

## OUR MAYOR IS HIGHLY HONORED

Hon. W. F. Cooper, Retiring High Priest of Winnfield Royal Arch Chapter, is Honored with a Banquet and Presented with a Valuable Token of Esteem by His Companions.

Last Monday night some fifty members of Winnfield Chapter R. A. M., and their guests assembled in the spacious dining hall of the new City Hotel, where Mine Host Lancaster had spread a bounteous banquet in honor of William Franklin Cooper, the first and retiring High Priest.

Hon. W. M. Wallace was toastmaster for the occasion, and in a few happy words delivered in his usual breezy way, the guests were seated.

P. K. Abel, our genial clerk of court, gave the first toast, "The First Convocation," and struck the keynote that made the guests feel at home.

Companion W. C. Robinson followed with "The Original Companions," and spoke of the teachings and tenets of the order, and the hope that our young men would study and follow them to the making of better citizens.

Hon. R. W. Oglesby gave the toast "The New Comers." Those who know "Bob" expected something that would dispel any lurking sentiment of timidity and they were not disappointed. His reference to the stork in connection with the newcomers "brought down the house."

Hon. Geo. A. Kelly and J. B. Fick were on the program for toasts, but were absent.

Mr. Wallace, the toastmaster, spoke feelingly of the coming together of the companions, paid a glowing tribute to the Host, Mr. Lancaster and his charming family, after which he introduced Mr. S. D. Stennis, Jr., whose subject was "The Man of the Hour." As this was the real object of the gathering, we gave his remarks in full.

### COMPANION TOASTMASTER AND COMPANION

Soon after I came to this town I had the good fortune to be thrown with several Companions who, like myself, belonged to Chapters away from here. They were then talking of securing a dispensation and organizing a local chapter of Royal Arch Masons. I was invited to join with them in that effort and gladly did so. Thereafter there were many conferences, time spent because hardly any of us KNEW that we were Royal Arch Masons, hardly any of us could demand that we be shown by the other that he was a Companion; in fact, hardly any of us would have known the other to be a Companion had he shown us in a perfect way that he had travelled the rough and rugged way back to Jerusalem to aid and assist in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the temple without fee or the hope of reward.

Truly we were blind and knew not the way, darkness was before us and the way was crooked but there was no one who could bring the blind by the way they knew not, no one who could make the darkness light before us, no one who could make crooked things straight. But what we did know, we told; what we could do, we did and there was no forsaking.

For purposes of instruction, we met many times—many hours were spent over in the old lodge room the one assisting the other and by the other being assisted.

This was kept up until finally Companion Baker certified to the Supreme Chapter that we were competent to make darkness light to

the uninitiated and application was made for a dispensation which was granted.

The central figure in all that had been done leading up to this, the one who had always been present doing his own part and assisting others in doing theirs; the one who was never called but that he answered and answered cheerfully whether the call was for time or money, was made High Priest in the dispensation.

The work had only begun. It was then necessary to do more actual work than had been done theretofore and in addition the responsibility of the success of the work was fixed on the High Priest and those assisting him. This responsibility was by him accepted and how well he has stood up under it and performed every duty that was required of him and many not required is only too well known.

And Companions, we are not the only ones who fully know of and appreciate his work. I speak advisedly when I say that the Supreme Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana appreciate and recognize the work he has done.

For reasons sufficient unto himself, he has determined to make business arrangements that necessitate his retiring from the High Priesthood of our Chapter. It is no reflection on the incoming High Priest to say that we regret to lose him for he shares with us this regret.

And we all join in this toast to the retiring High Priest. Wherever he may go and whatever may be his surroundings, he has the best wishes, love and affection of the Companions of Winnfield Chapter No. 59 Royal Arch Masons. And when he shall have finally completed the time allotted him on this earth, when he shall have passed to the Great Beyond, when he shall have reached the last veil and shall have said to St. Peter, "I am that I am," may the answer be returned "Let Him Enter."

But between now and then, Companion High Priest, we desire that you have a constant reminder of our esteem, love and affection and, I now, at the request of the assembled Companions and some who are absent, including all the members of Winnfield Chapter and all Companions in Winnfield not members of our local chapter, present to you this token—it is a thing of beauty, may it be a joy forever. It is of intrinsic value but valued chiefly by us because it will be a constant reminder to you of our true appreciation of you.

Truly Companion Cooper, you are The Man of the Hour.

The token presented to Mr. Cooper was a beautiful gold watch and chain with his monogram on the outside case, and on the inside "From Winnfield Chapter No. 59, R. A. M."

The recipient responded to the presentation in terms that touched the hearts of his companions.

Mr. Lancaster received many compliments on the elegance of the banquet and the excellence of its service.

It was an evening of perfect enjoyment to all who participated and its recurrence next year will be eagerly looked for.

One of the touching incidents of the occasion was the reception of Mr. J. J. Dickerson, the oldest Mason in our town, he being hale and hearty at the age of 87 years.

The only surviving charter member of the Masonic lodge, chartered in 1853, Mr. Philip Bernstein, was invited, but owing to sickness, could not attend.

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20 Pounds Fancy Y. C. Sugar	\$1.00
21 Pounds Choice Y. C. Sugar	\$1.00
10 Pound Backet Cottonlone	\$1.40
Wild Rose Corn Syrup, per gallon	50c
Wild Rose Corn Syrup, half gallon	25c
Velva Breakfast Syrup, per gallon	75c
Velva Breakfast Syrup, half gallon	40c
Highest Patent Flour, per barrel	\$5.90
Cream Meal, 25 pound sack	45c
Pearl Meal, 24 pound sack	40c
Wrapped Bacon	18c
Bacon, extra clear sides	17c
Dry Salt Bellies	16c
Dry Salt Ribs	12c
90 Pounds Pure Yellow Chops	\$1.15
90 Pounds Wheat Bran	1.35
90 Pounds Shorts	1.45
Cotton Seed Meal, 100 pound sack	1.60
100 Pounds Cotton Seed Hulls	.65c
No. 2 White Oats, 4 bushel sack	\$2.25
Choice Alfalfa Hay, per bale	80c
Choice Prairie Hay, per bale	45c
Choice Bermuda Hay	60c
Snow Drift Lard, bulk, per pound	11c
Snow Drift Lard, 50 pound cans, per pound	12c
Snow Drift Lard, 20 pound cans, per pound	12c
Snow Drift Lard, 10 pound cans, per pound	12c
Snow Drift Lard, 5 pound cans, per pound	12c

## A HAPPY HOME IS DESOLATED

A Rifle Thought to be Unloaded Is Discharged with Deadly Effect, by a Little Brother Into His Sister's Head.

About 7 o'clock this morning our whole community was shocked by the report that little Cassimer Moss had shot his sister accidentally through the head with a 22 caliber rifle.

The particulars, as gleaned by The Comrade representative, are that Master Cassimer, about 9 years of age, was playing with the rifle, thought to be unloaded, while his sister, Gladys, a little miss of eleven or twelve years, was putting on her shoes in the room. The gun was, by some means, discharged, the ball entering Gladys' head on the right side of the face and lodging in the skin on the back of the head, and penetrating the brain.

As we write this the little miss is still breathing, and Dr. J. J. Peters, the physician in charge, is doing everything that medical skill can accomplish to save this precious life, with little hope of success. Drs. S. C. Fittz and W. H. Williams with him.

Cassimer and Gladys are the children of Hon. and Mrs. Cass Moss. He was formerly Superintendent of Education of Winn Parish, and is one of the leading members of the Winnfield bar. Mrs. Moss is a daughter of the late Judge J. T. Wallace, and has a host of relatives in this parish.

The little victim is a pupil at the high school and a great favorite with all, her genial disposition endearing her to her companions.

We learn that the rifle had been loaned recently and the borrower had said it was unloaded.

Our community is plunged in grief and are anxiously praying and hoping that this heavy affliction may be averted and this bright young life be saved.

LATER.—Since the above was put in type we learn that little Gladys has passed away and left her parents, relatives and friends desolate. She died at 9:10 a. m.

### Local and Personal.

Misses Lula and Alma Durham are at home for the holidays, the former is teaching at Mt. Lebanon and the latter is attending the college at Pineville.

Mrs. L. H. Lee of Minden and her sweet little granddaughter Ruth Cobb of Springhill, were guests of C. H. Thomas and family this week.

Miss Lillian Mathews of Ruston is spending the holidays in Winnfield with the family of her brother, Hon. John H. Mathews.

Miss Clara Alma Brian, of Verda, who is teaching at Haynesville, passed through town this morning en route for her home to spend the holidays.

Miss Ella Ewing, music teacher in the High school, offered a prize to each of the grades, for the one who practiced the most. Jessie Thomas was winner of the prize for the advanced grade and Estelle Siess for the primary grade.

### Literary Societies.

Both societies met in the High School auditorium and a Christmas program was rendered by the following members of both societies:

- Angels' Song, by both societies.
- Story, by Miss Graham.
- Solo, by Miss Gibson.
- Oration, by Tom Huffman.
- Music, by Nellie Gibbs.
- Address by Prof. Avery.
- Prayer by Prof. Harrell.

### Notice.

There is a stray cow at my place. She has been there about 10 months. Earmark crop and split in left ear and swallow-fork in right ear. Flesh mark solid red. She has a calf six months old. Owner will come forward and prove property and pay cost of this notice within ten days or she will be disposed of according to law.

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Newport, La.

We will have lettuce, grape fruit, cauliflower and every kind of vegetable for Xmas. Wood Grocer Co.

### Installation of Officers.

Last Monday night Winnfield Chapter R. A. Masons installed the following officers to serve during the ensuing year:

High Priest, W. M. Durham; E. K., H. R. Moore; S., C. McGinty; C. of H., C. M. Durham; P. S., R. S. Walsh; R. A. C., E. G. Eagles; M. 3rd V., T. J. Drowett; M. 2nd V., C. L. Pace; M. 1st V., Geo. Wyatt; Treas., H. T. Pye; Sec'y, W. M. Campbell; Sentinel, L. M. Tannehill.

### Christmas Service.

There will be preaching at the Methodist Protestant Church Christmas Day, Dec. 25th at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A good attendance at these services is earnestly desired by the pastor. W. W. LANTRIP.

### H. C. Thomas.

News was received here Monday morning that H. C. Thomas of the drug firm of Whitley & Thomas, was found dead in bed when they went to his room to awaken him. The physician says he had died from congestion or heart failure. His partner, Mr. Whitley, took the body to Mansfield for interment in the family burial ground. Mr. Thomas was manager of the branch store here and junior member of the firm of Whitley & Thomas. He had many friends here who join us in mourning his untimely end.

### Harry Coleman Dies.

During our recent visit to Baton Rouge, our old friend Harry Coleman answered the final call of the grim reaper, death. He was found dead in bed when called for his supper (he worked at night). The news of his death was a great shock to the writer who has enjoyed his friendship for several years. He was a native of Holland, 56 years old, and in early life spent many years at sea as a sailor. He married Miss Story, a Louisiana lass, who with several children survive him, and had lived in Louisiana many years. He was a man who enjoyed the respect of all who knew him for his upright walk among men. May the ashes of our friend rest in peace.

### B. Y. P. U.

The Baptist Young Peoples Union will conduct the services at the Baptist church next Sunday night and the following program will be rendered.

1. Song. "More love to thee."
2. Prayer. By President.
3. Scripture Reading. Acts 8 4-8; John 3:16-17; Matthew 23 16-20; Mark 16 15-16.—By W. M. White.
4. Talk on China.—Mr. Moss.
5. Quartet.—Missis Fannie Pye, Mannie and Mattie Hooper, and Blanch Allen.
6. Why we celebrate Christmas.—C. L. Smith.
7. Song. "I'll go where you want me to go."
8. Trio.—Messrs G. A. White, W. A. Kelley, and Jim Corley.
9. Benediction and prayer for missionaries.—Dr. Edwards. Leader.—G. A. White.

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### The Pedagogues

The Winn Parish Teacher's Association is in regular monthly session at the Central High School as we go to press. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the attendance is fairly large and as usual enthusiastic. As soon as we have the information we will publish the next time of meeting and the program.

### The Opera House.

The management informs us that they have secured for the week beginning January 2nd, the Richards and Reed Musical Comedy Co., comprising ten people. They are playing next week at Alexandria. They are fine and come splendidly recommended.

### Notice.

Saturday is Tag Day for the benefit of the School Improvement League. The committee to tag is composed of the following young ladies: Misses Florence Peters, Estelle Tannehill, Ethel Wallace, Beatrice Pace, Lorena Walker and Enla Wright. Now, friends, if you don't want to be tagged you had better stay in your room as these young ladies will not take "no," for it is a dime they want.

### Stockholders' Meeting.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Louisiana Creosoting Company will be held at the office of the company in Winnfield, La., on Tuesday, January 31st, 1911.

H. C. COUCH, Pres.  
O. E. BROWN, Sec'y.

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