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MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Hold First Public Installation Ceremony in Many Years

AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Well-Prepared Program Is Presented; Several Short Addresses Are Made

For the first time in many years a public installation of the officers of the local Masonic Lodge was held last night in the Baptist church here, before a number of friends and relatives of members of the lodge.

The lodge was opened in the lodge room at 8 o'clock. At 8:30 the members marched over to the Baptist church, where a devotional service was held by Rev. C. H. Dickey, who also talked on Masonry as related to the church, bringing out the fact that Masonry was one of the strongest, allies of the church, an ally whose aims are parallel with the aims and objectives of the church.

Rev. A. H. Marshall followed with an explanation of the temple service as it existed prior to the birth of John the Baptist, one of the patron saints of Masonry, and gave some reasons why Masonry was dedicated to St. John, the forerunner of Jesus, whose coming he foretold in the wilderness. Rev. Marshall also traced the history of the great Jewish dispensation from the days of Moses through the five stages of its religion down to the time of John the Baptist and showed where in Masons and Masonry were indebted to this prophet.

The installation ceremony was in charge of W. C. Manning, past master of the local lodge, and district deputy grand master of the eighteenth district, assisted by R. L. Coburn as marshal. As each officer was called forward to receive the insignia of his station, Mr. Manning read the charge and explained the duties of that particular office.

R. J. Peel followed with a short talk on the principles of the order and outlined some of its accomplishments. He also paid an eloquent tribute to the late C. D. Carstarphen, sr., who was treasurer of Skewarkee Lodge for over 30 years, and to which office Mr. Peel was elected since the death of Mr. Carstarphen.

Mr. Manning then told of some of the work the Masons are doing in North Carolina, in caring for over 400 children at Oxford Orphanage, in supporting a home for the aged and infirm at Greensboro, and in creating and maintaining a revolving educational fund for the use of worthy boys and girls of the State who wish to attend college. Over 300 boys and girls in 32 colleges of North Carolina were helped by this fund last year.

The officers installed were: N. C. Green, worshipful master; L. H. Gurganus, senior warden; N. K. Harrison, junior warden; R. J. Peel, treasurer; C. D. Carstarphen, secretary; W. H. Booker, senior deacon; J. C. Anderson, junior deacon; M. J. Moye, senior steward; R. L. Perry, junior steward; and H. D. Harrison tiler.

There were a number of visiting Masons here from Robersonville, as well as several from more distant lodges.

Returns After 25 Years; Finds Many Changes

Leaving here 25 years ago to make his home in New York, Mr. F. F. Bullock returned Sunday to find a marked change in the town, but even though the number of changes has been large, he stated that the "homey" atmosphere was still noticeable.

Mr. Bullock, a brother of Mrs. J. B. H. Knight, married Miss Virginia C. Lamb, daughter of Colonel Wilson G. Lamb, and they lived here before going to New York to make their home there. While here Mr. Bullock is the guest of his sister. He was accompanied here by his son, Wilson, of Wilson.

County Commissioners Will Get Tax Books Next Monday

The county's tax scrolls will be placed in the hands of the commissioners here next Monday, it was learned yesterday from Mr. John D. Lilley, supervisor. The books were scheduled for delivery to the commissioners Monday of last week, but several of the list-takers were unavoidably delayed in the work. Two or three of the scrolls have been placed in the hands of the supervisor this week, and Mr. Lilley is of the opinion that the others will be ready for the regular meeting of the commissioners here next Monday.

It was learned from Mr. Lilley yesterday that the anticipated decrease in the property valuation will not be as large as it was once believed it

would be, according to the latest outlook. Several of the townships have reported substantial gains and Mr. Lilley states that these gains will offset the losses expected in a number of the districts. Mr. E. E. Grimes, list-taker in Robersonville township, reported an approximated gain in the valuation there amounting to \$50,000. Official checks have not been made of many of the other township listings, and only estimates of the final outcome are available at this time. However, Mr. Lilley stated as his belief that the prospect for a valuation equal to the one last year is much better now than it was several days ago when the list-takers were recording the property.

NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN FOR LAW OBEDIENCE WILL GET UNDER WAY THIS MONTH; CONCERNS ALL LAWS

Prohibition Unit of Government and Anti-Saloon League Are Leaders

Washington, June 23.—Educational campaigns on a nation-wide scale in support of President Hoover's plea for obedience to all laws are to be undertaken by the Anti-Saloon League through the churches and by the Federal government itself through the public schools.

While stressing observance of all laws, these movements will be designed particularly to inculcate in the minds of young and old alike obedience to the eighteenth amendment and the laws enacted under it.

F. Scott McBride, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, announced that next Sunday, June 30, would be "Loyalty Sunday," and that a call had been issued to pastors and Sunday school teachers "to teach and preach the patriotic lessons of loyalty and respect for law" on that day.

The Federal Government campaign, conducted by the prohibition unit under an appropriation authorized by Congress, will be much broader in scope and will be launched on June 28 at the meeting of the National Education Association at Atlanta, Ga.

This campaign will be under the direction of Miss Anna B. Suter, chief of the division of education and statistics in the enforcement agency. The object is to place the message about prohibition before the 30,000,000 children and young people in the public schools.

"The government," says one pamphlet she will distribute, "needs the help and cooperation of every teacher from Maine to California and from Washington State to California in developing a consciousness of the proper attitude toward this law and all laws."

This Federal campaign is to be a positive rather than a negative one, with its keynote the advantages of sobriety rather than the horror of drink. Miss Suter says the campaign is to be a dignified one, without ballyhoo or sensational statements or spectacular methods "because, in the long run, we don't think they are necessary."

In his statement regarding "Loyalty Sunday," Mr. McBride said President Hoover's statements regarding law observance would be read in the churches and Sunday schools next Sunday, adding that it was "appropriate that his declarations urging citizens and officials to support the law should be presented in schools and churches in preparation for the celebration of our country's birthday."

The liquor traffic continues to be the chief center and source of lawlessness, defying laws against itself and directly or indirectly causing countless

MRS. W. D. TAYLOR DIES SATURDAY

Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon; Interment in Cross Roads

Mrs. William D. Taylor, aged 74, died at the home of her step-son, Bud Williams, near here, last Saturday. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. R. A. Phillips, of Everetts. Interment was made in the J. H. Wynn burying plot in the Cross Roads community.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ayers, the deceased had lived in Cross Roads a greater part of her life. She was married to W. D. Taylor thirteen years ago, and he survives. There were no children born to the union.

Mrs. Taylor adhered to the principle, "live for others," and she was greatly loved in her home.

FIREMEN WILL MEET TONIGHT

Meeting Last Night Postponed on Account of Other Activities

The local fire company will hold an important meeting at 7:30 tonight, Chief H. D. Harrison announced this morning. The regular meeting was postponed last evening when it was learned that the masons were installing their new officers in the local lodge.

The fire chief stated that plans for entertaining the East Carolina Firemen's association here the second Tuesday in July would be formulated at the meeting this evening and special committees would be appointed. There are several other matters scheduled for discussion at the meeting, and all members are urged to attend.

crimes," Mr. McBride said. "The eighteenth amendment duty adopted by regular process of government, sustained by the courts, and endorsed by decisive majorities of the people, is a declaration of war against the liquor traffic."

"So long as prohibition laws are under special attack, they must be given special defense and support by every law-abiding citizen and every oath-taking official. Therefore, speakers and teachers are urged to present the appeals of the President for support of law in churches and Sunday schools, June 30. May the lessons in patriotism repeated and impressed on that day contribute immeasurably to the respect for law that must be established by observance and enforcement if government by the people is to endure."

TOBACCO WAREHOUSE, 4 STORES AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS ARE NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED HERE

Sidewalks All Over Town Also Being Paved; New Record for Building

With a tobacco warehouse, four store buildings and a number of residences under construction, building operations here have established a new peak in the town's progress. The construction of several miles of sidewalks is featuring in the development program, but even then quietness is making itself felt in the business field here. Few incidents of any consequence have been reported, giving weight to the saying, "the poorer we are, the better we are."

Construction work on the new Planters warehouse is progressing very rapidly, the contractors having placed practically all the heavy timbers and partly covered the building. Workmen have practically completed the foundation for the four new store

buildings on the main street, and several of the walls are several feet high. Mr. S. C. Griffin has about completed two bungalows on William street in New Town, and Mr. N. C. Green is starting his new home around on Academy street. The builders are completing the Frank J. Margolis home on Smithwick street and Miss Anna Crawford will have her new home on Smithwick street ready for occupancy within the next several weeks.

Sidewalk paving is being carried on rapidly, the contractors having practically completed the principal sidewalks in New Town. Work will be underway on Main street the latter part of this or early next week, it was learned from the contractors yesterday afternoon.

The Virginia Electric and Power company has practically completed the rebuilding of the town's light and power system.

PENSION ROLL GETS SMALLER

Total of 2,742.50 Paid Out To Veterans and Widows in County Last Week

Pensions totaling \$742.50 were paid the eight Civil War veterans and widows in this county last week, the funds coming from the State. When the checks were made several weeks ago, the veterans in this county numbered nine, one of them dying just recently. The total this year is smaller by \$240 than the amount received by the veterans and widows last year. Gradually the line of gray thins, decreasing the pension total each year.

Payments are made semi-annually, the veterans receiving \$365 each and the widows \$100 each year.

The eight veterans receiving pensions in this county or who have them distributed through the clerk of the court here include Zeph Howell, Williamston, R. F. D. No. 3; James H. Johnson, Oak City; John Nelson, Robersonville; P. L. Rives, Williamston; L. F. Roberson, Robersonville; Jos. W. Ward, Pitt County; B. R. Jenkins, Robersonville; and William Jones, Oak City.

Only one of the veterans, Mr. John Nelson, attended the last Confederate reunion from this county.

SINCLAIR'S AIDE IS ALSO IN JAIL

Henry M. Day Begins Term in Same Prison With Sinclair

Washington, June 24.—Henry Mason Day, colorful lieutenant of Harry F. Sinclair, millionaire oil magnate, joined his business chief tonight in the District of Columbia jail to serve a four months sentence.

Day, immaculately dressed, arrived at the jail at 6:42 tonight. He was unaccompanied, driving up to the jail alone in a taxicab.

Day's demeanor as he entered the jail was different from that of his business chief, with whom he was convicted for jury shadowing activities in connection with the Teapot Dome oil trial of Sinclair and former Secretary of Interior Fall.

The tall, slender man, in his early middle age, joked with a score of cameramen and reporters who were on the steps to greet him.

"I want to give you fellows a break," he said, smiling, as he posed for pictures.

"Well, get together and stop this squabbling. I have all the time in the world, but—"

Day was received inside the prison by Superintendent Peak and turned over to the captain of the guard, who indexed his description and then assigned the new inmate to the sleeping dormitory. The dormitory is a long, wide room with about 60 cots in it. Sinclair spent his first night in jail in the same room, but later was assigned to a separate cell.

Day, who is vice-president of the Sinclair Exploration Company, tonight joined in jail the man for whom he has scouted for oil prospects in all corners of the world. He is given credit for some of the multi-millionaire's choicest foreign concessions.

Attired in a grey suit, and wearing a grey hat, with blue shirt, blue tie and black shoes, Day was the same dapper figure known to the world's leading oil men as he walked into the jail tonight.

As he entered the jail tonight, Day handed a statement to newspapermen, insisting that he is not guilty of any criminal activity.

Junior Order to Have Meeting on Thursday

Local Juniors, United American Mechanics, will hold their regular meeting next Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock when two candidates will be initiated into the order. A team from the Robersonville order will have charge of the degree work and a good meeting is expected. Refreshments will be served once the evening's business is completed, it was stated.

Everetts Woodmen Have Good Meeting

Members of the Everetts camp, Modern Woodmen of America, held one of their best meetings in several at the hall there last night, it was stated this morning by one of the order's officers. Twenty-five members were in attendance upon the meeting and one candidate was initiated, bringing the total membership up to around 60.

The camp will hold its next meeting Monday, July 8, when a special program will be given, the officers of the camp urging all members to attend the meet.

Mr. John Dixon Dies at Home Near Robersonville

Mr. John Dixon, a farmer of near Robersonville died at his home there last Saturday. Funeral services and burial were on Sunday.

DEATH OF MRS. JAS. C. GURKIN

Died At Her Home in Griffins Township Early This Morning

Mrs. James C. Gurkin, of Griffins township, died at her home there early this morning following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered last night around 9:00 o'clock. She was taken sick with a headache Sunday, but her condition was not thought to be serious until last night when she was stricken suddenly and caused to fall into a state of unconsciousness from which she never revived.

A daughter of the late W. A. Burroughs and wife, Mrs. Gurkin was only 22 years old. While very young, she was married to Bonner Leggett who died several years ago. One child, now dead, was born to that union. Two years ago she was married to J. C. Gurkin, of Griffins township, who with one child, ten months old, survives. She also leaves two brothers and several sisters.

Funeral services will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon, interment following the cemetery at Lilly's Hall, near the home.

Former Resident Dies at Home in Washington

Mr. Augustus Taylor, formerly of this county, died at his home in Washington yesterday after suffering poor health for a number of years. Interment will be made in the Spring Green cemetery, this county, today.

Mr. Taylor was the youngest son of the late Jesse Taylor and wife. He was reared on his father's farm where he lived until about ten years ago, going from there to Robersonville. After living there several years he moved to Washington where he was engaged in the mercantile business. He married Miss Lucy White, of Poplar Point, who survives. He leaves no children.

American Tourists Are Enriching Foreigners

Washington, June 24.—American tourists spent more than twice as much abroad in 1928 as foreign countries paid the United States on their war debts, the Commerce Department's seventh annual report on "invisible" items of international trade reveals.

According to the department's estimates, made public today, American travelers dumped \$525,000,000 into the laps of foreign tradesmen while foreign governments returned \$210,000,000 to this country in war debt payments.

"One of the most useful results of these surveys is a fairly accurate comparison of the importance of the various items from a foreign exchange viewpoint," said Secretary of Commerce Lamont in his foreword to the report.

District Game Warden To Speak to Kiwanians

W. C. Moore, district game warden of Washington, will speak before the Kiwanis club in its regular meeting in the Woman's club hall here tomorrow at 12:30 o'clock, it was announced by the club's president this morning. Warden Moore's address will have to do with "Conservation."

Discuss Sunday School Excursion to Ocean View

An excursion to Ocean View for the Sunday schools here will be discussed today by representatives of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and the several Sunday school heads.

No details of the proposed excursion are known at this time, but the railroad representatives will explain the trip today, it was stated.

MARTIN COUNTY TEAM RALLIES IN CLOSING INNINGS YESTERDAY TO DEFEAT WASHINGTON, 4 TO 3

Come From Behind in 8th and 9th Innings to Retain League Leadership

The Martin County All Stars tightened their grip on the top rung in the Four-County baseball league here yesterday afternoon when they won over Beaufort County's nine by a 4 to 3 count. Although the weather was threatening, and one or two innings were marred by J. Pluvius, the game, as a whole, was a very creditable one.

Washington, scoring in the first frame, led the Manufacturers until the fifth, when the Martin lads registered one to tie the score. The visitors came back strong in the following stanza to add two runs to their score. They got next to James' offerings and, aided by an error, they took the lead and threatened to score another in the frame when Brown relieved him. With two men on bases and no one out, the Jamesville athlete settled down to work, fanning the first man. A second man up was hit, loading the bases

Campaign for Better Attendance at School

OBSERVE 3RD ANNIVERSARY

Everetts Baptist Church Held Homecoming Day Exercises Sunday

Celebrating the third anniversary of the opening of their new church building, Everetts Baptists last Sunday prepared a splendid program and successfully entertained from pastors and members from other towns. Rev. E. L. Baker, a former pastor but who is now in charge of a church in Greenville, S. C., preached at the morning service, while Rev. J. E. Harris, also a former pastor of the church, but now of Beaufort, preached at the three o'clock hour. The church's pastor, Rev. J. H. Smith, occupied the pulpit at the evening hour.

Dinner was enjoyed on the grounds by the more than 300 members and visitors present for the day's exercises. At the afternoon service, Messrs. G. H. Forbes, W. O. Daniel and Paul Bailey, were ordained as deacons.

FIRE DAMAGES BIG LOG TRUCK

Firemen Answer Call to Critchers' Mill Saturday Morning

The big log truck belonging to R. S. Critcher and Sons was badly damaged last Saturday shortly before the noon hour when its tank of gasoline caught fire. The operator was with the truck at the mill on Sycamore Street, but he was unable to account for the fire's origin. "It caught quickly and the fire flashed in my face," Raymond Cherry, the driver, stated.

The alarm was turned in and the volunteer crowd responded hurriedly. No connection was made with the town's water lines, Chief H. D. Harrison ordering a stream from the truck's booster tank. Four of the fire extinguishers were used in checking the fire at the car's gas tank and carburetor. The mill's gasoline station was threatened, but the fire there was checked before the flames reached the gasoline supply.

Announce Second Lecture On Present Amusements

The second lecture on present day amusements given under the auspices of the young people of the Presbyterian church will be held in the home of Mrs. R. G. Harrison on Church street Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by the church's pastor, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. The purpose of these lectures, the pastor stated, is to work out a set of principles by which each individual may be able to judge for himself or herself whether any given amusement is right or wrong. The public is cordially invited to hear this lecture.

Jamesville Section Has Had Lot Rain Recently

"It's too wet for fishing," Professor A. L. Pollock, of Jamesville, stated yesterday morning when telling of the many and large rains there during the past several days. "We have had five big rains in about eight days, and we are having it mighty wet," the professor stated.

The rains falling there last Saturday and Sunday are said to have filled the highway at places, and poured into one or two stores.

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE IS BUT 78 PER CENT

Total of 3,659 White Children Enrolled in Martin County Last Term

815 ABSENTEES DAILY

Present Low Percentage Means Loss Of \$5,000 Annually to County From State-Aid Fund

That an attempt will be made to increase the average daily attendance in Martin County schools during the 1929-30 term was announced by Mr. R. A. Pope, head of the county's schools, yesterday. The method to be followed in having the children attend the schools more regularly will be a cooperative one, according to the school official who stated that the State will, through Mrs. Kate Furr Johnson, give more attention to school censuses and attendance.

Each day during the 1928-29 session there were absent from the schools in this county on an average 815 white children. Of the 3,659 enrolled, only 78 per cent, or 2,844 attended regularly. This situation, pointed out to be very expensive, is experienced by all the schools throughout the State. However, the percentage of attendance varies considerably, varying as to the particular sections and the conditions in those sections. Even in our own county the percentage varies from 60 per cent in the average daily attendance in the Cooper district to 98 per cent in the Robersonville school. In other words, 47 out of 80 enrolled attended on an average each day in the Cooper school while in Robersonville 427 out of 435 were present each day. The average for the county is 78, Williamston's being 85.

Five years ago, according to the records, only sixty-six and two thirds per cent of all the children enrolled attended regularly. The increase has been gradual, officials stating that with an educational campaign, the attendance could be expected to show a substantial increase. The presence of a county-wide system aids attendance, Superintendent Pope stated that these systems have worked splendid results in practically every county where they are in force. A number of consolidations has been made in this county during the past few years, and the average daily attendance has increased in a proportionate way.

Viewing the situation from a pecuniary standpoint alone, the county is losing approximately \$5,000 a year by not having a large percentage in the average daily attendance in its schools. In other words, should be average daily attendance be increased even 10 per cent the county would be in line to receive around \$5,000 more from the State than it is now receiving.

That the condition might be bettered, a State-wide plan is being formulated whereby more attention can be given the attendance, and pointing out the necessity of every child attending school every day. The plan, as it is understood here, calls for a slight assistance from the county and some agency or club. A survey would be made and all investigations carried on at the direction of a trained official outside the school. There are some very interesting facts to be learned in the attendance percentage, and a campaign would reveal a goodly number of them. The school superintendent stated last night that pressure had been brought to bear in several schools last year, in this county, to better the attendance records, and while the results were good they are not to be compared with those expected to result from an educational campaign backed by every organization and parent in the county.

Martin County Defeated Bertie Friday; Score, 9-3

The Martin County All Stars gained supremacy in the four-county baseball league during the first week of play by defeating the strong Bertie nine here last Friday afternoon by a 9 to 8 score. The two teams had similar percentages when the play was started, but Cherry, for the "Manufacturers" handled the mound work effectively and his teammates batted unusually well to drive over winning runs.

Electrical Storm Damages Telephone Lines in County

An electrical storm centering between here and Jamesville last Saturday afternoon did much damage to telephone wires, other property apparently escaping damage. All the wires of the Carolina Telephone company and several rural circuits were burned in two at several places between the two towns.

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