

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

CELEBRATION TIME...The room was cozily lighted, the air was filled with the sounds of Ray Parker Jr.'s new tune, "I'm In Love With The Other Woman," and the brightly painted signs on the walls read 30+5th - HAPPY BIRTHDAY JACKIE FERGUSON.

The Woodlawn Hollow clubhouse is where all of the above things were cleverly put together in a way that greatly enhanced an evening filled with fun.

Celebrate life was what it was all about, the 35th anniversary of the life of Jackie Ferguson.

Many people were involved in this recent funfair that his sister Diane Wingard spearheaded, and as they filled out into the early morning air, the phrase was, we can't wait until your 36th birthday.



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DANCE AND SHOW...The Cross Country Social Club is sponsoring a spring dance and fashion show, Sunday, May 16, from 3 p.m. 'til late.

The dance and show will take place at the Cross Country Sportsman Lounge on West Blvd.

After you have finished your Sunday morning activities, go by and relax with the friendly people of the Cross Country Social Club.

EXTRAORDINARY AFFAIR...The Extraordinaire's Civic and Social Club held its 5th annual Spring Dance last Saturday night, May 8, at Charlotte's Park Center.

The music for the dance was rendered by Onyx, formerly Future Shock. The music wasn't as solid or as fluid as it was with the old band, which is understandable with the recent personnel changes. Nonetheless, the popular tunes played by the group enabled the guests to dance merrily through the night.

A night highlighted by the crowning of Mrs. Emmaline White, "Miss Extraordinaire 1982," an introduction of the club members to the guests and some after parties.

Some of the people involved in this gala spring dance were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kennedy, Ruth "Lightfoot" Townes, Carolyn Vaughn, Arthur Burgess, Gerald Blakeney, Bobby Fewell, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Vassar, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Blackmon, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Albert, Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cox, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. George Duren, Steve Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. William Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mitchell.

GOLF CLASSIC...The Tri-Country Athletic Club presented its third annual Tri-Country Four-Ball Golf Classic, last Saturday and Sunday, May 8-9.

The Lancaster Golf Course with its traps, water holes, doglegs, and woods killed the dreams of many of the participating golfers. The dreams of winning trophies and prizes awarded first and second place winners in each flight, or the trophies awarded the third and fourth place winners.

As usual the Charlotte golfers were there, 15 strong. The team of Ralph King and James Boulter, riding high from their recent Mecklenburg Four-Ball victory and playing super golf, won the tournament with a 36-hole score of 134 (65-69). Donald Littlejohn and Alvin Grier, two strong players, teamed up and played the tough Lancaster course very well. Their 68 score Saturday and 69 Sunday was not enough to overtake King and Boulter.

Robert "Greasy" Brown and Raymond Fewell's score of 74 placed them in the first flight, but their 75 Sunday placed them out of the prize winning categories.

In the second flight, Don Queener and Len Gibson shot a solid 77 Saturday; however, they shot a 79 Sunday which nipped their chances for a trophy.

The majority of the Charlotte players were lumped into the third flight. The highest finish was a two-day total of 154 carded by John Love and Sinclair Clinton, good enough for a second place finish. George Williams and Willie Thompson won fourth place prizes with a total score of 158. Freddy Goodman and Robert Cummings scored 79 Saturday but missed the prizes with an 80 Sunday. The same snake bit John McClure and Billy McCollum, who shot a 79 also Saturday, yet scored an 84 Sunday, which put them out.

The Tri-Country Athletic Club members hail from Lancaster, Chester and Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Sargeant Rudolph Torrence Is Superhero To Many People

By Teresa Burns
Post Managing Editor
The "tough cop" image has barricaded the television and movie screens and given its audience images of superheroes.

In a way Sgt. Rudolph "Rudy" Torrence, Supervisor of the Charlotte Police Department's Youth Bureau, is a superhero, at least to the many people who have come in contact with him during his 27 year career.

Standing tall and statuesque Sgt. Torrence can handle any Kojac or Shaft role model. Behind that tough yet debonair physique lies a tender heart of compassion. And that's one reason why Sgt. Torrence was chosen as one of the five finalists in the Third Annual Police-Community Relations Awards.

Nominations were accepted from citizens over a seven week period. Over 100 nominations were received, nominating 61 officers. Finalists were selected by the Police Community Relations Awards Subcommittee of the Community Relations Committee.

There were six semi-finalists who received certificates. The five finalists, including Torrence, received a plaque and a \$500 cash award. The program for the ceremony (held in April) briefly stated the purpose of the relations awards:



Rudolph Torrence

work of the city and county police departments and to encourage each officer to exhibit in his/her daily performance those qualities that will improve police-community relations."

Working as supervisor over the investigators in the Youth Bureau, Sgt. Torrence has the responsibility of making quite a few decisions relating to various instances.

Before his promotion to supervisor he held the position of investigator, "This unit investigates crimes involving persons 15 years of age and younger," Sgt. Torrence explained, "whether they are victims or participants."

"The rewards come when you see youngsters you come in contact with in latter years succeed in life," he continued.

Compassion is one element of Sgt. Torrence that stands out. And when it comes to his job he has plenty to spare, even after

27 years. "You have to have compassion for the young and some positive directions that would be of benefit to the youngsters you come in contact with," he began. "Each incident will hopefully hinder that youngster from getting involved in other incidents."

The Youth Bureau also impresses the need for victims to be more cautious and conscious about security in daily activities, Sgt. Torrence remarked.

To parents who are experiencing difficult times with a child, Sgt. Torrence advises better controls, checks and balances. "I would also advise more family involvement in terms of doing things as a family. Involve youngsters in community interests and endeavors."

"Family togetherness" as Sgt. Torrence dubbed it, should be placed high on any family's priority list. Even those who work should find time for family

involvement, as suggested. Sgt. Torrence and his wife Joyce attend Friendship Baptist Church. He is a member of the WBT Radio Black Advisory Board; member of the Johnson C. Smith University 100 Club; the West Charlotte High School Alumni Association; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Sgt. Torrence started his career with the Police Department in the Uniform Patrol Division. He served in the Traffic Division followed by working in the Police Community Relations Division. His promotion to sergeant was formalized in 1976.

Sgt. Torrence plans to stay in the force for three more years to mark his 30th anniversary. There will be three more years Charlotte can cherish one of its "on-the-job" superheroes, Sgt. Rudolph Torrence.

DOC Sponsoring Program

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina is sponsoring an intensive 40-hour training program—Lab 1-Listening Skills-Visitation Skills—for calling on the inactive church member. Promising to teach the "skills for calling and caring ministries," the Lab is designed to instruct participants in "the in-depth listening skills necessary to effectively reach out and call on the inactive church member."

The training program will run from June 1-16 at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, N.C. The cost will be \$150 per participant plus room and board which is available at a nominal rate at the college.

Dr. John S. Savage, President of LEAD Consult-

ants, Inc., is to be the trainer for this event. LEAD is an agency for religious leadership, education, and development. LEAD was organized by Dr. Savage to provide a human resource pool of highly skilled trainer-consultants for the life and mission of the church. It was Dr. Savage's original research with the Apathetic and Bored Church Member that has stimulated the unusual interest in this area of ministry.

Anyone interested in developing listening skills to share in the ministry of calling on the inactive member can contact the Reverend Dan Feltner-Kapornyai, P. O. Box 311, Pittsford, N.Y. 14534, 716-586-8366.

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