

Dr. Kennon Says

High Blood Pressure Is Major Disease Suffered By Blacks

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The Charlotte Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society held the first of a series of seminars, to be conducted in their campaign to make Charlotte's black community aware of the dangers of HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, last Sunday beginning at 2 at the Mother House of Prayer on Beatties Ford Road.

According to Dr. Tolly A. Kennon, "over 120 persons were screened (had their blood pressure checked) and approximately 85 per cent of those screened were women."

He lamented this statistic because, as he says, "black men are the most afflicted by the disease of Hypertension." High Blood Pressure is the major disease suffered by this country's Black population as well as the most important factor in their shorter life expectancy.

Dr. Kennon says, "A National Health Survey has disclosed that 21.1 percent of urban blacks have hypertension, compared with 13.5 per cent of urban whites." He added, "Deaths from Hypertension are 4 times more prevalent in Black men than in white men."

The society's Public Relation Committee members say that High

Blood Pressure can be easily detected and in most cases can be adequately controlled.

They recommend that the following steps can be taken for control of high blood pressure:

1. Have your blood pressure checked.
2. Follow medical advice about medicine, diet, and changes in health habits.
3. Keep taking your medicine whether you feel well or not, but tell your physician and his staff how you feel.
4. Cooperate, you and the medical team must work together in order to get your high blood pressure under control.

Dr. Raleigh Bynum and other members of the Society expressed their sincere appreciation for the cooperation they received from Elder Claude Wilkinson and House of Prayer Nurses-headed by Mrs. Girlie Sanders - in kicking-off their High Blood Pressure Seminars.

Dr. Kennon said seminars will be held at other area churches on a continuing basis and persons desiring to participate in such programs should contact him at his office in the Independence Medical Plaza Building.



HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING, sponsored by the Charlotte Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society, and conducted by House of Prayer nurses - headed by Mr. Girlie Sanders (standing right) - was participated in by approximately 120 persons, mostly women. Dr. Tolly Kennon, standing rear, observes the high blood pressure check.

Area Fund Expands W. Boulevard Services

Samuel H. Kornegay, Executive Director of the Charlotte Area Fund, Inc. announced the opening of the Charlotte Area Fund's West Boulevard Neighborhood Service Center at 3100 West Boulevard.

Mr. Kornegay explained that when Area Fund staff revised census figures and other socio-economic data during its recent three-year planning process, it was evident that over the past several years there has been a significant shift of Charlotte's low-income population to the West Boulevard area. In addition to the low-income families who reside in Reid Park and the Dixie Community, there are now almost 1,000 families who live in a 2 1/2 mile corridor of low-income housing projects along West Boulevard: 56 families in Key Way; 100 families in Parker Heights; 300 families in Dalton Village; 240 families in Little Rock Apartments; and 300 families in Boulevard Homes. A review of the resources available revealed that, although there are many social problems throughout the area, there are relatively few agencies, organizations, etc. to provide assistance to the people.

Accordingly, the Charlotte Area Fund expanded its services to include the West Boulevard area. Mr. Kornegay assigned a Social Services Team headed by Mrs. Willie Suswell to deal with specific social problems of individual families in the area and a Community Development Team headed by Mr. John McCall to assist organized groups in

dealing with broader neighborhood problems. The Community Development Team recently provided technical assistance to the residents of Dalton Village and Boulevard Homes during their negotiations with the Charlotte Housing Authority over the proposed new public housing lease. Residents of the West Boulevard area are urged to visit the new Center or call 394-1133 for assistance.

The Charlotte Area Fund is also currently operating Head Start Centers in Dalton Village and Boulevard Homes.

Data Processing Survey Being Conducted Here

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in cooperation with the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce are conducting an area data processing survey to provide up-to-date information regarding instructional use of computers.

Survey results will be used to help chart the course of the school system's instructional data processing programs said John M. Bunch, CMS director of business education. Some 300 computer users will be contacted to fit out a 19-question survey instrument.

Results of the survey will also be compared with results of a similar survey conducted in 1968 to determine any trends in local computer use. Bunch said.

Black Mayors Set Conference Agenda

ATLANTA -- Black Mayors from throughout the Southeast will venture to Atlanta April 8-11, for the Second Annual Convention of the Southern Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. to be headquartered at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel.

The majority of mayors who will be in attendance are from small rural municipalities. Most federal agencies have not been responsive to the needs of these cities; consequently, one of the objectives

of the convention is to bring majors face to face with federal agencies and program administrators. Workshop participants at the convention will address themselves to the various government programs created to assist small communities in their effort towards economic stability and continued planned growth.

Some of the topics to be discussed in the various workshops are as follows:

Federal Programs - Requirements and Guidelines Municipal Financing Municipal Management Rural Economic Development Revenue Sharing and Its Impact on Minority Communities SCBM expects more than 500 interested individuals - organizations and businesses will send representatives to this year's convention.

'Hang On' Students To Host Open House

The "Hang On" program at West Charlotte High School, a program for "bright but bored" students, will hold an open house for parents and other interested persons at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26, in the school's 400 Building.

The open house is sponsored by "Hang On" faculty mem-

bers and students who believe many students can profit from such a program but are unaware of it.

The "Hang On" program emphasizes active learning experiences such as field trips, rappelling and mountain climbing as well as extensive small group work.

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