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Mrs. Park Pridgen Mother of Editor Dies

Mrs. Ella Veach Pridgen, mother of Mrs. Ruth P. Grady, Editor and Publisher of The Duplin Times-Progress Sentinel, died Wednesday morning at Duplin General Hospital. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Trial & Error

Have any of you seen Lehman Kennedy lately? He is wearing a shirt two sizes larger than he used to take care of his puffed up chest. He literally struts around. As you know, Lehman is a Honda dealer and service station operator between Kenansville and Beulaville.

The other day I stopped by and he greeted me with, "Come on I want you to meet Miss America 20 years from now." Not knowing the cause of so much excitement, I followed him into the house. And there in a bassinet was the cutest little five-day old baby girl you have ever seen. Someone asked Lehman if she was riding the Honda. He said, "No, she only rides it when she hasn't learned where the clutch is yet."

Spreading excitement, my neighbor's boys, Edward and Carl Quinn, were really excited on Thursday night. I was at home and all of a sudden I heard a pounding on my door. I went running as I thought someone was in distress. And they were.

The boys showed me the lights in the sky, which looked most frightening. They had already seen two and I saw the third one with them. The light came so fast that it is hard to describe. But it was multi-colored and seemed to be whirling around. Starting from nothing, it got to be about the size of an opened umbrella and then disappeared. It is needless to say, all three of us were quite frightened. I had always wished to see a "flying saucer" so I was disappointed when the radio announced that it was an experiment of some sort. We were not the only ones who were frightened as my telephone started ringing and people were making inquiries as to news releases about the lights. One lady said "whatever it was, almost came into their barn."

I was talking with my sister in Norfolk later on that night and the next day she sent me a clipping from the Norfolk paper telling of the calls that they had received from people in and around Norfolk. One lady thought the colors were "crummy." One small boy called the Editor, and in response to the Editor's reply said, "Oh, I know all about that. I read it in the newspaper. And I've been watching it through my telescope and I just wanted you to know the fourth stage is just beginning."

The article in the Norfolk paper wound up with the following explanation:

ROCKET SHOTS SERVE SCIENCE

WALLPS ISLAND - The two rockets fired by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration from Wallps Island Thursday night spread blue, green, red and white clouds of special chemicals at altitudes between 50 and 200 miles. The behavior of the clouds after release was to be observed by scientists making data about the distribution of atomic oxygen in the atmosphere, electrical fields, and wind movements.



Miss Pam Wilson, lovely 18 year old native of Mount Olive was selected to reign last week at the Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament.

Miss Pam is 5'8" tall with blonde hair and blue green eyes, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Wilson.

Pam Wilson Reigns At GGO

A Mount Olive native was selected to reign as Miss GGO at The Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament held in Greensboro last week.

University of North Carolina in Greensboro was selected from 1300 freshmen at the University. The contest was sponsored by the Jaycees where six beauties for Miss GGO entered the finals.

Obvously Miss North Carolina material, this piano major and concert pianist had rather teach music to high school students. Pam is a way of life for Pam who started lessons in the second grade, and is now taking from Dr. Ericourt at UNC.

Azalea Festival - April 6-9 To Have Colorful Backdrop

WILMINGTON, N. C. - The Springtime floral peak in the city and at nearby plantation gardens will coincide with the 20th annual North Carolina Azalea Festival at Wilmington on April 6-9.

The municipally-owned Greenfield Gardens will provide a colorful backdrop for the Azalea Festival. Arnold Peterson, director of the Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department, says the azaleas should be "almost at their peak for the Festival." He also said other flowering plants and shrubs would be in bloom, making the scenic drive around Greenfield Lake one of "our

Queen of Wayne County fair last year, she was also selected Miss North Carolina High School in 1966, was Miss Congeniality for North Carolina High Schools in 1966, was all conference Cheer Leader in 1966.

Outstanding throughout high school. Pam and her official chaperon, Mrs. Carl Scheer, wife of the Jaycee vice president in charge of sports, were guests of Allied Chemical Co. on a shopping trip to New York where she was allowed to select 20 Caprolan outfits.

Continued mild weather for the next week or 10 days will bring out near-full bloom of the city's more than a million azaleas and other floral displays, and the forecast is the same for the formal gardens atorton Plantation and at Air-



Highway Patrolmen serving Duplin County are (l. to r.): S. T. Joyner, J. S. Bradley, K. R. Ross, T. G. Brooks, W. T. Evans, and Corporal H.

A. Hooper. Absent when the picture was made, was Arthur Butler and T. A. Bryan. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

Town Election Interest Lagging

Residents of towns in Duplin County appear to be less than mildly interested in their town government, if this may be judged by the number of persons filing for office. Several town clerks report that today no candidate has filed for any office.

These offices are very important and the progress of the entire county might well be affected by the decisions made by any one group.

With so much at stake in the progress of Duplin County interested and qualified persons are urged to file for these important offices, and do his part to continue the progress of his town and county.

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Filing Deadline

Filing deadline for candidates for Mayor and Commissioners for Beulaville has been extended to April 15. A public meeting will be on Tuesday night, April 11, at 7:30 held at the Beulaville Elementary School for the purpose of nominating candidates to run in the election.

Grocery Store In Magnolia Robbed

Petty thievery continues in Duplin County with another business establishment being broken into and robbed sometime Friday night.

Wadsworth's Grocery in Magnolia, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wadsworth, was relieved of around \$100 in groceries, cigarettes, chewing gum, rolaids and Stanback headache powders.

The lock at the front door, where entry was gained, had been picked. The back door was used for exit.

Spelling Bee

Janet Redwine, 12 year old daughter of Dr. and MRS. Oscar L. Redwine of Kenansville, was winner of the Spelling Bee held at Kenansville Elementary School last week. Janet is a seventh grade student and by winning the preliminary contest she will represent her school at the County wide Spelling Bee with nineteen schools competing.

The county wide event will take place in the Kenansville Elementary School Auditorium Tuesday morning, April 11th at 10 a.m.

Teenagers Arrested For Stealing

Two teenage boys have been jailed in Kenansville on a charge of stealing 905 lbs. of shelled corn and three bags of hogfeed.

David Manley, 18 year old negro of Magnolia and William Dobson 17, also a negro of Willard, were caught red handed at a feed mill in Warsaw where Manley had just unloaded the loot, Manley was arrested at the mill and his accomplice, William Dobson, was arrested later in Pender County.

David had just unloaded the stolen goods and was waiting to be paid said deputy Glenn Jernigan, who was assisted by Deputy Irvin Outlaw.

Melvin Bostic who lives about six miles southeast of Kenansville had reported the robbery from his farm to the sheriffs office.



Mayor Dan J. Fussell, Sr. of Rose Hill thanks Dr. C. F. Hawes for his aid to further Rose Hills Beautification Program. Old Store on Railroad Street owned by Dr. Hawes is being demolished and removed. (Photo by Gene Pierce)

Rose Hill Mayor Announces Beautification Drive

In cooperation with the Governor's Beautification Committee and with the local Beautification Committee for which Mr. Dennis W. Ramsey is chairman, Mayor Dan J. Fussell of Rose Hill has issued a proclamation requesting that all citizens of Rose Hill observe the month of May as clean-up paint-up and anti-litter month. Litter is a disgrace, caused by the individual and only the individual can prevent it.

"Litter is unsightly, and decreases the value of your property. It is also a health hazard. It creates a breeding ground for disease-carrying rodents and insects. We must make every citizen an excellent outdoor housekeeper if Rose Hill is to be the beautiful town we want it to be," said the Mayor.

Effective litter prevention involves a change in personal habits and manners. Therefore it is important to enlist the aid of every citizen and especially the very young if we are to mold attitudes and influence behavior habits for the future.

The campaign will open on Monday May 1st in Rose Hill. Mr. Dennis W. Ramsey is chairman of the local committee and would appreciate your cooperation. The committee would like any suggestions for the effectiveness of the drive and a note saying you will cooperate with this month long effort.

A beginning has been made in Rose Hill. Some of the unsightly buildings are being leveled in the down town area. The effort to remove the old bricks off the lot on which the new Town Hall, Fire Department, Etc. has received new impetus, and it is hoped that with the arrival of warm weather this work will move much faster and will soon be completed.

The cooperation of every citizen is earnestly requested by the Mayor and Mr. Ramsey. The committee for this project is composed of Dennis W. Ramsey, chairman, Dan J. Fussell, Mayor, Harvey Braddy and Charles Hall.

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Crech Resigns

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners in regular session on Monday, April 3rd, accepted the resignation of Josh Crech as Constable for Warsaw Township. Mr. Crech and his wife have moved to Raleigh.

Roger V. Phillips was appointed as Constable for Warsaw Township to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Crech.

Two North Duplin High School students have been selected to attend the Governor's School of North Carolina, a summer program for gifted high school students. The school will be held at Salem College, Winston-Salem, for eight weeks this summer.



Juanita Brock, a 17 year old rising senior, will be offered experiences in the academic area of English. She is the daughter of MR. AND Mrs. Leslie F. Brock of Calypso.



Gerald Bell, a 15 year old rising junior, will be offered experiences in the academic area of mathematics. He is the son of MR. AND Mrs. Delmas E. Bell of Route 2, Mount Olive.

In order to be nominated for the Governor's School, a student must have demonstrated intelligence, interest, and aptitude. Candidates nominated for the academic areas have their applications examined and screened by a state-wide committee selected by the Governor's School.

Open House At Reeves Brothers, Inc., April 15

Reeves Brothers, Inc. announces "Open House Tours" of its Comfy Home Furnishing Division Kenansville Plant and facilities which will be held for the general public on Saturday, April 15, 1967 during the hours of 12 Noon until 6:00 P.M.

In March of 1966, a training program was started in the Quinn Store Building located on Main Street, Kenansville, N. C. In preparation for moving into a new building being built north of Kenansville. In July of 1966, we occupied the new building, and we are very proud of this building which contains 100,000 square feet, completely airconditioned, and properly lighted. We hope that everyone in the immediate communities will come in to see our plant and facilities," stated Mr. Joe D. Moore, Executive Vice-President.

"Currently, we are employing approximately 250 people and we expect this number to reach 325 when we reach the peak of operation.

"We are manufacturing throws which are used to cover home furniture and a complete line of decorative pillows at the Kenansville Plant.

"We feel that our selection of this area in Duplin County has been a wise one, and we look forward to a successful operation from this location in our Home Furnishing Division."