

# Health Officials Urge Parents To Have Their Children Immunized



Haven Moses, presently Golden, Colorado, Adolph Coors Company Assistant Division Manager and Mid-Atlantic Sales and formerly NFL professional athlete, will be the guest speaker during the McCrory Branch YMCA's 49th Annual Dinner Meeting, Wednesday evening, April 24, beginning at 7. The public is invited. Admission is \$6.

**Special To The Post**  
 Raleigh - North Carolina health officials are urging parents to have their children properly immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough), and to be sure that the DTP vaccinations are given on time.

Dr. J. N. McCormack, chief of Epidemiology for the N.C. Department of Health Services, said that despite some recent negative publi-

city about DTP immunization, the vaccine is safe and effective for the vast majority of children. DTP vaccine has been used in the United States since the 1940s.

"In recent weeks, a growing number of parents have delayed their children's immunizations because of the reaction of a few children to the pertussis (whooping cough) portion of the vaccine," he pointed out. "But waiting is risky, particularly for babies less than one year old."

MacCormack said that pertussis can cause pneumonia, convulsions, hernias from violent coughing, and other respiratory complications. It can even be fatal.

Statistics show that in 1984 there were 30 cases of pertussis reported in North Carolina, while in 1983, there were 34 reports. Eighty percent of these cases occurred in children under one year of age, and 63 percent affected infants less than six months. Of the 62 cases for whom

the DTP immunization status was known, 84 percent had either not received the vaccine at all or only one dose of DTP; of those under one year of age, 90 percent had not received their DTP immunization or only one dose of the vaccine.

"One dose or less of the vaccine is not sufficient to protect a child against pertussis," MacCormack emphasized. "We recommend that children complete three DTP doses by six months of age even though our

immunization law allows up to one year. It's the responsibility of the parents to see that their children are properly immunized on time."

North Carolina law requires that children be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, rubella, and polio. It applies to school children in grades K-12 as well as those in licensed day care facilities.

## Flower Gardening

Mecklenburg County Agricultural Extension Service hosts a seminar on flower gardening in conjunction with SpringScene and the Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs, Thursday, April 25.

The seminar, which features information on flower garden design, cultural practices, and flower arranging, will be held in the auditorium of Agricultural Extension's new location, 700 N. Tryon St., in the Marshall Center. Two sessions are planned - 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.

Featured on the program is Dr. J. C. Raulston, professor of horticultural science at N.C. State University, a nationally known lecturer and teacher on the subject of the world's finest flower gardens.

Mary Ann Tilley, a local landscape consultant, garden designer and teacher, will speak on the use of perennials in the landscape. The final speaker on the seminar program will be Anna Shields, a master flower show judge, landscape critic, and certified instructor in Japanese flower arranging.

To make reservations, call the Mecklenburg County Agricultural Extension Service Office, 336-2561, weekdays, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. A \$2 registration fee will be collected at the door.

SpringScene '85, April 20-25, is sponsored by the Central Charlotte Association, and emphasizes the use of flowers particularly in the urban environment.

## Forgiveness Week

To coincide with National Library Week April 14-20, CPCC will welcome and excuse all who return overdue library books. The usual fine of late book return will be waived and no questions will be asked.

Books may be returned to any Area Learning Center (Cornelius, Matthews, Pineville, or Freedom Mall) or to the bookdrop on main campus.

## Cash Flow Seminar

Is your firm having a problem with cash flow?

Then you will be interested in a two-day seminar on "Corporate Cash Management" being sponsored May 6-7 by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days at the Park Hotel, 22 Rexford Rd., Charlotte, the seminar will involve current management practices for forecasting cash needs, developing closer relationships with banks, speeding up cash receivables and making the best use of excess cash on hand.

The instructor is Robert T. Marsh, who heads his own financial consulting firm. He is also a financial editor for Prentice-Hall.

The cost is \$475 per person with a 10 percent discount for three or more from the same organization.

For registration and other information, contact UNCC's Office of Continuing Education and Extension at 597-2424 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays.


## Home Federal

Home Federal Savings and Loan of Charlotte is the eighth largest savings institution in North Carolina according to figures just released by the North Carolina League of Savings Institutions.

Home Federal had total assets of \$353,136,224 at year end 1984, reflecting an increase of \$20,306,721 in total assets as compared to year-end 1983, a growth of 6.1 percent.

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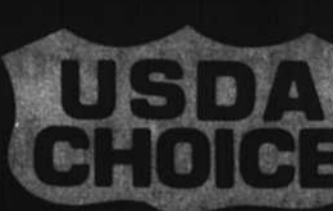


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