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## District Meeting To Be Held At Biscoe Friday, October 23



FIFTY YEARS

### Bro. W. M. Lowder Has 50 Years Of Service To Firm

Fifty years working for the same company is something very few of us will accomplish, but this distinction belongs to Bro. Wade M. Lowder, Member and Past Master of Stanly Lodge No. 348.

Bro. Lowder this month completed his 50th year of service with P. J. Huneycutt & Company, Albemarle furniture establish-  
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### Brethren Attend Unique Meeting In S. Carolina

Several of the brethren from Albemarle and Stanly Lodges went to Traveler's Rest, S. C., on Friday night, September 18 for the annual exemplification of the Master Mason's Degree staged by the lodge at that place.

Every year Masons from many sections of North and South Carolina go to Traveler's Rest for this occasion, and those who attended from Albemarle say that it was one of the most impressive rituals they have ever observed.

The communication was held in the shaft of an old mine, many feet under the surface of the earth, and the lighting provided an excellent setting for the work of the degree.

"I have attended many lodges," said one local man, "but this was the first time I have attended one in a setting like this. I wish more of us could have attended, for it was certainly worth going a long way to see."

### Ladies' Night To Be Observed On Saturday, Nov. 7

Saturday night, November 7, has been selected as the date for the annual Ladies' Night of Stanly Lodge No. 348, and the event will be held in the basement of Masonic Temple in Albemarle.

Albemarle Lodge No. 703 has been invited to join in the observance of the evening, and the invitation was accepted with thanks by the officials of that group. Consequently, one of the largest attendances on record is expected for the occasion.

Wives of members and widows of deceased members will be honored at this time, and gifts will be provided for all ladies. In addition a program of entertainment will be provided.

John M. Ross of Stanly Lodge is in charge of arrangements, working with a committee appointed by the lodge.

"We are going to try to make this the best Ladies' Night we have ever held," said Mr. Ross. "We are glad that Albemarle Lodge has joined with us for this occasion, as it will bring Masons of both groups into closer contact with each other and help to broaden the fine spirit of co-operation which now prevails between the groups."

### Bro. Thompson, 57 Years A Mason, Dies At Badin

Bro. Albert J. Thompson, operator of Badin Drug Store since 1922, one of the town's best citizens, and a member of the Masonic fraternity for 57 years, died Friday, September 25, in Stanly County Hospital after an illness of one week.

A native of Alamance County, he was born June 9, 1869, the son of the late Captain D. S. Thompson of Civil War days and Sarah J. White Thompson.

After attending the local Alamance schools, he went to old Yadkin College and received his pharmaceutical training from Purdue University School of Pharmacy from which he was graduated in 1897.

A member of the Badin Methodist Church, he was an honorary member of the Board of Stewards. He was also a member of the Stanly County Druggists Association.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Badin Methodist Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Jack Yarborough, as-

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REV. D. K. SNYDER . . . Chairman of Stanly Ministerial Conference.

### Bro. Snyder Is Elected Head Ministers' Group

Rev. D. K. Snyder, member of Yadkin Falls Lodge at Badin, and pastor of Badin Presbyterian Church, was honored recently when he was elected chairman of the Stanly County Ministerial Conference.

This conference is made up of ministers from all sections of the county. Regular meetings are held, at which time matters affecting the spiritual welfare of the people of the county as a whole are discussed.

Bro. Snyder has been a member of Yadkin Falls Lodge for many years, and is held in high esteem by Masons over the county because of his zeal for the real principles of the fraternity.

### Illness Strikes Three Members Of Local Lodges

Two members of Stanly Lodge No. 348 are recovering nicely after recent sieges of illness. These are Bros. Hugh E. Almond and S. Wolf.

Bro. Sam W. Barrier, of Albemarle Lodge No. 703, is also recuperating nicely from an illness of several weeks duration.

Bro. Herman Crisco, Master of Stanly Lodge, entered the Stanly County Hospital this week for treatment, but is expected to be out within a few days.

### Dean Asks For Big Attendance From Lodges

Nat C. Dean, D.D.G.M., has announced that the District meeting for this area will be held with Biscoe Lodge in Montgomery County on Friday, October 23, with a session beginning at 5 p.m.

Supper will be served at 6 o'clock, and the lodge will convene at 7 o'clock, according to Bro. Dean.

"This will be the first time Biscoe has entertained the lodges of this District," said Bro. Dean, "and they tell me they are going all out to make it an occasion to remember. The committee on arrangements has promised a feed that will please everyone, and they are hoping that the biggest crowd to attend a district meeting in years will be on hand to enjoy it."

The aluminum gavel, now held by Albemarle Lodge No. 703, will again be presented to the lodge sending the largest percentage of its membership to this meeting. Competition for the gavel is expected to be very keen, inasmuch as the short distance to Biscoe makes it possible for anyone to attend without inconvenience.

"Start making your plans now to attend this meeting," said Bro. Dean. "Let's make this one of the biggest to be held in the state this year. You may be sure that the brethren at Biscoe will go all out to make you feel welcome and have a good time."

### Stanly Lodge Has Five Candidates Taking Degrees

Stanly Lodge No. 348 now has five candidates for the various degrees, and were slated to confer the degree of Master Mason upon two candidates on Friday night, October 2.

This is a continuation of the work that has been done by the lodge for the entire year, leading to a belief that this will be one of the biggest years on record so far as degree work is concerned.

We are looking forward to our annual Ladies' Night on November 7, in which we will be joined by Albemarle Lodge No. 703. Entertainment for the evening will be sponsored by the latter group, and it is believed that this will be one of the most enjoyable events of recent years.

We are planning to send a large delegation to the District Meeting to be held with Biscoe Lodge on Friday night, Oct. 23.