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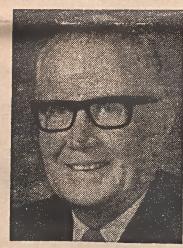
Oxford, North Carolina 27565, March, 1971

ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

### Traveling with the **GRAND MASTER**

My last report closed with the resume of the special meeting with Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 573 held on December 8, 1970.

On Thursday evening, December 10, 1970 W. Brother Bill Owen, one of the officers of my home lodge and I drove down to Salisbury, N.C. to attend the Annual Awards Dinner of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 576. The meeting got under way promptly at 7:00 p.m. with a bountiful meal after which I presented



MAURICE E. WALSH

the 44th District. The meeting was excellently planned and arranged. W. Bro. Ken W. Beck, Master, the officers and brethren of Andrew Jackson No. 576 are to be commended for the way and manner they are conducting the affairs of their Lodge.

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# Bro. Thomas R. McCrea Former Editor, Passes

Brother Thomas Russell McCrea, the first editor of The North Carolina Mason, was found dead in his bed Friday, March 5, 1971. Brother McCrea had apparently been dead two days. Death was attributed to natural causes.

Funeral services were held Sunday. March 7 in Jones Funeral Chapel, Jacksonville, N. C., with the Rev. Gerald Davis officiating. Masonic burial rites were held in the Fountain family cemeseveral twenty-five tery, Richlands. Brother McCrea is suryear awards to vived by two sisters, Mrs. R. C. Belfour the Brethren and of Thomasville, Ga., and Mrs. W. R. three Fifty Year Pierce of Palmetto, Fla; three brothers, Veterans Awards. W. W. of Atlanta, Ga., J. S. of Jackson-I was pleased to ville, Fla., and H. V. McCrea of Thomassee and talk with ville, Ga.

Tom McCrea was born July 21, 1901. my good friend, in Tifton, Georgia, a son of Dr. John Giles Arch McCrea and Pauline Warnell Mc-Hudson, P. G. M. Crea. Also W. Bros. J.

After graduating from Tifton High School, he entered Georgia Tech in the fall of 1921 to study Chemistry.

On January 28, 1924, he transferred to North Carolina State University, where he immediately became active in the literary and musical organizations, his humorous art work being in high demand for the college annual.

Upon graduation, he was employed by the North Carolina State Board of

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# Greensboro Lodge No. 76 Has Sesquicentennial

#### By EARLEY W. BRIDGES. Historian TROY G. ROBBINS

Steak "Old 76" style with all the extras was the delight of the members and their wives and many visiting guests on Monday night, March 1, in the Greensboro Temple dining room.

Brother John Herman Cass, Master of Old 76, presided over the festivities beginning with that appropriate yarr, "You didn't get your religion in this church", with Brother George Bennette as the victim.

Brother Henry Bridges, North Carolina State Auditor and brother of Earley W. Bridges, Treasurer of the Lodge, gave a very interesting history of the Lodge listing highlights through the years from 1821 since Old 76 was constituted on March 1, of that year.

Baxter Westmoreland, Conductor of the Greensboro Chapter of Barber Shop Society, along with 40 of his singers, (Continued on Page Six)

# Raleigh Lodge No. 500 Has 71st Annual Banquet

BY R. GAGE SMITH Raleigh Lodge No. 500 held their 71st Annual Banquet on Saturday evening, February 6, in the Confederate Room, Balentines Cameron Village, Raleigh, with Bro. Joe Harrington, S.W., as Master of Ceremonies. Invocation was by Bro. Hubert Cross, Chaplain, after which the buffet line was buffeted by a double line of members, ladies and other guests. Brother Harrington started off his program, but was interrupted by "Miss Minnie Pearl" who gave a full and complete report of recent happenings in and around Grinder's Switch. Diligent inquiry later revealed that Mrs. Jean The sale of the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Hobby, of Angier, was the double for the well-known radio and TV person-(Continued on Page Five)

On Friday evening, December 11, 1970, my long time friend and Brother, W. .. Tam L. Shumaker and I motored to Durham, N.C. where we were met by my son, Steve. We attended the Twentyfirst Anniversary and Ladies Night Banquet of Fellowship Lodge No. 687. This was an excellently planned and arranged meeting. W. Brother Lyman M. Johnson, Master, the officers and brethren of Fellowship Lodge were handsomely rewarded for their years work has been changed to Raleigh, April 20by the attendance at this meeting. It 21, 1971. was good to see and greet so many of my friends of many years: Cabel B. (Continued on Page Two)

## NOTICE **Grand Lodge Meeting Place** Changed

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. originally scheduled to be held in Winston-Salem,

Winston-Salem has made this change necessary,