Local Churches Embark On Ten Year Missionary Project

By Loretta Richardson

Post Staff Writer
On Saturday, December 5 at
10 a.m. the Seversville Partners
Program will sponsor a community WALKAROUND starting at
Clinton Chapel AME Zion
Church, 1901 Rozzelles Ferry

The principals involved in the Seversville Partners Program are expecting Seversville resi-dents, local businesspersons, clergy and members from the media to participate in the walk, hoping that it will serve as a visibility tool for a 10 year project that five local churches, CN Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, First United Presbyterian Church, Grier Heights Pres-byterian Church and Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church have recently launched.

According to Seversville Partners, Inc. president, John Offer-dahl the project came into existence as another 10 year old missionary project in Haiti his church was involved in was coming to a close.

"Covenant Presbyterian, a member of the Mecklenburg Presbytery, began looking for another missionary effort. This time we wanted to focus on the

community."
While Convenant was still searching, CN Jenkins, First United, Grier Heights and Statesville Avenue, members of the Catawba Presbytery had similar ideas of community ser-

The two Presbyteries joined alliances, marking the first time that the two factions had worked cooperatively since the groups split over the issue of slavery and rejoined as one association three years ago.

mood as he calls it, in each one of his choir members. They knew, as has all of Professor

It took several interviews with a cross section of the communi-ty before the five churches reached the concensus that if s section of the communithey were to embark upon a poverty mission, then they would need to work with blacks living on the Westside.

After studying neighborhood demographics, the Seversville

Community, encompassing the area of Rozzelles Ferry Rd, Tuckaseegee Road and Trade Street, was identified as the area the churches would concentrate on.

Within that community. Offer-

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dahl estimates that there are

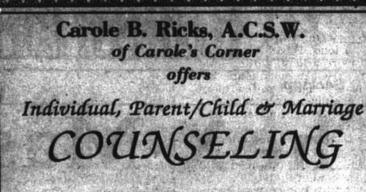
In the next 10 years, the Seversville Partners Program, with the involvement and participation by Seversville families will support and encourage the Seversville. versville Community Organiza tion, maintain neighb cleanup and upkeep, assist in employment, housing, coursel-ing, education and deal with crime and crime related mat-

"Our emphasis will be in advocacy and empowerment. We're not aiming to do for people things they can do for them-selves. We are taking the Wilerry's approach to alf from poverty." sal of the Seversville

rtners Program is to focus on isting resources in the com-unity and to utilize those encies to assist Seversville

"We want to assure that the neighborhood receives its fair share from the City in funds, especially when it come to advocating neighborhood beautification."

By the time the project has



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C. W. Kemp

indeed, insisted that the choir perform at its best. The musical selections are all carefully se-lected to appeal to the interest of the students and audience.

vesper service is not a concert in the true sense, but a service of sacred music," explains Kemp. "Our selections consist of music that expresses the mood and spirit surrounding the birth of

Sunday, December 6, Professor Kemp will once again direct the Johnson C. Smith University Choir in their annual presenta-tion of the Christmas Vesper Service in the University Chapel. Nearly four decades have passed since the service was begun but over the years the quality of the service has remained constant. The service truly stands out among the hundreds of seasonal performance that are given around the Queen City during this sacred holiday. Indeed, you will not hear the usual depart-ment store jingles, but an out-standing blend of carols, an-thems, folk and classics. Each year Professor Kemp designs the services to be different a though he has never re-moted the vesper serv

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tended and supported the ser-

A Johnson C. Smith tradition

has always been to open service with a half hour organ recital. This year the recital will be performed at 4:30 p.m. by Ms. Cassandra E. Shuford. The choir will follow at 5:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

years. Instrumental Presbyterian churches include Grier Heights, C.N. Jenkins, First United, Statesville Ave. and Convenant.

Kemp's choirs, that he expected, A Hollywood Production

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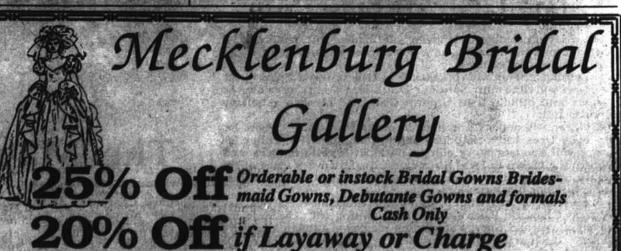
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