

To me it is sad to report that Sharon Overton will not be returning to The Duplin Times this summer. If you are a reader of the Duplin Times/Duplin Today, I am sure you recall her byline of last summer - the freshness, eagerness, newness of her search of new or different ways to tell the story. Sharon didn't just pile a bunch of words together to fill up space. She selected just the right words to make her story easy to read. Her selection of words made you want to read the normally dull town board report. She went out and found stories. She didn't wait for someone to bring her an article, and you found no prejudice in her articles either. Well, you know I told you one day she would go on to the big daily papers. Well, on her summer break from college this year, she is working with the Greensboro daily newspaper. As good as I feel about her moving up the ladder in her chosen profession of journalism, I still would have liked to have seen her back at The Duplin Times. . .Duplin's loss is Greensboro's gain. . .

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Commissioner Dovie Penney has a couple of times said she thinks the terms of appointed committee members should be limited. This way, a friend who was not reappointed could simply be told his (or her) term had expired. The trouble with this limiting rule would mean a good dedicated member out. Besides, the commissioners were elected by the people to make decisions on who is best suited on committees and boards of trus-tees. Without going on and on, just let me say. . .If committee members, boards of trustees, etc. should be limited in terms, then so

should elected officials. Thus, if Ms. Penney believes others should only serve one term, I must assume she is saying she will not run for a second term. . .

Want your road paved?. . Was your road in the new priorities for paving?...This past Monday, the Depart-ment of Transportation roads supervisor for this area crept into the commissioners meeting and passed out a map of the DOT selections for road improvements in Duplin County. He said he wanted no publicity at this time. . .Wait 'til next commissioners meeting. . . Have we, by some chance, been lied to. . . Do the commissioners make changes in the road selection?... If they do not, then why pass out the information only to them?. . Will the press get the same information next meeting or an update. . .It's kinda like the so-called executive ses-

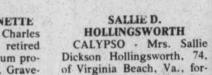
The Sheriff Department's radio dispatchers went before the Board of Com-missioners Monday requesting an increase in salaries or perhaps better put would be they asked to be paid fairly. The dispatchers do not work normal 8 to 5 daily. They work shift work around the clock, seven days a week. Also, the dispatchers are female and have trained for the additional responsibility would also have to be moved of jail matron, thus saving the county of having to fill the position of jail matron with full-time people. The fact they have to work on Sundays and at midnight and without a lunch or coffee break, seems to me to entitle them to a better pay rate than the average 10-4. . .Son-of-a-Gun. . . .

## **Deaths & Funerals**

**CHARLES D. BURNETTE MOUNT OLIVE - Charles** Daniel Burnette, 84, retired distributor of petroleum pro-ducts, died Tuesday, Graveside service, Maplewood Gemetery.

Surviving: wife, Mrs. Es-ther Hatch Burnette; sons, Charles D. Burnette Jr. of Greenville, Jimmy Burnette of Kinston. Bill Burnette of Raleigh: daughter Mrs Ann Beasley of Chapel Hill; brother, Richard Burnette of Petersburg, Va.; sisters, Mrs. Betsy Greene of Wilson, Mrs. Cammic Walker of Raleigh: 12 grandchildren: a great-grandchild.

sions to me. . If everything is straight and above-board, why hide it?...



of Virginia Beach, Va., formerly of Calypso, died Fri-day. Funeral, Rouse Funeral Home. LaGrange. Burial, Calypso Cemetery.

Surviving: daughters, Mrs. Sarah Ward of Virginia Beach. Mrs. Rae Walker of Ellicott City; Md.; sister, Mrs. Nellie Pridgen of Warsaw; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.



## JOHN ROBERT KELLY

WINSTON-SALEM - John Robert Kelly, a Mount Olive native, died recently.

Kelly was the son of the late John and Maude Goodson Kelly and spent his early life in Mount Olive. He had lived in Winston-Salem for the past 38 years. Kelly retired in 1975 after working for the C.F. Sauer Co. for 27 years and worked for the past two years for Mt. Tabor Food Market. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Knollwood Baptist Church and men's Sunday School class.

A funeral was held at Vogler's Reynolda Road Chapel with Dr. Jack Noffsinger officiating. He is survived by his wife.

Mrs. Dolly White Kelly of the home; daughters, Mrs. Ann Kelly Vernon and Mrs. Kay Kelly Morgan, both of Winston; Salem; two grand-children; sister, Mrs. Bertha Herring; and brothers. William Kelly, Emmett Kelly, Russell Kelly, Joseph Kelly and George Kelly, all of Mount Olive.

Memorial contributions may be made to the pipe organ fund at Knollwood Baptist Church.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF **KENANSVILLE AND** SURROUNDING AREA: At last it looks like summer has finally arrived — and with that the town park will be used quite frequently. At the present time, we

are in the process of rapairing swings, tables, etc. etc. and adding more trash cans for your con-venience. Since the town park has been in existence, there has been a problem in keeping it clean and neat but with everybody's cooperation 1 believe that this can be accomplished.

As you enter the park, on your left there is a sign with the rules and regulations of the park; we hope you will respect them. One rule that will be strictly adhered to is the bringing in and consumption of any alcoholic beverage. This rule will be strictly enforced and any and all offenders will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. With women and children plus out-of-town guests using our park, this will not be tolerated. Thank you for your

cooperation. Have a nice summer! Donald E. Suttles, Mayor