

Around the state...

DOT asks for cooperation

State Transportation Secretary W. R. Roberson, Jr., through a statewide news announcement, has again asked for cooperation of political candidates in placing of their advertising signs around the state.

Roberson said, "We are particularly concerned about signs that block the view of motorists near intersections or distract drivers because of visual clutter around our traffic signs. Safety for motorists and pedestrians is a major consideration of our department."

"Another concern," he noted, "is that these signs would hinder our maintenance operations such as mowing, cleaning drainage ditches and repairing road

shoulders."

"Signs on any part of the highway rights of way are by law subject to removal by our crews."

"In this event, signs will be stored in local maintenance offices until claimed. We feel sure candidates for offices and the public would much prefer that our highway maintenance crews spend their time maintaining our roads than collecting illegally placed signs on our rights-of-way," according to the Secretary.

In a letter to the state's political parties, Roberson asked for their support on this issue and encouraged them to have their candidates check local highway offices in regard to actual highway right of way lines before placing signs.

Clean-up campaign set

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has scheduled the second phase of its 1984 Cleanup Litter Campaign for September 16 through 22 and Governor Jim Hunt has proclaimed September 22 as "Youth Involvement Day."

The first phase of the cleanup campaign was April 8 through 14. Over 7,000 NCDOT personnel and volunteers participated in this concentrated effort. Approximately 4,900 miles of highway were cleaned and about 2,400 truckloads of litter were picked up during the April cleanup effort.

Secretary of Transportation W. R. Roberson, Jr. said, "We particularly appreciate the number of volunteers who helped us in the spring. We hope to have even more volunteer participation in the fall and look forward to many youth and church groups joining us."

During the fall cleanup campaign, September 16 through 22, at least three NCDOT maintenance crews will be assigned to pick up roadside litter in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. As in the past NCDOT will provide large litter bags and pickup service for volunteers in every county. Also bumper stickers and lapel pins will be distributed by the county NCDOT offices to publicize the litter cleanup effort.

Locally, groups desiring to participate may contact L. H. Bunch at 426-8304.

For more information about youth participation week, contact: Governor's Office of Youth Involvement, 121 West Jones St., Raleigh, N. C. 27603 or (919) 733-9296.

Farm families to meet

Chuck Hassebrook of the Center for Rural Affairs, Walthill, Nebraska will speak on the FUTURE OF THE FAMILY FARM. Rain or shine, Saturday, September 22 at 12:30 p.m. at Donald's Airpark, Highway 99 between Plymouth and Pantego. Lunch is \$3.50 and the meeting is free. Sponsored by the North Carolina Family Farm Association. For more information contact Hugh Maxwell at 797-4964 or Leon Dunbar at 935-5137. Pig Picking by the Creswell Fire Department. Alcoholic beverages prohibited.

Phone customers are offered a choice

(Editor's note: This is a continuing series of articles to help consumers understand the changes taking place in the deregulated telephone industry and how these changes are affecting your telephone service.)

You've probably seen the television ads with companies like GTE Sprint and MCI telling you that you can save money on long-distance calls by subscribing to their service. These "new competitors" are part of the growing choice consumers now have in telephone services and equipment.

In the past, almost all long-distance service was provided by AT&T, its subsidiary local telephone companies and jointly by many hundreds of "Independent" telephone companies such as Carolina Telephone.

Today, AT&T is still the largest long-distance company, but deregulation in the telephone industry has opened the doors for competition. More than 400 long-distance companies are now actively vying for shares of the market once totally controlled by AT&T. At present, you may have service from only one long-distance company, but

availability is spreading.

In North Carolina, companies can only compete to provide long-distance service between North Carolina and other states, which is called interstate service. However, the state's General Assembly has passed legislation which would allow the N.C. Utilities Commission to permit in-state, or intrastate long-distance competition, if that competition is in the consumers' best interest.

Basically, there are two types of competing long-distance firms—common carriers and resellers. Common carriers include AT&T as well as new companies like MCI and GTE Spring. Common carriers build their own long-distance facilities to transmit telephone calls and data. These carriers generally must tie in with the local telephone company to gain access to their customers, and are required to pay local telephone companies access charges for use of their facilities.

Resellers, on the other hand, lease both AT&T's and other carriers' services in bulk and resell their use to customers.

Your local phone company also may have long-distance facilities and carry long-distance traffic within its operating area. If so, it

is called an exchange or connecting carrier.

In time, you will most likely have to choose which long-distance carrier you want to serve you as your primary long-distance carrier.

How should you choose between long-distance carriers? The primary appeal of competitors is their pitch to save you money. Whether or not you will personally benefit by using a different carrier depends on where you live, where you call, and how often you make long-distance calls.

Factors you should consider in making your decision include price, features and convenience of each carrier.

Compare the rates between carriers for the various types of calls you make. Are there start-

up fees or minimum monthly charges? Are discount rates available for calling during certain hours? Does the carrier serve all the places you normally call? Is the transmission quality satisfactory?

The various long-distance carriers will be glad to answer your questions.

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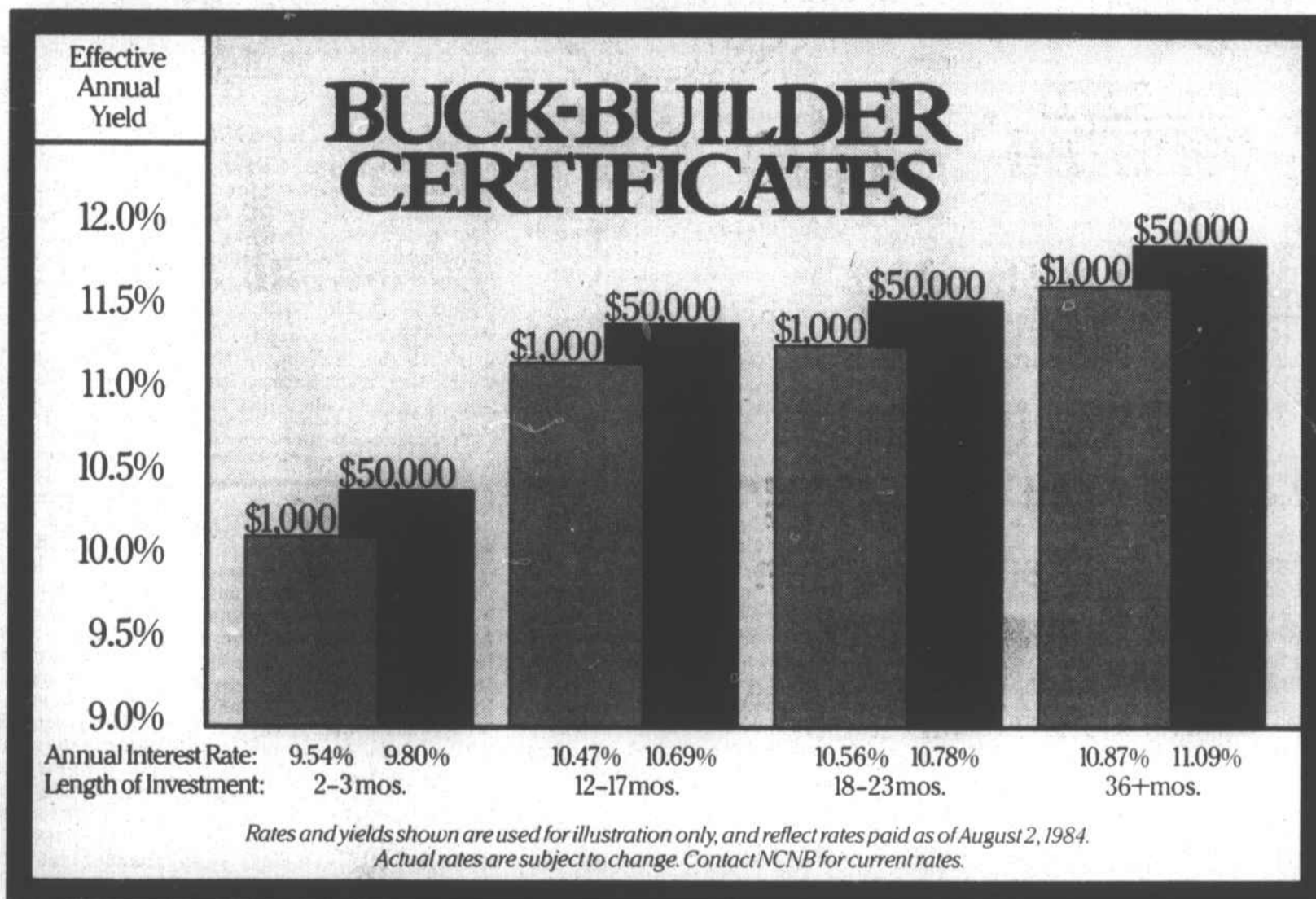
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