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## HOUK WRITES LOCAL MASONIC LODGE HISTORY

Sketch Throws Light On Development Of County

A history of the Masonic lodge here, written by Guy L. Houk, has just been issued by Mr. Houk in mimeograph form. The 8,000-word book carries the title, "Junaluskee Lodge 145 A. F. & A. M., Franklin, North Carolina, 1851-1947".

While the work deals primarily with the growth and vicissitudes of the lodge, and therefore is chiefly of interest to Masons, bound up with the history of the lodge is much of the early history of Macon County.

For example, Mr. Houk has taken from the lodge records a reference to the local Masons' visiting Clayton, Ga., in June, 1904, to join the lodge there in celebrating the arrival of the Tallulah Falls railway that far north; the wiring of the Masonic hall for electricity in 1910 fixes the approximate date electric lighting came to Franklin; the records show that the present Masonic hall was constructed in 1870, that it cost the sum of \$541.74, and that the building was designed to serve also as "a Female Academy"; the Franklin Public library opened on the first floor of the hall in 1901; and the arrival of Bowers brothers—Charles D. and Elbren S.—from Vermont in 1881 marked an important date in the exploitation of the mineral wealth of this region.

Perhaps the most interesting single incident recorded is the story of the waylaying, murder, and robbery of Nimrod Jarrett, early Macon County Mason; the subsequent arrest of the murderer, whose heelless shoes provided the clue; and the murderer's trial and execution by hanging.

Purely lodge history of general interest includes such items as the fact that the lodge for many years paid J. T. Siler, first master, the sum of \$1.50 per month as rental for the lodge room, upstairs over Mr. Siler's store, which was about where "Dixie Hall" now stands; the reference to the "abduction of the jewels of the lodge by some of Col. Kirk's command" in 1866; and the account of the lodge's belated observance, in 1903, of its fiftieth anniversary.

Speakers at the banquet on that occasion (the banquet was

## Family Worship

To Be Discussed At Meet Sunday Night

A special service on family worship will be held, at the Franklin Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

The service will be in the form of a panel discussion on worship in the home, with a number of lay members taking part in the discussion, the pastor, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, explained.

An attendance goal of at least one representative from every family in the church has been set for the Sunday evening program.

## Special Missionary Service To Be Held

A special missionary service will be held at Sloan's Union chapel Sunday night at 7:30, when Jack Simmons, GI student at Toccoa Falls Bible college, Toccoa Falls, Ga., will speak. His talk will be illustrated by color pictures of the scenery life and missionary work in Japan. The public is invited.

held in what then was the high school building, but now is the main building of the Franklin Terrace hotel) are listed as Hon. S. L. Rogers, Dr. F. L. Siler, Judge George A. Jones, J. O. Harrison, Lee Crawford, M. D. Billings, T. J. Johnston, H. G. Robertson, Hon. Locke Craig, S. L. Kelly, and W. E. Moore, representing the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. The records show that 118 persons were present.

The book traces the lodge's history from that "early candle-light" first meeting December 4, 1851, to the present, with emphasis on the early years.

The 38 masters who have served the lodge during its almost a century of existence, with their years of service, are listed in an appendix.

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