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Attending the latest session for the financial progress report is l-r: Sam Haywood area superintendent for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools; Stephanie Counts, assistant principal at Randolph Jr. High School; Barbara Ferguson, campaign volunteer. The county school system has contributed \$6,000 toward the goal. So far, the campaign totals \$304,000 or 38 percent of the goal. (Photo by Divine Reflections)

**AACC Restoration Project
Is About Preserving History**

Special To The Post
There is a bit of poetic justice in the campaign to raise \$100,000 to restore the old and historic Little Rock AME Zion Church to house the Afro-American Cultural Center.

The restoration project is about preserving history and culture in a location that has a rich history in itself. But, the fundraising drive is historically significant, too. It is said to be the largest single public fundraising effort ever in Charlotte to be orchestrated mainly by the black community.

"This does not mean that it is a black project," emphasized Deedee Murphy, project director. "It does mean the black community has never before undertaken responsibility for the successful promotion and leadership of a project which so greatly impacts on the city's community," she added.

The Afro-American Cul-

tural Center Restoration Project has broad community support, but most eyes are focused on the black community's support for it. The solicitation formula calls for about one quarter of the money coming from the black community at-large including individual gifts, contributions from black businesses, and black churches. The remaining three-quarters would come from majority corporations and individuals.

The history associated with this campaign dates back to the 1870's when the City of Charlotte adopted the Ward System. The First Ward community where the old Little Rock Church stands will remain has a culturally diverse background. At the turn of the century when the church was built in 1910, First Ward had already established itself as a racially mixed community. It has been home

for an ambassador, mayors, bishops and other leaders, as well as everyday hardworking people... people of both races black and white.

"The Little Rock Restoration Project strengthens the bond between Charlotteans in general and offers some unique opportunities to preserve and promote Afro-American culture and history in particular," said Vivian Nivens, executive director of the Afro-American Cultural Center. "That is why it is so very important that this campaign attract the full support of our entire Charlotte community," added Nivens.

"This project will succeed," commented Herman Thomas of the Afro-American Cultural Center Board of Directors.

"City Council has shown good faith by appropriating the first half-million dollars to stop any further decay of the building. We have been given this opportunity to raise the necessary \$800,000 to make this a reality. I have every confidence in the world this campaign will end successfully," Thomas assured.

Persons wishing to pledge or make contributions may call the Afro-American Cultural Center at 374-1565 or Deedee Murphy at 394-4033.

Following a visit to TRIM modeling school,

RALEIGH -- Governor Jim Hunt has proclaimed June 23 as Community Watch Day in North Carolina.

Hunt said, "North Carolina has a proud tradition of neighbors helping neighbors." Community Watch is a prime example of neighbors getting together with neighbors and their local law enforcement officers to do something about crime. Let us show support for this vital program and for the North Carolina Community Watch Association by attending our state's third annual Community Watch Day.

Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Herman R. Clark joined with Governor Hunt in support of Community Watch and the third annual Community Watch Day. "We have made major strides in Community Watch since it was first organized in 1977. Today, people in more than 14,000 communities and all 100 counties throughout our state are involved. I join with Governor Hunt in support of Community Watch and the Association, and all of those citizens who are working hard to make their neighborhood, community, and state a safer place to live," Clark said.

Bruce E. Marshburn, Director of the Crime Prevention Division, stated that North Carolina leads the nation in the involvement of citizens in the Community Watch programs.

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Mental Health Services' Future Is Questionable

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FELECIA ROBINSON

...East Meck sophomore

Felecia Robinson Planning

For Career In Modeling

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

This September, Felecia Robinson will be a sophomore at East Mecklenburg high school. A 1984 graduate of Carmel Junior High, Robinson is excited about moving on to high school and she's looking

further into the future at a career option.

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Following a visit to

Robinson reveals she's decided to attend the school next summer. Her other plans include signing up for modeling courses at Belk's and Ivey's department stores.

A modeling career is a capricious endeavor but Robinson points out that there are residual benefits of pursuing this profession. She notes, "Attending modeling school may not make me successful but it definitely will help me to have a better outlook about myself. I'll have the opportunity for greater personal development. I'll be able to

improve my posture and poise and this is very important."

Furthermore, Robinson informs, "I choose modeling as a first career choice but I'm considering computer science as a second alternative." When asked what she would do if she became an immediate modeling success, Robinson responded, "I'll set aside time to go to college to obtain a degree. For back-up," she assured.

This young lady is covering all the bases as far as her future is concerned. Her philosophy is,

"All that you want to do you can achieve as long as you hold on to your goals and never give up." It is precisely this attitude that has yielded Robinson such awards as certificates of accomplishment and honor from Junior Achievement and the National Junior Honor Society and an outstanding achievement trophy awarded by Carmel Junior High.

Part of her drive comes

from parental support, Robinson admits. "My parents have always looked after me to make sure I have a great future ahead. They've always been there when I needed them."

The oldest of four children, Robinson has one brother, Octavius, and two sisters, Cynthia and Rhonda.

This career-minded and industrious beauty also believes in having a little fun. For entertainment, Robinson enjoys listening to her favorite soul and pop recording artists on the

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Memorial May Take Over Agency

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

The future of Mecklenburg Mental Health Services is uncertain. There is a good possibility that the county agency will be taken over, in whole or in part, by Charlotte Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. The fate of Mental Health Services is to be decided by county commissioners later this month. The Mental Health Authority meets this morning to decide what their recommendation to the commissioners will be.

Mental Health Services is a part of Area Mental Health and Allied Services, which coordinate programs for mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse and specialized youth services.

The Center on Billingsley Road operates a 58-bed hospital, but the vast majority of clients are seen on an outpatient basis.

Doris Allison, Staff Development and Quality Assurance Coordinator for Mental Health Services, reports that Center staff see approximately 100 people a day. Each month the Center's screening personnel have face-to-face interviews with an average of 450 people to determine whether Mental Health Services is what they need, or whether they can best be helped by some other agency. Of those 450, about 250 are admitted to outpatient services and another 90 are admitted to the Center's hospital. The records department has about 2,300 cases presently open.

According to Ms. Allison, a study done two years ago revealed that 30 percent of the agency's clients suffer from depression. The second and third most frequent complaints are anxiety and psychotic disorders.

While the agency serves people with a wide range of problems, one of the areas where concentrated attention is being placed at present is on those persons who have suffered from severe emotional difficulties for a lengthy period of time.

The New Directions program works with approximately 650 of the chronically disturbed in Mecklenburg County. These individuals are generally unable to work regularly, isolate themselves socially, and tend to rely on family or community agencies for their emotional, social, and financial needs. New Directions staff hope to be able to expand services to provide a community support program modeled

on the one provided by the Charlotte Therapeutic Recreation Advocate (CTRA) will sponsor "The Therapeutic Recreation Awareness Day, June 16. The affair will take place in Eastland Mall near Belk Department Store.

State NAACP Announces First Kelly Alexander "Freedom Fund Dinner"



Kelly Alexander, Sr.
....NAACP chairman

years the award will go to personages who have rendered outstanding service

to humanity.

For the past 36 years Mr.

Alexander has served as President of the State Conference of Branches. During his tenure in office, he has led in the organizing of the largest number of branches of any NAACP State Conference in the United States. He initiated and developed the Annual "Mother of the Year" Program of which the proceeds are used for the causes of freedom.

For the past 34 years Mr. Alexander has been a member of the National Board of the NAACP and for the past six years he has served as Vice Chairman of the Board. In January of 1984, he was elected as Chairman of the Board. He had served as acting Chairman for one

year having succeeded Attorney Margaret Busher Wilson.

Local branches are planning to car-pool, charter buses and arrange plane transportation to Charlotte for the dinner. The Hospitality Committee of the Charlotte Branch has arranged hotel accommodations at a reasonable rate.

For further information, contact Mrs. Carolyn Q. Coleman, NAACP State Field Director, at 919-275-0851 or your local NAACP Branch.

Awareness Day

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