

# Vote On Farmers Referendum

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in a vault is one of the biggest challenges people are facing throughout the world today," suggested Langfelder. "This department is tackling that problem by promoting the wise use of our productive resources such as our forests, minerals, water, game and fish."

It would be a nice gesture, said Langfelder, if one of the outdoor advertising companies would help create the feeling in the minds of residents and visitors to this state that "North Carolina values its natural resources." That statement, which appears on his official stationery, conveys the feelings Langfelder has developed about the value of conserving and wisely using natural resources for the benefit of the state.

As for his management style, Langfelder said he is "an evolutionary, rather than a revolutionary manager." He intends to work with the outstanding programs and the staff which have been assembled during the long history of natural resource management in North Carolina.

Langfelder said his former association with many of the people in the department when he was serving on advisory boards, and his first week on the job have convinced him that the NCRD employees are "highly motivated, fully dedicated and totally professional" in their work. Langfelder said he will support them and provide a sounding board for their ideas and suggestions.

As assistant secretary for natural resources, Langfelder will manage eight programs ranging from the Division of Environmental Management to the Office of Water Resources. Nearly 2,000 employees work in these eight programs in offices in all counties of North Carolina. Langfelder intends to give equal emphasis to each program.

"All of our programs are interrelated," said Langfelder. "A problem with sediment or chemical pollution in a river usually means some type of damage downstream, such as poor fish habitat, polluted drinking water or silt filling up a reservoir."

"On the other hand, a good forest or soil and water conservation program can improve water retention and downstream water quality," said Langfelder. "Our job is to perform the regulatory duties even-handedly while we encourage the voluntary planning and conservation activities that help citizens help themselves."

Impossible task? "Not really," said Langfelder. "After all, North Carolina values its natural resources."

## Support Needed

People along the Public Parade got a dose of Reaganomics last week with an announcement that the N. C. Employment Security Commission proposed closing 48 offices—including the one on North Broad Street. At the same time some 250 employees would lose their job.

State officials report the cut is necessary because of the loss of \$5-million in federal funds. The Edenton office serves three counties with a staff of six.

Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and local governments quickly responded. They are in

during the week of January 25 to determine if we will have a peanut price support program this year. If growers approve quotas by a two-thirds majority of those voting, quotas and price supports will be in effect throughout the four years, 1982-1985. If growers fail to approve quotas, there would be no quotas or price supports in effect for 1982 and another referendum would be conducted next December to determine marketing procedure in 1983.

good company as Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has directed state officials to look into the availability of rent free office space. The rank and file of citizens should also lend support.

The Employment Security Commission has done a good job of changing its image. Once known as the "unemployment" office it is now recognized as the "job service" office. The record speaks for itself.

Mrs. Alice Bond, manager, said the Edenton office transacted 1,600 job placements. Between 300 and 500 people visit the office weekly.

"The man or woman that is really going to suffer is the man or woman who will now have to drive further to make a claim," Mrs. Bond has said.

She has been joined in this refrain by Mayor Roy L. Harrell who is employed by ESC. The people who need the services the most naturally will be the hardest hit.

There now exists some hardships, even in the times of modern transportation and communication. The most needy, who are without transportation and/or telephone, must pay a neighbor or relative to bring them "over to town" to visit the job service office, the Social Services, the doctor, the grocery, etc. This takes a pretty big chunk out of the assistance they ultimately receive.

Gov. Hunt has asked community leaders to seek rent free space for a limited staff. This, in our opinion, is not the answer. Efficiency would be damaged in such a move.

The Chowan County Board of Commissioner and Edenton Town Council have a reputation of bowing up to the problem which causes hardship on the citizens. The county proved this earlier this month when a lone property tax lister was deleted. The people in Second Township yelled and their cries were not just from the wilderness.

Local governments, even in economic times such as now being experienced along the Public Parade and throughout Tar Heelia and the nation, always have a cushion from which emergency funds can flow.

In this situation, all the costs won't have to come from one source. The local office serves Chowan, Perquimans and Tyrrell counties as well as a portion of Gates. If each political subdivision would chip in a little bit on a per capita basis, the burden would not be brought to bear on anyone, but on all who need the services of the job service system.

If a joint meeting of the commissioners and councilmen hasn't been called, then what's holding it up? This is one common ground for locally elected officials. Petty problems must not stand in the way of resolving this very serious problem--immediately!

There is a big difference in the result of this referendum and those held in the past for peanut growers. In past referenda, if growers had failed to approve quotas, there still would have been a program with support prices at 50 per cent of parity for those growers planting within their allotments. This year, however, if growers fail to approve quotas, the new Farm Bill specifically provides that there will be no price support. In other words should growers fail to approve quotas, there would be no program whatever; neither quotas nor support price, in 1982.

However, if two-thirds of the growers participating in the referendum vote to approve, we will maintain our program framework with a quota support rate of \$550 per ton in 1982 -- a 21 per cent increase over 1981 - and with mandatory increases in subsequent years to help offset production cost increases. We will have a national poundage quota of 1.2-million tons in 1982, along with substantially strengthened undermarketing carry forward provisions beginning with unused undermarketings in 1980.

We know that many peanut producers are unhappy with the program and its future outlook. Such feelings are understandable, but they are not good reasons for voting out the peanut program altogether or for not voting. With all of its problems the peanut program is one of two remaining commodity programs that contain the basic essentials for success -- supply management and support prices. These features must be preserved. Don't risk losing those fundamental concepts -- vote for quotas and price supports.

We urge that you not only vote in the referendum, but that you join with other growers in your community in setting up a telephone call campaign just prior to and during the referendum period to remind growers to vote.

A vote not cast can be used by program adversaries almost as effectively as a vote against quotas.



Charles Heber Small

## Mr. Small, 79 Taken In Death

Charles Heber Small, Sr., 79, of Edenton, N. C. died Jan. 15 at Norfolk General Hospital following an extended illness. The husband of the late Alethia Collins Small, he was a farmer and member of Edenton Baptist Church.

He is survived by three sons, Charles H. Small, Jr. of Edenton, Walter Small of Edenton, and Minton C. Small of Trenton, N. C.; three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Ellington of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Alpha Paddeck of Rutherford, N.J., and Mrs. Libby Matthews of Hertford, N. C.; one brother, Herbert S. Small of Edenton and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 A. M. on Jan. 18 at Edenton Baptist Church by Dr. John Allen. Burial followed at Beaver Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lee Small, Sr. Lee Small, Jr., Claude Small, Jr., Claude Small, III, Everette Small, and Henry Allen Powell.

Williford - Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Workshop Slated

An update on Estate Planning will be held February 3, at 1:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. This program is sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service and information will be given by Dr. R. C. Wells, in charge of Extension Economics and Business, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N. C.



THE EDENTON CHORAL SOCIETY — The stage is set for tonight's performance of the North Carolina Symphony in the Ernest A. Swain Elementary School Auditorium. Featured also is the Edenton Choral Society, above, and the John A. Holmes High School Concert Choir, along with Edenton-Chowan's 4-8 grade students. The concert will begin promptly at 8 P.M. Be sure not to miss this performance!

## Stage Is Set For Symphony

Edenton is ready to welcome conductor Jim Ogle and members of the North Carolina Symphony tonight (Thursday) in the Ernest A. Swain Elementary School auditorium.

The stage is set; the community's response to the Chowan County's Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony membership and advance ticket sales is most gratifying; the Edenton Choral Society and the John A. Holmes High School Concert Choir are well rehearsed; the Holmes chorus is excited about their new performance wardrobe; Edenton-Chowan's 4-8th grade students are prepared for their free educational concert; and the Chowan Arts Council is giving a party in honor of the orchestra members.

The program, which centers around the works of 19th century composers, promises to expose the audience to an exciting variety of musical talent and technique. Featured on the program are Rossini's "Overture to L'Italiana in Algeri", characterizing the light, comic spirit of the opera it was written to precede; Oestreich's "Trombone Concertino", with Richard Fecteau as

guest trombone soloist; and "Soirees" musicales; Suite of Five Movements from Rossini, Op.9" as arranged by Benjamin Britten with a simple but brilliant orchestral suite.

Holst's "Short Festival TeDeum" and Vivaldi's "Gloria", hymns of praise, will be performed by the Choral Society and Concert Choir, accompanied by the orchestra.

Following the concert, The Chowan Arts Council invites the audience to attend an informal reception honoring the N. C. Symphony orchestra members. This will take place in the school's hallways outside of the auditorium.

N. C. Symphony members and those who purchased advance tickets will have reserved seats "Within the Ribbon" placed in the auditorium. Members of Holmes High School's Modern Music Masters Club will assist the audience with seating.

Tickets purchased at the door are: \$2.00 for students 15 and under; \$4.00 for senior citizens and students 16 and over; \$6.00 for adults.

Parking space is available on both sides of the Swain campus, in the court house parking lot and in the parking lots on Court Street.

Since a large crowd is expected, everyone should plan to arrive at Swain in time for the performance scheduled to begin promptly at 8 P. M.

## District Court

Continued From Page 1 suspended sentence, \$100 fine and cost of court, and ordered to attend Drug-Alcohol school.

Jessie Ray Fleming, allowing an intoxicated person to operate a motor vehicle, 90 day suspended sentence, \$150 fine and cost of court. Appealed.

Thomas Johnson, DUI, 90 day suspended sentence, \$100 fine and cost of court, ordered to surrender operator's license.

Kenneth Wayne Hare, spinning wheels, \$10 fine and cost of court. Gertha Mae Bond, failure to yield right of way, not guilty.

Bobby Gerald Stanley, inspection violation, \$10 fine and cost of court.

Cornelius (PeWee) Leary, shoplifting, 30 day suspended sentence, \$100 fine and cost of court. Committed for 30 days upon failure to pay fine.

Harold Melvin Jones, shoplifting, 30 days, suspended 2 years, \$100 fine and cost of court, ordered not to go on premises of Mack's for 2 years. Appealed.

Carl Mayo Cayton, shoplifting, 6 month suspended sentence; \$250 fine and cost of court, ordered not to go on the premises of Mack's or S&R for 2 years.

Edward Ferebee, shoplifting, 30 day suspended sentence, \$100 fine and cost of court. Committed for 30 days upon failure to pay fine.

Abner Tyrone Harvey, larceny of gasoline, 9 months suspended 2 years, \$300 fine and cost of court, ordered to make restitution of \$18 to Sheriff Troy Toppin, and ordered not to be in or pass through Chowan County after sunset for 2 years.

## Rate Increase Is Requested

Attorneys for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company appeared at a public hearing Tuesday evening before the N.C. Utilities Commission at the Knobb Creek Recreation Center in Elizabeth City, to ask for a 47.2 million dollar rate increase. Citing added operating costs, reduction in revenue from long distance services, and the need for additional expenditures to up date obsolete equipment the company proposal would result in an increase of approximately 50 per cent in both residential and business monthly service charges. Also included in the application were increases in charges for other services such as PBX Trunks, installation, directory listings, etc. A twenty per cent adjustment in local coin telephone calls from 20 cents to 25 cents was also asked for.

Citizens and public officials from several communities including Edenton, Elizabeth City, Kill Devil Hills, and Weeksville voiced objection to increases of the magnitude requested. Examples were cited where mandatory level of service changes plus the proposed rate revision would result in increases of over 100 per cent in the monthly cost of telephone service to many elderly people on fixed incomes.

Less Fagan, President of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce questioned the stated need of Carolina Telephone to realize an 18 per cent return on investment capital.

He also raised the question of why Edenton's rates were the second highest of all of the communities listed in our extended service area.

## Asbell Recipient

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The recipient serves on the executive board of the Coastal Plains Chapter of the March of Dimes, has done volunteer solicitation work for the Pitt United Way, and has for several years volunteered his services monthly to aid the Bonner's Lane Day Care Center in budget and financial matters.

Asbell has been a member of the Jaycees since 1971 and has served as director, treasurer, assistant state chairman for the Boys' Home Game, and his present position of chaplain. He was selected as Jaycee of the Month last August.

He is a member of the N. C. Association of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is also a member of the University-City Kiwanis Club and the Greenville Moose Club.

## Meeting Postponed

The Chowan 2000 Planning Commission's meeting that was postponed due to snow has been rescheduled for February 4 at 7:30 P. M. at John A. Holmes High School. Interested persons are invited to attend.

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