

Enterprise leads SBA loans

Enterprise National Bank in Winston-Salem was the leading SBA (Small Business Administration) lender in Forsyth County and one of the top lenders in the state last year.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration in Charlotte, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1991, Enterprise National Bank made seven SBA loans.

This was one-third of the 21 SBA loans made by all of the banks in Forsyth County, making Enter-

prise the most active user of this type of financing.

During the same period, the number of SBA loans funded by Enterprise was the 12th largest number of such loans funded by any bank in North Carolina.

"Our plans call for continued use of SBA financing to help small businesses get started and grow," said John B. Bondurant, executive vice president.

"In the past, some businesses have been reluctant to use these loans because of a perceived slow

turnaround time. However, we have developed a good working relationship with the SBA and can help our customers get a quick loan approval."

Enterprise National Bank is the wholly-owned subsidiary of Piedmont Bancshares Corporation of Winston-Salem.

The bank, which opened for business on April 16, 1990, has its main office in Thruway Shopping Center. Enterprise had \$32,129,000 in total assets as of March 31, 1992.

Piedmont for Perot to hold rally

Piedmont for Perot, a group circulating petitions to ensure that H. Ross Perot's name will appear on the ballot in the November presidential election as an independent candidate, will hold a rally Thursday, April 23, from 4-7 p.m. Piedmont for Perot offices are located at 1203 South Main Street.

C. Vincent Shortt, chairman of the group, reports that for the past six weeks individuals through the state, acting independently, have been circulating petitions for signatures.

Branch offices of Piedmont for Perot have been established in various counties to coordinate local efforts. Local groups will be working in cooperation with state headquarters, North Carolina for Perot located in Mathews.

Shortt explained the require-

ments for ensuring that petitions will be filled out correctly. For example, each petition must be county-specific, so that a signer living in one county must sign only a petition designated for that county.

Also, those who sign must be registered voters, with or without party affiliations. He said that Piedmont for Perot is not conducting a political campaign.

The sole objective of the organization is to see that there are 100,000 signatures statewide by May 15 so that Perot's name will appear on the ballot.

In fact, many thousands throughout the state who have already signed include Democrats, Republicans, Independents, liberals and conservatives. The appeal of Ross Perot cuts across social, eco-

nomie, political, and educational lines.

Ken Blackburn, head of the Winston-Salem chapter, reports that the local office on South Main Street will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays.

Information about petitions may be obtained in person or by calling 724-6176, and petitions may be picked up and returned to the office.

Videotapes of several of Perot's appearances on CSPAN and Larry King's show are available for use in the community.

Piedmont for Perot and the Winston-Salem chapter occupies space and facilities at the South Main Street address which have been made available by R. Dale Catlett.

Voter apathy hurts black candidates

GREENVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Blacks have succeeded in fielding candidates for Congress but need to work on getting voters to the polls, the president of the state NAACP says. "It doesn't do you a whole (lot) of good to have 85 percent of your potential (voters) registered and only have 20 percent turnout," Kelly Alexander said.

Alexander said voter apathy touches all races. But black voters especially need to take advantage of North Carolina's new black-majority congressional districts.

"It has nothing to with race, ethnicity or economics," Alexander

said. "It has something to do with motivating people to view politics as a part of their lives."

Two districts, the 1st and the 12th, were redrawn last year to have a majority of black voters who could send a minority to Washington. North Carolina's 11 congressmen are white.

"We aren't doing a good job at educating young people to be civic-minded," he said. "And as a result, they are growing up to be adults who aren't civic-minded."

Alexander was in Greenville Saturday to speak at a banquet honoring the fifth anniversary of the

Minority Voice newspaper.

The party primaries are scheduled for May 5 and four black candidates are running against three whites for the Democratic nomination in the 1st district.

"All of the folks who are declared and running have to make up their own minds and determine if they would win," he said. "If they don't think they could win, they could do a great service by pulling out before the fifth of May."

The 12th district boasts seven black candidates—four Democrats and three Republicans—in addition to two white Republicans.

State agencies ordered to direct more business to minorities

ATLANTA (AP) — State agencies are under orders from the governor to direct more of the government's business to minority-owned firms.

An executive order issued Thursday by Gov. Zell Miller also requires agencies to document compliance through quarterly reports.

Only about 2 percent of state contracts go to minority contractors now, according to a report released in January by a legislative study committee.

"With this executive order, we begin the process of actually changing the way we do things in an effort to improve the level of minority participation in the state contracting process," Miller said.

The order directs state agencies to:

— Make special efforts to publicize opportunities to bid for state business to minority-owned businesses.

— Designate a liaison officer to provide special assistance to minority businesses.

— File quarterly reports documenting their efforts.

Rep. Tyrone Brooks, D-Atlanta, said the move "is a step in the right direction to open up state government and the bidding process . . . It is not as strong as we would like, but it is a step in the right direction."

Bert Fridlin, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business, said the step was "fine," but added the state is slow in paying bills and said that could be a problem for minority businesses.

Fridlin's organization, which represents small business, has sought legislation requiring the state to pay bills within 30 days. The measure passed the Legislature three times but was vetoed twice by former Gov. Joe Frank Harris and once by Miller.

"One of the biggest problems small businesses have is cash flow," said Fridlin, adding that minority

businesses, some of them struggling, could suffer under the state's payment system.

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FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

On Tuesday, February 25th, I filed as a candidate for the School Board of Forsyth County in District 1. Since that date, I have visited several schools to find out first hand what is happening in our schools. To my surprise very seldom does a candidate visit schools and according to school personnel the present School Board members' record is even worse. It is unbelievable to me that an individual who is aspiring to help make policies for the school system cannot find the time to visit schools to see what is going on.

Education is essential if we want our county to go forward. Students much have adequate schools and a curriculum that will allow them to develop to their fullest potential. Teachers and parents much work together harmoniously to achieve that goal. The community must support the students, teachers, and parents.

Teachers must be academically knowledgeable. They must be culturally competent (knowledgeable) and must be given an opportunity to be involved in decision making in such areas as budgeting, discipline, school reforms, and policies governing their individual school. They should be encouraged by being given actual time to teach and fewer disruptions during the day. They should be rewarded by pay raises and more positive responses and less negative ones.

Parents should be encouraged to visit the schools and participate in the various activities. It is my opinion that activity buses could be used to transport parents that do not have transportation. They should have conferences with teachers periodically. If time will not allow them to visit the school then the telephone or correspondence by mail could be used.

If selected, I promise to work for the good of all students, parents, teachers and the community.

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