



Dazzling Linda Poole  
.....Involved in civic activities

## Linda Poole Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor  
Apathy would be a foreign existence in the life of Linda Poole. It's a noun that has little substance or room in her day to day life, in her view of accomplishments and in the way she perceives herself.

At 13 Miss Poole has received numerous awards and certificates for participation in civic, school and community organizations. She has received certificates from the Youth Involvement Club, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Performing Arts Department, the Queen City Youth Bowl for participation in the Pal Youth Bowl and many more.

Her trophies sit tall and aglow in her home. She received the Westover Baseball Hills Little League trophy as the 1981 runner-up and the 1981 trophy for Best All-Around in the Community of Clinton Park from the Charlotte Parks and Recreation. Another trophy in Miss Poole's possession is the South Mighty Mites Cheerleading award for "Most Consistent Cheerleader" in 1981.

"I enjoy being involved. It gives me a better understanding of people and lets others know the way I feel. I think being involved gives me a good reputation also."

Miss Poole has been involved in various activities and clubs for many years. At five she was a majorette. Her main influence in doing well at what she undertakes comes from her mother, Maria Poole, and her grandmother, Annie Rosie Poole. "Both of them understand me and both have influenced me to achieve."

Working with people seems to be a gift of Miss Poole's. But in certain cases she enjoys a certain amount of privacy. "Sometimes I like to work alone. This gives me more space to concentrate," she explained.

As a seventh grader at Northeast Junior High School our beauty obtains A's and B's. One of her favorite teachers was her sixth grade teacher Lucille Cato. "If I ever had a problem she was always there to help me out."

The studies and adjustment of being in junior high has not hampered Miss Poole's interest to participate. She is a cheerleader at Northeast and still plays the cello in the orchestra.

She enjoys swimming, skating, movies and visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Poole, who is a professional gospel singer.

At St. Paul Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. Paul Drummond is pastor, she is a member of the Girl Scouts and sings on choir.

# Margaret Wilson Calls For Statesmanlike Leadership

## Bussler Investigates Stamp Fraud

Special To The Post  
Washington - "I hear you're the spy. That's the word that's out now," a food stamp recipient recently told Alison Bussler, a senior eligibility worker in Loudoun County, Va.

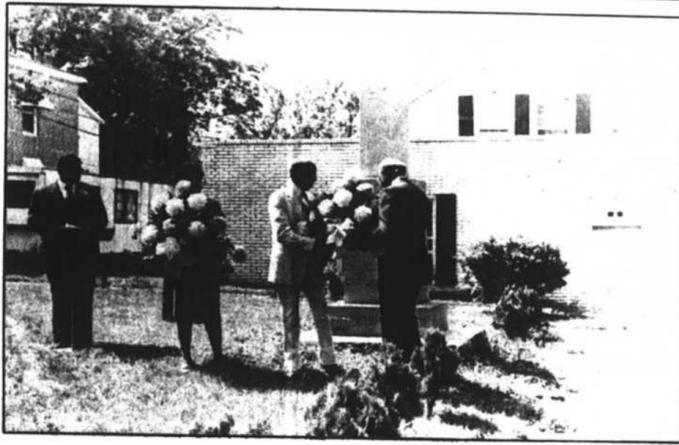
Translated, it means the word is getting around that, in addition to interviewing applicants for food stamps and welfare aid, Bussler investigates fraud.

Bussler is one of 10 eligibility workers at the Loudoun County Department of Social Services. They're among several such eligibility workers throughout the country who daily make the crucial decisions about who should receive the \$11 billion worth of federal food stamp aid. They interview potential food stamp clients, help them fill out their applications, determine who is eligible and what benefits, if any, are to be granted.

The way the workers do this job has a lot to do with whether food stamp help goes to people who are honestly in need. In this way, food stamp eligibility workers are truly the first line of defense against food stamp fraud.

Armed with knowledge of a very complex program of rules and regulations and trained with interviewing skills, they must correctly process many applications a day. With these abilities and some common sense, workers can deter a lot of potential fraud.

Ron Eamich, supervisor of Loudoun County's eligibility workers, says, "You can go through an application and get the information and process the case. You also can go through it and use common sense and ask 'How can this be?' Workers know that certain responses trigger certain questions."



Pictured above left to right: Rev. Larry Robertson, president of the Baptist Convention of Chester and York Counties and Mrs. Annie Kettles, president of Friendship College Alumni Association, observe as supporters of the college present flowers at the Founder's Day Memorial Service. Friendship College was founded in 1891 by Rev. M. Hall, D.D. (Post Photo by Karen Parker)

## Ancient College To Reopen Friendship College Survives

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer  
More than \$14,000 was raised on behalf of Friendship College May 28 at a Founder's Day Program and Rally.

Founder's Day was observed at Mount Prospect Baptist Church in Rock Hill, S.C. next door to the 92-year-old college. The Baptist-oriented, private and predominantly black college was forced to close its doors of education in December, 1981 after an administrative scandal was detected. The former president of the college and other personnel were charged with misuse of funds.

Nevertheless, Saturday's assembly was not a mourning period for the hundreds of staff members, alumni and friends of Friendship College who wanted to celebrate its establishment of May 8, 1891.

The purpose was too great a challenge for such dismal emotions. One spokesperson informed the

audience it was there to aid in an effort to "reclaim, renew and return Friendship to its owners."

Actually, the Friendship College campus and its personal property (books, typewriters, library materials, etc.), have already been repurchased from the overtaker., Trustee and Bankruptcy. The Baptist Convention of Chester and York Counties acquired those properties for \$100,000 last year.

However, according to Attorney James Wells, more than the campus and personal property was lost. He stated, 208 acres of land beyond the college grounds were also repossessed. The land known as the College Farm has been valued at \$168,000. Benedict College (Columbia, SC) has loaned that amount to the Baptist Convention of Chester and York Counties. Now, a campaign is underway to repay Benedict College.

Churches, social and civic organizations, politicians, and private contributors attended Founder's

Day ceremonies to try to make the campaign a success.

Dr. P. P. Pendergrass, a member of the Board of Trustees at Friendship College, stated, "The progress of the collection is good."

Because Friendship lost nearly 700 employees and encountered other negative factors, the financial situation is not solely preventing the school from opening again. "We don't know exactly when Friendship will be able to reopen," professed Attorney Wells. One thing he was sure of: "When Friendship does open again there are three keys which must be maintained—dreams and visions, sound planning and hard, organized work."

Dr. S. L. Evans, moderator for the Sandy River Baptist Association, Lower Division, reiterated the attorney's comments. "We must work together to make sure we don't error in the future," he warned. Dr. Evans acknowledged many people had predicted the loss experienced at Friendship College. "Had we listened, we might have avoided the loss."

He continued, pointing out to the audience that it has learned something from the closing of Friendship College. "We have learned we are a people who will rise to an occasion of crisis." Many people applauded the fact they were attending Founder's Day as a celebration; and they were not willing to accept defeat.

The keynote speaker, Rev. Latta Thomas of Second Calvary Baptist Church, asked attendants, "How can we let Friendship college die? We make enough money to turn around and take care of what's ours." Rev. Thomas was speaking of material items such as cars or alcohol which most people are willing to spend money for.

He explained the people couldn't let Friendship die because "it is among few schools of higher learning that will reach out to financially deprived students."

Most of the speakers at the program insisted the educational opportunities offered at Friendship College should not be terminated.

## Controversy Will Be Resolved With Dignity

Special To The Post  
Rosemont, IL - Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, chairman of the national board of the NAACP, discussed "the risks of leadership" at the first national Leadership Conference of eight Black Greek letter organizations at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in a Chicago suburb.

In a wry response to a warm introduction by Attorney Demetrius Gibson, Mrs. Wilson said, "I needed that. I have some reason to be concerned about how long I will hold that title (the NAACP chairmanship) but some things are more important than titles."

Referring to a new book about the late architect of many civil rights legal victories, Charles H. Houston, Mrs. Wilson said Houston knew, "You have to stand alone for the principles you believe in. He did it in his lifetime. To some extent I am trying to do it now and you are also."

The NAACP leader touched off a media storm when she suspended NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks, reinstating him shortly thereafter. She was, however, warmly received by the luncheon audience of Black leaders.

"We cannot be effective without professionalism in our conduct and how we carry out our responsibilities," the St. Louis lawyer said.

"We must have skill, competence and effective administration. We can no longer afford to be casual about the ways we do our business. We need to examine our systems, the tools we use."

"We cannot win the battle Black Americans are still waging (for equality) if we allow ourselves to be overcome by emotionalism and a lack of discipline," she declared.

"The NAACP," she continued, "is almost 75 years old. It is the premier civil rights organization, not only in the nation, but throughout the world."

"It is an organization of stature, of integrity, of dignity, of discipline and civility. If I have one fault, it is that I hold these standards very high. As chairman of the board of this distinguished organization, it is my firm conviction that one of my responsibilities is to hold these standards high."

Calling the recent contretemps, "an internal matter" and "pretty small potatoes" in the long history of the NAACP, she was warmly applauded as she added, "They will remain internal matters as far as I'm concerned." Throughout the speech, she did not refer by name to Dr. Hooks.

The controversy, she said, "will be resolved with dignity and civility in the best interests of the NAACP membership." Calling for "statesmanlike leadership" and "a vision of greatness for the NAACP," which she said she held, she added, "I expect every other officer and staff member to do the same."

The audience gave her a second standing ovation at



Mona Bailey  
.....Sorority president

the conclusion of her remarks and Greek Letter Conference Chairman and Alpha Phi Alpha President Ozell Sutton, of Atlanta and Mayor Johnny Ford, of Tuskegee, Alabama, who chairs the national Black Mayors Organization, rushed forward, among others to embrace the slender NAACP chairman.

Mrs. Mona H. Bailey, of Seattle, president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., luncheon chair, expressed the evident feelings of the group as she exclaimed, "This tremendous woman, this tremendous lady, thank you for coming!" Again, the audience rose to its feet a third time to hail Mrs. Wilson.

In her remarks, Mrs. Wilson praised the Greek Letter Presidents' Council for coming together to deal with the "unfinished agenda" of equality.

"Forty percent of Black children are growing up in poverty," she reminded her listeners.

She chided the Reagan Administration's call for "color blindness" in national policy before "being fair and just."

Referring to President Reagan's new appointments Friday to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, she said, "What disturbs me is how President Reagan purges a Black, a Jew, a Hispanic. I consider this act an insult."

She commended as a role model the 167-member Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO) organized in 1979, which uses the local NAACP branch as its umbrella group.

## Dr. Ensley Heads Minority Affairs

North Carolina Democratic Chairman Russell Walker has appointed Dr. Donald Ensley of Greenville as the State Chairman for Minority Affairs for the Democratic Party.

Ensley's responsibilities began June 1, and by virtue of Chairman, he will be a voting member on the State Executive Council and the State Executive Committee. Walker stated that Dr. Ensley's primary responsibility will be to work with the minority community in conjunction with the total Democratic community. The provisions governed by this appointment are in pursuant to the Party's rules in the Plan of Organization.

## Jim Richardson Says:

# 'B.O.N. Helps Established Businesses To Survive

By Angela Chambers  
Special To The Post  
The Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce recently established a two-year pilot program, Business Opportunity Network (B.O.N.).

According to the manager, James "Jim" Richardson, the purpose of the program is to form a liaison between Charlotte's

larger corporations with minorities or women who own businesses.

B.O.N. was officially started May 16, 1983. Though the program is in its early stages of operation, Richardson expressed he has already received numerous phone calls in reference to B.O.N. He explained many callers inquire about the program in general while others call with the mistaken idea B.O.N. furnishes money for the start of new businesses, or for assisting existing ones.

Loans of any type are not an aspect of B.O.N., Richardson stressed. He continued, "Emphasis is put on helping already established businesses survive by putting them in contact with other companies who may need their services." As a result women- and minority-owned businesses will be able to increase their production," Richardson believes.

"The legislation to fund such a program was passed



Jim Richardson  
.....B.O.N. Manager

after the Attorney General cited an opinion that to give women and minority-owned businesses a certain percentage of a city's job programs might be constitutionally illegal," said Richardson.

Apparently no fault was viewed in making larger

corporations aware of smaller businesses and their services; therefore, the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and the Chamber of Commerce agreed to fund B.O.N.

Richardson remarked, "The first step of the B.O.N. program is to com-

pile a directory available to area corporations. A company seeking a particular service can refer to this directory." He added, services offered by B.O.N. are no cost to businesses.

The manager feels B.O.N. is a potentially good program. Richardson acknowledged many of the larger Charlotte corporations are members of the Chamber of Commerce and are supportive of the program.

He did point out, "The success of B.O.N. will be determined by the amount of increase in a company's business and revenue as a result of using B.O.N. services."

For further information on Business Opportunity Network, contact Richardson at the Chamber of Commerce, 129 West Trade St., 377-6911.

Mr. Richardson is a prominent figure in the Charlotte community. A graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, he is a retired



You cannot lead any farther than you have gone yourself.