

## *He Shoots Down Fears of Shots*

# Cartoon Character, Wellbee New Health Books Feature

JUNEAU, Sept. 24, 1965—The Wellbee publications, prepared by the Division of Public Health as educational booklets for the elementary grades, have been mailed this month to all Alaskan schools, according to Dr. Thomas R. McGowan, Director.

These Wellbee booklets, promoting immunization of all children as protection against communicable diseases, feature Wellbee, the cartoon character, symbol of ideal health.

Alaska's Wellbee In Space, prepared primarily for grades 4-5-6 dramatizes Wellbee's adventures in Outer Space visiting the communicable disease planets: Diphtheria, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Tetanus (Lockjaw), Typhoid, Polio and Small pox, where he gathered information about the diseases.

The **Teaching Guide** was developed at the request of the schools, as an aid to the instructors in teaching children the various health messages set forth in Wellbee In Alaska. 2,500 of the Guides have been sent to superintendents, principals, teachers and nurses. Dr. McGowan, in speaking of the **Teaching Guide**, stated:

"The Division of Public Health wishes to acknowledge the many valuable ideas received from specialists in health and education fields in the development of this **Teaching Guide**."

He said:

"Children in Alaskan schools and hospitals found the booklet, Well-

bee In Alaska, acceptable and appealing. Children readily understand the health messages and lose some of their fear of immunizations.

In meeting the demands to date 65,000 Wellbee In Alaska and 25,000 Alaska's Wellbee In Space booklets have been printed. It is the hope of the Division of Public Health that these Wellbee publications will motivate all persons who have not secured this health protection to consult their own physicians or public health nurses."

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