

Local Masons Take Part In Important Meet In Charlotte

More than 200 32-degree North Carolina Masons gathered in the Masonic Temple, Charlotte, last Saturday for the ceremonial of investiture. The ceremonial created a new group of Knights Commanders of the Court of Honour.

U.S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., of Morganton, one of the 45 who received the rank and decoration, spoke on the relationship of Freemasonry to the ideals that figured in forming the nation.

The senator said George Washington and Benjamin Franklin were active in the Masonic order. The Masonic principles of freedom of action by the individual and of the dignity of man became a part of the principles on which the country was founded, the speaker said.

The 45 thirty-second degree Masons have outstanding records of accomplishments in fraternal, civic and related activities.

Sen. Ervin attended because he had recently been made an inspector general honorary of the 33rd degree. Henry R. Henderson, past master and secretary of the local Masonic lodge, attended the meeting in Charlotte and received his 33rd degree patent with Mr. Ervin.

The vestiture was handled when you think of prescriptions, think of VARNER'S, adv.

by a ceremonial cast from Raleigh, headed by Harrison Kauffman. Thomas J. Harkins, of Asheville, sovereign grand inspector general, who called the court of honour, was unable to attend because of illness. His son, Herschel Harkins, 32 deg. KCCH, spoke in his fathers behalf.

Edward Burrier, grand master of Masons in North Carolina and James G. Johnston, past grand master, both of Charlotte also took part on the program. Mr. Johnston will be the new Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina January 1st, succeeding Thomas J. Harkins, Asheville, who resigned on account of his health.

G. H. Farley, who takes the leading role in the 16th degree of the Scottish Rite, was one of the 45 to receive the ceremonial of investitures in Charlotte last Saturday.

Mr. Farley is the 6th member of the local Masonic lodge to receive this award. Mr. Henderson received the same honor in October 1949; the late J. S. Silvester in 1955; W. C. Bangs, in 1957; Jerry Jerome in 1959; and D. Frank Bridges in 1961.

W. C. Bangs, 32nd deg. KCCH, and Ben Linville, 32nd degree also attended the meeting in Charlotte.



THE CARIBOU COMES BACK TO MAINE—A female caribou, under the influence of tranquilizers, rides happily in a truck in Millinocket, Me., to new stamping grounds on the slopes of Mt. Katahdin. She was one of 24 caribou brought from Newfoundland in exchange for 300 partridge. Until the exchange, caribou had been extinct in Maine for approximately 55 years.

Diabetic Screening Clinic Slated On January The 3rd

A diabetic screening clinic will be held Friday, January 3rd, at the Transylvania County health department from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This clinic is for the detection of diabetes and is not for the treatment of known diabetics. The public is invited to take part, and officials state that it is not necessary to make appointments.

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SECTION THREE

Festive Christmas Holiday Reported At Little River

By GRACE PONDER

LITTLE RIVER—Christmas in Little River was unusually festive this year with holiday decorations throughout the community. Everyone was in a holiday mood. Much interest was shown in the Christmas lighting contest, sponsored by the Community development club.

First prize winners were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCrary; second, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Hubbard; and third, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Merrill. Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Holiday and Mr. and Mrs. Brown Pace.

Personals
Students home from college for the holidays were Melvin Merrill, of Berry College, Mt. Berry, Georgia and Ronnie Shuford, of Clemson college.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Shuford visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shuford, during the holidays.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Pickelsimer were Rev. and Mrs. Hank Elkin, of Durham, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young, of Clarksville, Tennessee.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCall were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCall and daughter, of Tampa, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Frady and family, of Shakopee, Minnesota, visited relatives here over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrk Woody and family visited her relatives in Johnson City, Tennessee, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hamilton and family visited relatives in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Bradley, of Swannanoa, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley.

Evelyn Norton, of Mills Home, Thomasville, spent the holidays with Dinna Ponder.

Thursday night guests of Ronnie Ponder were Jeff Lamb and Gennings Norton, of Dade City, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hughey

just home from Germany were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hughey.

Mrs. Zella Robinson, of Mars Hill, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ponder.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry McCall and children are visiting rela-

tives in Frost Proof, Florida. The sick this week include Mary Alice Owenby who is recuperating in her home after being confined to the Memorial Mission hospital at Asheville, and Tom Couch, who is home after a stay in the Margaret Par-

dee Memorial hospital at Hendersonville. We wish for them a speedy recovery. Deaths in our community include William Turner and George Merrill. To the families we wish to extend our deepest sympathy.

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Former Teacher At Rosman Dies In Florida

Mrs. Ollie B. Barrett, age 69, of Riviera Beach, Florida, died December 20th after a long illness. Funeral services were held in Riviera Beach December 23rd.

Mrs. Barrett was a former teacher in the Rosman schools. She is survived by a stepson, three brothers and one sister.

Urban mass transportation is about to stage a comeback. From 400 new rapid transit cars purchased annually since 1956, the figure may rise to over 750 a year by 1970, says one research organization.