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Visiting St. Elizabeth's

by Mary Ford

Instead of just the group from the Mowatt Methodist Church that goes to St. Elizabeth's on regular visits, pretend that this time you went along too.

When we arrive at a big red brick building inside the hospital grounds, which has a sign Godding on the lawn, we may hear one of the women shout a greeting to us from a window up to the left or as one lady used to call "be sure to bring some magazines up." Then we go to the second floor and enter a huge room where the ladies are waiting to greet us. By the way, that big jolly woman is Katie who always remembers your name and shakes everyone's hand. If you get know her real well she may give you a big hug. Many others greet you warmly and each one of us have one who we may pick out personally to have a friendly chat with. There is an old lady from Greece who is very fond of my husband, Fred. She misses her son very much and I think maybe she fills this gap. Then some of our ladies open the boxes we carried up which contains jewelry, hats, shoes, perfumes and other articles all you good people have contributed to be used for bingo prizes. These items are placed on tables in the middle of the room and our friends gather around to look them over.

This month the ladies were real excited and soon we found out why. In an honored spot in the rear of the room there was a big combination Television, Radio and Record Player Console. You see last month Mr. & Mrs. Alan Collins of Greenbelt donated this very welcome console. The ladies were thanking everyone and telling us about playing records on it and how now they can watch two televisions. Also I noticed a few ladies were showing off a sewing machine Mrs. Dan Siehl's grandmother gave to them. We hope that someday both these families can see in person how happy they have made these fine women.

Now the bingo cards and chips have been passed out and everyone is settled down to play. As each lady gets a bingo they go up to the table and pick out their prize. The numbers are continued until all the prizes are gone. There are still a few who do not desire to play but maybe this time you will notice someone as I did last month who arrived at a point when they wanted to try. Funny but you feel a little tug at your heart at this breakthrough, small though it may seem. This lady may have played but she wasn't ready yet to go up and get her prize. Maybe next month you will be able to see this step ahead. Now the chips and cards are picked up.

For over a year some of our preschoolage children have been going and the ladies love them around. The youngsters help pass out the song sheets and everyone joins in singing with Rev. Lyle Harper leading. A woman comes over from another ward to play the piano. There isn't a song this lady can't play. Last month everyone marched around the room singing "Easter Parade". We sing until the refreshments are brought in and after they are served we sit

"MUST BE APPEALED"

The ruling handed down by Judge William B. Bowie, causing the Jaeger tract to be rezoned for high density residences arises an urgent question: What can we, as residents of Greenbelt, now do about this matter? There is only one course of action left, and it should be taken. The ruling must be appealed. Two important reasons exist for doing so. First of all, those of us who believe high-rise apartments have no place in the middle of a regional park — and I've met no person who believes otherwise — have quite a strong case. The merits of the matter, on which Judge Bowie based his ruling, may very well be interpreted differently by the court of appeals. In appealing Greenbelt would thus carry on the fight for a cause which its citizens strongly support.

However, there is a second consideration which may be no less important in view of the role Prince Georges courts take in zoning cases. The Jaeger tract rezoning, if allowed to stand, will set a legal precedent which could be cited to support practically any kind of rezoning. For example, now that the court has upheld the high-rise rezoning of a tract in the middle of a park and across the road from a low density community, how can we expect them to deny it to the "Golden Triangle" surrounded by divided highways and adjacent to a big development? Once set, this precedent will be all but impossible to fight.

Therefore, let us appeal. The sooner, the better.

David Stern

Grace F. Green

Former Greenbelter, Mrs. Grace Farrar Green, 96 years, died in Topeka, Kansas on April 2, 1964. She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Chester Keck of Topeka and Mrs. E. Leland Love, of Ames, Iowa. A grandson, Robert Love resides in Greenbelt.

Co-op Homemaker's Show

The Co-op Homemakers Open House will feature Judy Lee jewelry and a fashion show on Friday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. There will be models demonstrating how to dress up basic dresses with jewelry, scarfs, and accessories. The guest moderator will be Mrs. Marie Schubert.

Small gifts will be presented to all. There will also be door prizes.

down and chat with our friends. By this time it is three o'clock and time for us to leave. We have all had a wonderful time and I know they have brought as much joy into our lives as we have theirs. Before we leave Rev. Harper leads us in singing "Goodbye Ladies" and everyone is shaking hands and bidding each other so long.

Now that you know what we do, would you be interested in going? Also our supply of prizes are being used up so call Miss Clara Brandt, our new chairman, 474-7670, if you have any items you would like to give. Just remember this, we leave Greenbelt around 12:30 p.m., the third Wednesday of every month, and we would love to have you come along. Be seeing you.

A Greenbelt Reader Review

by David P. Stern

When the Communists took Peking ("All the Emperor's Horses" by David Kidd)

This is the story of the decline and fall of an old and proud Chinese family, taking place in the two years after the Communist take-over. The book (it consists of a string of loosely-bound episodes) is written in the first person, and for good reason: most of its material is taken from first-hand experiences of its author, who spent many years in China and married (as described in the first chapter) the daughter of a noble Chinese family. Some points give the impression of being contrived — they fit just too neatly into the plot to be true — but for the most part, it is a convincing and very engrossing story. It is also a very tragic one, and the reader can be grateful to David Kidd for sweetening it with a liberal dose of humor, without which it may have had a rather depressing effect.

As a sideline to the story of the Yu family, with which the book is mainly concerned, one also gets a glimpse of the Red Chinese regime. True, life in China today must be quite different: the Korean war, the "Great Leap Forward" and the even greater slide backward which followed, the famine years and fifteen years of repression cannot have failed to leave their mark, most likely with the Chinese quite a bit worse off than is described here. Rather, what one sees here is the honeymoon of a revolution, taking place after the military victory has been won but before the economic hardship caused by mismanagement has set in, when the rich are soaked and the poor are visibly better off, at least temporarily. Most social revolutions enjoy such a brief period — Castros, for instance — when many of their supporters still voice their good intentions and believe a new and better era has opened. Kidd gives full credit to both the good and the bad of the new regime, and only towards the book's end does his reader realize how very gradually and subtly has the velvet glove been replaced by the mailed fist and the great hopes by the police state. This was 15 years ago, and it makes one uncomfortable to think where most of the characters on whom the story is based are now.

Humor for the Sophisticated ("She Is", by Aubrey Mennen)

This is a bizarre little book by the author of "On the Prevalence of Witches". Yes, bizarre: no

High Point Symphonic Band

The High Point Symphonic Band, under the direction of Mr. Donald Smith, will perform before junior high school audiences on April 10 and 17 when it presents its annual Junior High concerts. This year the band will go to Buck Lodge and Rollingcrest schools on the two successive dates, showing the students there the lighter side of concert music.

other adjective can do justice to a book that starts out bringing Buddha, the Archangel Michael and the Devil together in Nirvana, the only extraterritorial bit of heaven, and which, after considerable mileage on earth, ends there as well. It is fun to read. As a matter of fact, it is a very easy book to read, even though it wraps together many high-sounding subjects. The ending, unfortunately, is something of a let-down; many characters which were carefully developed all along are dropped abruptly, so that the reader cannot help wondering what became of them and whether the author received a cable from his publisher telling him to hurry up and finish. The sober postscript adds nothing to the book and may just as well have been left out.

To sum up, then, this is a book which all those who cultivate sophistication will cherish. As for the rest, let them read and chuckle.

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Alan Henry, son of Mrs. Mary D. Henry, 9-M Ridge and a junior at DeMatha High School, will play the male lead in Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" to be presented by the Genesis Players at the high school on Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25.

Organized less than three years ago, the Genesis Players is made up of students from more than six high schools in the metropolitan Washington area. Directed by Ronald Gorton, the group presents four to six productions each year, including benefit performances and specialty shows at nearby institutions. "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be the first musical presented by the Genesis Players.

Alan is a veteran of the group, and last season played leading parts in a one-act play, "The Man in the Bowler Hat," and in the full-length production, "Room Service." In recognition of this work he was recently inducted into the local chapter of the National Thespian Society. He is also well known as a folk singer and is lead guitarist in the group known as the Prince Georgemen, which has played at hootenannies throughout the Washington suburban area.

Little League Chatter

By "Dale" Parrish

The Little League's Basketball Tournament is coming to a close with the finals being played at the Greenbelt Junior High at 9 tomorrow night, Friday, April 10. The Consolation Game will be played at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

With spring baseball practice getting under way, coaches and helpers are still needed for both the Major and the Minor Little League Baseball Teams.

Nursery School Expands

The Greenbelt Nursery School has undertaken an expansion program to keep pace with the growth of the city. An afternoon session was added in January, and will be offered again next year. The school playground has been enlarged to more than one and a half times its former size and sports a new chain link fence. The fathers of the children attending the co-operative school have been working several Saturdays putting in a slide and horizontal ladder, and building new outdoor storage facilities. The mothers will be working next week too, using all their favorite recipes in preparation for a bake sale to be held at the Greenbelt Shopping Center on Saturday, April 18.

Applications for the 1964-65 school year are still being accepted. For registration forms or information call 474-6651 or 474-1529.

Business & Professional Women Here to Organize

Women living in the Greenbelt area, who are interested in the formation of a Greenbelt Business and Professional Women's Club, are invited to hear about it on Friday, April 17, at 8 p.m. in the Community House, Springhill Lake Apartments.

Proposed objectives of the club will be: to elevate the standards for women in business and professions, and to extend opportunities to business and professional women through education along lines of industrial, scientific and vocational activities.

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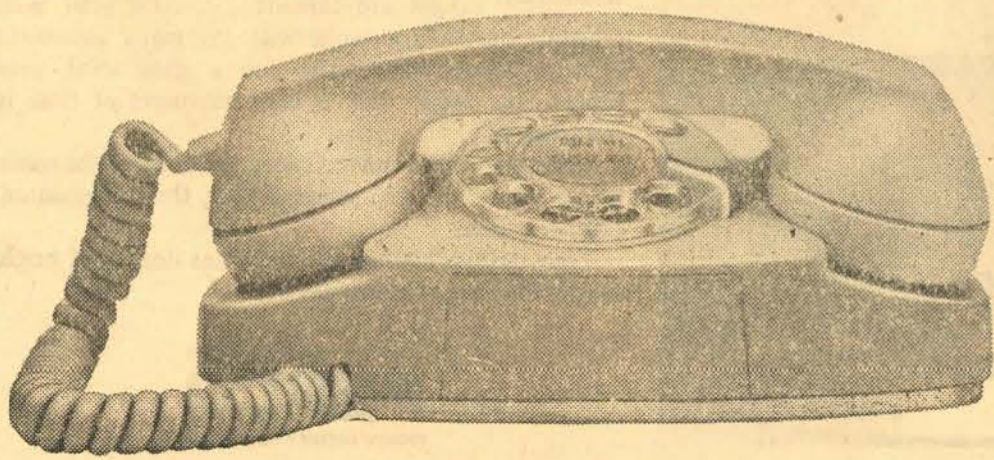
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The Navy's youngest museum is the U.S. Naval Historical Display Center located in Building 76 on the waterfront of the once-flourishing Washington Navy Yard. (The Navy Yard was previously known as the Naval Gun Factory and more recently was the Naval Weapons Plant). Since its establishment in mid-1961, the Naval Historical Display Center has been actively engaged in collecting, restoring and displaying relics and memorabilia which links us to the past.

The many ever-expanding displays at the Naval Historical Display Center are arranged in chronological order, beginning with an exhibit commemorating the Revolutionary War and, continuing in a counter-clockwise tour of the museum, concluding with artifacts of the present age. Highlights of some of the exhibits include exquisitely detailed dioramas which dramatically portray historic naval engagements while taped explanations recount these imperishable events to the viewer.

In addition to the many exhibits depicting wars in which the United States Navy has played a major role, there are various displays to appeal to persons of other interests. Models of ships and submarines of all periods appear throughout the building.

The Naval Historical Display Center is open to the public every week day from 1 to 4 p.m. as well as on special weekends when visiting ships at its riverfront entrance hold open house. The museum will be open the weekend of May 9-10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to celebrate Armed Forces Day. Entry can be made on any day through the gates at 8th and M Streets, S.E. and at 11th and O Streets, S.E.

Repairing Snow Damage

by Clayton C. Werner
Extension Agent

Snow damage is one of the problems facing the home gardener during the winter months. Heavy snows not only damage the trees and shrubs by the breakage of limbs, but also provide excellent points of entry for various wood rotting fungi. If precautionary measures are taken quickly, the danger of infection from wood rotting fungi can be sharply reduced. The treatment consists of (1) cutting out the broken or split limbs and (2) treating the wounds made by the cuts. When removing larger branches or limbs, the cuts should be made flush with the trunk or larger limb from which the damaged area is cut. These cuts should be treated immediately to prevent infection and speed up the healing process. This is very important for the larger cuts and wounds. The cambium area (that wood area just underneath the bark) of the

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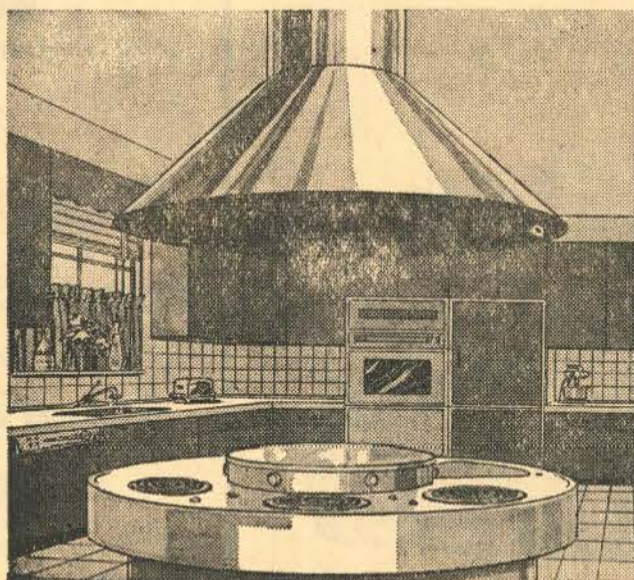
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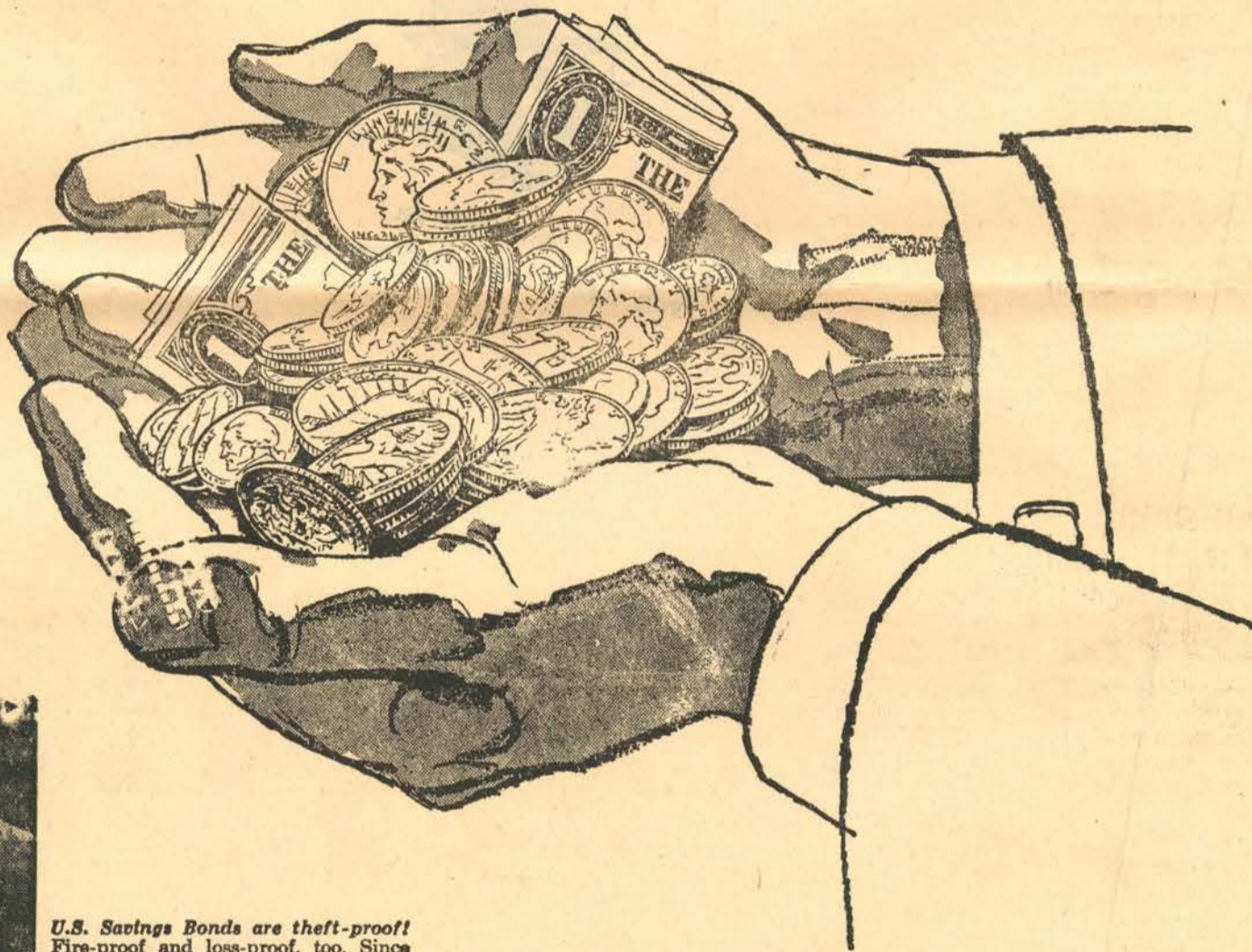
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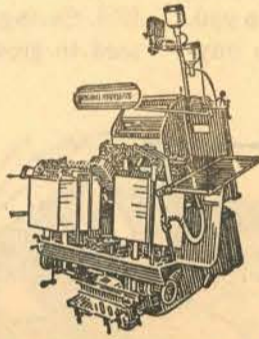
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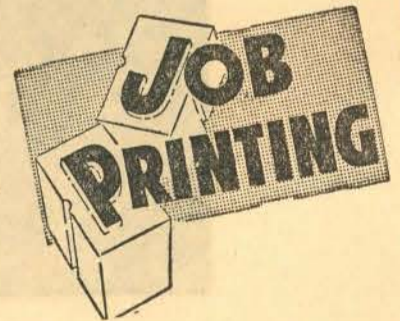
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TB Still A Threat

Tuberculosis, once a great scourge in the United States, has been cut down to a small fraction of the cases of half a century ago through the use of new treatment methods. But it has by no means been eliminated and continues as a threat to life and health.

Outbreak of German Measles

More than 800 cases of German measles or rubella have been reported to the Maryland State Department of Health since the first of the year, according to the Division of Epidemiology. Normally, the number runs less than 100 for a comparable period.

Rubella, or German measles, is one of the mildest of the so-called childhood diseases. It is characterized by a slight fever, a rash which may look like scarlet fever or measles, and enlargement of the lymph glands in the back of the neck. The illness usually lasts only a few days. It is often difficult to distinguish from some other mild rash-producing fevers which may occur in a community at the same time. Rubella is less contagious than ordinary measles. Many children escape an attack and grow up without immunity; this accounts for the number of adult cases which occur in times of epidemic.

Rubella is a serious disease for women in the first four months of pregnancy. Although there is no actual hazard for the woman herself, it can severely affect her unborn child. The expectant mother should avoid exposure to Rubella if possible. If she is exposed to the disease during early pregnancy, she should consult her physician immediately.

Since an attack of Rubella appears to confer life-long protection, it is desirable that young girls have the disease and develop immunity before they reach the child-bearing period. In some areas when there is an outbreak of Rubella, a deliberate effort is made to see that young girls are exposed to the infection. Some physicians and health authorities recommend this practice.

'Eat Wisely' for Health Efficiency and Appearance

"Eat Wisely," a guide to aid in the development of good eating habits for health, efficiency, and appearance has been prepared by the Nutrition Services of the Maryland State Department of Health. The colorful leaflet with suggestions for overweight, underweight and normal figures stresses the need for adequate nutrition in maintaining a "figure of health" as opposed to fad diets. Designed for use in health education programs in industry, clinics, and by private physicians, the folder contains a space for noting specific recommendations for the individual.

Noting that obesity is a public health problem with no known public health methods of treatment, Dr. Perry F. Prather, State Health Commissioner, said hope lies in creating among individuals an awareness of the dangers of obesity; also, the extended life expectancy and increased feeling of well-being that results from a controlled but adequate diet and proper exercise.

Dr. Prather pointed out that high blood pressure, diabetes, and heart disease occur more frequently among fat people. He said excess overweight also may be serious if an individual has an operation. In women, the chance of complications during pregnancy and childbirth is considerably increased by overweight.

However, the Health Commissioner warned the public to beware of "miracle" reducing cures or products purporting to be "weight reducers." He urged obese individuals to consult a physician to determine the kind of weight reduction program that is desirable for them from a health standpoint. Reducing aids should be used only upon the advice of the physician.

Copies of "Eat Wisely - Your Figure of Health" may be obtained in quantity at cost, as long as the supply lasts, from Health Education Services, Maryland State Department of Health, 301 West Preston Street in Baltimore.

Tuberculosis is caused by a germ that can easily be spread from one person to another. A person with active tuberculosis sneezes or coughs and sends the germs into the air. The germs can infect anyone, at any age. Fortunately, the body's resistance usually is sufficient to overcome and bottle up the infection. But, now and then when bodily resistance is low, active tuberculosis flares up.

Tuberculosis has been with us since the dawn of history, and it is still one of the great killers in

many parts of the world. It has been selected as the prime target of the World Health Organization in 1964 for the annual observance April 7 of World Health Day.

Some 50,000 new cases of TB are reported annually in the United States, and millions of Americans are infected with TB germs that are now dormant but have the potential of causing illness.

What can you do about TB?

There is a simple tuberculin skin test that signals the presence of TB germs. If the test is positive,

that means living TB germs are in the body, though not necessarily causing illness. It takes an X-ray and some laboratory tests to tell if active disease is present in the lungs.

At the time of physical checkups for you and your family, ask your doctor about the tuberculin skin test. And, very important, if you have ever had a positive test, get a chest x-ray once a year.

TB can be cured a lot faster today than in the past, but it still takes months. Treatment usually

begins in a hospital and then continues at home when the disease is no longer contagious. Many continue to take their drugs for months and even years.

Symptoms of active TB are apparent only in an advanced stage -- fever, cough, weight loss, constant fatigue and, perhaps, spitting blood. At this stage the cure is more difficult and will take more time. Doctors recommend a TB checkup every year so that the disease may be discovered early before it gives any outward sign.

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Oral vaccine will give longer-lasting protection than Salk Vaccine, which requires repeated booster shots. At this time, the Sabin Oral Vaccine is expected to give virtual lifetime protection.

4. HOW DO YOU TAKE SABIN ORAL POLIO VACCINE?

Three drops of oral polio vaccine are placed on a cube of sugar. You simply put the cube of sugar in your mouth and chew it up. All you taste is the sugar. (For infants, oral vaccine will be in a sweet liquid.)

5. WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE THREE DOSES OF ORAL POLIO VACCINE?

There are three different types of Polio virus. Each dosage of oral vaccine protects you from one of these kinds of Polio. Be safe—take all three!

6. IS THERE ANY AGE LIMIT OF THOSE WHO SHOULD TAKE ORAL VACCINE?

No. It is recommended that EVERYONE over two months of age take the oral polio vaccine. It is especially important for all children, young adults, pregnant women, and parents of young children.

7. IS THERE ANY RISK IN TAKING ORAL POLIO VACCINE?

Oral polio vaccinations have been given to about 300 million people throughout the world. It has been shown to be much safer than commonly used and popularly accepted vaccines, such as smallpox. Just as there is some risk in almost any medicine or vaccine, an infinitesimal risk of oral polio vaccine is believed by some to exist for adults over the age of thirty. In this program, oral vaccine will be given to people of all ages. The Surgeon General and Public Health Service have endorsed this program.

8. WHERE AND WHEN WILL ORAL POLIO VACCINE BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC?

Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine will be given in Alexandria, the District of Columbia, and in Arlington, Fairfax, Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. At over 150 public schools on three separate Sundays: April 19, May 17, June 14. A different type of polio vaccine will be given each Sunday—so you need all three. Watch your newspaper for names of feeding stations.

9. WILL THERE BE A CHARGE FOR THE SABIN ORAL VACCINE?

Persons receiving the vaccine will be asked to make a voluntary contribution of 25¢ for each dose.

10. WHO IS MAKING THIS SABIN ORAL POLIO VACCINE AVAILABLE?

This program is sponsored by the Medical Societies of Alexandria, Arlington County, District of Columbia, Fairfax County, Montgomery County and Prince Georges County in cooperation with the Medical Chirurgical Society of D. C. and area Public Health Departments.

For answers to other questions, call your local Stop Polio Committee Headquarters:

Alexandria 836-7555	Montgomery County JU 7-1246
Arlington County 671-4646	Prince Georges County 772-2700
Fairfax County 532-9136	
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