

## Kidd: "Sheriff Department Needs Good Management"

By Mac Thrower  
Post Staff Writer  
"I'm ashamed of our Sheriff's Department," C. W. Kidd, candidate for Mecklenburg County Sheriff, declared in explaining why he decided to seek what he calls "a thankless job."

Kidd, in a POST interview, related that he had explored the prospect of running with some of his friends in 1981 and found that many of them supported the idea. "I checked around and found out just how inefficient our Sheriff's Department is," he commented, "and I decided that they needed my help."

"The Sheriff's Department has needed a good manager for 12 years," Kidd maintained. "Someone is needed who can manage, motivate, administer, and evaluate," he stated. Referring to incumbent Sheriff John Kelly Wall's performance, Kidd asserted that "the record proves that the department is not well-supervised." Kidd said that the sheriff's staff has increased from 108 to 160 men under Wall, but "more men and more money won't solve the problem—we've got to put the right people in the right jobs and give them good supervision."

Kidd hesitated in offering specifics about changes he would make in the Sheriff's Department, saying that first he'd have to "evaluate every position down there ... I'll eat there and sleep there, if necessary, to find out why we're having pro-



C.W. Kidd  
...Democratic candidate

blems like prisoners walking out or being detained too long."

Kidd did promise, if he's elected, to hire a jail administrator; he also said that he would make changes in existing personnel "only if they don't cooperate with what I'm trying to do."

In regard to the Sheriff's Department budget, Kidd indicated that he would "take a long look" at some aspects of it, especially what he considers to be an exorbitant food budget. He also feels that items such as "high-priced blueprints" aren't needed for deputies who serve papers and don't engage in high speed chases.

Kidd, who has operated businesses in Mecklenburg for many years and has no police experience, called opponent Harry Stegall's description of him "as a 58 year-old man who has never sat in the front seat of a police car," an "amazing remark." "The Sheriff's Department is

like a big business...having been a policeman has very little to do with being a good sheriff. My opponents, including Stegall, are running as ex-police-men, or ex-something -- I'm not running as an ex-anything. I'm a good businessman and administrator now, and will be in the future as well."

Brushing off Stegall's allegation that he (Kidd is Mayor Eddie Knox's cousin) is running merely to take advantage of Knox's political clout, Kidd said,

"I'm not running on anyone's coattails, but I'd like to have the support of all politicians if I become sheriff."

Kidd then dismissed Stegall's criticisms and his controversial campaign with a chuckle, commenting, "Harry will grow up one of these days."

When asked about his attitude towards hiring blacks for the Sheriff's Department, Kidd reported that he believes in "equal opportunity—I've had as many as 75-100 black people working for me at one time in my businesses."

Reacting to the observation that the vast majority of eligible voters almost certainly won't cast a vote for sheriff, Kidd stated: "The sheriff's job is very important. It's costing us a lot of money. The court system is being hurt by papers not being served, and poor people are hurt by rent increases that result from eviction papers not being served."



Mrs. Geraldine Brandon  
...An outstanding lady

## Mrs. Geraldine Brandon Chosen "Sister Of Year"

Representative of true sisterhood, Mrs. Geraldine Brandon has been chosen as "Sister of the Year" by the members of Alpha Alpha Chapter of Alpha Pi Chi National Sorority.

According to members of the Alpha Alpha Chapter Mrs. Brandon "was chosen because she has the attributes of true sisterhood, and possesses a warmth that reaches out to her sorority sisters with a feeling that says 'We need each other.' She is gracious in manner, impartial in judgment, loyal to her friends and reverent to God."

In addition to the honor Mrs. Brandon received from the Alpha Pi Chi sorority, she was also honored in the category of Arts and Sciences at the NAACP Second Annual Woman's Conference held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Brandon received the Outstanding Woman Award for outstanding contributions to the community and state.

Alpha Alpha Chapter members Mrs. Margaret Harris, President-Elect and Mrs. Mable Reeder, Educational Director of Chapter and Financial Secretary were recently honored for their outstanding service to the sorority. Sisterhood Week is being observed by members of the Alpha Alpha Chapter from now until May 16.

On Sunday, May 14 the members of Alpha Alpha Chapter of Alpha Pi Chi

Sorority will worship with Mrs. Geraldine Brandon at the 11 a.m. service at C. N. Jenkins Memorial United Presbyterian Church, 1421 Statesville Road. Rev. George C. Goodman is pastor.

A social hour will be held at the home of Mrs. Carolyn Gibson, 5601 Cherrycree Lane, on May 16. Mrs. Marie Adams is publicity chairman.

### Las Amigas

#### Sets Charm

#### Session

On Saturday, May 15, a Charm Session on social graces will be presented for girls ages three to 15 by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc. The session will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the Greenville Center, 1330 Spring Street.

The Charlotte Chapter of Las Amigas will be presenting the "Little Miss Las Amigas" Pageant in September. Included will be charm sessions and cultural experiences for the young girls.

If you are interested in becoming a part of these fresh, new adventures, contact Mrs. Dora R. Mason at 596-0386.

This is one of few opportunities that young, black girls have to become involved in various activities such as the charm session, make-up sessions, personal grooming sessions and overall beauty sessions for the total young girl and young lady. All would be an asset to anyone.

Contestants in the Little Miss Las Amigas Pageant will be culturally enriched. Activities also include a swim party; cook-out; roller skating party; movie party; and modeling session.



Robert Cousar  
...3.74 average

## Robert Cousar Is Post's Senior Of Year

Robert Lee Cousar, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Cousar, 1509 Chelveston Dr., is the 1982 Charlotte Post Senior of the Year. Due to an oversight in his picture, included in these pages, was omitted from last week's special issue, "Salute To Academic Excellence."

Cousar ranked in the top five percent of his class, South Mecklenburg, with a 3.74 average.

In the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System it is possible with additional points given for advanced and advanced placement classes to have a 5.0 average.

The following seniors averages were listed incorrectly: Melanie Faye Miller of South Mecklenburg; Melinda Kaye Miller of South Mecklenburg; Nisa Yolanda Bell of West Charlotte; and Phyllis Dehen Walls of West Charlotte.

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