

Mrs. Anne H. Bunch Nominee Selected



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Public Parade

Shocking Values

Motorists along the Public Parade this month have posted a shocking record, primarily where it involves hit and run driving. Chowan County is the smallest in Tar Heelia yet within a period of just over three weeks two hit and run accidents have been recorded, one resulting in death.

The value of human life is zilch! People are being stoned. Others are being shot down in cold blood. Still others are being beaten and left along the highways for dead. And yes, at least one lost his life as he meandered along the Public Parade.

And, yes, it is all happening at a time when added citizen emphasis is being placed on law and order. Somewhere along the line there has been misplaced emphasis; an attitude or survival of the fittest; of less control over one's self.

It was on July 3 when Willie Williams, 35, was walking along Highway 32 near Virginia Fork. Three truck drivers discovered him at about 6 A.M. and he was rushed to nearby Chowan Hospital. He later underwent extensive surgery at Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

Mr. Williams is now successfully recovering from his injuries. The case has been labeled a hit and run; others have different theories. Regardless of the circumstances, those responsible for this dastardly act have not been apprehended.

The victim has worked as a farm laborer for Tom Francis for 15 years. Because of genuine concern, Mr. Francis has posted a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the crime.

It was about 2:50 P.M. Saturday when Oliver Lee Dillard, Jr., 47, was also walking along Highway 32, some 10 miles north of Edenton. He was struck by a vehicle allegedly operated by Ralph Britton Ward, 63. Just over three hours later the pedestrian died in Chowan Hospital.

State Trooper M. J. McArthur has labeled the accident a hit and run. Mr. Ward faces five serious counts, including manslaughter. The cases are now in Chowan County District Court.

Here we have two somewhat similar incidents. Mr. Williams was hit and left for dead. Mr. Dillard was hit and died. Those responsible for the first accident are at large. Mr. Ward is being held responsible for Mr. Dillard's death.

They are both sad, sad commentaries about the shocking lack of value placed on human life along the Public Parade. If this doesn't cause your concern, you're tough!

Noted And Passed

It has been said that not knowing which end is up makes it quite difficult when you are ready to sit down. That is the type confusion

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Mrs. Anne H. Bunch, Route 1, Tyner, has been chosen by the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee to replace the late Lester Copeland on the November ballot as county commissioner from Third Township. She was the overwhelming choice of the committee and is being recommended for appointment to fill the unexpired term which runs until December 1.

The committee met at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant Monday night. Mrs. Bunch, who would become the first woman to sit on the board, received 45 of the 52 votes. Jim Hare and Gordon Boyce were the others nominated.

Mrs. Bunch met informally with members of the county board Tuesday afternoon. However, The Chowan Herald learned Wednesday that the board is not expected to make a decision on Mr. Copeland's replacement at the regular meeting Monday.

The nominee said in an interview Tuesday afternoon that she appreciates the "faith and trust" demonstrated by her overwhelming selection. She also said she is grateful to Mrs. Copeland for her recommendation and endorsement.

"I am interested in what goes on in the county, but have never participated in politics previously," the attractive nominee said. "I am quite honored...and am aware of the great responsibilities which have come my way."

Mrs. Bunch added that she will do her very best to fulfill the "trust, not only to them (party

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Tale Of Two Cities

Elkin (Population 2,755)



Edenton (Population 5,138)



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TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPER — William O. Myers is shown here with preliminary options for a townhouse development on West Queen Street at Pembroke Creek. Myers expects construction of the 20-unit project will begin by October 1.



Serious Road Accidents

The second hit and run accident in Chowan County this month has left a Negro man dead and an elderly motorist charged with five criminal violations.

A probable cause hearing will be held in Chowan County District Court on August 26 in the case

where Ralph Britton Ward, 63, Route 1, Tyner, is charged with manslaughter in the hit and run death Saturday of Oliver Lee Dillard, Jr., 47, Route 1, Edenton.

Ward also faces charges of reckless driving, drunk driving, second offense, hit and run, and failure to report an accident.

On July 3 another hit and run accident occurred on Highway 32, just north of Edenton. Willie Williams, a farm laborer from Thomas Francis for the past 15 years survived the accident. No charges have been lodge and Francis has posted a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

Williams was found about 6 A.M. on the Thursday morning. He was

taken to nearby Chowan Hospital and later transferred to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City. He underwent four and one-half hours of surgery, suffering from a fractured right thigh and shin bone, fractured left ankle, abdominal injuries and lacerations.

The State Highway Patrol, SBI

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Guns Are Stolen

Edenton Police Department is still investigating a break-in at Parker-Evans Hardware the night of July 18 in which guns valued at \$2,868.15 were stolen.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said 14 weapons were taken after entry was gained by crossing the roof on an adjacent building and entering the hardware store through a skylight.

Development Planned

A 20-unit townhouse development on Pembroke Creek is planned with construction to begin by October 1, according to William O. Myers. Purchasers will have 10 units to select from and prices will be in the \$60,000 to \$80,000 range.

Myers says Pembroke Manor Townhouses will be located on a two-acre track on West Queen Street. The site is part of the Old

Fish Hatchery.

The developer said Soils Engineering Analysis, Inc., of Virginia Beach, Va., has rendered an opinion that the property is suitable for multi-family houses if they are placed on pile foundation.

Talbot & Associates serves as architects and engineers.

Myers, who moved here in November, 1979, said he is sensitive to preserving the historic aspect of the community while bringing about progress. The retired Navy aviator's last project before moving to Edenton was the restoration of a pre-Civil War home in Lincoln, Va.

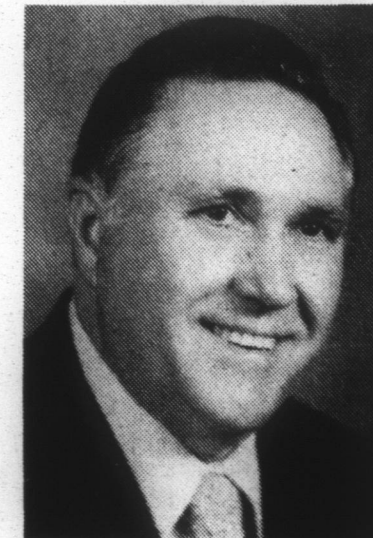
The developer said the townhouses would be located on a well landscaped site with piers, boat slips and either a tennis court or swimming pool. They will be Kingsberry Homes and will be completely energy efficient.

Senator Named

Lt. Gov. James C. Green announced today the appointment of Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston and Sen. R. P. Thomas of Hendersonville to the Environmental Management Commission of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Membership of the commission was expanded by the 1980 Session of the General Assembly, and these initial appointments by the Lt. Gov. are for terms expiring January 31, 1981. The commission has the responsibility of promulgating rules and

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Sen. J. J. Harrington

Bloodmobile Visit, Tues., August 5th — 12 Noon Until 6:00 P. M.
NEW LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE, WATER STREET