



**Going for gold**

The crowd cheers on these runners in the first heat of the 50-meter dash in the Hoke County Special Olympics. Though it is not clear

which of these came in first, they were all winners. The games, which were held last Thursday, drew young competitors from each of the

county's seven schools and provided each participant and volunteer with a special day to remember.

Last Thursday proved to be an almost perfect day for holding the Hoke County Special Olympics.

Aside from the beautiful weather, there was a beauty of spirit and a friendliness of atmosphere that could be felt and seen throughout the games.

The Hoke High Band lead the teams from every school in the county into the sports complex.

There were teams with such names as: "Caldwell's Cougars" from J.W. McLaughlin, the "West Hoke Dolphins," the "Scurlock Scramblers," the "South Hoke Super Team" and the "Turlington Superstars." From Upchurch Jr. High came the "Super Smurfs," the "A-Team," and the "Upchurch Eagles." Hoke High fielded "Simpson's Sizzlers."

After the welcome, the invocation and the national anthem, the Olympic torch was lit and the games were underway.

Members of the Hoke High basketball team gave the oath of the special olympics to the competitors, and the games began.

There was at least one event for everyone competing in the games. Everyone was able to do something.

There was competition of every sort, which ranged from bubble bursting to regular track events like the 50-meter dash.

Awards and medals were presented during the competition making the process flow smoothly.

The games ended by 1:30 p.m. ahead of schedule.

According to Ivey Thigpen, Director, Programs for Exceptional Children, "This year it was so well organized, we finished early."

Whether or not the finish was early or late, everyone who helped or who competed in the Special Olympics finished as winners.

These students were winners in last week's Special Olympics held at Hoke High School:

**Frisbee Accuracy--1st place winners--**Janice Lowery, Sylvia Jacobs and Tammy Jones.

**Frisbee Distance--1st Place--**Joyce Locklear, Cathy Cobb, Peggy Ray, Queen Ivey, Sherman McLean, James McPhaul, Connell Handon, Keith Locklear, Brizzell Locklear, Lawrence Ferguson, Earl Jones and Candy Craig. **2nd Place--**Jerry Parker, Edward Burns, and Billy Haselden.

**Standing Long Jump--1st Place--**William Purcell, Denise Jones, Vickie Chavis, Clarence Bullard, Lee Marvin McNeill, Sylvia Jacobs, Patricia Graham, Candy Craig, Lisa Taylor, Kimberly McCain and Keith Locklear. **2nd Place--**Mary Lee McCain, Hugh Hargrove, Lynn Brock and Lamont McQueen. **3rd Place--**Don Melvin.

**Running Long Jump--1st Place--**Dwight McCoy, Israel Cummings, Penny Locklear, Sherman Purcell, Helen Braddy, Rodney McNeill, Kenneth Locklear (HH), Shirley Hunt, Earl Walters, Kenneth

## Special

*Many helping hands gave hundreds of Hoke County youngsters a special day at the Olympics.*



Locklear (SH), Kathleen Locklear, Patricia Jones, James Harris and Tony Dukes. **2nd Place--**Clint McCoy, Timothy Wiggins, Juanita Cummings, Richard McNeill, Bruce McLean, Jimmy Bullard, Francine McNatt and Greg Johnson. **3rd Place--**Claudine Jones and Maurice Jones.

**Soft Ball Throw--1st Place--**Israel Cummings, Jerome McNatt, Jermaine Moore, Mattie Baldwin, Penny Locklear, Sharon McCain, Paul Thomas, Andre' McNair, Denise Jones, Lisa Taylor, Jerome Southerland, Kathleen Locklear, Jerome Bue, Patricia Jones, Sharon Graham, Tony Dukes, Ben Wall, Mackie McDonald, Chris Kelly and Timothy Wiggins. **2nd**

**Place--**Stevie McKenzie, Herman Cummings, Jimmy Bullard, Queen Ivey, Shirley Hunt, Travis Andrews, Lynn Brock, Bruce McLean, Debra Williams, Michael Davis, Nancy Smith, Peggy Ray, Connell Handon, Clint McCoy and Dwight McCoy. **3rd Place--**Sherman McLean, Sheerice McNatt, Wilham Purcell, Kelli Sisk and Earl Jones.

**50 Meter Dash--1st Place--**Kenneth Locklear (SH), Cathy Cobb, Kenneth Locklear (HH), Richard McNeill, Joyce Locklear, Mary Lee McCain, Ben Wall, Edwards Burns, Stevie McKenzie, Nadine Hunt, Vickie Chavis, Helen Braddy, Sherman Purcell, Sharon McCain, Andre'

McNair, Michael Davis, Don Melvin, Debra Williams, Sheerice McNatt, Kimberly McCain, Herman Cummings, Chris Kelly, Francine McNatt, Kelli Sisk, Patricia Graham and Sharon Graham. **2nd Place--**Jermaine Moore, Amelia Bullard, Earl Walters, Lamont McQueen, Lawrence Ferguson, Paul Thomas, Claudine Jones and Tammy Jones. **3rd Place--**Brizzell Locklear, Jaunita Cummings, Maurice Jones and Nancy Smith.

**200 Meter Dash--1st Place--**James Harris, Jerome McNatt and Nadine Hunt. **2nd Place--**Clarence Bullard and Rodney McNeill. **3rd Place--**Greg Johnson and Jerome Southerland.

**Wheel Chair Race--1st Place--**James McPhaul. **2nd Place--**Janice Lowery.

**Toss--1st Place--**Queen Ivey, Stephen Haynes and Anthony Morrissey. **2nd Place--**Mattie Baldwin, Kelli Sisk, Mackie McDonald, Billy Haselden, Katina Smith and Fonda Farmer.

**Batting--1st Place--**Earl Jones and Mattie Baldwin. **2nd Place--**Mackie McDonald and Lynn Brock. **3rd Place--**Stephen Haynes.

**Basket Ball Throw--1st Place--**Don Melvin, Billy Haselden, Mackie McDonald, Mattie Baldwin and Lynn Brock. **2nd Place--**Queen Ivey, Earl Jones and Connell Handon. **3rd Place--**Lamont McQueen and Candy Craig.

**Basket Ball Dribble--1st Place--**Billy Haselden and Mattie Baldwin. **2nd Place--**Mackie McDonald and Queen Ivey. **3rd Place--**Candy Craig.

**Bean Bag Throw--1st Place--**Katina Smith, Kelli Sisk, Earl Jones, and Don Melvin. **2nd Place--**Stephen Haynes, Anthony Morrissey, Connell Handon, Lamont McQueen and Candy Craig. **3rd Place--**Fonda Farmer and Lynn Brock.

**Soccer--1st Place--**Lamont McQueen, Queen Ivey, Candy Craig, Mackie McDonald, Mattie Baldwin and Lynn Brock. **2nd Place--**Earl Jones, Kelli Sisk, Billy Haselden and Connell Handon. **3rd Place--**Don Melvin.

**Bowling--1st Place--**Earl Jones, Mattie Baldwin and Katina Smith. **2nd Place--**Mackie McDonald, Queen Ivey and Stephen Haynes. **3rd Place--**Kelli Sisk.

**Bubble Bursting--1st Place--**Katina Smith and Anthony Morrissey. **2nd Place--**Stephen Haynes and Fonda Farmer.

**Hula Hoop--1st Place--**Candy Craig. **2nd Place--**Mattie Baldwin. **3rd Place--**Lynn Brock.



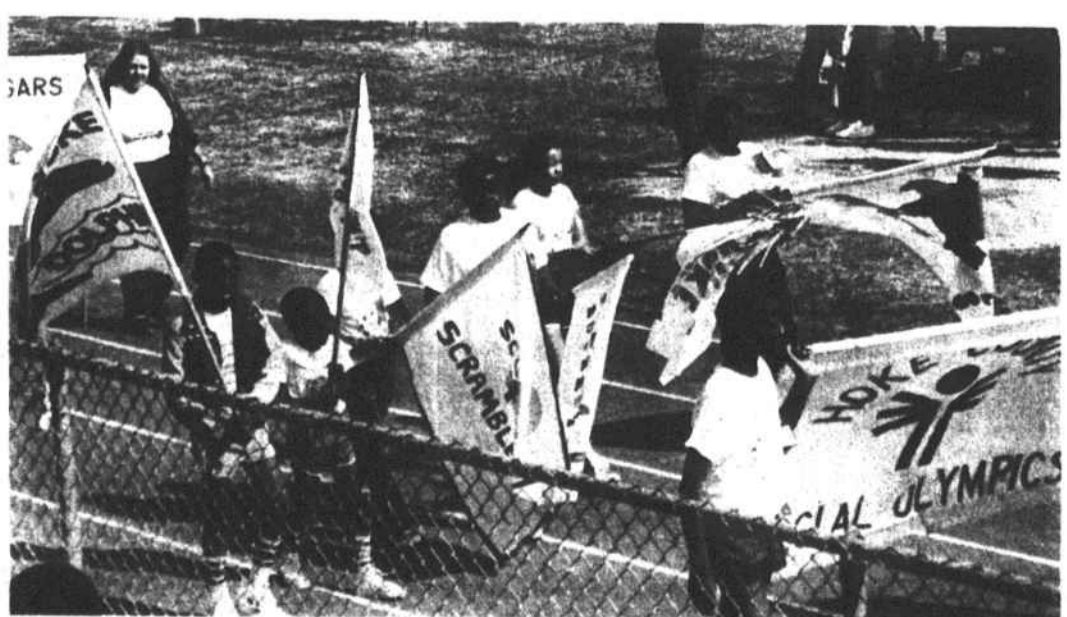
**Another winner**

A look of determination is set on the face of Kenneth Locklear as he wins his heat in the 50-meter dash. Locklear was also the carrier of the torch in this year's games.



**A little more**

This young man tries to get just a bit more distance out of his third and final try at the standing broad jump.



**Upon arrival**

This was the scene as the teams marched into this year's Special Olympics. There were nine teams competing in this year's games representing every school in

the county. Each team had a banner saying what school it represented and what the name of the team was.