



GREENSBORO—The gaping hole seen in the foreground of the picture at left above is about all that remains from that old and beautifully columned administration building which once sat atop the hill and greeted visitors to Masonic and Eastern Star Home. But the hole denotes something more than just ugliness. It is the excavation for the foundation of the new administration building, construction of which is just commencing and the artist's drawing of which may be seen in the picture at right above. In a future issue of "The North Carolina Mason" details concerning this new and beautiful building will be given. In fact, an entire series of articles on the Home, in words and pictures, will begin appearing in the paper in November or December of this year.

Hookerton and Roxboro Meets Are Part of August Itinerary

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Lodge, he served as its Master on five occasions and as its Secretary for a long period of years.

At each meeting the host lodge served the evening meal at 6:30. In Roxboro the Eastern Star ladies served the meal in the lodge dining hall. In Hookerton a caterer served at a local school cafeteria.

Lodge was opened at 7:30 and the District Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Master were received with Private Grand Honors. At Roxboro Grand Secretary Harris called the roll of lodges and visitors and at Hookerton Pete Dudley, Harris' assistant called the roll. At Roxboro the report for Masonic and Eastern Star Home was given by Superintendent Troy Robbins and the report for the Oxford Orphanage was given by Acting Administrator Henry Flowers, while at Hookerton Flowers spoke for both institutions because Robbins was hospitalized in Greensboro.

In each instance the program concluded with the Grand Master's address on "The Majesty of Masonry in North Carolina." The Grand Master's remarks included a strong endorsement of the Order of DeMolay. He reminded those present that one is first impressed with "all that is good, kind, and charitable" during those delicate teenage years. He deplored the fact that in too many of our Masonic districts there is no opportunity for a boy to become a DeMolay. Grand Master Dean stated: "Better citizens grow out of better boys, and better boys grow out of DeMolay."

For the purpose of a district meeting the Master opens the host lodge and then formally receives the District Deputy, who assumes the East. The District Deputy formally receives the Grand Master and then has charge of the meeting until the Grand Master concludes his address. At this point the Grand Master assumes the East and closes the lodge in *Ample Form*. Attendance at district meetings averages around a hundred Masons and, allowing for those who attend more than one meeting, this means that some 6,000 North Carolina Masons will see and hear their Grand Master at the district level this year. (See editorial on page four.)

Oxford Orphanage Alumni Centennial Homecoming

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At 8 p.m. Saturday a variety show will be staged in the C. K. Proctor Recreation Center with a dance following, with music by the Jim Gregory orchestra.

Sunday morning there will be hymn singing in the Chapel at 10:15 followed by a worship service at 10:30 with the Rev. A. D. Leon Gray delivering the message.

The 50th annual business meeting of the Oxford Orphanage Alumni Association will be at 11:00 and lunch will be served "under the oaks" afterward.



SANFORD—It was "William H. White Night" at Sanford Lodge 151 on August 14; on that evening the lodge honored its Past Master and North Carolina's Past Grand Master "Bill" White on the occasion of his receiving his 50-year award from the hands of Grand Master Nathaniel C. Dean. In the above picture the Grand Master (left) congratulates White, his Masonic ancestor. (White appointed Hand, Hand appointed Hennis, Hennis appointed Dean.) White was Grand Master in 1952.

The program began with dinner in the lodge dining room, following which the lodge was opened. Past Grand Master White was received with Grand Honors and then the Grand Master was received in like manner. After presenting the certificate and lapel pin the Grand Master delivered an address appropriate to the occasion.

Other Grand Lodge Officers attending were Grand Secretary Charles A. Harris, PGM, and Grand Steward E. Stansil Aldridge.

Questions and Answers

Our Grand Lodge Constitution and Regulations (THE CODE) spell out the Masonic law which governs Masons and lodges in North Carolina. Copies of THE CODE are furnished to each lodge; individual Masons may purchase copies from the Grand Secretary (\$3.50). Some readers may wish to score themselves in their knowledge of Masonic law with their answers to the following questions. The answers (references in parentheses) follow the last question. Don't peek!

1. Our Senior Deacon has not learned his work and regularly prevails upon our Junior Deacon to trade chairs with him. Is this legal?

2. Is the display of the United States Flag in lodge a custom, or a requirement?

3. Whose duty is it to check to see that a visiting Mason is in good standing?

4. Can anyone who is not a Grand Lodge Officer preside over a communication of the Grand Lodge?

5. Isn't a Mason required to wear his apron outside his coat when in lodge?

6. If a member demits from his lodge to affiliate with another lodge, then decides he'd rather not join the other lodge, can he merely return the demit and thus be restored in his old lodge?

7. Is it true that a Mason must prove proficiency in the Third Degree Catechism before he may become an officer in a lodge?

8. Why must a lodge go through all the trouble of investigating a petitioner and holding a secret ballot on him when it is known at the time he petitions that for good cause he can never be elected?

9. Please define "Charter Member." Is he one of those who signs the original petition to form the new lodge or one who becomes a member prior to the time the lodge is constituted?

10. A lodge in our district never has its charter inside the lodge room but lets it hang over the Tyler's desk, outside the lodge room door. Isn't this illegal?

The following answers to the foregoing questions are brief, they are subject to error and they are intended only for general information. Masons needing or desiring complete, lawful answers to these questions should consult THE CODE or other lawful authority.

1. No (REG. 65-12), and the Master should do something about it (REG. 65-08)

2. A requirement: "The Colors of The United States shall be displayed on a suitable standard in the East at the right hand of the Master, at every communication of the lodge." (REG. 95-15) The same Regulation requires that the pledge of allegiance be given at the opening of every communication.

3. The Tyler's. (REG. 59-05)

4. Yes, under the following highly unlikely circumstances: If the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and both Grand Wardens are all absent, and if no Past Grand Master is present, the Master of the oldest subordinate lodge present shall preside. (REG. 21-05)

5. So long as the apron is readily visible it is within the Master's discretion to determine whether members wear it beneath or outside the coat. (REG. 95-05)

6. No, once the demit is issued he has no further claim of membership upon the lodge; the relationship is completely severed. To get back in the lodge he must apply for affiliation and be subjected to the secret ballot. (REG. 84-16)

7. This is true with respect to *line* officers. The requirement does not apply to the Treasurers. (Continued on Page Three)