

Eller descendants gather for reunion

Thirty-two direct descendants and four generations of the family of Edward Sells and Nancy Ursula Eller gathered recently in Thomasville for their sixth annual family reunion.

Mayor James G. Norton issued a proclamation declaring Saturday, Aug. 1, "Eller Family Day."

The theme for the occasion was "Eller Family Homecoming." Eight of the nine surviving brothers and sisters returned to celebrate the occasion. With the were husbands, wives, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The catered three-day event included an al fresco buffet dinner at the family home, a dinner dance at the High Point Radisson, a visit to the family grave site, church services at Central United Methodist Church and a Sunday dinner at the Radisson.

Sells and "Sula," as they were affectionately known by friends and neighbors, encouraged their clan to develop themselves spiritually and educationally. While growing up, the family attended St.

John's Methodist Church. In the 1970s, the church merged with Hoover's Chapel to form Central United Methodist. All 12 children attended the Church Street School and 11 graduated.

Family members now live in three states. Those attending included Geraldine L. Craddock, Baltimore; Devoid Franklin, White Plains, N.Y.; Edward Flen, Elmsford, N.Y.; Pardue Waters, Bronx, N.Y.; and Forest Davis, Hattie LaRue Starks, Terrell Kearns and Carlotta ViRose Eller, New Rochelle, N.Y. Charles Melvin of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, was unable to attend due to illness.

The proclamation, read by Minnie Payne Williams, a cousin, said, "It has been said that every tree grows only if roots are well-fed and watered. The City of Thomasville, Davidson County, North Carolina, declares this the First Day of August, in the year of our Lord, 1987, be named as 'Eller Family Day,' because they have chosen to return to the land of their roots."

Bennett to host women's health session

The first statewide conference on black women's health, "Lifeline" will be held on the campus of Bennett College in Greensboro Aug. 28-30.

The conference will address the health status of black women in the state of North Carolina; provide an opportunity for black women to learn about factors that affect their physical and mental health; discuss the impact of black women's socioeconomic status on health; develop strategies to address and improve the delivery of health care to reduce the health disparity; and attempt to improve the general prosperity of black women in North Carolina.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. Friday in the Pfeiffer Science Building and will continue Saturday at 8 a.m. The weekend conference will provide an opportunity for health care administrators, social workers, health care providers and black

women consumers to review the status of black women's health, their health issues and concerns, and to consider successful methods to effectively impact the problems identified in the forum.

Bennett College, the 114 year-old private college primarily for black women will be the setting for this undertaking. The event is sponsored by the National Black Women's Health Project and affiliated self-help groups throughout the state. Scheduled speakers include Dr. Gloria Scott, president of Bennett College; Dr. Mary E. Vernon, associate professor of Pediatrics, Duke University Medical Center and Ms. Billye Avery, founder and executive director of the National Black Women's Health Project in Atlanta.

Workshop topics will cover the gamut of health care concerns for black women.



Members of the Eller family came from near and far earlier this month to participate in the family's annual reunion activities held in Thomasville. The city's mayor honored the group by proclaiming "Eller Family Day" during the period of the activities. Above, members gather for a family photo session (photo by Cecil Allen).

MILITARY NOTES

Cedric Lash graduates from the Marines Basic School

Marine 2nd Lt. Cedric K. Lash was recently graduated from the Basic School.

While attending The Basic School, located at the Marine Corps Development and Education Command in Quantico, Va., Lash was prepared, as a newly-commissioned officer, for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force and given the responsibility of a rifle platoon commander.

The 26-week course includes instruction on land navigation, marksmanship, tactics, military law, personnel administration and techniques of military instruction.

Lash was also taught leadership by example and the importance of teamwork. He was also required to participate in a demanding physical conditioning program.

A 1981 graduate of North Forsyth High School, he joined the Marine Corps in June 1986. He is the son of Hubert K. and Ericsteen Lash of Winston-Salem. ...

Marine Pfc. Jeffrey L. Hilton recently reported for duty with 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton in California.

A 1984 graduate of East Forsyth High School, Hilton joined the Marine Corps in January. He is the son of James W. and Ruby A. Hilton of Winston-Salem. ...

Marine Lance Cpl. Melvin D. Nivens recently returned from a six-month Mediterranean deployment with 26th Marine Amphibious Unit at Camp Lejeune as part of Landing Force Sixth Fleet 2-87.

During the deployment, Nivens participated in five combined amphibious exercises and one unilateral joint amphibious exercise. And for the first time in 15 years, Marines conducted an exercise on the island of Corsica.

This exercise allowed the LF6F to practice and refine the special operations techniques developed during their pre-deployment training period.

A 1982 graduate of Parkland High School, Nivens joined the Marine Corps in April 1984. He is the son of Louise Nivens of Winston-Salem. ...

Navy Seaman Recruit Rickey L. Crowell has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Ill.

During Crowell's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training.

His studies included seamanship, close order drill, naval history and first aid. Personnel who

complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in physical education and hygiene.

A 1984 graduate of West Forsyth High School, Crowell joined the Navy in May. He is the son of Napoleon L. and Mary A. Crowell of Winston-Salem. ...

Navy Seaman Recruit Anthony D. Little has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

A 1983 graduate of Parkland High School, he joined the Navy in February. ...

Marine Cpl. Gregory T. Tally has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station New River in Jacksonville.

Tally received the accelerated promotion in recognition of outstanding performance, duty proficiency and demonstrated professional abilities.

A 1985 graduate of Parkland High School, he is the son of Jon T. and Margaret S. Tally of Winston-Salem. Tally joined the Marine Corps in August 1985. ...

Navy Seaman Marvin L. Dean has completed recruit training at Recruit Training

Command in Orlando, Fla.

A 1979 graduate of North Forsyth High School, Tally joined the Navy in February 1987. He is the son of Mary H. Dean of Winston-Salem. ...

Marine Sgt. Donald L. Hayes recently reported for duty at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

A 1975 graduate of North Forsyth High School, Hayes joined the Marine Corps in April 1983. He is the son of Luther M. Hayes of Winston-Salem. ...

Capt. Vernon L. Robinson, a professor at Winston-Salem State University, recently completed a two-week tour of duty as an Air Force Intelligence Service reserve officer with the 61st Military Airlift Group at Howard Air Force Base in Panama.

Robinson provided aircrew support by debriefing a strategic airlift mission returning from the U.S. disaster relief effort for Chilean flood victims. Robinson also briefed and debriefed strategic exercise, "Fuerzas Unidas-Peru, 1987."

Navy Seaman Recruit Talmadge B. Wilson has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Ill.

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world. We'll look at women's journals since the turn of the century and see what was going on in their lives that impacted on their times. We'll see if we, in our times, are feeling these things, too."

Mrs. Ackerman also says the central focus of the project "is to look at women's heritage, that special natural linkage between woman and families throughout the generations ...

The underlying theme of the experience will be contemporary and historical women's journals as a source for self-understanding."

Classes will be held six consecutive Mondays beginning Sept. 21. The program will begin Friday, Sept. 18, and will continue through the weekend with speakers and workshops Saturday and a reading Sunday afternoon at Salem College.

The experience will be lead by college teacher and by community organization leaders from Winston-Salem. Emphasis will be informal, personal and intense.

Adult women with or without high school or college degrees are invited to apply, remembering that there is absolutely no charge to attend the sessions and that 1.2 continuing education units will be awarded each participant who completes the program.

Financial assistance is available to cover costs such as child care, lunch and transportation incurred during the course.

Community leaders scheduled to participate in the program are Marjorie Parker, Mildred Johnson, Pat Dean, Satia Orange, Ms. Ackerman and Judith Freeman.

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