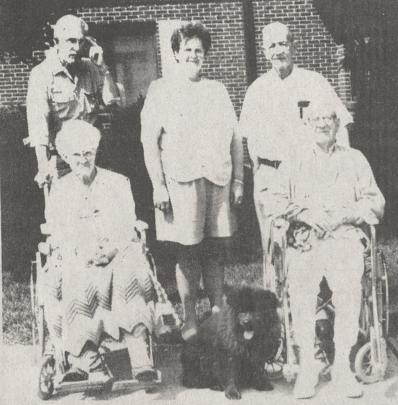
#### Page 10A-THE KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD-Thursday, May 12, 1994



China, a big, black Chow, brings smiles to residents like Leola Tate, left, and her brother-in-law, Grady Tate, at White Oak Manor. Standing are volunteers Preston Todd and Tom Barnette, right, with Activity Director Shirley Mathis.

# China big hit at nursing home

Mathis.

the patients.'

rooms easily.

'Animals are not allowed in this

facility but we made an exception

when China became such a hit with

China goes in and out of the

Barnette says the dog has a sixth

Mathis says China cheers up pa-

Barnette said he became a vol-

unteer after his Second Baptist

Church Sunday School teacher,

Preston Todd, started going to the

Leola Tate and her brother-in-

"We really look forward to that

Mrs. Tate said China is more

law Grady Tate say that China is a

blessing to residents like them.

friendly mutt," said Grady Tate.

School, May 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

3:30-6:30 p.m. at North School.

at East School and May 17 from

Community based screenings will be held in this area on June 13

from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Bethware

School, June 15 from 10 a.m.-2

than a mutt. He's family.

Child's Health Carnival in schools

tients and brightens their day. They

sense. He knows exactly what door

to go into and when to come out.

look forward to his visit.

rest home on regular visits.

When Tommy Barnette first says Activity Director Shirley started volunteering at White Oak Manor he found some of the residents uncommunicative.

Not anymore since he introduced them to man's best friend, a big black Chow by the name of China.

Four-year-old China belongs to China Lawson, thus the name. And, when Lawson learned that a mascot was needed by the rest home he paid for all the required shots for his pet and now China and Tommy call on almost all the residents.

"Where's Bear?" asked one patient on a recent visit. The lady thought the big, lovable dog looked like a bear.

Another resident called China by other names because she remembered having a dog as a young child.

"These folks really love this dog,

A "Child's Health Carnival" is

underway this month in various

school locations for children who

will be entering Head Start or other

Free screenings for height,

weight, hearing, vision, speech,

preschool programs next year.

### Program gets bikes for kids

Friday.

Chestnut Ridge.

First Union is teaming up with J Union's Shelby Main Office on Rich, Bike Outfitters and a local charity to help deserving children fulfill the dream of owning their own bikes through First Union's Recycle-A-Cycle program.

First Union, a national gold medal sponsor of the Tour DuPont, created the program for children who might not otherwise be able to own a bike. Residents are encouraged to donate used bikes, which will be reconditioned and distributed to children through the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, which works with families throughout Cleveland County.

First Union is sponsoring the program in conjunction with its sponsorship of the Tour Du Pont, the 1,060-mile bicycle race that rolls through Delaware, Maryland,

### Art exhibit at Cleveland College

will host the works of the College's Allied Services students and instructors in The Gallery during the month of May.

The exhibit features welding sculptures. Exhibitors are John Swofford, Gene Cox, Mary

Washington Street around 2 p.m.

In Kings Mountain the race will

pass through the Oak Grove

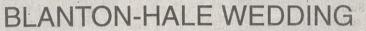
Section and on Cherryville Road at

Residents are encouraged to

drop off their used bicycles be-

tween now and Saturday at JN

Rich Bike Outfitters on the



the bride were on the table along with the groom's cake made by the bride's grandmother. Candles in each window were encircled with satin roses made by the bride and her mother.

The four-tier wedding cake was decorated with pink roses, blue wedding rings and yellow tear drops which stood over a decorated blue fountain. Kelly Yarborough of Kings Mountain cut and served the wedding cake which centered a heart-shaped table. The hostess/caterer, Louise Newsome of Shelby, was assisted in serving party food by Ben Newsome and Lisa Rice. The punch fountain was attended by Bonnie Gore. The bride's uncle, Bob Clapp of Laurel, Md., toasted the couple as guests raised champagne glasses with sparkling grape juice to the bride and bridegroom.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted April 15 at the Woman's Club for members of the two families. Margaret Dixon, grandmother of the bride, and Jenny Clapp, aunt of the bride, hosted the event.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fielden of Silver Spring, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clapp of Laurel, Md., Carlos Summerlin of Spruce Pine, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deyton of China Grove, Yvonne and Pat Boone of Rebel's Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Luther of Asheville.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blanton of Kings Mountain. She is a 1993 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and attended Cleveland Community College. She is employed by Able Plating Company of Gastonia and the City of Kings Mountain. She is the granddaughter of Margaret Dixon and the late Ray Dixon and Wesley Blanton and the late Annie Lou Blanton, all of Kings Mountain.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hale of Bessemer City. He is a 1990 graduate of Bessemer City High School and is self-employed at family owned businesses of Able Plating Company and J&D Plating Company in Gastonia. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Hale and Mildred Blanton and the late David Shaw Blanton, all of Gastonia.

The newlyweds have returned from a wedding trip to the Smokey Mountains and are residing on Payne Road in Bessemer City.

#### Cory two years old

Cory Steven Norris celebrates his second birthday on May 23. He will have a cookout and Barney cake with decorations and ice cream. Guests will be his grandmother, Rose Price; cousins, Chelsea and Carley Vestal, Kala and Nacole Vestal, Chris and Shane Hall, David and Megan Hall, grandparents John and Saretta Mullins, and Tammy and Chris Rhome.

Cory is the son of John and Linda Mullins of Gastonia.



**CORY NORRIS** 

#### p.m. at Cleveland Community dental and blood pressure checks College and June 17 from 10 a.m.will be held in this area Thursday 2 p.m. at Cleveland Mall. from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Grover

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Virginia and North Carolina May Grigg invites the public to donate a 4-15. The race will pass First used bike.

## Doctor not coming to KM

The Indiana surgeon who had indicated he would come to Kings Mountain to open a practice at McGill Clinic has changed his mind.

Dr. Richard Francis has notified the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees that he won't be coming to Kings Mountain.

"We'll have to begin work on another prospect," said J. C. Bridges, chairman of the hospital board of trustees.

The local hospital recently hired its first physician at McGill Clinic in the person of Dr. Edward Butler, a family doctor from Atlanta, Ga.

Bridges said that Francis had said he planned to practice independently at McGill Clinic and would be moving here about July

Two longtime Kings Mountain doctors, Dr. Charles Adams and Dr. Frank Sincox, are expecting to end their practice at McGill Clinic on May 31.

Hank Neal, Kings Mountain Hospital Administrator, said the hospital is interviewing other prospects.

### **Moore enlists** in U.S. Air Force

Steven R. Moore of Kings Mountain recently enlisted into the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program.

Moore, a 1993 graduate of King Mountain High School, is scheduled for enlistment into the regular Air Force in September. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas, he will receive technical training in his designated career area.

Moore will earn credits toward an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools

