



DE SPOOKS ER COMING—Tonight (Thursday) all sort of little goblins will be out to celebrate Halloween. There are several attractive porch and yard decorations in Edenton. One which is an eye-catcher is at the home of Dr. Archie Walker on North Broad Street. Adults and older children are being encouraged to cooperate with local authorities to make this a safe and sane Halloween.

29 Years As Chowan's Top 'Farmer'

Overman To Retire Friday

C. W. (Charlie) Overman, Chowan County extension chairman for nearly 29 years, will retire Friday. His action was prompted by a recent increase in annuity for persons who retire by October 31.

Overman had made known his intention to retire January 1, 1970. He said he regrets the sudden change in plans but the financial advantage to stepping down now was too great to overlook.

The farm leader said he plans to continue to make his home in Chowan County. "I'm looking forward to a change of pace," he stated Wednesday. "I have so many things I want to do which I have had to pass up in the past due to a busy schedule of activities within my job."

He mentioned gardening, working in his orchard and yard as well as hunting and fishing. "And, oh yes, there are all those 'Honey do' things for Miss Ruth," he added as an afterthought.

Overman said when he came to Chowan County in January, 1941, there were 1,100 farms with a gross income from farm products of \$1½ million—or \$1,450 average per farm. Last year the approximately 440 farms here had a gross income, not including federal payments, of \$7,770,000.

The extension chairman said the biggest change in agriculture he has noted

over the years has been mechanization. This is followed in line of importance by improved varieties, pest control and fertilization.

A native of Pasquotank County, Overman is a 1928 graduate of N. C. State University in Raleigh. He worked with the federal fruit and vegetable inspection service and farmed for a number of years.

He joined the extension service on May 15, 1935 as an assistant agent in Nash County. On January 8, 1936 he moved to Bertie County and on February 1, 1937 became the first fulltime extension agent in Dare County.

Overman came to Chowan from Dare in 1941, upon the death of N. K. Rowell, who had held the post since 1926.

While in Dare County he participated in the Lost Colony for four years, playing the role of Chief Manteo.

Overman is married to the former Ruth Harrell of Pasquotank County and they have four children: Charles Lee of Douglasville, Ga., Clifford of Newport News, Va., Jack of Arlington, Va., and Mrs. Ruth Bass of Chapel Hill.

The Overmans are Baptists.

Overman has been a member of the Rotary Club since April, 1937, and has led the singing for district conferences for 27 years.

In 1955 he was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the National County Agents Association. He was instrumental in getting the Chowan County Fair organized.

A Mason, Overman is past master of Unanimity Lodge No. 7. He is also active in the Albemarle Choral Society and numerous other civic endeavors.



C. W. Overman

Public Parade

A Good Highway Sign

Some of the most encouraging news to come from the "Ivory Tower" of the State Highway Building is the priority list for primary and urban road building projects.

The priority in Chowan is the U. S. 17 bypass of Edenton at the estimated cost of \$3.8 million.

This is a good highway sign. It also is another sign that Commissioner Joe Nowell has his ear to the ground and is hearing more than one voice with respect to what is best for this community.

Keep Taxes At Home

The case for a favorable vote on the local option sales tax is adequately stated in ads appearing this week in The Chowan Herald. Business and professional men have joined elected officials in presenting this all important case to the citizens of Chowan County.

It is unfortunate Tar Heelia legislators chose Tuesday as the date to vote on this tax for local government. It comes on the heels of several other taxes imposed on the state level. And if it is defeated on a wholesale basis, then future state administrations will have the penny to play with.

But this is politics. Those favoring such a tax had to go along with the date of the election in order to get Gov. Bob Scott's approval for the legislation. Since then he has stayed off this battlefield.

Nevertheless, Gov. Scott talked of "grants" to counties and cities during a news conference this week in Asheville. This should frighten those who are so concerned about less home rule. These same people have opposed the local option sales tax because it will be sent to Raleigh to be sliced up. The state would only be paid a fee for administering the tax. This would not be nearly as dangerous—especially to the smaller counties like Chowan—than letting the state keep

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Kee Is Promoted

Roy Kee, Chris-Craft Corporation's plant manager here, has been promoted and transferred to Chattanooga, Tenn. He assumed his new assignment last week.



Kee will be plant manager at a facility with more than 400 employees. The Tennessee plant builds boats in the 30 foot to 40 foot range with special emphasis on a 34-ft. houseboat.

The Tennessee plant was built in 1946 by Chris-Craft, the world's largest manufacturer of pleasure boats.

Kee replaces Harvey Ross, who retires.

The plant manager came to Edenton in February from Courtland, N. Y. He had managed Chris-Craft's plant there for four years.

The Kee family will remain here to allow the children to finish the school term.

William M. Sanford, general manager, said Kee made an outstanding contribution to the Edenton plant.



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Aces Go On Road Trips

Coach Marion Kirby takes the Edenton Aces on the road for their final two games of the regular season. The local team, undefeated in 2-A Albemarle Conference play, go to Plymouth Friday night and wind up the season at Gates on November 7.



Miss Flanagan and Shark Tooth

Sign Of Big Shark

An unusual shark's tooth is in the trophy case at the Pat Flanagan home on Country Club Drive, Cape Colony.

Flanagan's young daughter, Patricia, found the tooth in the Albemarle Sound, back of the home. There was much conjecture as to what it actually was before C. A. Benson sought a professional study.

Last week Benson received the following information from Harry T. Davis, geologist with the N. C. State Museum:

"The specimen proves to be a fossil in the form of a shark's tooth. The species is called *Carcharodon carcharias*, and it is the ancestor of the present-day Great White Shark. It still gets to be 35 feet long, and was even longer in the far past. "Fossil evidence indicates that the above species is found as far back as the Eocene epoch, and this is calculated to have been some 40 million years ago.

"Since the above epoch, the ocean has moved back and forth over our Coastal Plain and sharks lived in these waters. They not only died and left their hard teeth, but they shed them periodically. Sharks have no bones to leave as fossils. Their skeleton is cartilage but casts of fins and hides are rarely found."

Crusade Near End

The month-long Cancer Crusade here is about to end with a final push needed to realize the \$2,800 campaign goal.

Wallace Evans, funds chairman, said many volunteer workers have not reported but there is evidence additional contributions will be needed to meet the goal.

Edenton remained undefeated and on top of the conference here last Friday by defeating Ahoskie 6-0.

It was a battle of the defenses with the Aces taking advantage of an Ahoskie mistake to go in for the score.

Midway the first stanza the Ahoskie Indians were in punting position when the snap from center sailed over the kicker's head. Edenton took over deep in Indian territory and Quarterback Earl Chesson smashed over from the half-yard line on fourth down.

Sophomore Joe Bunch, who had kicked 11 straight extra points, missed on this one and the Aces went ahead 6-0.

The two strong defensive teams kept down any serious threats. Edenton, except for the TD and one unsuccessful field goal attempt, never got within the Indian 25.

The Aces kept Ahoskie at a further range than this throughout the night.

The early minutes of the game led local fans to believe the Aces would be off and running against the Indians. Johnny Barrow intercepted a pass on the Ahoskie 27. Edenton drove to the 17 and on fourth down Bunch attempted a field goal from the 30. It fell short.

Bill Lewis, Larry Felton and Steve Katkaveck rushed the kicker on the play which led to the lone TD and downed him on the Indian 5.

Mike Lamb carried twice for the Aces in the drive for a score. Chesson's quarterback sneak was successful.

Chesson thrilled the fans with two fine

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Chairmen Named

Edward F. Puryear, president, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, has named chairmen to seven committees for the 1969-70 year.

J. Gilliam Wood heads the Industrial Committee; Alton Clark the Merchants Committee; C. B. Smith, Agricultural Committee; N. J. George, Education Committee; Mrs. Alton G. Elmore, Tourist Committee; W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., Governmental Affairs, and Mrs. Nelson Cheers, Arts Committee.



STATE PRESIDENT SPEAKS—Jim Ollis of Laurinburg, second from left, is pictured at a Bosses' Night Banquet held Thursday night by Edenton Jaycees. From left to right are: Wayne Ashley, club president; Ollis, state Jaycee president; Mayor George Alma Byrum, an exhausted rooster, and Tom Watts of Elizabeth City, a state and national Jaycee leader.



Charles Dunn

SBI Chief Plans Talk In Chowan

Charles Dunn, director of the State Bureau of Investigation, will speak at a joint meeting of Chowan County Ruritan clubs on November 10, according to Sheriff Troy Toppin.

The Ladies' Night meeting of Ryland and Chowan Ruritan clubs will be held at 7 P. M., on that date at Rocky Hock Community Center. Assisting Sheriff Toppin with the program are John E. Copeland and Ruby Byrum.

Ralph Ward is president of the Ryland Club and Lloyd Wayne Evans heads the Chowan Ruritan.

Dunn, a former newspaperman, was appointed to the SBI post January 3 by Attorney General Robert B. Morgan.

He graduated from Ahoskie High School and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, receiving his degree in political science in 1956. He later did graduate work at the University.

He served in the U. S. Army Signal Corps, 1957-59. He is a Methodist and married to the former Martha Ellen Sherrill. They have one daughter.

Sales Tax Vote Is Set For Tuesday

A light vote is expected Tuesday in Chowan County on the referendum dealing with a local option sales tax. Mrs. George Hoskins, chairman, county board of elections, said the polls will be open from 6:30 A. M., to 6:30 P. M.

The sales tax proposal is the only ballot for this special election.

Mrs. Hoskins reported that there were 18 new registrations during the three-week period the books were open throughout the county. Six others obtained transfers.

The new registrations were: East Edenton, three; West Edenton, two; Yeopim, two; Center Hill, three; Wardville, one; and Rocky Hock, seven.

Precincts and polling places in Chowan County are:

East Edenton, Chowan County Court House.

West Edenton, Edenton Municipal Building.

Rocky Hock, Rocky Hock Community Building.

Center Hill, Rosser Bunch Store.

Wardville, H&H Grocery.

Yeopim, Edenton Airport Building.

An educational campaign aimed at a favorable vote here has been directed by a committee from Edenton Town Council and Chowan County commissioners. C. A. Phillips has headed the move.

Both elective boards have pledged to use revenue from the local option sales tax to reduce property tax. For this reason, they argue, this is not a new tax but would be a method of taking some burden off the property owner.

Officials Elected

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner has been elected to the board of directors of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. He will represent the Northeast district.

Gardner was elected along with other new officers during a session of the League's annual convention, which ended Tuesday night in Asheville.

Mayor Thomas A. Stewart of Washington was elected president. Mayor Ferd Harrison of Scotland Neck became first vice president.

Some 900 delegates from across the state attended the three-day convention. In addition to Gardner and his wife, representatives from Edenton were: Mayor and Mrs. George Alma Byrum; Councilmen W. H. Hollowell, Jr., James C. Dail and David G. White; Treasurer and Mrs. James M. Bond.

Sheriff In Office

Sheriff Troy Toppin has moved his office to the county office building in the suite formerly occupied by Edenton Chamber of Commerce and later by District Judge W. S. Privott.

Sheriff Toppin said the office would be open daily and 24-hour telephone service is being offered. The telephone number at the office is 482-3333 and at the sheriff's home, 221-4488.