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NEW OFFICERS of Charlotte Mecklenburg League of Business Women, Inc. during Installation Services at Sir George's Restaurant last Sunday. They are: l to r, Lelar Caldwell, Parliamentarian; Diane Jones, Treasurer;

Bessie Gleaves, Corresponding Secretary; Iris Edney, Secretary, Jessie McCombs, President. Mrs. Anna Hood, right, installed the new officers to two-year terms. Geraldine Hairston, President-elect, is not pictured.

Charlotte League Of Business Women Elect New Officers

by James Peeler
Post Staff Writer

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg League of Business Women, Inc. held its Annual Dinner Meeting last Sunday, March 28, at Sir George's Restaurant, Sugar Creek Road, at 4 p.m.

Installed for two-year terms were: Jessie McCombs, President; Geraldine Hairston, President-elect; Iris Edney, Secretary; Bessie Gleaves, Corresponding Secretary; Diane Jones, Treasurer; and Lelar Caldwell, Parliamentarian.

Also attending the hour-long meeting were: Dorothy Taylor, Sammie Grier, Dallis Reeder, Virginia Stepteanu, Anna Hood, Madie Simpson, Daisy Bowser, and Jane Neal.

The Charlotte Mecklenburg League of Business Women are members of the Profes-

sional Business Women's League of North Carolina and representatives from the organization will attend the Professional Business Women's Annual Conference and Twelfth Annual Workshop this weekend, April 2 and 3, at the Hilton Inn in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The theme for this year's 2-day Annual Conference is "Horizons Anew For Women in 1976" and Chapel Hill Mayor and candidate for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina Howard N. Lee will be the keynote speaker Saturday morning at 10:15.

D. Joseph L. Patterson, Professor of Education at Winston Salem State University will be the Banquet Speaker for Dinner at 7:30 Saturday evening.

State President Danette Fitts will preside during the two days of meetings and dele-

gates to the affair are scheduled to be welcomed by Winston Salem Mayor Franklin R. Shirley.

Workshop Sessions subjects include: "Training in Effective Communication", presented by Mrs. Manderline Scales, Instructor at Winston Salem State University; "Developing Your Potentials", presented by Mrs. Dorothy C. Graham, Director of Early Childhood Development Planning Association; "Finance: Boundaries and Limitations", presented by Atty Annie Brown Kennedy, of Kennedy & Kennedy, Attorneys at Law; and, "The Life Style of the Career Woman", presented by Dr. Virginia Newell, Professor at Winston Salem State University.

Newly elected State Officers will also be installed at the Saturday dinner meeting.

A Real Issue

Black On Black Crime

by Kenyon C. Burke
Special To The Post

Why are the streets of our communities plagued with rapes and muggings in addition to stealing what few possessions we have been able to acquire for our homes? Who is responsible and whom should we look to for protection?

Is there something unique about the black community that insists criminal acts against each other must continue to make streets unsafe for all, be they young, elderly, male, female, of whatever racial, ethnic or economic status?

Reports of three separate instances recently crossed my desk stimulating these questions. An article appeared in the Newark Star Ledger (N.J.) announcing that the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was changing their meeting time and place from the afternoon in their recently acquired building located in the black south ward to the downtown headquarters of the YM-YWCA. Fear of personal safety was sighted as the reason for this change.

A black physician serving

the black community making house calls to those who were unable to travel to his office was robbed so many times that he was forced to purchase two Doberman Pinscher dogs for protection in order that he could continue to make his rounds.

A minister of a black church in St. Albans, New York reported that car theft, along with stealing of tires and other accessories reached such a peak that the church has to employ security guards to watch the cars during services on Sunday mornings.

The fact that one is no longer able to safely attend a NAACP meeting and be assured that a doctor is permitted to attend the sick without being assaulted or just go to church without being ripped-off, signals the seriousness of the problem.

Of course, there are those who would quickly argue that these conditions are the result of living in a racist society that deprives us of equal opportunity in jobs, education, housing, health care and double standard of justice.

Somehow that type of explanation falls short of explaining why our grandparents,

wives, sisters, brothers and cousins are continuous victims of personal assaults and other often vicious crimes in our own neighborhoods.

These conditions tend to make a mockery of those most deeply held values that saw us through our very troubled past such as love and respect for those individuals and institutions which were so important to our survival.

Fortunately, several communities across the country are beginning to face some of these realities and have initiated grass roots efforts in organizing to counteract this menace. Common themes are beginning to emerge throughout these organizing efforts are 1) while the police have the ultimate responsibility for reducing and containing crime, the residents of the community must not expect them to do the job without community assistance; 2) that the community must take separate actions (from the police) to get the kind of neighborhood they want; and 3) that a community education effort is necessary to get people to stop buying stolen goods and thereby not contribute to rewarding crime.

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