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ALBUM PRIMARY SOURCES AND PICTURE BOOKS: THE POLIO PIONEER BY LINDA ELOVITZ MARSHALL AND LISA ANCHIN

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THE LINCOLN TIMES, FEBRUARY 15, 1954

In Selected Counties

Polio Vaccination Field Trial Scheduled For School Children

The Catawba-Lincoln-Alexander Health District office today released the following statement of the State Board of Health relating to the proposed preliminary trial of poliomyelitis vaccine:

"Recently, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis announced the development of a promising vaccine for the prevention of paralysis from poliomyeli-

tis. This vaccine has proved effective in the prevention of the disease in animals which have been given the vaccine and are later infected with the three known strains of poliomyelitis virus.

With the hope that the new vaccine will be equally effective in this prevention of paralysis from poliomyelitis in humans, the Foundation is now sponsoring a

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EVENING STAR, APRIL 08, 1954

Meeting of Parents Virtually Unanimous for Polio Shots

Fairfax County parents turned out in droves last night to hear about the forthcoming Salk polio vaccine tests, and a majority of them were eager to have their children participate.

A crowd of 300 mothers and fathers attended a meeting at the Annandale Elementary School, which was the largest of three being held simultaneously.

Psychiatrists Watch Parents React to Polio Vaccine Talk

Parents who attended three meetings in Fairfax County last night to hear about the Salk polio vaccine tests in which their children are to participate also served

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EVENING STAR, APRIL 26, 1954

Fairfax 2d Graders Receive Shots in Polio Vaccine Test

**2,400 County Children
Due to Be Inoculated
In Schools by Week's End**

Second grade pupils lined up in the cafeteria at Fairfax County's Franklin Sherman School today to help the doctors find out whether Dr. Jonas Salk's polio vaccine is successful.

First to receive the vaccine was blue-eyed, blond Randall

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JACKSON ADVOCATE, MAY 01, 1954

LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN GET FIRST POLIO VACCINE

Jackson Negro School Children Among First To Take Part in World's Biggest Medical Experiment

More Than 300 Get Polio Vaccine As Experiment Starts Here Monday

JACKSON, Miss. — More than 300 little second graders in the public schools here Tuesday became the final link in the world's biggest medical experiment that seeks to test what medical experts hope is a successful preventative for dreaded infantile paralysis.

The Jackson tots who screwed up their courage and let a doctor jab a needle in their arms were but a segment of more than 750,000 youngsters who will get injections of a newly developed anti-polio vaccine within the next few months in 45 states.

Medical experts believe the vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk of the University of Pittsburgh can provide a permanent immunization against polio.

The development of the vaccine and the extensive field tests are part of a long and costly campaign that the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has been conducting against the crippling killer for more than a decade.

The field tests, which began



Dr. Thomas L. Zuber, West



POLIO VACCINE PIONEER — Little seven-year-old Mary Duckworth gets first shot of polio vaccine administered in Hinds County, Miss., last Tuesday as field tests on 3,000 second graders get under way. On hand for important event were, left to right: Dr. A. L. Gray, director of preventive medicine, Mississippi Board of Health; Atty. J. H. Howie, chairman of Hinds County chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, sponsors of the program; Public Health Nurse Nettie Perkins; Dr. R. O. Williams, who administered vaccine with aide of Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Sallie B. Duneon, chairman of PTA of Briskley school, Jackson, Miss., where field tests for county were launched.

Negro Candidate For School Board In Warren County Disqualified By New Law
Jefferson Backers Plan Court Action

VICKSBURG, Miss., Apr. 26.—(DSS)—The first Negro candidate for public office in this historic city along the banks of the mighty Mississippi River since the reconstruction era, fanned in the history of the Civil War because of the great battle fought here by the Confederates for the preservation of slavery, has been disqualified by a new law passed by the State Legislature.

The new law seen by many as aimed specially at the situation brought on in Warren County by the announcement of its first Negro.

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Bunche's New Post Not Yet

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THE KEY WEST CITIZEN, MAY 14, 1954

THE CRUCIAL POLIO TEST

In the last few weeks American newspapers have told the story of thousands of youngsters being inoculated with the new Salk polio vaccine. School children by the thousands have lined up in a number of states to receive the injections and, in a few months, the world will probably know whether this vaccine will fulfill the promise expected from it.

Those who have made great claims for the Salk serum refuse to predict the outcome of the test, and, rather, say the test will prove or disapprove the value of the serum. In spite of this official comment, there is guarded optimism in the medical profession over respective results in these tests, and the results will naturally be watched with great interest all over the country.

If the results are what is hoped for, then 1954 might be the last year polio gets in its heavy licks against an unarmed youth in the United States. The Salk vaccine is relatively inexpensive, is capable of being produced in quantity, and if it proves effective in inoculation against polio, it will be generally used by 1955.

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ARIZONA SUN, DECEMBER 03, 1954



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THE DAILY RECORD, MARCH 04, 1955

Harnett Children Will Get Vaccine

... Dr. W. B. Hunter, county health officer, said today that his department is getting ready to distribute free the Salk polio vaccine to children in grades one and two, if and when the vaccine receives the approval of the National Institute of Health.

At Ann Arbor, Michigan, the po-

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THE LINCOLN TIMES, APRIL 11, 1955

Lincoln Parents Await Report On Polio Vaccine

Lincoln county parents, like millions of others throughout the nation, await with interest the report tomorrow (Tuesday) on the Salk anti-polio vaccine and the latest developments in the fight to control infantile paralysis.

The report is to be released at

4ed "consent" forms giving their approval to administering of the vaccine to their children.

The polio vaccination program, if the vaccine is approved, will probably begin in Lincoln county within the next two weeks. City-county school officials and health authorities

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EVENING STAR, APRIL 12, 1955

Polio Vaccine Is a Success; Found 80 to 90% Effective



READY TO REPORT ON SALK VACCINE—Ann Arbor, Mich.—Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr. (left) and Dr. Jonas E. Salk wait on the speakers' platform before reporting on the Salk polio vaccine tests—AP Wirephoto.

Official Report Describes Shots As Safe, Potent

BY ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Science Reporter

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 12.

—The Salk polio vaccine works—safely, potently—and can virtually end the fear that long has gripped the hearts of parents. The vaccine was officially declared today to have proved to

Text of Dr. Francis' Report. Page A-4
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be 80 to 90 per cent effective in preventing paralytic polio.

And young Dr. Jonas E. Salk, who developed it, declared he is certain it can be potentially made almost 100 per cent potent to smash polio's terror and tragedies.

The triumph of the vaccine was announced in an atmosphere of supercharged excitement by Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr., of the University of Michigan at a scientific meeting.

Details Are Given

Point by point, he detailed the saving of life and limb from a vaccine made of safely killed polio virus:

Only 71 of 440,000 vaccinated children paralyzed by polio last summer.

In comparison, 445 unvaccinated children were paralyzed.

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THE PEOPLE'S VOICE, AUGUST 05, 1955

House and Senate Committees Vote For Free Vaccine

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bills to provide free Salk polio vaccine to children and expectant mothers won approval of House and Senate committees.

The Senate Labor Committee adopted a measure to extend the Public Health Service Act, which provides federal funds to aid states in smallpox and diphtheria inoculations.

The measure specifies no definite sum. The amount will be left to the appropriations committees. The bills specifically rules out, however, financial need or any other reason as a qualification for receiving free polio vaccine.

Action is expected in both houses before adjournment.

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POLIO VACCINE ADMINISTRATION



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CHILDREN RECEIVE POLIO VACCINE

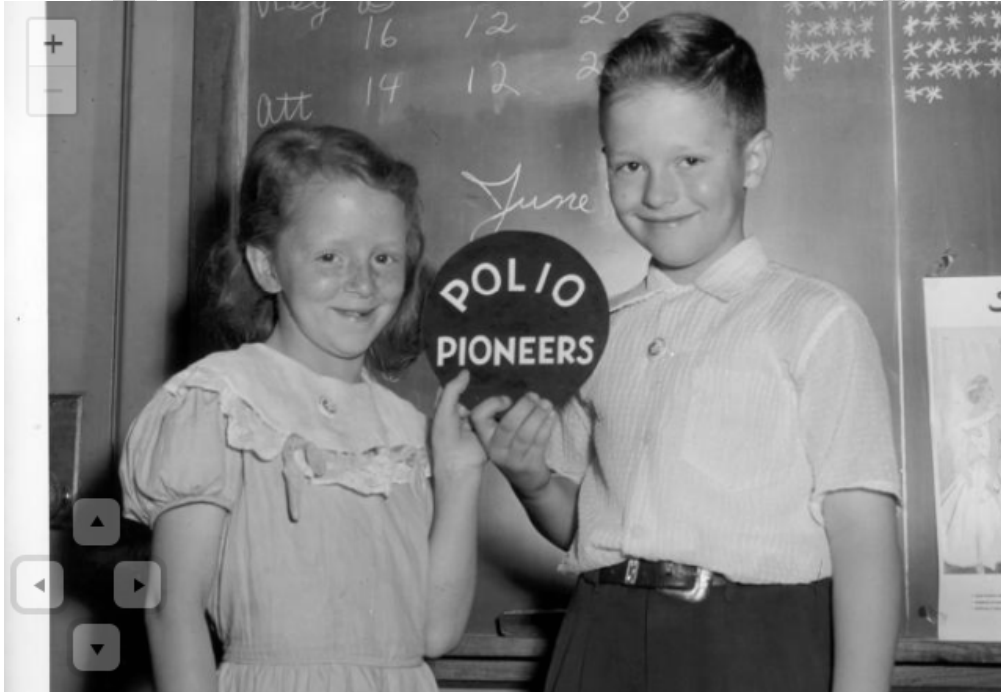


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CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE 1954 FIELD TRIALS OF THE SALK VACCINE WERE DUBBED "POLIO PIONEERS"



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Teaching Notes:

So timely! Friends and I were just reminiscing about the shots. It was so scary!

What a great fall topic.

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Teaching Notes:

The picture book really has some great possibilities for pairing with these and other related primary sources. I decided to focus on the children and nation-wide trial they took part in.

I just posted a podcast interview with the author in this group if you're interested.

episode 2 of The Primary Source Podcast