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MISS PATRICIA BUFORD  
 ...1961 West Charlotte graduate

## Patricia Buford Is Our Beauty

By POLLY MANNING Post Staff Writer

Our Beauty is born under the sign of Taurus. In describing them one would have to admit they are very slow thinkers, they are very limited in mental outlook and interests, once they form an opinion they seldom change it, they have a very good sense of humor, are slow to anger, but takes a long time to forgive, and they are great lovers of the arts, especially music.

Patricia admits that with her job and her family she doesn't have much time for outside activities such as social clubs and community affairs. "I would like to eventually join some of the community clubs, smiled Patricia. Getting involved would make me feel as if I was doing something for the betterment of my surroundings."

There's a great deal of things that need to be bettered here in Charlotte, but I feel one must first start at home bettering themselves and their surroundings. At home means to me, the community.

Patricia has only one hobby and that is listening to music. "I like all modern day music, smiled Patricia. I could just sit and listen for hours."

Although Mrs. Buford feels the world is in a turmoil and the end doesn't seem to be anywhere in sight, she isn't worried. "The way things are now it wouldn't benefit one to worry. I've learned never to give anything too much thought, especially when it's nothing you can do about it."

# Driver Education Program Hurt Seriously By Automobile Shortage

Black Jobless Rate Continues To Rise

The black unemployment rate increased from 12.5 in December to 13.4 in January, it was reported by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

On a national basis, unemployment increased sharply in January, pushing the Nation's unemployment rate to 8.2 percent, its highest point recorded over the entire post-World War II period. Employment declined for the fourth straight month.

Unemployment totaled 7.5 million in January (seasonally adjusted), an increase of 930,000 from December. The unemployment rate was a full percentage point above the previous month and 3 points above January 1974. The highest levels previously reached by the jobless rate were 7.5 percent in July 1958 and 7.9 percent in October 1949.

(As is usual at this time of the year, the seasonally adjusted household survey data have been revised on the basis of experience through December 1974.)

Total employment (as measured by the monthly survey of households) declined by 640,000 from December to January to 84.6 million, with three-fourths of the decrease occurring among adult men. The employment reduction since last September exceeded 1.8 million.

At 77.8 million, the number of nonagricultural payroll jobs (as measured by the monthly survey of business establishments) dropped by 440,000 from December and 1.6 million from its peak of last October. These cutbacks were accompanied by declines in the workweek.

Most of the 930,000 increase in joblessness in January can be traced to layoffs, as the number of persons who had lost their last job increased by 640,000 to 3.8 million. Since last August, joblessness rose by 2.6 million (1.8 million of which stemmed from job loss), more rapidly than in any 5-month span since the initiation of the monthly survey in 1940.



PILLSBURY BAKE-OFF FINALIST Mrs. Sarah Polk is showing one of the latest Pillsbury Family Cookbooks prior to leaving for San Francisco, California and the annual Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest. All of her activities in the contest will be reported in the next edition of the Charlotte Post.

## Our Sarah Will Leave Saturday Morning For Pillsbury Contest

By James Cuthbertson Post Staff Writer

"Well, I'm almost ready," smiled Charlotte's attractive entry into the finals of the 26th National Pillsbury Bake-Off contest to be held Feb. 22 through 25 in San Francisco, California.

On Saturday morning at 8 a.m., Mrs. Sarah Polk of 2826 Botany Street will board Eastern Flight 212 at Douglas Municipal Airport and head for Chicago, Illinois. She will arrive in Chicago at 8:55 a.m.

"I have never been to Chicago," she said admitting that she would like to have more time to "shop and sight-see."

At 10:10 a.m., she will board United Airlines Flight 123 for a 12:10 departure to San Francisco and four day's of competition among the 100 finalists from across the nation who will compete for one of six \$5,000 first prizes and one of two \$25,000 first grand prizes.

Mrs. Polk said she has been practicing her recipe and busily preparing her "main dish" recipe for the competition. Mrs. Polk is Charlotte's only finalist in several years.

She loves working with disadvantaged children and would like to use any prize money won to open a day care nursery school. She is married to Arthur Polk. Her hobbies are cooking, reading and traveling. She entered the Bake-Off in 1973 for the first time but was not a finalist.

Saturday, the contestants will have registration activities, and enjoy a "light buffet lunch," and have dinner together in the Regency-Hyatt House which will be the center for all the Bake-Off activities.

On Sunday the contestants will have an orientation brunch from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and range orientation from 10:30 to 1:30 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. the contestants will cruise around San Francisco Bay and enjoy the sights of the Golden Gate Bridge and the Cable cars. At 7 p.m. that night a dinner will be given in the hotel's San Francisco room for the contestants.

Monday will consist of breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and the 26th annual Bake-Off will be conducted from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. At 6 p.m., buses will leave for dinner at Far East restaurant.

The Awards program will be held Tuesday, February 25 at 9 a.m. and Mrs. Polk is hopeful that she will be a winner.

Mrs. Polk will be operating as range number 81 during the competition. She is a member of the University Park Extension Homemakers Club.

For her efforts, she has already received \$100, a microwave oven, an electric mixer, and will have all her expenses to the contest paid.

The Charlotte housewife has been cooking and enjoying it since her high school days when she used to get up and cook breakfast for her daddy before he went to work.

She was visiting her great-granddaughter in Washington, D.C. when she was notified of her selection as a finalist.

"I like to do creative cooking," said the retired nurse who worked in hospitals for 23 years. She admits that until she retired four years ago she was too busy raising a family and working to do any creative cooking.

Back in June, she filled out a Bake-Off blank with her "main dish" recipe on it and sent it to contest officials.

Pillsbury will assume the rights to the recipe when the contest is over," added the grandmother of four and the great-grandmother of one.

"When it ends, I will probably visit a good friend in Los Angeles", said the lady who anticipates an exciting time and a thrilling experience.

## 26 Cars Withdrawn By Local Automobile Dealers

Economic troubles affecting the automobile industry are causing serious problems for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' driver education program.

Since Christmas, local automobile dealers have withdrawn 26 cars that they were providing the CMS driver education program, resulting in a shortage of cars that is seriously hampering on-the-road instruction.

Beginning next week, more driver education students will be taking their on-the-road instruction after school or on Saturday to make better use of the few cars the program has left. Normally, most on-the-road instruction is offered during school hours.

"We should be able to get the eligible students properly trained with this new double shift arrangement if we don't lose any more cars," said Brumit DeLaine, director of the local driver education program.

But DeLaine warned that if the program's car shortage worsens, "students could very well be older than 16 before they complete the necessary driver education training to obtain a learner's permit or a driver's license. If worse comes to worse," DeLaine said, "we'll serve the oldest students first and just do the best we can with what we have."

State law requires that all persons under 18 must complete a driver education course before they are issued a learner's permit or a driver's license. The state's public school driver education program offers this training.

Locally there are 7,200 public and private students and non-students under 18 years of age who are eligible for driver education training. The CMS driver education program usually serves about 6,500 students yearly.

DeLaine explained that normally local auto dealers provide most of the cars for the driver education program. The dealers, who get a small rebate from the auto manufacturer, provide cars at no cost to the school system; the State pays for maintenance, operating expenses and insurance.

The high interest rates (all dealers pay interest on money they borrow to purchase cars from manufacturers) and slumping sales are really hurting the dealers," DeLaine said. "They couldn't afford to keep providing the cars. High interest rates were bad enough, but the bad sales made the situation even worse."

DeLaine said the local school system needs about 60 cars for an efficient program. With the loss of the 26 dealer-provided cars, CMS now has 30. Fourteen of those are owned by the state; all are 1972 models or older. The state legislature last provided money for the purchase of driver education vehicles in 1972.

Eight of the 30 vehicles are used on the school system's two driver education ranges, leaving 22 for use by the 39 driver education teachers for on-the-road instruction.

In addition to more after school and Saturday on-the-road instruction, DeLaine said CMS will try other ways to name the most efficient use of available cars. Attempts will be made when possible to

schedule driver education teachers so that some will be teaching in the classrooms while others are giving on-the-road instruction. This will allow more teachers to use one car.

"We'll also try to make more use of our two driver education ranges at night," DeLaine said. On the ranges, one teacher can instruct several students communicating by radio, he said.

Driver education students are required to take at least 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of on-the-road instruction. Two hours on a driving range counts for one hour of regular on-the-road instruction.

Currently some CMS students spend up to six hours on the range and three on-the-road. "I guess we can increase the time on the ranges," DeLaine said, "but the students need as much time in actual driving situations as they can get."

DeLaine said if the situation gets worse, the state legislature may be called on to provide additional funds.



DAVID BELTON UNC-Ch senior

## Belton Chosen Cheerleader All-American

David Belton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Belton of 1700 Washington Avenue has been chosen to the eight-person 1975 Cheerleader All-American first team.

David, a 21-year-old senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was the only Atlantic Coast Conference cheerleader picked to the FIRST TEAM. The 1971 graduate of Independence High School was selected for the team by the Board of Trustees of the International Cheerleading Foundation, affiliate member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

## Bahakel Seeks Funds For Secondary Roads

Senator Cy N. Bahakel of the 22nd Senatorial District has introduced in the Senate a bill providing for a new state-wide formula for allocating funds for secondary roads. The bill would revise the formula for distribution of funds for secondary roads by taking into consideration paved roads as well as unpaved roads as an allocation factor.

The existing formula is structured to favor counties with unpaved roads only. The revised formula is, said Senator Bahakel, a step in trying to aid counties with paved roads that are serving heavy traffic. It would also aid many counties to widen and improve existing secondary roads. Senator Bahakel said the bill, if enacted, would provide road relief to both Cabarrus and Mecklenburg Counties. He also anticipates other legislation to be introduced soon dealing with secondary road needs.

## Mrs. Beckwith Named To Sickle Cell Council

Governor Jim Holshouser last week announced the appointment of three new members to the Council on Sickle Cell Syndrome.

The new members are Ms. Ivestia H. (Peggy) Beckwith of Charlotte, Nathaniel Leo Rumph of Winston-Salem, and Leo Bradshaw of Greensboro.

Members on the Council serve at the pleasure of the Governor, rather than fixed terms.

Ms. Beckwith has been executive director of the Association for Sickle Cell disease for Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Inc., since 1972. She attended Bennett College in Greensboro, Brooklynn College, City College of New York, and Miles College in Alabama. She has also completed a training course for sickle cell counseling at Central Piedmont Community College and a post-graduate course on sickle cell disease at Howard University.



MRS. PEGGY BECKWITH Executive Director

relations and secretary to the director of public relations at Johnson C. Smith University. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease and the First United Presbyterian Church. She assisted in the production and appeared on a Charlotte television special entitled "Sickle Cell - A Closer Look."

Rumph is program director for the sickle cell disease screening program at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. He attended the Fort Valley State College in Georgia, Northwest Institute of Medical Technology, and Forsyth Technical Institute. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Forsyth Mental Health Association, and the Board of Directors of the Council on Drug Abuse, and is a member of the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.



IF THOSE SPACE MEN are so SMART, why do they all COUNT BACKWARDS???