

Artists Conception of Edenton United Methodist Church

Vacant Seat On Edenton's Town Council To Be Filled By Mrs. Marina Crummey

For almost three months members of the council have held deliberations to fill the council seat that was left open by the untimely resignation of Allen Hornthal.

Tuesday night at a "special call meeting" of the Town Council, Marina Crummey, Child Support Enforcement Agent for the Dept.

of Social Services, was named to fill that void. Other hopefuls for the position were Melvin Lane, Oscar White, Wilbur Pierce and Gayle Gieseke.

Crummey, who was nominated for the position by Councilman Steve Hampton, collected three votes from the five councilman. Councilman W.H. Hollowell nominated Gayle Gieseke who collected the other two votes.

"I am very honored to be appointed first woman on the Town Council," said Crummey, a Washington County native who has lived in Chowan County since 1957.

The meeting was also called to appoint a new fire chief at the Edenton Fire Department. Town Administrator Sam Noble recommended Len Perry hold the position of acting Fire Chief for a six month tenure. He has been associated with the E.F.D. for 23 years.

Also covered in Tuesday's night meeting was the proposed and recommended budget for the Fiscal Year 1981 - 82. The budget, as well as each individual fund within the budget, is balanced in its entirety, as required by the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The Ad Valorem Tax rate will be based upon an assessed valuation

of \$97,635,299 and a tax collection rate of 93 per cent.

The above tax rate represents a \$0.30 decrease from Fiscal Year 1981 - 1982's \$0.79 tax rate; however it should be noted that Chowan County conducted a property tax revaluation during Fiscal Year 1981 - 1982. The Chowan County property tax revaluation resulted in Edenton's assessed valuation increasing by approximately \$36,591,380.

The proposed \$0.49 per \$100 valuation property tax rate, as well as the entire budget, was derived after numerous meetings with department heads and the Finance Committee.

Also a 5 per cent raise was proposed for municipal employees. Line items such as maintenance and repair, gas, oil, supplies, uniforms, and memberships were reviewed individually for each department and set accordingly.

In the category of telephone, postage, printing, advertising, and utilities, each department's line items reflect inflationary increases but have held the quantity at present levels.

The line item for travel and training for each department was set in accordance with past usage and need. The Electrical Fund

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Public Parade

Ambitious Project

Edenton United Methodist Church is just 10 days away from starting construction of a sanctuary on Virginia Road, adjacent to Chowan Hospital. And 13 months from now, when the second phase of an ambitious building program is completed, the church will have an investment in excess of \$1,250,000.

As Dizzy Dean used to say, "Bragging isn't bragging if you can prove it." And this is exactly what Methodists along the Public Parade will do in the next few days.

Sunday is Visitation Sunday in the church's Capital Funds Campaign. The "visitors", headed by Mrs. Esther Crisanti, will have lunch at the church following the regular worship service. Calls to the homes of resident members will begin Sunday afternoon and will continue into the week until each family has been contacted.

Victory Sunday, with a Church - Charge Conference and Ground - breaking for the new sanctuary, is planned for 11 A.M. on May 30.

A contract has been negotiated with Edenton Construction Company, contractor for the first phase which was first occupied in May, 1979. Design Associates of Statesville is architect for the project.

So, when the sanctuary is completed in mid - 1983, Edenton United Methodist Church will have completed an ambitious project. The edifice will stand as a tower of faith and strength, not only for Methodists but as a symbol of a community that cares.

'Interviews' Unlawful

When members of the Edenton Town Council recessed last Tuesday evening's meeting and went into executive session to "interview" possible candidates for a vacant council seat they broke the state's Open Meeting law. And if the council members plan to hide behind the "personnel" exemption they are not at all covered.

North Carolina law is explicit about matters to be discussed in an executive session. In simple terms the acceptable topics are personnel matters, land acquisition, and possible law suits. To say that discussion as a group with candidates for a council seat is acceptable stretches the law beyond legal limits.

It is agreed that it is convenient for the board members to question possible appointees as a group. But it is against the law to do as much.

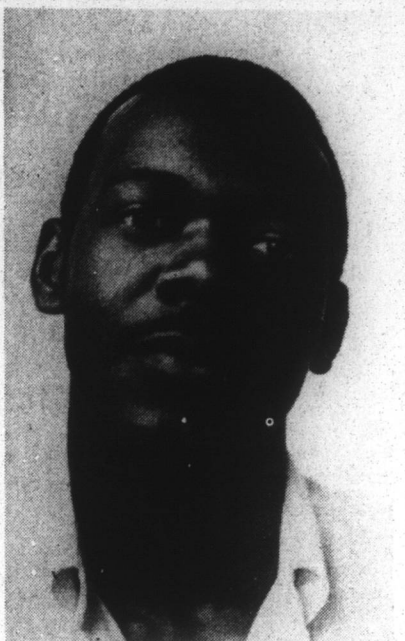
Town Council is already tardy in filling the seat vacated by Dr. Allen L. Hornthal. To speed up the process at this late date by unlawful interviews won't wash. The councilmen are headed for deep trouble if this continues.

Retain Net Coach

Mrs. Terri Ranson plans to step down as a teacher at John A. Holmes High School but she desires to remain as coach of the girl's tennis team. Edenton - Chowan Board of Education should honor Mrs. Ranson's request.

The obstacle before the board is a rule in the N.C. High School Athletic Association that coaches must come from within the school system's teachers. If this is not

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Richard Williams

Williams To Serve Herald Internship

Richard L. Williams, Route 3, Edenton, has joined The Chowan Herald as an intern in the News Department. Williams will work during the summer months as a general assignment reporter-photographer.

The staff assistant is a rising senior at N.C. A&T State University in Greensboro. He is majoring in journalism and expects to graduate in May, 1983. He anticipates a career in either newspaper or broadcasting.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., editor and publisher of The Herald, said Williams has had a broad range of courses in his major and has already gained practical experience as a member of the A&T student publication. "Richard is a local student who will be of valuable assistance to us during his internship," he added. He is a graduate of John A. Holmes High School.

Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Williams, Sr., is recipient of the Hinton Press Award and Cub Award for excellence in writing. He is sports editor-elect of the A&T campus newspaper.

Registration Books For Upcoming Election To Close On June 1

Registration books for the first and second primary elections in Chowan County will close at 5 P.M. on June 1, according to Mrs. Marjorie T. Allen, supervisor of elections.

Mrs. Allen reports that the Chowan County Board of Elections has started issuing absentee ballots for the election to be held on June 29. The last day such ballots will be issued is 5 P.M. on June 24.

Those who are eligible to vote absentee include the following:

One who expects to be absent from the county the entire time the polls are open on election day (6:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M.);

One who is unable to be present at the voting place due to physical disability or illness. (A person becoming ill after the deadline may apply for ballots if physician signs.);

And one who is incarcerated and follows prescribed procedures.

Mrs. Allen said a person may come to the election office and vote "one stop." A notary is not required. But, if the ballot is taken from the office or mailed to the person, they must vote in the presence of a notary.

A near relative may apply for absentee ballots to be sent to a registered voter.

Registration can take place at

New Issue To Be Proposed

WILMINGTON — District Engineer Col. Robert K. Hughes, Wilmington Corps of Engineers, has announced that he is proposing to issue a general permit, that would allow construction of drainage systems and other work leading to the conversion of certain forested wetlands to agriculture. The proposed general permit would apply to most of coastal North Carolina and would include Dare, Tyrrell, Hyde, Washington, Beaufort, Pamlico and Carteret counties.

The Corps and agricultural interests in Eastern North Carolina have been in dispute for more than two years over the Clean Water Act requirement for federal permits for activities necessary for converting vast areas of forested wetlands to agriculture. The Corps contends that the areas are classified as "wetlands" and that permits are required for the placement of excavated soil on such areas. This means that the construction of drainage ditches and canals requires a permit from the Corps. Those permits are not easily nor quickly issued.

The Wilmington District Corps is currently processing an application from Prulean Farms in Dare County for the construction of a drainage system and other work that will convert approximately 22,000 acres of wetlands to agriculture. Prior to receipt of that application in the fall of 1980, the Corps determined that an Environmental Impact Statement would be required. Prulean Farms agreed to cooperate in the preparation of that document.

Applications from others for permits for similar work in Hyde and Tyrrell counties have been received, but no other applicants have elected to participate in developing an EIS.

According to Hughes, the proposed general permit is being

announced at this time so that, as local, state and federal policies are being developed, "the participants may anticipate these policies being incorporated in the final general permit. This is an ambitious undertaking for us and will involve close coordination between many elements of state and federal government, but I believe the benefits to the public will be well worth the effort."

Conditions and limits to the proposed general permit will be developed over future months as recommendations and policy decisions are received from all levels of government and the public.

Inquiries concerning the permit should be directed to Charles Hollis, Chief, Regulatory Functions Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1890, Wilmington, NC 28402.



ATTEND CANCER SOCIETY MEETING — There were some Chowan Co. residents in attendance at the recent N.C. Division, American Cancer Society meeting in Charlotte. They were, left to right, Dr. Richard Hardin, N.C. Service Committee Chairman; Patricia B. Downum, Area Director; Mrs. Yates Parrish, Chowan Cancer Prevention Study II Chairman; and Joe Hollowell, Area Crusade Chairman. Not pictured - Mrs. Richard Hardin.

Holley - Brown Sign Pro Contracts

It was 1976 at 8 P.M. on a Friday night. The Edenton Aces traveled to Havelock for the second round of the state 3 - A playoffs. Anticipation filled the crowd - while the band played, "The Star - Spangled Banner."

Moments later, Willie Holley, a former standout with the Aces of John A. Holmes, would have one of his finest hours ever as he scored four touchdowns.

That year Holley was used to return kickoffs, and was always a scoring threat. He was used at defensive back. He picked off numerous errant tosses - many returned for scores. He was also ever present situated to the left of the quarterback where he nothing less than excelled.



Robert Brown

It would be safe to say that Holley was the Jack of all trades. But unlike the old fable, he was the master of 'em all. He finished among the top career rushers in the school's history.

The year 1976 was a most memorable year for Holley, who went on to star at East Carolina University in Greenville. He had his hopes set on playing in the National Football League. He was initially overlooked. He then signed with the Charlotte Chargers in the Minor League. The team folded after one year.

Upon returning to ECU to finish his studies, the NFL was still his "dream" as he worked out days and nights for countless hours.

"It's my dream," said Holley. I have to keep giving more shots (at becoming pro)."

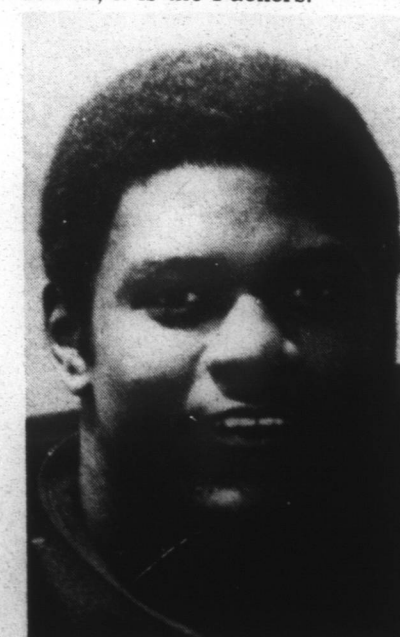
His dream could become a reality very soon. The 5-foot - 10-inch 185 - pound cornerback was signed by the Washington Redskins last month as a free agent.

While he is confident in making the Redskins' team; he also acknowledges that, "If I don't make it here there are other teams."

There are no doubts in Robert Brown's mind that there are other teams. Brown, an All - American at Chowan College and later at Virginia Tech, was drafted in the third round of the annual NFL draft by the Green Bay Packers.

"I was shocked," said the 6-foot - 3 - inch 240 - pound Brown, I couldn't believe it." Brown who has played defensive end his four collegiate years, fears that the Packers will move him to linebacker because of his 4.7 speed. Brown feels he can make the adjustment, but admits he might have problems with the backs on pass coverage.

As far as athletics are concerned, Brown and Holley are certainly two of the Aces' elites. Their next "dream" is to become an elite in another uniform. For Holley, it is the Redskins and for Brown, it is the Packers.



Willie Holley

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