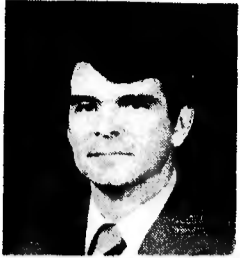


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**Legislative Report**



# Carroll selected

Miss Esther Carroll, 17, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Carroll of Dover, has been selected to be a state finalist in the 1979 Miss United Teenager Pageant to be held at Reeves Auditorium of Methodist College, Fayetteville, N.C. at 7:30 p.m. on April 14. The pageant is the official state-wide finals for the Miss United Teenager Pageant.

Contestants from all over the State will be competing for the title. All contestants are between the ages of 14 and 18 and must have at least a "B" average in school. They are requested to participate in the Volunteer Community Service Program of the Miss United Teenager Pageant. Through this program many youngsters are becoming involved in Community activities by contributing at least eight hours of time to some worthwhile charity or civic work of their choice.

The winner of the state

finals of the Miss United Teenager Pageant will receive an all-expense paid trip to compete in the National Finals, a three phase pageant in Washington, D.C.; Hollywood, California, and Honolulu, Hawaii where she will compete for \$15,000 in cash scholarships, a new car for her reigning year, trip to Europe, \$5,000 appearance contract, \$2,000 wardrobe and other awards.

No swimsuit competition is required. Each contestant will write and recite on stage a 100 word essay on the subject, "My Country".

Miss Carroll is sponsored by the Berne Restaurant of New Bern and Gerald Anderson Logging Co. of Bridgeton. She is a junior at West Craven High School. Her hobbies include reading, writing, playing the piano, graphic arts, and tennis.



**April 6, 1979**

The nuclear accident at Tree Mile Island near Harrisburg, Pa. has brought the dangerous realities of nuclear power into much clearer focus even in North Carolina. Discussion of these realities and related problems has been especially acute in Raleigh and the General Assembly.

North Carolina and its two major utilities, Duke Power Company and Carolina Power and Light, made the decision several years ago that electricity generated by nuclear fission would be the best means of supplying Tarheels with power in the future.

The decision, based on attitudes and information of that time, was a good one. Nuclear reactors are probably still the best means of power in the state (and country), but with the recent Pennsylvania accident, the need for a "second and third look" is obvious.

The reevaluation is particularly important now because there are currently two major nuclear power plants under construction in North Carolina. Both are near metropolitan areas, Charlotte and Raleigh. Another is already in operation in Brunswick County--near Wilmington.

The dependence on nuclear power, however, goes much deeper than those three locations. Duke Power (consequently, North Carolinians) draws thirty percent of its electricity for this state from a nuclear power plant in South Carolina.

Obviously, any decision to curtail or eliminate nuclear fission from our power sources would seriously affect our way of life as well as industrial output.

The problem is even more real in North Carolina because of past inability to maintain sufficient natural gas supplies.

All of these points are being vigorously discussed by state agency officials and elected officials in Raleigh at this time. Basically, the conversations are currently centered around being sure that the equipment now in operation or under construction is safe.

Governor Hunt has also asked the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, Herbert Hyde, to re-evaluate plans for evacuation should an accident occur.

Other efforts are also under way.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Natural and Economic Resources, I have spoken with Chairman W. D. Mills of Onslow County about the possibility of committee hearings on the problems and dangers. He has informed me that in all likelihood, joint committee hearings will be held within two weeks by the Utilities Committee, Human Resources Committee, and the Natural and Economic Resources Committee, of both the Senate and House.

My main concern at these hearings will be that we receive equal input from both industry officials and environmental lobbyists. We must also work closely with federal environmental officials since virtually all of the regulatory power over nuclear energy is in federal hands.

In addition, the Utilities Commission and its public staff will be holding public hearings around the state for three weeks beginning July 17. These hearings will be held after the Commission receives input from a conference scheduled for April 17 where Commission members will hear from industry officials and members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission from Washington, D. C.

Hopefully, the accident at Three Mile Island and the flurry of activity and introspection it has caused, will result in a safe and effective energy policy for our state and, indeed, the country.

## Colorful new ideas for an old tradition

The Easter egg has become a symbol of the celebration of spring and the fresh new life that surrounds us in the blossoming of flowers and the sounds of children at play. It has been a tradition for hundreds of years to color, decorate, and exchange eggs at Easter. Here are some new ideas for coloring and decorating eggs from the North Carolina Poultry Federa-



**Connie Bryan**

tion.

To hard-cook eggs, place them in a sauce pan and add water to one inch above the eggs. Cover and bring rapidly just to boiling. Remove from the

heat. Let stand for fifteen minutes, subtract three minutes for smaller eggs. Cool thoroughly with cold water.

For a pretty party-time garnish or an Easter lunch box, dissolve a package of flavored drink powder in one cup of water. Put in peeled hard-cooked egg. Let it stand until it reaches the desired

color. Dry on a rack. For a tie-dyed effect, crack hard-cooked egg all around, but do not peel. Place egg in simmering water to which food coloring has been added and leave for about fifteen minutes. Remove, cool, and peel.

Try different designs for eggs in the shell. For a plaid or striped egg, wrap eggs with rubber bands or strips of narrow masking tape before placing in the dye. For a colorful place card or favor at an Easter party, make personalized eggs by writing on the egg with a light-colored crayon before dyeing.

## The Washington Report

by  
Rep. Walter B. Jones

### "Tobacco Week" in capital Week beginning April 9, 1979

Last week could well be termed "Tobacco Week," as it relates to the activities here in Washington. First, we were able to convince the United States Department of Agriculture of the inadvisability of going from the present four-day sales week to a five-day sales week. This final decision involved the participation of the Civil Service Commission, the Executive Branch, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

While considering the authorization of the foreign aid bill for 1980, Representative Peter Peysers of New York introduced an amendment to prohibit the sale of \$500,000 worth of tobacco to Guyana. As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Tobacco, along with Congressmen Whitley and Fountain and others, we defeated his attempts by a 39-3 vote. Other attacks will be made from time to time, but I continue to feel that the present support program is in good shape and can survive the anticipated attacks.

### TIM'S AUTO TIPS

Spring is here and it's time to spruce up your car. Try to avoid commercial car washers. They might scratch the paint of your car and take the luster off the finish. Do it yourself and save.



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