

Vaccine Against German Measles Would Prevent Widespread Epidemic In Yancey

An all out campaign to "Rub Out Rubella" (German Measles) is set for May 4, Monday, in Yancey County. Physicians hope that every child in the county between the ages of 1 through 11 will be immunized. The goal is to prevent an epidemic of German Meas-

les as occurred in 1964-1965, which caused thousands of infants to be born with cataracts, hearing defects, heart defects and mental retardation.

On the basis of past trends, the next epidemic of German measles could occur as early as spring of 1970. The disease

tends to occur at epidemic levels every six to nine years. Why this is so is not known.

Yancey County physicians want to protect mothers in the early stages of pregnancy from the effects of a new epidemic. Parents can help by taking their children on May 4 to one of

the 8 locations set up to administer the new vaccine. There will be no charge, but donations will be accepted.

The German Measles vaccine has only been available in the county for 3 months, and if your child has received the measles vaccine prior to that

time it was probably for the regular or 9 day hard measles, the vaccine for which has been available since 1963. It is advised that all children receive the German measles vaccine even if they have had a rash resembling the measles as many diseases and reactions have such a rash.

German measles (Rubella) is mainly a disease of children. Grown women usually contract it from a child so the best way to stop the spread of the disease is to immunize all children.

Clinic locations are as follows:

MAY 4

- 9 a. m. - Burnsville Elementary
- Bald Creek Elementary
- Micaville Elementary
- 11 a. m. - South Toe River School
- 1 p. m. - Clearmont School
- Beelog Elementary School
- 2 p. m. - Pensacola Elementary
- 6 to 8 p. m. at the Health Department, Burnsville.

For transportation for preschoolers call 682-2610 days and 682-2832 nights.

This campaign is sponsored by the Yancey County Health Dept. in cooperation with the several local civic clubs.

Meeting Termed Very Important

The Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner Meeting will be held Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 p. m. in the East Yancey High School Cafeteria. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office on the Square in Burnsville or call 682-2312 for reservations.

This Dinner Meeting is expected to be exceptional in that an important announcement will be made to the people of Yancey County following the dinner. Guest speaker will be R. R. Simmons, Vice President of Manufacturing with Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company in Hickory, N. C.

Other highlights of this meeting will be a presentation by the Chamber of Commerce of two \$200 cash scholarships; one to a senior from East Yancey High School and one to a senior from Cane River High School. A Sportsman Award will also be made to a student from each school.

Commander Fouts Praised

American Legion, Department of North Carolina, Headquarters in Raleigh indicates that Burnsville Post #122 has conducted a highly successful membership drive.

Dover R. Fouts, Commander of the Post, has received a letter from Department Adjutant J. Carroll Wilson reporting that Post #122 has exceeded its Legion Membership Goal for 1970. The Legion Adjutant expressed congratulations and thanks to the Post leaders and membership workers for their effort.

A statement of high praise was issued by C. E. Thompson, Jr. of Wilmington, North Carolina, Department Commander of the American Legion.

Commander Thompson said "The membership of every Legionnaire makes it possible for the American Legion to maintain service for the sick and disabled in hospitals. Memberships make possible all the Legion programs, such as care for needy children, Baseball, Boys' State, Boy Scout Troops, Oratorical Contests, Community Service, Law and Order, and all the others. I am proud to congratulate Post #122 upon this notable achievement."

Post Commander Fouts explained that "Unity and Service for America" the theme of this year's drive - was to remind all America that The American Legion believes in a strong and united America and this is achieved through Service to our Community.

"We are accepting dues payments now from Legionnaires and eligible veterans whose membership is essential if the local organization is to continue its service programs," Commander Fouts stated.

Bank's 'Open House' Draws 2000 Visitors To View Facilities

Open House at the new Northwestern Bank building on the town square in Burnsville was attended by an estimated crowd of more than 2000 people

last Saturday. The viewers of the bank's newest facilities were enthusiastic in their approval and commented favorably on the decor which created an atmosphere of warmth

and friendliness much removed from the austerity of the banks of yesteryear.

Mr. Edward Duncan Sr., President of The Northwestern Bank of North Wilkesboro, home office for the widespread enterprise, attended the Open House along with other officers from the N. Wilkesboro bank. Many officers from other banks in the Western North Carolina area were also visitors at the Open House festivities.

Local bank directors and officers greeted people and conducted tours, showing the modern facilities and lush decor in which Yancey Countians will be served. Refreshments were served by the wives of the local bank's directors.

The anticipated drawing for door prizes drew many people to the bank for this event and they were not disappointed.

Clifton Webb won a color T. V., which was offered as the first prize; Eddie Edwards won a tape recorder; transistor radios were won by Shirley Elkins, Beth Bailey, Lucille Banks, and Mr. Clusen Letterman; an AM FM radio was won by Welda Young; Lucy Deyton won a Bar BQ Grill; and a lock box free for one year was awarded to five persons; Dale Melton, I. G. McClure, Donald Buckner, H. Paige Hunter and Inez Blevins. The children's bike was won by Carol McDonald.

Notice

Open House will be held at Bee Log Elementary School on Friday night, April 24 at 7:00 p. m. A tour of the new lunchroom and the kindergarten addition will be conducted. Refreshments will be served.

Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

Men's Club To Meet

By Bob Helmle

The Burnsville Men's Club will hold its April meeting on Monday night at 6:30 p. m. at the Community Building. Ladies of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church will serve the supper.

This will be the first meeting of the club under the new officers who were installed at the annual ladies night banquet last month. Mack B. Ray the incoming president, states that the executive committee of the club is organizing a major membership drive aiming to bring the level of attendance up to that enjoyed in the past. A special effort will be undertaken by a new projects committee to make the club of maximum service to Yancey County.

The program on Monday evening will be a talk on the drug problem by Wanda Edwards, Yancey County Public Health Nurse. Miss Edwards has talked on this subject before a number of organizations in the county, and reports are that her presentation of this timely subject is authoritative and of great interest.



Brownie Troop No. 86 in Burnsville

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Champs

Brownie Troop Number 86 in Burnsville has just completed a most successful Girl Scout Cookie Sale, exceeding sales of all previous years. A total of 1080 boxes were sold and their Troop Leader, Mrs. Johnny McLain, says the success is due to the fine cooperation and hard work of all members. Mrs. Frank King was Cookie Chairman.

All members of Troop 86 participated in the Cookie Sale. The ones who sold more than 50 boxes were: Jean McIntosh, 56; Revonda Edwards, 86; Marie King, 91; Debra Woody, 109; Debbie Whitt, 129. Master Salesgirl was Jill McIntosh who sold 177 boxes.