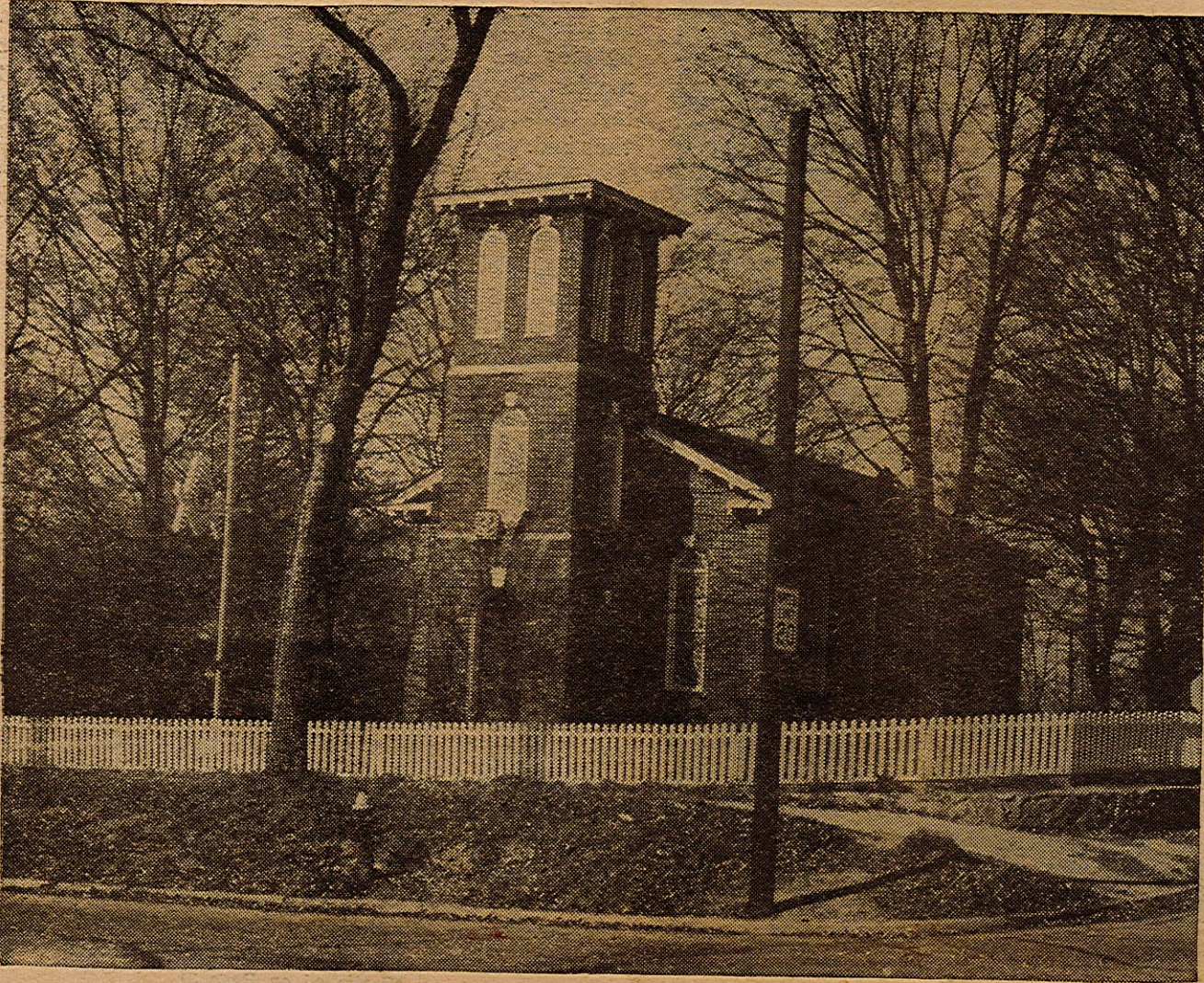


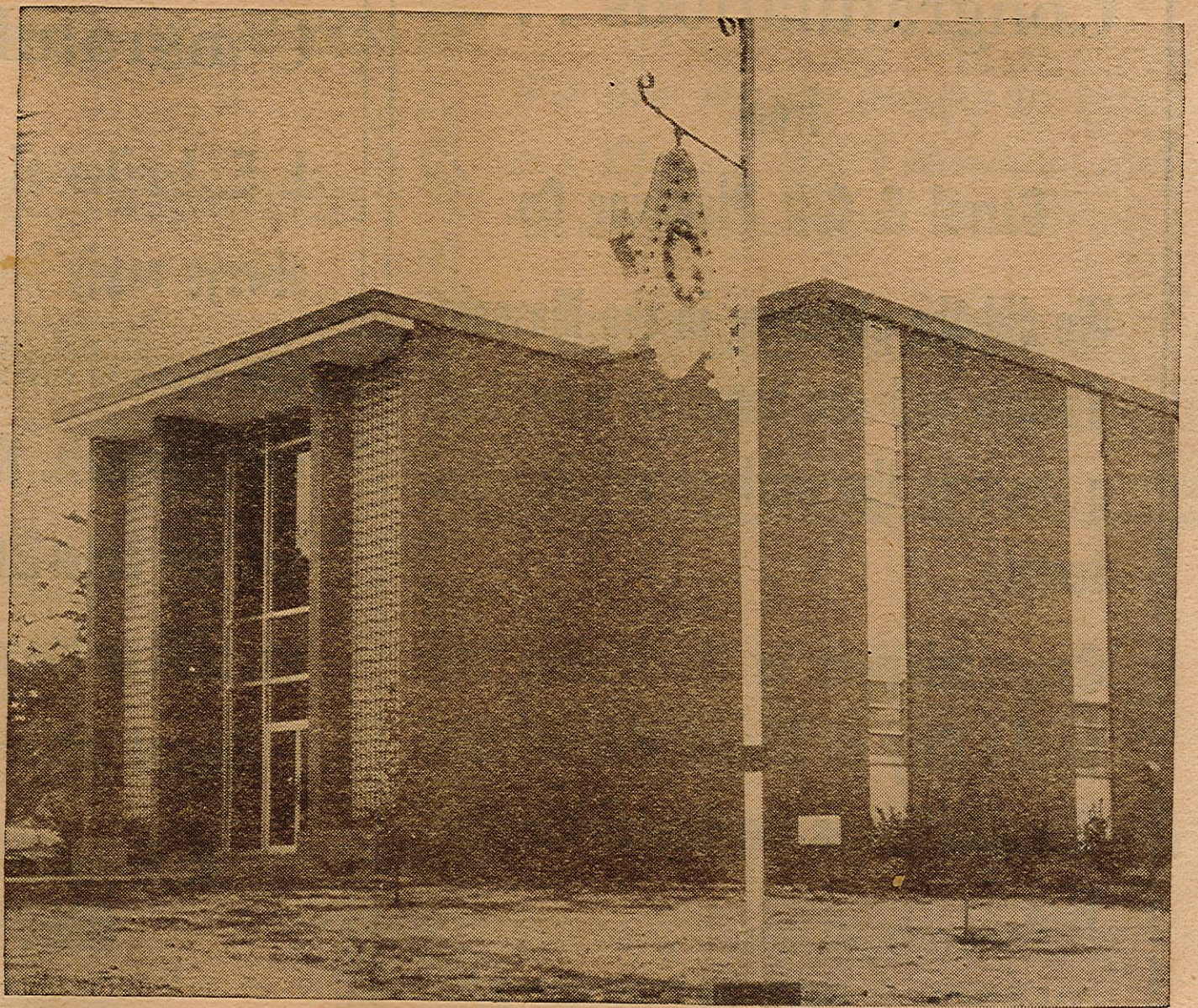
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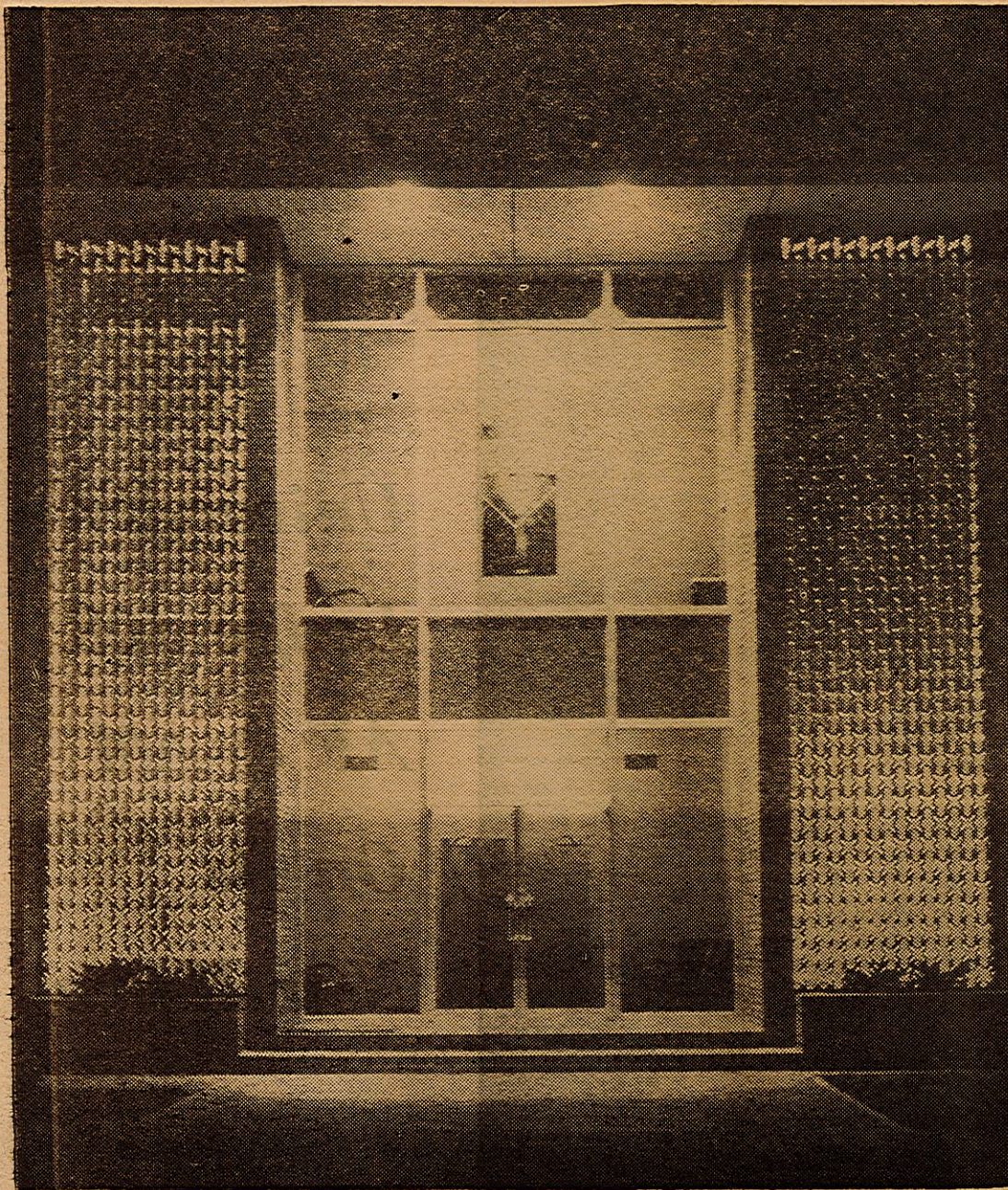


*University
Lodge 408
AF & AM
On Its
New Home*

The Old (Circa 1943) . . .



. . . And The New (1961)



Front Entrance Detail At Night

Masonry-University Ties Go Far Back

University Lodge is rightly named because Masonry in Chapel Hill has had a long connection with the University. The site of the University was selected by Grand Master William R. Davie. The cornerstone of Old East building was laid by the Grand Lodge with Masonic ceremonies. The cornerstones of South Building, Alumni Building, Grimes Dormitory and Memorial Hospital were also thus laid.

University Lodge No. 80 was chartered in 1824. This Lodge became dormant in 1849. In 1855 a second Lodge was chartered in Chapel Hill known as Caldwell Lodge No. 180. This Lodge lasted until 1880.

In 1888 the present Lodge, University No. 408, was chartered with W. N. Pritchard as its first Master. For many years the meetings were held on the second floor of a store building on Franklin Street. An effort was made in 1929 and again in 1930 to obtain other quarters. These were the depression years and the members felt some hesitation in assuming a debt that at that time seemed very large.

Finally, in February, 1931 the plunge was taken and the old Baptist Church property was purchased for the sum of \$5,000. It had been used as a storage building for a local retail store. The changing and improving of the building for a suitable Lodge made the total investment about \$11,000. This debt was paid and the building was dedicated (debt-free) in October 12, 1943.

Through the efforts of several young and devoted Masons, various other improvements were made in the years from 1931 to 1960. The grounds were cleared and beautified, a white fence erected around the property, and minor changes made in the interior. In 1941 an electric insignia was erected on the front lawn in memory of our late Master, Dr. Eric A. Abernethy. Pictures of our Past Masters were secured and framed for hanging in the Lodge room.

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Cornerstone Laid In August Of 1960

The present site of University Lodge is the extension of Franklin Street, on Highway 15. It is situated on a large lot with ample parking space. The grounds have not yet been completely landscaped. The cornerstone was laid in August, 1960 with the usual Masonic ceremonies.

The building is two stories, of modern brick construction with a plate glass front forward of the main part of the building. On the ground floor there are complete dining room and kitchen facilities, together with ample storage space. The Lodge proper is on the second floor and has a seating capacity of 100. It also has ante rooms and ample space for the property of the Lodge.

The building is completely air-conditioned with automatic gas. The old station chairs were, of course taken from the old building, but the other chairs are all new. It is one of the best Lodge buildings in the state.

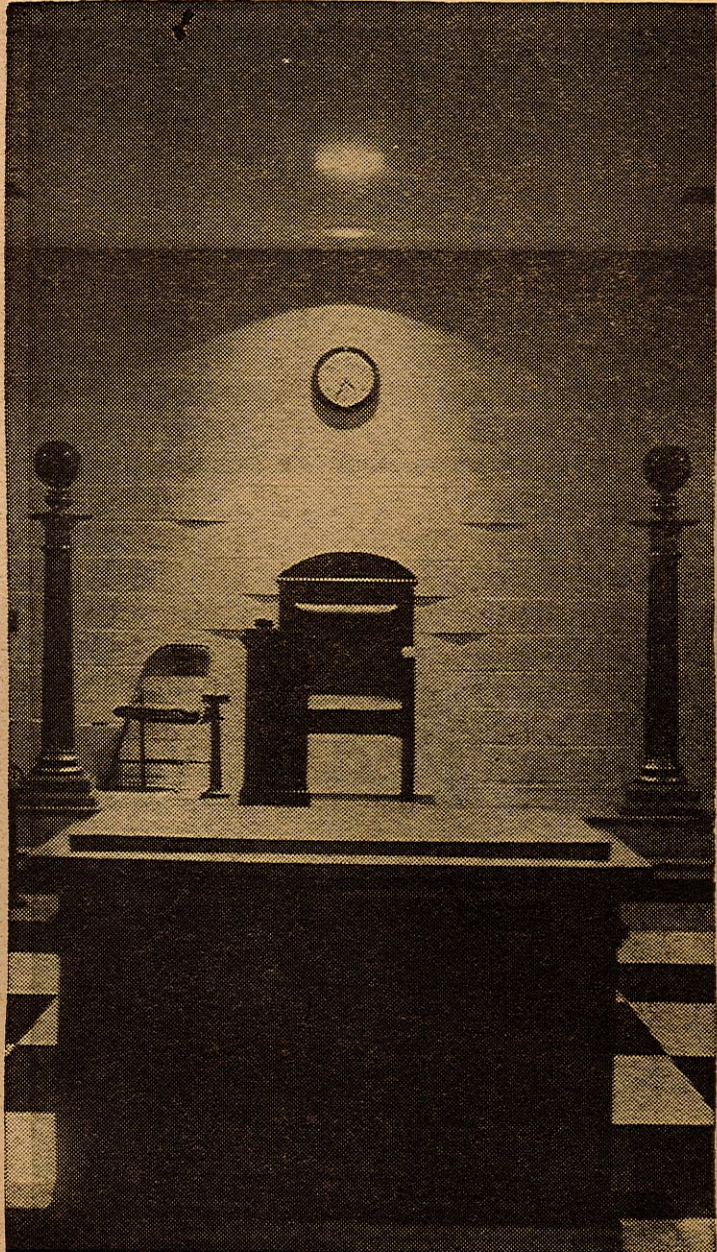
The architect was Donald Stewart, of City Planning & Architectural Associates. The entire cost of the building and lot is approximately \$85,000.

— Masonry - University Ties —

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Special chairs for the stations were donated by various members. These chairs bear the names of the donors. Among others, whose names do not appear, but were active in securing these added improvements might be mentioned Rowland Pittman, T. A. Rosemond and Jack Lipman.

Several offers were made to buy the old Lodge property prior to 1960. Since Masonry is not a profit making organization, these offers were rejected as long as the Lodge felt that the quarters were adequate for its needs. However, with the growth of both the village and the Lodge, the decision to sell was finally made in 1960, and construction of the present building begun. It was released to its new owners the first of 1961.



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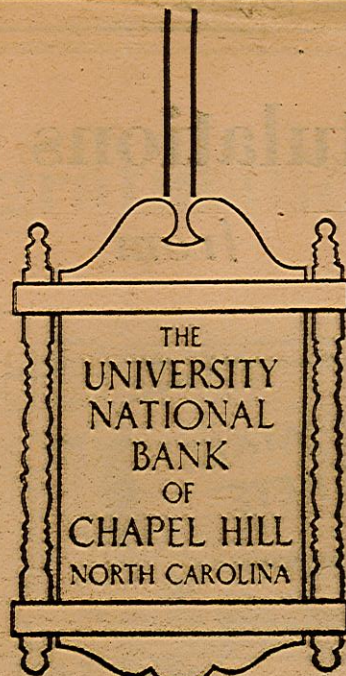
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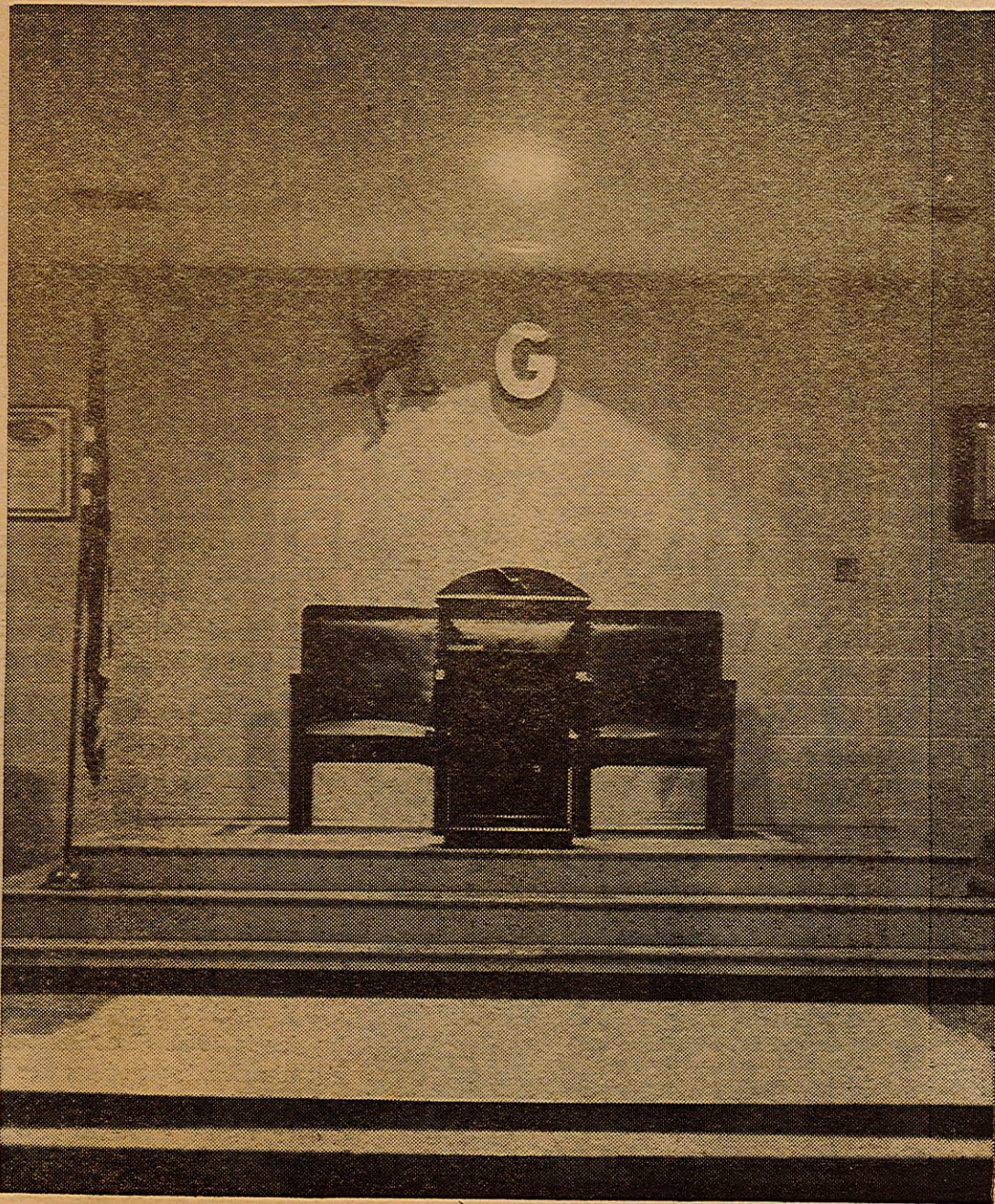
The Order of the Eastern Star is the affiliate of the Masonic order. Wives, daughters and sisters of Masons are eligible for membership. They form an invaluable auxiliary to their Masonic kinsmen. Masons, of course, are members also.

Chapters of the Eastern Star are chartered just as Masonic Lodges. In Chapel Hill the body is University Chapter, Number 264. They meet in the Masonic Hall on 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Their ensignia is a five-pointed star.

The local chapter was chartered in 1947. It has a membership of nearly 100. The highest offices are Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron (a mason). The officers for 1960-1961 are:

Mary Lovejoy	-----	Worthy Matron
Ed. W. Powell	-----	Worthy Patron
Catherine Williams	-----	Associate Matron
Betty Durham	-----	Secretary
Floy Oldham	-----	Associate Patron
Sallie Powell	-----	Treasurer
Eva Burks	-----	Conductress
Esther S. McDonald	-----	Associate Conductress
Rosa Humphreys	-----	Chaplain
Hazel Rosemond	-----	Marshal
Edith B. Humphreys	-----	Organist
Katharine Perry	-----	Adah
Florence Oldham	-----	Ruth
Ruby Mellette	-----	Esther
Frances Oldham	-----	Martha
Katie Williams	-----	Electa
Pearl Perry	-----	Warder
Tom Rosemond	-----	Sentinel
Louise Bryson	-----	Instructress

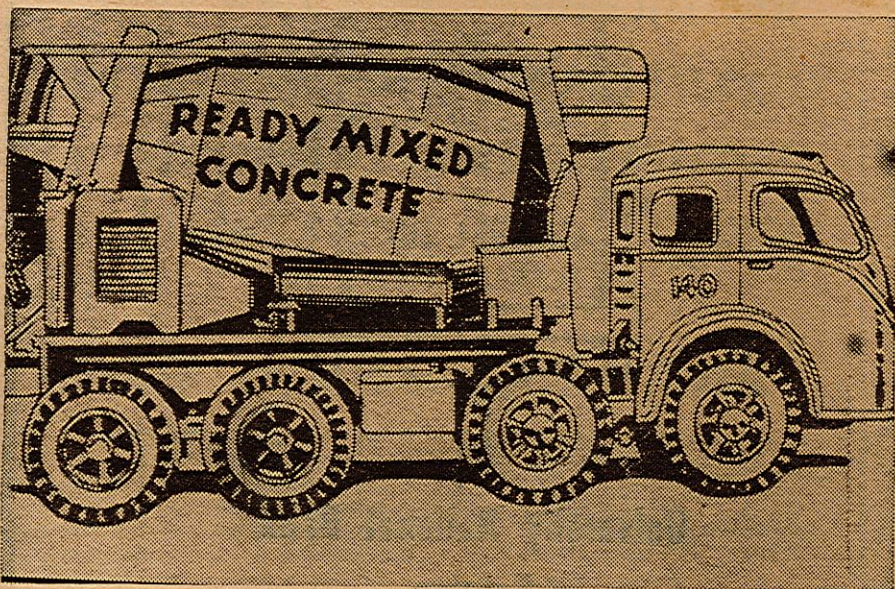
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Of U. S. Masonry

England, Scotland Were The Origins

From England and Scotland Masonry came to the United States and to North Carolina. White Hart Lodge in Halifax county is the oldest in the state. It was chartered under the Grand Lodge of England. It has since been taken over by the North Carolina Grand Lodge and renumbered. The oldest Lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is St. John's No. 1 of Wilmington. In Orange County, a very old Lodge is Eagle Lodge No. 19 in Hillsboro. The first president of the University, Joseph Caldwell, was a member of this Lodge. There are now 727 Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Over 50,000 men are members of the craft.

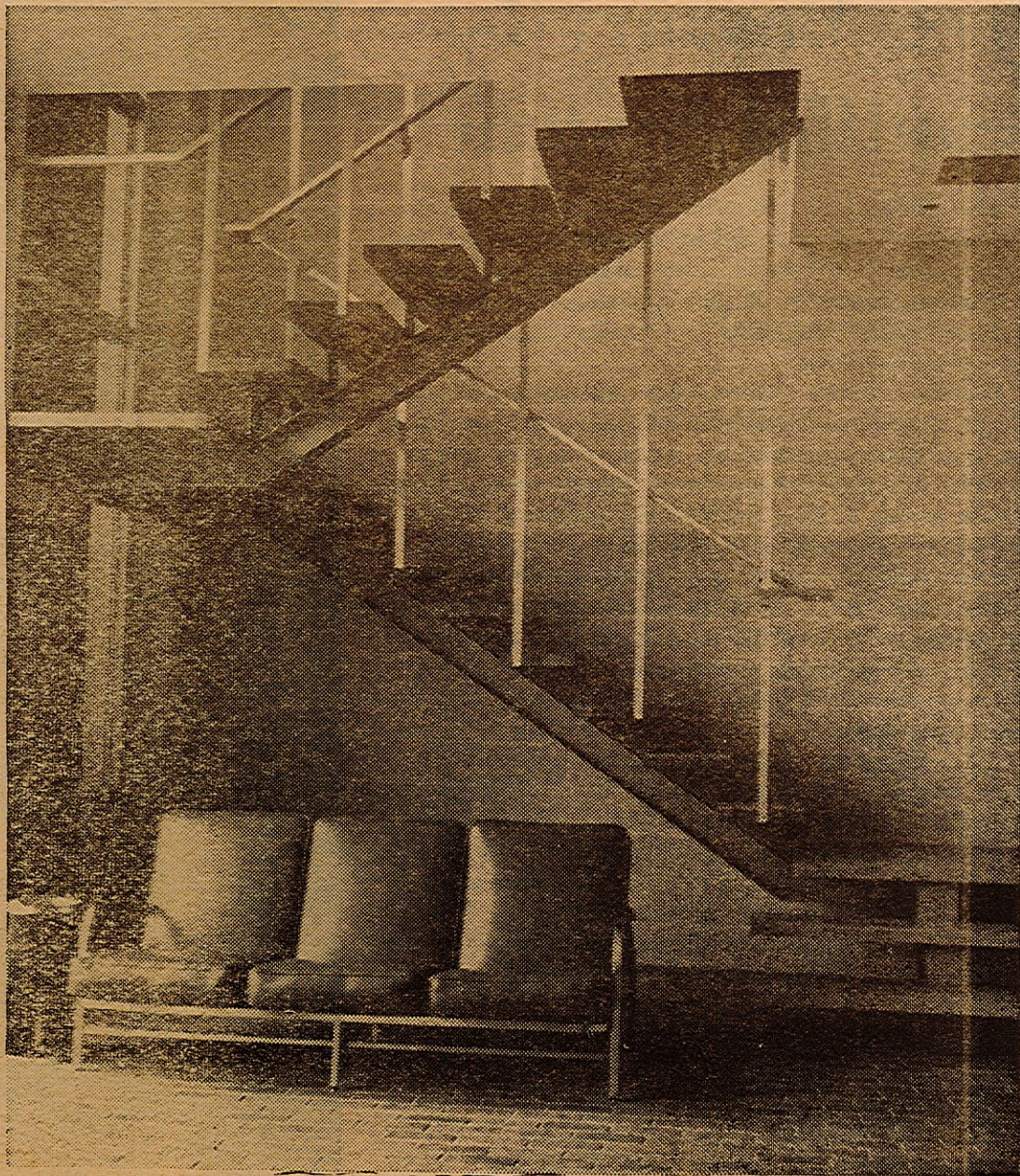
The two greatest monuments to masonry in North Carolina are the Orphanage at Oxford and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro.

— **Eastern Star** —

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Since its organization here the past Matrons and Patrons have been:

Frances Bartlett	1947	L. B. Collins
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Dorothy Lipman	1949	Floy Oldham
Fannye Hinshaw	1950	Ralph Weaver
Katharine Thompson	1951	J. C. Williams
Edith Humphreys	1952	John Humphreys
Elizabeth Montgomery	1953	Ira Mann
Sophie Livas	1954	Tom Rosemond
Mae Mann	1955	Ira Mann
Louise Bryson	1956	J. C. Williams
Nancy Riley	1957	Alton Riley
Florence Oldham	1958	Floy Oldham
Betty Durham	1959	Wm. Durham



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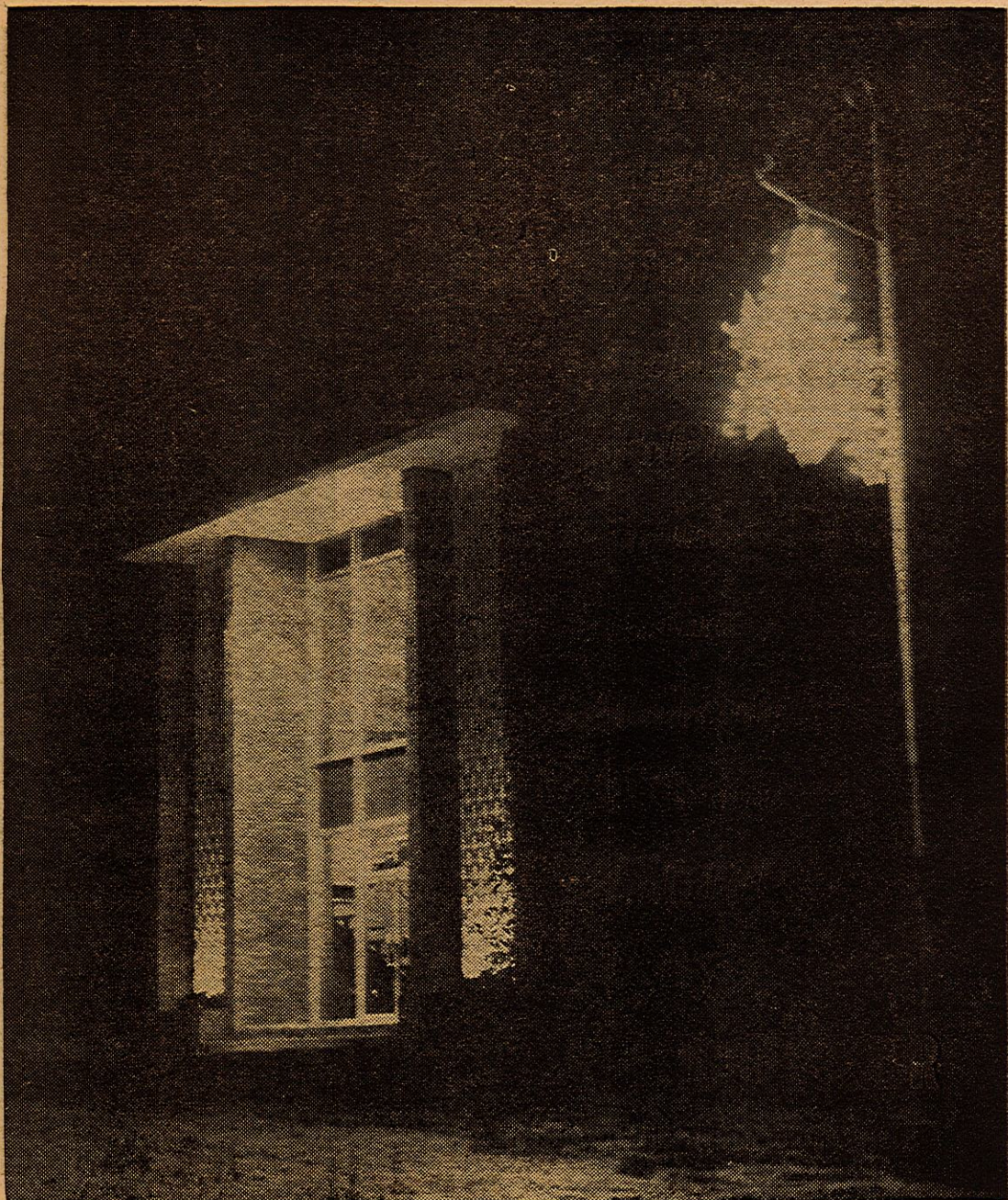
Free Masonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and exhibited by symbols. It is the most ancient society in the world. It encourages all that is fine and noble and condemns all that is cheap, evil and degrading. Its ethics are the ethics of morality; its tenets, the tenets of pure religion.

Certainly, it has a very lofty and perhaps boastful heritage, which has engendered animosity and opposition from some other organizations. Among the profane (non-members) it is largely known as a "secret" society. However, the secrets of its ritual are only incidental. What its standards are and what it stands for are an open book to all honest, thinking people. As one prominent North Carolina Mason has said, "All of the secret work of Free Masonry might be made public, but its real inner meaning and its impact on the human spirit would still be lost except to those who voluntarily search and dig earnestly and sincerely to find them."

It is a very old society. According to tradition, it dates to the building of Solomon's temple long before Christ. Recorded history of Masonry goes back to the time when history itself becomes vague and begins to be lost in antiquity. We have a record of a meeting of Masons at York, England, in 926, but we find no record of a Lodge. Even at this time there were bands of Masons (operative, or actually craftsmen) operating over most of Europe as Guilds (an ancient counterpart of modern unions).

We do know that a band of craftsmen came to the little village of Kilwinning in Scotland and built a very large and beautiful Abbey. This was in the year 1314. It was at this Abbey in 1316 that a Masonic Lodge as we know them today was founded. This is the oldest Lodge that history can prove. It was known as "Kilwinning Lodge" and also the "Mother Lodge" of Scotland.

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Imposing View Of The Lodge Building At Night

The officers, directors and personnel of the Bank of Chapel Hill join together in congratulations and best wishes to the Order of the Masons on their new Masonic Temple, another proud land mark for Chapel Hill.

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- The jalousie door and wood folding door
- The metal letter "G" with neon.
- The metal toilet partitions, mirrors, paper dispensers and accessories
- The weatherstrip, edgings, saddles and drip caps

University Lodge Has Had 49 Masters In 73 Years

In its 73 years of existence, University Lodge has had 49 Masters. These men were the leaders and upon them was the responsibility for the government of the Lodge and its progress in Masonry. When the going got tough, these men, who had already been honored to every extent the local Lodge was capable of, so loved the organization that they were ready and willing to go back into office again and again when necessary. The list and years served are:

- M. C. S. Noble, 1902, 1913.
- N. M. Watson, 1903.
- E. S. Merritt, 1904, 1909, 1910, 1916, 1917.
- R. H. Sykes, 1905.
- E. A. Abernethy, 1906.
- R. B. Lawson, 1911, 1913, 1934.
- W. F. Strowd, 1914, 1915.
- L. A. Williams, 1918.
- R. L. Strowd, 1919.
- H. D. Williams, 1920.
- D. T. Neville, 1921.
- R. C. Andrews, 1922, 1925, 1943.
- N. H. Merritt, 1923.
- J. W. McCauley, 1926.
- J. Burton Linker, 1927.
- Sol Lipman, 1928.
- W. M. Pugh, 1929, 1942.
- John W. Humphries, 1930.

- E. R. Mosher, 1931.
- E. G. Harrington, 1932, 1949.
- C. E. Preston, 1933, 1934.
- J. B. Hocutt, 1935.
- S. A. Nathan, 1936.
- M. A. Hill Jr., 1937.
- R. H. Marks, 1938.
- W. E. Caldwell, 1939.
- J. P. Jones, 1940.
- W. B. Abernethy, 1941.
- John C. McCampbell, 1944.
- T. A. Rosemond, 1945.
- T. E. Hinson, 1946.
- Henry I. West, 1947.
- John H. Hinson, 1948.
- L. B. Collins, 1949.
- G. T. Proffit, 1950.
- H. P. Leighton, 1951.
- Ashwell H. Harward, 1952.
- J. C. Williams, 1953.
- Kemp P. Nye, 1954.
- Gran P. Childress, 1955.
- John G. Oldham, 1956.
- E. Lloyd Riggsbee, 1957.
- William T. Durham, 1958.
- Emory B. Denny Jr., 1959.
- Hezekiah Dobson Jr., 1960.
- Henry Lee Ferguson Jr., 1961.

Twenty-eight of these Past Masters are living. D. T. Neville, who was Master in 1921 is the oldest. One, L. B. Collins, died in office. The present Master is Henry Lee Ferguson Jr.

The other officers of the Lodge are:

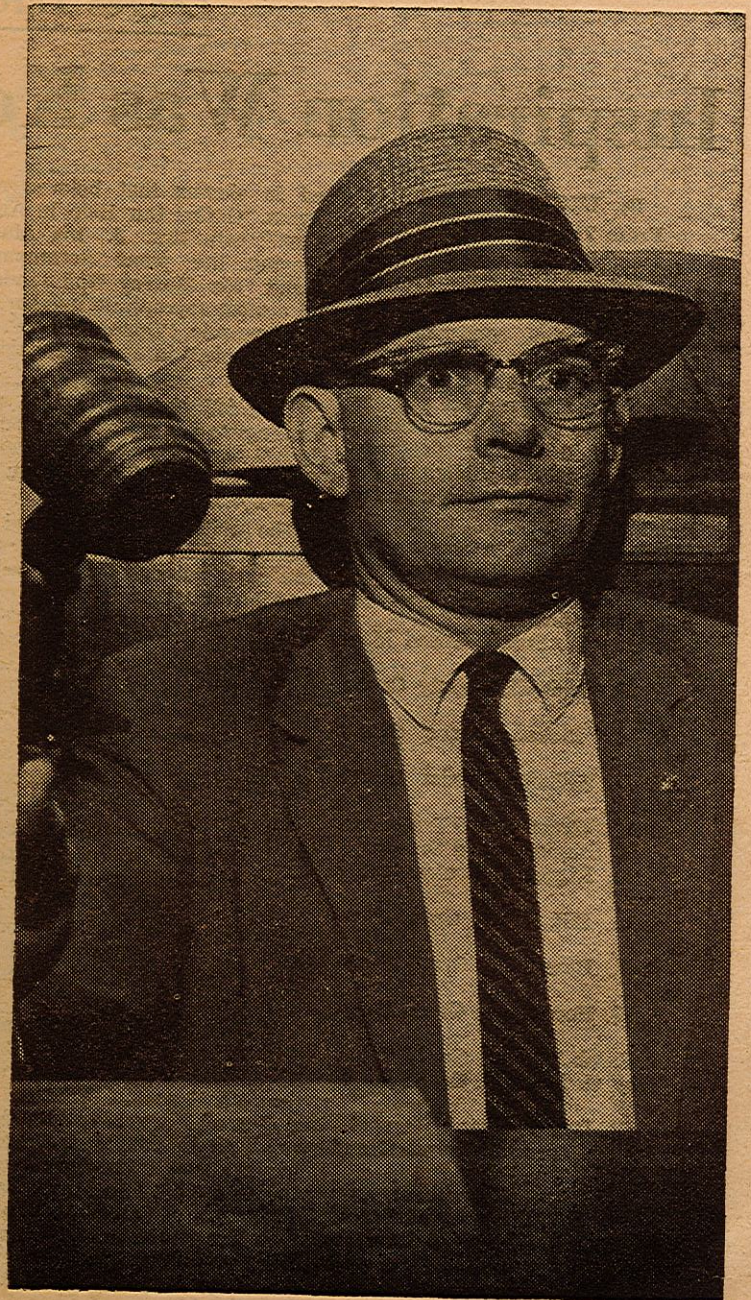
- James H. Diggs, Senior Warden.
- J. R. McCallum, Junior Warden.
- Joseph D. Page, Treasurer.
- John H. Hinson, Secretary.
- W. R. Bibb, Senior Deacon.
- Ronald K. Pickett, Junior Deacon.
- H. F. Carraway, Steward.
- E. G. Harrington, Steward.
- J. Ralph Weaver, Tyler.
- Kimsey King, Chaplain.

— Free Masonry Is Beautiful —

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Free Masonry accepts men of every country, sect and opinion and stimulates true friendship among those who otherwise might have remained at a perpetual distance. The high and low, the rich and poor, the known and the unknown have all been patrons of the craft. Pythagoras, the great mathematician, who discovered the forty-seventh problem of Euclid, was a Mason. George Washington was a Mason and Master of his Lodge. At Fredericksburg his apron and other symbols of his office are still preserved. Most of the Presidents of the United States have been members of the Craft. On the other hand, many of those highly honored by the Fraternity have been men otherwise unknown to fame and fortune.

The tenets of this order are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. There are no finer standards for any organization. Brotherly Love which unites us, regardless of worldly wealth or honors; Relief of the distressed and unhappy; and Truth, which is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue.



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Lodges Throughout The State Were Represented

Inspiration Was Keynote Of Building Dedication

By LEON GODOWN
From The Orphans Friend

On the evening of Friday, April 14th, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina met at University Lodge in an emergent communication for the purpose of dedicating their beautiful new building. Many lodges in various sections of the state were represented, and the dedicatory exercises were open to the public, so the crowd in attendance was unusually large.

The Grand Lodge was opened at 7:30 p.m., with the several stations and places occupied by the following officers:

Harvey W. Smith, Grand Master.

W. E. Caldwell, Deputy Grand Master.

C. C. Ricker, Senior Grand Warden.

J. C. Williams, Junior Grand Warden.

J. A. Oldham, Grand Treasurer.

J. H. Hinson, Grand Secretary.

E. L. Riggsbee, Senior Grand Deacon.

M. A. Hill, Junior Grand Deacon.

T. A. Rosemond, Grand Steward.

E. G. Harrington, Grand Steward.

J. Ralph Weaver, Grand Tyler.

Troy G. Robbins, Grand Chaplain.

E. B. Denny, Grand Marshal.

Jack Lipman, Assistant Grand Marshal.

Donald Stewart, Architect.

W. M. Pugh, Bearer of Taper.

M. A. Hill, Bearer of Constitution.

D. T. Neville, Bearer of the Three Great Lights.

The program started with the invocation by Grand Chaplain Robbins. The audience then joined

in singing that beloved old hymn "O God Our Help In Ages Past," with Mrs. J. Ira Mann playing the piano accompaniment. Mr. Murray Wall rendered a most appropriate number, a baritone solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," in a very engaging manner.

Then followed the ancient and impressive dedication ceremonies in full form by Grand Master Smith and other Grand Lodge officers.

The writer has witnessed a number of similar ceremonies in the past, but our Grand Master and his corps of officers really did themselves proud on this occasion. It was the best portrayal of those ancient rites we have seen in many years, and many were the commendatory remarks heard among the brethren and the huge crowd of visitors after the beautiful rites were concluded.

At the close of the service of dedication, Mr. Wall rendered another beautiful number, "Prayer of Thanksgiving."

Acting as master of ceremonies, Past Grand Master Caldwell presented the orator of the evening, Past Grand Master Bundy.

At the beginning of his remarks Most Worshipful Brother Bundy stated that in October, 1943, when the old Masonic Temple was dedicated, it was his pleasure and privilege to deliver the oration, having been appointed Grand Orator by the late M. W. James W. Payne, of Salisbury, who was then Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.

The speaker told his listeners that the Masons of Chapel Hill, in the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes in his immortal poem, "The Chambered Nautilus," had "Left the past year's dwelling for the new, stole with soft step its shining archway through; and knew the old no more."

He then asked this question: "What are you here to do; what purpose have you in mind?" He then gave this answer: "You are setting aside this beautiful Temple for the use of Masonry, otherwise there would be no cause for dedicating it."

"We have come today," said Past Grand Master Bundy, "to dedicate this structure to the uses of Masonry. To promote the things for which our ancient and honorable Craft stands. We can approach this Temple with no better thought in mind—that it be dedicated to the glory of God and His people. King Solomon of old," continued the speaker, "dedicated the magnificent Temple which he built at Jerusalem, to the glory of the Lord Most High. All went well for a while, until the people forgot God, and then the Temple came to ruin. We, as Masons of today, must never forget that this Temple is also dedicated to the glory of God, and to the saving of men. It is our duty to always remember to strive to live according to what we teach, ever looking toward the day when all the peoples of the world shall be united in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

"How appropriate it is," said Brother Bundy, "that this Masonic center should be erected on this grand old college campus, representing a combination of Masonry and Education. Men go into the lodge room to learn the fundamentals of life and living. In our second degree we realize the need and purpose of education for the improvement of the mind; we learn the value of the liberal arts and sciences."

The speaker pointed out that the local brethren did not build this Temple for themselves, but for their children and their children's children down through the ages. Working tools are not merely things to be talked about but are given to Masons to use,

and by their use to learn to live by the great moral truths they teach. They are just as necessary to education as are the study of liberal arts and sciences.

In conclusion, Past Grand Master Bundy asserted that not only by the study of the teachings of Masonry are the minds of men improved, but in this manner they learn how better to live themselves and to make life

worth living for others.

Following the dedicatory oration, Past Grand Master Caldwell introduced the officers of University Lodge No. 408 to the assemblage, after which he recognized many other distinguished guests.

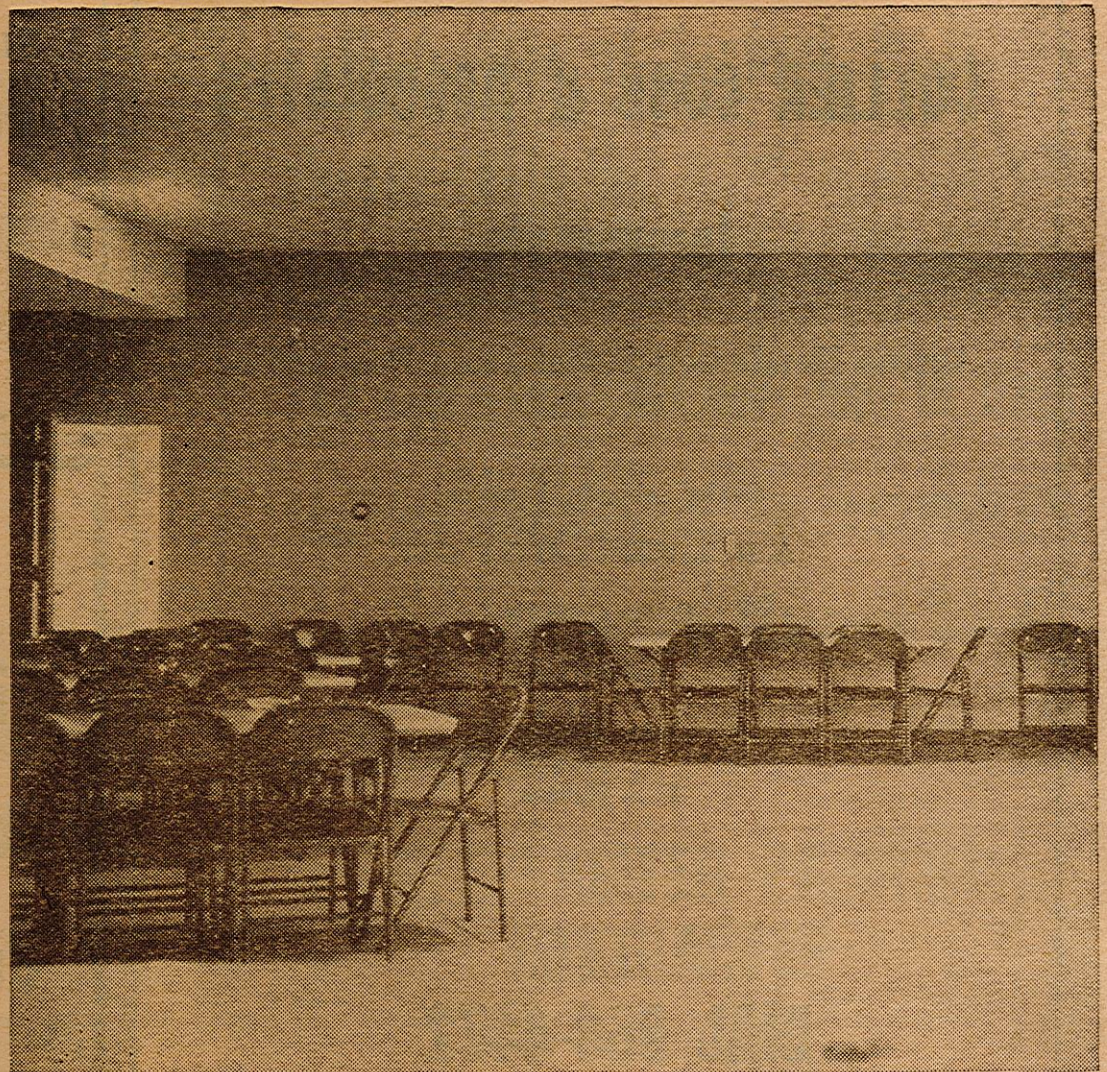
Worshipful Brother Henry L. Ferguson, Jr., master of the local lodge, announced that immediately following the closing of

the Grand Lodge, the ladies of University Chapter No. 264, Order of the Eastern Star of Chapel Hill, would hold a reception on the ground floor of the Temple.

The benediction was pronounced by Grand Chaplain Robbins, bringing to a close the dedication program; the visitors who were not Masons were excused, and Grand Master Smith closed the Grand Lodge in ample form.



Overall View Of Lodge Room



View Of The Large Assembly Room

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