

HAYES

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He was promoted through the ranks from patrolman to his present assignment of Commander, Captain and Assistant Chief and at one time was Acting Chief of the Department.

Rabbit and squirrel hunting are Hayes' hobbies but most of his friends know that he loves to collect ball caps. He has collected over 500 caps and his goal is to have as many caps as retired postman Bud Medlin. When Hayes' friends vacation they always bring home a ball cap for Bob.

"The best part of my job is that I get to deal with all kinds of people," said Hayes. "I like helping people."

The captain says his wife, his high school sweetheart, often feared that something would happen to him but has always been supportive of his job. That support encouraged him to pursue a career in law enforcement and he dedicated his life, he said, to fighting crime.

Hayes was instrumental in forming Community Watch organizations in town. His duties as Patrol Commander have included everything from making up and administering a budget for his department, supervising personnel, handling citizen complaints, and at times working when shifts were short

handed. Prior to the city's hiring of Chief Warren Goforth in the fall of 1986, Hayes was Acting Chief.

He has seen the department grow from 11 members to a staff of 42, including reserves, and from one chief's car and one patrol car to numerous vehicles.

He has served with Chiefs Martin Ware, Paul Sanders, Tom McDevitt, Junior Roper, J. D. Barrett, Earl Lloyd and Warren Goforth. The late Mayor Glee A. Bridges hired Hayes and since then he has served with former Mayors Kelly Dixon, John Henry Moss, Kyle Smith and present Mayor Scott Neisler.

Hayes says he enjoys a superb working relationship with Chief Warren Goforth who he credits with a professionally run department and with leadership of the department through the computer age with increased benefits for the public and for police.

Having a close call with death made the captain a better police officer, says Hayes. "You learn what to look out for," he said.

Hayes said he recalled at the time that former Chief J. D. Barrett remarked that Hayes was lucky. "If he had been a small man I expect we'd be having a funeral."

Being a police officer is a job if you plan to be a good one, Hayes says. But he is the first to admit that the gun and the badge don't mean the same to everyone.



JOEL WALLACE

Shriners barbecue is Saturday

Are you ready for some "real barbecue" cooked Shrine Club style?

That's the invitation from White Plains Shrine Club who will be serving up their specialty Saturday from 10 a.m. as long as the supply lasts.

Plates are \$5 and two sandwiches are \$4. Whole shoulders with slaw and BBQ sauce sell for \$35.

The barbecue pit is set up in the American Legion/City Auto & Truck Parts parking lot on York Road and Shriners will be burning the midnight oil Friday night in preparation for the big event.

Chairman Joel Wallace says the proceeds will help Crippled & Burned Children's Centers, a special project of Shriners.

WALK

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Holtville, Calif., 20 miles west of the Arizona border, he found a dead man lying near the road. He called authorities. The man had died of dehydration.

After that experience, Mahon detoured north toward Phoenix and then to Dallas, Texas.

Wild pigs came out of the woods and chased him in Texas, he said. While one of the litter was nosing through his bag, Mahon took pictures of the 500 pound hog.

He said telephone pioneers got involved in Shreveport, Louisiana and since then have made sure he had a roof over his head at night.

Mahon said he had seen families split up because there was no room in shelters. He wants to keep families together, noting that often men had to be placed in a men's shelter and their families were housed by other agencies.

He wants people to get involved and invest donations in a mutual fund to operate a shelter year round. A penny a mile isn't much to ask, he tells people who meet him along the route.

Mahon (pronounced man) says it isn't wanderlust that's powered his almost 3,100 mile hike. He plans to devote his life to trying to alleviate a growing problem that isn't likely, he said, to go away when the recession is over.

Mahon says that all donations to

Family Shelter Walkathon, Box 28046, Charlotte, 28224 are tax-deductible and will go directly into an account managed by Waddell & Reed, which will release it only for the purposes for which it was donated. Mahon has been employed by the investment firm part time. He has worked with the homeless on both a paid and volunteer basis for more than eight years.

Every where he got mixed reaction from people. Children offered him pennies. Most people were positive.

"I saw a mirror of life on this journey," said Mahon who said what he did represented somewhat of a calling. He said he had received much encouragement from Jackson Place Baptist Church of Charlotte and from initially skeptical family. His three sisters and brother in New York and his father, B. J. Mahon, have applauded his efforts. At first his dad told him he was "crazy."

Mahon started volunteering at homeless shelters in Charlotte when he was 20 years old working for Greyhound Bus Lines. For three years he has been a shelter supervisor. It hurts him to see people waiting in line for a roof over their heads, he said, and his goal is to see families off the streets and sleeping in warm beds.

Is he glad the walk is over? "Lord, yes," he exclaims. "The walk was more of a mental challenge than it was physical."

Rezoning hearings on Board agenda

Budget amendments and public hearings on petitions to rezone are on the agenda for Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

City Manager George Wood said he expects the 7:30 p.m. meeting to be short.

Mike Brown and O. G. Penner are asking for property rezoning and James W. Plonk is asking the board to call for a public hearing on a rezoning request.

The board will also make an appointment to the planning and zoning board.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

	April 13-20	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.26	2.81
Maximum one day	.26 (20)	2.01 (20)
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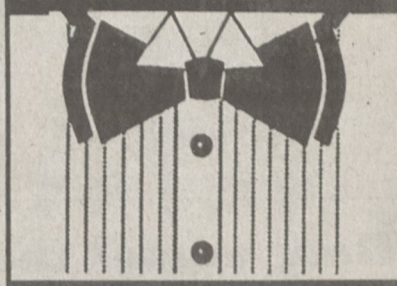
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