



With The Women



CERTIFIED SAFE FOR SCHOOL: Richard J. Siebert, principal of School No. 36 of the Rochester, N. Y. School District, and six-year-old Lenny Wilcox examine the rubella immunization certificate.

School Children Must Have Rubella (German Measles) Shots

ALBANY — Effective Aug. 1, 1970, every child entering a school in New York State for the first time must be immunized against rubella (German measles), or show proof of immunization, it was announced by Dr. Hollis S. Ingraham, State Commissioner of Health.

The measure, passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller on April 28, amends the Public Health Law by adding rubella to the list of immunizations required for school admissions. The law had already made smallpox, polio and regular measles immunization mandatory.

"We must prevent a rubella epidemic, such as the one we had in 1969-1968, from happening again," Dr. Ingraham said.

That epidemic resulted in from 15,000 to 20,000 spontaneous abortions and stillbirths in the United States. About the same number of children were born with incurable and often uncorrectable malformations.

According to Dr. Ingraham, if a pregnant woman is infected by rubella, especially during the first three months of pregnancy, the fetus may be damaged and the child may be born deaf, blind or mentally retarded. One of the best ways to break the infection chain is to immunize young children. They are the major source of infection for susceptible pregnant women.

A budget of \$400,000 has been appropriated for the immunization program. Dr. Ingraham said that the State expects to immunize two million children against rubella by July 1, 1971.

Beginning this fall, the amended law applies to all children entering any public private or parochial child-care center, day-care facility, nursery school, kindergarten or elementary school in the State for the first time. In the case of children transferring into New York State, an immunization certificate must be furnished before the child will be admitted, if that child has not reached puberty.

While the law does not make it mandatory for children already attending schools in New York State to be immunized, the State Department of Health strongly recommends that they be immunized if they have not already received a rubella shot.

Dr. Ingraham said that the State Department of Health is working with city, county and district health departments to set up mass immunization centers. Under the amended law, the rubella vaccine is being distributed centrally and purchased to local health departments. Physicians may request vaccine for office use from their nearest health department. They may not charge for the vaccine, but will be charged for administering it.

Whether or not the child receives a rubella vaccination from a private physician or from an immunization center, the law is clear that the child will be admitted to school only when:

1. A licensed physician confirms that the child already has had rubella disease.
2. A licensed physician certifies that the child was immunized against rubella.
3. A written statement is

URBAN REMOVAL Tops Confront Cops: Aim For Cool Summer

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — About 75 young people started their summer with a march on Rochester police headquarters. The youngsters, residents of the inner-city, were there not in protest but in support of peace and understanding.

The boys and girls were having a different kind of confrontation with police — a confrontation of cooperation. They are members of Rochester's Teens On Patrol (TOP) program, now in its fourth year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The TOP youngsters lived a three-day orientation at police headquarters preparing them for their summer jobs. The TOPs will help police, as they have during the past three years, by covering parks, playgrounds, swim areas, day care centers, libraries and other areas throughout the city. Highly visible in blue jackets and white T-shirts emblazoned with the TOP emblem, they'll continue to perform services ranging from umpiring ball games and breaking up fights to rescuing drowning victims.

The TOP program, financed by an Eastman Kodak Company grant through Rochester Jobs Incorporated (RJI), serves meaningful employment for inner-city teens and at the same time provides an important community service.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION

TOP has received national publicity in such magazines as LOOK and EBONY due to the program's triple threat nature. In addition to providing jobs and community service, it opens a direct line of communication between inner-city teens and police.

Detective Pat Thompson, Rochester's police-administrator of TOP, says "It's a two-way street. The TOPs see how the officers work, so they have a better understanding of the police. The officers, working in close contact with the kids, have a better view of their problems and attitudes."

SUMMER JOBS

Most of the TOPs are black, but there are whites and Puerto Rican youngsters in the program. Boys fill most of the slots, but there are a few girls. All are hired as civilian employees of the Rochester Police Bureau — meaning they do not have police power — and are paid \$1.85 an hour for a workday. TOP operates at peak levels during the summer but maintains a small force on the job year-round after school in libraries and playgrounds.

Judging by the hundreds of applications received, the program is a popular one with the teens. In TOP's four years of operation, nearly 300 youngsters have taken part. And the number of potentially serious situations that have been averted by their presence is impossible to estimate.

Following their "Confrontation" orientation at police headquarters, Rochester's Teens On Patrol assumed their summer posts.

Ask Drug Abuse Study

City Board of Education President Mrs. Robert P. Phillips yesterday asked the student advisory board to the City Board of Education to make its own study of drug abuse in city schools and to report to the board.

"This problem of drug abuse is one which affects you people directly," Mrs. Phillips told Harvey Simon, Monroe High School senior who is the student representative to the board.

"If there is a drug problem in our high schools you are the people closest to it. We'd like your suggestions for how to cope with it," she said.

Announce Continuation Of Bilingual Education

The City School District's highly successful bilingual education program for Spanish-speaking students will be under the direct supervision of an assistant city school superintendent when school opens next month, City Board of Education Vice-President Emilio Serrano announced this week.

Serrano said Miss Carmen Delgado, who reports directly to George Fentsch, Assistant Superintendent for instruction.

"This will put our bilingual education program on an equal footing with science, mathematics, because without it many of our Spanish-speaking children would never be able to read and would probably drop out of school at an early age," Serrano said.

He said he will introduce the resolution to place bilingual education under Dr. Hentsch at tomorrow's board of education meeting at 4 p.m. in the Public Safety Building.

Serrano said Miss Delgado will also work closely with Miss Helen Gerhardt, Supervising Director of Elementary Education, on elementary school matters, and with Mr. Harvey R. Granite, Supervising Director of Instruction, on secondary problems.

The bilingual program called "Adelante" was experimental in the City School District last year. The program was in the district's Special Education Department last year.

"The first year evaluation of the program was excellent," Serrano said, "and for the coming year we've doubled the budget from \$200,000 to \$400,000."

The Board of Education is always encouraged by—and receptive of—enlarging a program that shows it can help children with their basic learning skills.

Golden Gleans

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. John 1:14

A blow with a word strikes deeper than a blow with a sword. Robert Burton

As fire is kindled by bellows, so is anger by words. Thomas Fuller

Deliver your words not by number, but by weight. H. G. Brown

Words are the most powerful drug used by mankind. Rudyard Kipling

A flaw in a piece of white jade may be ground away, but a word spoken amiss may not be called back. Confucius

The face is often only a smooth impostor. Pierre Corneille

If it was the fashion to be naked the face would be hardy served. Mary Wortley Montagu

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Woolworth, Inc. ONE MILLION SOLD



PRODUCTION MILESTONE — Jefferson Hichs (standing) the 25-year-old president of Young Men On The Move, addresses retail store representatives who gathered recently to join the organization in commemorating the sale of more than one million units of a product it makes. The Rollomatic, a combination memo pad, ball-point pen and desk stand, is sold by the Detroit-based group to nationwide retail chains. Woolworth, in its continuing efforts to assist in the development of more Black-owned businesses, was the first major retailer to place orders for the products. Seated on the left at the ceremony is Robert Brown, special assistant to President Nixon. On the right is Woolworth president, John S. Roberts. Young Men On The Move hopes to reach the million mark in dollar sales.

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