



Sharon Morrison Annette Currie Sandy Oxendine Julie Kicklighter
1973 Miss EKOH

Fifth Miss EKOH Pageant Scheduled

Twenty six junior and senior Hoke High School girls are vying for the title of Miss EKOH 1974. The Fifth Annual Miss EKOH Pageant will be Friday in the school gymnasium. The pageant is open only to High School students.

A full day of activities has been planned for contestants. An informal tea will be held early Friday morning. This will give judges an opportunity to meet the girls and to observe them in an

informal situation. Following the tea, each girl will be interviewed by each judge for five minutes. This allows the judges to discover more about each girl's personality and about her poise under questioning. After the interviews, a luncheon for contestants and judges will be served by the Home Economics Department. The pageant will follow the luncheon.

C. D. Bounds will be master of ceremonies. Judges are Dennis Patterson, THE FAYETTEVILLE TIMES; The Fayetteville Times, people's editor; Miss Jacqueline Lennon, teacher from E.E. Smith High School in Fayetteville; and Mrs. Colon Blake from Candor, North Carolina.

Miss Julie Kicklighter, 1973 Miss EKOH, will crown the new 1974 Miss EKOH.

Washington Report

Congressman Charlie Rose

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- The tobacco hearings that we held in Lumberton and Florence the 19th and 20th of November gave us information that we were able to put to very good use this week in the Congress. Several days ago I made public a statement that the Department of Agriculture was seriously considering a ten percent increase in the 1974 flue-cured tobacco allotments. I said in that announcement that I was completely against this and that I had asked the Secretary of Agriculture to make no announcement on any change in the 1974 flue-cured tobacco allotments until he had a chance to listen to the Tobacco Subcommittee of our Committee on Agriculture.

This morning in the Agriculture Committee room, Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, Under Secretary of Agriculture Phil Campbell, ASCS Administrator Ken Frick, and Tobacco Advisor Bill Lanier met the entire Tobacco Subcommittee.

Because of the information that six members of this Subcommittee received in Lumberton and Florence during our ten hours of public hearings, we were able to tell the Secretary and his staff firsthand that a ten percent increase in the 1974 flue-cured tobacco allotments would be disastrous.

We told the Secretary that he was hearing only the arguments of the tobacco companies. We told the Secretary that we felt it would be a tragic blow to the entire tobacco business if the 1974 crop is increased by ten percent.

Where will tobacco farmers be

expected to get ten percent more curing oil in 1974? Where will tobacco farmers be expected to get more labor in 1974? And cannot farmers expect a decrease in price in 1974 if a ten percent tobacco crop increase is allowed?

The main point that we tried to make to the Secretary was this: It is apparent to the Members of the Tobacco Subcommittee, as a result of our hearings in Lumberton and Florence, that the major problem in our tobacco program right now is the incapacity of some companies to redry the tobacco which they have purchased. We pointed out to the Secretary that tobacco companies at one time could handle 100 million pounds of tobacco a week in their redrying facilities and now this capacity has gone down to some 75 million pounds of tobacco. One major tobacco company had large orders for overseas shipment of tobacco this year. This company wants to do its own redrying of tobacco that it purchases and it simply does not now have the facilities to handle leaf as fast as some other companies.

When one tobacco company has clogged up redrying facilities it calls for a sales holiday.

The Secretary promised us that he would have an informal meeting with tobacco company officials within the very near future and discuss with them the problem of clogged redrying facilities.

We told the Secretary in no uncertain terms that if ten percent more tobacco was thrown into the flue-cured tobacco market system with no increase or change in redrying plant facilities that a chaotic situation much worse than 1973 would be created. We told the Secretary that this would no doubt result in lower prices being paid to farmers on the warehouse floor which is certainly one of the results that tobacco companies are looking for.

I wish that I could tell you right now that the Secretary agreed to halt any discussions about an increase in the 1974 tobacco allotments, but he did not. He did tell us that this was one of the best conferences that he had ever had with any subcommittee on Capitol Hill and that he felt like he had clearly heard the farmer's and warehousemen's side of this problem.

Every Member of the Tobacco Subcommittee was present for this

conference with the Secretary. We started our meeting at 9:30 in the morning and met until 11:30. I sincerely hope and pray that our Secretary of Agriculture is not so committed to the interests of the large tobacco companies in this country that he cannot hear the side of the marketing of the warehousemen and the tobacco farmers.

I sincerely appreciate the great turnout we had in Lumberton for our tobacco hearings. The information that was gathered there in Florence gave those of us that are vitally concerned about flue-cured tobacco, pertinent up-to-date information that we could give directly to the Secretary. He was impressed by the fact that we weren't just talking about our position from something one or two tobacco farmers had told us. He was impressed by the fact that we had held ten hours of public hearings and had based our opposition to an allotment increase on these very current and timely meetings.

School Menu

FRIDAY, Dec. 14
Turkey w/gravy & dressing
Peas & Carrots - A
Cranberry Sauce
Ice Cream
Rolls
Milk

MONDAY, Dec. 17
Sloppy Joe on Bun
Slaw - C
Whole Kernel Corn
Red Velvet Cake
Milk

TUESDAY, Dec. 18
Beef Vegetable Soup - A&C
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich
Crackers
Orange
Milk

Hasty Elected Scout President

At the Annual Business Meeting John C. "Pete" Hasty was elected president of the Cape Fear Council Boy Scouts of America.

Hasty, an insurance executive and real estate agent from Maxton has been active in Scouting in the council for many years and served as council vice president and camping chairman.

The Eagle Scout attended Presbyterian Junior College and graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill. Hasty is past mayor of Maxton and chairman of the Laurinburg - Maxton airport commission and the town council.

He is married to the former Betty Upchurch and has three children, John C. Hasty, Jr., Flora Anne Hasty and Elizabeth Hasty.

Others elected to office for the coming year included Harold Wells, First executive vice-president, Bob Dulin, Second executive vice-president.



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