

Special Olympians Hold County Games

Hot, humid weather conditions could not keep more than 150 students from competing in the 1985 Brunswick County Special Olympic

games last Thursday. Students from 11 schools and the Brunswick Technical College "Brunswick Opportunities" program

gathered for the eighth-annual event coordinated by Doreen Vereen, Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department's special populations coordinator.

Each year, the Special Olympics program is coordinated for students in classes for the physically handicapped or with learning disabilities. In the opening ceremonies, students from all schools marched around the football field at South Brunswick High School to music provided by the SBHS marching band.

Students competed in the 400-meter relays and other track events, the softball throw, standing long jump and other special events. Ribbons were awarded to each student participating in the events.

Students taking a break from the activity were entertained to mime presentations by Nate Freeman and to storytelling by Joyce Greer of the Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department. Special events for the program were coordinated by Tina Pritchard of the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Tina Sims, Miss Brunswick Technical College, presented the Special Olympic Oath prior to the opening of the games.

The Special Olympic program is prepared by a committee composed of ten representatives. In addition to Ms. Vereen, serving on the committee are Rick Zuffa, of the Carolina



WINDY HERRING, a Shallotte Middle School student, takes her third leap in the standing long jump competition.



STUDENT VOLUNTEER Norman Roberts keeps time on Greg Long of Waccamaw Elementary, who is set to begin the 400-meter relay race. Roberts is a student at South Brunswick High.



ALL STUDENTS were winners in last Thursday's Special Olympics games. Pam Davis, a student in the Brunswick Opportunities program at Brunswick Technical College, receives a ribbon for participating in the softball throw.

Power and Light Co.; Chris Slegler of the BTC interagency program; Karen Kirk, Leland Middle School; Kathy Johnson, West Brunswick High School; Denise Hobbs, Lincoln Primary School; David Everett, Union Primary School; Tom Cassidy, Long Beach Recreational Center; Dorothy Cassidy, Shallotte Middle School and Cricket Abernathy, Union Primary School.

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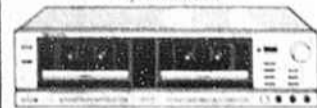
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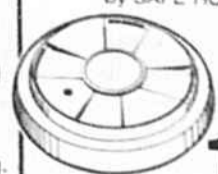
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