EDITORIAL COMMENTS

A NEW VACCINE AGAINST INFANTILE PARALYSIS

MEDICAL science is unrelenting in its war of prevention. This year, according to the Bulletin of the International Society for Crippled Children, a new weapon is being tried against the infantile paralysis epidemic of North Carolina and Virginia. Dr. William H. Park of the New York Health Department recently devised a vaccine from the crushed spinal cords of monkeys that had been infected with the disease. It is believed that an injection of this vaccine will produce permanent immunization against polio, consequently, the results of its use will be anxiously awaited by both the medical and educational professions.

A NEW AUDIOMETER ABOUT TO BE ANNOUNCED

The Bell Telephone Laboratories, in cooperation with others, developed some years ago the first accurate and efficient means of detecting the hard-of-hearing child. This was done through their invention of the 4A and 2A Audiometers.

At the present time, a new audiometer embodying several novel features is about to be introduced by its inventor, Solomon Waldman. The Waldman A.C. Audiometer, as it is to be known, lays claim to the following:

1. A combination in one instrument of the features of the 4A and 2A Audiometers, namely both voice and tuning fork recognition.
2. Utilization of AC and DC house currents instead of exhaustible batteries.
3. Accurate determination, through a potentiometer, of loudness for any of the various pitches used.
4. Capacity, through the use of a radio pick up, to test larger groups at one time.

All persons engaged in work for the hard-of-hearing, or the detection of such children, will look forward with interest to further announcements and appraisals concerning this new instrument.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL SITS IN AT WORLD CONFERENCE

Two members of the Council, Miss Marian E. Hebbard, secretary, and Dr. Samuel R. Laycock of the board of directors attended the synchronised conferences of world education associations held at Oxford, England, August 10-17.

Dr. Laycock, who is also on the Journal's advisory board, enjoyed an extended vacation in England, and besides attending the conferences, spent much of the summer visiting schools for exceptional children.

Miss Hebbard, who officially represented the Council, was able to make many contacts in behalf of her organization through the assistance of Miss Ishbel Macdonald who introduced her to many leading delegates from the various nations.

It was Miss Hebbard's hope that she might, through these contacts, strengthen the international aspects of the Council's program, but, as we go to press, only meager details of her efforts and accomplishments are available. However, a complete report of what she did and of the response that she received will be found in the next issue of the Journal.