

Flowering Plants Perfect As Gifts

By M. E. GARDNER

The miracle of blooming plants at Christmastime is wrought by your commercial flower grower and your florist, who carefully bring a great variety of plants into bloom for you—cyclamen, azalea, poinsettia, chrysanthemum, begonia and many others.

As gifts, flowering plants are perfect. As business gifts they are colorful and long-lasting. As gifts for family and friends, they express your holiday message with feeling and meaning. As hospital gifts, they always give the patient a lift he or she will not soon forget. Whatever you do, don't forget the shut-ins.

As decorations, flowering plants add a little something special to Christmas festivities. Use a single plant most anywhere in the house. If you have a stairway, place a plant on each of three lower steps as a friendly welcome to entering guests. Group several on a tray for a focal point. Add one or two to a

collection of green plants for a splash of color.

A handsome holly arrangement around a candelabrum with red candles will be an eye-catcher on the mantle. This same idea will look pretty on a chest top or buffet setting. Try a wreath of green and cones around a wall clock. Or use the wreath alone over the mantle, on a wall, door, or hang in a window.

Bouquets of bright carnations will add a festive touch to table tops. Mass some Christmas greens in large containers to add touches of greenery throughout the house.

Decorate banisters with swags of evergreens. Attach cones or balls or ribbons for a real flashy touch. Frame the front door with garlands of greens across the top and down the sides. Place on cone clusters on the corners.

For a dramatic and timely centerpiece, arrange several cut poinsettia blooms with greens in a shallow bowl. Or, if you would rather, ring the bases of bright Christmas candles with oily and greens. Put three or more down the center of the table. A holly wreath might be placed on the back of each chair with place cards attached to the tops of the wreaths.

Tribute To William Rand Kenan Jr.

The following "Tribute of Affection and Gratitude" was paid to William Rand Kenan Jr. on Wednesday evening, Nov. 20, at the annual dinner meeting of the University of North Carolina Alumni Association of New York. The tribute was written by Pete Ivey, director of the University News Bureau.

His mother was Mary Hargrave of Chapel Hill. His father was William Rand Kenan of Kenansville. His great grandfather, paternally, was General James Kenan who fought in the American Revolution and was one of the first trustees of the University of North Carolina. His great great grandfather, maternally, was Christopher Barbee of Orange County who gave 221 acres of land on which was built the central part of the campus of the first state university in the nation, the University of North Carolina.

So, when William Rand Kenan, Jr., came to Chapel Hill as a freshman in 1890, the Carolina heritage of generations of men and women in his family let him know that he was coming home.

By his own statement William Rand Kenan, Jr., was an "average student" in the University, because he preferred myriad activities to gear with his versatile nature. He did well in his studies, and his accomplishments in the laboratory in Chapel Hill are a part of the history of the University and a part of the industrial history of the nation. But he did not limit himself to books. He played halfback on the football team. As a pitcher and outfielder on the baseball team, alumni long remember the spring day in Richmond when he was called to the mound at a crucial moment to pitch Carolina to a glorious victory over the University of Virginia. He was a good tennis player, and took part in the social life of the campus—the dances, the Order of Gingham, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity—and was a leader in every activity but one. That was the Glee Club. He couldn't sing very well and he knew it. However, his record for extra-curricular activity was so encompassing he decided not to leave any stone unturned. He went to the director of the Glee Club and offered to put on a demonstration of tumbling, at intermission. At first the conductor resisted, but Will Kenan was persuasive.

The Kenan Tumbling Act between songs proved a tremendous success, and the William Rand Kenan record for extra-curricular participation was one hundred per cent, including membership in the Glee Club.

Weighing 142 pounds and hard as nails, he was an athlete and a scientist. He was also a man of resourcefulness, of keen intelligence, of personality and a capacity for friendship and confidence. Added to this was his energy and his ability and willingness to work hard and long.

While yet a junior in the University, in 1892, he was an assistant in the Chemistry Department to Professor Francis Preston Venable who was later President of the University. Diligence in the laboratory led Venable and Kenan to an historic discovery. Let Mr. Kenan tell it in his own words, in retrospect, years later: "During the spring and summer of 1892, while a student in the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, I had been working off and on, with frequent interruptions for classes and other engagements, studying the composition and properties of some aluminum carbide and some hard crystalline mass, which disintegrated and crumbled on exposure to the air and gave rise to a violent evolution of gas when brought in contact with water. This gas was inflammable, burning with very smoky flame.

"Dr. F. P. Venable, Professor in Chemistry, had obtained this matter while on a visit to the little village of Spray, Rockingham County, N. C., near the

junction of the Smith and Dan Rivers, where Major J. Turner Morehead had a cotton mill and hydroelectric plant with a surplus amount of water. Major Morehead had employed T. L. Willson to experiment with an electric furnace for a cheap process of making aluminum. Mr. Willson was not making much progress and Dr. Venable was called in as a consultant.

"When clearing out the furnace this crystalline mass had been discarded. When rained on it gave off a small amount of gas with a considerable noxious odor. Dr. Venable instructed me to find out of what it was composed. It was easy to see we were dealing with a carbide of calcium. A more important question was the nature of the gas. I passed some of this gas through an ammoniacal copper solution and immediately a copious precipitate was produced which was recognized without difficulty as copper acetylide. On trying a mixture of one part acetylene with four or five parts of air, using an ordinary bat-wing burner, the wonderful brilliance and beauty of this really remarkable light were revealed for the first time in this country in the late fall of 1892.

"Major Morehead and Mr. Willson were informed of our discovery that acetylene gas evolved from the waste product of their furnace."

After his graduation from the University in 1894, Mr. Kenan worked as a chemist for a fertilizer company in Wilmington, his home town, and for the North Carolina Geological Survey, and then became a professor of mathematics and science at St. Alban's School in Radford, Virginia. While in Radford he also learned the technique of dynamo tending at the Radford Electric Light and Power Company.

In the summer of 1895, the University at Chapel Hill embarked on a unique project of the times—electric lighting. Alumnus William Rand Kenan, Jr., was called back to install a steam power plant and electric lighting in University buildings.

This was not just a supervisory job. Besides being in charge of the installations, Mr. Kenan was both worker, demonstrator, foreman and director. He strung the wires and help set up the poles. The power house was composed of fire tube boilers of 125 pounds pressure, hand fired. The electric equipment consisted of two General Electric multipolar direct-current machines with a voltage of 110-120 volts each. Another 220 volt circuit was used for lighting the campus and the streets.

In a letter to Louis Graves of the Chapel Hill Weekly, Mr. Kenan reminisced: "All the wiring in the building was exposed, held in place by porcelain knobs fastened by means of screws. I remember distinctly standing on a stepladder and driving a screw driver in the ceiling of the dormitories until my back was broken literally."

His work in Chapel Hill with carbide and acetylene gas was the reason in 1895 for the Carbide Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia to offer him a job, so at 23 years of age he was sent by that company to Niagara Falls to supervise construction of the first carbide plant in the world, one of the plants and small companies that ultimately combined into the multi-billion dollar industrial giant, the Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation.

It was a back-breaking task that Mr. Kenan undertook. He worked ten hours a day, seven days a week for \$25 a week. He was plant supervisor, in charge of testing chemicals, and what today would be called director of personnel. Besides that, he was instructed explicitly in additional duties: "We will expect you also to keep the time of the other men, to make out the payrolls and to attend to all the correspondence and the shipments of carbide and the receipts of lime and coke," he was told.

During this period his father once wrote him from Kenansville, asking him to watch his health and not make a regular habit of working 18 of the day's 24 hours. But Mr. Kenan found time, as he had done at Chapel Hill, for extra-curricular activities. He bicycled from Niagara Falls to Lockport, became a part of a social circle there and became attracted to a pretty girl named Alice Pomroy. In Niagara Falls he also learned, in his spare time, more about the electric power and its uses. One day in 1899 on a business trip to New York, he met the railroad magnate, Henry M. Flagler. Flagler was impressed by Mr. Kenan's knowledge of electric power. They met again in 1900, and Mr. Flagler hired Mr. Kenan to come to Florida and design and construct the first power plant in Miami.

William Rand Kenan, Jr., became Henry M. Flagler's right hand man. Mr. Flagler had complete confidence in his judgment and in his loyalty, and so proved it in writing, in assignments and positions of trust and in rewards. They were intimates in daring business ventures—building the Florida East Coast Railroad, developing chains of hotels, in constructing power plants, and in other enterprises.

The link between the two men was solidified in 1901 when Mary Lily Kenan, his sister, was married to Mr. Flagler. After Mr. Flagler's death in 1913, she was married to Robert Worth Bingham, publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal, alumnus of the University of North Carolina and Ambassador to the Court of Saint James. In 1917 Mary Lily Kenan established the famed Kenan Professorships that have meant so much to the achievement of high academic standards, the maintenance at Chapel Hill of a strong faculty, and the emergence of the University to a position of national stature among great universities of the land. The Kenan Endowment is now valued at several million dollars in the University's trust funds.

William Rand Kenan, Jr., was married to Alice Pomroy of Lockport in 1904. In his series of books entitled *Incidents By the Way*, Mr. Kenan has a chapter headed "My Wife." He wrote: "It was a coincidence that the first apartment I moved into, about two months after arriving in Lockport, was in a house next door to where she lived. I first met my wife Alice at Mr. Flagler's home in New York City. She possessed a wonderful personality and I was much attracted by it. It was natural I saw a great deal of her in my limited time. Our married life of nearly forty-three years was all that anyone could wish for. We never had an argument or difference of opinion, each gave way to the other and the arrangement was ideal. Alice Pomroy was a remarkable woman; had good looks, winning ways, made friends easily, was generous to a fault, and the most magnificent repartee I have ever known. Our life could not have been improved upon and we were happy."

Besides the railroad, hotel, power plant and allied business pursuits, Mr. Kenan went into paper box manufacturing and later became President of the Western Block Company, the leading manufacturer in the nation of hoisting and chain blocks and similar essential parts of heavy machinery installations. He also was associated with banking enterprises.

Later he developed a dairy farm, raising fine Jersey cattle. Randleigh Farm is one of the nation's show places for experts in dairy production. Because of breeding, care and milk production, the cows at Randleigh are champions. Mr. Kenan experimented with wonder drugs on his herds long before sulfas and other wonder drugs were used on human beings. The ice cream at his Dairy Inn was of such high quality and in such demand that each customer was limited to a quota of one quart per purchase. Mr. Kenan became worried one summer about a 13-year-old Jersey cow named Dairylike Madcap 64611. She had broken her leg, and veterinarians recommended that she be killed. Mr. Kenan brought in medical experts, and the cow was placed in a derrick for exercise, fed germinated grains and minerals, and given ultra-violet ray treatments. The broken bone was healed in one year, and her physical condition was such that she gave birth to two more calves before her death two years later at the age of 16.

William Rand Kenan's early interest in athletics and his decision to perpetuate the idea of sports pre-eminence as an accompaniment to sound scholarship in the classroom and labora-

Phillips Jr. High To Hold Open House

Members of the Guy B. Phillips Junior High PTA will have an opportunity to view all of the facilities in the new school for the first time on Tuesday evening. An open house has been scheduled for the second PTA meeting of the year and teachers will be available in the classrooms as well as the library, music and art rooms of the new school building.

A brief business meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium will precede the classroom visitation. The 1963-64 budget will be recommended to the membership by the PTA Executive Committee and parents will be given instructions regarding the schedule for the open house.

Representative samples of student work will be displayed and teachers will discuss briefly the teaching programs currently being undertaken by them in their respective classes.

Members of the Guy B. Phillips Student Council will serve as co-hosts for the occasion. They will be available to direct parents through the building.

Schedules of classrooms to be visited should be obtained by parents from their children prior to the meeting.

Previously delayed, because much of the work on the interior of the building was incomplete, the Open House is being scheduled for Tuesday evening, despite the fact that all of the facilities are not yet finished. Work on the building has recently pro-

gressed to the point that all areas are now accessible for inspection.



BY ALICE STONE

Here are a few tricks women might practice to enhance eye beauty and appeal: If you have deep-set eyes, try using white makeup on the eyelid above your eye shadow, following with darker base applied on the area immediately below the brow. Blend carefully, of course.

If you feel your eyes are too close-set, apply white makeup between your nose and your eye's inner corner. Carefully blend some of the white make-up a very short distance along the upper eyelid, then apply eye shadow, eyeliner and mascara a fraction of an inch from the inner corner of your upper eyelid.

Doing the right thing for your hair, however, is no problem at all—merely make your appointment at Aesthetic Hair Styling Salon. All attentions to your hair are expertly and beautifully handled with personal attention at Aesthetic Hair Styling Salon, 133 1/2 East Franklin Street—Phone 942-4335. Open Friday evenings, too. Call for appointment.

THIS WEEK'S HELPFUL HINT: When laundering, sprinkle clothes with warm water. It damps faster and more evenly than cold water.

ADVANCED DEGREE Charles Parker Wolf of Chapel Hill, a graduate of the University here, has been awarded a Ph.D. in Sociology at Princeton University.

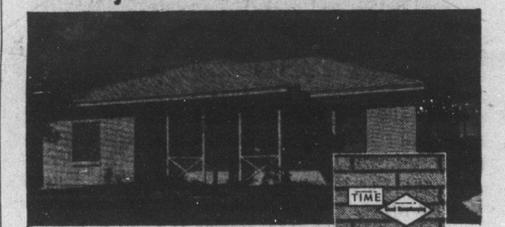
He was recognized by the University in 1944 with the Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, and in 1953 by honorary membership in Phi Beta Kappa. From his birth April 30, 1872, in Wilmington through the 90 years to the present date in 1963, he has been a distinguished son of the University of North Carolina. He was enthusiastic in his loyalty; for years he was always first to register at annual alumni reunions. A large part of the campus on which he was educated had been given by his great grandfather to help launch the University. The main street of Chapel Hill he knew in his student days was the scene of student off-campus life, where Jesse Hargrave ran the community store and had a beautiful daughter named Mary, William Rand Kenan's mother. Chapel Hill days and years was the life to be remembered by all the Kenan Clan of Kenansville.

William Rand Kenan, Jr., saw a flash of light in a chemistry laboratory that has changed the world. His own life growth and service has built upon early sustenance in his home, in his University, and by reliance upon his own energetic and resourceful genius.

BEAUTY-CUTIE Liles Richardson of Chapel Hill was among Coker College students entered in the College's annual Beauty-Cutie Contest held Friday night at the College.



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The Rev. DeWitt Myers, in charge of arrangements, announced that the public is invited to attend the service, which will be conducted by the Rev. Vance Barron. The Rev. Henry Turlington will preach the sermon.

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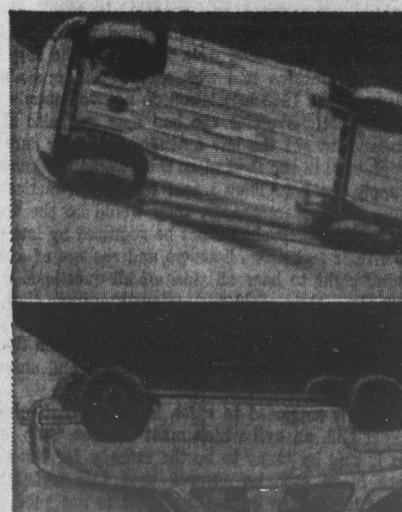
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