

Memorial Hospital Receives

Duke Endowment Grant

Charlotte Memorial Hospital and Medical Center has received a grant of \$45,700 from the Duke Endowment, to continue its residency program in Hospital Administration for another year.

The residency program was begun in 1947. Fifty-seven students have graduated since

that time. The Trustees of the Duke Endowment have now provided \$329,500 in stipends and travel expenses for the hospital administration

course since 1970. In that period, most of the students who have graduated have taken administrative positions

at hospitals in the Carolinas. Others of Memorial's administrative graduates are working as far away as Florida, Colorado, and Pakistan.

The Administrative Residency course is an intensive, 18-month program which combines classroom instruction with rotations through every department of the hospital. There's also a tour of other hospitals in the Carolinas, sponsored by the Duke Endowment.

There are five administrative residents in the program at any one time. Those currently enrolled are Steve Chapman and Jim Dunn of Charlotte, Rodney McKnight of Shelby, Chris Dux of Jacksonville, Florida and Biff Comte of Toledo, Ohio.

The Duke Endowment has provided financial assistance to Charlotte Memorial Hospital since the hospital opened in 1940. The latest gift brings the total amount granted Memorial by the Endowment to nearly \$4.5 million.

In announcing the gift, Billy G. McCall, Executive Director of the Duke Endowment's Hospital and Child Care Sections, (and a graduate of the program himself) observed that "Now, as never before, there is a demand for competent, knowledgeable and efficient hospital administrators. The Trustees and staff of the Duke Endowment are happy to assist in assuring a continuing supply of first-rate administrative people."

H. C. Green, Director of the hospital, said, "This is just one more example of the many ways in which the Endowment has helped to improve health care delivery in the Carolinas, since its establishment more than 50 years ago. Our hospitals and our people are grateful for their compassion and their far-sightedness."



National Medical Association President-elect Dr. Robert Dawson (right), of Durham, N.C. greets Senator Edward M. Kennedy at the NMA's 83rd Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly in Washington, D.C. Looking on are (from left) are Rep. Walter E. Fauntroy (D-DC) and Dr. Frank S. Royal, Chairman, NMA Board of Trustees, of Richmond, Va.

FDA Approves New Drug

For High Blood Pressure

A new drug, representing a second generation of beta-blocking antihypertensives, has been approved by the Food & Drug Administration for the treatment of high blood pressure. Called Lopressor, it is the first beta-blocking agent released for medical use in the U.S. in over a decade. Marketed by Geigy Pharmaceuticals of Summit, New Jersey, the prescription drug is expected to be available within the next few weeks.

Unlike earlier beta blockers, Lopressor is relatively selective, focusing its action on beta receptors in the heart known as (Beta-one receptors) while leaving beta sites (Beta-two receptors) in the lungs comparatively unaffected.

"Lopressor has less effect on the beta receptor sites that produce certain unwanted side effects," Roy Ellis, M.D., vice president of the medical division of the Pharmaceuticals Division of Geigy Pharmaceuticals explains.

Advantages of the new antihypertensive, known generically as metoprolol tartrate, lie in its effectiveness in lowering blood pressure while producing fewer and milder side effects, most of them temporary, so that the medication generally is well tolerated by patients.

"Depression and sedation sometimes experienced with traditional hypertensives were minimal with Lopressor, and no sexual dysfunction has been reported," Dr. Ellis says. He points out that, "Lopressor usually does not cause dizziness or fainting when the patient stands, a condition known as orthostatic hypotension."

Beta blockers get their name from their blocking action, reducing nerve impulses

to the system (the beta-adrenergic system) that controls the body's cardiovascular and glandular responses to various stimuli.

Usually, patients with bronchospastic disease should avoid beta blockers. However, if used with caution, Lopressor, in contrast to the other beta blocker, can be given to some patients with certain lung problems when the patient has trouble taking other antihypertensive medication. Lopressor also can be used alone or combined with other blood pressure reducing agents.

The safety and efficacy of the drug has been well proven in numerous studies of every type involving more than a thousand patients.

Board Of Transportation

Approves 39 Contracts

The North Carolina Board of Transportation in its August meeting last week, approved 39 contracts for highway construction and improvements across the State. The contracts totaled \$25,851,241.17.

Of the total amount, \$942,500 was allocated for reconstruction and bridge replacements on highways in western North Carolina damaged by the November 1977 floods.

The Board also approved \$63,000 in State funds for planning public transportation improvements for various local communities across the State. These State funds will be matched by an equal amount of local funds and \$504,000 in federal funds for a total of \$630,000.

This month's meeting of the Board, held in the Beaufort County Courthouse, was chaired by Secretary of Transportation Thomas W. Brad-

shaw, Jr. Members of the Board of Transportation are: March Basnight of Manteo; Jack E. Bryant of Brevard; Rep. David W. Bumgardner, Jr. of Belmont; John Q. Burnette of Charlotte; Jeanette Carl of Raleigh; Iley L. "Buck" Dean of Durham; Michael B. Fleming of Greensboro; John K. Gallaher of Winston-Salem; Garland B. Garrett, Jr. of Wilmington; Sen. James B. Garrison of Albemarle; John M. Gilkey of Marion; George Harper of Kinston; William C. Herring of Wilson; Martha C. Hollers of Candor; David William Hoyle of Dallas; Charles R. Jonas, Jr. of Charlotte; T.G. Joyner of Garysburg; Oscar Ledford of Franklin; Helen H. Little of Yanceyville; Marvin R. Phillips of Boone; Dr. Moses Ray of Tarboro; Joseph E. Thomas of Vanceboro; and Arthur Williamson of Chadbourn.

Drive Launched To

Immunize Black Children

Special to the Post
The National Medical Association (NMA) has announced the launching of a National Immunization Program (NIP) in conjunction with the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). The program is funded by a \$451,000 grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

NIP was developed as a result of the National Immunization Initiative launched in April of 1977 by HEW Secretary Joseph Califano. This study indicated that low income and innercity children do not receive adequate immunization for the "Big 7" infectious diseases (polio, measles, rubella, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and mumps).

The program is designed to reach over 200,000 poor and minority children in "unserved or underserved" health areas in fifteen cities. These cities include: Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, Baltimore, Richmond, Atlanta, Newark, Nashville, Kansas City (MO), New Orleans, Detroit, Houston, Columbus (OH), Roxbury (MA), and the State of Mississippi.

Announcing the grant, Dr. George I. Lythcott, Assistant Surgeon General, Public Health Service, and Director, Health Services Administra-

tion, stated: "There is growing concern over the low immunization rates among American children, especially Blacks and other minorities. Immunization levels in non-white preschool and school-aged groups are far below those generally accepted as necessary to prevent outbreaks."

Despite the availability of protective vaccines against the "Big 7," the percentage of children who are fully immunized annually, "For many children, these diseases are relatively minor health problems," said Dr. Lythcott. "However," he added, "Any one of them can cause life-long physical or mental impairment or even death."


NIP plans include a massive community outreach approach to identify children who are not immunized, via surveys conducted at schools, churches, with parent groups, etc. Educational material will be distributed through the media and direct communication will be established with children who have not been immunized.

Coordinators for NIP will be NMA physicians and members of the NCNW. Field directors will circulate materials, keep records of children receiving immunization as well as work with volunteer organizations in implementing the program. NMA physicians who are not located in target cities will also receive educational information to distribute in their communities.

ANNUAL SOUL SAVING Revival

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Evangelist



Rev. H. E. Johnson

(Pineville, N. C.)


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7:30 P. M.

NIGHTLY

Host Pastor



Rev. William Lee Jr.

SUNDAY THRU. FRIDAY
(August 20th - 25th 1978)
3rd SUNDAY

11:00 A. M. SERMON REV WILLIAM LEE JR

2:30 P. M. SERMON REV W. L. HARRIS
Pastor: Mt. Zion And Smithfield Baptist Churches

Guest Evangelist
REV. HENRY E. JOHNSON
(Pastor: Oak Grove Baptist Church - Harrisburg, N.C.)
(7:30 P.M. Nightly)

ANNUAL BAPTISMAL SERVICE
4th Sunday Morning - Aug. 27th 11:00A.M.

Sam Johnson's Losing Weight.

Sam Johnson's had a steady diet of a full car lot. Now he's out to trim his inventory with a Red Tag Discount Sale to get rid of that extra weight. Between August 3 and 31, a Red Tag on a Sam Johnson Lincoln or Mercury means you automatically save hundreds of dollars off the manufacturer's sticker price on that particular car. But Red Tags aren't limited to just Monarchs and Marquis either.

A number of Red Tag Lincolns have discounts of up to \$3,000 off the manufacturer's sticker price. And on any Red Tag Mercury in stock without air, you not only get a good deal, you get free, dealer installed air after you buy at the Red Tag sale price. So if you want a good deal on a Lincoln or Mercury catch Sam Johnson's Red Tag Discount Sale. Because Sam Johnson's loss is your gain.

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