

First Black President Of The State

SALISBURY - A NORTH CAROLINA FIRST - Aaron Renaud Kelsey, a Salisbury, N.C. mortician, was elected president of the North Carolina State Board of Mortuary Science at a recent meeting of the Board at Raleigh, N.C.

president of any state board in the "Tar Heel State," he was elected by the licensees of the mortuary science profession of the state, Kelsey will serve a five-year term.

the Noble and Kelsey Funeral Home since 1947, Kelsey is operator of the largest mortuary in Rowan County.

He is a graduate of Livingstone College and the Cincinnati College of Em-

balming; a past president and member of the Board of Directors of the National Funeral Directors and Mortician Association.

Kelsey, active in Salisbury political and civic affairs, is president of the Dixie Shores Realty Company, president of the Salisbury-Rowan Negro Ci-

vic League, 2nd vice chairman of the Salisbury-Rowan Democratic Party, president of Upsilon Beta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and president of the Sedgefield Men's Club.

He is a member of Soldier's Memorial AME Zion Church, where he

serves as vice chairman of the Trustee Board and chairman of the Budget Committee.

He is married to the former Miss Reba Thomas of Lexington, N.C. They are the parents of a daughter, Kim, and a son Kevin. The Kelseys reside at 1120 Crestview Drive, Salisbury.

The first black to serve as



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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Step
- Dressed
- Commenced
- Military assistant
- Conscious
- Journeys
- Lowest note (Guido)
- Striking
- Personal pronoun
- Affirmative vote
- Cobalt (sym.)
- Assam silkworm
- Alas!
- Siamese coin
- Castes
- Mimic
- Mother
- Knife hilt
- Prefix denoting "separation"
- Finis
- Gold (her.)
- Mad
- Molybdenum (sym.)
- Burn, with liquid
- Proofreader's mark
- German river
- Persian coins
- Not living
- Dispatched

DOWN

- Alloy of tin and copper
- Khan
- Be concerned
- Foe
- Formerly China (poss.)
- Coin (It.)
- Mine entrance
- To pottery
- French chemist
- An Edin.
- Tiller of the soil (Eur.)
- Frozen dessert
- Man's nickname
- Biblical king
- Cor. reected
- Interjection
- Annexes
- Put together, as a quilt
- Italy
- Instigate
- Jogs
- Ship's floors
- Masculine
- Island off Italy
- Venture
- Flowed

Black Congressmen From N. C.

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was later incorporated into Elizabeth City State Teachers College.

In 1888, Cheatham ran successfully as a Republican candidate for the Second Congressional District of North Carolina. He won re-election in 1890, but was defeated in his try for a third term.

In 1901, Cheatham returned to North Carolina, settling in Oxford where he became superintendent of a Black orphan asylum. He helped raise money for this institution, and served its interests unstintingly until his death on November 29, 1935.

GEORGE H. WHITE
U.S. Congressman
from North Carolina

The last Black Congressman in the aftermath of Reconstruction, George H. White was born in Rosedale, North Carolina on December 18, 1852. After graduating from Howard University in 1877, he taught school in his native state and studied law. Licensed in 1879 to practice in all state courts, he proved to be a brilliant lawyer, winning several cases against the best of his white colleagues.

In 1880, White entered politics - first as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives and, four years later, as state senator. At the end of his two-year term, he was chosen state solicitor for

the Second Judicial District.

While in Congress, White championed the cause of Negro constitutional liberties, and was particularly outspoken in denouncing lynching and mob law. White left Congress in 1901, and was the last Negro to serve in the House until Oscar De Priest was elected from Illinois in 1928.

Once out of politics, White turned his energies to the establishment of an all-Black residential community - eventually known as Whitesboro after its founder - near Cape May in New Jersey. He later retired to law practice in Philadelphia where he died on December 28, 1918.

WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION
Dying-Death-Estate Planning
A. J. WOLFE

DEAR MR. WOLFE:

How can two people be buried in the same grave plot?

(Sally)

DEAR SALLY:

In some cemeteries they will dig down deep enough so that the grave will accommodate two vaults. Each one being put in at the time it is used.

However, the more modern method is to clear a large area and then install several double vaults ahead of time. To do this, usually the frame work is placed, and then the steel reinforcement, and then the concrete is poured. These are usually installed over drain pipes, to assure a dry burial. At the time of the first death, the bottom vault is sealed off. The top is put on with the dirt and then the memorial is placed. At the time the second person is buried the dirt and the memorial are removed and the top vault is used and then sealed off. Then the dirt is put back and the memorial is again placed on top. Each interment is completely separate, even though they are in the same space.

DEAR MR. WOLFE:

Can eyes be donated to science if they are diseased?

(Jon)

DEAR MR. WOLFE:

DEAR JON:

YES. If there cannot be a corneal transplant because of disease, the eyes are still used. As an example, they are carefully studied in research in hopes of finding causes and cures for blindness. The eye bank tells me they can use all the eyes they can get in one way or another.

DEAR MR. WOLFE:

Mine is not a question...but a comment about something that just happened.

I hear that a funeral director said that families weren't concerned about what the cemetery looked like. That families just wanted to get it over with as fast as possible and spend as little as possible on the plot. He also said that a lot of people never go back to the cemetery, so what difference does it make. I also found out that the prices he quoted the family to go to another cemetery was wrong. He took them to a different cemetery than the one they first wanted...and the price was about the same, but the other one was much nicer than the one he took the family to.

That man, with that attitude, will never get any more business from our family and I hope I can find some way to let my friends know how awful this man is. (Still Fuming)

DEAR STILL FUMING:

I can only comment on your comment. Maybe some day all Funeral Directors will realize that what happens after disposition of the body is important...that a funeral is more than just that fancy casket.

Memorialization of loved ones has been importance since the beginning of man. Just look at all the monuments and memorials that have become famous and tourist attractions all over the world.

1878-1905

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ING THEY RAISED GOOD CROPS, THEY WERE AT THE END OF THE YEAR IN DEBT; THAT THEY WERE CHARGED EXORBITANT PRICES FOR PROVISIONS...MEN WERE SHOT DOWN FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES... THEY SAID THEY WOULD RATHER GO INTO THE OPEN PRAIRIE AND STARVE.

Despite many hardships, but the end of 1879,

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thousands upon thousands of Blacks had arrived in Kansas, meeting hostility there some had moved on to Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska. Some acquired land under the HOME-STEAD ACT, but most spent long periods in poverty, aided only by the Freeman's Relief Association and a few donations from Northern friends.

Some Blacks toyed with the idea of forming a separate State in order to escape discrimination. The "SEPARATE STATE" idea was proposed in 1890 by the TEXAS FARMERS' COLORED ASSOCIATION, and the OKLAHOMA TERRITORY was the choice. The all Black Town of LANGSTON, OKLAHOMA was established in line with this idea in 1891, and all-Black BOLEY, OKLAHOMA was founded in 1904.

George Brewer wants to be George Brewer and not 632-717-3231 ...We Agree!

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