

Along The Way



By Emily Killete

"He spent his life in trying to convince all people of their sins and in trying to render happy those who were members of his churches," a May 9, 1968 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES wrote of The Reverend Hugh McAden.

Within the May issue, J. Graves wrote of the three Kenansville churches, telling their history. These churches were Grove Presbyterian, Kenansville United Methodist, and Kenansville Baptist.

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That was the Rev. Hugh McAden, a Pennsylvanian who, about 1758, became the first pastor of the Grove Church in Kenansville — the oldest Presbyterian church in North Carolina. Rev. McAden would collect all his congregation once a year at his several churches and hold examination of them.

Scots-Irish immigrants who came to the Kenansville region about 1736 are believed to have formed a Presbyterian congregation the same year. The settlement was called Golden Grove and the church, Grove Presbyterian, was built beside the Routledge Cemetery.

About 1811, the place of worship was moved to an acre of land given by William McGee on the site adjoining the old Academy, one mile west of Kenansville. Major Owen Rand Kenan donated land for the third location of the church and the present Greek Revival structure was completed in 1857. Members of the Session at that time were Osborn Carr, James Dickson, William Dickson and Dickson Mallard.

James M. Sprunt, D.D., was pastor of Grove Church from 1851 until his death in 1884. At the close of the Civil War, his congregation was so impoverished that he took the position of register of deeds to support his family.

An education building was dedicated as a memorial to Lucy Southerland Jolly in 1936. In the early 1950s, an organ was given by the family of the late William J. Pickett and chimes were installed by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown in memory of their son, Jerry.

Kenansville's two other churches, Baptist and Methodist, were both built more than a century ago. While the Baptist congregation is older by 13 years, Methodism first came to Duplin in 1784 with an itinerant preacher named Beverly Allen.

Circuit preachers who followed him were at first successful in finding adherents, but many who joined later found the rules and discipline too strict for constant adherence and joined other churches. North Carolina, along with Virginia, is called the cradle of American Methodism.

The Kenansville Methodist Church was organized about 1850 and the Rev. David B. Nicholson was the first pastor. In 1858 the church lot was bought from Needham W. Herring for \$170. Purchasing trustees were the pastor, John Furlaw, James Pearsall, Edward

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The Kenansville Emmanuel Holiness Church on Highway #24, will hold revival services July 25-29 at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist is Wayne Atkins of High Point, said the pastor, Johnny Mayers. Everyone is invited.

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with a large iron bell. The pulpit was recessed at the back, but it was removed during remodeling in 1887. A new ceiling installed in 1916 did not hold up and had to be replaced in 1938.

The building was brick-veneered and a two-story Sunday School annex was completed in 1935. In 1956 the church was extended at the front and a fireside room and kitchen added.

One of the Methodists' more noteworthy guest preachers was the father of Formosa's Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek. Called Charlie Jones Soong, he was visiting the Rev. Thomas P. Ricaud at Wilmington

when he gave the sermon in 1885. Rev. Ricaud had baptized and tutored the Chinese youth.

Kenansville's Baptist congregation was formed in June of 1837, meeting first in St. John's Lodge. Eder Benajah Carroll and six members from the Magnolia Church were sent to Kenansville to propagate the faith. They were James, Mary E. and Elizabeth Carroll, D.C. Moore and Stephen and Nancy Herring. Shortly after the missionaries from Magnolia organized, the first church was built on the present site.

The first Sunday school and Bible

class was formed 21 years after the church. G.A. Newell was superintendent in 1858.

Dr. R.T. Bryan was a member of the Kenansville Baptist Church when he determined to become a missionary to China about 1900. He went to Shang-Hai and stayed in China to the end of his life.

Miss Katie Murray is a former member of this church although she was a part of the Rose Hill congregation when she decided to devote her life to missionary work in China. She is a daughter of the late W.B. Murray, a faithful and devoted member of the Kenansville congregation for many years.

An education building was added to the church in 1955 and air conditioning in 1964. The sanctuary was renovated and a divided chancel added in 1958. Most of the church furniture was donated or given in memory of departed members. The piano was given in memory of Mrs. W.M. Brinson and the carillon bells in memory of Cora Brinson.

The present minister, the Rev. Lauren R. Sharpe, has served more years in this pastorate than any previous incumbent. He came to Kenansville as a supply pastor in 1947.

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