
SURRY COUNTY
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ROCKING CHAIR
MARATHON
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THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.	Rocking Chair Marathon Chairman
10:00 A.M.	Parade Committee
11:30 A.M.	Break for lunch
1:30 P.M.	Special Events Chairman and Committees
3:00 P.M.	Special Days Chairman and Committees
5:00 P.M.	Break for dinner
7:30 P.M.	Meeting with Rogers Company, Dobson Comm. meeting, at Surry Community College.

FRIDAY

THE CONSULTANT WILL SCHEDULE MORNING MEETINGS AS HE DEEMS NECESSARY FROM HIS CONSULTATION DURING THE WEEK.

12:30 P.M. — No-host Luncheon with General Chairman, Headquarters Chairman, Co-ordinator, Treasurer, Secretary;

a. To review week's meetings
b. Areas that need to be strengthened
c. What has to be done immediately

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RULES FOR ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

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Attached is information about the Surry County Bicentennial Celebration Rocking Chair Marathon to be held Sept. 11-14, 1975, in Mt. Airy; Elkin; Dobson; and Pilot Mountain.

For this exciting (but unusual) event we invite your participation. We want each of you to sponsor an entrant in the Rocking Chair Marathon at a cost to you of $10.00 per entry. And believe us, we wouldn't go to the trouble to ask you if we weren't completely sold on the fact that you'll get more for your $10.00 in publicity and advertising than you have ever gotten before. The one you sponsor we prefer to be form your organization, a friend or family so you might have a contestant with a rooting section for him; however, we can assist you in getting a contestant if needed. Of course, you want one that will rock the longest for you.

The $10.00 entry fee will go for the County-Wide prizes. The first prize will be $300.00; 2nd place, $150.00; 3rd place, $100.00; 4th place, $50.00; 5th place, $25.00. Of course, the longer your rocker stays in the running the more publicity you'll get. You can decorate your rocker or dress your entry any way you like as attention getters.

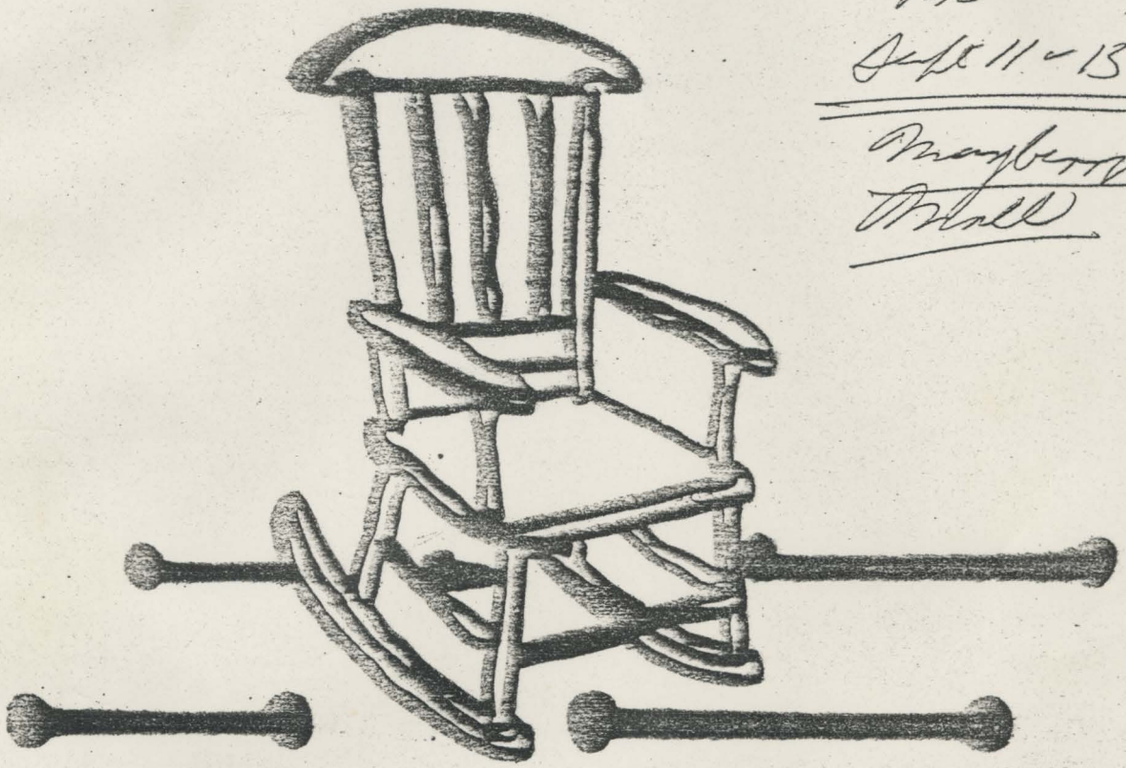
Fill out the enclosed entry blank and return it soon, as all entries must be in by September 8, 1975. Make checks payable to: Surry County Bicentennial Commission and mail to: P.O. Box 1776, Dobson, NC.

If you have any questions or need more information, call Celebration Headquarters (386-8623). We'll see you Rocking Chair Marathon Day, September 11-14, 1975.

Hylton Wright

Hylton Wright
Marathon Chairman

ROCKING CHAIR



MARATHON

THE ROGERS COMPANY

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

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An unusual event that will create enthusiasm and participation in almost any town. The three or four day event will draw excellent crowds around the clock and the word-of-mouth publicity can be tremendous. The prize money draws the entries and the uniqueness or craziness of the event draws the crowd. The celebration can make its money from the entry fees and concessions.

To give an idea of the number of entries to expect, two celebration marathons have been held. Jackson, Tennessee had 47 entries and the marathon lasted 108 hours. Texarkana, Texas had 75 entries and went 83 hours before the final dropout. Both events drew a "revolving" crowd of approximately 5,000 spectators. Radio, television, and newspapers gave excellent coverage of the entire event.

The Rocking Chair Marathon takes approximately five weeks to complete its operation, from initial committee organization until the end of the event itself. During the first week the committee is organized and the entry sub-committee makes its mailing. A press kick off is held the second week and entries are taken during the next three weeks. The marathon itself is held the fifth week.

Benefits of the event are two-fold, that of the obvious celebration promotion and participation, plus the additional funds to be gained. This is definitely a FUN project! However, strong committees are a must!!!

(Material for this project gathered, brain-washed and "road-tested" by members of the Rogers staff. Basic ideas conceived by Ron Nash and George Elias. Other contributions from Rogers staff members are appreciated. They include Phil Frable, Craig Rebholz, Bob McCrary, Pat Haggerty and Bob Molder.)

GEORGE S. ELIAS
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ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

I. CHAIRMAN -

He is responsible for coordinating all sub-committee assignments. He also serves as Coordinator of Officials.

II. ENTRIES -

(1) Mailing to merchants and clubs. A letter to all organizations soliciting sponsorship of entries should go out three days before the press kick-off with an information sheet, a rules sheet, and an entry form.

(2) Newspaper form. At the press kick-off, an official entry form to be printed in the newspaper should be given the press along with the press release (coordinate with PUBLICITY COORDINATOR).

(3) Accounting. He is responsible for signing in all entries at the time of the Marathon, holding the drawing for position numbers, and <u>especially</u> securing the signatures of all entrants and parents of under-age entrants on the Agreement of Release and Indemnity form.

(4) Match-up. There are sure to be individuals who wish to enter but can't afford the entry fee, and clubs or businesses who wish to have an entrant but can't find one. One committee member should be responsible for taking the names of these people and matching them up.

III. OFFICIALS -

The Marathon Committee Chairman acts as Coordinator of Officials and announces the beginning of the contest and starts the official clock. His primary responsibility is to secure three Chief Judges and as many other judges as necessary and to insure that they all are thoroughly versed in the rules and procedures. It is vital that general policies and rule interpretations be determined and followed by all officials.

The three Chief Judges are the Day Chief (8 AM - 4 PM) who might be a female volunteer, the Night Chief (4 PM - midnight) probably a man, and the Graveyard Chief (midnight - 8 AM) who will have to be a paid worker. These people will act as M. C. for the event, run the official clock, and handle the rest and food breaks. During the early hours of the event, these three might all work together for an hour or so to establish continuity. The Chief Judge is also responsible for seeing that disqualified contestants are given over to the custody of someone who will see them safely home.

III. OFFICIALS (Cont'd.)

The other judges, or floor walkers, will work in shifts. There should be at least two per shift; a shift would last at lease four hours. In the beginning, shifts should overlap by thirty minutes or so to allow new judges to become acquainted with procedures. It is the responsibility of the floorwalkers to disqualify contestants for not rocking, for not resuming their rocking after the 7 minute break, for receiving aid in rocking, and for adjusting or allowing the contestants to adjust their chairs if they begin to "walk" and interfere with other contestants. Unusual situations may arise and judges may have to make immediate procedural decisions. These should be communicated to all other Chiefs and judges so that they may be followed from then on as general policy. Good judgement must determine in certain cases whether a contestant should be disqualified or merely warned. Except during the 7 and 15 minute breaks, no one should be allowed to touch any contestant, and only during the 15 minute period should anyone other than officials or contestants be allowed in the roped-off rocking area. The floorwalkers may hand things from contestants to persons in the audience but nothing should be received by the contestants from the audience except during the 7 and 15 minute periods.

IV. CONCESSIONS -

(1) Beer stube and Marathon mugs. This person should determine the legal possibility of setting up a beer stube and arrange to secure the materials to erect it and secure the beer to sell, plus the personnel to man the stube for as many hours in the day as it is legally possible to sell beer. He must coordinate with A & G for location. Souvenir mugs may be used in connection with the beer sale. Order early!

(2) Centennial souvenir tent. This is to sell Centennial souvenirs around the clock. Materials (tables, chairs, etc.) must be secured and the tent erected in accordance with the A & G subcommittee. Personnel must also be recruited to man the tent and make sure that it is fully-stocked at all times.

(3) Food and drink. He is responsible for either farming out the food and drink concession to an organization which will agree to give the Celebration a generous percentage (not less than 20%) or securing the stand, erecting it, and staffing it and keeping it fully supplied with food and drink to sell.

V. ENTERTAINMENT -

(1) Round-the-clock entertainment of some description should be secured.

(2) Scheduling. All acts must obviously be scheduled to avoid overlapping and long inactive periods. No acts should be scheduled during the 7 minute rest period.

V. ENTERTAINMENT (Cont'd.)

(3) M. C. An announcer or master of ceremonies must be secured to introduce the acts and insure that they begin and end on schedule. None of the officials will be able to fulfill this duty.

VI. DECORATIONS -

(1) Street banners. If possible street banners should be put up to publicize the event or at least to indicate where the event is taking place. In the event of a move, arrangements should also be made to erect roadsigns, if possible, to show both contestants and spectators how to get to the event.

(2) Signs for entries. Although each contestant is allowed, indeed encouraged, to make his own signs for his chair, name signs for the scoreboard, numbers for the board, and number cards for the contestants to wear must be made.

(3) Judges area. This area must be conspicuously decorated and identified so that all participants, officials, and spectators know where it is. This is in addition to the judges stand.

(4) Time board and scoreboard. A large scoreboard like those used in golf tournaments should be made or secured. It is suggested to use two large peg boards, one for contestants remaining in the marathon and one for thos e who have dropped out. Names of contestants and their sponsors and their numbers should be large enough for spectators to see at a distance and they should be easily removable for placement on the "out" board. (Coordinate with A & G for placement of boards.) The exact time of elimination and the total elapsed time in the marathon must also be made. This can be easily done with number cards which can be flipped over by an official.

(5) Several rockers should be secured for publicity use in the headquarters and decorated.

VII. AREA & GROUNDS -

(1) Arrangement of outdoor space and/or indoor alternate. The marathon is more exciting if held outdoors, but this presents several problems, such as night lighting and the need for an alternate location in the case of extremely bad weather conditions. Space is the first major consideration. Each rocker needs an area about 6' x 8' if they are arranged in rows. A circular or box arrangement is suggested and may require less space. There must also be space for portable toilets, a judges stand and area, concession stands, entertainment area, adequate spectator area, and scoreboards.

VII. AREA & GROUNDS (Cont'd.)

(2) Portable toilets. At least six portable toilets to be used by contestants must be secured.

(3) Public toilets. If necessary, the spectators can use the same toilets as the contestants, but ONLY during those times other than the 7 minute rest periods. To avoid any problem, it is suggested that two public portable toilets be secured and so designated, or that public restrooms in the immediate area be used by spectators, and that the toilets for the contestants be locked at all times other than during the 7 minute break.

(4) Review or judges stand. This can consist of only a table and five or more chairs and should be centrally located in the rocking area.

(5) Judges tent. If the marathon is held outside, a structure of some kind must be erected for the officials. In any case, a telephone must be secured for use by the judges.

(6) Lighting. If the marathon is held outside, lighting must be arranged for. If held inside, someone must find out about all switches, fuse boxes, etc.

(7) Roped-off area. The judges stand and tent, the rocking area, and the portable toilets (if they are not to be used by the public) should be inside a roped-off area so that judges may easily police the event. If held outside, a larger area for spectators to exclude traffic must also be roped off.

(8) Clean-up. Contestants can clean up after themselves only to a certain degree. Someone must be responsible for emptying the garbage cans and for keeping the area at least clean enough during the contest so that spectators are not driven away by the garbage. After the conclusion of the marathon, the entire area must be cleaned up as well.

(9) Traffic and Safety. It is necessary that the Marathon be coordinated with the local police. A paid off-duty policeman must be on hand when local police are not on duty.

(10) First-aid. An ambulance must be on hand at all times during the marathon. Nurses must be on duty.

(11) Official watch. Someone must secure a clock, chess timer, or some other time piece to serve as the official clock for the event. A stop-watch may also be necessary to time breaks if the official clock does not have such a device. The Marathon Committee Chairman should begin the event and start the official clock. The Chief Judge will be responsible for starting and stopping break periods and determining exact times of withdrawal of contestants and the exact total time of the Marathon.

VII. AREA & GROUNDS (Cont'd.)

(12) Launching signal. Some dramatic signal for starting the Marathon should be arranged for. A police or fire siren or gun-shot(s) fired by the sheriff or some other such device is suggested.

(13) Garbage cans. Several large drum-type trash cans must be positioned around the area for the use of contestants, officials, and spectators. These will have to be emptied periodically as well, by the Clean-up people.

(14) Insurance. Make certain that celebration insurance is in effect.

VIII. PUBLICITY COORDINATOR -

This event is a natural for publicity, but that is not to say that the event will publicize itself. The major incentive for a business or club's sponsoring a contestant is the publicity which accrues to those sponsors and contestants who remain in the contest the longest. Of major importance is the press kick-off to initially announce the contest and get the entry form printed in the paper. Other releases should go out periodically to encourage further participation by sponsors and entries.

Most important is having all media represented at the beginning of the Marathon, with live TV and Radio coverage during the event. Larger nearby city TV stations should be lured into covering the event. Any mention of contestants in the press should also be accompanied by the contestants' sponsors' names.

IX. AWARDS -

Prize money should be stressed to impress possible entrants.

(1) Money for winners. Checks must be made out for presentation to the winners.

(2) Trophies. Some sort of trophy, such as an embedment mounted and inscribed, must be prepared for presentation to the special category winners.

(3) Participation certificates. Each contestant who actually enters the Marathon and starts rocking should receive a personal certificate signifying his participation in the event.

(4) Presentation ceremony & publicity. About three days after the conclusion of the event, the presentation ceremony should take place with all winners and all media present. Either the actual rock-

X. SOUND -

Ideally two systems should be used: one for the event and one for entertainment. If necessary a local sound company might be paid to provide and operate the sound equipment. Perhaps they could be induced to provide and set up two systems for the price of one as their contribution to the Celebration.

SAMPLE LETTER TO MERCHANTS AND CLUBS

~~Dear Friend:~~ INFORMATION ABOUT SURRY COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

Attached is ~~an announcement~~ of the (~~town~~) Celebration Rocking Chair Marathon to be held (date) in (town) ~~on streets blocked off around Celebration Headquarters.~~

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The $15.00 entry fee will go into a cash fund for prizes. First prize THE COUNTY-WIDE PRIZES will be 300; 2nd place, 150; 3rd place, 100; 4th place, 50, 5th place, 25.00 (suggested Prizes: 1st - $300, 2nd - $150, 3rd - $100, 4th - $50, 5th - $25). Of course, the longer your rocker stays in the running the more publicity you'll get. You can decorate your rocker or dress your entry any way you like as attention getters.

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If you have any questions or need more information, call Celebration Headquarters (phone no.). We'll see you Rocking Chair Marathon Day, (date).

Marathon Chairman

MARATHON INFORMATION SHEET

As a special event in conjunction with the (town) Celebration, a Rocking Chair Marathon will be held (date), beginning on (date) and lasting until the last rocking chair stops rocking. Anyone "between the ages of 5 and 105 and breathing" can enter this marathon. You must furnish your own rocking chair and present yourself at Celebration Headquarters, (address), at (time), on (date) prepared to start rocking by (time). Each entrant will be allowed a 7 minute rest period every two hours. Other than this, they will be required to remain in their rocking chair and rocking. In other words, eat, sleep and be merry in the rocking chair. Each entrant should be prepared for foul weather by bringing an umbrella or other paraphanalia to protect them. There will be a drawing for locations along the street blocked off near Headquarters. As participants drop out, the group will move up to cover his spot until the last entrants will be rocking in front of the Headquarters.

We want to encourage each (town) business as well as any civic organization to sponsor a contestant. Signs will be made up for each rocking chair showing the participant and his sponsor. You may decorate your chair in any manner you like to make it attractive.

To enter the contest just contact one of (town's) businesses and ask them to sponsor you in the Marathon or contact Celebration Headquarters, (phone), for information on obtaining a sponsor.

We will have widespread publicity for this event, so wouldn't it be great advertising for your business for a news bulletin to come out over the air "John Doe of A.B.C. Company still rocking after 16 hours in the Rocking Chair Marathon"!

There will be a first, second, third, fourth, and fifth cash prize winner besides other prizes for the best decorated, oldest and the youngest contestants. Besides the cash grand prizes the winner and the runner-up will ride a float in the (town) Celebration Parade.

We know this will be an unusual and stimulating event of special interest to all the news media. It is our plan to go to outside television, radio and newspapers. With enough local participation, we might obtain some national coverage. We hope that we can interest "live" local television, radio and newspaper coverage of the event.

200 offset

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COUNTY-WIDE

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

300 offices

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____ Age _____

Sponsor _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Make entry fee ($15.00) payable to ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON and mail to: Celebration Headquarters, (Address).

Deadline for entries: (Date and time)

Information to be filled in by Marathon Official:

Entry No._____ Fee paid _____ Date _____

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AGREEMENT OF RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

The undersigned, as a participant in the _____ Celebration Rocking Chair Marathon, hereby agrees, for the consideration of being a participant, to release the _____ Celebration Association from any claim of any nature or source that may arise from the undersigned's being a participant in the Rocking Chair Marathon sponsored by the _____ Celebration Association.

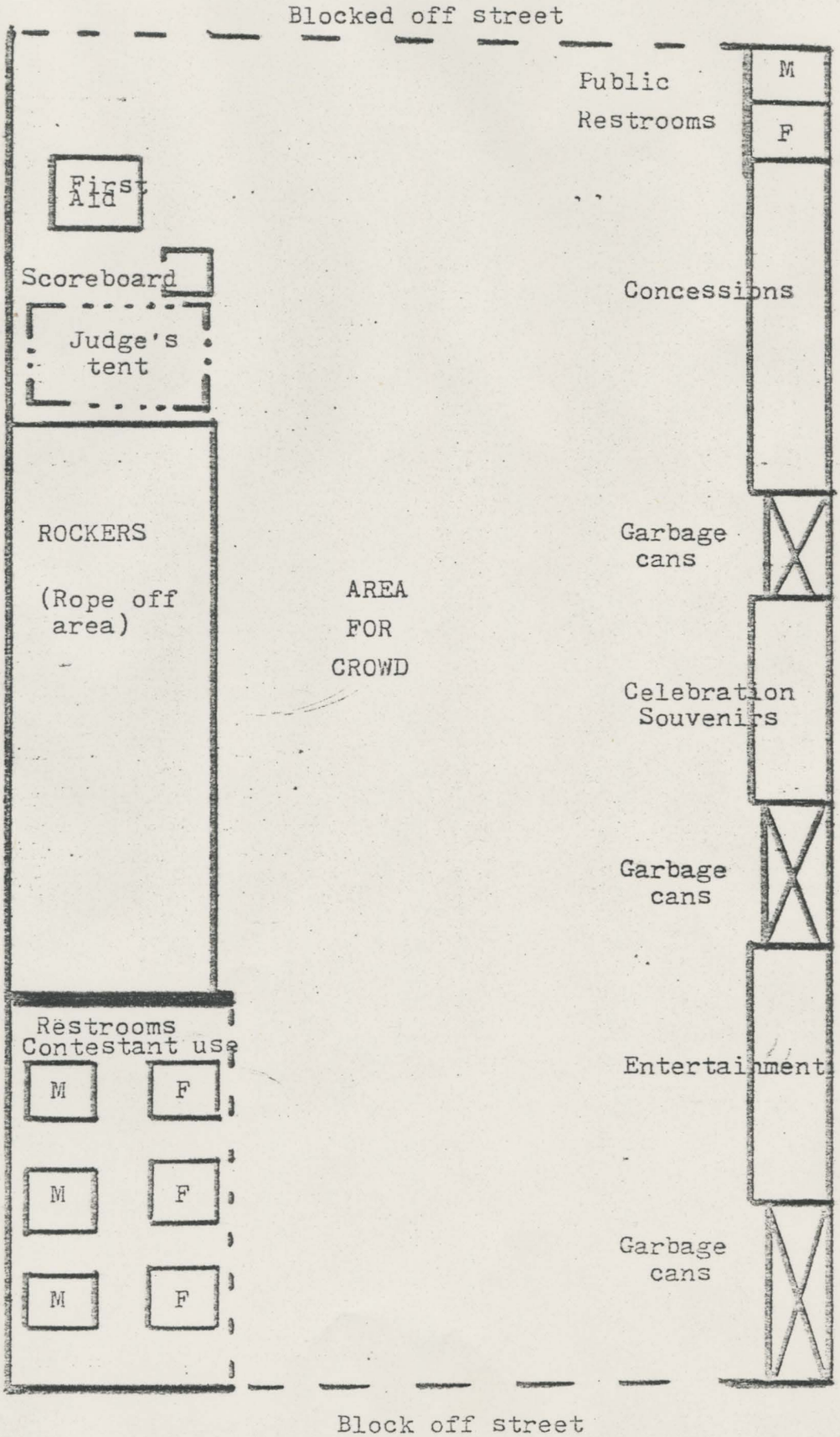
Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

_____
Participant

_____
Parent or Guardian of Participant

_____
Entry Number
(Do not fill in this space)

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON LAYOUT



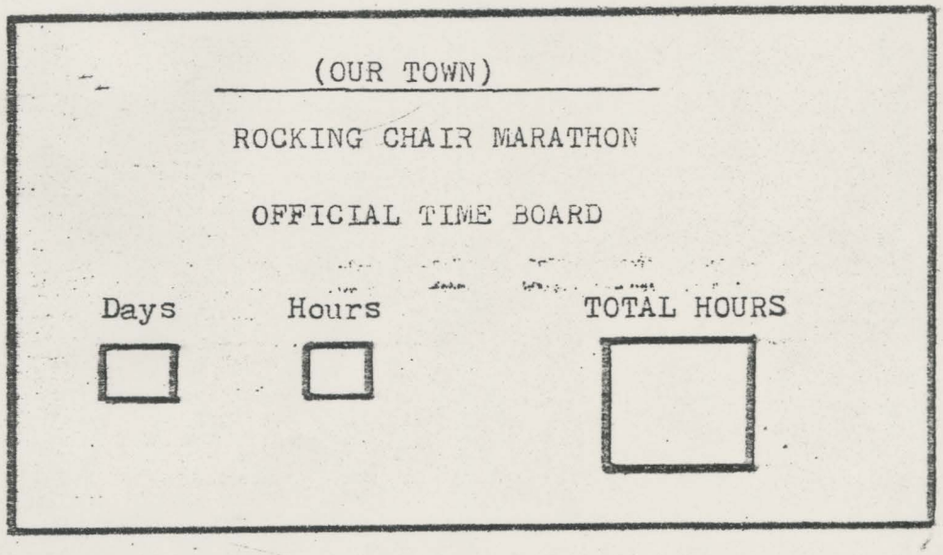
ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON SCOREBOARD

Number	Sponsor	Contestant	Name	Sponsor	Contestant
1	MACY'S	Jones	6	KIWANIS	Adcock
2	DON'S PLACE	Stewart	7	ROTARY	Williams
3	McDONALD'S	Doe	8	JC's	Brady
4	HOT SHOP	Bubbles	9	BOY'S CLUB	Ruben
5	GREYHOUND	Smith	10	MUSEUM	Bailey

ELIMINATION BOARD

Date Time Hours Minutes	SPONSOR	CONTESTANT

NOTE: Use same format for the setup of the board but replace the number with the above left square, i.e. date, time, hours, and minutes that entry left the contest.



NOTE: The three boards should be arranged in or near the judge's tent and in a manner that may be seen by the entire crowd. The SCOREBOARD should have the number attachable to the sponsor's card so that it may be removed as the contestant drops out and his "hours" may be listed. This same card becomes the ELIMINATION card with the new information. The OFFICIAL TIME BOARD should be kept up to date by the judge.

Marathon

Rocking contest slated

The Texarkana Centennial Association has designed a contest for those in Texarkana who don't mind expending a lot of energy to go nowhere.

It's a sort of back-and-forth, up-and-down type contest that doesn't require much brainwork but it can get participants into a rut if they are on soft ground. The only really necessary skill is the ability to remain awake long past bedtime.

The event is the Centennial Rock-a-thon, or Rocking Chair Marathon.

Sound boring? Don't poo-poo it yet, for the prize alone would make up for a month of boredom.

The winner, after the other contestants have quit, gone to sleep or fallen from their chairs, will get a tidy $300. Second and third prize winners won't do half bad either, at $150 and $100.

The Rock-a-thon contestants mount their chairs at 6 p.m. March 23 — a Friday — in front of the Texarkana post office on State Line.

According to Ron Copeland, chairman of the event, area businesses and organizations are being asked to sponsor entrants. The entry fee is $15.

Each entrant must have a sponsor, according to Copeland, who said prospective participants may obtain their own or get assistance by contacting the Centennial Association.

Following are the rules for the contest and an entry blank.

OFFICIAL RULES

Texarkana Centennial Rocking Chair Marathon

1. Entrants may be any age and must reside in either Miller or Bowie Counties.

2. Deadline for registration — March 21 at 12 midnight.

3. Rocking chairs must be of some type or design wherein rockers rest directly on the ground — no platform or motorized rockers allowed.

4. A seven minute break period will be allowed every two hours if necessary. Contestants must secure permission from the time judge before leaving for the break.

5. Each contestant must continually rock except for the seven minute break to remain in the contest. Judges will have the final authority to disqualify a contestant for not continually rocking.

6. A drawing for position of the chairs will be held at 5:45 p.m. Friday, March 23.

7. All contestants must check in by 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 23, to be eligible to enter the contest.

8. Alcoholic beverages, drugs, or illegal stimulants are not allowed and any contestant found to be using any of these will be disqualified.

9. The $15 entrance fee must be mailed to: Rocking Chair Marathon, Texarkana Centennial, 519 Olive, Texarkana, Tex., 75501, by midnight, March 21.

10. Each entrant should be prepared for foul weather by bringing an umbrella or other paraphernalia to protect them from sun or rain.

11. First prize — $300 will be given to the last contestant rocking; second prize — $150 will be awarded to the next to the last contestant; third prize — $100; fourth prize, $19.73; fifth prize — $18.73.

12. Rockers may be decorated as long as the decorations do not interfere with the rocking qualities of you or the others.

13. There will be special awards for the youngest entrant, the oldest entrant, and the best decorated rocker.

14. This is a fun contest and it is the responsibility of the individual or parents to use good judgement to see that each entrant does nothing detrimental to himself or others.

15. Entrants may stay in the marathon as long as they wish. Personal commitments such as school or work are left to the discretion of the entrant.

Official Entry Form
Texarkana Rocking Chair Marathon

Name_____

Address_____

City _____ State_____

Phone_____

Age_____

Sponsor_____

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Make entry fee ($15) payable to Rocking Chair Marathon and mail to:

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Entry deadline: Midnight, March 21, 1973

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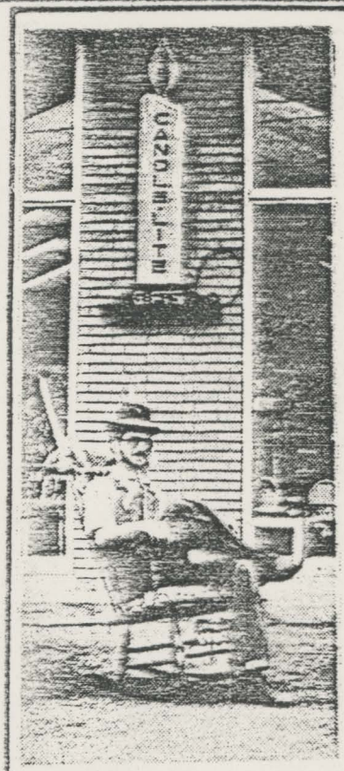
Plez Block, Robin Polen, Mrs. George Daily, Marv Autry and Jan Gleason: rockers in the Centennial "Rockathon".

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PROMOTING
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Texarkana, Ark-Tex. March 23, 1973



JOIN US!

Some have questioned whether Royce Simmons is off his Rocker. Actually he was worked so hard at the CANDLE-LITE GIFT SHOP that he has been retired to the ole Rocking Chair for several days. While in this state of retirement he has decided that he might just as well Win the ROCKING CHAIR CONTEST to be held during the CENTENNIAL FESTIVITIES, which begins tonight in front of the downtown Post Office. We do not think any other Contestant can hold a CANDLE to him.

The CANDLE-LITE GIFT SHOP

2005 New Boston Rd. Ph. 792-3221

Seventy-five enter local Rocking Chair Marathon

Texarkana, Ark-Tex. March 24, 1973

MARATHON BEGINS

BY BRAD BAILEY
Staff Writer

The opening of the Rocking Chair Marathon at 6 p.m. Friday in front of the U.S. Post office on State Line was just a little anti-climatic.

Seventy-five marathon entrants—young, old, male, female—sat poised in their rockers waiting for the signal to begin "Go!" shouted Ron Copeland, in charge of the event, but it was though nothing had happened.

Seventy-five rockers slowly began the slow, creaky back-and-forth trip that will probably carry the winner of the endurance event through at least four sleepless nights.

The crowd made up for the rockers' lack of excitement, waving to their friends and rooting for their favorites.

Prior to the event, three awards were announced—to the driver of the best-decorated rocker, Mrs. John Heflin, sponsored by C.J.'s Restaurant; youngest entrant, Clay Smith, 11, sponsored by Olivet's Grocery, and oldest, Mrs. Maymie Martin, 74, sponsored by the Lila Lumpkin Chapter of the Navy and Marine Mothers.

Most of the excitement for audiences at the Post Office will begin as soon as the excitement among participants begins to ebb.

It is predicted that by the third day people will begin falling out of their seats in mid-rock.

As far as can be determined, the world's record for non-stop rocking is about 108 hours—roughly four days, according to Copeland.

Participants who had anticipated tired legs, backs and bottoms as the only obstacles to copping the $300 first prize may be in for a surprise, according to weather reports.

Storm clouds were reported in heavy concentrations over Dallas, Tex., and are expected to arrive in Texarkana by at least mid-morning today.

What will participants do when—and if—it begins raining? All of them plan to tough it out, rain or shine. One participant, Mike Jones, is completely encased in a heavy polyethylene bag a lot like an arctic survival tent.

Other participants are wearing several layers of wet-proof clothing and raincoats.

There is apparently no method in the marathon participants' madness. None, with the exception of Jones, had made any great effort to catch extra sleep in preparation for the event.

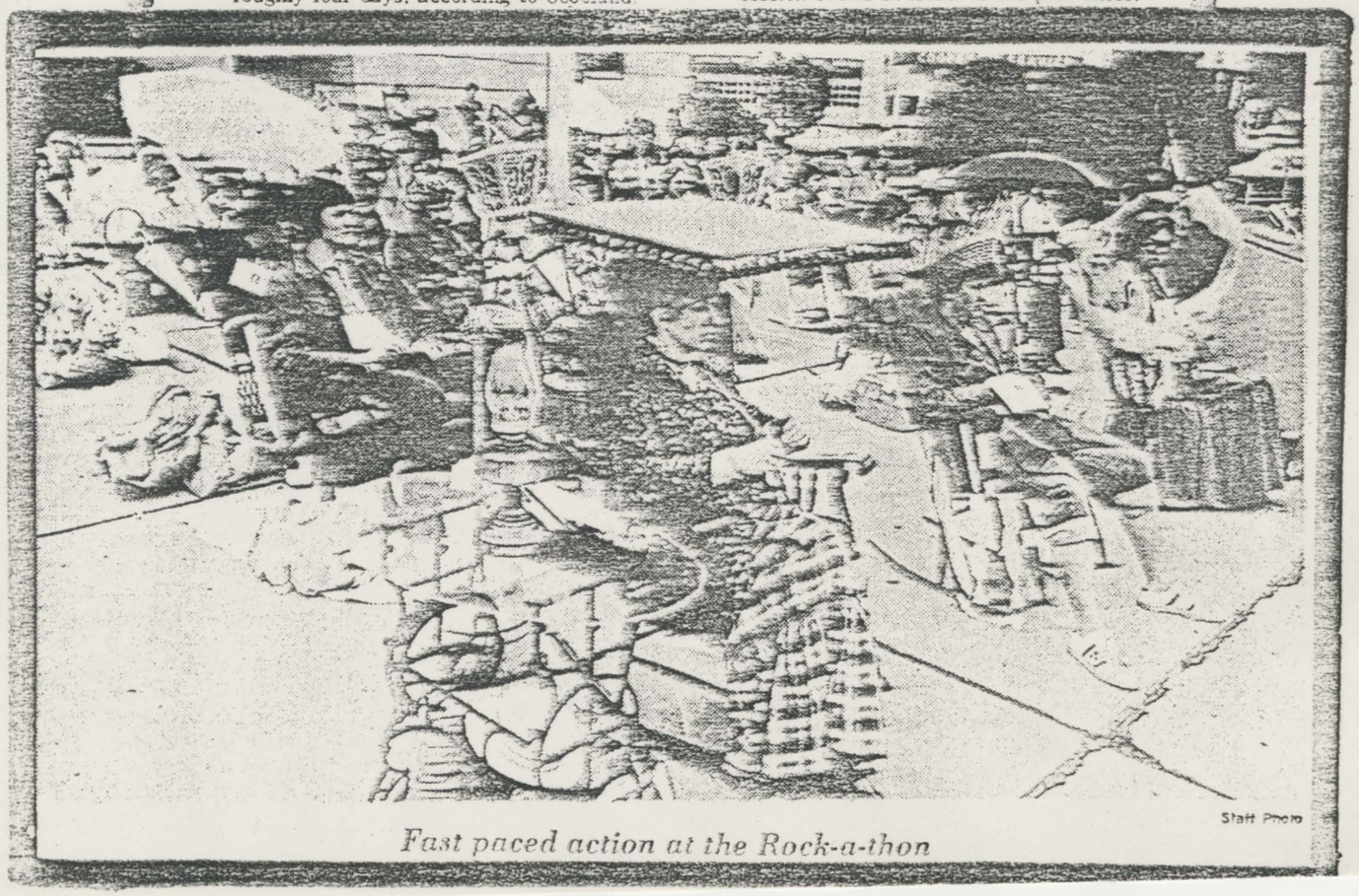
Jones has been hitting the hay every evening at 7 p.m. for the past week.

No dietary precautions were taken by any of the people polled, either.

The whole event is a race against uremic acids and other impurities building up in the bloodstream. When the impurities reach intolerable levels, the rockers will start to nod off.

Each contestant must continually rock except for the seven-minute restroom period to remain in the contest. The restroom period will roll around every two hours.

The Texarkana Jaycees have set up concession booths in fromt of the post office.



Staff Photo

Fast paced action at the Rock-a-thon

Texarkana, Ark- Tex. March 26, 1973

Marathon contestants still going

By BRAD BAILEY
Staff Writer

Contestants in the Texarkana Centennial Association's Rocking Chair Marathon are conking out at the rate of one per hour; according to the event's chairman, Ron Copeland.

The contestants were moved first from the Post Office to the Arkansas High School gym where their rockers began carving up the wodden floor, then relocated to the Agriculture Building at the Four States Fairgrounds.

The open building offers protection from the rain, but the temperature is the same as outside — the upper 40s and lower 50s.

At 10 p.m. Sunday 23 of the original 70 rockers still were tottering to the enthusiastic support of over 200 friends, coworkers and interested people.

The strain doing battle with the sandman has, surprisingly lessened.

Most of the contestants said that after a certain point they just "woke up."

Friday night —Saturday morning was the worst period for the sleepless rockers, when the uncooperative skies dumped nearly two inches of rain, and 20-mile-per-hour gusts attempted to snatch their unbrellas.

The only real problem Sunday--other than remaining aware--was the cold. Many of the rockers were receiving throat medication from aides during the seven-minute breaks every two hours.

For the sufferer, a sore throat is an annoyance. For their neighbors, it's a blessing. One girl, promptly nicknamed "Motormouth" by nearby rockers and Rock-a-thon officials, was irritating just about everybody, spectators and rockers alike, with her constant shrill cries of "Janey! Hey Janey, whatcha doin?"

The weather silenced Motormouth. She now cannot speak above a whisper.

A man named Fred Jordan, sponsored by the Texas Senior High band, began the event with a "noble cause." Jordan decided to write down his thoughts during the entire marathon, so that after it was over he could read back over them and see how his mind deteriorated Sometime between Friday and Sunday he dropped his project, and at last inquiry was reading a comic book.

Perhaps the best part of the whole marathon, for the audience, is watching the contestants nod off. The rocking chair just moves slower and slower. Just as it begins to come to a total halt, the participant lifts his head off his chest and begins to twitch spasmodically, and the rocking continues for a while. When it does finally stop and person is off to dreamland, an official judge at the event shakes the entrant's shoulder and tells him to "go home and get a pillow."

The usual reply is something like, "I'm still rocking. Leave me alone."

A 47-year-old schoolteacher, Mrs. Geraldine Hendren, was sent home at 2:30 a.m. Sunday after 36 hours. By 9 a.m. the same day, just six hours later, she was back at the fairgrounds cheering her former rockmates.

Most of the contestants are claiming numb bodies and clear minds, but it is believed that they are fooling themselves Most of them wear a blank look.

If friends are in the crowd, the rocker stands a better chance of coming out the winner of the enduro.

Ronnie Whittenburg has it made. Employes of Sears, his sponsor, are coming out in shifts to keep him awake and see that he has all the comforts of home. His meals over the last few days have been mostly steak and baked potatoes.

MARATHON CONTINUES, MOVES TO NEW LOCATION, BAD WEATHER

72 CONTESTANTS DROP OUT--3 LEFT!!!

Continuous coverage from newspaper, remote on radio,
Television news program allert

Rockers dwindle to three

Last male drops out of marathon competition

Five women rocked into top honors Monday night as the last male, Bobby Richburg, fell sixth in the rocking by sighing off at 7 p.m.

Two others claimed fourth and fifth places in the next hour leaving three women to hours more rocking for win, place, and show.

At 10 p.m. three contestants, Pamela Adcock, sponsored by J.R. Crowder; Diane Angel, sponsored by Teens Aide Retarded; and Pat Corbitt, sponsored by White's Glenwood House, were still rocking but doing little else.

Debbie Shackelford, sponsored by Oak Manor Nursing Home settled for fifth place at 7:35 p.m. Monday after going 73 hours and 35 minutes.

Thirty minutes later Carolyn Flowers from Whites Glenwood House could not be roused by her teammate, Mrs. Corbitt, and was retired.

Monday at the Texarkana Centennial Association's Rocking Chair Marathon was a long, uneventful, sleepy-go-lucky day — with two notable exceptions: the two people picked most likely to succeed by onlookers were among the first to quit the contest.

T.J. Anderson, the 61-year-old veteran long distance trucker, remained taciturn and expressionless to the end. From what could be gathered from spectators and the judges, Anderson nonchalantly got up from his chair and began wandering about the big Agriculture shed at the fairgrounds asking, "Why were we put in separate rooms? Weren't we supposed to rock together? Why were we separated?" After he was disqualified from the event, one of the judges pointed to some of Anderson's rockmates and said, "There they are. Can't you see them?" Anderson apparently could not, and was escorted from the area.

The second big upset came when Mrs. John Heflin, winner of the Best Decorated Chair Award and the favorite for second place collapsed at her chair.

She crumpled when visiting television newsmen fired a 3,600 candle-power lamp directly into her face. She spun in her chair and buried her face in her hands, and never removed them while on the scene. She was carried out with her hands over her face, still in a sitting position.

A doctor who was at chairside said that Mrs. Heflin appeared to be suffering from simple exhaustion. "She'll be well in the morinig after a few hours sleep," he said, "unless there are other complications."

Regardless, the incident cast a pall over the rockers for several hours. Parents who before Mrs. Heflin's dramatic departure were counseling their children to "stay in, stay in," began telling them "get out, get out."

Most of the wobblers expressed fears of going temporarily insane from lack of sleep, although the majority of them were relatively coherent Monday.

Mrs. Corbitt and Mrs. Flowers, a team from the beginning, formed an agreement Monday afternoon that in the event of either of them "getting dingy" each would see that the other is removed from the race before anything embarrassing happened.

Both Mrs. Corbitt and Miss Adcock were quietly rocking with slightly unfocused eyes while Miss Angel was answering questions, if she could understand them, from anyone in the audience. "I can't see you but I can hear you."

Miss Angel said the questions would sometimes change completely between the spectator's mouth and her ear, but that she wasn't hallucinating.

Miss Adcock was rocking and eating but somewhat uncommunicative. She would politely listen to questions but wouldn't seem to attempt to answer them.

Mrs. Corbitt was saddened by the loss of her teammate, but still seemed to be spry. "I think the secret is to keep me from drawing inward," she told her supporters. "Don't let me stay on one thing too long."

Texarkana, Ark-Tex. March 27, 1973



(Staff photos by Winston Sparks)

Diane Angel, left, Mrs. Pat Corbitt, center, and Pamela Adcock rock toward Tuesday morning

70 HOURS LATER!!!



Diane Angel rocks her way into a $300 prize.

Rocking champ gives $300 prize to teens

The Texarkana Rocking Chair Marathon ended at 5 a.m. today when contestant Mrs. Pat Corbitt conceded the first place position to Diane Angel.

After a total of 83 hours in the almost four-day enduro event, Mrs. Corbitt and Miss Angel discussed matters during a break period. Mrs. Corbitt decided that Miss Angel should win since Miss Angel was going to donate the $300 first prize to Teens Aid Retarded Association

Mrs. Corbitt left her chair with a second place prize of $150. She was sponsored by White's Glenwood House.

The third place winner, Pam Adcock, sponsored by J. R. Crowder, will receive $100.

Carolyn Flowers, also from White's Glenwood House, nodded off in fourth place. She will receive $19.73. Debbie Shackleford, fifth place winner, will receive $18.73.

According to Centennial Business Manager Ron Nash, the awards will be presented at 10 a.m. Thursday at Centennial Headquarters.

Also receiving awards Thursday are Mrs. John Heflin, of CJ's Restaurant, for the best-decorated chair; Clay Smith, 11, sponsored by Olivet's Grocery, for being the youngest entrant; and Mrs. Maymie Martin, 74, the oldest entrant, sponsored by the Lela Lumpkin Chapter of the Navy and Marine Mothers Club.

The marathon opened at 6 p.m. Friday in front of the U.S. Post Office with 75 entrants.

Participants, anticipating rain, started with several layers of wet-proof clothes and raincoats. They got the rain, in good measure, Saturday morning. By 10 a.m. Saturday they had received plenty of wet weather and so had the officials. Ron Copeland, in charge of the event, announced then that the marathon would recess and reconvene at noon Saturday in the Arkansas High gym. At the time of Copeland's announcement 55 contestants remained.

The event was later moved to the Four States Fairgrounds and contestants dropped out at the pace of about one per hour during the first 65 hours of the contest, with only an even dozen remaining at 10 a.m. Monday.

Seven people remained in the contest late Monday afternoon; reduced to five by late evening. The last male in the event, Bobby Richburg, signed out at 7 p.m. to claim sixth place.

Debbie Shackleford, sponsored by Oak Manor Nursing Home settled for fifth place at 7:35 p.m. Monday after 73 hours and 35 minutes.

Thirty minutes later Carolyn Flowers from Whites Glenwood House checked out for fourth place.



MRS. PAT CORBITT
...Second place



PAM ADCOCK
...Third place

MARATHON WINNER AFTER 83 HOURS!

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Julie Spillman Julie Spillman

ADDRESS Golf Course Rd.

CITY Pilot mtn. STATE NC.

PHONE 368-2394 AGE

SPONSOR Pilot Mountain Lions Club

ADDRESS Pilot mtn, N.C.

PHONE 368-2470

Make entry fee ($10.00) payable to Rocking Chair Marathon and mail to: Surry County Bicentennial Commission, P.O. Box 1776, Dobson, NC.

Deadlines for entries: September 8, 1975

Information to be filled out by Marathon Official:

Entry No._____ Fee Paid_____ Date_____

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME CHRISTOPHER ENGLAND

ADDRESS RT #1

CITY PINNACLE STATE NC

PHONE _____ AGE 25

SPONSOR SMITH BOLEJACK FARM

ADDRESS RT #1

PHONE PINNACLE, NC

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ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Joey Riddle

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 84-B

CITY Westfield STATE N. C.

PHONE 351-3148 AGE 13

SPONSOR Don Riddle

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 84-B

PHONE 351-3148

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ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Benjah Wall

ADDRESS P.O Box 686

CITY Pilot Mtn. STATE N.C.

PHONE 368-5912 AGE 10

SPONSOR Wall Realty Co.

ADDRESS P.O. Box 686

PHONE 368-5912

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ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME PAT SAIN

ADDRESS ROUTE #2

CITY PINNACLE STATE N.C.

PHONE 368-2782 AGE 14

SPONSOR PILOT MOUNTAIN WOMAN'S CLUB

ADDRESS PILOT MTN., N.C.

PHONE 368-2017

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Check & application
Sent to Dobson

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Gene Lain

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

PHONE _____ AGE _____

SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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Deadlines for entries: September 13, 1975

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NAME Julie Spillman PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

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Dated this _____ day of _____ _____

Julie Spillman
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ADDRESS Rt 2 Pinnacle N.C. 27043

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ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME James M. Lawrence

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 238-A

CITY Grassy STATE N.C.

PHONE 374-5594 AGE 20

SPONSOR myself

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PHONE _____

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Dated this 5TH day of September 1975

David Donathan
Participant

Parent or Guardian of Participant

Entry Number
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NAME David Donathan

ADDRESS 240 E poplar St

CITY Mt Airy STATE N.C.

PHONE 789-4537 AGE 18

SPONSOR _____

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DOBSON, NORTH CAROLINA 27017

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AGREEMENT OF RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

The undersigned, as a participant in the Surry County Bicentennial Celebration Rocking Chair Marathon, hereby agrees, for the consideration of being a participant, to release the Surry County Bicentennial Celebration Association from any claim of any nature or source that may arise from the undersigned's being a participant in the Rocking Chair Marathon sponsored by the Surry County Bicentennial Celebration Association.

Dated this 9 day of 4 75

Doris Edwards
Participant

Parent or Guardian of Participant

Entry Number
(Do not fill in this space)

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Doris Edwards

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 597

CITY Mt Airy STATE NC 27030

PHONE 789 4820 AGE 48

SPONSOR State Line Trading Post

ADDRESS Cana Va 24317

PHONE 703 755 3431

Make entry fee ($10.00) payable to Rocking Chair Marathon and mail to: Surry County Bicentennial Commission, P.O. Box 1776, Dobson, NC.

Deadlines for entries: September 8, 1975

Information to be filled out by Marathon Official:

Entry No._____ Fee Paid_____ Date_____

DQ Sept '75
D.J.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Josephine L. Snider

ADDRESS 902 West Lebanon Street

CITY Mt. Airy STATE North Carolina

PHONE _____ AGE 34

SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Gene G. Sain

ADDRESS Route 2 Pin.

CITY Pinnacle STATE N.C. 27043

PHONE 368-2782 AGE 22

SPONSOR Shoals Ruritan Club

ADDRESS RT # 2 ~~Dobson~~ Pinnacle, N.C. 27043

PHONE 325-2297 or 2330 or 2328

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Deadlines for entries: September 8, 1975

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SURRY COUNTY AMERICAN REVOLUTION
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Dated this 7 day of Sept 1975

Gene G. Sain
Participant

Vincent Della Pres. Shoals Ruritan
Parent or Guardian of Participant

Entry Number
(Do not fill in this space)

R 1 Box 597
Mt Airy N.C.

Dear Sir,
I am Sending $10.00 Entry
Fee To the Bicentennial

From
DORIS Edwards
R 1 Box 597
Mt Airy N.C.
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Doris Edwards
R 1 Box 597
Mt Airy N C
27030





Surry County Bicentennial Headquarters
P O Box 1776

Dobson N.C. 27017

Surry County Bicentennial

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

September 11, 12, 13, 14, 1975

Starting Time 6:00 P.M.

MT. AIRY — MAYBERRY MALL
ELKIN — RECREATION CENTER
PILOT MOUNTAIN — ARMTEX PARKING LOT
BEHIND J&M VARIETY STORE
DOBSON — COURTHOUSE

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FIRST PRIZE $300.00 (COUNTY-WIDE WINNER)

SECOND PRIZE $150.00 (COUNTY-WIDE WINNER)

THIRD PRIZE $100.00 (COUNTY-WIDE WINNER)

FOURTH PRIZE $50.00 (COUNTY-WIDE WINNER)

FIFTH PRIZE $25.00 (COUNTY-WIDE WINNER)

PLUS PRIZES FOR LOCAL WINNERS (DONATED BY PROCTER-SILEX).

TROPHIES!

ENTRY BLANKS AT LOCAL BANKS

SURRY COUNTY AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, INCORPORATED
POST OFFICE BOX 516
DOBSON, NORTH CAROLINA 27017

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Sept. 11, 1975

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES OF THE ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

1. Decisions of the judges about the qualification of contestants is final as to question of whether or not they have stopped or to any other manner of disqualification.

2. Judges at the beginning of the contest should give each contestant an official number.

3. Judges will make sure the contestant has signed the waiver of liability agreement.

4. In the receipt book provided judges will make out receipt for all late entries.

5. A seven minute break will be allowed every two hours to use restroom facilities, etc. This will be done in rotation , only one or two at a time should be allowed to break; then after every contestant has had his break, a fifteen minute feeding period will be allowed for everyone, but the contestant must remain i rocking while eating. One person should order and bring his food to him.

6. Except for the seven minute break, contestants must rock continually and unaided. Judges will have the final authority to disqualify a contestant for not rocking or for receiving aid in rocking. The Chief Judge of the County, Hylton Wright, will be a final referee in case of any disagreement between judges. His word will be <u>absolutely final.</u>

7. No alcoholic beverages, drugs, or illegal stimulants will be allowed. Will ful use of them is immediate grounds for disqualification.

8. Judges or their assistants will be responsible for listing those who both remain and drop from the contest. Since the marathon is in two places, judges or their assistants should <u>immediately</u> telephone headquarters, 386-8623 of anyone who drops and the remaining number. CB units at the scene should also be informed and they will relay the information to the other locations.

9. In case of change of location due to weather, judges will stop the official clock of watch while the contestants are moved. They will reset the clock when they move is completed and keep careful records of the time elapsed since this will have to be compared with the other location. An official tablet will be provided. If at any time the clock has to be stopped, the elapsed time should be noted on the tablet.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Greg Lawson

ADDRESS 1216 Fairlane Drive

CITY Mt. Airy STATE NC

PHONE 789-8231 AGE 16

SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Make entry fee ($10.00) payable to Rocking Chair Marathon and mail to: Surry County Bicentennial Commission; P.O. Box 1776, Dobson, N.C.

Deadlines for entries: September 8, 1975

Information to be filled out by Marathon Official:

Entry No.- _____ Fee Paid _____ Date _____

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Scott morion

ADDRESS Rt 4 Box 301-A

CITY mt. Airy STATE N. C.

PHONE 786-5209 AGE 16

SPONSOR mr. Arnold morion

ADDRESS Rt. 4 Box 301-A

PHONE 786-5209

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Ellery Holding

ADDRESS Rt. 8 Box 206

CITY Mt. Airy STATE N.C.

PHONE 786-5791 AGE 16

SPONSOR United Savings & Loan

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM 4

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Ricky Bowman

ADDRESS Rt 3 Box 12-A

CITY Mt Airy STATE N.C.

PHONE 9-4397 AGE 16

SPONSOR The Cambridge Shop

ADDRESS 88 Mayberry Mall

PHONE ~~789-6555~~ 789-6555

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Information to be filled out by Marathon Official:

Entry No. 4 Fee Paid $10.00 Date 9/11/75

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Carla Kennedy

ADDRESS Rt. 8 Box 564

CITY Mt. Airy STATE N.C.

PHONE 786-5542 AGE 15

SPONSOR Mt. Airy Builders Supply

ADDRESS Highway 52-1120 W Lebanon

PHONE 786-8361

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Eddie Leonard

ADDRESS 307 Dudley Avenue

CITY Mt. Airy STATE N.C.

PHONE 786-4436 AGE 15

SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Thelma Rosie Dillon Lock

ADDRESS 336 Leonard Road

CITY Mount Airy STATE N Carolina

PHONE 786 4963 AGE 50

SPONSOR Self

ADDRESS 336 Leonard Road

PHONE 786 4963

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Michael R. Nations

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 84

CITY Dobson STATE N.C.

PHONE 386-8810 AGE 25

SPONSOR NONE - self

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

6.25pm

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SAVINGS

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Charlie Rose

ADDRESS Rt. 1, Box 526

CITY Dobson STATE N.C.

PHONE 366-2819 AGE 26

SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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Deadlines for entries: September 8, 1975

Information to be filled out by Marathon Official:

Entry No.- _____ Fee Paid _____ Date _____

PD Check
9-11-75
Diane Allred

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Jerry Van Vranken

ADDRESS Box 22

CITY Siloam STATE NC

PHONE 374-5357 AGE 25

SPONSOR Riverside Plants

ADDRESS Box 22 Siloam NC

PHONE 374-5357

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Richard E. Miller

ADDRESS 109 Johnson Ave

CITY Mt. Airy STATE N. C.

PHONE 789-0026 AGE 30

SPONSOR Lions

ADDRESS Mt. Airy

PHONE

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Donald Whitaker

ADDRESS 1445 Edgewood Dr.

CITY Mt. Airy STATE NC

PHONE None AGE 30

SPONSOR Himself

ADDRESS Same

PHONE

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Deadlines for entries: September 8, 1975

Information to be filled out by Marathon Official:

Entry No.- 106 Fee Paid 10.00 Date 9-11-75

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Janie Manning

ADDRESS 1207 North Ridge St.

CITY Mt. Airy STATE N.C

PHONE 6-2280 AGE 14

SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Elizabeth Harnell

ADDRESS Rt. 4 Box 74

CITY Mt. Airy STATE N.C.

PHONE 786-2280 AGE 57

SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Carrie Harrell

ADDRESS Route 4 Box 74

CITY Mt Airy STATE N.C.

PHONE 786-2280 AGE 47

SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Hattie Marrow

ADDRESS 1207 N. Ridge St.

CITY Mt. Airy STATE N.C.

PHONE 786-2780 AGE 32

SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Josephine Snider

ADDRESS 902 West Lebanon Street

CITY Mt. Airy STATE N.C.

PHONE _____ AGE 34

SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON

NAME Kathy B Newman

ADDRESS Rt 2, Box 285

CITY State Road STATE N. C. 28676

PHONE 366-2317 AGE 24

SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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Deadlines for entries: ~~September 8, 1975~~ 5p.m. Sept. 11

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