Human Battering Ram - A young stuntman and his driver risk life and limb as they crash through a burning barricade at a high rate of speed. This is one of the traditional thrill show stunts that date back to the 1920's.

## **Thrill Show At Fair**

The 40th Anniversary edition of the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show will be presented at the Cleveland County Fair on October 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. Billed as "the Greatest Show on Wheels," this year's version offers 21 high speed automotive events including planned Hollywood type crashes.

The local showing is one of over 200 performances scheduled for the Chitwoods in 1983.Show founder Joei Chitwood, Sr. is now Chairman of the Board of the Tampa, Florida based show. While he still enjoys driving on occasion, Chitwood

leaves the day-to-day management of the show and the rugged performance schedule to his two sons, Tim and Joie Chitwood, Jr. Both star in and manage their own thrill show units.

Both show units are equipped with twenty-five 1983 Chevrolets. Total value for show cars, tractor trailers, car carriers and travel trailers is \$250,000 per unit. The piece of apparatus that receives the greatest attention is the "Chitwood Space Rocket". This large cylindrical projectile is used in the feature or finale of every performance as Tim or Joie Chitwood, Jr. drive

into the rocket and travel 65' through space before landing on a small receiving platform.

The Joie Chitwood Thrill Show and Company made a scheduled appearance in the new film Smokey Is The Bandit III. The Chitwood show will also be seen later this season in "That's Incredible." Joie Chitwood, Jr. continues to perform much of the stunt work on NBC television's "Chips."

Tickets for the events will be available at the grandstand ticket office on show days - October 5 and October 6.

### **Gardner-Webb Records All - Time High Enrollment**

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.-For the sixth consecutive year Gardner-Webb College has set an all-time high enrollment Figures of the 1983 fall semester show that 1860 students enrolled at G-W, a 6% increase over the previous high recorded in the fall of 1982, when 1749 students were enrolled.

The enrollemnt figures reflect

where we now have 30 students enrolled."

Established in 1980, Gardner-Webb's graduate studies program offers master's degrees in education, and health and physical education. The program was expanded in the summer of 1983 to offer courses in Statesville as well as on the Gardner-Webb campus.

Graduate courses are taught

# **TV Rental To Open**

Ideal TV Rentals will open Thursday in the Blazer Building in downtown Kings Mountain. The store will offer televisions

and appliances on a rent-to-own basis, and will sell TVs and appliances on a cash basis. \* Chief director of the corpora-

tion, which also operates stores in Inman, Spartanburg and Gaffney, South Carolina, is Kings Mountain native Ronnie Grigg, who now lives in Spartanburg.

#### **TG&Y** To Celebrate

TG&Y will be celebrating Mountaineer Days Fri., Oct. 7 and Sat., Oct. 8. Activities scheduled include:

\*The Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will sponsor a bake sale Fri., Oct. 7 at 9 a.m.

\*The Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will demonstrate different parts of their trucks Fri., Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 8 at 2 p.m.

\*Jeanine and Sue's Hobby Shop will show ceramics, greenware, and finished pieces Fri., Oct. 7 from 5-9 p.m. and Sat., Grigg's brother, Carl Grigg of Kings Mountain, will manage the local store and secretary will be Katherine Bell of Kings Mountain.

The store will offer free delivery, setup and service. Such brand name televisions

as RCA, Quasar, Sony, Sylvania, Philco and Sharp will be offered, along with appliances such as Whirlpool, Admiral, Amana and Gibson.

Oct. 8 fron 12-5 p.m.

\*Phyllis Lackey will show various types of candy making Fri., Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

\*Kings Moutnain Crafts-Mary Allen and Karen Griggwill feature adopted dollmaking, Christmas wreaths, bow making, and dip and drape dolls, Fri., Oct. 7 and Sat., Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.

\*"Just Us"-Billie Farris and Sue Gainey, will display pictures of wedding receptions, dinners, and parties, Sat., Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The store will be open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Grigg said everything in the store will be priced low during the grand opening period.

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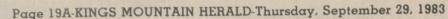
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### **Fair Rides** Will Be Safe

As thrill-seekers most eagerly await a turn on one of the amusement rides at the Cleveland County Fair on September 30th thru October 8th, they need not be anxious about the safety of those spinning, plunging breath-stoppers.

Each ride will be carefully inspected by staff from the N.C. Department of Labor Elevator and Amusement Device Division before the midway opens.





increases in all academic programs but indicate significant growth in the college's graduate program as well as the Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners (GOAL) program.

There are 105 students enrolled this fall in the graduate program compred to 52 students last year. The GOAL program showed an increase from 492 students in the fall of 1982 to 550 students this fall.

"I'm not surprised at the increase," said Dr. Gil Blackburn, director of graduate studies. "We've made a concerted effort to recruit graduate students. We opened a center in Statesville

in the evening during the fall and spring semesters and in the day during a six-week summer session.

"Our program is geared to the working teacher," said Blackburn. "The majority of our students have taught for several years. Many intended to get their master's degrees but never bothered.

"The typical graduate student must make a tremendous personal sacrifice. Most have families and community responsibilities and can't move in order to go back to school. Our program is geared to those people."

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The work of this team assures fairgoers that rides at the annual Cleveland County Fair are in safe operating condition.

"These inspectors are one big reason why there is not a single fatality due to the mechanical failure of a ride on record either for the fairs or for any other amusement ride operation in the state," according to N.C. Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks.

Before the Cleveland County Fair midway opens on Friday, September 30th, labor department inspectors will have completed a stringent preliminary safety inspection of the more than 30 rides which are expected to be there. Rides will be inspec ted as they are assembled and will be reviewed in operation before any customers are permitted.

Brooks says,"Amusement ride accidents in North Carolina are not often due to mechanical failure. More frequently, they are caused by the action, or lack of action, of the riders or operators.

"We hope that all Cleveland Countians and surrounding area citizens will come to Shelby sometime between September 30-October 8 and enjoy the Cleveland County Fair. The rides you liked last year will be back, and Cleveland County Fair Manager Joe Goforth says there'll be some new ones to tempt you, too.

"But, a word of caution. Help us keep you safe on the rides by taking just a few safety precautions. Know your limitations. Follow the operator's instructions. Fasten seat restraints properly. Keep your arms and legs inside the ride in safe areas. Don't get on a ride if you're too small, or too large for it.

"Labor department inspections may be the 'front line' for keeping amusement rides in safe operating order, but the bottom line' is the good judgement of riders and operators alike."

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