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## KENLY'S HISTORY IS OF GREAT INTEREST

**Dr. Len G. Broughton, Well Known Baptist Minister, Preached in Kenly**

(By Mrs. P. H. Etheridge)

KENLY, April 4.—It will be of interest to note that Kenly dates its history back to the time when the Atlantic Coast Line short-cut was made in the year 1886. Like other thriving communities of Johnston County Kenly made itself apparent on the map with the advent of the railroad. It lies in one of the best agricultural sections of the state. This move in railroading made possible the splendid development of a large section of territory in the eastern part of the state. The advent of the railroad brought about the establishment of a turpentine plant and several mercantile houses.

Kenly's pioneer merchant was A. H. Slocumb of Fayetteville who owned the distillery as well as a large mercantile establishment which gave the town its business start. The mercantile business is still a big factor in the business life of the place. With splendid transportation facilities, Kenly has developed into a town of considerable size and draws business from a wide territory. The last census report of Kenly was some over one thousand.

The present site of Kenly was originally owned by Miss Lottie Watkins. Kenly received its name in honor of J. R. Kenly who was at that time general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line and who later became president of the great railroad system. The town of Kenly was chartered in 1887. Its first mayor was L. M. Hamilton, who was engaged in the mercantile business. The town council at that time was composed of Jesse Kirby, E. G. Barnes, D. H. Hinnant, E. M. Munger and Sam Joyner. The present town governmental body is composed of P. H. Etheridge, mayor, Dr. G. S. Coleman, F. A. White, A. J. Broughton, L. Z. Woodard and Henry Watson commissioners.

The original school at Kenly was built by J. T. and W. H. Edgerton in 1890 which was called the Kenly Academy and was located on the site where J. W. Darden's dwelling house now stands. This structure has been replaced by a modern and attractive State High School building. The old school building has been converted into a teachers' dormitory. The present faculty of the high school is composed of ten teachers with Prof. C. E. Cook, of Graham, N. C. Principal and Prof. R. O. Edgerton, of Goldsboro, superintendent.

One of the leading ministers in the Baptist denomination in the South first preached in Kenly. Dr. Len G. Broughton, native of Wake County. He was founder of the Atlantic Tabernacle, pastor of Grace Church in London and of a large church in Knoxville, Tenn., and who is at present serving as pastor of one of the leading Baptist churches in Richmond, Va. Among the religious denominations the Free-Will Baptist church was the first church built in Kenly. Next comes in order the Methodist, the Presbyterian, Missionary and Holiness. The Free-Will Baptist has the largest membership.

Kenly boasts of about forty business houses. The Bank of Kenly and The Farmers Bank will compare favorably with many bank buildings in towns larger than Kenly. The service given by both banks make the officers and employees very popular with their depositors.

Kenly has one nice drug store, three up-to-date markets, one printing office, two large gin plants and two lumber mills.

Kenly is also well equipped with professional men having three Doctors: Dr. C. H. Grady, J. S. Coleman, and Dr. Woodard; one dentist, Dr. R. A. Turlington; and two lawyers: W. J. Hooks and P. D. Grady.

The first doctor who ever practiced in Kenly was Dr. Len G. Broughton from Wake county who later became a minister as has been mentioned in a previous paragraph. Dr. Broughton was followed by Dr. Geo. Hood, Pennington, Hodge and those now located here.

Kenly has a first-class telephone and electric light system and has a cotton and tobacco storage warehouse. One of the assets is a live chamber

## RURAL MAIL BOXES TO BE PAINTED BY THE PATRONS

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The special attention of postmaster at offices where rural delivery routes are in operation is invited to the need for improving the appearance of mail boxes on these routes. These boxes at the present time, as a rule, present a very unsatisfactory appearance due to the fact that the galvanized or aluminum finish has worn off on account of exposure to the elements to such an extent that the base metal has been exposed and in many cases has rusted. It is the purpose of the department to improve the general appearance of rural mail boxes throughout the country, so that they may be a credit not only to the Postal Service but to the community through which the rural delivery route operates.

It is desirable that the boxes be painted white with the name of the head of family or families receiving mail in the box painted on both sides of the box in neat black letters one inch in height; also that the painting be done at least once each year. It is requested also that the posts or supports to which the boxes are attached be painted white. This will improve not only the appearance of the boxes but will add materially to the life of the boxes and posts.

Postmasters at the time of making the regular semiannual inspection of rural delivery routes at their offices, during the month of April, 1923, and at the time of subsequent semiannual inspections, are instructed to take particular note of all rural mail boxes which do not appear to have been painted within the past one or two years, if old boxes—or within the past five or six years, if new galvanized boxes—making a memorandum of the names of the box owners; they are furthermore directed to politely request the owner in writing to paint the box and post in accordance with the above instructions and to neatly stencil or paint his name on the sides of the box. It is believed that this request in the large majority of cases will have the desired result.

It must be distinctly understood that the department will not permit the withdrawal of service from a rural mail box which the owner refuses to paint so long as the box remains weather-proof, and a fit receptacle for mail. However, it is believed that the cooperation in this endeavor of all patrons of rural routes throughout the country can be secured through postmasters and the appearance of the boxes materially improved. Your interest is solicited and a special report from you as to the results obtained will be appreciated.—H. H. Billany, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

## AUTOMOBILE MONARCH WILL VISIT ASHEVILLE

ASHEVILLE, April 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford and son, Edsel Ford are expected to reach Asheville next week for a visit of several days, according to information received here yesterday.

It is possible that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edison, who are vacationing at Fort Pierce, Fla., with Mr. and Mrs. Ford will accompany the latter to the city.

Present arrangements are, it was learned, that Edsel Ford, now in Asheville. The time of the visit depends upon when Edsel Ford is able to reach the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford have been in Florida about ten days, joining Mr. and Mrs. Edison there.

It will be recalled that Mr. Ford and Mr. Edison were guests in Asheville together with the late John Burroughs, a few years ago. Edsel Ford was here last summer for several days. If the party comes, they are expected to be guests of Grove Park inn.

Smith: "Dennis claims not to have heard the horn. What's the matter with his hearing?"

Smithers: "Nothing, it's to be held Saturday."—American Legion Weekly.

of commerce with J. W. Hollowell as secretary which with several fraternal orders completes the list of organizations in the town.

With splendid co-operation on the part of its citizens Kenly has grown in a gratifying manner and as present is as live a town for its size in the state.

## MRS. VICK DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

**Large Crowd Attended The Funeral in Selma Tuesday—Splendid Woman**

SELMA, April 4.—One of the best known and most beloved citizens of Selma died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alexander Martin, in Rock Hill, S. C., Sunday night at twelve o'clock.

For the past two years, Mrs. Vick's health has been declining, and a great part of that time she had spent with her daughter in Rock Hill. She was taken suddenly worse about noon on Sunday and soon lapsed into unconsciousness, from which she never rallied. She was seventy-four years of age.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Vick was Miss Zettie Richardson and was the third child in a family of five; her brothers and sister were, Mrs. T. H. Atkinson, of Washington, D. C., Mr. William Richardson, of Selma, Mr. Clement Richardson, also of Selma, and Mr. L. Richardson, of Greensboro. Dr. J. W. Vick, her husband, preceded her to the grave in December, 1899.

Early in life Mrs. Vick joined the Methodist church and was a devout member and took an active part in the work of the church. Her life was a benediction to all who came in contact with her and her influence will live on and on. "In her tongue was the law of kindness." The writer never heard her speak a harsh, uncharitable word against human being. It is extremely doubtful that she ever entertained the last unworthy suspicion, or harbored the least resentment or ever intentionally wounded the feelings of an associate.

Mrs. Vick is survived by two sons, Dr. Geo. D. Vick, of Selma, and Mr. Ed. W. Vick, of Goldsboro, and one daughter, Mrs. Alexander Martin, of Rock Hill, S. C.

The remains were brought to Selma Tuesday afternoon and funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. B. Perry at the Methodist church assisted by Rev. A. A. Butler, of the Baptist church.

The pall bearers were her nephews, Dr. Wade H. Atkinson and Mr. Albert S. J. Atkinson, of Washington, D. C., Mr. Chas. E. Richardson, of Goldsboro, Mr. Lunsford Richardson, of Greensboro and Messrs E. V. Deans and T. H. Atkinson, of Selma.

Other relatives from out of town here to attend the funeral were: Mrs. Laurin Carlson, of Greensboro, Mrs. C. E. McLeen, of Wendell, Mrs. L. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Smith Richardson, of Greensboro, Mrs. Cameron and little daughter, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Lula Deans, Mrs. J. D. Spiers, Mrs. Geo. W. Connor and Mrs. Mary Woodard, of Wilson, Judge A. M. Noble, Messrs T. R. Hood, J. M. Kirkman and Alex Green of Smithfield.

A host of sorrowing friends and relatives and a large number of beautiful floral tributes followed her beloved form to the city cemetery where interment was made by the side of her husband.

## PLEASANT GROVE TO HAVE COMMUNITY FAIR

For the first time since the war, Pleasant Grove township is to have a Community Fair. Tuesday night after Messrs R. G. Hicks and A. G. Johnson had perfected an organization of the cotton and tobacco local, Miss Garrison, Home Demonstration Agent, brought up the matter of a community fair and found an enthusiastic response. The folks in the community had already been discussing the idea and were therefore ready to effect an organization at once. Mr. D. A. Austin was made president; Mr. M. H. Carroll, vice-president; and Mr. M. V. Sanders, secretary-treasurer. Committees to have charge of the various departments will be selected at the next meeting.

The Co-op local association elected the following officers: Chairman, Mr. D. A. Austin; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Claud Stephenson. This organization will meet twice each month on the second and fourth Saturdays. Members are asked to send name, address, and contract number to the secretary, in order that there may be no delay in delivering checks when due.

## CYCLONE SWEEPS A TEN MILE PATH

**Storm Originated in Johnston County; Persons Injured**

WENDELL, April 4.—A score of persons are said to have been injured, some of them probably fatally, a hundred or more large buildings blown down and property damaged to the amount of \$100,000 by a cyclone which cut a path a half mile wide and between seven and ten miles long through Western Wake County shortly before eight o'clock tonight, according to reports received here.

The cyclone which is said to have originated in the edge of Johnston county took a northeastern course east of Wendell and freakishly skipped here and there, demolishing everything in its path for two hundred yards or more and then leaving the path for the next two hundred yards untouched. It swept within one-half mile of Wendell where it wrought damage to the extent of \$15,000 on the farm of J. R. Richardson, and is declared to have blown down a building in Zebulon, which is tonight cut off from communication. All the physicians in Wendell and the country adjacent are busy in the stricken district and frequent calls are coming into local drug stores for medical assistance. Thus far no deaths have been reported though a negro woman and child have been sent to a Raleigh hospital in a serious condition.

The injured thus far known are: John Deadmon, colored, tenant on Mr. Richardson's farm, his wife and small children.

Tom Parham, wife, and several small children.

Mrs. E. T. Cozart, slightly hurt.

Two other families residing on the Richardson farm whose identity could not be established.

The State highway between Wendell and Middlesex is hopelessly blocked with debris, and according to reports tonight will require considerable work before it is cleared for traffic.

Norfolk-Southern train No. 1 was delayed about 20 minutes, when it struck a tree blown across the tracks, smashing its cowcatcher. The train was able to continue to Raleigh.

A great many buildings were demolished as the tornado swept its way across the farms of J. C. Collins, Charlie Johnson, W. T. Roberts, Norman Deans, W. R. Johnson and practically all livestock on these farms is reported to have been killed.

On the farm of J. P. Richardson, one mile East of Wendell, six of the eleven tenant houses were blown down together with fourteen large tobacco barns, twenty pack houses and two granaries.

One of the houses, occupied by John Debnam, a negro, was blown to splinters, and Debnam's wife and ten children were injured. The mother and one child, regarded as probably fatally injured, were removed tonight to a Raleigh hospital. The damage on this farm alone, it is estimated was \$15,000.

On the farm of W. T. Roberts, six or seven barns and some stables were blown down while the kitchen of the dwelling of Norman Deans was blown off and a granary demolished.

The cyclone, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain exercised all the freakish traits of the usual cyclone. For a space of a half mile or more it wiped out every building in its path and then, for two hundred yards, apparently skipped off, settling back in the same track again with unabated fury.

M. H. Griffin, who investigated the extent of the damage tonight placed it at more than \$75,000 while some other estimators fix the loss at beyond \$100,000.

"Tobacco barns were wiped off the ground at the foundation," said Mr. Griffin on the return from the Richardson farm. "The wind must have been terrific. Great trees were yanked up by the roots. The houses in which the Debnam family lives was torn to splinters. Other houses were picked up and carried for a distance and planted again with a crash."

## TOBACCO COOPERATIVES TO HAVE MEETING

Tobacco farmers from 127 counties of the Carolinas and Virginia will start the election machinery this week, by which 22 directors for the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association are to be elected for the coming year.

Mass meetings in over 100 counties all the way from Virginia to the Georgia line, will be held Saturday, April 7, when the organized growers will nominate the members of their association from whom the delegates will be chosen to elect the directors who are to market the crops of 85,000 tobacco growers for 1923.

From the hundreds of delegates to be chosen this week the farmer members of the cooperative association will later select by ballot those representatives from the counties and districts who will complete the final election of directors.

This week's mass meeting for members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in Johnston county will take place at Smithfield.

Delegates from this county will be nominated at this meeting and association members are to elect one-half of these at the final election to be held on May 5.

## Not Last Payment.

Rumors that \$2,000,000 to be paid shortly to cooperative growers in the old belt of North Carolina and Virginia will constitute a final settlement, were emphatically denied by Director Patterson of the Leaf Department, in a telegram received at Raleigh headquarters yesterday, in which Mr. Patterson stated "This is not a last and final payment, as there will probably be at least two more payments made after the payment above stated."

Further information from officials at Raleigh headquarters of the association is to the effect that cooperative growers of all three States included in the marketing association will receive further cash disbursements as the remainder of the cooperative tobacco is sold.—S. D. Friesell.

## COLORED SCHOOLS TO HAVE GROUP COMMENCEMENTS

The colored schools of Johnston County have planned three group commencements for this term at the following places:

Clayton Group Commencement—April 20th.

Wilson's Mills Group Commencement—April 25th.

Smithfield Group Commencement—April 26th.

The group commencement programs will consist of Declamation, Recitation, Spelling and Story Telling contests. The Story Telling contest will include the first and second grades. Musical selections from all grades. Each school will bring exhibits of some of the best work done in the schools this term, both industrial and literary. Certificates of perfect attendance will be given to all pupils who have merited them. Also seventh grade certificates will be awarded to pupils passing the 7th grade examination. The County Superintendent, Mr. H. B. Marrow and Miss Mary E. Wells, Rural Supervisor, will attend the commencements if possible. Mr. N. C. Newbold of the State Department will be present at the Smithfield Group Commencement and desires to speak to all the colored school committeemen of the county. For this reason the date of the Smithfield Group Commencement has been set for April 26th. The speakers for the other groups will be announced later.—Laura J. A. King, Colored Supervisor, Johnston County.

## MR. N. C. NEWBOLD TO BE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Mr. N. C. Newbold, State Director of Negro Education, has accepted an invitation to make the commencement address for the Johnston County Training School. This is to be May 30. Mr. Newbold was for a number of years superintendent of Washington, N. C., graded schools. Since he assumed his present duties several years ago he has been able to make a big improvement in negro education in North Carolina. The local high school for the negroes is regarded as one of the best high schools for that race in the State, and Mr. Newbold has shown a great deal of interest in the fine work principal Wm. M. Cooper is doing here.

## BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE IN CITY OF CLAYTON

**Johnson-Poole Nuptials; A Musical Program Before The Ceremony**

CLAYTON, April 3.—Miss Kitty E. Poole and Mr. C. Walton Johnson were united in marriage yesterday, in the Baptist church, in a ceremony beautiful both in its musical features and the simple dignity of its ritual.

The church was tastefully decorated with Easter lilies, trailing cedar, ferns and candleabra. After a musical program unusual in length owing to a delay in the arrival of Dr. John E. White, president of Anderson College, and cousin of the bride, caused by a wreckbound train—during which the guests heard with the keenest enjoyment an elaborate series of selections by Mr. John Josey, of Scotland Neck, at the organ, and Miss Anita Ast, violinist, of the Fayetteville School of Music—the "Evening Star" of Wagner was played by Mr. Josey on the approach of the wedding party. This was followed by two violin solos by Miss Ast, Chopin's "Nocturne" and Raff's "Cavatina." Miss Ethel Ferrell, of Raleigh, sang "O Perfect Love," by Woods.

The wedding march from "Tannhauser" was played as the wedding party entered: Mr. Bruce White, of Anderson, S. C., Mr. Cleon W. Sanders, of Four Oaks, Mr. Roy R. Johnson, of Four Oaks, and Mr. Ernest Hinton, of Wake Forest, as ushers; Miss Louise Young, a cousin of the bride, bridesmaid, wearing a pastel blue dress with touches of silver, and hat to match, and Mr. Willis Pool, groomsmen; Mr. Richard Thigpen, of Trinity College, best man, and Miss Belle Poole, of Clayton, a cousin of the bride, maid of honor, wearing a dress of orchid taffeta and hat of orchid and silver. Preceding the bride were two little flower girls, Misses Isabelle Ross and Mary Louise Vaughan, in blue and pink taffeta ruffled dresses and hats of the same, carrying baskets of flowers.

The bride looked charming in a lovely dark blue three piece Rohanara silk suit with grey squirrel trimmings and a blue hat, and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. A beautiful old English service was read by Dr. White.

After the ceremony the out-of-town guests were entertained at a charmingly served four course luncheon by Dr. and Mrs. Battle A. Hocutt. In the yellow and white color scheme, carried out in lamp shades, candles, vases and ices, the Easter Monday touch was suggested again and again, and sherberts in the form of lilies bells, brides' slippers and hearts combined the holiday with the hymeneal note.

The bride and bride-groom left immediately after the luncheon on an automobile tour, and will spend some days in Pinhurst. They will be at home after the middle of April at 229 Cook Street, Portsmouth, Va.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will leave hosts of friends in all parts of the state, the bride having won many admirers for her singing during her connection with Meredith and other faculties in Wilmington, Rocky Mount and Anderson, S. C., and Mr. Johnson, who graduated from the University and has served as a Y. M. C. A. official since his wartime service with that organization in France, is well liked here as well as in Portsmouth, his present home.

Some of the out-of-town guests at the wedding were: Mrs. T. M. Ross, Miss Isabelle Ross, Miss Mary Laura Vaughan and Mrs. Leon T. Vaughan, of Nashville; Dr. and Mrs. John E. White, of Anderson, S. C.; Mrs. I. B. Duke, Mrs. Furman Barnes, of Rocky Mount; Mr. B. W. Weaver, Billy Weaver, Mrs. Lucile Reid and Mrs. J. W. Sanders, of Four Oaks; Mr. William Moore and Mr. Fuller Moore, of Fayetteville; Mrs. Addie Ferrell, Miss Ina Ferrell, Mrs. J. M. Wilder, Mrs. Charles Hicks, Mr. Rufus and Miss Margaret Hunter, Mr. Carey J. Hunter, Jr., Miss Julia Ferrell, Dr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Hunter, of Raleigh; and Mr. Walter M. Priddy, of Wichita Falls, Texas.

"That musician said that the tune haunted him. 'Why shouldn't it? He murdered it.'"—Jack-o-Lantern.