

# Public Clinic To Give Free Swine Flu Vaccinations

The Mecklenburg County Health Department will hold a two-day public clinic on Saturday, October 23 and 24, to give free flu vaccinations to citizens 60 and over.

The clinic will be at the Mecklenburg County Social Services Center, 301 Billingsley Road, near the intersection of Randolph Road. It will be set up in the Agricultural Extension Service Auditorium.

The clinic hours on Saturday will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the hours on Sunday will be 12 noon to 7 p.m.

The vaccine that will be administered at the clinic will be bivalent vaccine, which is protection against A New Jersey (swine flu) and against A Victoria, the strain of flu which was prevalent last year.

Dr. Maurice Kamp, Director of the Health Department, says he is confident that Mecklenburg will have a sufficient quantity of vaccine to operate the clinic successfully. He does not anticipate running out of vaccine, and he urges citizens to plan their visit to

the clinic through the middle of the day and into the afternoon on Saturday, or perhaps late in the afternoon on Sunday.

It will not be necessary, he says, to rush to the clinic early Saturday, in order to be assured of getting vaccinated. Mecklenburg had by noon Friday, October 15, received 20,960 doses of bivalent vaccine, and another 7,500 to 8,000 doses were expected the first part of the week of October 18.

Each person who receives a vaccination will be required to

sign an informed consent form. This is a requirement of the federal government which is providing the vaccine to local citizens.

These forms will be available at all branches of the Public Library, and citizens are urged to get a copy of the form, read it and sign it before going to the clinic. The form is to be turned in when the vaccine is administered.

Dr. Kamp says it will speed up the clinic procedure considerably if people bring the completed forms with them to

the clinic. The clinic will be staffed by personnel from the Health Department and by Red Cross volunteers.

Commenting on recent news stories about deaths among some persons who have received flu vaccine this month, Dr. Kamp said that he is convinced there is "no connection" between these deaths and the vaccine. He says he feels it is a safe vaccine and is "no different" from flu vaccine that has been given in past years, except that it has a different virus in it. The virus

is dead, he said, and in hundreds of thousands of trial vaccinations has caused only "very, very minimal reaction," if any reaction at all.

He also pointed out that approximately seven persons a day die in Mecklenburg County, and about three of these are 60 and over.

The County has received its first supply of monovalent vaccine, which is protection against A New Jersey, or swine flu only. This vaccine will be administered at public clinics to be held as soon as sufficient supply becomes a-

available. Persons 18 to 60 will be vaccinated with the monovalent doses.

Dr. Kamp said that following the public clinics for the 60 and over, the bivalent vaccine will be made available to private physicians for their patients who are 60 and over and their chronically ill patients. All of the vaccine is free, but private physicians may charge a fee for administering it. All chronically ill persons are urged to contact their private physicians about receiving the vaccine after October 24.



Bivalent vaccine Swine flu protection

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MISS IVONDRA THOMPSON  
...Captivating Capricorn

## Ivondra Thompson

### Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Jenkins  
Post Staff Writer

Born under the captivating sign of Capricorn, Miss Ivondra Thompson hails as this week's Beauty.

"I've heard that Capricorns are described as stubborn and hard to get along with," our Beauty, who was born on January 14, 1958, said, "But we can make it with people successfully."

Ivondra is a 1976 graduate of Myer's Park High School where she was a member of the Decca Club and a representative to the Student Council.

Ivondra plans to enroll at Central Piedmont Community College next October where she will study Business. Her professional goal is to become a secretary. One reason for her choice is that her mother has always wanted this for her. Another reason is that she has always enjoyed meeting people, which such a job will allow her to do.

"My mother is very tolerant. We've dealt with a lot of

problems and experiences together and she's always been understanding."

Ivondra resides at 2711 Duncan Avenue with her mother, Mrs. Magaline Thompson, and four brothers and sisters. Even though she loves all of her siblings, Ivondra admits that Tawana is her favorite.

"Tawana is four years old and has brought a lot of light into our lives," she explained. "She is spoiled because she came when the rest of us were 'up in age,' so to speak, but she is delightful. She says and does things at times when she's least expected to. She is full of surprises."

Our Beauty attends Cathy Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, which is pastored by Rev. El Price.

Ivondra enjoys dancing and watching television; but says she doesn't dance as well as she used to. Her favorite television show is "Good Times." She also enjoys playing volleyball and running track.

She has strong convictions about social problems and controversial topics, including Women's Lib and abortion.

"I believe that legalized abortion is legalized murder. I don't believe in a lot of things Women's Lib advocates, either. I think it's up to the individual to decide what she wants to do, but personally, I wouldn't want to do a lot of the hard work that men do. I just can't see a woman doing some of those things," she said.

In regards to how it feels to be Beauty of the Week, Ivondra said, "It's a thrill."

The Post introduces Miss Ivondra Thompson as Beauty of the Week and invites you to welcome her to the list of past and future Beauties.

# West Charlotte Residents Aid 'Ambushed' East High Students

## Survey Shows Blacks May Vote In Record Numbers

WASHINGTON--In what may be the most reliable indicator of black voter registration, the ACRA Black Opinion Survey has found that 79 percent of black adults -- nationwide -- are registered to vote. This is considered a very high percentage. "But," offers James Gee, President of ACRA, "not surprising in light of the historical struggle for black enfranchisement in this country."

The ACRA Black Opinion Survey, which uses a statistically reliable random sample of black households across the country, has checked voting intentions in all of its polls since January, and has found a consistently high level in the intention to vote -- supporting this latest 79 percent registration figure. The samples have been checked against known demographic data, and in all cases have been found to be representative of the total black population in the U.S.

"While we at first viewed the registration figure with some distrust, the consistency of the voting interest over time -- plus the reliability of our data in general -- leads us to believe that this high level of registration actually exists." Further, Gee points out, there is currently no other source for registration information by race, which in

many states is not recorded.

Gee observes that if blacks do indeed vote in large numbers this year, they may play a pivotal role in the outcome of the election: "Although Carter has been favored over Ford so far, earlier ACRA findings show that Carter's personal popularity was significantly lower than other potential Democratic candidates -- and that his current support among black voters stems mainly from traditional party affinity."

Gee contends that both political parties have overlooked a "rich resource" that came about primarily through civil rights and black community issues activation rather than political party registration efforts. "At this point," he concludes, "the performance of either candidate -- in terms of directly appealing to the black community -- particularly the registered voters -- during the remainder of the campaign, may be crucial in winning the election."

### Post Office

### To Observe

### Holiday Monday

Monday, October 25, will be observed as a national legal holiday by the U.S. Postal Service.

A box service window will be open at West Trade Street from 7 to 9 a.m. and at other stations from 8 to 10 a.m. Self Service units will be operating at the usual locations. Stamp vending machines will be operating at each postal station.

No regular service will be available. Special delivery mail and parcels containing perishable matter will be delivered, said a statement from the postal service.

### 17.5 Million Are

### Receiving Family

### Food Assistance

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported in a recent newsletter that for the month of August 17.5 million people participated in the Family Food Assistance Programs.

There were 3,035 Food Stamp Program projects operating in August.

### Seeks Commissioner Seat

## Coleman Opens Campaign Headquarters

By Hoyle H. Martin  
Post Executive Editor

Lewis C. Coleman, Democratic candidate for the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, opened his campaign headquarters here Sunday in the Downtown East Motel on McDowell Street.

Coleman, 56, is the owner-manager of the Westside Sundrys and a West Charlotte resident. He was the fourth highest vote-getter with 11,561 votes in a field of 11 in the August primary election. In the September run-off election, Coleman overcame adverse published reports about a number of financial problems to finish first with 10,925 votes.

Greeting some 60 well-wishers and supporters at the 5:30 p.m. opening of his campaign headquarters, Coleman said, "I'm running because I want to be helpful and responsive to community needs. We need to change government to the extent that it meets and responds to people's needs."

There were many supporters at the campaign opening gathering who gave short testimonials attesting to Coleman's unselfish commitment to serve the community. Mrs. Elizabeth Wakefield, president of the Senior Citizens United, commented on Coleman's efforts in getting bus fares reduced for retired people.



COUNTY COMMISSION CANDIDATE Robert "Bob" Walton, a Democrat running for one of five seats to be filled in the November 2 election, took the occasion of the Smith-Livingstone Bicentennial classic Parade last

Saturday to do a little "POLITICING." Walton was one of a number of office-seekers, including State Senator Fred D. Alexander, to avail themselves of the opportunity. Photo by Peeler.

## Black Students Are Poorer

Students who apply to black private colleges come from severely restricted economic backgrounds but are scholastically apt and are slightly more motivated for study than other college-bound youngsters, a national survey indicates.

The UNCF Research Report, a publication of the United Negro College Fund, analyzed the high school records and test results of students taking College Entrance Examination Board Admission Tests who designated a UNCF college to receive their results.

The economic profile of the students emerging from these figures and published by the Report is this:

37.4 percent of the UNCF applicants' families are in the \$6,000 and under income bracket

per year, compared to only 7.3 percent of all college-bound seniors;

The median family income for the black students was \$7,600, compared to \$16,400 for all seniors nationally, or 46 percent of the national median.

The median amount parents were able to pay for UNCF-bound student costs was \$70, compared to \$1,170 for all college-bound students. 35.2 percent of the UNCF parents were able to help their children's education while 77.9 percent of parents nationally could afford that minimum amount.

In the area of academic backgrounds, UNCF-bound students had average high school grades of 2.85 compared to 3.18 for all seniors, that is, just below a B average

compared with just above a B average.

Some 63.2 percent of the black students were in the highest two-fifths of their high school classes, compared to 76.1 percent of seniors nationally.

Twice the number of UNCF applicants--38 percent--requested help outside regular course work in developing mathematical skills and twice the percentage of UNCF students also asked for personal counseling.

UNCF-bound students scored lower on SAT-verbal and SAT-math tests than all high school seniors. The UNCF figures were 313 verbal, 335 math, compared to 431 verbal and 472 math for all students.

The UNCF is a non-profit organization raising operating money to help 41 member institutions.

## 2 Alleged Attackers Identified

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.  
Post Executive Editor

Residents of Southwest Blvd., Senior Drive and LaSalle Street near the West Charlotte High School campus left their homes last Friday night to assist 36 East Mecklenburg High School students and two East teachers who were being physically assaulted or were in automobiles that were being hit with rocks following the East Mecklenburg-West Charlotte High football game.

Following a meeting with police officers and the students and teachers who claimed that they were assaulted, Leroy "Pop" Miller, principal of East Mecklenburg High School, told the POST, "Our students and faculty members were ambushed for no apparent reason. This is bad for any community, fortunately however, residents in the immediate area of the West Charlotte campus came out of their homes to assist those being assaulted."

Miller said further that the attacks on his students and faculty members occurred as they were leaving the West Charlotte High School's homecoming game, won by East Mecklenburg 26-7.

Neither John Fries, principal of West Charlotte High, Dave Harris, CMS system athletic director, nor the police officials investigating the incident were available for comment late Tuesday. However, late published reports indicate that Mr. Fries said that two West Charlotte students have been identified as among the group of youths who allegedly attacked the East Mecklenburg students and teachers Friday night.

In addition to those from East Mecklenburg who were injured or had their car damaged some parents and some West Charlotte students -- including the homecoming queen, two football players and members of the marching band -- were injured. While none of the injuries were considered to be serious, one parent nevertheless was cut on the head and had to receive five stitches. Another parent was pulled to the ground by her hair. Many of the East Mecklenburg students who were injured reportedly said that they were punched, scratched, kicked or their automobiles damaged by thrown rocks.

Since both black and white students at East Mecklenburg and West Charlotte were hurt in the melee, Miller said that neither he nor Fries believe the assaults were racially motivated. However, the injured youths from both schools, Mr. Miller concluded, described their attackers as blacks.

### TURTLE-TALK



Many a man is proud of his father and mother merely because they are the parents of a fine fellow like himself.