

And Then The Rains Came...

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 Last Thursday 22 contestants began rocking for the cash prizes offered. A lot of hard work went into planning the rocking chair marathon by Joyce and Steve Lee and the KM Jaycees and that event continued under full sponsorship in three different locations; Bicentennial Square (beside Neisler Brothers downtown), in the community center gym and in Gamble Stadium Saturday night during the football game.

At 5:05 p. m. last Sunday, 79 hours and five minutes after it began, the marathon ended and Leonard Tarbush, 32, of Kings Mountain was declared first place winner. He won \$300 in prize money and about \$400 to \$500 in side bets ahead of the game.

Dottie Wyte, 28, of Gastonia claimed second place money — \$175 — when she dropped out five minutes ahead of Tarbush. Claudette Connor took third place money — \$50 — and Chuck Austin came in fourth for no prize money.

The prize money came from the \$20 entry fees paid by Kings Mountain merchants and private individuals solicited by the jaycees. The Jaycees handled concession sales to the public who came to watch.

The jaycees also prepared a 75-unit Bicentennial parade, which was cancelled about 2 p. m. Friday — 90 minutes before it was scheduled to begin. The group also booked two bands — Hickory Smoke and Freeway — to play for the Thursday and Friday night street dances.

On Friday night after musical entertainment by the Swinging Mountaineers — a senior citizens band — a couple of senior citizens received gift certificates. Anna Mosely, 88, and Lafayette Eaker, 88, were the oldest persons present at award time.

Following this Jonas Bridges and Jack Brown conducted an auction featuring cakes, soups, jams and jellies and hand-crafted items made and donated by the senior

citizens. The proceeds were given to the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad ambulance fund.

Saturday afternoon Marion Thomasson's poodle, Pierre, took first place in the pet show judging. Billy King's dog Lulu won second and Howard Lutz' Saint Bernard Sleepy was third place winner. Todd Gossett's cat Patches and Jeff Smith's cat Speedy

Gonzales took first and second place for felines. Gloria Smith's Optimist Midget Cheerleaders took home some trophies Saturday, too. The girls, 12 and 13 years of age, were honored for cheerleading. The group included Carol and Elaine Horton, Sonya Smith, Tina Forbes, Rosalind Gardner, Desiree Righetti, Sonja Taylor, Carla Owens, Gina Melton and Patty Strong. Mascots

are Karlie Wiggins, Shannon Smith and Shan McAbee.

During a break in an outdoor concert by The Westwinds, a band from Reynold's Dance Club, a drawing was held for a CB radio, a riding lawnmower and a color TV set.

Ronnie Plummer, in charge of the drawing, called on 12-year-old Troy Worcester to draw the winners and jeweler

Tommy Grayson to announce the names.

Billy Gene Wray of Kings Mountain won the Zenith color TV; Shirley Parrott of Kings Mountain won the Lawn Boy mower; and Ralph Cline of Charlotte won the CB radio.

The prizes and contest was sponsored by the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association.

Also Saturday afternoon

local citizens thronged around a flatbed trailer on Battleground Ave. to see Abner Harrington of Sanford put his trained dogs through their paces.

The show was sponsored by the city recreation department.

Harrington has trained dogs for about 30 years and spends most of his weekends performing all over the state for all types of civic clubs and organiza-

tions, shopping centers, churches and at conventions.

He has 14 dogs trained, but only brought nine of them here last Saturday. He said he begins training the dogs at about five or six months of age and it usually takes six months to a year to train the animals to perform.

Saturday afternoon the Republican Party also got into the swing of things

with a candidate caravan. Arriving about 2 p. m., the caravan included Rep. James Broyhill, gubernatorial candidate David Flaherty, Cleveland County Commissioner candidate Fred T. Leigh, Lieutenant Governor candidate Bill Hiatt and Sen. Jesse Helms.

The caravan toured Cleveland County and part of the Gaston throughout the day Saturday.



GRADY HOWARD

Society Honors Howard

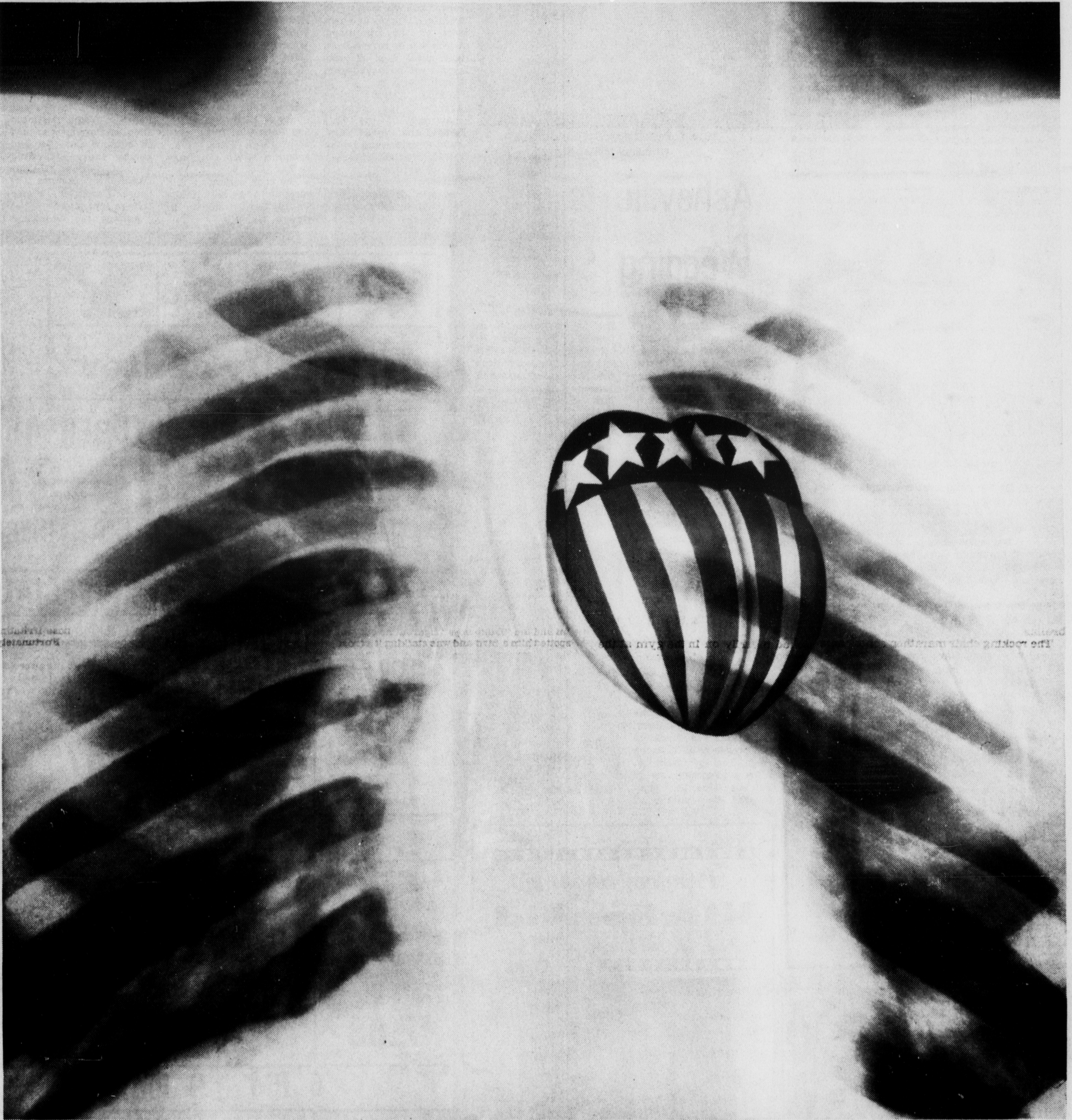
Grady K. Howard administrator of the Kings Mountain Hospital was advanced to Membership status in the American College of Hospital Administrators at Convocation Ceremonies held recently in the International Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, Tex.

Presiding at the convocation was James D. Harvey, ACHA Chairman and Administrator of the Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Tulsa.

The convocation marked the opening of the professional society's 42nd Annual Meeting, held concurrently with the Annual Convention of the American Hospital Association.

MISSIONARIES

Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Thompson and their family missionaries to Argentina, have occupied the First Baptist Church missionary residence on Goforth St.



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