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Newspaper honors soldiers

The Perquimans Weekly is concerned about the U.S. troops stationed in the Middle East, and about their families back home. The staff of the newspaper asks everyone in Perquimans County to pause with us for a moment of silent prayer at noon each day until all of our servicemen and women are back safely.

Beginning this week, The Perquimans Weekly will run a "Hometown Heroes" feature, recognizing our brave men and women in the Middle East. Families of service persons should call or stop by our office during regular business hours in order that their loved ones may be included. Military personnel will be honored each week on a first come-first serve basis. Please include the name, address, year of high school graduation and branch of service of the enlisted person. Include the names of family members in Perquimans County. Photographs should also be submitted.

School holidays

There will be no school on Friday, Jan. 18; Monday, Jan. 21; or Tuesday, Jan. 22 in Perquimans County. Also, due to exams, the basketball games scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 15 with Gates County has been postponed until Thursday, Feb. 21.

Support group organized

Thousands of American troops have been deployed to the Persian Gulf. That means that thousands of families in this country live in constant fear and find themselves becoming increasingly depressed about the crisis in the Middle East.

Shirley Peterson, a Navy wife in Elizabeth City, is trying to help families cope by organizing a support group.

"If we get together, we can help each other," Peterson said. "We definitely need a lot of moral support."

Peterson, whose husband is stationed aboard the USS America, said that she called one of the bases in Norfolk seeking information on a local support group, but found there was not one in this area.

All family members interested in joining the group should contact Peterson at 336-4330 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

NAACP plans observance

The Perquimans County NAACP will join community groups across North Carolina in observing the fourth state of observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 21.

A motorcade will leave First Baptist Church at 3:30 p.m. Henry Felton, local NAACP vice president, will speak at a 4 p.m. service at Melton Grove Baptist Church. A combined choir from county churches will sing during the service.

Memory Lane Club meets

The Memory Lane Senior Citizen Club will meet at the Perquimans County Senior Center on January 21 at 2 p.m.

Rescue personnel busy

A basic EMT course sponsored by COA will begin on Feb. 19, in Hertford sponsored by the Perquimans County EMS and Volunteer Rescue Squad. Classes will be held at the Rescue Squad Building, on Tuesday and Thursday from 7-10 p.m., with Ernest Mickey as the instructor. Students are required to complete 115 hours of classroom study, 10 hours of clinical work in an emergency room, and pass a test administered by the state in order to be certified.

For more information contact Milton Dail at 426-5646.

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The Perquimans County Commissioners discussed solid waste management for over two hours Monday evening in a special work session requested by new commissioner Leo Higgins.

County manager Paul Gregory had mailed commissioners maps showing the locations of present dumpster sites in the county, and had on display a color-coded map showing areas of population concentration, as requested by commissioners at their last regular meeting.

During the course of the evening, several ideas were discussed including door-to-door trash pick-up and the use of color-coded recycling containers in neighborhoods. Commissioners found that most answers that seemed relatively painless to county residents as users of the waste disposal system would hit them hard in ad valorem taxes.

"The taxpayers can't afford but so much," said commissioner Thomas Nixon.

After weeding through the many ideas discussed, the commissioners agreed to pursue an earlier offer from several Woodville businessmen, represented at a December commissioner's meeting by Danny Gregory, to purchase a tract of land suitable for use as a convenience center and deed the land to the county. The board asked Paul

Gregory and Mack Nixon to contact Danny Gregory and begin the search for property. The center is expected to be constructed in May.

The county will probably build four convenience centers over the next two years. At a cost of around \$43,000 each to construct, commissioners felt that erecting more would cause an undue burden on taxpayers. The centers will also cost around \$45,000 per year to operate.

Use of the convenience centers will at first be voluntary. Those who choose to use the facility will be asked to separate newsprint, aluminum, glass, and other household garbage.

The second center, tentatively set for construction in January 1991, will probably be located in the Bethel township.

Also concerning commissioners is illegal dumps like the one on Five Bridges Road which caught fire in December. Commissioners agreed that enforcement of laws already passed by the state is the key to stopping illegal dumping.

The commissioners asked Paul Gregory and county attorney John Matthews to resume working on a junk ordinance. Jerry Parks, landfill manager, will work with the two, and will attempt to have Perquimans, Gates, and Chowan pass identical ordinances.



Photo by Susan Harris

County commissioners met in a special work session Monday night to discuss solid waste management. They chose Woodville as the community to receive the first convenience center, and also said they wanted a tipping fee at the landfill instituted as soon as possible.

Locals face war possibility with fear

America is teetering on the brink of war, and several Perquimans County families are praying for peace, but bracing themselves for the worst. At least 30 men and women whose families reside in Perquimans are stationed in the Middle East.

As the eleventh hour dawned, some of these families shared their fear, their pride, their hopes for the safe return of all those troops waiting and wondering in the Persian Gulf.

Jonathan Christian, known by his family as Jay, was deployed to Saudi Arabia in early September, according to his grandfather, the Rev. Noah Adams of Belvidere. The 1988 graduate of Perquimans High School is an infantry paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne out of Fort Bragg. The young sergeant was one of the first called to serve his country.

"He loves his country and he loves the service," Christian's grandfather said, a hint of pride in his voice. "He's always been a good boy. He's very special."

Adams received a letter from Christian Monday which stated that the Army is sending all personal belongings back home. Adams does not think that is a very positive sign. "It all looks like it's really going to happen," Adams said.

Service to the United States is a

tradition for Christian. His father, Sgt. Ronnie L. Christian, died of complications from Agent Orange he encountered during the Viet Nam conflict. "His daddy gave his life for his country," Adams said.

Unlike some families whose loved ones are in the Middle East, Adams said communication has been good. There have been several letters and telephone calls since Christian was deployed.

Christian is the son of Sandra K. Noell, and the stepson of Billy Noell.

Although Horace and Nannette Cohoon celebrated Christmas with their five grandchildren, there was a sadness in the air. Their son, Air Force Sgt. Eric Cohoon, left for the Middle East on Dec. 12. His family did not hear from him until Dec. 30, and those 18 days, according to his mother, were some of the longest of her life.

Eric's sisters, Patsy Berry and Joan Harrell, and his brother, Alex Cohoon, are staying in close contact with their parents. Berry said they are very concerned, but try to be positive for their parents.

"It doesn't sound promising right now," Mrs. Cohoon said about the prospects of war. She said Eric "thought we'd fight when he left. He felt it was the only answer."

While the family worries, Eric remains upbeat. "Mama, don't

worry. I have been trained for this," the security specialist told his mother.

Eric's wife, Marci, and 7-month-old daughter, Jordan, are staying in Perquimans County with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Howard, while Eric is in the Middle East.

W.A. "Andy" Elliott enlisted in the Navy after college. He has been on active duty for 14 years. The hospitalman 1st class went to the Middle East with the Marines (4th division), who are behind the 82nd Airborne.

Elliott's mother, Lorene, said that conditions in the Persian Gulf are not good. "He said it was awful dirty and gritty and nasty over there," Mrs. Elliott said.

Mrs. Elliott said her son did not feel that the United States would go to war when he left on Dec. 28, but she did not know how he feels now. "He's praying we won't," she added.

Like his comrades, Elliott doesn't want his mother to be too upset. Mrs. Elliott said he won't let her see his true feelings. "Mom, don't worry about me," Elliott told his mother.

Holding down the fort in Great Bridge are Elliott's wife, two children (ages 8 and 9), and two exchange students. "It's rough, it's real rough" for the family, Mrs. Elliott said.

"Mama, just pray, just pray we'll come back," Elliott told Mrs. Elliott in a telephone conversation. "He didn't want to go," she commented.

Mrs. Elliott and her husband, Troy, are coping the best they can as it appears that the country is moving closer to war.

Air Force gunner Dwayne Proctor spent 35 days in the Gulf in late summer, but is presently stationed in Florida. According to his stepmother, Ann Proctor, having him in the United States does not make the building tension in the Middle East any easier. "You worry," she said.

Does Proctor feel that war is imminent? "His thing has been all along that he thought we were going to fight," Mrs. Proctor said.

Proctor is the son of Joe Ward Proctor of Hertford and Ann Ward.

Deputy James Logan, whose son Ervin is in Saudi Arabia, probably summed up the feelings of parents best. "I can't sleep at night. I get up and walk the floors," Logan said, obvious worry in his eyes.

Between the time this newspaper goes to press and the time it hits the newsstands, the deadline President George Bush gave Saddam Hussein to leave Kuwait will have passed. But the heartache of families facing life without their loved ones will not be over.

Seven found not guilty

The following cases were heard in the Nov. 21 court session:

Benjamin Earl Owens, 47, of Rt. 2, Box 6A, pleaded not guilty to first degree kidnapping, and 2 counts of assault on a female. There was no probable cause found in the first degree kidnapping charge, and was found not guilty for the charges of assaulting a female.

Rubert "Charles" Edwin Swayne, 49, of Rt. 2, Box 292, pleaded not guilty to 2 counts of assault on a female, and was found not guilty.

David Glenn Benton, 21, of Rt. 4, Box 897, pleaded not guilty to 2 counts of assault on a female, and was found not guilty.

Charles Kevin Swayne, 21, of Rt. 4, Box 913, pleaded not guilty to 2 counts of assault on a female, and was found not guilty.

Willie Edward Story, 40, of Rt. 2, box 322E, pleaded not guilty to 2 counts of assault on a female, and was found not guilty.

Robert "Bobby" David Ferrell, 37, of 452 Dry Ridge Rd., Elizabeth City, pleaded not guilty to 2 counts of assault on a female, and was found not guilty.

Clarence "Eddie" Edward Ferrell, 39, of Rt. 4, pleaded not guilty to 2 counts of assault on a female, and was found not guilty.

ECSU kicks off centennial celebration

Elizabeth City State University will hold a kick-off celebration to the institution's 100 years of existence on Sunday, Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. in the University's Robert L. Vaughan Center.

The guest speaker will be James M. Stevens, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc. Stevens joined Coca-Cola Enterprises-West in November 1986 as Vice President of Marketing, and was elected a Vice President of Coca-Cola Enterprises-North in July 1987. In November 1988, he was named

President of Coca-Cola Enterprises-West. He was appointed Chief Operating Officer and elected Executive Vice President of Coca-Cola Enterprises in April 1989.

He serves on the Board of Directors of Wolf Trap Foundation For the Performing Arts.

The day's activities will continue with a dinner theater hosted by Dr. Faleese M. Jenkins scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the University's K.E. White Graduate and Continuing Education Center. The University Players will present "Joe Turner's Come and Gone," an award winning drama by August Wilson. The play will be directed by

ECSU's drama director Shwa Smith.

The evening's list of activities will also include an announcement from Coca-Cola relative to a special relationship it is planning to assume with the University.

A specially designed commemorative Centennial gift will be presented to each guest in appreciation of his/her support.

For additional information about the Opening Convocation, contact the ECSU Office of Public Relations at (919) 335-3246. For reservations or further information about the dinner theater, call the Office of Alumni Affairs at (919) 335-3226.

Hall conducts self-esteem workshop

Wendell Hall gave parents food for thought during his presentation on developing self-esteem in children Monday afternoon during the Chapter 1 parent involvement program.

Hall told parents that every child needs love and to be told that they are loved.

He gave eight esteem-building blocks to parents to use at home. They were: give lots of praise; praise effort, not just accomplishment; help set realistic goals; don't compare children; when correcting, criticize the action, not the child; give children responsibility; and show children love.

According to Hall, self-esteem is a more reliable indicator of a person's success than his or her IQ. He said that even an academically gifted child who does not have an environment conducive to positive self-esteem may end up a failure.

The 'dirty dozen,' Hall said, include 12 things parents should never do. Included among the list was ordering, threatening, preaching, lecturing, judging, and moralizing. Children should learn in positive ways, Hall said. They need support and guidance.

Hall challenged the parents to hug their children and tell them they love them every morning be-

fore sending them to school and every evening when they are reunited. These actions are two of the most positive parents can use to build self-esteem, Hall said.

He also believes that children need limits, so parents should set clearly-defined guidelines for them to follow. Failure to follow those rules should be dealt with immediately and should relate to the misbehavior, not to the parent's anger.

Parents should begin early training children on decision-making skills, then let them make appropriate decisions. The child, not the parent, Hall said, is responsible for the outcome of his own poor choice.



Photo by Susan Harris

Hall speaks on self-esteem

Wendell Hall, Regional Student Service Consultant with the Northeast Regional Education Center in Williamston, presented a self-esteem workshop in Hertford Monday. Hall gave parents who attended the Chapter 1 meeting good advice for raising children.