



**Anchorage, Alaska 1954 “AaNA raises money for Polio Patient”** Early in the 1950’s the Territory of Alaska, especially Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Seward, suffered two polio epidemics. This era was prior to the polio vaccine. Public Health nurses were immunizing children with gamma globulin from the Korean War and hospital nurses were trained in the use of the iron lung. The west side hallway of the “old” Providence Hospital Located on L Street had 6 - 7 iron lung machines in constant use.

**Original Caption:** “Elma White (cap & cape), Edna Thompson, and Providence Sister \_\_\_\_\_, with Lorraine, a recent polio epidemic patient still under treatment.”