

Along The Way

By Emily Killete

The St. John's Lodge in Kenansville was founded only three and one half years after the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and in 1941 local citizens celebrated St. John's 150th birthday.

Along the Way began a series of articles five weeks ago on the history of St. John's Lodge as written by Faison McGowen for the 150th birthday celebration. The original history was read during the celebration by A.T. Outlaw, then register of deeds for Duplin County, and published in THE DUPLIN TIMES newspaper. The following article will conclude the history as published during 1941 and the conclusion appeared in the July 24, 1941 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES.

History of St. John's Lodge 13
At the Grand Lodge meeting in 1932 our old number 101 was restored to us. Representatives to the Grand Lodge this year were G.V. Gooding, J.L. Williams and F.W. McGowen.

During the year 1931-32, mainly through the efforts of our Worshipful Master, Dr. G.V. Gooding and Brother James J. Bowden (former register of deeds and tax collector of Duplin County), the Lodge repurchased the old Lodge Hall from the heirs of Brother S.O. Middleton, who had come into possession of it. The building was renovated and repaired and the lodge entered into a new era of progress. Those contributing to the fund with which to repurchase and renovate the building were as follows: G.K. Aldridge, J.E. Jerritt, W.E. Belanga, D.F. McGowen, S.L. Ferrell, I.C. Burch, G.V. Gooding, J.O. Stokes, F.W. McGowen, A.R. Chestnut, D.S. Williamson, J.B. Wallace, F.J. Baars, J.W. Shaffer, J.L. Williams, J.J. Bowden, C.E. Quinn, L.D. Dail and S.B. Hunter.

The lower floor of the building was let to the Women's Club to be used for a community building.

In 1933 Victory Lodge No. 642, Pink Hill, with the permission of the Grand Lodge consolidated with Warren Lodge No. 101. The following members were received from Victory Lodge: J.F. Tyndall, B.B. Holder, O.A. Gardner, W.R. Gooding, F.D. Gooding, W.J. Grady, R.P. Holt, S.W. Harper, W.G. Kornegay, H.D. Maxwell, Magnus Outlaw, Marvin Simmons, John Ivey Smith, Albert Smith, G.A. Stroud, M.W. Sutton, J.M. Turner, J.A. Worley and John F. Southerland.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1933 in Asheville, our old records were restored to us. Representatives at the Grand Lodge were: G.V. Gooding, J.L. Williams and G.K. Aldridge.

In 1935 the Lodge again resumed the practice of serving dinners once a month before the first Thursday night meetings. This has continued and has been deemed beneficial in helping create and hold interest.

Our annual ladies night and installation of officers is the first Thursday in January. The annual picnic is held the first Thursday afternoon in September each year at Maxwell's Mill.

During 1935 the following members of Warsaw Lodge No. 522 which had become dormant became members of our Lodge: R.D. Johnson, R.E.L. Wheelless, R.C. Sheffield, W.E. Hines, Dr. J.M. Williams, John M. Pierce, R.W. Blackmore, A. Brooks, A.L. Humphrey, R.E. Wall, W.E. Taylor, W.A. Blanchard, B.C. Sikes and M.H. Hodges.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1936, our old name and number St. John's Lodge No. 13 was restored to us with all of its rights and privileges. The representatives at the Grand Lodge were: G.V. Gooding, W.R. Gooding, J.M. Brock, A.T. Outlaw, R.D. Johnson, A.J. Blanton and F.W. McGowen.

A district meeting was held here July 30, 1936. H.McN. Johnson, district deputy grand master pre-

siding. In 1937 the lodge sponsored the organization of an Eastern Star Chapter and Kenansville Chapter No. 215 was organized with 25 members. The Chapter is progressing steadily having attained honor of being a Gold Star Chapter in the past two years.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in 1938, our Lodge had the honor of exemplifying the third degree. The lodge received special commendation from the Grand Master, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and others

present. Brother Percy C. Scott, Assistant Grand Lecturer, coached a Degree Team which was composed of the following: A.J. Blanton, W.M.; I.C. Burch, S.W.; G.M. Honeycutt, J.W.; J.M. Brock, S.D.; R.C. Wells, J.D.; A.O. Brinson and J.O. Smith, stewards; E.C. Newton, Tyler; H.D. Maxwell Jr., Dempsey Smith, Earl Smith, A.J. Dickson, O.P. Johnson, C.H. Walker, E.A. Newton, L.L. Rogers, P.E. Shoular, Paul Williams, Jasper Tyndall, W.R. Gooding, J.H. Byrd, Alvin Kornegay. F.W. McGowen gave the lecture.

Dr. G.V. Gooding served as a member of the Oxford Orphanage Committee and having been appointed by the Grand Lodge.

Our Lodge contributes liberally to the Oxford Orphanage and entertains the Singing Class annually.

F.W. McGowen served as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Canada, in 1938 and in 1939 by appointment of the Grand Lodge.

In 1940 Twenty-five Year Continuous Service Membership Certificates were presented by P.M. J.E. Jerritt to the following: R.G. Max-

well, W.A. Westbrook, J.L. Williams, R.W. Blackmore, Rivers D. Johnson, H.D. Maxwell Sr., W.R. Booding, Henry W. Dail, Dr. J.M. Williams, S.B. Hunter and S.W.

During 1940 mainly through the efforts of the Master G.M. Honeycutt, 37 pictures of past masters were secured and placed on the walls of the lodge.

On January 2, 1941, the Master J.M. Brock, appointed the following general committee to arrange for our Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, June 25, 1941: J.M. Brock, R.C. Wells,

A.O. Brinson, G.V. Gooding, J.E. Jerritt, F.W. McGowen, W.R. Gooding, O.P. Johnson, E.W. Sadler and D.Y. Hollingsworth. This committee arranged the following program:

Sunday, June 22, 1941, 8 p.m. in the Kenansville Baptist Church, Mas-sermon, Rev. C.K. Proctor; Wednesday, June 25, 4:30 p.m., special communication, St. John's Lodge No. 13, Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, 8 p.m. Kenansville School Gymnasium, banquet and speech by North Carolina Governor J. Melville Broughton.

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85¢ 2 LITER

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79¢ PINT

DEL MONTE CATSUP

99¢ 32 OZ.

KRAFT MACARONI & CHEESE

2/79¢ 7 1/4 OZ.

CRISCO OIL

\$1.49 32 OZ.

SHAWNEE FLOUR

69¢ 5 LB.

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