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William C. Ellis' empty fishing boat is towed to the N.C. Wildlife Boat Ramp on the Chowan County side of the Chowan River. A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter help search for Ellis' body, which was found Thursday afternoon. (Staff photo by Cliff Clark)

Williamston Man Dies In Chowan River Boat Accident

By CLIFF CLARK

On Thursday afternoon rescue personnel found the body of a Williamston native missing since a boating accident on the Chowan River Wednesday morning (June 26).

According to Doug Belch, Chowan County's emergency services coordinator, William C. Ellis, 72, who resided in Windsor, probably fell out of his small boat while travelling through the waters of the Chowan River just north of the Chowan River

Bridge sometime between 7:30 am and 9 am Wednesday morning.

A passing motorist on the Chowan River Bridge made the first call alerting emergency personnel that an accident might have occurred, said Belch.

Belch said the motorist told 9-1-1 dispatchers that he noticed a small boat with no occupants moving in a circle just north of the bridge.

When emergency personnel arrived at the N.C. Wildlife Com-

mission Boat Ramp on the Chowan County side of the bridge, they saw the boat, unmanned, its motor running, in gear and travelling in a endless circle.

Emergency boats were immediately dispatched to the area and a buoy was dropped to indicate where the boat was first spotted. Rescue personnel then began their search of the area. They were joined almost immediately by a rescue helicopter

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School Board Adopts New Policies For Next Year

By REBECCA BUNCH

Policy considerations that will affect the next school year occupied the majority of the agenda considered last Thursday evening by the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. The board held two meetings during June and has no plans to meet in July.

Items approved by the board

included plans for the use of State Technology Plans for the 1995-96 school year and the North Carolina Technology Commission's Implementation Plan which will affect grades K-3 in its first year. Two grades will be added to the implementation schedule each year for five years, until all 12 grades are

covered under the plan.

Technology goals, as outlined under the newly adopted plan, are to:

- Provide access to instructional management and media automation software via a computer network
- Provide a stable infrastructure to distribute data, school and district wide

- Provide appropriate equipment to run instructional software

To enable it to achieve these goals, the school system has set the following technology strategies:

- Completely cable D.F. Walker Elementary School and White Oak Elementary

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CH Holds Gathering For Many Supporters

Approximately 125 contributors to the Chowan Hospital Foundation's 1995 Annual Fund Campaign enjoyed a July 4th Picnic at the Edenton United Methodist Church last Thursday.

The Appreciation Reception was an informal gathering hosted by Chowan Hospital to express appreciation to the many supporters who have made donations to the Foundation this year. Sandwiches and lemonade, prepared by the Hospital's Nutrition Services Staff, were served from tables appropriately decorated in the patriotic Independence Day theme.

Chowan Hospital Administrator Barbara Cale said "We are very pleased to have the chance to thank our many Foundation contributors in this small way. You will be interested to know

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Morris Small

Maurice Small Named To COA Board of Directors

Morris Small of Edenton is one of four new directors recently named to the College of the Albemarle Foundation's board of directors.

Small is the vice president and city executive for Southern Bank and Trust in Edenton. He is a 1972 COA graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree and a gra-

duate of the North Carolina School of Banking.

He is a past president of the Edenton Jaycees and is a current member of the Edenton Rotary Club.

Small is chairman of the Chowan County Medical Development Authority, treasurer of the Chowan Arts Council, a member of the Albemarle Regional Development Commission, and the Edenton United Methodist Church.

He and his wife, Susan, have three daughters, Katie, Brooke, and Lauren.

Others named to the board are: Rhonda Morris of Maple, N.C., a sexual assault counselor at Albemarle Hopeline in Elizabeth City; Jim Perry, owner of Jim Perry & Company Realtors, of Dare County; and Elizabeth City resident Tapp Robinson, who holds a B.S. degree in elementary education from East Carolina University.

Forecast For Farmers This Year Is Good

By CLIFF CLARK

Despite the unusually wet weather over the last two months, Chowan County farmers can expect another good year.

"Generally, we're in excellent shape based on other parts of the state," said Mike Williams, county manager for the local North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service office.

"We haven't gotten into a situation where we've lost crops because of the wet weather," said Williams.

However, some of this year's approximately 18,000 acre cotton crop has been slightly affected by the wet weather and a cool snap that occurred just as the seeds were planted in the spring.

"Some of the cotton crop has been delayed," said Williams. He said the delay was caused by herbicides that leached into the root system and lost their effectiveness when the cotton seed didn't germinate because of the cool snap. That in turn has hurt efforts at controlling weeds.

Williams said some replanting of cotton, generally a dry

weather crop, occurred because of that situation. But he expects the crop to gain strength, especially if we have a late frost, which will allow the bolls on the plant to reach full maturity.

Peanuts are also a crop that thrives in conditions that are a little on the dry side.

Williams said the wet weather could contribute to a decline in yields, but so far there isn't a problem. The county just needs a stretch of dry weather.

As for the other row crops in the county, Williams said the weather has been ideal for corn and he expects a bumper crop.

He said the wheat harvest is underway and its outcome appears good.

Soybeans are "excellent" condition and have established a good stand.

Chowan County's 300 acres of tobacco is also coming along and the wet weather hasn't done any harm.

He said the blue mold that is affecting tobacco crops in other parts of the state has not been found in Chowan or any adjacent counties.

2 Men Victims Of Domestic Violence

By CLIFF CLARK

Two domestic assaults during the last week have left one man dead and another wounded according to local law enforcement officials.

An Edenton woman was charged Monday with involuntary manslaughter after she allegedly mortally wounded a New York man at her home during a domestic dispute.

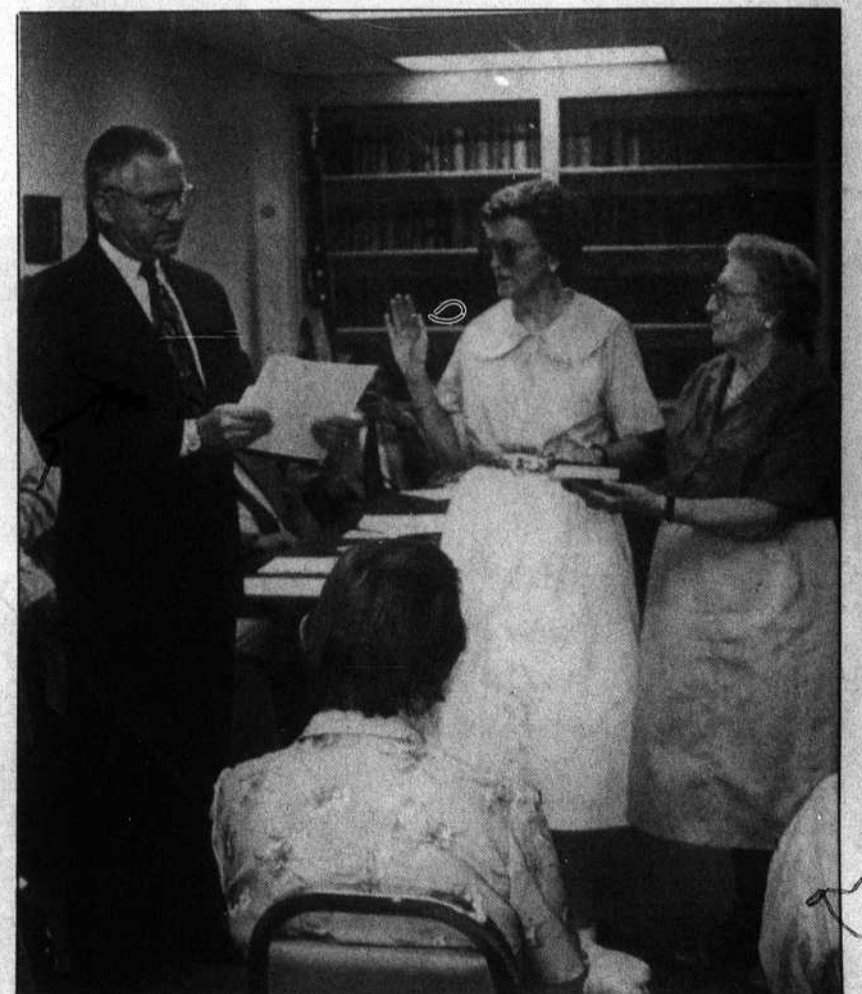
According to Edenton Police Investigator Brenda Toppin, Kent Price, 28, of Westberry, NY, died early Wednesday (June 26) morning after allegedly being stabbed in the left groin area by Dolicia White, 27, of 286 Paradise Road, Edenton.

According to Toppin, White called 9-1-1 on Tuesday night at 11:33 pm and reported the stabbing. When Edenton police officers arrived at 11:34 pm they found Price laying in the front yard of White's residence bleeding profusely from the wound that was made by a kitchen knife.

Rescue personnel arrived and transported Kent to Chowan Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 12:30 am.

According to the police report, White said that she and Kent had been fighting prior to the stabbing. Edenton police reported White had a number of bruises on her to indicate a fight

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New Register Of Deeds Sworn In

Susan S. Rountree (center) was sworn as Register of Deeds Monday morning at the Chowan County Board of Commissioner's Meeting. Rountree will serve out the term of retiring Register of Deeds, Anne K. Spruill. The oath of office was administered by Chowan County Clerk of Court Mike McArthur. Rountree's mother, Kathleen Skiles helped in the ceremony. (Staff photo by Cliff Clark)