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MICHELLE FIELDS

Modeling enthusiast

## Attractive Michelle Fields Wants To Carve Out A Career In Modeling

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

Attractive Michelle Fields is carving out a career in modeling for herself. And, the 16-year-old Independence High School sophomore is being helped along by her mother and manager.

Michelle says she became interested in modeling by way of her mother, who has previously done modeling work. "I picked it up from her," Michelle reveals, concerning this chosen profession. As far as her own modeling ambitions, this week's beauty contends, "My mother's 100 percent behind me. She's very helpful."

Such support is essential to Michelle, who notes that breaking into the modeling field is grueling hard work. For instance, Michelle is right now working on getting together a 100- to 200-page portfolio. "That's five to six hours taking pictures, without breaks, and taking them over and over until I get it right," she relates.

A portfolio, says Michelle, "can make or break" a modeling career.

Therefore she's intent on making hers as perfect as possible. She does her best in front of the camera and Ernest Mackey, Michelle's photographer and manager, handles the rest.

"Modeling is something I really want to do," Michelle states earnestly. "It's in me. I'm learning different things every day. And it's going to all pay off in the end."

Then, her modeling enthusiasm notwithstanding, Michelle points out that she has another interest. She plans to attend college, either Spelman or Howard, as a student of computer engineering.

"Computers are real interesting," says Michelle, "I like using my mind to figure out problems on them." An added incentive towards her considering the computer field is, according to Michelle, "the wages are real high."

Describing herself as "outgoing, and eager to learn," Michelle lists her favorite activities as "going to the movies, eating pizza, going out with friends, especially to basketball games, talking on the telephone and,

of course, modeling."

She's a native New Yorker who claims she likes Charlotte. "But Charlotte is so small," Michelle laments. "It will be hard to start a career here."

Michelle says she'll probably move back to New York once she's ready to seriously embark on her careers. For her, modeling will be a part-time activity, while she concentrates more so on her computer career. She claims that there are good points about modeling, such as: "meeting new people and traveling" but it is not the stablest of professions.

Michelle learned such things about modeling from her mother, Dorothy Taylor, whom she says is her absolute favorite person. "She's not only a mother but a friend," Michelle reveals. "She's always there when I need her."

She also learned about perseverance, the act of which is definitely getting her through. Asked her advice for others, Michelle declares, "Don't give up. You can jump over walls or you can bust through them, too."

## Neighborhood Circulation Contest Kicks Off Monday

By Joe Brown  
Post Staff Writer

Seven more established neighborhood organizations join the already rising number of area neighborhoods this week to participate in the Charlotte Post's "Neighborhood of the Year Circulation Campaign." The campaign unites the neighborhoods with the Charlotte Post to create a mutual and professional relationship between public and media. The Post will kick-off this city-wide campaign Monday, March 17.

The organization leaders of the newly joining neighborhoods are enthused about the program and the benefits it has to offer their communities. "We are ready to start," recited organization leader, Velma Loney. The new organizations and leaders entering the campaign are Mrs. Daisy Alexander, Pitts Drive Residential Organization; Ms. Betty Sanders, Washington Heights Community Association; Ms. Annie Massey, Dillehey Courts; Ms. Louise Sellers, Biddleville-Five Points Community; Ms. Ellen Sanders, Ramblewood Neighborhood; Ms. Juanita Crawford, Seversville Community Organization; and Ms. Velma Loney, Westside Village Community Tenants Association.

The first four weeks of the campaign will feature a contest with a grand prize of \$1,000 to the organization that sells the greatest amount of subscriptions over 100 plus commission of sales. The second place winners will receive \$500 plus commission. The third place winners will receive \$250 plus commission. The fourth place winners will receive \$100 plus commission and the fifth place winners will receive \$50 plus commission.

Many of the neighborhood leaders spoke about many uses for the money that will be gained through the subscription campaign.

"We will be able to take trips and provide events for the children like cookouts and parties. We are going

to officially start on the 10th," asserts Ms. Massey.

"The money gained will be used to operate expenses for our neighborhood. We want to revitalize our neighborhood and we also need to hire an executive for our area," Ms.



Daisy Alexander  
Pitts Drive leader



Ellen Sanders  
Ramblewood leader

Sellers claims.

The subscription program allows the neighborhood organizations to have a continuous funding source of their own to help in their area needs and programs. In addition, the neighborhoods can call in their community news to increase the awareness of the entire Charlotte community to the neighborhoods that make it up.

The response of working hard to provide for the needs of their neighborhoods reflects in the voices of the area leaders. "The money will go toward getting more software for

the computers at the Learning Center. It will also help in getting books for the black library," assures Ms. Daisy Alexander.

"It will help finance our community with a new entrance sign," reveals Ms. Sanders.

Program coordinator Joe Brown plans to work closely and provide assistance in the progress of each and every organization participating in the campaign.

"It is important for the organizations' leaders to keep in contact with me during the first few weeks of the See NEIGHBORHOOD On Page 15A

## Black High School Graduates At Record High, Bureau Says

Special To The Post

Three-fourths of young blacks -- nearly three million -- were high school graduates in 1984, according to a report from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

The rate of high school completions has improved for blacks age 18-24, from 56 percent and 1.3 million graduates in 1967 when such statistics were first tabulated.

The number of young blacks enrolled in college also grew in the period, from 300,000 to 800,000.

Twenty-seven percent of the graduates were enrolled in college in 1984, four percentage points higher

than in 1967. One of the highest college attendance rates for black high school graduates was in 1976, when one-third were enrolled.

For whites the proportion who were high school graduates rose from 78 percent in 1967 to 83 percent in 1984, and the proportion of graduates enrolled in college remained near one-third.

The proportion of the Spanish origin population age 18-24 who were high school graduates rose from one-half in 1972 when the data first were tabulated to 60 percent in 1984. The proportion enrolled in college did not vary from 30 percent.

## Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church To Observe Its 17th Anniversary

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church will observe its 17th anniversary as an organized Church Fellowship on Sunday, March 16, during the 11 o'clock Worship Service.

Rev. John Milton Burrell, pastor of Prince of Peace Baptist Church in Akron, Ohio, will be the special guest speaker for the occasion.

The congregation of Mayfield will

remember on this day its official formation which occurred in March, 1969, with the late Rev. Dr. J. Arthur White, moderator of the Mt. Peace Association and pastor of Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church, presiding. Approximately 350 adults and 75 children comprised the first group of Mayfield Memorial members and they met at the Oaklawn Elementary School.

By June, 1969, Rev. H.S. Diggs, former pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Rockingham, N.C., was invited to become the first pastor of the newly formed Mayfield Fellowship. He remains as pastor of Mayfield today. The church is now located at 709 Sugar Creek Rd. West.

The intervening years were productive ones for the pastor and people of Mayfield. In the summer of 1971, the church purchased a nine-room house on Mt. Kiaco Dr. to serve as the pastor's home. In January, 1974, when the energy crisis forced Mayfield to leave the Oaklawn School the church rented the facility that formerly housed the Sugar Creek Baptist Church on Sugar Creek Rd. After some controversy, Mayfield purchased this property which consisted of 54 rooms, four assembly rooms and a sanctuary by 1975.



Rev. H.S. Diggs  
.....17 productive years

Progressively, a day care center was opened at Mayfield Memorial in 1976; a Basic Adult Education School opened in 1977; and groundbreaking ceremonies were held in November 1977, for the erection of a new sanctuary.

In 1977, approximately two more acres of land were purchased at the corner of Sugar Creek Rd. and Munzee St. to serve as a parking lot.



Rev. John M. Burrell  
.....Special guest speaker

In 1982, the church fellowship purchased another acre of land and two houses on Sugar Creek Rd. The Sugar Creek Rd. School of Religion was opened at Mayfield in 1983. In December, 1983, Mayfield held groundbreaking ceremonies for the erection of six units of housing for the elderly and handicapped on an 8.4 acre tract on Oneida Rd. The units are built around a two-acre lake and

are known as Mayfield Memorial Apartments.

Mayfield is affiliated with Mt. Peace Association and its auxiliaries, Mecklenburg Association, Mecklenburg County Missionary Union, General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, Progressive National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., National Council of Churches, and the World Baptist Alliance.

In its mission and education thrusts, Mayfield gives financial support to the Mt. Peace Association, Mecklenburg Association, Mecklenburg County Union, General Baptist State Convention of N.C., J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, Central Orphanage of Oxford, N.C., Mayfield Memorial Day Care Center, Sugar Creek Road School of Religion, Friendship College of Rock Hill, S.C., Shaw University of Raleigh, N.C., Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta, Ga., NAACP, United Negro College Fund, Christian Rehabilitation Center of Charlotte, N.C., and pays the salary of a teaching missionary in Haiti. Through the Foreign Mission Bureau of The Progressive

National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., Mayfield sponsored an African student for 2 1/2 years and the student received a degree in diesel mechanics at Central Piedmont Community College.

With approximately 40 auxiliaries working within the Mayfield church, the church seeks to minister to the total man.

Mayfield's special guest for its anniversary celebration, Rev. Burrell, is a graduate of Michigan Baptist Theological Seminary and Cornus Bible College.

Rev. Burrell served as President of Akron Ministerial Alliance, Baptist Conference of Akron and Vicinity, Chairman of Civic Committee of the Alliance and Conference, member of Akron's Human Relations Commission, Fair Housing Contact Commission, Senior Citizen's Commission, and Boxing Commission of Akron, Ohio. He has also served as Secretary and teacher in the Progressive National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, member of The Christian Education Board of the same Congress, Executive Board of Progressive National Baptist Convention, and President of the Midwest Region of The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.



Some people, like boats, foot loudest when they're in a fog.