

Masons readies kids for school

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Children throughout Winston-Salem and Forsyth County will soon begin a new school year. For most parents, that means back-to-school shopping for clothes and school supplies. Parents received a helping hand last weekend, when over 2,200 parents and their children gathered to receive school supplies during the second annual Kid's Day Celebration.

The celebration brought children from all over Winston-Salem together for a day

of fun and games.

"I'm very proud at the way things have turned out. I couldn't be any happier," said Worshipful Master Lester Carpenter, a member of Salem Lodge No. 139.

For Carpenter, the Kids Day Celebration is like a dream come true, because it was out of his vision that the celebration was formed.

Carpenter got the idea when the Masons sponsored a cookout to help benefit the children of the Cleveland Avenue neighborhood.

He wanted to find a way that children throughout the city could benefit from sim-

ilar projects.

Last year the celebration was held in Rupert Bell Park, and this year, in Happy Hill Gardens.

The plan is that, over the years, the celebration will be held in different communities around Winston-Salem.

"Our goal is to one day have the celebration held at the Fairgrounds, where all the children can come together," Carpenter said.

Although this is just the second year

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Ben Piggott, with members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, participated in the 10th annual "Kids Day Celebration" sponsored by the 30th District of Prince Hall Masons.

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Petition calls for one-term HAWS board

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A petition containing the signatures of several city residents is being presented to Mayor Martha Wood this week asking that members of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAWS) board only serve one term. Currently, a term is five years.

The petitioners have expressed concern that several current board members do not have the interest of the community at heart and are simply making it difficult for the executive director, Arthur S. Milligan Jr., to do his job. "They fight the director for six or seven months over some small item amounting sometimes to no more than one word," says Lee Faye Mack, who many would like to serve on the board. "Residents in the community have asked me to serve," she said. "The board should be fighting for things that improve the lives of the community rather than bickering with the director."

Rasheed Bey, one of the organizing petitioners and an employee with HAWS, said "five years is enough time for someone to implement their agenda." He said the three candidates up for reappointment, Larry Little, Louise Davis and Ross Griffith, should not be reappointed. He said he feels the mayor should appoint new members after others have served their five-year terms.

The Board of Commissioners is made up of nine members who serve on a volunteer basis.

According to the city ordinance, members of the board are appointed and reappointed at the mayor's discretion.

Commissioners currently serving on the board are William Andrews, Ross Griffith, Louise Davis, D.D. Adams, Larry Little, Robert Egleston, Marie Arcuri, Cas-

saundra Rice and Bryant McCorkle.

Andrews, who is chairman of the commission, has served two terms, while D.D. Adams, who was recently reappointed, has served one term and is currently serving the first year of her second term.

Egleston and Arcuri have served four years and are up for reappointment next year.

Rice and McCorkle have served three years and will be up for reappointment in 1998.

In addition to the number of terms each commissioner serves, the petition also suggests a list of replacements for those commissioners up for reappointment.

The petition suggests Moses Lucas, Lee Faye Mack, the Rev. Seth O. Lartey, Larry Leon Hamlin, Queen Black, and Johnnie Mae Ingram.

Bey said there are some things that need to be done in the various housing communities.

"We have to implement an agenda that will enhance and improve the quality of life in the African-American community," he said.

According to Bey, the only way to implement that agenda is to address the issue of economics from within the various communities.

Bey said he feels the appointment of these candidates will be a step in the right direction. "We don't want the mayor to say she doesn't know who the people want on that board."

He also said with the steady increase of the Hispanic population, he and others are searching for a candidate from the Hispanic community.

The housing authority neighborhoods consist of a diverse group of people, and the Board of Commissioners should represent the community, Bey said.



M.O. Hartley, head on-site archaeologist at Old Salem, vacuums dirt and debris away from the uncovered gravestones.



Leland Ferguson, from the University of South Carolina, labels one of the grave markers discovered at Old Salem.



Archaeologists found several grave markers like the one pictured behind the steps at the Moravian Church in Old Salem.

Grave Markers Uncovered at Salem Church

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Archaeologists and historians at Salem College recently stumbled upon several important artifacts at the Moravian Church in Old Salem.

With crowbars and boards, archeologist hoisted the large granite steps from the church's entrance to find several grave markers of former church members and community residents. "We believe that some of these stones may have been from church members, and others were probably just community residents," said Leland Ferguson, head archeologist at the University of South Carolina.

According to Ferguson, the area in which the church is built was the common burial grounds for African Americans in Old Salem. M.O. Hartley, who is the head on-site archeologist, discovered the markers while searching around the church. "There had been rumors that there were some stones behind the steps, but we thought they meant those inside," Hartley said.

The archeologists have found 19 other markers as a result of past discoveries at the church. "It looks like we may have at least 12 markers this time," Ferguson said. While tapping on the steps from steps of the church, Hartley discovered they were hollow. Hartley made the discovery Wednesday of last week.

Chronicle donates computers to QEI

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Educators at Quality Education Institute are preparing students for the modern world of computers. Recently the Institute received five new computers from the Winston-Salem Chronicle to continue their efforts.

"With these new computers, it will bring our total to 15 at the institute," said Simon Johnson, executive director of QEI.

According to Johnson, the new computers will be used for the kindergarten students at the Institute.

Currently the Institute enrolls 91 students from prekindergarten to fourth grade.

Although Johnson is pleased to receive the

computers, he said the Institute doesn't have nearly enough.

"I would like to see there be one computer for every two or three students," he said. "At the present time we have one computer for every seven or eight students."

Johnson said he would like the computers to be used for more than just laboratory purposes.

"I want the students to use the computers as means of shortcuts to do research," Johnson said.

The Institute, which is known for its unique curriculum, teaches children the funda-

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Chronicle production manager, Kathy Lee, presents Quality Education representative Simon Johnson with five apple computers for use in the schools K-1 grade program.

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