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ISAAC S. LONDON, Editor and Proprietor

FACTS ABOUT NEW HOSPITAL

COUNTY-WIDE MEMORIAL

Work Started Sept. 25, 1950.
 Be Completed July, 1952.
 Opening Probably August.
 Building Costs \$631,000.

Issue of Nov. 19, 1952
 (By Joe Lennon)

Hospital Blood

Bloodmobile Here Nov. 24.

One of the important phases of hospital operation today is that of an ample supply of blood. It has been determined, that not only many lives have been saved by blood transfusions, but it is now widely used to rapidly strengthen the weakened and run down body of the patient.

Your Hospital is utilizing the services of the Red Cross Blood Program. This program has been of untold value to the people of our county and has been severely and unjustly criticized by many people who have carelessly heard and passed on rumors without substantiating whether there was any truth in them.

One of the most common criticisms is that Red Cross blood is sold. I have never known of any instance in which this was the case, but if it does happen the Red Cross authorities would like to know about it in order that the situation may be corrected at once. There are cer-

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Great Falls School

On Nov. 5th, the 4th, 5th and 6th grades of Great Falls school met in the auditorium for the purpose of deciding upon a Student Government for our School. After discussing "Student Government" in general, the following requirements were set up before any person can hold an office:

1. He must make a "B" average on his school work.
2. He cannot make "C" on Citizenship.
3. He cannot have any unexcused absences.
4. He must not be ashamed to talk.
5. The secretary must be able to write clearly.

The students, listed below, were nominated and elected by the Student Body to be the officers and representatives of our Student Government:

Pres.—Evelyn Gainey, 5th.
 V.—George Moss, 6th.
 Sec.—Jean Dawkins, 4th.
 Rep.—Becky Johnson, 1st.
 Mary Jeffords, 2nd.
 Minnie Johnson, 3rd.

Mrs. Ella Solomon

Mrs. Ella Solomon, aged 47, of Rockingham, died Nov. 12th. She had been in declining health for a year.

Funeral services were held Nov. 13th at 4 o'clock from the Sedberry Funeral Home, Rev. C. K. Wright, pastor of Roberdel Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Jenkins Family cemetery, 6 miles above Ellerbe.

Surviving are two sons, J. B. Solomon, of California, and David Solomon, of Washington, D. C., one daughter, Elizabeth Solomon, of Rockingham, and one brother, Marshall Lewis, of Ellerbe.

Leak-Plexico Wedding

The wedding of Hal Leak and Peggy Plexico will take place this Sunday afternoon at five o'clock in the Second Presbyterian church in Salisbury. A reception will follow, at the Salisbury Country Club.

A large number of Rockingham kindred and friends will attend. During the past three weeks, many parties have been given in honor of this lovely young bride-to-be—she teaches an 8th grade in our city schools. Among the parties was a delightful spaghetti dinner given in her honor Nov. 11th at the apartment of Mrs. Stanton Blaylock. A piece of silver in her pattern, was given. The guests were Misses Carlene Freeman, Ruth Ellis, Geneva Beaver, Bobbie Long, and Jennett Bramble.

On the night of Nov. 15th, a group of Hal's masculine friends gave him a "stag" farewell supper out at the Hector Little lodge.

Hayes in Korea

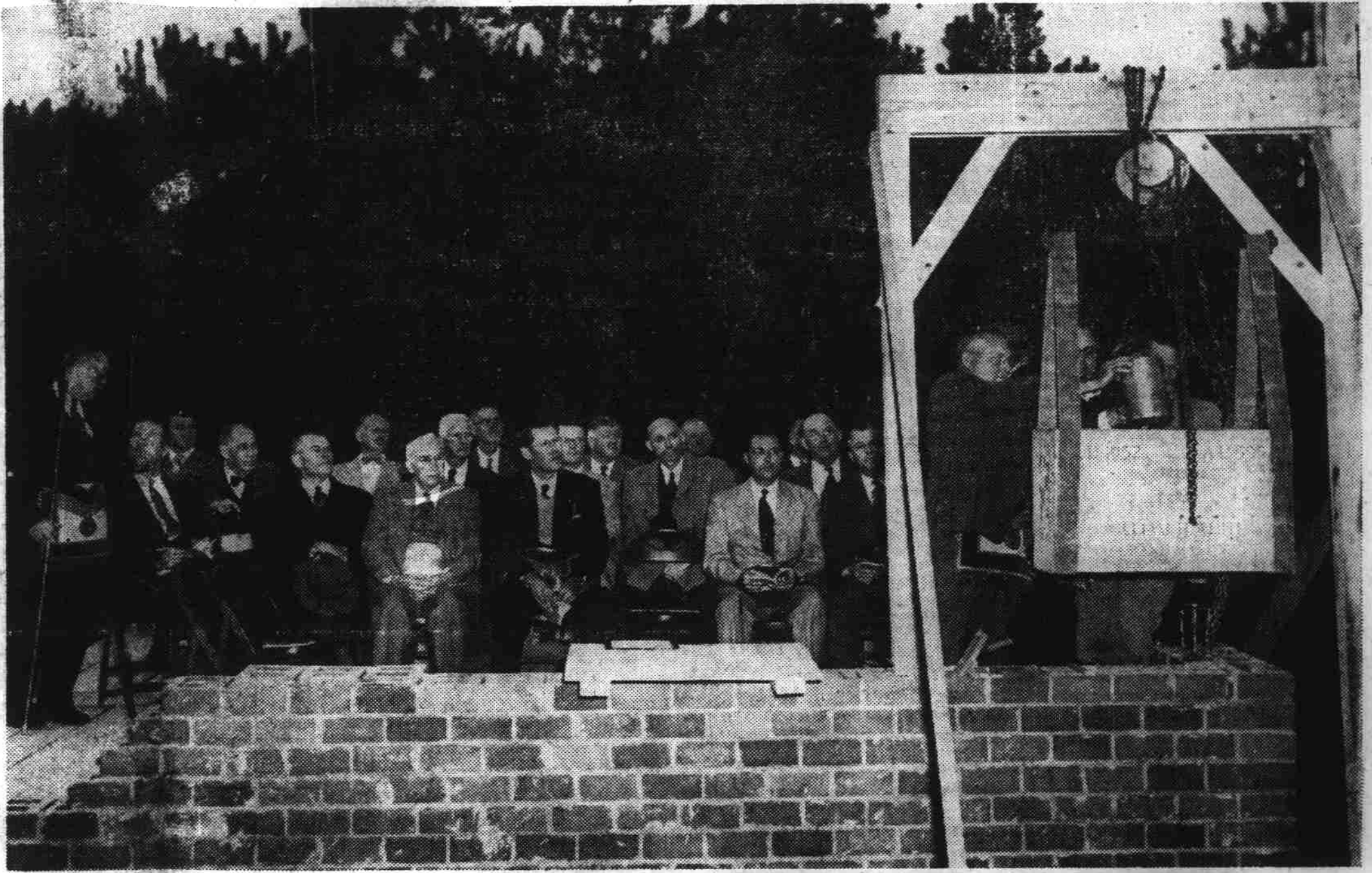
Pfc. William F. Hayes, whose parents live in Rockingham, is serving with the famous 1st Marine Division in Korea.

He has been in the fighting on the front lines for six months operating a B.A.R. automatic machine gun for his company.

William was wounded Oct. 28 and received the Purple Heart. He would like to hear from his friends; his address:

Pfc. William F. Hayes
 1210895—C-1-5,
 1st Marine Div. F.M.F
 Fleet po.
 San Francisco, Cal.

HOSPITAL NUMBER IS 5221.



LAYING OF CORNERSTONE OF MASONIC TEMPLE AT ROCKINGHAM NOV. 7, 1952

Capsule Containing History of Rockingham Masonry and Other Historical Data Placed in the Hole of the Concrete Block.

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late W. F. Smith, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said W. F. Smith to present same to me, duly verified, on or before the 12th day of November, 1953, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All indebted to the decedent will please settle with me.

Tihs, Nov. 8, 1952.
 Selma Smith, c.t.a.
 Estate of W. F. Smith
 (Nov. 12-Dec. 17)

Nov. 7, 1952, will go down in history as a Red Letter day for Rockingham Masons. At 5:02 p. m. the capsule containing the archives and historical documents was placed in the hole in the concrete block for the Temple's cornerstone, and then sealed—for how long? Who knows? 100, 200, 500 Years? We wonder. But at any rate, those who go into that cornerstone perhaps centuries hence will have an insight into the happenings of 1952, and will get a complete history of Masonry as Rockingham men knew it.

In preparing the history and selecting the material to go into this capsule, the Post-Dispatch editor feels that he has rendered a distinct service to future generations. And I personally thank Doug Hamer, Master of our Lodge, for being given this privilege.

And now for the cornerstone laying, and why.

For several years Rockingham Lodge No. 495 has had "growing pains". The members want a home of their own—instead of meeting twice a month in the out-moded hall on the second floor of the old Express office (Little) building on West Washington street. And so gradually a fund began to mount until \$3000 was accumulated. And with this sum in October, 1951, the Lodge bought a lot 130x280 feet on the northeastern edge of Town.

And then enough more money was raised to start actual building operations. The lot was duly surveyed May 1, 1952, preparatory to excavation. On May 14, 1952, some two dozen Masons met at the site and personally poured the concrete for the foundation. On June 10, 1952, the first brick were laid—with Charlie Monroe having the honor of placing the first brick. At the present time the walls are about 7 feet above ground—and there the building rests—until more funds can be raised. The total cost of this Temple will be around \$50,000. The building itself will be 40x70 with a 50-ft. basement.

And so since the building had reached this stage, it was fitting that the cornerstone be laid. And this was done on Nov. 7, 1952, with impressive ceremonies. And from now on the further progress of erection will be

dependent upon the inflow of funds, as raised.

And now for the Cornerstone.

Cornerstone Laid.

At 3:30 Nov. 7, 1952, the Lodge opened with the Grand Master in charge—William Henry White of Sanford. With him and directing the operations was Grand Secretary Wilbur L. McIver. The Lodge was opened in due form, and at 4:30 the Emergent Communication adjourned to the building for the cornerstone laying. Grand Master White designated the following to assist—Leo Allen, Doug Hamer, E. S. Adams, Allen Powers, F. B. Stanley, Walter Draughon, James Perry, Lacy Bowles, R. D. Ackerman, veteran J. N. W. Collins, Wilson Hasty and C. B. Deane. Arriving at the site of the new building, the ceremonies immemorial in nature were held, and to the spectators—and many other Masons—they were intensely interesting—capped by the placing of the capsule into the hole of the concrete cornerstone block of granite. The Grand Orator was Congressman C. B. Deane, who spoke for just five minutes; and then the proceedings were over—William Ussery sealed the capsule into the granite and the members returned to the Lodge rooms to close in due form.

The picture on the front page shows the placing of that capsule—a copper tube that in the granite should last, air-tight—for all time. The capsule or tube is about 10 inches deep by about 5 inches in diameter. (Further down in this article, we will give you a sketch of Masonry in Rockingham).

The Banquet Nov. 7th.

At 7 o'clock the night of Nov. 7th some 175 Masons and wives assembled in the large cafeteria room of the new BELL elementary school, and enjoyed the barbecue supper served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

The actual program was short—adjournment was made by 8:15—so that many could attend the game at the ball park. Doug Hamer, Master of the Lodge, presided. Speakers were Isaac London, who briefly outlined a history of the Lodge, C. B. Deane, Grand Secretary W. L. McIver and Grand Master W. H. White. It was an enjoyable evening of fellowship and ended a happy day for Masonry.

The Capsule Contained.

In the capsule placed in the copper tube in the granite block of the cornerstone, were the following items prepared by I. S. London:

- 1.—A complete history of the Rockingham Lodge, dating from Lodge 216 formed in 1852, arrested in 1868 and apparently folded in 1871. And of Lodge No. 495 given a Dispensation Sept. 23, 1897, chartered Jan. 12, 1898, and as of today, 1952, active with 245 members.
- 2.—Filed is the full list of present Masonic officers and the alphabetical list of the 245 members.
- 3.—A list of the 1952 officers for Richmond county and the Town of Rockingham.
- 4.—A Map of Rockingham as laid out in 1785 and filed July 16, 1788.
- 5.—A History of Rockingham and Richmond county, dating from Feb. 1, 1779, when Richmond county was authorized by the General Assembly, and of Rockingham from April 19, 1784, when Rockingham was authorized.
- 6.—The tabular vote of the Nov. 4, 1952, Election, and a resume of this epochal election wherein General Eisenhower swept the Nation.
- 7.—A list of the officers of the Eastern Star, and a brief sketch of this energetic group of women who so loyally are helping in this Temple project—(Mrs. J. N. Gillis, WM, F. B. Stanley, WP, Mrs. D. W. Coleman, AM, O. A. Richardson AP, Mrs. E. C. Blossom, Conduress Mrs. Ina Powers, Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Scott, Treasurer).
- 8.—And finally a group picture of the 1952 Masonic officers and the picture of the ground-breaking exercises for the Temple made May 14, 1952.

History of Lodges

(The writer of this brief history of the Rockingham two Masonic Lodges is Isaac S. London, who became a Mason in 1910 while living in Siler City and editing there the Siler City Grit).

Lodge No. 216 in 1859.

Rockingham Lodge No. 216 was established July 18, 1859, (Sec. Section—Page 3)

FRIDAY

Is The Last Day That Your Favorite

FARMERS WAREHOUSE

WILL BE OPEN. WE URGE YOU TO COME TO ELLERBE THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AND LET THE FARMERS WAREHOUSE SELL YOUR TOBACCO. YOUR LAST CHANCE — AND YOU KNOW BY EXPERIENCE THAT THE FARMERS IS THE PLACE TO SELL. IF YOU HAVE EVER TRIED US ONCE, YOU'LL TRY AGAIN.

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At Your Service

