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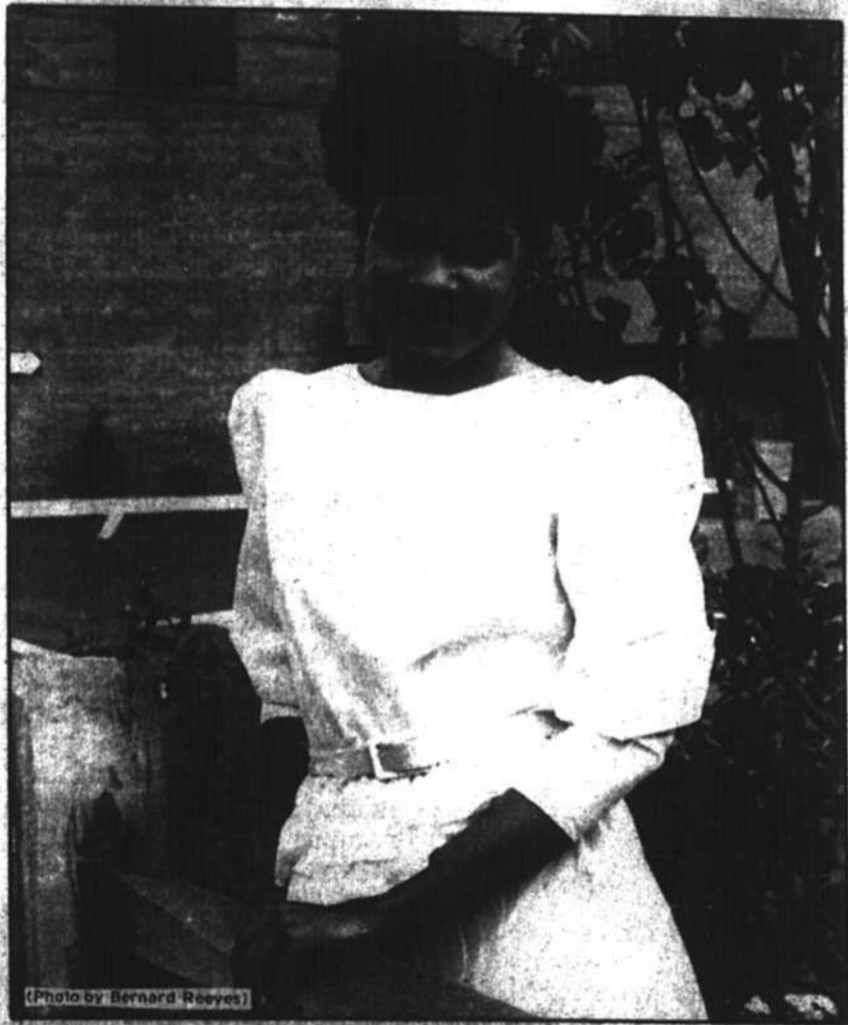
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Wanda Scales Enjoys

Wide Range Of Hobbies

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It's your senior year in high school and the pressure to graduate is crumbling on your shoulders like rocks touching down on the bed of a dump truck.

Nagging parents, hard driving teachers, and two-faced friends, sometimes ignite sparks that cause one to give up, but Wanda Scales didn't. "I had considered dropping out of school," she began. "I felt a lot of pressure coming from my teachers and also peer groups, but I decided to stick in there and make something of myself," related Scales, a 1985 West Charlotte graduate.

Now the 19-year-old is pursuing a career as a legal secretary. She is a student at the American Business & Fashion Institute in Charlotte and plans to graduate next spring. "I have wanted to become a legal secretary for the past couple of years. I have been to court to observe a few trials and I like the courtroom atmosphere," she mentioned.

At AB&F, Wanda faces typing, shorthand and other business courses. "My favorite course is speedwriting," said Wanda. "I'll be very proud of myself when I finish this spring because it's something that I decided to do for myself."

As a high school student, she was active in the Future Business Leaders of America Club (FBLA) and the Spanish Club. "I was a C student at West Charlotte, but now I maintain an A average," she asserted. They say that behind every ambitious person, there is a motivator. "I admire my mother,"

she replied. "She is raising two kids by herself and I will never be able to thank her for all that she is doing for me."

The daughter of Lauria Scales, Wanda is a member of University Park Baptist Church.

When not busy, she likes biking, shooting pool, cooking and listening to mellow music. "I like Shirley Murdock, Tina Turner and New Edition because they all have a message in their songs."

Peer pressure has been a major factor for young people to do things to please others. "I learned that it is best for me to stay away from the crowd. There is too much stuff going around that I don't want to get caught up in," concluded Scales, who describes herself as a friendly, forgiving person.



Ron Leeper

Black Elected Officials To Hold Town Meeting

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Black Elected Officials will hold an upcoming town meeting on Sunday, November 2, from 4-6 p.m. at Friendship Community Center.

The 19-member organization will meet with citizens in the community to discuss local governmental concerns and happenings. Citizens will also give feedback to the officials as to what they are doing positive and what they could improve upon.

NAFPE Passes Resolution To Support National Black United Fund

New York, NY - In the coming months, "the helping hands" of the National Black United Fund (NBUF) will be more far-reaching as a result of a new bond. When the membership of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees (NAFPE) recently passed a resolution supporting NBUF, a link was established between those two unique organizations. "One of the concepts of the Alliance is to build an economic base in the black community," said Robert L. White, president of NAFPE, the oldest and largest independent, black-led federal, industrial union organized 73 years ago in Chattanooga, TN. "And since the Black United Fund is also committed to economic development, we are naturally supportive of their efforts."

In 1968, Walter Bremond founded the BUF as a catalyst for improving the quality of life for black people. Reliance on self-help and mutual aid was the ideology, and pushing employed blacks to donate to BUF through payroll deductions was the methodology. "From its inception, the Fund has fought to get into payroll deductions because it is the most effective and efficient means of raising money known to us," said Dana Alston, president of NBUF. Also, the need for the BUF is equally as important now as when it was formed. Getting a piece of the over \$100 million pie from the Combined Federal Campaign, the yearly drive to solicit charity from government employees, was a difficult struggle that BUF won. Kermit Eady, president of BUFNY and secretary of NBUF, states, "Black workers, for the first time, now can contribute to a charity that looks after their needs. However, we are still trying to gain access into more corporate markets."

Despite past and present battles, both the Alliance and the Black United Fund have held to their commitment of developing financial resources and allocating them back to the community, while maintaining their independence. The National Alliance's continuing commitment to protect workers' interests, provide essential benefits and to further unionism is

From South Africa

AFSC Calls For Total Disengagement

Philadelphia - The IBM, General Motors and Coca-Cola changes in South Africa must be seen as interim steps toward the necessary total U.S. economic disengagement in that country, the American Friends Service Committee declared recently.

"While we welcome their recent announcements," said Jerry Herman of the Quaker organization, "these firms still will be supporting and making profits from the apartheid system. We call on them to totally disengage economically in order to bring a new beginning for that troubled land and its oppressed majority."

Thomas Conrad, an AFSC researcher-author, who is one of the nation's foremost authorities on computer exports, said IBM's equipment has been used for years in sensitive and military-strategic ways as well as to repress the Blacks and other peoples. "IBM technology is widely used by local government officials, who are in the forefront of enforcing the apartheid system," he said. Their sale of South African operations will in no way limit their sales to South African



Pictured above are: (left to right) Kermit Eady, President of the Black United Fund of New York and secretary of the National Black United Fund, Dana

Alston, President of the National Black United Fund and Robert White, President of the National Alliance of Postal & Federal Employees.

reflected in the broad range of programs and services it offers its membership. The Alliance's Health Plan ranks among the nation's top Federal Health Benefit Plan;

NAPFE has a National Federal Credit Union that has been operating since 1977; a \$1,002,900 NAPFE grant funded the Institute for Labor-Management Relations at Howard University in Washington, DC; and NAPFE is building a future through its National Housing Program,

which has built apartment buildings in Chattanooga, Tampa and New Orleans for the elderly and is building a fourth one in Atlanta; and the National Headquarters was built with the Alliance's own, unborrowed money at a price of \$2.2

million. Additionally, NAPFE provided the initial funds for the founding of Air Atlanta, and is now encouraging its members to support BUF during the Combined Federal Campaign.

NBFU has shown similar progress during its short existence with its 14 affiliates, providing assistance to thousands of black organizations ranging in services from direct

grants, i.e., support to community-based organizations, land retention and development (Emergency Land Fund, Federation of Southern Cooperatives), housing developments (West Harlem

Community Organization), to technical support and computer services. Overall, in its short

history, BUF has given over \$10 million in grants and services to black community-based organizations and institutions.

From here on NAPFE and NBUF will be working together to develop a sound, economic base in the black community. Both or-

ganizations understand that only by being mutually supportive, and networking and interlocking, can this Herculean task be accomplished.

NAACP, WPEG Help Get Voters To Polls

Alfred L. Alexander, chair of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Co. NAACP's Political Action Committee, has announced that an agreement had been reached with WPEG radio, whereby the NAACP would use a city bus chartered by the radio station to take voters to the polls on November 4. The NAACP has targeted precincts 9, 39, 31, 11, 13, 10, 15, 54, 27 and 12. Each has a large black voter registration and contains a public housing project. The NAACP has been concerned that residents of public housing, who in many cases do not own cars, will be able to get to the polls.

"It is critical," Alfred Alexander said "that everyone who desires to vote has the means to vote. Last time only a few votes decided who would represent this district in Congress. This time turnout will decide our Senate and congressional races. Black voters must turnout in large numbers or we will have no one to blame but ourselves."

In order to show support for voting, the NAACP is asking that once you have voted to turn on your porch light. "Let every shining porch light in the black community demonstrate that black citizens are concerned about the quality of representation and that the black vote will grow stronger each year," Mr. Alexander continued.

Precinct 9: Charlottetown Terrace, 1000 Baxter St., 8:00,

Dilworth School, 405 E. Park Ave. Addison Apt., Morehead & S. McDowell St., 8:20, Dilworth School, 405 E. Park Ave.

Precinct 39: Boulevard Homes, 1620 Brooksville Ave. 10:00, H. O. Graham Church, Old Steele Creek; Precinct 31: Dalton Village, Clanton Rd., 10:15, Barringer School, 1500 Walton Road;

Precinct 11: Edwin Towers, 201 W. 10th St., 9:00, First Ward School, 400 E. 10th St.

Precinct 13: Hall House, 300 N. Tryon St., 9:10, First Ward School, 400 E. 10th St.

Precinct 9: Red Carpet Inn, 615 E. Morehead, 8:40, Dilworth School, 405 E. Park Ave.

Precinct 10: Strawn Apt., 1225 S. Caldwell St., 9:15, St. Andrews Presbyterian, 2201 Springdale Ave.

Precinct 15: Piedmont Courts, 831 Seigle Ave., 1:30, First Ward School, 401 E. 10th St.

Precinct 54: Fairview Homes, 1026 Oaklawn Ave., 12:20, Oaklawn Elementary School, 1810 Oaklawn Ave.

Precinct 27: Dillehay Courts, 2600 N. Pine St., 11:00, Tryon Hills School, 2600 Grimes St.; and

Precinct 12: Belvedere Homes, 132 Judson Ave., 4:00, Clinton Chapel Church, 1901 Rozzells Ferry Rd.

The Coca-Cola Bottling Company is underwriting the cost of the bus transportation.

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Profanity is the use of strong words by weak people.