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Treatment Saves Polio Patient

University Hospital's new respirator center in Ann Arbor, established with a \$27,000 March of Dimes grant, has "graduated" its first patient.

Stricken in the polio epidemic of 1949, 15-year-old Charles Watt of Napoleon, Michigan, was near death when he was placed in an iron lung in October of last year — paralyzed from the neck down. He looked like a chronic respirator case, facing a bleak future of months and perhaps years of confinement in a tank which breathed for his paralyzed body.

Today he is a changed, thanks to the treatment administered at the respirator center. The modern methods developed in such centers financed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in all parts of the country, have made it possible for Charles and hundreds of other children to leave iron lungs behind and resume normal, active lives.

His job is to get polio patients out of tanks and back into their homes," explained Dr. David Dickinson, director of the center. "In the short time we have been in operation, we have discharged three patients who might have been doomed to respirators the rest of their days.

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"Graduation" from the center usually comes in three stages. After a period in an iron lung, the patient is placed in a rocking bed, which helps him break his habit for sitting upright each week. He uses a portable chest respirator.

For Charles Watt's graduation day was a big event, for now he is back at home and needs the chest respirator only about four hours each day.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR URGED TO FILE CLAIMS

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It was pointed out that while Public Act 16, 82nd Congress, of last April extended the terminal date for filing claims with the Commission to March 31, 1952, the Commission hopes to have all American ex-POW claims settled by the end of this year. This of course cannot be accomplished unless all claims in this category are filed in the immediate future. The Chairman of the Commission, Daniel F. Cleary, expressed his opinion that in addition to some living ex-POW's a number of survivors of the prisoners who died while in Japanese hands have not yet filed claims. Widows, children and parents of the deceased POW's in that order, are eligible for benefits under the War Claims Act.

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Members of Salem Church Youth Fellowship and Junior-Hi recently visited the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital of Detroit with several church groups from Detroit. Various departments of the hospital were visited, at which the various functions of the departments were explained. Miss Margaret Mass of Walled Lake, who is in training at the hospital, led the devotional period in the hospital chapel and was one of the hostesses for the hospital.

Future activities include the Christmas caroling during the holidays, and the New Year's meeting to be held at Immanuel Chapel in Detroit. Sunday, December 30, at which the Salem Youth Fellowship will join with the Detroit Fellowship.

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Child Study Group Holds Meeting

The Clarenceville Child Study Group held their December meeting on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. C. Bargett on Middlebelt. Hostesses were Mrs. Verne Cobb and Mrs. Homer Wheelock.

Topics of study were "What Kind of Teachers Do Teachers Like" by Mrs. Bargett and "What Kind of Teachers Do Parents Like" by Mrs. Herschel Childress. Mrs. Harry House, a teacher in the central School, served as a guest person.

A great deal of interest was shown in the Child Study, which is a part of the adult education program sponsored by the Clarenceville PTA and Board of Education.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dallas Sullivan, 23490 Pickford, on January 3. All parents interested in this discussion group are invited to attend.

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READ LABEL WHEN BUYING RAINCOATS, ADVISES EXPERT

If you understand the difference between waterproof and water-repellent you will know just what kind of weather protection you are buying in a raincoat, according to Miss Carolyn Maledon of the Michigan State College textiles and clothing department.

Water repellents are chemicals applied to fabrics to make them resistant to wetting.

The difference between waterproof and water-repellent is this: Waterproof fabrics are coated close to the "pores" of the cloth to prevent water going through. This treatment also shuts out the air and often makes the garment hot and uncomfortable. Water repellents penetrate only the fibers, leaving the pores open. This permits the free circulation of air.

Does a garment treated with water repellent look different from an ordinary garment? It looks and feels the same except in some cases when the water repellents give a smoother and softer finish.

The only way you can identify a water-repellent garment is to read the tags or labels carefully. Miss Maledon advises. Notice the following: Notice the label will also tell you whether the finish is durable or non-durable. This means whether you will have to renew the water-repellent treatment after each cleaning or laundering. Also the tag should tell you whether the garment can be washed at home.







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