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## 400 Youngsters Given GG Shots At Wenonah

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Wenonah, July 26—Like little soldiers, more than 400 girls and boys marched through a medical center here Sunday to receive their polio immunization shots in this borough's fight against an outbreak of poliomyelitis.

The State Department of Health sent representatives, who stood by as a large corps of doctors, nurses and other volunteers administered the inoculation of gamma globulin, of children immunized, Mrs. Clow.

The action was taken by the Wenonah board of health after an outbreak last week of three cases of polio in the community within four days. It marked the first time for the mass use of GG in the Gloucester County area.

Known as "Operation Lollipop," the five-hour inoculation battle was described as a success by Mrs. Morris, Betty Clow, of Westville, chair- man of the Gloucester County Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, who led a team of workers from the organization.

As the boys and girls lined up for shots at the Medical Center of Westville, at 107 E. Mantua ave, they helped the doctors perform the task in mass efficiency.

Two rooms of the center were used for inoculations and the children marched through, one at a time, in rapid succession.

**Some Doubtful**

Like real soldiers, some actually were brave, others doubtful. Also like some real soldiers—who have been known to eye inoculation needles with mounting apprehension—others were moody.

After receiving inoculations, the children could be seen reaching with one hand for their lollipop reward, as they soothed the point of contact made by the gamma globulin needle.

When the third case of polio was reported here last week the local playground and Warner's Lake, Wenonah, were ordered closed Friday for a two-week period as a preventive measure against a spread of the disease.

Mrs. Clow said 405 inoculations were made, including children whose ages ranged from 1 to 10, or up to the fifth grade in school, and also several expectant mothers.

**Result Is 'Very Good'**

Describing the result as "very good," Mrs. Clow expressed the opinion the mass inoculation brought out practically all of the children in the desired age bracket.

She pointed out the total Wenonah school enrollment, including children up to the eighth grade is 277.

Dr. Hugh D. Palmer, of Haddonfield, state health officer for South Jersey, who witnessed the mass inoculation with representatives of the State Department of Health, explained the use of GG for the smaller children and expectant mothers is designed to halt any spread, but the protection given by GG lasts only from five to, at the most, eight weeks.

Meanwhile, all home contacts under the age of 18 in the three homes where polio has occurred are being quarantined for 14 days, and gamma globulin was given to them and all others exposed to the disease, Mrs. Clow said.

**Drug Released by State**

The gamma globulin was released by the state at the request of the Wenonah board of health, Mrs. Clow said, and local doctors volunteered services for the free immunization.

With Dr. Palmer were Dr. Carl Wiggle, of the state health department and Miss Grace Up-center here Sunday to receive their polio immunization shots in this borough's fight against an outbreak of poliomyelitis.

A form requesting the GG immunization was signed by parents of children immunized, Mrs. Clow.

On behalf of the Gloucester County Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Mrs. Clow expressed her appreciation to the doctors and other volunteers.

They included Dr. J. Earl Wentzell, Dr. Donald B. Weems, Dr. Ronald P. Stratton, Dr. Rowell D. Zief and Dr. William Morris, Nurses, Mrs. Harvey Betty Clow, of Westville, chair- man of the Gloucester County Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, who led a team of workers from the organization.

Clerks, Mrs. John Coles, Mrs. George Bowler, Mrs. R. P. Straton, Mrs. Valentine Roth, Dr. Donald Weems, at 107 E. Mantua ave, they helped the doctors perform the task in mass efficiency.

Other workers, George Baldwin, William Atkinson, Donald Weems, Jr., Mrs. R. Paul Sweeney, Mrs. Fred Davis and Mrs. Cora Colson, James Ross, local storekeeper, who provided refreshments for the volunteers in the basement of the medical center and the Letty Lane Candy Factory, Westville, which contributed the lollipops.

The Wenonah Lions Club donated use of a sound truck equipped with a public address system. The town was divided into sections and the club advised residents when children of each locality were to report to the center.

Local churches announced the immunization at morning services.

Directing the flow of traffic at the medical center were Police Chief George Bowler Sr. and Officers Walter Hain, Jerry Hammond and Thomas Schear.

# 400 Youngsters at Wenonah Get Polio Shots

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