

### Benson Masons Name C. M. Lee

C. M. Lee was elected Master of Relief Lodge Number 431, A. F. and A. M. of Benson at a stated communication held at the Masonic Temple there Friday night.

Other officers elected were: Senior Warden, G. R. Ellis; Junior Warden, Shelton Benson; Treasurer, W. D. Mitchell; Secretary, Godwin was re-elected.

The new officers will be installed, together with the appointive officers, who have not been selected yet, at a public installation ceremony to be held in the Lodge Hall on Friday, December 28, at 7:30 p. m.

### Mrs. Tyndall Fetes Mother Goose Kids At Surprise Party

The children of the Mother Goose School were treated to a surprise party by Lynn Tyndall's mother on Thursday. It was no special occasion, Mrs. Tyndall said she just felt the urge to do something nice for Lynn's classmates.

She came loaded with block ice cream, three kinds of cookies, animal crackers, candy and gum. Mother Goose raised her eyes and whispered "forgive us," for she knew that vegetables would be left untouched that day.

It all was such a festive affair with Santa Claus plates and napkins. Because Mother Goose has a little girl who thinks no experience is complete unless shared with her mother, she guessed that her Mother Goose children were just the same way. So she permitted each one to rinse his plate out and pack it in his book sack as proof of his party.

They deserved the party too because they have been quiet-er than usual getting ready for play they will present for their families and friends on Monday night, Dec. 17 at the Erwin Methodist Church, where they go to school. They have learned to respect another classmate by being quiet when another is reciting. The 15 almost a week before the play, they all know their parts.

Danny Tyndall is going to be Santa Claus and his mama is buying packs and packs of cotton with which to stuff him.

### HITS PARKED CAR

A parked 1951 Pontiac was damaged to the extent of about \$90 when it was struck by a 1947 Ford, driven by Mrs. Faye Moore and owned by Willie E. Moore. The Pontiac was parked on the left side of North Fayetteville headed north. Mrs. Moore was going south. The car suffered about \$75 damage, when the right front fenders collided.

### EAT WELL FOR LITTLE

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Twice as many Spokane high school students are buying the 25-cent plastic lunch this year. The lunch consists of a hot dish, vegetable or salad, a sandwich and milk.

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### NEW N.A.M. PREXY TAKES OVER



IN NEW YORK, William E. Ruffin (right), Durham, N. C., outgoing president of the National Association of Manufacturers, turns over his gavel to William J. Green, Milwaukee, Wis., elected to head the N.A.M. in 1952. Ruffin will become the group's board chairman. (International)

### Along The Routes

By John Follett

"The time has come," the walrus said. To talk of many things, Of shoes and ships and sealing wax, And cabbages and kings, And why the sea is boiling hot, And whether pigs have wings.

Last week my travels out of Dunn made me think of the above Lewis Carroll verse. Shoes entered the picture when I talked to one farmer about a subscription as he put on his shoes on the back porch. There were no ships or sealing wax, but King Cotton blew smoke rings at me: I saw lots of beautiful collards, which are certainly a variety of cabbage; and I saw several fat pigs being dipped in a "sea" of boiling water preparatory to taking flight on the wings of high pork prices.

**BLOWS SMOKE RINGS**  
Again most of my travels were on RFD No. 3, through the smoke-ring episode occurred on RFD No. 3 not far from Mingo. There I noted the fact that the exhaust pipe of Johnson's Cotton Gin blows smoke rings continuously, sometimes with five in the air at once. It's a fact.

There were other things which Alice did not see in Wonderland, but which I did see in Sampson and Harnett Counties. I finally got around to photographing the bottle tree belonging to Mrs. H. F. Emms. Alice did not see anything like that, either with or without milk. She did not see a chain like the one holding up the Miller mail box either.

Furthermore there wasn't any Spanish moss growing on the trees in the tulgey wood as pictured in Walt Disney's version of the famous classic. It is flourishing right at the edge of Dunn on a crape myrtle tree in the yard of W. B. Strickland. Mr. Strickland says that the first bit appeared about four years ago, apparently dropped by a bird. People told him the moss would not grow in this climate, but grow it has until the tree is entirely covered with the exotic plant.

**PIGS HAVE WINGS**  
I can report that pigs do seem to have wings in Harnett County. I watched subscriber T. F. Norris scalding several fat porkers in what seemed to be a very unpleasant bath of resin and hot water. I saw pigs of all sizes, from cute little sucklings that would have looked wonderful roasted and with red apples in their mouths, to big sows. But nobody expected to see them except at high-flying prices.

Everywhere along the routes the countryside looks beautiful in spite of the killing frost of a week ago. Collards especially are green and beautiful. I saw thrift flowers blooming back of Mrs. R. J. Peterson's house. But peaches are ripe, and the kind people along Route 3 filled my pockets with them.

**FACEHOUSE TURNIPS**  
The packing house of subscriber P. G. Altman was filled with the

most beautiful purple and white turnips I have ever seen when I stopped by there the other day.

And the biggest crop of all — children — continues to thrive. I have never before seen so many lovely children. My personal preference this week goes to John Wayne Tripp, aged one, son of subscriber Theodore T. Tripp and grandson of subscriber Moses Tripp. The young man seemed to like me almost as well as he likes his parents. And so I like him.

There are a lot of nice people in Harnett County.

### One Accident Is Reported

Only one minor accident was investigated by the Dunn Police Department during the last 24 hours. The accident occurred at the intersection of East Cumberland and South Washington, yesterday morning.

A 1949 Pontiac, driven by William C. Barefoot, was proceeding north on South Washington, and had stopped for the stop sign. He failed to observe the approach of a 1941 Ford, driven by Robin J. Tew of Route 1, Dunn, who was traveling west on East Cumberland.

The Barefoot car struck the Tew vehicle in the left side, damaging it to the extent of about \$100. Barefoot's car was damaged about \$25. Barefoot admitted that the crash was his fault and assumed liability for the damages. No one was hurt.

### Christmas Party Is Staged By Holliday Class

Members of the McD Holliday class and the Christian Church met last night in the social rooms of the church for a Christmas program and social hour.

A beautifully lighted Christmas tree and a manger scene were the centers of attraction in the decorations. Lighted red tapers, greenery, and red berries were also used about the room, and to decorate the refreshment table.

Mrs. Bill Carroll was in charge of the program. Highlights were Christmas readings given by Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Lewis Jeffries, and a duet by Mrs. Elwood Britt and Miss Esther Ricks, accompanied by Mrs. Tommy Jackson. Christmas carols were sung by the group, led by Mrs. Cohen Tart. A Christmas offering was taken to provide gifts for others.

During the social hour, several interesting contests pertaining to the Christmas season were conducted by Mrs. Vernon Bass and Miss Esther Ricks.

Mrs. George Outhrell poured Russian tea, and those attending were also served cookies, nuts, and candies.

### LOW COMES HIGH

GOSHEN, Ind. (AP)—Donald J. Truex was fined \$16.75 because he thought low auto license numbers are more attractive than high ones. He painted out the last digit on his plate.

### CELEBRATE TOGETHER

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—The whole family celebrates when Mr. and Mrs. William LaFlamme observe a wedding anniversary. Both their son and daughter have the same wedding anniversary date.

### RABBITS COME HIGH

CINCINNATI, O. (AP)—The cost of rabbit meat is way above any OHS selling price for Dominick J. Valente, a farmer. Valente was accused of possessing seven rabbits illegally and with having falsified data to receive Ohio fishing and hunting licenses. He paid \$250 in fines and costs on nine occasions.

### Successful Fight Manager Thinks Today's Heavies Best In History

By HAL WOOD  
SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP)—The most successful manager in the history of boxing said today that the present crop of heavyweight contenders is the best the world ever has known.

That's the word from dapper John Leo McKeran, aged 63, and better known as Jack "Doc" Kearns.

"Why the current crop of heavyweight contenders is better than it ever was," the balding, sprightly manager said. "It's just like comparing the hose and buggy with

the automobile and the automobile with the airplane — everything keeps improving."

He listed in the present crowd eligible to get a crack at Jersey Joe Walcott, former champion Edward Charles, his boy, Joey Maxim, the light-heavy champ; Lee Savold, Rocky Marciano and possibly, Joe Louis.

"Compare these fellows with the guys who were chasing Jack Dempsey," he went on. "Why, I licked most of them with a 160-pounder — Mickey Walker. Stand-out candidates in those days in-

cluded George Godfrey and Bearcat Wright, both 240-pounders, and Mickey licked 'em both; and he also licked Jack Sharkey, although it was called a draw."

**QUITE A LINEUP**  
Kearns, a fast-talking, quick-thinking man, started his career when he went to the Klondike and palled around with men like Jack London, Wilson Mizner, Robert Service, Rex Beach and Alex Pantages.

Since that time, he has managed seven world's champions: Abe Attel, featherweight; Benny Leonard, lightweight; Mickey Walker as a welter and later as middleweight; Jackie Fields, welter; Dempsey, heavyweight; and his current pride-and-joy, lighthweight king Joey Maxim.

During that time he estimates that his fighters have earned purses totaling \$40,000,000. Of this, about \$19,000,000 came with the Dempsey gold mine and \$6,000,000 with Walker, the famed "Toy Bulldog." This includes money made from movies, endorsements, stage engagements, etc.

But he would rather talk about the future than the past and he sees a rosy future.

**WISHFUL THINKING**  
He thinks Maxim will beat Charles in their battle at San Francisco Dec. 12. After that, he believes Maxim should get a shot at the world heavyweight crown worn by Walcott.

What is the hottest match available to the public today?  
"Why, that would be between

Maxim and Harry Matthews, the knockout kid from Seattle," he answers.

"For that one, the television rights alone would be worth \$300,000. And it could be staged in New York, Chicago or San Francisco with equal success."

He denied that he has refused to give Matthews a shot at the crown Maxim now holds.

"The duty of any manager is to see that he makes as much money as possible for his fighter while that boy has the crown. I thought that we could make more for Maxim with a fight against Bob Murphy in the last title defense," he said.

"At that time Matthews wasn't as well known."  
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