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During their four-to-six-week summer training cruises, NROTC midshipmen receive instruction in shiphandling, navigation, seamanship, communications, damage control and gunnery. In addition to formal instruction, they gain practical experience by standing watch as regular members of the ship's crew.

Sawyer is a 1981 graduate of West Forsyth Senior High School.

Ruth L. Blackmon has been promoted to the rank of Specialist 5 in the U.S. Army Reserves, according to the 108th Division of the U.S. Army Reserve.

A member of the 108th Division's 3/108th Regiment, 3rd Brigade Winston-Salem, Blackmon is also a resident of Winston-Salem.

The 3,500-member 108th Division, headquartered in Charlotte, has units located throughout North and South Carolina. The division is one of the largest Army Reserve components in the two Carolinas.



Participants in the East Winston Noon Optimist Club Computer Workshop listen as one of the instructors lectures them on computer programming.

Optimists hold computer workshop

The East Winston Noon Optimist Club, along with Winston-Salem State University, sponsored its annual computer workshop at WSSU recently. Students from 10 to 18 years old participated.

The students learned how com-

puters can be used in education, art and business. Students were shown how to get the computer to do simple tasks using the BASIC programming language.

Optimists responsible for organizing this year's workshop were Toussaint Holland, Hardy

Wooten and Larry Hardy. Students of the Winston-Salem State Chapter of ACM (Association of Computing Machinery) providing instruction to the youths were Brenda Brown, Jimmy McRae, Kelvin Dunlap, Michael Baker and Willie Baker.



Danny Iddings, center, and Bob March, right, representatives from R. J. Barringer Distributing Co., present John Davis, former chairman of the Winston-Salem State University board of trustees, with a check for \$5,000. The donation resulted from proceeds from the Patti LaBelle-Luther Vandross concert (photo by James Parker).

Prince Hall Masons planning their 114th annual session

The N.C. Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons will hold its 114th annual session on Oct. 2-4 in Winston-Salem. Some 800 delegates, representing lodges throughout the state, are expected to attend. Headquarters for the session will be the Hyatt Winston-Salem. The meetings and public banquet will be at the M.C. Benton Convention Center.

Delegates and grand lodge officers will begin arriving in Winston-Salem early Tuesday and a Past Master's Luncheon is scheduled for 1 p.m. Registration of delegates will begin at 8 a.m. each day.

A Lodge of Sorrow, a memorial service in honor of this year's deceased members, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the convention center. This service is open to the public.

Dr. David R. Hedgley, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue, will deliver the message. The J.L. Hunt Chorus of Goler Memorial AME Zion Church will present the music.

Wednesday's session will get underway at a 7 a.m. breakfast for worshipful masters.

William A. Clement of Durham, grand master of the state organization, will call the group together for the opening business meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star will be admitted to the session at 2:15 p.m.

Highlighting Wednesday's activities will be the 25th annual fraternal and award fellowship banquet. Tickets are available to the public. The banquet will be at 7 p.m.

The Honorable Henry E. Frye of Greensboro, associate justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, will be the featured banquet speaker. Clark S. Brown, past grand master of the state organization, will present Frye.

The award ceremony, recognizing individual members and lodges for outstanding performance during the year, will be

held before the speaker. Representatives from the City of Winston-Salem and the State of North Carolina are expected to attend. Presentations will be made to several charitable organizations. William C. Parker Jr. of Greensboro, deputy grand

master, will be the toastmaster. He also will present the special guests.

The election of officers and committee reports will close the session on Thursday. The five Winston-Salem lodges are coordinating the activities. Willie L.

Simmons is chairman of the committee. Sponsoring lodges are Ionic Lodge No. 72, Salem Lodge No. 139, Bivouac Lodge No. 503, James H. Young Memorial Lodge No. 670 and Olympic Lodge No. 795. Hugh S. Dodson is deputy of the 15th District.

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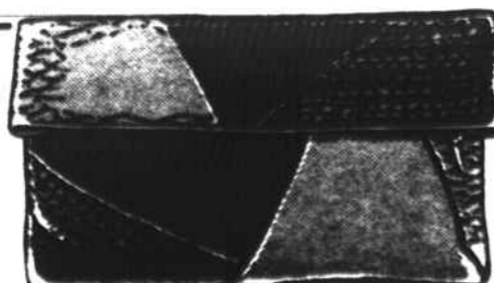
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