

Clinic In Athens Sets Open House

ATHENS — The new Henderson County Health Department facilities will hold an official opening with an immunization and Planned Parenthood clinic and an open house Dec. 2 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The facility is located on the third floor of the courthouse building.

The newly organized Planned Parenthood organization also will use the facility and will hold its first clinic Dec. 2.

Plans were made at a recent meeting for a concerted effort to immunize those in the county who cannot afford the cost of an immunization program, said Dr. Curtis Boyd, county health officer and member of the Henderson County Memorial Hospital medical staff.

Dr. Boyd said representatives of Area 7 of the Texas Health Department and local health officials met with representatives of the schools of the county and discussed instituting an education and testing program.

A county-wide effort will begin the first day of the clinic to at-

tack future threats of poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw), and pertussis (whooping cough). On Dec. 2 and Dec. 16 and on the third Wednesday of each month thereafter, doctors and nurses will gather at the health department to administer vaccines to persons reporting to the special immunization clinic. It will operate between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.

Oral polio vaccine will be available for children two months through 19 years of age. It offers protection against three types of polio infection after a series of three doses. The first two doses will be given Dec. 2 and 16. The third dose should be taken a year after the second. Boosters are recommended for children 4 to 6 years of age, or about the time they enter school.

D-T-P vaccine, also called "three-in-one" or "baby" shots, will be available for children two months through six years. T-D vaccine will be available for everyone of school age or older, including adults.

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