

Sweethearts Chosen

Michael Stanley and Christina Moody (back row from left) were crowned Mr. and Miss Sweetheart last Thursday as winners of the Longwood Headstart Center Valentine's Day fundraising project. Shady Daniels III and Delphia Daniels (middle row from left) were first runners-up and Kimberly Gore (front) was second runner-up in the Miss Sweetheart contest. Parents Committee President Flora Daniels said the project earned \$118 for the center.

Bigamy Charge Results In Suspended Sentence

A Supply man married to two women at the same time received a suspended five-year prison sentence and was fined \$500 in Brunswick County Superior Court last week.

Winford Locklear, 45, told Judge B. Craig Ellis that he thought he had a complete divorce from his first wife when he married a second woman in August 1983. He pleaded guilty to bigamy charges while representing himself in Superior Court.

In October 1984, Locklear's estranged wife, Aggie Locklear, brought charges of bigamy against her husband. The couple was married on Sept. 16, 1961 and had three

children during their marriage.

When they separated on July 6, 1983, Locklear said he called a lawyer and asked him to file for a complete divorce.

"We came to court, and that's what I thought I had then," Locklear told Judge Ellis.

Locklear married Frances Mann on Aug. 26, 1983, but a final divorce wasn't granted from his first marriage until a year later, on Oct. 26, 1984. A child was born to Ms. Mann on Aug. 4, 1984.

Assistant District Attorney Wanda Bryant said a plea bargain agreement was reached with Locklear whereby the state would recommend

a suspended sentence in exchange for his guilty plea. Bigamy carries a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and a minimum three-year sentence.

Judge Ellis sentenced Locklear to three years in prison, suspended for five years and placed him under five years' supervised probation.

"I can understand, to some extent, your confusion with divorce and complete divorce," Ellis said, "but in the state of North Carolina, you have to be separated at least a year before you can get a complete divorce."

Both Aggie Locklear and Frances Mann appeared in court last week seeking support for their children

from the marriages. Locklear said the three children from his first marriage are living with him. Judge Ellis said that although Locklear's marriage to Ms. Mann was "void from the beginning," he did "find as fact that Locklear was the father of her child."

"Ordinarily, the Superior Court doesn't get involved in paternity suits," Ellis said. As part of his sentence, Locklear is to provide adequate support for children from both marriages, or else he will be found in violation of his probation, Ellis ruled.

The amount of support will be determined by the Brunswick County Department of Social Services.

Court Hearing Delayed For Escaped Prisoner

A hearing scheduled in Brunswick County Superior Court last week was delayed after the defendant, who has escaped from custody at the State Department of Corrections in Raleigh, failed to appear in court.

Assistant District Attorney Wanda Bryant filed a motion asking Judge B. Craig Ellis to order Roy C. Ivester

of Leland to forfeit his vehicle. Ivester was given a prison sentence in Superior Court in October for two counts of felonious possession of stolen goods.

Following his arrest, Ivester's vehicle was impounded by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and is still being held. A summons was sent to the department of

corrections notifying Ivester to appear in court Monday morning, Feb. 11, for the hearing.

"When the paperwork went to where he was," Ms. Bryant said, "we learned he had escaped and was never served the papers."

The defendant escaped from officers while seeking medical treat-

ment outside the prison, she said.

Judge Ellis said he could not make a ruling on forfeiting the vehicle until the defendant had "received some knowledge of it. It sounds like it would be the most appropriate action to take."

Ellis ruled that Ivester's vehicle is to remain impounded until he is brought to court for the hearing.

Hospital Answers Suit Filed By Former Nurse

Brunswick Hospital officials have denied that a male nurse was wrongfully discharged from his job last July as claimed in a lawsuit originally filed in New Hanover County District Court.

Ronald M. Hash of Sea Aire Estates filed suit against the Brunswick County Hospital and Hospital Corporation of America in October seeking \$10,000 in damages plus back pay and interest, claiming he was wrongfully discharged from his job after filing for workman's compensation.

After the lawsuit was transferred to Brunswick County District Court last month, Shallotte attorney Mark Lewis filed an answer for the hospital, denying Hash was fired on July 30 for seeking workman's compensation. Instead, it states that if Hash was discharged, then it was a result of his "violating specific written company policies" for which "discharge is a stated remedy."

According to the original complaint, Hash states he sustained an injury to his right arm while helping to lift a patient in the operating room from a bed onto a stretcher.

It states Hash was "advised by one of his supervisors that if he did apply for workman's compensation

benefits, he would be terminated from his job."

Hash filed for workman's compensation benefits with the N.C. Industrial Commission, the suit states. On July 30, he was "advised that he could either resign from Brunswick County Hospital or in the alternative he would be fired for filing workman's compensation benefits."

When he left the hospital, Hash was

earning \$10.50 an hour as a registered nurse, the suit states. Two weeks after leaving the hospital, Hash received another job at Bowden Nursing Home earning \$7.25 an hour.

Hash is seeking damages of \$420 for two weeks' salary, \$130 per week from August 14 to the present date plus interest and damages of \$10,000. He is also asking that he be reinstated to his former position at

the hospital. In the hospital's answer, Lewis states HCA was never an employer of the plaintiff and should be dismissed from the lawsuit.

It also states that if the defendant was discharged, then it was for "failure to meet the defendant hospital's work standards not related to any worker's compensation claims."

Calendar Of Events

Thursday, Feb. 21

GAME NIGHT at the American Legion Post one mile south of Shallotte on U.S. 17, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22

STAFF MEMBERS of Rep. Charlie Rose's office will meet with constituents at the Shallotte Post Office, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23

A NEW SINGLES of all ages group meets at the Long Beach Recreation Center, 10 a.m. For more information call Vel Singer at 278-9596 or Reita Black at 845-2539.

THE SHALLOTTE AMERICAN LEGION POST meets at the Legion Hut south of Shallotte on U.S. 17, 1 p.m. Monthly meetings will be held the fourth Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. as of February.

GAME NIGHT at the Calabash Volunteer Fire Department, 8 p.m.

NOTED BLACK JOURNALIST Vernon Jarrett speaks at a recruitment program for the Brunswick County NAACP ACT-SO competition, public assembly building, Brunswick County Government Center, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 25

CA:ARASH TOWN COUNCIL meets at the town hall, 4 p.m.

FOUR-DAY LINGERIE WORKSHOP begins at the Brunswick County Extension Service Office, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information call Pearl Stanley, 253-4425.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES meets at the social services department, Brunswick County Government Center, 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Brunswick County Schools curriculum, Shallotte Middle School, 7 p.m.

MID-YEAR MEETING of the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, Sandfiddler Restaurant, Southport, social hour, 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7 p.m. For reservations call 457-6964.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UNIT of the N.C. Retired School Personnel Association meets in the fellowship hall on Calvary Baptist Church on N.C. 179 one mile south of Shallotte Middle School, 10 a.m. All members are asked to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Brunswick County Schools curriculum, Leland Middle School, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

BRUNSWICK TOASTMASTERS, CLUB 5095 meets at the Ship's Chandler Restaurant, Southport, 7 a.m.-8 a.m. Guests welcome.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS meet with the Brunswick County Board of Health, at the county health department, Brunswick County Government Center, 7:30 p.m.

Veterans Council To Meet Tuesday

The Brunswick County Veteran's Council will meet Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. at Boiling Spring Lakes VFW Post 10400.

The post home is on N.C. 87. All honorable discharged veterans are eligible for membership. Dues for annual members are \$5 and \$50 for life members.

Life member dues are used to support council veteran scholarships at Brunswick Technical College.

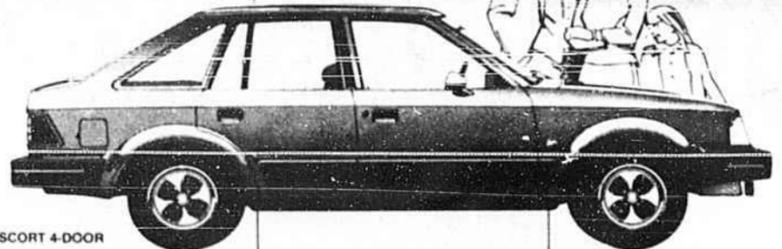
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