

# Vaccinations Show Increase

An intensive information program on the need to have children in the "critical years" (birth-through-four) vaccinated against the serious childhood diseases is beginning to show positive results, according to Frank L. Lewis, Immunization Coordinator in the Division of Health Services, Department of Human Resources.

"In the final quarter of last year, the County Health Departments administered protective vaccines to a total of 83,532 children in the birth-through-four age group, a dramatic increase over the number of doses administered in the last quarter of 1976," said Lewis, emphasizing that this does not include vaccines given by doctors in private practice. County Health Departments, he said, normally administer about half of all vaccinations in North Carolina.

The diseases in question are polio, diphtheria,

tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), measles, mumps, and rubella (German measles).

Lewis reported that 35,555 youngsters through four years of age received DTP shots, up 17% over the final quarter of 1976.

Measles/Mumps/Rubella vaccine was administered to 15,321 children in the "critical years," an increase of 18.5%.

The oral polio vaccine was given to 30,321 children, down approximately 2% compared to the year before. Lewis explained that this dip was due to the fact that the recommended number of polio doses was reduced from four to three, and many children had already received three doses.

The recommended schedule of vaccinations begins at two months of age and by 18 months the child will have received full protection from the childhood diseases while still in infancy.

Lewis said that in the final three months of last year, a total of 12,337 children under four completed the basic series, an increase of 24.5% over the same period in 1976. "This is a truly significant figure," he said, "and is a strong indication that our messages are getting through to the parents of children needing vaccination."

This assessment was reflected in the results of a recent survey conducted by NTS Research Corporation, of Durham. Asked "Are you aware that it is possible to obtain all childhood vaccinations free of charge at the County Health Department?" 82% replied yes, and only 17% said no.

The few parents whose children had not been vaccinated gave these reasons: Plan to, but lack the time, 17% thought the diseases were beaten, 11% kids too young, 67%.

"These responses point up the problems we face,"

said Lewis. "Usually, 'lack of time' is nothing but plain old apathy on the part of parents; too many people do believe that polio and other diseases have been conquered simply because we have the vaccines to do so; and since immunizations should begin at two months of age, these children certainly were not too young."

Another important response in this survey, which was conducted, as a public service by NTS for the Immunization Program, revealed that only about 54% of parents with children under four years of age have been reminded by the operators that children should be vaccinated.

"These centers are very important in our efforts to reach the parents of very young children, and we will be working with them to get our messages into homes," said Lewis.



## Local Musician Appears In "American Hot Wax"

At one time in some people's life they dream of going to Hollywood and making it big in the movies. That dream became a reality for a local young man Charles Greene when he got a chance to appear in the movie "American Hot Wax" which is being shown at a local theater. Greene is the son of Gwendolyn and the late Charles S. Greene and graduated from North Carolina Central University. While at North Carolina Central he sang, played the guitar and arranged music for the "Versatiles Combo". Although Greene has a small part in the movie he appears on the film's soundtrack album. In the film he plays Clark Otis and is seen singing, "Little Girl in the High School Sweater." This is

Charles Greene's a local musician that is presently appearing in the film "American Hot Wax", which is playing at University Parkway Cinema.



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