

Report From U. S. Robert Morgan

On December 8, 1975, in Raleigh, hearings will be held by the Small Business Subcommittee of the Senate in an effort to learn if North Carolina residents are having any problems with the Small Business Administration.

Divorces Granted In Civil Session Of District Court

Six divorces were granted Monday during a civil session of Chowan County District Court. Judge John T. Chaffin is presiding.

The divorces were: Jacqueline Boyce Miller from Carroll S. Miller; Vomie Wilson Holiday from Tommy Rufus Holiday; Percy Wilmer Dail, Jr., from Dianne Goodwin Dail; Pearl P. Blount from James E. Blount; Juanita Cozzens Lane from Gene Ray Lane and Don Aldon Jernigan from Mary Willard Jernigan.

The following other action was taken:

George Chevrolet Company, Inc., against Joseph E. Tillett, dismissed.

Virginia Thompson Burris against Vernon Lee Burris, dismissed.

Nicie S. Boone against William Lee Skinner, consent judgment.

Winslow Oil Company against Alexander E. DeBlais and wife, dismissed.

Barbara Overton Martin against Anthony Peyton Martin, dismissed.

Edenton Furniture Company against William G. Lassiter, dismissed.

held in the Century Post Office on Fayetteville Street and I hope the business from our state will come forward if they feel that the policies and activities of the Small Business Administration need revision or change.

This is one of a series of hearings that this Subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Urban Affairs Committee is holding in various parts of the country to gather information. In November, a hearing was held in Utah.

As chairman of the Subcommittee, I will preside at the hearings and will be joined by other senators who are members. We plan to hold both morning and afternoon sessions and will hear as many businessmen as possible.

These hearings are a very real effort by members of the Senate Subcommittee to get some real input from the operators of business that are regarded as "small". And I think this is important, because while it is the large corporations which get the publicity and the headlines, it is the "small" business which is the real backbone of the economy in a state such as North Carolina.

This type of business is the principal employer in our state and in many other states and in today's economy, many of them simply aren't making it. The small Business Administration was created to help small business, and if there are ways this help can be improved, then the Subcommittee wants to get

the facts. If government regulations are too stifling or if the need for additional capital for further growth and development is hurting North Carolina's small businessmen, the senators on the Subcommittee want to hear the details from sworn testimony.

After ten months as chairman of the Subcommittee, I am convinced of the importance of the survival of the small businessman to the national economy. The December hearings hopefully will provide a vehicle for finding ways to strengthen the role of these businesses in the state and nation.

The hearings are to be held in the Old Federal Courtroom on the second floor of the Century Post Office. Any person wishing to testify that day can have his name put on the list of witnesses by getting in touch with Tom Adams, a member of my staff, at our Raleigh office, P. O. Box 2719, Raleigh, 27602, telephone 919-755-4236.

Quiet Atomic Trains Are Over the Horizon

An atomic-powered railroad should be technically or economically feasible in 1990 or 2000, according to a survey of industrial firms and government agencies conducted by the McGraw-Hill Publications' Department of Economics.

Other findings of the third Survey of Technological Breakthroughs and Widespread Applications indicated that noise-free trains will be available in the year 2000, and trains made of plastic may find broad use in the twenty-third century, after becoming technologically feasible in the year 2150 and economical 25 years later.

Nematode Assay Is Inexpensive Crop Protection

RALEIGH—How many "varmints" are sharing your crops? Soils of North Carolina frequently contain more than 10,000 plant-parasitic nematodes per pint.

According to Dr. David Rickard, nematologist for the N. C. Department of Agriculture, "this amounts to about 40 pounds of plant-destructive nematodes per acre. Considering this in terms of other plant-feeding animals, who would want a 40-pound goat eating away on each acre of corn or soybeans, or 10 four-pound rabbits per acre of vegetables?"

"The presence of nematodes will not be as obvious as goats, rabbits or other 'varmints', because they are microscopic. Only a special test, called nematode assay, can be relied upon to determine their presence and the hazard they pose to future crops.

Dr. Rickard advises against the use of any chemical soil treatments unless the kinds and numbers of nematodes present are known.

"The known presence of nematodes in a neighbor's soil does not necessarily mean you have a nematode problem," he declared. "Some nematodes are only harmful to certain crops, and there are other means to reduce losses to these pests than chemicals alone."

The N. C. Department of Agriculture offers all state residents the services of the Nematode Advisory Section of the Agronomic Division. There is a charge of \$1 for each nematode assay. For instructions and materials for proper sampling, contact: The Nematode Advisory Section, Agronomic Division, N. C. Department of Agriculture, Blue Ridge Road Center, Raleigh 27611 or call (919) 829-2655.

CARD OF THANKS
I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, flowers, cards, food, visits, gifts and the other expressions of kindness shown me while I was a patient in Chowan Hospital and after returning home.
Sybil Adams



If your clothes come out gray, it may be because they are being soaked and washed too long. This only redeposits the dirt already removed. It takes a lot of dirt to need more than 8 or 10 minutes.

Word Of Caution Is Given

RALEIGH — Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham sounded a word of advice about new agriculture products that may not have been thoroughly tested in North Carolina prior to distribution. That advice is to proceed cautiously in investing in any new product that has not been tested, demonstrated or observed locally to determine if it will increase efficiency in crop production.

Farm Products Are Good Gifts

Chowan County Farm Bureau has joined a statewide Farm Bureau effort to increase consumption on farm products during the holiday season, according to Jimmie Parrish, president of the farm organization.

He said the local Farm Bureau will promote the idea of giving farm products for Christmas in an effort to increase the sale of the farm commodities especially those in an economic slump. Parrish pointed out that the giving of such products not only solves the age-old problem of what to give for Christmas, but also expresses the true spirit of the season.

The county farm leader suggested that a number of products lend themselves to gift-giving, including dairy products, fruits, turkey, canned meat, peanuts, and tobacco products. He also pointed out that many grocery stores sell gift certificates which can be redeemable in farm products.

"It is important that farm products continue to move through the marketing system in order to help insure an adequate return to the producer," Parrish said. "Further cut-backs in production and the possibility of higher prices in the future might otherwise result," he added.

"Many new products are being presented with claims that they improve efficiency in crops production," Graham said. Often the N. C. Department of Agriculture is unaware of their development until they are on the market. They may be pulverized rock, processed organic residues, cultures of bacteria or other microorganisms, or mixtures with claims for multiple trace elements."

Products with claims for fertilizer nutrients require registration under the Fertilizer and Lime Laws. This offers the Department of Agriculture a chance to review research data and exercise some discretion in registration.

However, Graham points out that cultures of microorganisms do not come under a registration requirement unless those organisms are considered harmful to plants, animals, or the environment.

"Private research is invaluable to today's farmers and many products necessary in today's agriculture were developed from such research," the commissioner said.

"We should remember, however, that we also have a most notable Agricultural Research Station and Extension Program at N. C. State University. It is unlikely new advances in agricultural research, whatever its source, will long go unnoticed by that institution."

Farmers should not invest in such products until observing satisfactory performance in their area or following recommendations by the N. C. Agriculture Experiment Station and N. C. Extension Service.

Raspberries to rosebuds? ... In spite of all the odds to the "little rosebud mouth" the new season is returning to the old poetry that "the lips should be a bright raspberry color" ... but women being the bright-thinkers they are will wear what suits them so be prepared for strawberry, lilac, rose, pink, plum or coral if it "goes" with the lady. (W)

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