

Human Resources News

RALEIGH — Smallpox vaccination will no longer be required in North Carolina for children.

The 1973 General Assembly has amended the State Immunization Law, granting the State Board of Health authority to decide whether routine smallpox vaccination of children is in the best interest of public health.

The N. C. State Board of Health, at its regular quarterly meeting in Pinehurst, has followed through by adopting regulations omitting smallpox vaccination from the list of required immunizations for children.

This action follows recommendation by the U. S. Public Health Service, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and other medical groups that routine smallpox vaccination of children be discontinued in the United States.

According to Dr. J. N. MacCormack, chief of the Communicable Disease Control Section of the State Board of Health, the move was based on statistics which show a rapid decline on the world-wide incidence of smallpox. There has not been a case of smallpox reported in North Carolina since 1948. The public health official pointed out that the risk of dying from smallpox in this country is far less than that of dying from vaccine complications.

Dr. MacCormack cautioned, however, that persons traveling to countries where smallpox still exists will be required to take a smallpox vaccination.



ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE SCENES—Pictured above are three of the some 20 antique dealers from in and out of state that participated in the two-day Antique Show and Sale held in the National Guard Armory last week. Above, left, John Long of Merry Oak Antiques in Mineral, Va., is shown holding an 18th Century lamp fueled by tallow or similar material. The hook enabled the owner to hang the lamp on wall hooks, chair backs, etc. Above, right, Donna Brewer, a Virginia Beach resident, discusses a rare Victorian high-chair that converts into a rocker from amid her collection of fine antique glassware, and below, left, Miriam Owen of Miriam's Antiques, Tarboro, is pictured seated in an arm chair from the 1700's while holding an antique day or night telescope signed "Dolland of London."

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Antique Show-Sale Is Termed Successful

By FLYNN SURRETT

"Well, we heard about the antique show at home, so we decided to drive down from New Jersey to see it," remarked a passing out-of-state visitor Saturday morning at the Second Annual Antique Show and Sale.

Throughout the two-day event it seemed that visitors to the area out numbered area residents. Many took advantage of the opportunity to view the historic sites as well, despite the rather cloudy skies and general gloom.

Sponsored by Historic Edenton and the Edenton Jaycees, the show and sale was of benefit not only to collectors but to the dealers too. Items as well as knowledge were exchanged, and I learned of the tender loving care to the pieces regardless of whether they be big or small.

For John Long of Merry Oak Antiques, Mineral, Va., restoration of articles is a personal undertaking. Dealing primarily in antique furniture, he stated that he had spent many, many hours learning the ways of the old craftsmen in order to be able to repair items as they had been built. Pointing out a chest-of-drawers dating to the 1700's, he remarked that he personally measured, carved, stained, and inserted each piece of wood into the damaged area.

He also stated that prospective buyers were shown or informed of each correction made. He was proud of his work, and for good reason. No doubt, more than one person has remarked in viewing his work, "well I never would have known..."

From dining room arrangements to mule collars, the variety of antique items is almost infinite, so most dealers limit their range of interest to a narrow band.

Donna Brewer of Brewer's Antiques, from Virginia Beach, deals mostly in glassware. She stated that learning to identify and assess antique glassware comes from learning how, where, when, and by whom the piece was made. She pointed out that an important tool in evaluating glassware is the sense of touch, that is learning to feel the difference in the texture and weight of a truly valuable piece and one of less value of similar characteristics.

Even if antiques are not your forte, you may find that a few minutes spent browsing at a store or show is not only interesting, but also very informative as well.

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