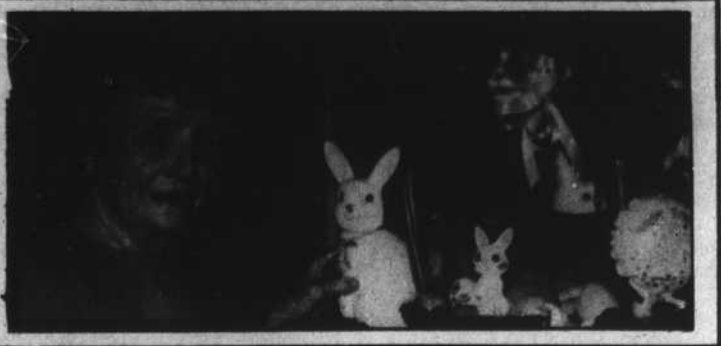


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Briefs

Winslow honored

The Perquimans County Extension Homemakers will sponsor an appreciation reception honoring Stan Winslow, who has resigned as Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Director.

The reception will be held on Sunday, March 17, from 3-5:30 p.m. at the Perquimans County Extension Office Building.

Library board to meet

The Pettigrew Regional Library Board will meet on Monday, March 18 at 8 p.m. at the Perquimans County Library.

Cemetery cleaning time

Christmas arrangements should be removed from Cedarwood Cemetery as soon as possible. It is time to prepare for Easter.

Skeet shoot planned

There will be a skeet shoot at Perquimans Middle School on Saturday, March 16 to raise funds for the county's shooting teams. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the shoot scheduled for 10. The entry fee is \$10 and participants must furnish shells. Trophies will be given in junior, senior and adult classes. Concessions will be available.

Registration slated

Registration for Head Start classes to begin in September 1991 will be held Wednesday, March 20 at the Senior Citizens Center in Hertford from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Head Start is a preschool child-development program that provides free education, meals, snacks, health and social services, parent program, and transportation. Children must be three or four years old on or before Oct. 15, 1991 in order to be eligible to enroll. Four-year-olds are given first priority.

To sign up for the program, parents or guardians should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, up-to-date immunization record including TB skin test, and proof of all household income.

Parents or guardians will be notified in July to let them know if their child has been accepted, put on the waiting list or not accepted.

For further information, contact Diane McHone, Social Services/Parent Involvement Worker, at 426-7070 or 426-5949.

Closing announced

The Perquimans Weekly will be closing at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 22 for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Brian Center.

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Photo by Susan Harris

God bless America!

Those gathered for Sunday's patriotic concert ever held in Perquimans County. High School band clap to the tune of *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, the program's finale. Citizens filled the auditorium at what may be the most moving

Local O.M. teams create winning projects

Perquimans County was well-represented at the regional Odyssey of the Mind Tournament held at East Carolina University Saturday.

Ten teams from the school system competed in the creative problem solving program. Four of the 10 captured first place, one took second and two came in fourth. The high school team also won a prestigious Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award.

Perquimans O.M. coordinator Pat Phillips was very happy with the tournament outcome. "I think we had a really good, a significant year this year," Phillips said. "I'm delighted."

All three Perquimans teams won the Super Collider problem. The teams' problem was to build a structure using 15 grams of balsa wood that would hold as much weight as possible. The weight stack was impacted during the competition with a collider to cause twisting and vibrations affecting the structure. The teams added more creativity to their project with drama.

Perquimans Central School's team built a structure that held more weight than any other at the competition, 282 pounds. The middle school team ran out of time at 270 pounds. The high school squad was able to place 177 pounds on their structure. Although the structure had held more in practice, the competition model broke on Friday, and the team stayed up late to rebuild.

Because of their unique round design, the high school team earned a Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award for exceptional creativity. According to the O.M. Program Handbook, the Ranatra Fusca is the essence of the Odyssey program.

Also taking a first place win was the middle school's Give and Go team. The team's problem was to make four separate devices that relayed tennis balls from different locations into four targets 20 feet away. The size



Members of the first place Perquimans High O.M. team are Michael Clinkscales, Adrian Frierson, Charity Cartwright, Traci Harrell, Brian Rayburn and Michael Williams. The team also won a Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award for exceptional creativity at the tournament Saturday.

and height of the targets was determined by the competition rules.

The middle school's Omer's Buggy Lite team captured second place. The middle school Pompeii team and Central's Give and Go teams finished fourth.

Approximately 70 team members and over 50 parents and coaches made the trip to Greenville.

Jeanie Umphlett, community schools coordinator and the school liaison for the program, said she was overwhelmed by the response to O.M.

"It's one of the strongest parental involvement programs I've ever seen," Umphlett said. She added that the O.M. program has been credited by some educators with raising SAT scores

with the emphasis on creative thinking and problem solving.

"It's just a wonderful program," Umphlett said. "I'm so proud of all of our children who participated. It's hard work for the children and the coaches. We're fortunate to have such dedication from our students and parents, and so much support from the community."

Perquimans County superintendent Randall Henion said he was very proud of the local O.M. teams.

"I'm just very, very proud of the group," he said. "I see a lot of community support, parents working late hours after school, and kids working together. I'm especially pleased to see the level of community support," he continued. "I think it was their

support and their attitude that helped the students to achieve at that level.

"They're (the students and coaches) a positive reflection on our school system and our county," Henion added. "The board will be very proud of the great outcome..."

All first and second place winners from Saturday's regional competition will join winners from the state's other four O.M. regions at the state tournament scheduled for April 13 at North Gaston High School in Dallas. First place winners there will advance to the world tournament in Tennessee.

Hertford enacts dish ordinance

The Hertford Town Council moved Monday night to regulate the placement of satellite antennas inside the town's corporate limits.

Pat Harrell, owner of Satellite Service of New Hope, said he was opposed to the regulations, calling the measure "unjust and unreasonable."

Hertford Mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox told Harrell that the council did not arbitrarily decide to deal with satellite dishes, but was approached by citizens concerned about their placement.

"This board looked into this ordinance because we were approached by concerned citizens in the town of Hertford," Cox said. "We're doing it really for those citizens who came before this council."

Councilman John Beers added, "The purpose of this (ordinance) is to protect the people."

He said he has had several homeowners approach him expressing their desire to see an ordinance enacted. He also said people were worried that property values in neighborhoods would decline due to the installation of ill-placed satellite dishes.

Councilmen Eric Haste said his main concern is aesthetics.

"A satellite dish antenna in my opinion might be a wonderful addition to a home entertainment center, but I haven't ever seen one that I thought looked nice. Those antennas are unattractive."

Harrell countered, "That is personal preference."

Harrell also contended that the ordinance was unenforceable and unconstitutional. City attorney Walter Edwards disagreed, stating that the ordinance is patterned after a Raleigh regulation. He did add that the Raleigh ordinance has not been tested in court.

Currituck County has satellite dish ordinances. Harrell said that he had installed dishes that did not comply with the ordinances in that county and would consider doing the same in Hertford "if necessary."

Edwards said that the installer may have some liability if dishes are installed without complying with city codes.

The full ordinance will be printed next week in *The Perquimans Weekly*.

Pageant slated

The Southern Sweetheart Pageant will be held on Saturday, April 6 at the Sheep Harney Elementary school auditorium in Elizabeth City. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with competition starting at 11.

Girls one month to 25 years of age are invited to participate. There will be eight age divisions, with queens and runners-up in each division. Every contestant will receive a trophy. Crowns, banners, scepters and plaques will also be awarded. In addition to the beauty competition, optional events include sportswear, sleepwear, photogenic, most beautiful and talent. Entry fees start at \$45.

This is an official preliminary to the Miss Southern Sweetheart State and National Pageants.

For more information, please call Tanya Leary, local contact, at (919) 330-4398 after 6 p.m., or Janet Hamm, National Director, at (704) 754-2259.

Carolina Telephone does its part to ease resumption of normalcy.

To do its part in helping ease the resumption of a normal life for military families affected by the Middle East deployment, Carolina Telephone will waive the cost of reconnecting their residential telephone service when they return.

Janis Plummer, the company's director-corporate communications, said, "Carolina

Telephone joins all America in expressing appreciation for what our military personnel and their families have done in the interest of our nation and the world. When they are added up, the military bases in our service area and their personnel are our company's biggest customer. This gesture, which the N.C. Utilities Commission has ap-

proved, is one way of saying 'thank you.'"

"Carolina Telephone is asking to be informed as the troops return to their bases in our service area. We will be coordinating with military personnel and family support units to provide special handling in reestablishing telephone service for these troops and their fam-

ilies. We will expedite service reconnection for them."

Plummer said this policy applies to former Carolina Telephone customers--active military personnel, reserves, National Guard members--who disconnected or suspended their telephone service as a direct result of the crisis on or after the initial date of Middle East deploy-

ment, Aug. 6, 1990.

Plummer said, "More than 73,000 troops were deployed through December from the North Carolina Telephone service area, including 32,000 from Fort Bragg and Pope AFB, 6,400 from the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Base, and 35,000 from Camp Lejeune."