## the star was the star of the Here Sunday in no in **ABC-TV** To Film Hummingbirds Concert Here

When the Dixie Hummingbirds come to Charlotte Sunday, October 22 for their 50th Anniversary Concert, ABC network television will be on hand to film the gospel concert. According to emcee Rev. James E. Barnett, this will be the first black TV film ever work will televise the concert in November.

Known as "The Gentlemen of Song," the Hummingbirds will appear in concert at United House of Prayer on Beatt-

ies Ford Road at 3 p.m. **Great WBT Jello Jump** 

The ten jello jumpers will be

determined through an on-air telephone contest on WBT Ra-

dio, Monday, October 16

through Thursday, October 19.

cash-pack they find.

## Sunday. For 50 years the quartet has been a major influence on gospel music. Beginning in 1928 in Greenville, S.C., the Hummingbirds spent their early years in southern churches, where they developed their own style and gather-ed a rich collection of songs

from the Negro people - spirit-uals, jubilees and folk music. The Hummingbirds are nationally known for their unique harmonic blends and tonal sounds. They have been a major influence on contempo-rary soul music and their songs have often topped the gospel charts. The National Academy of

**Television and Recording Art**ists ranked the Hummingbirds as the Best Gospel Group in 1972. They are still flying high on the success of two best-selling albums, "Dixie Hummingbirds: Live" and "Golden Flight," in honor of their 50 golden years. Young and old turn out in large numbers to hear their melodic sounds.

James Davis, baritone and organizer of the quartet, has kept the group together over the years. Other Birds are Ira Tucker, lead singer; Howard Carroll, second baritone and guirtarist; and Beechy Thompson, tenor.

Ebony magazine, which featured the quartet in its

October issue, called the Hummingbirds "a major Black institution, in their own way spreading an oral literature which contains some of the earliest notations of Black life in America."

Sunday's gospel concert will also include the Soul Stirrers of Chicago, the Harmonizing Five of Van Wyck, S.C., and the Torrence Family of Mooresville.

Tickets are \$3.50 in advance, \$4.00 at the door. Tcikets are on sale at Record City Discount, Griffin Street Luncheonette, Barrington Drive Barber Shop, Neal's Barber Shop and Oaklawn Barber Shop.

## **Coming Friday Morning**

The world's biggest bowl of jello will be stationed at the NCNB Plaza for the GREAT WBT JELLO JUMP, Friday, October 20, at 12:30 p.m.

The event will feature ten contestants jumping into a 5'x5', 3' deep, vat containing close to 400 gallons of jello topped with 50 gallons of whipped cream. Within the jello will be hidden ten WBT cash-packs worth \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00 Each contestant will jump into the jello separately and keep the first

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