



**STUDENT AND TUTOR** - Madeline Wery tutors 10th grader Cash Nixon at White Oak Manor where Ms. Wery is a resident. Parker Street School students are regular visitors to the facility.



**NURSING HOME WEEK** - Parker Street School students are pictured with their "buddies" they visit every Friday at White Oak Manor. Left to right, resident Raymond Roberts and Todd Owens, standing; Pete Bolton and Orlando Odums and Parker Street teacher Priscilla Rickenbacker; J. C. Ellis and Michael Neal, standing; and Activities Director Shirley Mathis.

## Visitation day is highlight of the week for students

Retired librarian and White Oak resident Madeline Wery and Parker Street 10th grader Cash Nixon share a common interest and goals.

Both like to read and are teaming up at White Oak Manor in a special community project underway every Friday at the facility on Sipe Street.

Wery, a resident of the facility, loves her new volunteer role as Nixon's tutor in English and

Nixon says he can see a definite improvement in his grades.

Priscilla Rickenbacker, Nixon's teacher on campus, got the idea several months ago to take some of her students on outings to the facility where they have become good friends with some of the residents.

"Friday is a special time for the students and residents," according to Activities Director Shirley Mathis.

Pete Bolton, a retired Army veteran, says he looks forward to visits from the students who brighten the morning with their camaraderie and report of school activities.

Tenth graders Orlando Odums and Todd Owens and ninth grader Michael Neal agree that the community project endorsed by Principal Mike Rhoney is a highlight of their school week.

"It gives them an incentive to learn," says Rickenbacker who has taught at Parker Street School for two years. Rickenbacker said the bottom line is that students in the alternative school are correcting mistakes and making progress and she invites the community to take a look at the progress.

Wery, who over the years has taught every class from Head Start to college students, says

she looks forward to the student visits.

She gives homework and encouragement.

National Nursing Home Week at White Oak Manor is on the theme "Arts of Aging" and features art exhibits by A. B. Snow and other artists this week. A Mother's Day breakfast was hosted on Sunday.

Other events this week include performances by Dance

Magic on Monday, the Bessemer City High School Brass Choir on Tuesday, and a Kings Mountain High School Band group on Wednesday. Thursday at 3:15 p.m. the Kings Revue of Kings Mountain High School will sing. East School students will perform on Friday morning and Armed Forces Day will round out the activities on Saturday at 3 p.m.

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