Wayne Curry, said.

He estimated at least 75 motorists were stranded in Clayton. It was the night in their cars on the highways.

GUARDSMEN HELP

National Guard crews worked out of Clayton and some of them were trapped by the drifts, Curry said. There were no reported injuries from the storm.

Sheriff W. J. Josey of Raton said crews worked toward the stranded bus found several cars—including one containing a mother and her two children—trapped in the drifts. They were freed by snow plows and made their way to town safely, he said.

Telephone communication with Clayton was restored this morning after lines were snapped yesterday by the wind. Both Clayton and Dalhart were out of telephone communication for about 24 hours.

Highway crews worked overtime in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska to clear roads. The soggy mass drifted in some spots more than the automobiles it stalled by the score.

Mother Wins Contest For 16-Year-Old Twins

RALEIGH (AP)—The State Supreme Court today decided a contest over custody of 16-year-old twins in favor of their mother, but agreed the twins may live with their stepmother to finish the current school year at New Hanover High School in Wilmington.

Mrs. Carolyn Christie James of Beaufort, mother of the twins, filed a petition for their custody after the death of their father, James Madison Pretlow Sr., in an automobile accident last August.

The twins, Carolyn Ann and Robert Joel Pretlow, expressed "equal affection and love" for their mother and their stepmother, Mrs. Ruth Barnes Pretlow.

Before the elder Pretlow's death, all parties had agreed the children were to live with their father's home for the 1954-55 school year. The children said this was what they wanted to do.

In Carteret Superior Court, emergency Judge W. H. S. Burgyn found the best interests of the children would be served by leaving them with their stepmother at least for the remainder of the school year.

The Supreme Court noted only a few months remain in the school year and affirmed that part of Judge Burgyn's judgment. However, it struck down the award of their custody to their stepmother beyond the school year.

A surviving parent, the court said, "has a natural and legal right" to custody which courts should disturb "only when the interest and welfare of the child clearly requires it."

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and warm today, tonight, and Thursday. Widely scattered afternoon or evening showers or thunder-showers.

Low this morning, 62.
Low yesterday, 67.
High expected today, 88.
Sunrise, 5:54 a.m.; sunset, 6:54 p.m.

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N. C. Cites Danger of School System

Abrupt End To Segregation Is Opposed

High Court Hears State Official

By KARL R. BAUMAN

WASHINGTON (AP)—North Carolina told the Supreme Court today that any abrupt ending of race segregation would be "in all probability a death blow" to the state's public schools.

Lake opened the third day of argument before the Court on the issue of how and when to end segregation. He had begun his argument yesterday, shortly before the Court recessed for the day.

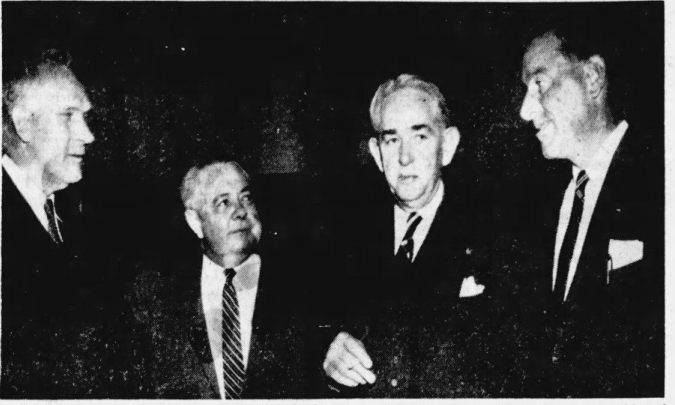
SAYS TIME NEEDED

Attorneys for Virginia and South Carolina who preceded him, Lake pleaded that time was needed to work out problems locally and to win public acceptance of mixed schools.

Lake said that putting Negro and white pupils together now would bring "turmoil and confusion from which only our enemies could derive any satisfaction."

I. Beverly Lake, assistant attorney general North Carolina, urged the Court to take no action that would "seriously impair or destroy" the schools.

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FOUR ATTORNEYS, attending Supreme Court session for arguments on how and when to wipe out racial segregation in the public schools, pose in the lawyers' lounge of the Court.

Budget To Call For \$8.5 Million

\$1 County Tax Rate Appears Likely

By ANN SAWYER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Mecklenburg's 1955-56 tentative county budget is expected to hit the \$8 1/2 million mark and bring a 91 cent county-wide tax rate.

Tentative figures will be presented to County Commissioners Monday at 10 a.m. After receiving the proposed budget which covers operations of county government and county supported institutions, the commissioners will hold regular sessions to try to reduce the tentative figures.

Even with sharp pruning by the commissioners, the final budget, which must be adopted May 9, probably will top \$8 million and be the largest in the history of Mecklenburg.

91 CENTS IN 1955

The current county budget, based on a county-wide valuation of \$8 million dollars, comes to \$7,833,971.55. The 1955 tax rate is 91 cents per \$100 valuation.

Work on the county's tentative budget which must be completed by Monday is not yet finished, and definite figures on the total budget and tax rate are not available yet.

From budgets submitted by various county departments, Commission Chairman Sid Y. Meckler said it looks as though the tentative rate will be about \$1. In addition to the county-wide rate, the commissioners will set a special school supplement on property outside the city. This rate is expected to be 20 cents per \$100 valuation.

PROBABLE INCREASES

Largest increases in the next budget are expected to come in these funds:

FUND INCREASE

Preservation of Public Health \$147,000
School Current Expense 201,845
School Debt Service 52,000
General Debt Service 92,368

In addition to Leatherman,

Referendum Question

Liquor Hearing Poorly Attended

RALEIGH (AP)—A hearing on the question of a statewide liquor referendum, which in the past has drawn big crowds to Raleigh, brought less than 100 persons today. The hearing was held by the House committee on local government.

Marvin Leatherman of Lincoln, representing the Allied Church League and leader of the dry forces supporting a referendum bill, told the committee, "We're concerned solely with the right of the people to vote."

He asserted, "If you permit (the bill) to go to the floor of the House... My people will feel satisfied... That they had their day in court."

Leatherman said, "We purposely didn't bring the 10,000 strong" to appear at the hearing. He said it was not a question of "wets versus dries... but the right to vote."

STATEWIDE VOTE

The bill, introduced by Rep. Carson Gregory of Harnett and signed by 16 others, calls for a statewide liquor referendum next Nov. 8. The vote would be either for or against the sale of liquor in every county.

"This General Assembly... vested to local governmental units the right to make their own decisions," declared Sims.

Sims stated that South Carolina has a statewide liquor system and many local communities in that border state are calling for a local option plan. "Every person in North Carolina has the right to vote on local option," he said.

Harris said he spoke for his

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Evening Prayer

Our loving heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the resurrection of Christ and the power of our risen Lord. Help us to remember that we serve a risen Christ; and that because He is risen, we too shall live in His name we pray. Amen.

Communist Literature Read At Scales' Trial

GREENSBORO (AP)—Gov. unsuccessfully to have all Communist party literature today to bolster their charge that the party is dedicated to violence and that admitted member James Scales agreed with the principle of violence.

Ex-Communist John Lautner, who has appeared for the government in many other trials under the Smith Act, told more about his party positions and his teachings of Marxism-Leninism in various party schools.

The government has introduced 18 articles of Communist party literature. Lautner said that they had been used as textbooks in the party schools. He declared that the party's goal, dictatorship of the proletariat, could be accomplished only by force and violence.

Defense counsel David Rein tried unsuccessfully to have all Communist party literature today to bolster their charge that the party is dedicated to violence and that admitted member James Scales agreed with the principle of violence.

Lautner's opinions were set forth in the documents. Rein followed Justice Department Atty. General J. McCuskey read at length from the government exhibits, including some of Joseph Stalin's books on Leninism. Rein followed the reading closely with other copies of the same books. Scales also had a big stack of Communist literature on a desk before him and took many notes on the proceedings.

Lautner spent about two hours

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