



Chowan Voters Approve Sales Tax In All Boxes

County, Town To Share Nearly 10% Windfall

Chowan and 24 other Tar Heel counties approved the local option sales tax in an unusual referendum Tuesday. The additional 1 per cent sales tax will become effective in the 25 counties on March 1, 1970.

The vote in Chowan was nearly 2-1 in favor of the proposal. The measure passed in all six precincts with the final vote being 722 for and 485 against.

Early Wednesday morning The Associated Press computed an estimate of how the tax will be divided among participating counties. One-half of the money collected comes directly back to the county in which it is collected. The

remaining one-half goes into a pool fund to be disbursed on a population basis.

It has been estimated that Chowan County will collect \$130,000 the first year from the additional tax. It is further estimated that \$140,376 will be split between the county and the Town of Edenton—\$107,151 for the county; and \$33,225 for the town. These figures will vary somewhat, however, since the town limits have been extended since the population figures were compiled.

Neighboring Perquimans County and its two municipalities will receive \$23,784 more than is collected, according to the estimates. The county would col-

lect \$60,000 with the county receiving \$67,409; Town of Hertford, \$13,463; and Town of Winfall, \$2,912.

Chowan Vote On Tax

Precinct	Yes	No
East Edenton	195	186
West Edenton	283	174
Center Hill	83	30
Rocky Hock	65	36
Wardville	54	34
Yeopim	42	25
Total	722	485

Pasquotank County, while collecting an estimated \$384,000 will receive back little more than \$5,000 above this collection. It would be divided: Pasquotank County, \$265,883 and City of Elizabeth City, \$123,166.

Chowan County commissioners and Edenton Town Council, in promoting a favorable vote, went on record to use the revenue from a local option sales tax to reduce property taxes. The funds anticipated equal 36 cents on the county rate and 34 cents on the town rate.

The closest vote on the tax question in Chowan County was in East Edenton where those voting "yes" cast 195 bal-

lots while those marking their ballots "no" put 186 in the box.

C. A. Phillips, a member of Chowan County Board of Commissioners and chairman of the commission-council committee directing the educational campaign concerning the referendum said:

"We are pleased the voters in Edenton and Chowan County approved this issue.

"It was a last-ditch effort to broaden the tax base and allow governing boards to give some relief to the overworked tax on property. The future will bear out this decision by the voters was a wise one and that the sales tax is a good and fair tax."

Public Parade

Simple, But . . .

One of the few things which hasn't benefitted (?) from change is the voting process. It has been called to our attention that at least one prominent (?) Republican who meanders along the Public Parade, however, hasn't become familiar with the system.

First, you must register. Then on election day you must go to the polls. Thirdly, you must make a mark in the squares provided . . . provided you have done the first two things.

If there are further questions Mrs. Sadie Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, has the answers,

Polite Pranksters

If the trick or treaters had two nights of fun, and if as a resident you had to put up with it twice, we plead guilty. Regardless of what we announced, Friday was Halloween.

From all reports, those who meander along the Public Parade paid more attention to the Town Council resolution and the plea of a sane celebration than of the error in time.

It was one of the quietest Halloweens anyone here can remember. It was enjoyed by the small children because the teen-agers stayed home. Everyone, especially the law enforcement officers and town councilmen, are to be commended for the manner in which the celebration went.

As for our part, the mistake was hard to take. It was the first one we had ever made, you know.

Goodbye, Charlie

The exit of C. W. (Charlie) Overman from the farm scene along the Public Parade leaves a void which will be difficult to fill. For in the minds of many, Charlie Overman has no peer in his profession in Northeastern North Carolina.

In the nearly 29 years he served as county farm agent he worked tirelessly, with dedication and sincerity, to improve the lot of those who till the soil for their living. At the same time he worked with equal vigor to close the gap between country and city folk. He numbered among those who believed everyone could live in harmony and with equal respect regardless of how he made his daily bread.

Anyone who worked with as many people as Charlie Overman naturally found those who were not in accord with his thinking or his methods. The same folk, nevertheless, did not question his unswerving integrity and devotion to duty.

Charlie Overman possesses qualities greatly sought but seldom obtained by many who must deal with a variety of people. He talked the farmer's language when it came to getting things done on the farm. He talked the scientific language of the specialists. He talked the businessman's language when he needed cooperation for a particular program or project.

He had the ability to get along with folks; the knack of getting them to adopt new methods without dictating; the respect which could only be gained through experience and successful endeavors.

But now Charlie Overman has retired. He quit at a time when his health is such that he can still enjoy life—something he did and inspired others to do.

Chowan County commissioners have given no indication as to who they will name or when the replacement will be chosen. In the interim period they have a capable man running the office—Harry Venters.

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WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE—Edentonians awoke Sunday morning to find a gracious plenty of water everywhere. A storm Saturday night and Sunday morning dumped a mighty lot of water on the area and did considerable damage to trees. The pictures here show how it looked at two sites in mid-morning. A car is shown moving along Water Street in front of Masonic Temple where water was as much as three feet deep at times. The other is on Pembroke Circle where Filbert's Creek flooded around the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jones.



Housing Utility Contracts Signed

The Board of Public Works Tuesday night approved utility contracts with Edenton Housing Authority for the 100-unit low rent public housing project now being developed.

The electrical contract calls for a rate for a total electric project. The board will furnish master meters at the sites and the authority will construct and maintain the system in the development.

Purchase of water and sewer service will be handled in the same manner.

Jesse L. Harrell, chairman, explained that the housing authority is being treated in this matter as any other developer and the same subdivision policy will be in effect.

At the regular meeting, the board authorized Supt. Richard N. Hines, Sr., to make satisfactory settlement with C. A. Benson for a hedge cut by the light department to install a new service line.

The superintendent was also instructed to draft a policy dealing with providing service to new customers.

Space In Class

Registration is still open for the Adult Driver Education Class here, sponsored by the College of the Albemarle.

Additional students, 18 years of age and older, are needed in order for this class to be taught. Interested persons may register tonight (Thursday) at John A. Holmes High School or by calling the Learning Resources Center here, phone 482-4745.

Fire Damages Rural Chowan Church

Fire of undetermined origin Sunday did extensive damage to a portion of historic Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church in rural Chowan County. The damage has been estimated at upwards to \$10,000.

Alert work of Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department with mutual aid from Edenton and Hertford; was credited with containing the blaze to the Sunday School section of the church.

The alarm was sounded at 7:30 A. M. Sunday to Edenton Fire Department. Ralph Hollowell, who lives nearby, spotted the blaze and turned in the alarm.

Edenton blows the fire horn at the rural department and as soon as Chief Frank White's men arrived on the scene

Rural Low-Rent Housing Discussed

Chowan County commissioners plan to meet at an early date to receive additional information concerning a possible low-rent public housing project in the rural area.

Chairman W. E. Bond was instructed to arrange such a meeting with representatives of Economic Improvement Council and Edenton Housing Authority in attendance. He told the board at its

Gates Between Edenton Aces, Title

The curtain rings down Friday night on the 2-A Albemarle Conference football season with the Edenton Aces meeting Gates County in the title game. Game time is 8 P. M., at Gatesville.

Coach Marion Kirby takes his undefeated conference team to the title match fresh from a 20-6, come-from-behind win at Plymouth last week.

The Edenton defense stiffened after Plymouth shocked the team with a 73-yard scoring pass play midway the initial period. And at the same time the Edenton offense got rolling with Halfback Mike Lamb scoring three TD's.

Lamb, who has showed marked improvement in the past few weeks, rushed for 127 yards in 26 tries during the evening. He scored on a nine-yard run and twice from the one.

Quarterback Earl Chesson led the Aces and his exceptionally fine punting kept Plymouth deep in its own territory most of the evening. Chesson's first two boots were downed on the Viking 13 and one-yard lines.

Gigi Leary was another outstanding back in Edenton's offensive threat. He set up an Edenton score on a pass from Chesson which included some fine broken field running. From the one Lamb went

regular meeting Monday that EIC was interested in getting rural programs underway.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., executive director, Edenton Housing Authority, explained the development program for a 100-unit project here. He cited figures showing that 50 per cent of the dwelling units in Chowan County are considered unsound and lacking adequate plumbing facilities.

Adult Education

The Education Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce is working with the College of The Albemarle to make adult education more meaningful and easily available to residents in the area.

N. J. George, a member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education and committee chairman, said efforts will be made to increase participation at the Learning Resources Center in Swain School as well as make courses available which will greatly benefit the adults in the area.

Two such programs are already being organized. One is a diploma program for adults through the center. The other is a flight instruction ground school. George said there is a demand for both programs in the area.

He said several people interested in aviation have signed up for the instruction and others can do so by calling Mrs. Anne Britt at the Learning Resources Center, 482-4745.

The center was established here several years ago by the College of the Albemarle after the chamber's Education Committee sought additional local facilities from the college. Numerous courses are available and the program is designed for a student to progress at his own speed with a qualified instructor at all time.

Bond Sales Good

Chowan County has passed the three-quarter mark in the sale of U. S. Savings Bonds for the current year.

R. Graham White, county volunteer chairman, reports that through the month of September, sales in Chowan County amounted to \$60,316, which is 76.7 per cent of the county's 1969 dollar quota.

Other houses are overcrowded. At an area meeting Thursday, a representative of Housing and Urban Development explained that low-rent public housing is a program which does not cost the county any money.

He said a Market Analysis showed HUD could approve an application for as many as 89 units for Chowan County without further investigation. This could mean an addition of \$1-million or more in assessed valuation.

It was also pointed out that the county could work through an existing housing authority and cut a considerable amount of red tape involved in getting safe, sound and sanitary housing available for occupancy.

Sheriff Troy Toppin, representing Chowan Ruritan Club, called to the commissioners' attention some hazardous roads in the county. He said the club had formed a safety committee to seek corrections to the problems.

Commissioner C. A. Phillips said the county should take more interest in highway safety and work more closely with the sheriff and highway patrol on the problem. The board asked Sheriff Toppin to coordinate such a plan.

Commissioner David Bateman said he

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Activities Planned

An expanded program of activities is planned at the Confederate Plaza at the foot of Broad Street on Veterans Day, which is Tuesday.

Capt. Kenneth L. Stalls (NCNG) is chairman of the program which begins at 11 A. M. He said interested citizens, the VFW, American Legion and National Guard are joining in the ceremony to remember those that served and are now serving in the Armed Forces of the U. S.

One feature of the expanded program will be a short address by Mayor George Alma Byrum from the steps of the Municipal Building. This will follow the placing of a wreath at the monument by Sheriff Troy Toppin, American Legion commander, and Lt. Col. Herbert Bass (Ret.), as the John A. Holmes High School Band plays the National Anthem.

Rev. Warren Nance of First Presbyterian Church will offer the prayer and the National Guard will fire a seven-round volley as the band plays "America".

Participating units will meet at Broad and Queen Streets at 10:45 A. M., Tuesday to form for the short parade down Broad Street to the plaza. They will include the VFW Color Guard from Elizabeth City; the Holmes Band; National Guard personnel, VFW personnel from Edenton and the police and sheriff's departments.