

### Carolina Review: Program Safe?

Probably Safe. Republican Sen. Jesse Helms toured North Carolina tobacco warehouses last week in an apparent effort to assure tobacco growers and others in the industry that the long-threatened tobacco support program is safe. Safe, that is, from substantial Congressional change in the way the program is administered or financed.

Helms' assurances are probably correct, but there certainly seems to have been a lot more conversation and threats to dismantle the program lately than ever before.

In Raleigh, it just "seems" as if the program is in real trouble.

Sen. Helms had some rather convincing arguments about why the program just "seems" to be threatened. According to Helms, the Raleigh News and Observer might have a hand in falsely suggesting that tobacco supports are in trouble in Washington.

The News and Observer editorially has been an ardent opponent of the senator and in recent months has reported that Helms' conservative efforts against social programs,

notably food stamps and welfare fraud, have caused a considerable backlash among liberal Washington congressmen.

Helms said the Raleigh newspaper only concentrated its attention on the quotes of a couple of liberal Congressmen and, likewise, two senators.

"What about the other 430-odd congressmen?" Helms asked. Helms also named a number of powerful senators who he suggested still totally support the tobacco program, including Harry Byrd, John Stennis, Barry Goldwater, and President Reagan's close

friend in the Senate, Paul Laxalt.

"When I left Washington the third of August, we had more votes committed to saving the tobacco program than we had at this same relative time in any previous year since I went to the Senate," Helms was quoted.

In other related developments, North Carolina's other Republican senator, John East, was causing a mini-stir over things he had said about the personal lives of a couple of the liberal congressmen Helms had alluded to.



Barbara Dare Thomas

### Dance Classes Offered

The Elizabeth City Ballet Academy will hold registration for its 14th season Monday from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. in Vaughn Hall lobby on the campus of Elizabeth City State University. Classes will begin, September 22 at 4 P.M.

A full curriculum of dance will be offered in classical ballet, jazz and creative dance (for pre-schoolers).

The faculty will be headed by Gene Hammett, Patti Sawyer and Barbara Dare Thomas.

Miss Thomas of Elizabeth City has just finished the motion picture spectacular "Annie" in Hollywood and participated in Joe Tremaine's International Jazz Workshop in Los Angeles, where she was singled out for her musical comedy style.

For further information

call Mrs. Gene Sawyer, executive administrator-Elizabeth City Ballet - Elizabeth City, telephone (919) 338-8111.

The Elizabeth City Ballet is a non-profit, tax-exempt, arts educational organization under the supervision of the Tidewater Ballet Association of Norfolk, Va.

### Pvt. Completes OSUT Training

Pvt. Terry S. Lane, son of Anne M. Williams of Edenton, has completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the U. S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

### Young Democrats To Organize

A Young Democrats organization is being started in Chowan County. An organization meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, at 8 P.M. at the Coach House Inn.

Guest speaker will be Lee Walton, former Young Democrats chairman for the First Congressional District.

Anyone interested in joining the group is invited to attend the meeting and

### Patient Services Cut

Ed Wooters, president of the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina, has announced that federal funding cutbacks have resulted in the termination of a Title XX contract, which provided transportation services to kidney patients across North Carolina.

"It is with deep regret that the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., is forced to discontinue this program

effective October 1. Extreme federal funding cutbacks and the withdrawal of a matching-funds grant from the State Department of Human Resources have necessitated this action." Wooters continued by saying, "All National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina volunteers and professional staff are committed to restoring this vital patient service or an equivalent as quickly as possible."

To accomplish this the foundation plans to pursue aggressive fund raising activities and to diligently search for foundation and corporate support. The public is urged to assist in the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina's endeavors to improve the quality of life for the kidney patients of North Carolina. Inquiries should be forwarded to the Executive Office, P. O. Box 2383, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514; telephone 919-929-7181.

### Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor: Isn't it customary for local merchants to take out ads in the paper to welcome new businesses? What happened in this town? Patricia Rountree



NEW OLDS - Two Cutlass sedans join the Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme lineup for 1982. All coupes and sedans may be ordered with V-6 diesel.

### New Oldsmobile Designs Are Noted

Contemporary, aerodynamic appearance highlights the styling of Oldsmobile's 20 new 1982 models.

Ranging from the compact Omega to the personal luxury of the Toronado, the new models represent state-of-art design.

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### Bank Declares Dividends

ROCKY MOUNT - At its regular monthly meeting, the board of directors of Peoples Bank and Trust Company declared a dividend of 35 cents per share on the bank's common stock for the third quarter of 1981. The dividend is payable September 30 to shareholders of record on September 16. The ex-dividend date was set for September 10.

This brings the declared dividends for 1981 to a total of \$1.05 as compared to 96 cents for the same period last year.

Peoples Bank, headquartered in Rocky Mount, has 49 offices in 28 North Carolina communities.

models will join the division's lineup later this fall.

The 1982 rear-wheel-drive Cutlass series includes Cutlass Supreme coupe and sedan, Cutlass Supreme Brougham coupe and sedan, Cutlass Calais coupe and Cutlass Cruiser wagon.

The sedans and wagons share a new square eggcrate grille. A specific vertical grille with body colored dividers highlight the Cutlass Supreme coupe, and Cutlass Supreme Brougham and Calais coupes share an eggcrate design grille with two vertical body colored bars in each side.

The coupes share a sloping front end with soft

fascia front panel that extends to the rub strip. Park and turn lamps are in the lower bumper.

In the rear, the rear end panel wraps down to provide a soft covering for the upper bumper.

The sedans feature a specific rear treatment including a three segment tail lamp set at the outboard sides of the rear panel.

### Reagan Stand

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which gives them the edge." Sen. East said the American people "have a right to expect nothing but the best protection possible from their government," and that President Reagan "is meeting that obligation faithfully."

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