

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, April 10:  
 Killed to Date.....350  
 Killed To Date Last Year..423

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# DUPLIN'S STORY IS STORY OF PROGRESS

### Trial & Error

I come to my column this week with a humble heart. Sad, yes very sad, because of the loss of my Mother. Yet, I realize that all of us were most fortunate to have had Mother as long as we did - she would have been 85 in July.

Death is such an ominous thing, yet, it is through death in a family that we discover we have so many wonderful and thoughtful friends.

I had planned to use my Mother's life for my Mother's Day Editorial this year - but then I thought: How could one describe Mother? She was such a wonderful person. She was dignified, without snobbery; proud without haughtiness; humble without being pushed around; sweet without being insincere. She was endowed with a deep religious faith without being a fanatic. With all of this she was a beautiful woman who loved pretty clothes and to look her very best - yet clothes were not her master.

Next to her family her church was her greatest love and she had an influence on every life which she touched. It was most gratifying to hear her Sunday School students, who are now grown men and women, speak so highly of her.

H. W. Beecher said: "When the sun goes below the horizon, he is not seen, the heavens glow for a full hour after his departure, - and when a great and good man sets, the sky of this world is luminous long after he is out of sight. - Such a man cannot die out of this world. - When he goes he leaves behind much of himself. - Being dead he speaks."

Ruth

### Wrecks With Minor Injuries

Carl Jean Benson, white, male, 16, of Route 2, Warsaw and Kenneth Donald Turner, white male 19 of Warsaw were involved in a wreck on Saturday night at 10:35 p.m. on U. S. 117, seven-tenths of a mile South of Warsaw.

Benson received lacerations of the ear and was admitted to Duplin General Hospital for observation. Turner had lacerations of the head and a fractured nose. He was admitted to Seymour Johnson Hospital in Goldsboro.

Benson was driving a 1964 Rambler and Turner a 1965 Buick. Damage to the Rambler was \$700, a total loss and to the Buick the damage amounted to about \$1500.

Both vehicles were travelling North on U. S. 117. The Rambler attempted to make a left turn at the time the Buick was attempting to pass. The Buick struck the Rambler in the rear with his front, causing the Rambler to overturn and rest on its top on the West shoulder. The Buick came to rest on the left shoulder also.

Patrolman Joyner, state that investigation is continuing.

On Sunday night at 9 p.m., three miles North of Beulaville on rural paved road 1700, Rosalee McArthur Bachelor white male, 24, of Rose Hill Route 2, had an accident. He was operating a 1966 Chevrolet, travelling West and ran off on the right shoulder, overturned on his side in the road ditch.

The Kenansville rescue squad picked him up and admitted him to Duplin General Hospital. He had received two lacerations on the right side of his head. His car was a total loss.

Batchelor was charged with possession of non-tax paid whiskey.

Patrolman Joyner stated that he investigated seven wrecks, most of them minor from Friday afternoon until Sunday night.



Reeves Brothers, manufacturers of Comfy Home products, is the newest industry to come to Duplin County. With 100,000 square feet of floor space in the plant, and more than two hundred employees, Reeves Brothers is a welcome addition to the county and to its economy. Reeves Brothers invites you to Open House Saturday, April 15.

## "Open House" At Reeves Brothers

Reeves Brothers, Inc., is cordially invited to attend their new plant in Duplin County during the summer of 1966 near The Country Squire between Kenansville and Warsaw.

The new air-conditioned building is approximately 100,000 square feet.

OPEN HOUSE will be held on Saturday, April 15, from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 P.M. The public

### CORRECTION!

Last week this newspaper stated in error that the filing deadline for town election in Kenansville was April 15th. This should have been April 22nd. We are glad to make this correction and urge all interested persons to take notice.

## The Kenans Of Duplin - Genealogy

By: Claude Hunter Moore

The three Kenan brothers, Felix, Thomas, and William, came to North Carolina around 1733, from Port O'Ferry, Northern Ireland. They either landed at Brunswick Town or Wilmington, and received land grants in the northern part of New Hanover County, which became Duplin County in 1749.

The Kenan brothers established plantations and were large slave holders. They raised flax, rice, corn, wheat, and foods for home consumption; they owned herds of cattle, hogs and sheep. They were also engaged in the tar and turpentine industry. In religion, the Kenans were generally members of the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches.

William Kenan was a member of Capt. John Sampson's Company of Militia which was formed in 1748, when there was danger of the Spanish landing at Cape Fear. He is believed to have married and settled in the Grove settlement, near Kenansville, and to have later settled in New Hanover County where he died in 1774.

Felix Kenan received land grants in the vicinity of Turkey and Faison. He was the first sheriff of Duplin County and was for many years a vestryman of St. Gabriel's Parish (Courthouse and St. Gabriel's Church were located west of Warsaw). He represented Duplin County in the Colonial Assembly, and was land agent and attorney for Henry McCulloch.



Thomas Kenan discusses with John N. (Nick) Kalmar plans for the restoration of Liberty Hall, home of his ancestors. Mr. Kenan is very pleased with the progress being made and expects the restoration to be completed by fall. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

By: P. R. Ralford

Duplin County continues to grow industrially and takes pride in the new industries locating in the county as well as the established industries that are expanding and adding new industrial employment opportunities. Reeves Brothers, one of America's larger textile firms, occupied a new 100,000 square foot building at Kenansville in July, 1966. This plant is located on a 128-acre site and manufactures decorative pillows and other home furnishings.

Southeastern Farmers' Grain Elevator Corporation, a cooperative of over 1,200 farmers, completed construction on a 500,000-bushel capacity grain elevator in late summer and received the first shipment of grain on September 1, 1966. This facility cost in excess of \$700,000 and is located on a 21-acre site. The grain elevator will boost the production of grain in the area by providing the farmer with a market and also provide a source of supply to the industries in the county serving the broiler and turkey industry.

Ramsey Feed Company, Nash Johnson & Sons' Farms, Inc. and Charles F. Cates & Sons made additions to their plants during the year.

A turkey processing plant - Wallace Turkey Farms, Inc. - was announced in November; and construction will get under way during the early part of 1967 and is expected to be completed and in operation by July, 1967. This facility will cost \$1,250,000 and will be located on a 57-acre site.

James Sprunt Institute, a technical education center, occupied its new facility at the beginning of the new school year in September. It is located on a 50-acre campus at Kenansville. The school has been in existence over two years and has been using space in the various county schools and community buildings. Plans for new buildings on the campus are being made and construction will get under way when funds are made available for these expansions.

The Duplin County schools experienced considerable progress during the year, including a much needed administration building for the superintendent and his staff. This building was completed and occupied during the early part of December and is located in Kenansville. A gymnasium for the James Kenan High School was recently completed and a gymnasium at East Duplin High School has been completed. Lunch rooms has been added at Chinquapin, Teachey and the P. E. Williams schools. A school bus garage was built to replace an old structure, and the county is now capable of giving top service to its fleet of buses transporting children to the various

county schools.

Extended telephone service for Beulaville, Kenansville, Warsaw and Faison was initiated on December 8, and it is now possible to call free of LD charges between these communities. Additional service equipment has been added to the telephone exchanges in other towns in the county which makes it possible for the citizens to secure improved service.

New buildings to house the AEC stores at Warsaw, Wallace, Kenansville and Faison were completed during the year. These buildings were constructed in such manner that they can be converted for other types uses in the future.

On August 27, 1966, a special hospital bond election was favorably approved by a vote of the people authorizing a 50-room addition to the Duplin General Hospital costing in excess of \$2,000,000. In addition to the 50 new private rooms with private baths which will be fully air-conditioned, other improvements planned will include enlargement of the emergency room and out-patient department; enlarged X-Ray Department.

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## BRIEFS

**File For Re-election**  
 J. Ed Strickland of Warsaw has filed to succeed himself as Mayor of Warsaw in the election to be held May 2nd, in the Town Hall in Warsaw.

Filing for commissioners were: George Clerk, D. L. Matthews, E. C. Thompson, Fred Revelle, and Larry P. McCullen, all incumbents.

## Municipal Assn. To Meet

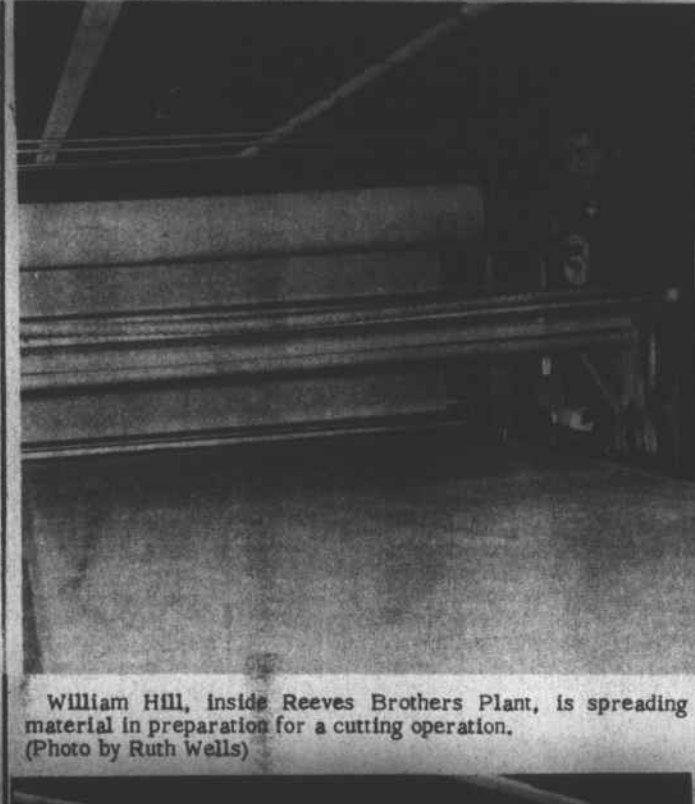
Duplin Municipal Association will hold its quarterly meeting at the Country Squire of Warsaw, April 20 at 7:00 p.m., rather than Teachey. The program will be on community planning and development. Guests of the organization will be the Duplin County Commissioners, and the board of directors of the Industrial Development Commission.

## Elected Officer

Miss Mary Beth Hunter of Beulaville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hunter, was elected secretary of Pi Omega Pi honorary business education society at East Carolina College for the 1967-68 school year.

## N. B. Grady Buys Registered Angus Bull

N. B. Grady, Kenansville, recently purchased an Aberdeen-Angus bull from Joseph Williams, Rose Hill, North Carolina.



William Hill, inside Reeves Brothers Plant, is spreading material in preparation for a cutting operation. (Photo by Ruth Wells)



Larry Lane of the cutting department is cutting piece goods in preparation for the stitching operation. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

## Winner of the Duplin County Spelling Bee

WINNER OF THE DUPLIN COUNTY SPELLING BEE Neil Edwards (left) Center is the runner-up, Mary Rose Andrews of Chinquapin, Assistant Superintendent Byron Teachey is shown (right) presenting the badge to Neil Edwards.

## Niel Edwards Wins Spelling Bee

An eighth grade student in the Beulaville Elementary School won the Duplin County Spelling Bee at the Kenansville Elementary School Tuesday morning, April 11th.

Neil Edwards, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Edwards of Beulaville was declared winner when the runner up, Mary Rose Andrews, missed the word "rebutal."

The annual Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Wilmington Star-News, and the winner and runner up will compete against each other in the Regional Bee to be held in Wilmington, May 6th.

## Candidates Nominated For Beulaville Commissioners

A public meeting was held at the Beulaville Elementary School Tuesday night for the purpose of nominating candidates to run in the town election. Former Mayor Gordon S. Muldrow was master of ceremonies.

Nominated from the floor for Town Commissioners were: Delmar Houston, Leland Grady, Joe Edwards, Raleigh Lanier,

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