

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A.M. Monday, October 17:

Killed to Date.....1287  
Killed to Date Last Year, 1223

# Duplin Times

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

## PROGRESS SENTINEL



Mr. Walter Gresham, left, has proudly accepted a fifty year membership Masonic award by Mr. J. I. Reynolds, right, Grand Lecturer. Mr. Gresham, past Master of Beaulville Lodge #658, received the award at a banquet attended by members of the Beaulville Order of the Eastern Star, and Mason's from throughout the area. (Photo by Ruby Campbell)

### Masons Honor Mr. Gresham

Mr. Amos Walter Gresham of Beaulville Masonic Lodge #658, was honored at a banquet in the East Duplin Lunch Room Cafeteria Tuesday night, at which time he was awarded a fifty year membership certificate. Mr. Walter, as he is affectionately known, originally joined the lodge in Richlands, later transferring his membership to the Pink Hill Lodge. Some years later the Pink Hill Lodge merged with Kenansville's St. John's Lodge #13. It was from this Lodge that the Beaulville Lodge was organized, with Mr. Walter a charter member.

An avid pursuer of genealogy, he also delights in teaching his six grandchildren history by taking them to the site of the incident. He would like for the grandchildren to be nearer, but he makes it convenient to visit his daughter, Mrs. Lynwood Bullock and family in Goldsboro and Mrs. J. W. (Billy) Gresham in Wilson, real often.

In making the award Mr. J. I. Reynolds of Clinton challenged the group to a more dedicated life by the example set by Mr.

doll bed, made by Mr. Walter in his wood work shop. Cabinets are another of his specialties. An Elder in the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Walter has served the church in nearly every capacity. He also served his community as a school board member as well as many other ways.

Mr. Carl D. Fite was master of ceremonies, Mr. R. A. Bostic welcomed the guests, which were recognized by Mr. W. M. Hussey, Jr. Mr. F. W. Jones, Jr. introduced the speaker and Mr. P. E. Thigpen gave the invocation and benediction.

### Deep Bottom Scene of Shooting

Jimmy Carter, colored male, age 16, of Route 1, Teachey, is reported in serious condition in a Burgaw Hospital following a Sunday night shooting in the Deep Bottom area of Duplin.

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## Third Congressional Demo. Rally



Senator Jordan

Congressman Henderson

Gov. Dan K. Moore

### Senator Jordan, Governor Moore To Be On Program

Senator B. Everett Jordan will be the principal speaker at the Third Congressional Democratic Rally to be held in Warsaw on Wednesday, October 26, it was announced today by H. L. Stevens III, chairman of the Duplin County Democratic Executive Committee.

The rally will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Army in Warsaw at which time barbecue and fish stew will be served. At 7 p.m. Honorable David N. Henderson, Congressman of the third district, will open the rally and preside as Master of Ceremonies. The National Anthem will be led by Mrs. Margaret Lloyd of Bowden.

Tim Valentine, Jr., chairman of the North Carolina Democratic executive committee, will recognize state Democratic party officials and members of the council of state.

Governor Moore will appear on the program and recognize other special guests. Dignitaries who will attend

the District Meeting other than Senator Jordan, Governor Moore and Congressman Henderson will be Lt. Governor, Robert Scott, L. T. Valentine, Jr. Chairman; Mrs. Harry K. McDonnold, Vice-Chairman; Thomas S. Secrest, Executive DIRECTOR; Perry McCotter, Assistant Executive Director; Mrs. JOHN D. Robinson, National Committeewoman; William E. Webb, Jr., National Committeeman; Mrs. L. Y. Balentine, Secretary; Thad Eure, Secretary of State; Edwin Gill, State Treasurer; T. Wade Bruton, Attorney General; Henry Bridges, State Auditor; James A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture; Edwin Lanier, Commissioner of Insurance; Frank Crane, Commissioner of Labor; Charles Carroll, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The third Congressional district is composed of Lee, Sampson, Pender, Duplin, Harnett, Wayne, Onslow and Carteret counties.

### Duplin County Cyclist Killed

A Cherry Hospital employee, John Earl Parks, negro, age 54, was killed Sunday when his motorcycle collided with a car driven by William Henry McLean Jr. of Route 1, Seven Springs.

Robert Parks, 41 of Route 2, Seven Springs, a rider on the motorcycle and Willie James Bostic, 23 of Route 1, Seven Springs a passenger in the car, were both hospitalized with injuries described as serious. In Wayne Memorial Hospital.

State Trooper A. S. Butler, investigating officer, said the motorcycle failed to stop at an intersection and ran in front

of the oncoming car in the community of Drummersville. The car skidded about 100 feet

after the impact and overturned in a field. The motorcycle landed in a ditch.

### Bobby T. Harper Speed Victim

Excessive speed apparently was the cause of a one-car wreck early Sunday morning on Highway 11 near E. F. Grady School, that claimed the life of Bobby T. Harper.

The car failed to take a curve, went out of control, ran off the highway and overturned Harper, lone occupant of the car. It is thought about 100 feet from the car, which hit a tree and was demolished. The door of the car came off and hit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kornegay, breaking through the weather boarding and the sheet rock wall of the bedroom in which they were sleeping.

A gas station attendant, Harper was reported living a few miles north of the scene of the wreck with a Herring family. He had previously lived in Pink Hill.

State Trooper T. A. Bryan investigated the wreck. The Rev. Herman Grubbs conducted the funeral at Howard Carter Funeral home in Kinston Tuesday at 2:30. Burial followed in the Harper Cemetery. He

is survived by his parents, Mrs. Gertrude Heath Harper of Pink Hill and Wilmer Odell Harper of Wilmington; a brother, Earl Harper of Wilmouth, Mass.; two sisters, Mrs. Wardell Adams of Morganton, and Mrs. Ernest Foy of Pink Hill; and his maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Heath of Deep Run.

### Duplin Declared Disaster Area

Howard M. McKenzie, Charlotte Regional Director, Small Business Administration, announced that Duplin County has been declared a disaster area by the Department of Agriculture because of substantial damage to 1966 crops as the result of several severe hailstorms in July and August, drought conditions during June

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### Dr. Leo Jenkins To Speak To Civic Organizations

Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, President of East Carolina College, will be guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Warsaw Rotary, Warsaw Lions, Warsaw Jaycees and Kenansville Lions clubs at The Country Squire on Thursday, October 20, at 7:00 P.M.

Dr. Jenkins is a graduate of Rutgers, Columbia and New York Universities, and also attended Duke University and the Harvard University's Institute for College Presidents in 1964. He has had a rich background in the educational field and is a member of a number of professional and business groups and associations. Prior to being elected President of East Carolina College in 1960, he served as Dean of that institution from 1947 to 1960. Before that he was Assistant Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Jenkins is a leading advocate of providing opportuni-



DR. LEO JENKINS

ties for higher education for eastern North Carolina; and East Carolina College has experienced its most dynamic growth under his leadership since the founding of that institution.

### Albertson Returned To Prison

Dewey Murphy Albertson, 40, acquired here last week in Duplin Superior Court on two moral charges involving his 13-year-old daughter, was transferred Monday from the county jail to the prison camp at Burgaw for parole violation. Deputies said Albertson, wearing handcuffs, made no remarks as he departed to serve

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### BRIEFS

#### CRUSADE CHOIR

The Crusade Choir will meet for rehearsal on Sunday afternoon, October 23, at 3 p.m. in the Beaulville School Auditorium. Paul Scott, music director for the Crusade, will meet with the group. All who will volunteer to sing in the Crusade Choir are asked to be present.

#### MISS WARSAW PAGEANT TICKET SALE

The Warsaw Jaycees announce ticket sales have begun on Miss Warsaw Pageant, November 11 at 8 p.m. for children. Advance sales will be adults \$1.25 and children 75¢. Tickets will be on sale in Warsaw at Steeds Tire Service, Garners Esso and Warsaw Drug. In Kenansville they will be on sale at Kenansville Drug Store.

#### RANK OF FELLOW

Dr. Glenn S. Rasmussen, former surgeon at Duplin General, has been awarded the rank of Fellow in the American College

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### Faison Native Designs Scale, Weigh "Weightless" Objects In Outer Space

SAN ANTONIO - A former engineer from Faison, N. C., who became a U. S. Air Force physician, has designed a scale to weigh "weightless" objects in outer space.

Doctor (Captain) William E. Thornton, son of Mrs. Rosa Thornton of Faison, has developed a "mass scale" at Brooks AFB, Tex., which will enable researchers to continuously monitor an astronaut's weight, the food he eats and his body by-products during orbit.

Items are weighed by mechanically oscillating them in a specially devised tray. The heavier the item, the slower the oscillation rate. Either a small or large tray may be attached to an electronic unit which measures the time required for five cycles of oscillation. A quick check with a reference chart then provides the item's weight. Already tested for accuracy and practicability, the device is being readied for space flight.

Dr. Thornton, as a member of the Air Force systems Command's (AFSC) Aerospace Medical Division, is primarily concerned with the development of medical instruments for the Manned Orbiting Laboratory

program to learn more about what man can do in space. He helps develop and design systems to transmit from the space craft numerous physical data on astronauts for medical study and evaluation. His organization is a function of the AFSC commitment to manage all phases of acquisition of new aerospace systems.

Dr. Thornton, who received his medical degree from the University of North Carolina in 1963, was awarded the Legion of Merit - one of the highest decorations for distinguished service to the United States - during a previous tour of Air Force duty in 1956.

He was in charge of the photostatics instrumentation laboratory for flight test at Eglin AFB, Fla. He directed the design and development of instruments and operational methods for special projects including improved aerial photographic techniques and scoring devices to determine accuracy of weapons and communications systems. He flew more than 1,000 hours during the flight test of numerous aircraft systems.

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Doctor (Captain) William E. Thornton of Faison, N.C., displays the device he developed to weigh items in outer space.

(U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO)



THE DUPLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE COOPERATING with the Post Office Department by listing their most frequently used addresses for ZIP CODES. Signing the card are county commissioners L. to R: Kenneth Grady, Willard Hoffer, Joe Sutton and J. B. Stroud. Observing are Duplin County Postmasters; A. C. Holland, Kenansville; John Kil-

trick, Teachey; A. C. Hall, Jr., Wallace; Luther E. Taylor, Jr.; Faison; H. F. Lee, Warsaw; Elma P. Drew, Magnolia; T. F. Bostic, Sr., Beaulville; Allen Lanier, Chiquapin; Ruth A. Farrior, Calypso; and Ray Sanderson, Rose Hill. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

## Albertson Not Guilty Of Rape or Incest Charges

### Gavin and Britt Stage Sensational Legal Battle

Dewey Murphy Albertson was found not guilty of charges of statutory rape and incest in a courtroom filled with emotion, climaxing one of Duplin County's most sensational trials. The case was finished on Wednesday morning, October 12.

The evidence for the State,

as presented by the Honorable Walter T. Britt, Solicitor of this District, was to the effect that Dewey Murphy Albertson had lived incestuously with his thirteen year old daughter for the past several months, having had sexual relations with her for some time. This evidence was corroborated by the Sheriff

T. E. Revelle and by Brenda Teachey Fisher, who is an adopted daughter of the present Mrs. Dewey Murphy Albertson. Upon cross examination by the defendant, through Vance B. Gavin, his attorney, the prosecuting witness made several statements that Gavin later argued to the jury were "inconsistent and inconceivable."

Clara Mae Albertson, the alleged victim, first testified that she was molested by her father, the defendant, in the afternoon, and that no one else was present. Under sharp questioning, she changed her statement and testified that the attack took place at night while her eight year old brother was asleep in the same bed, and her entire family

were sitting in an adjoining room with an open door where they could have seen all that took place. She said her brother did not awaken, during the alleged rape, nor did her family quit looking at television long enough to notice her plight or come to her aid. Her explanation as to why she had previously sworn that the attack

took place in the afternoon was that, "I did not know the difference between afternoon and night until I learned it in school two weeks ago."

After several hours deliberation, the jury announced that it was "dead-locked." Under instructions of the presiding Judge, the jury was returned

to his room. Later it returned with a verdict of "Not Guilty." The defendant, Albertson, and a daughter by another marriage were visibly overcome with emotion and sobbed.

Judge Parker expressed his own disapproval of the verdict rendered and high feelings were obvious on the part of those who sympathized with the alleged

victim. The defendant was on parole from the State Prison at the time of his trial upon a conviction in 1963 of sexually molesting his wife's adopted daughter.

Before this trial, he violated his parole by being publicly drunk and was re-committed to jail for such parole violation.