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## Citizens Support War Effort

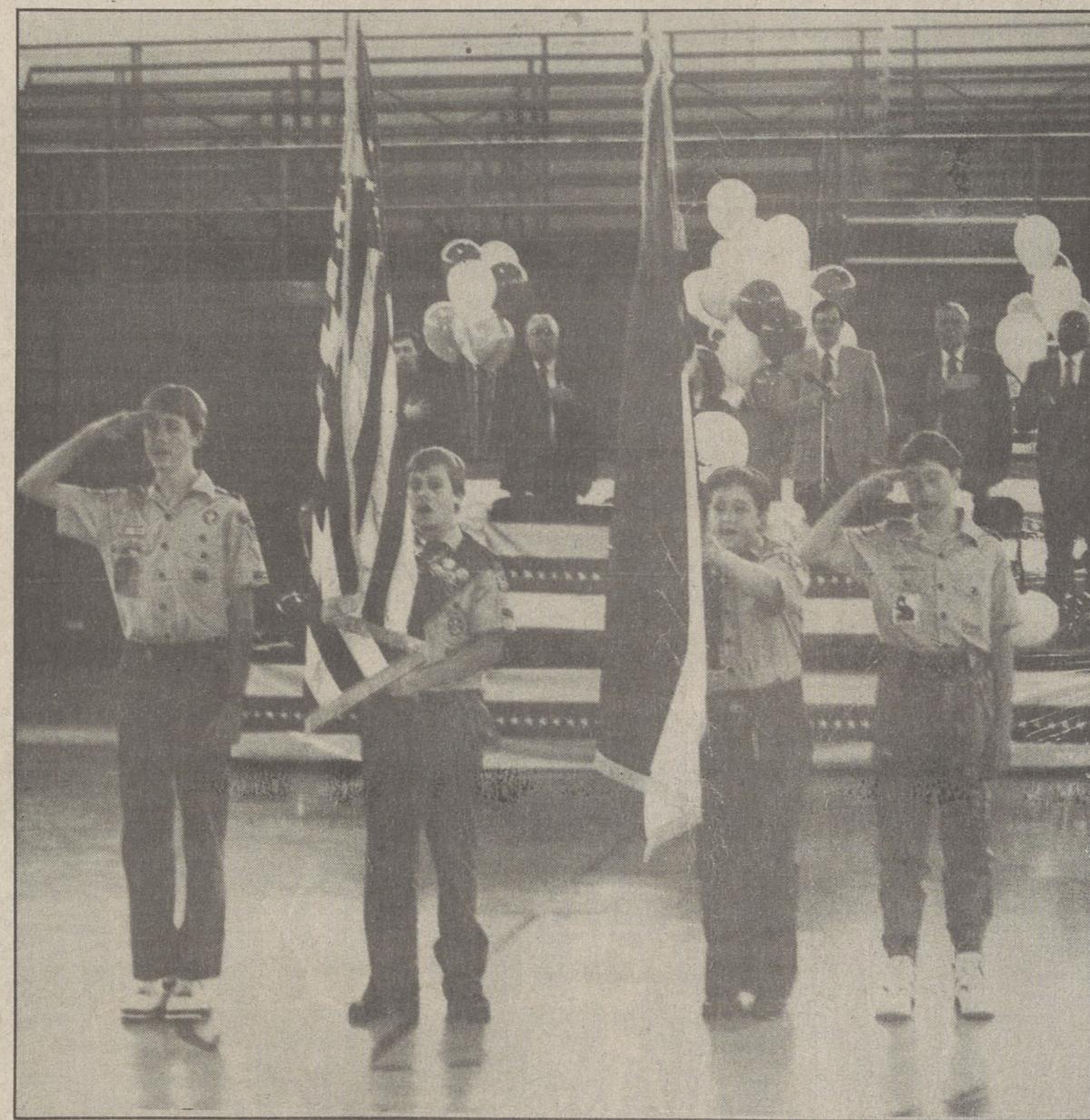
The patriotic spirit of more than 250 Kings Mountain people supporting American troops and allies in the Mideast was moving for families with loved ones in the Gulf Sunday.

"I'm glad I came," said Jackie Grigg, the mother of Pfc. Jamie Grigg, who smiled through tears as she watched Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 92 advance the colors in the KM Community Center gymnasium and heard the names of some 90 service people from this area read by Chamber of Commerce executive director Loretta Cozart who led the planning committee for the rally.

Many of those in attendance sported homemade posters with the names of loved ones fighting in the Persian Gulf War. Others waved flags. The Community Center was decorated in red, white and blue and the speaker's platform was flanked by both the American and North Carolina flags and decorated in red, white and blue balloons and streamers.

Former Senator J. Ollie Harris, a World War II veteran, life member of Frank B. Glass VFW and member of American Legion Post 155, said the rally paid respect to the men and women in the Gulf.

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PATRIOTIC RALLY-Kings Mountain's patriotic spirit was out Sunday at a rally in support of American troops in the Gulf War. Members of Boy Scout Troop 92 of First Baptist Church present the colors. Scouts, from left, are Keith Ferguson, Jeremy Moretz, Mike Bumgardner and Jason Crawford.

## War Is Scary, Says KM Soldier In Gulf

The War in the Gulf "is scary," writes 20-year-old Pfc. Jamie Grigg II to his wife, Jena, in Kings Mountain.

"I talked to him on the telephone Monday and I had eight letters from him last week and Valentines. We really do miss him and are praying hard he'll return home safe," said his young wife. Mrs. Grigg, who graduated with her husband in the Class of 1989 at Kings Mountain High School, has gone to work at Grover Medical Clinic, where her mother-in-law, Jackie Grigg, is also employed. Working takes their minds off the Gulf War, she says. Letters written to Jamie's parents and to Jena are

shared with family members and friends.

Jena shares Grigg's recent letters:

"Early this morning around 0445 on January 18 I was just getting ready to lie down because I had just got off guard duty. All of a sudden we were under attack or at least that's what we thought. There was a loud boom that sounded like thunder. Immediately the alarm was given and everyone went to MOPP level 4, which is complete chemical suit, gloves, boots and mask. We were like that for 2 1/2 hours. We didn't know if there was

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GRIGG IN DHRAN-Pfc. Jamie Grigg, a truck driver, is pictured at the compound in Dhran. Notice the sand in the photograph he sent his wife.

## Civic Leader Orr Dead

William Orr, 65, of 507 North Watterson Street, chairman of the Kings Mountain Housing Authority who served on the board since its inception in 1969, died Monday night at 8:55 p.m. at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Orr pushed for more family dwellings for 21 years and was only the PHA's second chairman. He was on the original board that started looking at sub-standard housing in the 1060's and led the city in applying for federal funds, which the

city got for public housing.

Although his activity with public housing was well known, Orr was a politician at heart. He savored his close association with city and county politics and was a life-long Democrat who ran unsuccessfully for county, city and school board offices but loved the campaign trail and meeting people.

He retired from Anvil Knitwear 12 years ago but kept up his keen interest in church and community work. Joining the African

Methodist Episcopal Zion Church at age 12, he was a member of Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church and was Lincolnton district lay council president. He served as second vice president of the Connectional Lay Council with membership of 20,000. In 1962 he was tapped Omega Man of the Year and in 1985 was voted one of the highest awards, the Victor J. Tulane Award, given to a layman. He was a trustee of Kings

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WILLIAM ORR

## Full Speed Ahead On Midpines Site

The county is moving to complete construction of a new manned garbage container and recycling site at Midpines in 90 days, weather permitting, but residents of the community still fighting the project will present another petition to Kings Mountain city commissioners Tuesday night in an effort to stall it.

Mark Thompson, construction manager for the project, said that grading is underway on the 1.22 acre site adjacent to the 2.44 acres old "Midpines Dump" and as soon as the rain stops that workmen will start putting up concrete retaining walls.

KM businessman Kelly Bunch will present the petition opposing the construction. He says he fears the increased traffic generated by the facility designed to have six open-top containers and two compacting units to handle recyclable materials, yard waste and standard household garbage will cause a big traffic problem for the community.

Thompson says the county is moving to meet new state guidelines to recycle 25% of the county's waste by 1993. He said county commissioners hope to have operational six manned recycling sites before implementation of expected sanitation user and tipping fees. New sites at the county landfill and at Boiling Springs have been finished and the Polkville opera-

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SISTERS SEND MESSAGES TO GULF-Shirley Barber Whitaker, left, and her sister, Iris Barber Biddy, sent 30-word messages to their sons in the Gulf War Tuesday with the help of Gary Whitaker, center, and First Carolina Federal Savings Bank's fax machine. Other families of military personnel in the Gulf can get this free message service offered by MIL AF Radio Station AAR4DU, Franklin, and the local savings bank by visiting the West Mountain Street business. The messages are aimed to reach the Persian Gulf in three days compared to mail delivery which takes up to three weeks.

## Fax Your Letters To U.S. Soldiers

Gary Whitaker, executive officer of First Carolina Federal Savings Bank, wanted to do something to help local families affected by the War in the Persian Gulf.

"I don't have any loved ones there but I've heard that as many as 200 from the Cleveland County area are serving in the Gulf," he said.

While talking with a friend at Macon Savings Bank in Franklin, Whitaker heard about Duotech Services Inc., a Franklin electronics firm which has volunteered its resources and personnel to transmit and receive free messages between the troops in the Persian Gulf and their families and friends through the Military Affiliate Radio System.

It's an electronic method of faxing letters from home to the Gulf in three days. Normally, it takes about three weeks for the letters to get there, according to sisters Iris B. Biddy and Shirley B. Whitaker, both of Kings Mountain, who have sons in the U.S. Navy.

First Class Petty Officer John Scott Biddy has been aboard the missile carrier USS Mississippi in the Gulf since December 4. He joined the Navy in July 1982. He is also the son of Roy Biddy of Shelby and grandson of Mrs. Bessie Biddy and Mrs. J. O. Navy.

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