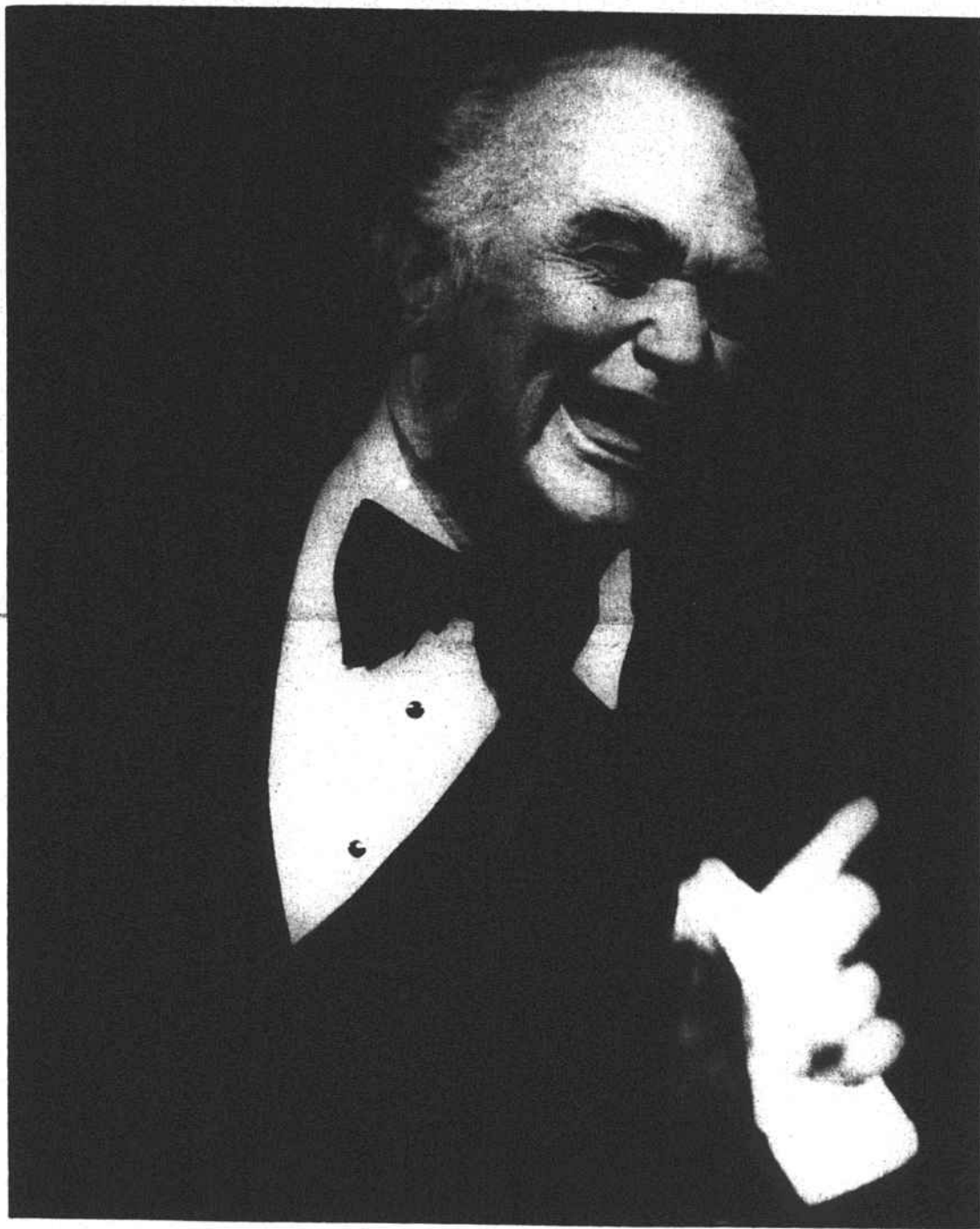


Picture North Carolina



Best In Show -- An evening with Red

A Statesville photographer was the winner of \$200 and captured the "Best In Show" title during the first annual *Picture North Carolina* black and white print competition held Saturday at the Hoke County Library.

The show, which is being sponsored by *The News-Journal* and other area businesses, will be on display at the library through May.

A candid shot of Red Skelton taken during an appearance in Greensboro last year was selected by three judges from 47 other photographs as the winner of the Southern National Bank Purchase Award and the Hoke County Library People Award.

Marty Harris, who is the staff photographer for the *Statesville Record*, took the shot with a Nikon FM camera using existing light and a 200 millimeter lens.

The 22-year-old Harris has been with the newspaper for four years. He entered four other photographs in the show.

Harris captured a "great moment of a face we all know," judge Jock Lauterer said.

"It is an insightful image that lets the viewer know that after 50 years or so, this man is still laughing," Lauterer added.

The photograph of Skelton "jumps right out. It is a grabber. It tells a story. You can almost hear him laughing," judge Bob Allen said.

Judge Bob Nelson noted that Harris had obtained an excellent technical quality in the shot of Skelton.

The runner up in the "People" category was a photograph taken by Graham Williams of Elkin of an elderly man lighting a pipe.

Williams received an honorable mention award of \$10 for the photograph.

Williams shot, "'Pause for a light,' captures a fragment of time which doubtlessly has been repeated in the life of the old pipesmoker," Nelson said.

A photograph entitled "Kathy's Playground," which was taken by Susan May of Raleigh, was judged the best in the "Creative" category and given the \$50 Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce award.

Kathy's Playground is "a nice Zen vision of the shadows in sand," Lauterer said.

Glenn Suttentfield of Fuquay Varina was awarded the honorable mention prize in the Creative category for an untitled photograph taken inside a deteriorating building.

Suttentfield also won the Heritage Federal Historical North Carolina Award for a photograph of the QE II under construction.

Glen Sides, of Aberdeen and formerly of Hoke County, won both first and second place in the United Carolina Bank Landscape category.

"October," Sides' photograph of a wide expanse of pumpkins, was called an "exceptional" print by Allen, and all three judges noted that it was nicely composed.

"Winter Splendor," also taken by Sides, place second in the category.

Another former Raeford native, Lin Webb, who now lives in Fayetteville, won the Southeast Production Credit Association Award for wildlife photography.

Webb's photograph of an owl was judged the best in the category, and Lauterer noted that the bird had a "great face."

Judge Bob Allen is the publisher and editor of the *Wake Weekly*. He has won numerous awards for photography in both state and regional competition. He is a consistent winner of North Carolina Press Association photo awards.

Jock Lauterer is the former publisher of the *McDowell Express* in Marion. He recently sold the weekly newspaper and now teaches photo-journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Lauterer's book, *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now*, which was published in 1980 by the University of North Carolina Press, is a compilation of photographs and tales of North Carolina mountain folk.

Nelson is the Superintendent of Schools for Hoke County and an avid photographer.