

Winner Of Hoke Miss Black Teen Title

Hoke Girl To Compete For State Crown

Cheryl Farmer, a 16-year-old Hoke County High School student, is Miss Black Teenage World of Hoke County and will represent Hoke in the Miss Black Teenage World of North Carolina Pageant June 26 in Raleigh, at Meredith College, competing for the state crown.

Miss Farmer, daughter of Margaret and Ernest Farmer of Rt. 2, Box 446, Raeford, won the Hoke County pageant title the night of June 5 in the competition at Hoke County High School.

She was among 18 contestants ranging in age from 15 through 17. Named first runnerup was Angela McPhatter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oris McPhatter of Rt. 3, Box 272, Red Springs; and named second runnerup and Miss Congeniality, Angela Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Copeland of Box 431, Raeford. All are Hoke High students.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has declared the state pageant date "Touch a Teen" Foundation Day in North Carolina.

The other contestants in the Hoke pageant were: Lisa Alford, Gwen Southerland, Sheila Jackson, Laurice Slade, Sylvia Dukes, Kim Kershaw, Tammy Baldwin, Tonja Jackson, Monzella Bethea, Myoshi Dudley, Renee Priest, Angela Southerland, Tracie Newkirk, Michelle Allen, and Vickie Blue.

Kim Norman, Miss Black Teenage World of North Carolina, was one of the special guests of the First

annual Miss Black Teenage World of Hoke County Pageant.

A reception was given in honor of Miss Norman at 11 a.m. June 4 at Raeford City Hall and she was presented the Key to the City of Raeford by Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr. John Balfour, chairman of the Board of Hoke County Commissioners, also was on hand, among other public officials, for the ceremony.

Following the reception, the contestants were given a cookout at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie McCaskill, founders of the Hoke pageant. In comments to her visit to Raeford, Miss Norman said, "I've visited cities all across the state, but this is the first time I've ever been presented the key to the city, and the pageant was one of the best I've ever attended."

Mrs. Hazel McLaughlin, director and coordinator, said, "Walking with the other committee members and the girls in the pageants has been a rich and rewarding experience, and I enjoyed every moment immensely."

The contestants were judged on poise, talent, intellect, and projection. In addition there was sports-wear and evening-gown competition.

The judges were Carrie R. Carter, Carolyn S. Goins, Betty Hunter and Carol Jackson, and Jesse Tabor of Fayetteville; Sheila Hill of Clinton; and Bruce Stanback of Rockingham.

Entertainment, in addition to



Cheryl Farmer [center], 1982 Miss Black Teenage World of Hoke County with first runnerup Angela McPhatter [left] and second runnerup and Miss Congeniality, Angela Copeland.

that of the contestants, was provided by Sharon Smith, Christine Breeden, and "Touch a Teen" Foundation of Lexington featuring Sherill Howard, Miss Black Teen-

age World of Davidson County. Miss Copeland was crowned Miss Congeniality in memory of the late Mrs. Margaret Bratcher, wife of Cleo Bratcher.



Contestants at cookout before the pageant. [Cheryl Farmer, winner of the title, could not be present when the picture was taken.]

Competency Skills Course Set

The Hoke High School Competency Program is planning a Summer Basic Skills Competency Program again this summer at no cost to students. The purpose of the program is to maintain students' present level of competency and to improve their skills so that they can successfully complete the North Carolina Reading and Math Competency Tests which are required in order to receive a high school diploma.

The program is available to any student needing Reading or Math Remediation.

The summer program will begin on June 21 and will run through July 30. The laboratory will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Students may select the day and/or hours that they will attend. Any students who are enrolled in other summer school courses offered this

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summer and are in need of remediation may also come to the laboratory. This will be coordinated with other summer school teachers.

Parents are asked to encourage their children to take advantage of this cost-free opportunity.

Anyone interested in registering for the program or obtaining additional information should contact Jim Bowles, Hoke High School, 875-2156, Ext 37, as soon as possible.

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