



Blue Slipper Club held its 5th Anniversary Dinner and Dance at the Excelsior Club, June 23, from 10 p.m. til 2 a.m. The Blue Slipper was originally called the Blue Bus Club because it was organized on the Blue Bus which carried domestic workers back and forth to work everyday. After the blue bus stopped running, the social club continued on. The name was changed to the Blue Slipper Club.

Shown above are Lurene Harris, president; Virginia Winchester, vice president; Nora Halmer, secretary; Carrie Huey, assistant secretary; Mattie Fredricks, treasurer; Francis Patterson, business manager; Mildred Price, program chairman; Mae Francis Holly, Mary Ann Stratford, Addie Neal, sick committee chairwoman; Mae Elmer Kilgo, Geneva Elder, and Thelma Young, contact committee chairwoman.

**Memorial**

**Welcomes**

**House Staff**

Thirty-six new interns and residents arrive this week to begin training in Charlotte Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's Graduate Medical Education Program.

This is the 16th consecutive year Memorial has filled its internship positions under the National Intern and Resident Matching Program. No other non-university teaching hospital in the country has consecutively filled all its internship positions for as many years as Memorial.

The 29 interns are among top graduates of 14 American medical schools and represent eight medical specialties including: Dentistry, Emergency Medicine, Family Practice, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, and Surgery.

There are also seven residents in Memorial's graduate program: two in General Surgery, two in Thoracic Surgery, and one each in Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Family Practice.

With the incoming interns and residents, Memorial's House Staff will number 103 for 1978-79.

Dr. Bryant Galusha, director of Memorial's Medical Education Program for the past 16 years, has nothing but praise for the new interns.

"The incoming group of House Staff is indeed a 'class group.' All are academically strong and have exhibited a keen desire to learn. It is safe to predict they will contribute greatly to our graduate Medical Education Program," Dr. Galusha says.

**David Avenue**

**To Close For Sewer**

Beginning Friday, July 7, David Avenue will be closed between Little Rock Road and Ashford Road for approximately one week. The purpose of the closing is to permit construction of a sewer line across David Avenue.

**In New Financing**

**Minorities Win \$192 Million**

During the first half of fiscal year 1978 (Oct. 1, 1977 - March 31, 1978) minority business owners won \$192 million in new financing and \$356 million in procurement contracts with help from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE).

The figures are based on reports from 250 business development centers around the country which are under contract with OMBE to offer management and techni-

cal assistance to minority business owners. During the 6-month reporting period, they helped owners of 14,101 firms, a 19 percent increase over the same period last year.

Thirty percent of client firms were involved in the construction industry reflecting in part OMBE's role in carrying out the minority contracting provision of the Local Public Works Act of 1977. It requires that 10 percent of the \$4 billion in Federally funded

construction work authorized under the law go to minority contractors and subcontractors.

Another 24 percent of the OMBE client firms were involved in retail trade, 19 percent in services and 10 percent in manufacturing.

In terms of minority business activity, the States of California, Texas and New York led all others. In California alone, clients won \$67 million worth of procurement contracts and \$31 million in financing.

**Steward To Attend Governor's School**

Emmett Steward, a rising junior at West Charlotte High School, will be attending Governor's School at Saint Andrews College in Laurinburg, N.C.

Steward completed his sophomore year at West Charlotte with advanced courses in French, Algebra II-Trigonometry, Biology, English-III, Driver Education, and Personal Issues.

He will be taking Natural Science courses at Saint Andrews; he left for school on July 2.

Emmett is the son of Mrs. Sidney Steward of 2501 Senior Dr. and attends Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church.

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