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Thomas B. Currin Becomes Master of A.F. & A.M. Lodge

Installation of Officers Held At Meeting of Organization on Monday

Thomas B. Currin, school teacher and newly elected member of the Board of City Commissioners, Monday night took over as master of Oxford Masonic Lodge, succeeding Marshall Parham, who served during the past year.

E. T. Regan, past master, acted as installing officer and T. G. Powell, also a past master, was the installing marshal.

Other officers previously elected and installed Monday night to serve with Currin are Walter S. Gordon, senior warden; J. E. Rawls, junior warden; W. E. Warren, treasurer; E. T. Regan, secretary; Ernest Hill, senior deacon; George T. Eakes, junior deacon; Dr. Leon Moore and Wade Gregory, stewards; and John A. Baker, tiler.

Also installed were Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, chaplain, and T. G. Powell, marshal.

The following committees were designated to function during the year ahead: Oxford Orphanage and Masonic and Eastern Star Homes, T. G. Powell, chairman, A. S. Harris and F. E. Young, Masonic Education, J. E. Rawls, chairman, Walter S. Gordon, Dr. Leon Moore, Billy Hight, and Homer Triplett; Coaching, M. G. Talton, Jr., chairman, Ernest Hill, G. T. Eakes, Dick Harris, Marshall Parham and John Cannady.

The finance committee consists of T. B. Currin, E. T. Regan and Ernest Hill. M. E. Parham is lodge auditor.

Leon Gray is chairman of trustees and serving with him will be J. A. Saye and Marshall Parham.

Woman's Club Dance On December 31 May Have Sell-Out House

It appears now that the Junior Woman's Club will have a sell-out crowd for the organization's New Year's eve dance at the Armory on December 31.

Club officials said yesterday that more reservations already have been made than had been anticipated by the planning committee. "It looks as if we might have to withdraw ticket sales," said one member of the club.

Undertaking the year-end dance to provide funds for some of their community service projects, members of the club are to have the big armory especially decorated and tables will be arranged around the rim of the dancing area. Sandwiches and soft drinks will be on sale in the bunting.

A Henderson orchestra, under the direction of Dick Malloy, formerly with Tom Hearne's orchestra, will provide the music.

The college set, teen-agers and many others who are in town for the holidays, together with their guests, will help to swell the crowd of local dance enthusiasts. The innovation of tables is proving attractive for some of the older dancers who like an opportunity to "sit out" some of the faster numbers.

"All our reservations are on a first come, first served basis," remarked Miss Elizabeth Hicks of the club committee.

City Laborers To Get Some Time Off

Street and Water Department Workers to Be On Holiday Schedule

Employees of the City Street and Water Departments have been going at full steam this week in order to get their work so as to take a couple of holidays.

Superintendent H. J. Jackson of the Street Department said the final garbage collection will be made today and that street employees will endeavor to pick up all trash before the end of the day.

A crew will make a quick sweep of the down-town area Christmas morning and will follow about the same routine next week-end in order to have off New Year's Day.

Water Department employees under the direction of Harrell Lyon also are expecting to take off the day Christmas and New Year's, barring emergency.

The State Motor Vehicles Department says an unsafe speed is being used too fast for the condition of the road, the weather, the traffic or your car.



We have come to the end of another year of pleasant associations with those whose confidence and good will we value so highly.

Once more it becomes our pleasure to send our friends and patrons our heart-felt greetings and wish them a Christmas abundant with good cheer... one that will usher in a New Year of peace, happiness and prosperity.

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HUMAN ICE CUBE LIKES OXFORD'S WEATHER

Robert L. Jones Quits Buried Alive Routine for Cross-Country Travel Frozen in Ice—Dickering Now for Trans-Ocean Sponsor

The pre-Christmas weather in Oxford has been "just right" for Robert L. Jones, "the human ice cube," who at the age of 50 has turned to aviation as his newest method of thrilling the American public.

Jones left Oxford 25 years ago to make his way in the world. "I lacked education, but felt that I could entertain the public. That's the way I've made my living since," Jones said in a brief sidewalk interview here yesterday.

Jones comes to Oxford periodically to attend to the welfare of his aunt, Miss Lucy Jones, who now is 100 years old. She is back at her home here after having spent several months in a Henderson nursing home. Jones is to return to Oxford next week after having spent Christmas with a sister who lives at Fort Bragg with her soldier husband.

Some 25 years ago, newspapers around the nation were printing pictures and stories about "Buried Alive Jones." He managed to live for days in a grave in the days of flagpole sitters, but after a few years, he found that being frozen in

a cake of ice was more thrilling—and more entertaining for the interested public.

The Oxford native with the waxed brown moustache trimmed down to a fine hairline and extending a full three inches on each side of the lip in a graceful curve, a few weeks ago rode from New York to California while frozen in a cake of ice. He was billed as the Human Ice Cube. Presently, Jones is dickering for a sponsor—and a flyer—to haul him across the Atlantic frozen in ice.

Jones' latest addition to his bag of tricks is stunt-flying. Recently, during a big exposition in Fallsboro, N. J., with CAA permission, he landed his 450 horsepower plane in a narrow street. "I had a close call," he recalled, "but got down all right. My plane hit a power line and it almost crashed."

Jones has traveled widely in the United States in show business. He also has made a number of night club appearances and is constantly thinking of new ways to entertain the world. "Right now," he said, "I'm thinking of some atomic age trick, but haven't figured it out."

Clothing Appeal Renewed by Club

More Garments Needed to Meet Emergency Requirements of Distressed

The Clothing Closet, sponsored by Oxford Junior Woman's Club in cooperation with Granville County Welfare Department, is still in need of garments, according to Mrs. Garland Averette, project chairman.

Response to the appeal for clothing has been very gratifying and although approximately 1000 garments have been received, the supply is rapidly being depleted. Clothing has been distributed to persons losing their possessions in fires and to needy children in order that they may attend school and Sunday school properly protected from the cold weather. Mrs. Averette explained.

There is an increased demand for garments at this season of the year. Mrs. Averette said, "We urgently need them to distribute to needy families. Persons wishing to donate clothing may contact any member of the committee composed of Mesdames Garland Averette, Bill Felton, Glenn Green, Cooper Barnes and Miss Jean Beasley," she concluded.

Listen, Boys, This One Is On the House

The Teen-Age Club will have a dance Monday evening, Dec. 27, at the club room. All teen-agers are invited.

Boys are urged by Mrs. R. M. Currin to call girls and offer to escort them. This is one dance, Mrs. Currin said, where the boy will furnish only transportation. Music and refreshments will be provided. "This should appeal to the lad who has just spent all his money on Christmas," Mrs. Currin said.

January 3 Opening Date for Schools

Granville Schools closed Wednesday afternoon to begin the Christmas holidays.

Classes are to be resumed for both the Granville and the Oxford district schools on Monday, Jan. 3.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Garrison, a son, weighing 71-2 pounds at Grace Hospital, Richmond, Va., Dec. 22. Mrs. Garrison is the former Miss Hattie Marie Moore.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Wallace of Route 2, Oxford, a daughter, Mary Ann, Dec. 21, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hal A. Currin of Oxford, a son, Dec. 22, at Granville Hospital.

Burlington Mills Christmas Party Draws Big Crowd

Christmas Movies Shown and Bags of Gifts Distributed Sunday Afternoon

Several hundred children and their parents, employees of Oxford Plant of Burlington Mills, were entertained Sunday afternoon with Christmas parties by the company.

Following a program of Christmas movies, Santa Claus made an appearance and briefly greeted the children before they were invited to receive large bags containing toys, fruits, nuts and candy, a gift of Burlington Mills. Earlier, fruit cake and soft drinks were served.

Perry Harrison was winner of a five-pound fruit cake given at the 2 p. m. party as door prize.

Farm Hand Victim Of Freak Accident

Robert Harris, 36, Negro, Fatally Injured When Hit By Hickory Limb

A freak accident Tuesday afternoon on the Tyler farm on Oxford bypass brought death to Robert Harris, 36-year-old farmer, who was engaged in wood-cutting when he was fatally injured.

According to Sheriff Roy D. Jones, who made an investigation, Harris and a brother-in-law, Ed Hawley, were operating a chain saw, cutting up a pine tree which had been felled by Hurricane Hazel.

The two men, assisted by Harris' son and a son-in-law, had begun work in the top of the fallen pine and cut back to the trunk. As they cut the final log, a limb which had been held down by the weight of the log was released, striking a portion of a hickory. The blow, the sheriff explained, kicked the hickory limb back, striking Harris on the top of his head, leaving a gaping wound.

Brought to Shaw Memorial Hospital by his companions, Harris died a short while later. The funeral is to be held at New Hope Church, near Berea, at 2 p. m. Friday.

SECRETS WRANGLER FROM TWO AMERICANS

A U. S. High Commission Court this week sentenced a 24-year-old German brunette beauty to five years in prison for betraying to the Russians military secrets she secured from her two American lovers, both U. S. Intelligence officials. Irgard Margarethe Schmidt had pleaded guilty, but added at the sentence, "I can't take it," she said, "it's too much."

STOCKINGS HUNG WITH CARE

Figuratively, the Christmas tree is decorated, gifts have been arranged at the base in interesting manner, the Christmas dinner menu is underway—in fact, Christmas is at hand in reality.

Merchants are expecting a bustle today as many late shoppers crowd in to pick up last minute gifts and to obtain supplies for the home pantry as housewives anticipate the business holiday extending from tonight through Monday.

Services Planned
Tonight at 11 o'clock, there is to be a candlelight communion service at Oxford Presbyterian Church. The Rev. T. T. Traynham is to conduct the service assisted by Rev. R. L. Berry.

Also tonight at 11:30, there is to be a midnight worship and communion service at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Alban Kidney is to conduct the service.

The usual Sunday worship services are to be held in the churches of Oxford and the county.

At 7:30 p. m. Monday there is to be a special Boy Scout program at Geneva Church. Scoutmaster Walter Edits is to show movies of a number of Boy Scout jamborees, including that a few months ago in California and another in Texas.

Economically distressed families, whose plight is known to church, welfare and civic agencies, have been taken care of. More than 100 families old persons, many of them beyond the productive years of labor, widows with children and homes which have been poverty ridden by continuing sickness and hardship, are to share Christmas through thoughtfulness of friends and neighbors—many of them strangers.

Supintendent J. R. Raper of the Welfare Department said 100 families of about 400 persons were furnished in their distributed in Christmas by various organizations working in cooperation with the welfare agency. Raper estimated that these distressed persons received around \$1,000 worth of goods.

Gifts have been pouring in for the children at the Oxford Orphanage and the Colored Orphanage, and the old folks at the county home also have been remembered by kin and friends.

Oxford merchants report that pre-Christmas trade has been good and most of them obviously were pleased with the volume of business handled during the past several weeks.

Little Progress Shown In Search For Safe Cracker

Police and SBI Have Little To Go On In Hunt For Power Co. Robber

No significant breaks have come this week in the Oxford Police Department's efforts to "break" the safe robbery which occurred during the week-end at Carolina Power and Light Company office here on Hillsboro Street.

A thief who entered a back window and hammered open the big iron safe in the front office of the company, getting away with around \$50 in cash, obviously was a "professional," the investigating officers, Chief J. L. Cash of the local police department, and J. P. Thomas, identification man with the SBI, concluded.

Little progress has been achieved in solving the safe-robbery which occurred at Roxboro in the office of Farmers Mutual Saturday night, Person County authorities report.

Agent Thomas lifted a large number of finger prints during his investigation here Monday, and during the week he has been engaged in making comparisons with the prints of employees who regularly worked about the office, for the purpose of elimination.

The safe robbery was the most brazen job undertaken here in years. The operator who entered Ray Lumber Company last June worked in relative concealment and the persons who broke open the safe in Tom's Auto Supply several months ago also had better coverage than did the thief who worked in the brilliantly lighted Carolina Power and Light Company office.

Big Push Over At Oxford Post Office

Cancellations Monday In Excess of 26,600—Incoming Mails Heavy

The "big push" is over at the Oxford post office, but the entire personnel is working at top speed to get all deliveries completed by tonight.

Postmaster John D. Mackie said Monday's cancellations totaled 25,609, biggest single day of the current Christmas mailing season. The total was the largest for any single day in about five years.

Mackie said incoming mail still is heavy. Parcels, greeting cards and first class mail is arriving by the truck-load three times daily and the Highway Mail Bus also is carrying a heavy load of mail.

The office personnel, Mackie said, will continue to get deliveries just as rapidly as possible. A drop is expected tomorrow, although late pre-holiday mails are usually bulky with late cards, gifts and other mail matter.

Jas. H. Warren, Jr. Chosen by I.O.O.F.

Installation of Newly Elected Officers to Take Place In January

James H. Warren, Jr., on Tuesday night was elected noble grand of Oxford Lodge No. 103, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the year-end meeting at the lodge hall. Warren succeeds Allen B. Seate who has become vice grand. Other officers chosen are V. W. Taylor, treasurer; J. D. Kearney, financial secretary; T. A. Chandler, recording secretary, and Roger L. Currin, re-elected trustee for a three-year tenure.

There will be no meeting of the lodge next week. Installation will take place in January at a time to be announced.

Watch Party Planned At Church on Dec. 31

Plans were announced yesterday for a New Year's eve watch party to be held at First Baptist Church on Dec. 31.

Miss Rebecca Maness said young people would assemble at 9:30 p. m. for recreation, a moving picture and devotional.

Carol Service Today For Local Children

There is to be a carol service at 5 p. m. today, Friday, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church especially for children. Mrs. Bess Daniel will be accompanist for the song service, to which the children of the community are invited.



SEEMING DOUBLE—Santa Claus runs into lots of puzzling circumstances, but in this instance, he is actually not seeing double. He is shown greeting Mrs. Margaret Nance and her twin sons, Melvin, right, and Marvin, 9, at the annual Christmas party of employees of Oxford Plant of Burlington Mills on Sunday afternoon. Bags of gifts were delivered to all children in attendance and refreshments were served to about 400 persons after a program of movies.