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UPCOMING DEGREE WORK

Two of our new Entered Apprentice brethren, **Robert Wayne Baker** and **Graham Myles Gulden**, stood for their EA proficiency at the July 25 meeting.

Worshipful Master **Beaux Pettys** reports that they had an outstanding examination. Current plans are that they and a couple of other Entered Apprentices will have the Fellowcraft Degree conferred upon them at the first meeting in September, on the 12th.

BOWLING FOR BREAST CANCER

We understand that the plans for the benefit for breast cancer research were discussed at the meeting on July 25. We will pass on the details when we have them.

FOWLER FILLING IN

Worshipful Master Beaux Pettys reports that **Frank Fowler** filled the Chaplain's chair at the July communication and did a fine job. As most of you know, our Chaplain, WB **Harold Cox**, has been unable to fill the Chair all year, and WB **Dan Gensen** has ably substituted for him. WB Dan will be working with Bro. Fowler, showing him some of the ins and out of the degree work, so he can fill in until WB Harold can resume his position.

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GATE CITY MEMBERS ASSIST BENEFIT

Gate City's well-known musicians, Bros. **Britt and Richard Turner**, were most recently involved in a benefit for Justin Parker. Also participating was our new entered Apprentice Bro. **Graham Gulden**, who supplied free backline services. The Turner brothers were not available to play, but deigned and printed fliers promoting the event at no charge.

Parker lost both of his legs in a freak accident earlier this summer. The benefit, held in Little Five Points on August 5, raised \$15,000.

TURNERS PLAY IN TEXAS BENEFIT

Bros. **Richard and Britt Turner** do get around! WB Beaux Pettys informs us that they, along with Rick Farles, of Speed Vision fame, found the time in the midst of a seventeen-day tour, to play in Dallas, under a hot Texas sun, to benefit the Scottish Rite Hospitals. The tour will conclude in a six-day stint at the famous Sturgis Bike Festival in South Dakota.

Meeting Notice

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“QUIZZICAL QUEST”

We recently went through an old book about Atlanta, “The Quizzical Quest of Atlanta”, written by Jack Fairey and Samuel C. Taylor, and published by the T.A. Wilson company, Atlanta, in 1945. The format of the book is interesting, consisting more than forty (43, as we recall) twenty-question quizzes about all manner of Atlanta trivia.

Needless to say, not much of the content has much relevance to the Atlanta of 2006! As an example, several of the questions have to do with the rivalry of the two main high schools for boys, Boys High and Tech High. The City went to neighborhood high schools – co-ed, for gosh sakes! – two years later, in the autumn of 1947.

We were interested in what questions about Gate City men had been included, and a quick review found seven of our members mentioned in a total of seven questions and one article. It is not expected that anyone of our readers will be able to answer more than one or two of the questions, but they are here for your edification.

1. **Whose monument stands in Marietta St. at Forsythe?**
2. **What was Henry W. Grady’s middle name?**
3. **Most Atlantans will remember “Frankie and Johnnie” of WGST sidewalk snooper fame. What are the full names of Frankie and Johnnie?**
4. **When and where did President Harding make a speech in Atlanta?**
5. **What Atlantan, and former Journal checker editor, is president of the Georgia State Checker Association?**
6. **Who is Atlanta’s banjo ace?**
7. **Who was Major John S. Cohen?**

That covers six Gate City men. The seventh was mentioned in an article about the Cyclorama painting. A member of Gate City Lodge bought the painting in 1893 and transferred it to the City of Atlanta in 1898. **Can you name this Gate City man?**

Answers elsewhere in this issue.

SOME WELL-KNOWN GATE CITY MEN

(Answers to the “Quizzical Quest”)

1. Henry W. Grady’s monument stands at Marietta and Forsythe. Grady, born May 24, 1850, was owner of the Atlanta *Constitution* and famous for fighting corruption and promoting the “new South”. He was raised in Gate City Lodge on May 4, 1888. He died December 23, 1889, after catching pneumonia during a speaking engagement in Boston.
2. Grady’s middle name was Woodfin.
3. Frank Gaither and John Fulton were “Frankie and Johnnie. Frank Gaither, born October 1, 1910, raised in Gate City February 24, 1942, and died January 10, 1990, became manager of radio station WBS in 1951 and is in the Georgia Broadcasting Hall of Fame. His partner, John Fulton, who affiliated with Gate City on February 24, 1942, was an announcer for the WGST broadcasts of the Georgia Tech football games.
4. President Warren G. Harding spoke at the Henry W. Grady monument on October 27, 1921.
5. Fred Williams was checker editor of the *Journal* and president of the Georgia State Checker Association. WB Fred, born October 18, 1904, and raised in Gate City on February 23, 1926, was Worshipful Master in 1959. He died October 19, 1977.

6. Perry Bechtel was Atlanta's banjo ace. Born in Pennsylvania on Christmas Day, 1902, he moved to Atlanta in 1928, and was raised in Gate City on November 13, 1928. Known as "The Man with 10,000 Fingers", he made many recordings, including one with Chet Atkins in 1958 that was considered the standard against which all banjo playing was judged. Bro. Bechtel, who induced Martin Guitar Co. to produce their 14-fret neck "Orchestra Model" guitar, is in the National Four-string banjo Hall of Fame. He was Director of the Yaarab Shrine Banjo Band for many years. He died in February, 1982.

7. Major John S. Cohen was the former editor of the Atlanta *Journal*. Bro. Cohen, born February 26, 1870, and raised in Gate City Lodge September 8, 1891, had been a reporter for the *Atlanta Journal* in the Spanish-American war, and later served as a Major in that conflict. He rose to become President, Editor, and Publisher of the *Journal*, and served as United States Senator from Georgia in 1932 and '33. Bro. John Cohen died May 13, 1935.

The other Gate City man mentioned in the "Quizzical quest" was George V. Gress. Bro. Gress was born in New York state on April 25, 1847, and had served as a drummer boy in the Union Army. He was a lumberman and a state legislator from Wilcox County. In addition to the Cyclorama painting, he gave the City of Atlanta the first animals for the Zoo. He affiliated with Gate City lodge October 8, 1889.