

Fair Preparations

Robert Norris, left, and Melvin "Rip" Wilkins make plans for the annual Minority Trade Fair to be held at the M.C. Benton Convention. The fair, co-sponsored by the Minority Business League, offers local black businesses an opportunity to display their wares in addition to learning business expertise from major businesses and corporations (photo by James Parker).

A&T to present jazz great

Internationally renowned jazz saxophonist Lou Donaldson will return to North Carolina A&T State University, which helped to nurture his musical talents.

Donaldson, who lives in New York City, and his group will present a free public concert in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium on Sunday, March 17, at 6 p.m. The concert is a feature of the university's Lyceum Series.

Donaldson has enjoyed an outstanding jazz career for nearly 30 years. He became an early success on the alto saxophone with a style derived from Charlie Parker. Donaldson got his first break when he attracted the attention of Alfred Lion of the Blue Note Record Company. He began recording a long series of sessions, some under his own leadership, others with Art Blakey, Jimmy Smith, Milt Jackson and Thelonious Monk.

Donaldson works mostly around New York City today, but in recent years he has played in nearly every country in

Western Europe. He led his own band for over 25 years.

Donaldson, a native of Badin, enrolled as a student at A&T in the late 40s. He majored in music and was a member of the university's marching and concert bands.

Walter Carlson, an A&T music teacher, remembers Donaldson as a student who showed tremendous potential.

"He majored in music and he was an outstanding student," said Carlson. "He went through our band program and also played in small jazz musical groups in the area."

Donaldson's mother, said Carlson, was a music teacher and band director, and it was through her that he gained his first formal knowledge of music.

After leaving A&T, Donaldson spent time in the U.S. Navy and performed with the Great Lakes Naval Band. After leaving the service, he studied at the Darrow Institute in New York and began performing professionally in the 50s.

Black history month observed

The fifth annual Black History Month observance program presented by the Socialette-Social Essence Club of Mount Airy was held on Sunday, March 3, at Shiloh Baptist Church, Linville Road in Mount Airy.

The theme for this year's program was "Let Us Proceed -- Not Recede," said Mrs. Joyce, president and founder of the club and the coordinator of the annual event.

Working with the program this year was the Surry County Section of the National Council of Negro Women and the chairperson of the program committee of Shiloh Baptist Church, Mrs. Aleathia Penn.

Local talent participating in the program was Mrs. Mary Hayes, a gospel singer, the Truelights, special guest Ms. Paula Larke, a visiting artist from Surry Community College, and Clayton Sprinkle of Tobacoville.

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form at 8 p.m. at the Kenneth R. Williams auditorium.

- A crocheting class will be held at the East Winston Branch Library at 1 p.m.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Sophisticated Gents Inc. will sponsor a trip to the Atlanta Jazz Festival on July 19-20. The cost is \$150 per person. For additional information, call 725-5272.

- Leadership Winston-Salem, a community leadership education group, is accepting nominations for the 1985-86 program year. Nominations must be received by April 30. For additional information, call 725-4451.

The Chronicle welcomes Community Calendar notices. Announcements should be concise and typed or neatly printed. They should include the day, time, place and sponsors of the event, plus a number to call for additional information. Announcements should be addressed to the Winston-Salem Chronicle Community Calendar, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. The deadline for announcements is Monday at 5:30 p.m.

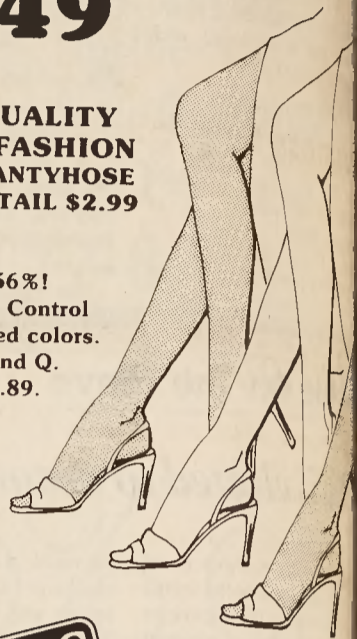
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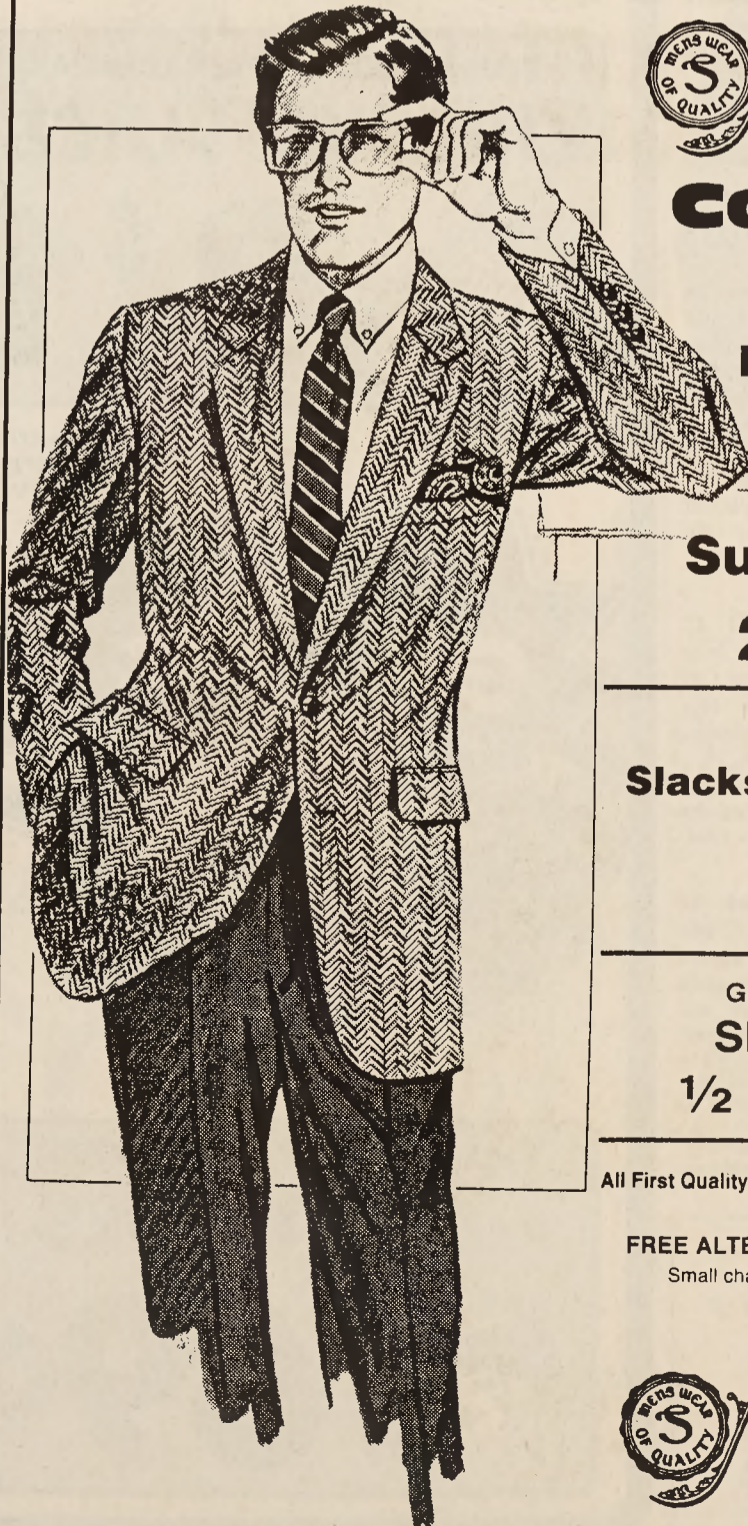
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