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TRUCK ACCIDENT KILLS TWO - Two men were killed when the truck in which they were riding overturned 3.6 miles northwest of Kenansville on SR 1301 at 1:40 p.m. Monday. Dead were Marcus Bradshaw, 18, and Bryant Ettie Williams, 66, both of Route 1, Teachey. The driver, Wade Junior Herrin of Route 1, Teachey, escaped injury. Bradshaw was killed instantly when thrown from the vehicle as it overturned. Williams was still alive when the Faison and Warsaw Rescue Squads arrived. He was pinned in the wreckage and died while rescue efforts were underway. State Highway Patrolman B. F. Smith said the truck apparently ran off the right side of the road, swerved back across

the road on the edge of a field, and into a swampy wooded area where it overturned. He said there were no indications of tire skid marks on the road, and that one rear tire was flat. No charges have been made at presstime. The men were apparently carrying a load of banana peppers to the Faison market when the mishap occurred. A witness to the accident, Lewis Taylor of Warsaw, said he saw the truck go off the side of the road and overturn. Taylor, an employee of Ernest Taylor Construction of Faison, called the company on his car telephone and told them of the accident. They, in turn, called the Sheriff's Department. (Photo by Joe Lanier)

Tom Hull, Alias Phenius Pickett The Peddler In Liberty Cart

By Tammy Howard

The first thing you learn about Tom Hull is he's got both a positive attitude and a sense of humor. A native of Durham, when asked to play the part of Phenius Pickett in *The Liberty Cart*, he looked Kenansville up in the atlas. Amazingly, it was there. He's been everything from a cook to a bartender to a florist. He has plants, fishes, and likes Kenansville because "you can go barefoot." Yet there must be more to this man who has been a director he plays in Germany, and majored in marine biology at ECU, and once ran a restaurant in New York called "Tacky But Tasty Carolina Cuisine." Once you've spent one short hour with him, one tends to feel there is more to life than just merely existing.

His eyes are deep set in a cloudy face that appears when he is deciding something. One can sense the country air around him and begin to appreciate the beauty of Kenansville at sunset for the first time.

Mentioning the upcoming *Liberty Cart* opening, a flood of questions hit you. "Involvement, exciting, spectacular, entertaining." His eyes light up when he tells you about the "new battle scenes are so fabulous. There's guns and



Tom plays the part of Phenius Pickett, a peddler who travels through Duplin County's history. At the end of the play an old man, Jonathan, tells Phenius everyone has a star. When asked about this scene, Tom said, "The stars are the only companions Phenius has. He is a people collector!"

The *Liberty Cart*, which traces the Kenan family through metamorphoses, challenges one to look at life. The Kenans who struggle through war and separation, yet remain together, exemplify the human perseverance. The theme is best said by Tom, "Life is always a struggle, yet there's always a reward. There is always God."

**The Liberty Cart
Opens July 7**

"The Liberty Cart" is nearing the opening of its second season. The opening night is July 7. The play will be quite different this year. Some changes include: the set design, the use of fireworks, and many other special effects.

The drama can still use all the volunteers available.

Oh, it's going to be an entertaining . . . So much more exciting than last year. . . It's like doing a whole new show!"

36 Arrested On Alcohol Violations In Duplin

State and local law enforcement officials began the largest alcoholic raids in Duplin late Saturday and Sunday, arresting 36 persons on charges of illegally possessing and selling beer and liquor.

Around 170 different warrants were served beginning at about 10:30 p.m. Saturday and extending into early Sunday morning. The majority of arrests were on charges of reselling taxpaid liquor. Five were charged with engaging in a game of chance, and several were charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

The county-wide raid, which included 16 nightspots, was the climax to an investigation that began in February. Sixty law enforcement officers, representing police from several communities, the Sheriff's office, the State Bureau of Investigation, and the Highway Patrol conducted the raid. An undercover agent with Alcoholic Law Enforcement, reportedly purchased alcohol from many of the violators charged during the four-month investigation.



MASS ARREST - Those arrested in the raids were booked at temporary desks set up in the Duplin County Courthouse in the courthouse in Kenansville. Workers were completing paper work involved in the arrest of 36 persons on 179 warrants in the series of raids on night spots, homes, clubs and stores late Saturday and Sunday by state and county law enforcement officials. In the raids, 36 persons were arrested. (Photo by Joe Lanier)

Establishments raided with evidence confiscated included: The Little House on the Prairie, Route 1, Magnolia, owned by Buckwell James, who was charged; Bill Smith's Place, Register's Crossroads, Bill Hall arrested; Royal Garden Club, S. Pine Street, Warsaw, owned by Thurman Morrissey and licensed as a private club with the Board of Alcoholic Beverages; Skinney Kelly's Place, Deep Bottom area, Route 2, Wallace, owned by Alonza Kelly; Edge of Night Club, Route 1, Wallace, owned by Eloise McMillan; Mom's Lounge, Greennevers area, owned by Lillian Farrior; Log Cabin of Teachey, owned by William H. Flowers; Lee's Motel and Country Club, Route 1, Magnolia, owned by George Henry Lee; Jerry Lee Pickett, located near the Northeast River bridge crossing, N.C. Hwy. 24, north of Beulaville; Island Creek Social Club, Teachey, owned by Jesse James Batts of Wilmington; Warsaw Pool Parlor, Warsaw, owned by J. D. Williams; and The Friendly Spot

(Oaks Park), Kenansville area.

Those facing the most counts were John David Williams of Warsaw and George Henry Lee of Magnolia. Williams was released on \$1,200 bond, and Lee on \$1,000 bond. Charges against Williams included possession of liquor for the purpose of selling, operating a gambling house, and simple possession of marijuana. Officers also found five persons engaged in a game of chance when they raided the premises of the pool hall operated by Williams. The five were charged and the gambling table was held for evidence.

All suspects were taken to Duplin Courthouse when arrested. The suspects appeared before Magistrates Dot Williams of Warsaw and James Franklin Williamson of Kenansville, who were both in the courtroom and set bond.

According to officials, it may be another week before all charges have been filed and all persons arrested.



CONFISCATED MATERIAL - Below is a portion of the 1,230 cans of beer, 20 gallons of whiskey, moonshine, marijuana, gambling tables, playing cards and punchboards confiscated in the Saturday and Sunday raids. (Photo by Joe Lanier)

Fire Destroys Residence

The residence of David and Irene Jones, two miles east of Warsaw on State Rode 1305, burned to the ground early Monday. The couple was in Norfolk, Va. at the time of the fire and the house was unoccupied.

David Rouse, a neighbor, saw

the flames about 2 a.m. Monday and called the Warsaw Fire Department. Fire Chief Frank Steed said the building was down when the firemen arrived.

It was an eight-room, one-story frame dwelling with a beauty shop attached. The house and contents were a total

loss, along with a 1976 car parked in a carport. Another car was severely damaged. No loss estimate was available Monday.

However, Jones, a paraplegic, lost some valuable special equipment in the blaze, the cause of which is unknown.

Sheriff's Report

The Duplin County Sheriff's Department reported it is investigating the report of Robert M. Pope, Route 1, Kenansville. A record player-tape deck and AM-FM radio combination and recorder, valued at \$800, were taken from his residence on RPR 1517.

Tony Parker, Route 1, Beulaville, reported the window in the door of his pick-up truck was broken while parked a mile east of Kenansville. Damage was estimated at \$50.

A Lincoln welder, valued at \$115, was reportedly stolen from Waylon Thompson's barn on RPR 1536 near Seven Springs.

Johnny Dancy of Route 1, Warsaw, reported the theft of a 45-pound pig valued at \$25. It was taken from a pen a mile west of Warsaw.

Maggie Williams of Route 1, Magnolia, reported the loss of a stack of plywood taken from a construction site on SR 117.

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Kenansville To Receive \$94,105

Kenansville Mayor Douglas Judge received word from the North Carolina Division of Health Services and the North Carolina Division of Environmental Management on Tuesday, June 28th, that the Town of Kenansville had received a grant of \$43,380 for waterworks improvements and \$50,725 for sewer improvements. These grants are made possible under the Clean Water Bond Act of 1971, and are to supplement an application that is being submitted to the Farmers' Home Administration.