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Mass Immunization Set For Swine Flu Shots

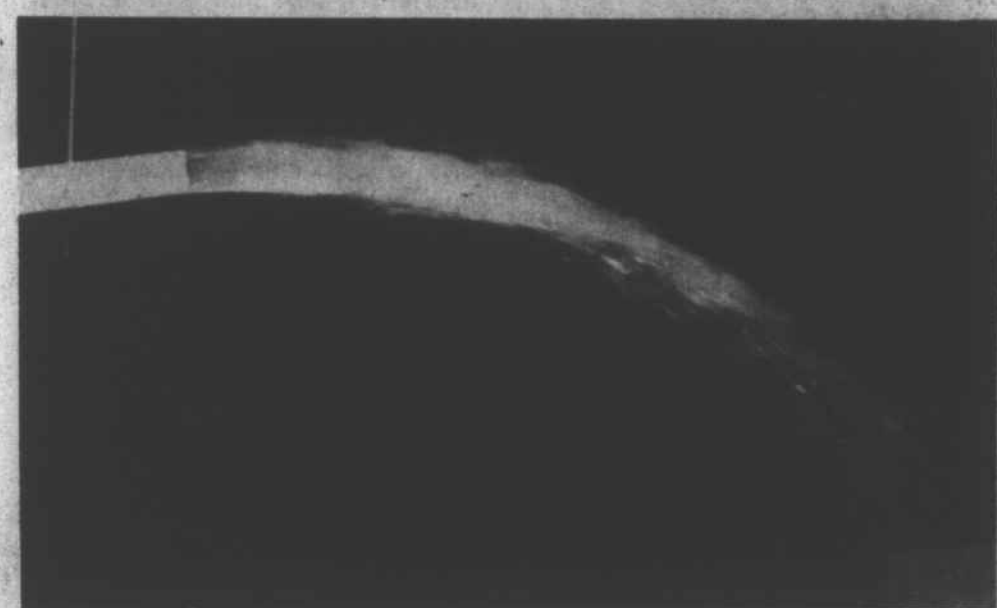
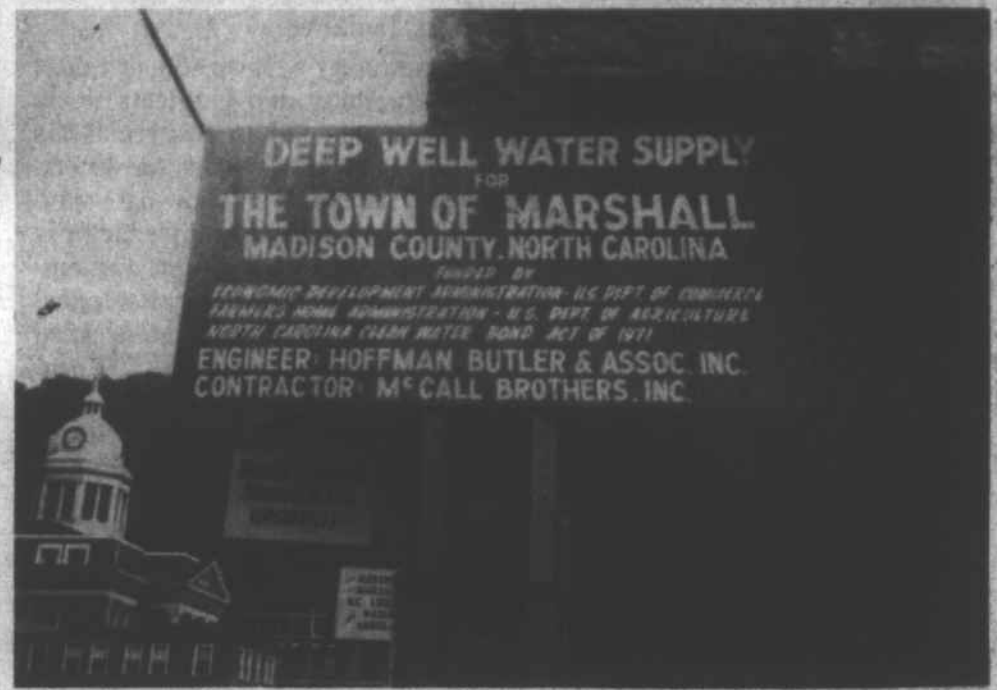
Madison County acting health director, Edward A. Morton, has announced that plans are being made for the Swine Flu Immunization Program in Madison County. Swine Flu, officially called influenza type A-New Jersey, is an upper respiratory tract infection caused by a virus. Authorities believe it may be the same virus that caused the epidemic of 1918 when more than 500,000 people died in the United States. Symptoms of Swine Flu are usually the same as ordinary flu, but likely to be more severe. The county health department is currently making plans to immunize the

population of Madison County through use of mass clinics held in a one-day period, probably in late September — depending on when the vaccine arrives. Current plans are for four public clinic sites — Mars Hill, Marshall, Hot Springs and Laurel. Specific dates, times and places will be announced as soon as more information is made available to the health department. The vaccine will be administered to the public without charge at the mass clinics. Anyone wishing to get the vaccine from his private physician may do so. Physicians cannot charge their patients for the vaccine

itself, but may charge a fee for administering the vaccine. There will be two types of vaccine given — bivalent for people over 65 years of age and people who are chronically ill, and monovalent for the remainder of the population. The monovalent inoculation contains only the Swine Flu Vaccine. The bivalent inoculation, for the elderly and chronically ill, contains both Swine Flu and Victoria Flu vaccines. The valient vaccine will be administered in one shot with syringes rather than with the gun-type inoculation machines that are to be used for the monovalent vaccine. Although recommended

vaccine dosages and schedules for persons under 18 years of age have not been determined and must await the completion of additional field trials, plans are continuing to proceed for immunization of this population. Any person who is allergic to poultry products, chickens, chicken dust, chicken feathers or eggs should not take the vaccine. Anyone in doubt should contact his private physician. Each person receiving the vaccine will be required to fill out a questionnaire to determine whether or not they should take the vaccine. Each person will also be required to

sign a consent form saying that they know what they are taking and that they want to take it. Many volunteers will be needed by the health department for the immunization program. People will be needed to collect consent forms, help with clinic traffic flow, swab people with alcohol and keep records of who is getting shots. Some professional medical volunteers will be needed as well as a lot of non-medical people. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with the immunization clinics should call Madison County Health Department at 649-3531.



MARSHALL OFFICIALS are making every effort to discover new sources of water supply for this area. Top picture shows large sign on Main Street building which is self-explanatory. Bottom picture shows water being pumped from deep in ground on the property near the B. G. Fortner home. The water is being checked

by officials of the State Group Water Control Commission. The above stream is from Well No. 5 which blow test for four hours Tuesday morning checked 450 gallons per minute. Other tests are being made on other wells on 24-hour basis. Well No. 3 tested 313,000 gallons in 15 hours.

Boundaries Set For ASC Election

Community boundaries have been set for the upcoming ASC community committees elections, reports Claude A. Cody, chairman of the Madison County ASC committee.

ASC communities are local administrative areas which help provide farmers with effective farm program administration. According to Cody, these areas are reviewed yearly to determine whether boundary changes would benefit farmers.

Madison County has seven ASC communities.

A list of ASC communities and the number of farms within each community is available to the public at the Madison ASCS office in Marshall. The ASC communities in Madison County are as follows: A-1, Marshall; B-2, White Rock; C-3, Mars Hill; D-4, Beech Glen; E-5, Pine Creek; F-6, Hot Springs and G-7, Ebbs Chapel.

County ASC committee review of the community boundaries is one of the first steps in administering the annual ASC committee elections. Other actions concerning the upcoming election will be announced as they occur.

Brown: Victory's Possible In Runoff Against Gudger

"I see it within our reach," Glenn Brown said this week of his chance for victory in a runoff primary to choose the Democratic party's nominee for the 11th Congressional District seat in the U.S. House.

The second primary — to be held Sept. 14 — will pit Brown against Lamar Gudger, the state senator from Buncombe who polled 3.5 percent more of last week's primary vote than Brown.

However, 2 of every 3 Democrats who voted in the first primary favored somebody other than Gudger, who managed to carry only 3 of the district's 17 counties. Brown sees that as a clear signal Gudger is vulnerable.

Between them Brown and Gudger polled 62.5 percent of the vote, leaving 37.5 percent to be divided among the other 3 candidates in the field. With Gudger's track record, Brown thinks he can pick up more of those votes next time than can Gudger. Gudger carried Buncombe, Madison, and Yancey counties last week, but lost McDowell, one of the counties he has been representing in the N. C. Senate, where he ran third. Brown carried Haywood and every county west of her except Swain where he took

second place by a narrow margin. Brown polled more votes than Gudger in 10 of the 17 counties in the district. He announced his intention to challenge Gudger again at a

news conference held Tuesday in Asheville. The runoff ballot will include candidates for state offices, as well as the congressional district race. Either Gudger or Brown will

take on Republican Bruce Briggs of Mars Hill in the general election in November. Briggs was the GOP's top vote getter in the district last week; he won an overwhelming majority in the Republican Primary.

"After the results of last Tuesday's Democratic Primary in the race for Congress from the 11th District became known," said Brown Tuesday, numerous people who supported me, along with those who supported other candidates, contacted me and urged me to call for a runoff in a second primary.

"The returns show that the candidate who finished in first place received only 33 percent of the total vote cast and that I received 29.5 percent.

"I carried six counties, but the front-runner carried only three. Moreover, I ran ahead of him in 10 of the 17 counties in the district.

"Based on the foregoing analysis, I have concluded: (1) that two-thirds of the voters preferred someone other than the candidate who finished first; and (2) that only 3 counties favored the front-runner.

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Runoff Looms In Register Of Deeds Race

Emery Metcalf, who was runner-up to Mrs. Jena Lee Buckner in the Aug. 17 Democratic Primary in Madison County in the Register of Deeds race, announced this week that he has requested another shot at the nomination.

Mrs. Buckner received the unofficial total of 999 votes to Metcalf's 731 votes. Joe Justice, the other candidate seeking nomination, received 476 votes.

The second primary will be held on Sept. 14.

In requesting a second primary, Metcalf cited N. C. G. S. 163-111. "I file this request in view of the fact that no candidate seeking the Democratic nomination for Register of Deeds in the state and county primary held on Aug. 17, received a majority of the total number of votes cast. As the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes, I am demanding that a second primary be held." Metcalf wrote a letter to Perry G. Willis, chairman, Madison County Board of Elections.

Gowan Murder Case Being Tried Here

The August term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases started here Monday with Forrest A. Ferrell presiding.

The case of State vs. Perry Gowan, charged with the murder of Glenn Payne on Feb. 12, 1975, started here Tuesday and is in progress at press time.

College Mars Hill Expects Record Enrollment

Despite a still uncertain national economy which is definitely affecting enrollments in private colleges, Mars Hill expects a record high enrollment for the fifth straight year when the 1976-77 school years begins in late August.

"We know we will have at least 600 new students," comments Admissions Director David Mathews, "and we conservatively predict 1,500 resident and day (commuting) students plus 250 Continuing Education Program (adult) students."

If his predictions prove true and total fall enrollment reaches 1,750, it will represent an increase of almost four percent over the figure of a year ago.

Established in 1865 when there were no public schools in mountainous Western North Carolina, the college has grown from a single two-story building to a 150-acre campus with 27 major buildings. Moderate but steady enrollment increases have continued since Mars Hill became a senior college in 1962-64.

This month the college will enter its 121st year facing several ambitious tasks. Primary among them is the establishment of a 10-component, long-range development program, recently funded by a \$2 million grant. Entitled the Advanced Institute Development Program (AIDP), the plan is designed to help the college reach its full potential as a model senior college. The 10 components include the learning center, which consists of special laboratories in reading, writing, mathematics and so on.

visual unit which will serve the whole campus population. An institutional research program has been established and will produce statistics and reports which will enable the college to be more effective in decision making. A portion of the AIDP funds will be used to strengthen the college's Evaluation Center, begun two years ago to design new methods for assessing student skills and training faculty in the academic (Continued on Page 6)

Schools Continue Hearing Work

Madison County Health Department and the Madison County School System will be continuing the Hearing Conservation Program in the county schools this year. The hearing program was initiated in the county schools during the 1975-76 school year. More than 850 children in grades kindergarten, first, special education and ninth, along with referrals from other grades were given hearing tests last year. Fifty children were found to be in need of further testing and have been referred for further evaluation and treatment.

Hearing testing will be again in the county schools Aug. 23. In addition to grades tested last year, children in the fifth grade will also be tested. Parents will be notified of their child's test and will be given information on hearing conservation.

Primary Opponents Endorse Briggs

Bruce Briggs, 39, winner of the Aug. 17 Republican Primary for Congress, has been endorsed for the 11th District congressional post by his two primary opponents.

At a meeting in Fletcher, Briggs discussed the coming fall campaign with Ralph Ledford and Walt Sheppard, the two candidates Briggs defeated in the primary. In separate statements, both Ledford and Sheppard pledged their full support for Briggs.

Ledford, 30, stated: "I believe we must preserve the two party system in America in order to insure our democracy. Bruce Briggs offers us an excellent chance in November to elect a Republican to the Congress which has gone too far in the direction of the other party. I urge all Republicans to support Bruce in this important election year."

Sheppard, 47, a Fletcher businessman, told Briggs: "I've called all of my strongest supporters and told them I hope they get behind you and vote for the party."

Briggs, smiling and talking with his previous primary foes, said he was "overjoyed with the endorsements. We are now in a unified position early in the campaign and with a united party effort and the help of our many Democratic friends, I believe we are going to be able to win this congressional seat in November."

Briggs, a former Asheville attorney and assistant United States attorney, served two terms in the state senate representing Buncombe, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey counties. Most recently, Briggs served as a superior court judge; he resigned that position on May 12 to make the congressional race.

Briggs was the big vote getter in 15 of the 17 counties in the 11th District and won with an overall majority of over 38 percent of the votes cast in the 11th District Republican Primary.

He is married to the former Jena Miller of Waynesville and they have a child, Ashley, age 4.



INGREDIENTS FOR A GOOD TIME include good food and lots of conversation. Both were plentiful at an indoor picnic which recently brought together older citizens from the Greater Ivy Community and participants in the Mars Hill Lunch Club, which is for anyone over 60. Some 45 older people and community leaders were at the Beech Glen School where they were welcomed by Dr. Grover Angel.

Taking advantage of the opportunity to eat and visit are (left to right) Mrs. Ken Ray, Mrs. J. G. Gardner, Mrs. Grover Angel, Kenny Ray, Mrs. Sue Biggs, and Mrs. Ben Rice. The picnic at Beech Glen was the second this month for the Mars Hill group which normally meets weekdays at Mars Hill Baptist Church.