

# At Tarboro: 3rd Annual Banquet Is Mason Fete

BY J. B. HARREN

TARBORO — The 3rd annual Banquet of the Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 25, Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons was held in the lodge hall on Panola Street Wednesday night with an attendance of 100 Masons, Eastern Star members and their guests.

The barbecue dinner, an Eastern Carolina favorite, was the main item on the menu, along with canned sweet potatoes, punch and ice cream.

Tobaccohead has its own brand of corn bread, a sort of "unleavened bread" without which no barbecue dinner (or banquet) can be complete.

Toastmaster for the occasion A. Norfleet, who was very ably assisted in maintaining joviality throughout the evening by Lee Williams and the Rev. John Alexander Mebane, prominent veterinarian, who is Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias in North Carolina.

## BRIDGERS MAN OF THE YEAR

J. E. Bridgers, an official of the all-colored town of Princetown, just across the Tar River from Tarboro, was given the "Man of the Year" award by the Masons with E. Pippin doing the honors. Bridgers was credited with being a leading figure in the uniting of the old Cornicopia Lodge with the Lebanon Lodge and improving the administration of the Princetown town government while acting as mayor following the death of the late mayor, Glenn Matthews, more than a year ago.

Officers of the Lebanon Lodge were: W. L. Robinson, master; David Fields, senior warden; John Ward, Jr., junior warden; Lee Williams, treasurer; J. E. Bridgers, secretary; E. Pippin, senior deacon; Ernest Smith, junior deacon; E. J. Jones, Tyler, and the Rev. M. Weston, chaplain.

## \$10,000 TO ORPHANAGE

Rev. Mr. Mebane revealed that the Masons of Tarbella had contributed \$10,000 toward the support of the Oxford Colored Orphanage and \$1200 to the NAACP.

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# 7-Year Old Cat Burglar Is Arrested 19th Time

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — "Billy Boy", a constant thorn in the sides of Birmingham police, was back in the clutches of the law last week for the 19th time—trapped by his weakness for food.

Billy Boy is a seven-year-old Negro lad.

Officer R. W. Harvey was credited with setting the trap which nabbed the young cat burglar, who only last month was freed from juvenile court.

It is a little difficult for police to catch up with Billy Boy. Although he never lets a lie, he always runs when he sees a policeman or a police patrol car.

So Harvey hid in the house of a woman who lives near Billy Boy and had her go to the door and call the three-and-a-half-foot boy. "Come here, Billy Boy," she called. "I've got some food for you." He was nabbed.

Officer Harvey seemed apologetic about his ruse, but asked, "What else could I do?"

Police authorities said Billy Boy has been in and out of juvenile court here since he turned 6 on July 4, 1954. His parents seem to care nothing for him, but he always runs away from foster homes to return to his parents.

He acquired the nickname "cat burglar" because he can climb over roofs and slide down drainpipes, a task impossible for many older and larger persons.

Last month, Billy Boy was arrested when police were confronted with a crime that could only have been committed by a child. He readily admitted the burglary.

The juvenile squad turned him over to the Welfare Department, but even while a case worker was trying to find a solution to what to do with him, Billy Boy pulled two more jobs.

He and a 12-year-old companion broke into an auto

parts store and stole \$20 worth of tires and wheels. Then Billy Boy pulled a "solo job" at a coal company, but found no loot.

Billy Boy and his companion, "Baby Brother," were arrested for those jobs and for stealing cigarettes, socks and an expensive German camera from two automobiles.

Billy Boy has just about the longest police record in Birmingham, perhaps due to the fact that he never lies when asked about a job.

Police say they dread the day when the seven-year-old burglar learns to lie.

## At Rocky Mount: Baptists End Institute, 82 Representatives

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ROCKY MOUNT — The curtain was rung down Friday afternoon at the St. James Baptist Church here on the two-week annual Neuse River Baptist Assn. Institute and Training School for church officers and Sunday School workers.

Summary reports were given by the students coming from among the 82 churches comprising a membership of more than 20,000 Baptists of the association. Tributes were paid to the several instructors and tokens of cash or other items given them. Coming in for these honors were: Dr. Hilton L. James, New York, instructor of the minister's class; Mrs. Ellen S. Alston, Raleigh, missionary leader, who toured Europe and the Holy Land last summer and attended the World Baptist Alliance in London; Wm. T. Grimes, minister of music at the host church, who taught the proper use of church music; the Rev. A. D. Mosely, Washington, N. C., Sunday School instructor; the Rev. C. C. Staton, Weidon, layman's class teacher; and the Rev. C. C. Sharpe, Petersburg, Va., chorister.

A feature of the second week's program of instruction thru classes and model services was the address of W. T. Grimes to the institute assembly Wednesday. In this balanced musical diet, Grimes sought to impress the need for greater emphasis on religious education and better music in the operation of the church and all of its departments.

Speaking on: "Music According to Scriptures," Grimes, who is a staff member of the Hampton Institute Ministers and Church Organists Conference, said, "Music is

in the eternal plan of God and the universe. We must train ourselves in the proper use of gospel songs and spirituals and see to it that they do not supplant the hymns; so as to maintain a balanced diet of music in the church."

Grimes urged pastors and church officers to refrain from the "jazzing" of the respected hymns and other songs long cherished in churchdom. He called for trained persons to be placed in charge of church music programs with adequate financial assistance being granted for the training of the youths in music.

Mr. Grimes also praised the work of the NAACP in extending the benefits of democracy to all Americans and declared, ministers should teach the people to support—morally and financially—the program of NAACP as he spoke in glowing terms of Thurgood Marshall, NAACP chief counsel, and his work for complete freedom.

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## Announce New Way To Shrink Painful Piles

Science Finds Healing Substance That Does Both—Relieves Pain—Shrinks Hemorrhoids

New York, N. Y. (Special)—For the first time science has found a new healing substance with the astonishing ability to shrink hemorrhoids and to relieve pain—without surgery.

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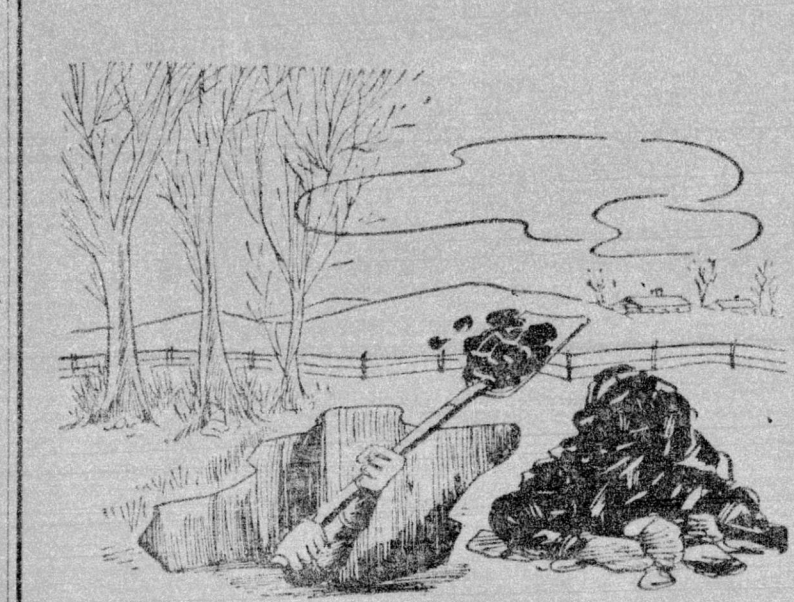
In fact, results were so thorough that sufferers were able to make such astonishing statements as "Piles have ceased to be a



LIST EDUCATION BOARD'S ADMS—William J. Kennedy, Jr., only Negro member of North Carolina's Board of Higher Education, second from right, believes Board should retain all state schools and try to make them good enough for citizens of all races. Kennedy is shown after recent speech at North Carolina College with left to right; Dr. Howard J. Chidley, Winchester, Mass., retired pastor; N-

CC President Alfonso Elder; and Dean A. L. Turner of the NCC Law School, Kennedy and Dean Turner, president of State Negro

College Conference, represented North Carolina as official delegates to White House Conference on Education.



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**A. T. Spaulding  
Bennett Speaker**  
GREENSBORO — Asa T. Spaulding, actuary and vice president of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham, was the guest speaker at the opening session of the Mid-Winter Student Leadership Conference at Bennett College, Sunday night.  
Mr. Spaulding, one of five United States representatives at the recent inauguration of President Truman of Liberia, told of the great progress being made by that African republic and illustrated his talk with color films made during his visit.  
Theme of the conference, which extended through Tuesday was "Utilizing the Essentials of Effective Student Leadership."  
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