

Alda to Speak

North Carolinians to decide on ERA



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Equal Rights Amendants

The simple justice evoked by the few sentences of the Equal Rights Amendments is so apparent that many people, reading it for the first time, wonder what all the fuss is about. Some assume that such equality already exists and wonder why a constitutional amendment is needed to ensure it; others point with distaste at the legal, emotional and bureaucratic tangles resulting from women's recourse to recent non-discriminatory laws and privately hope the whole issue will disappear.

Housewives wonder over the connection between these sentences and hysterical warnings that they're going to break up the family, and a vast

number of citizens, sunk in political apathy simply don't want to be bothered.

The First District Coalition of North Carolinians United for Equal Rights Amendment are sponsoring a Fund Raiser on January 20 featuring the appearance of Alan Alda, star of M*A*S*H.

The coalition hopes that the appearance of Alda who has worked very actively for the ratification of this amendment will help to convince many of the public, that the horrors they fear will come to be if this amendment is ratified, will not happen.

Tickets for the "Coffee and Dessert with Alan Alda" are \$5 and have to be purchased in advance of Jan. 20. The tickets can be purchased from Linda A. Grieve, 426-5918 after 6 p.m. or Bonnie D. White at 426-5211.

The Patron tickets which include dinner with Alda at the home of George and Winnie Wood of Camden are \$25 per person and also include the "Coffee and Dessert". These can be purchased by calling Mrs. Marginette Lassiter after 6 p.m. at 482-2945.

The Full Text of the Proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States states:

Section 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.



FELTON IS AWARDED—Mr. Clarence O. Felton was awarded with the Perquimans County 1978 Vegetable Garden Cup. Felton, Route 1, has won the award for the past eight years. He raises 48 varieties of vegetables. The award, Felton figures, is just a bonus. He and his wife have vegetables year round which cuts cost in the food budget. (Staff photo by Paige Eure)

Teeth Week to Start

All students in kindergarden through sixth grade are invited to join in the fun of National Children's Dental Health Week, which is February 4-10, 1979. This year we

hope to have a lot of entries for the picture contest. The pictures may be on any topic of dental health, drawn with any medium (ink, crayon, magic marker), and may be on any size paper.

Pictures should be collected by the classroom teachers and delivered to the principals' offices by the following dates. Pam Pritchard, the dental hygienist, will collect them for each school, so that they may be judged. Winners will be contacted during Dental Health Week to pick up the pictures on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1979.

People in the News

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stallings and family have returned to their home in Media, Pa. after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Stallings at Belvidere.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradford of Norfolk, Va. were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin White at Belvidere.



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(Editor's Note: The time is drawing near when the people of North Carolina will make a decision that could possibly effect all Americans. Everyone should believe what the

Equal Rights Amendment stands for. Whether we believe that it is worth the time and effort put forth is a matter of personal opinion.)

4-hers Honored

Richard Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skinner Jr., of Hertford, has recently been named Most Outstanding 4-H member in Perquimans County for 1978.

Skinner received 4 trophies for, Grand Champion Boy, You and Your Dog, Safety Projects, and Most Outstanding 4-H member.

In addition, he received 5 pins, 4 ribbons for first place and 1 grand champion ribbon.

Skinner has won 4 county first place positions in local poster contests and won 3rd place in State competition.

He is the President of the Pioneer 4-H club and Vice President for the County Council. His 4-H Leader is Mr. Billy Elliott.

Alice White won the Grand Champion Girl trophy at the 4-H Achievement Program. She represented the county at State 4-H Club Congress in Raleigh.

In Raleigh, she was the Jr. Public Speaking winner for the Northeastern District. Her other work in 4-H includes being

president of the Busy Bees and chairman of the program committee for Perquimans County. She has also completed projects in Food Preparation and Health.

Janice Talley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Talley, has not been a stranger to 4-H. In the past three years she has won first or second place ribbons in the county in everything she has entered.



4-H WINNERS—The following children were winners in the annual 4-H Achievement Program held Dec. 18. They are, l. to r., Alice White, Richard Skinner, Paige Hollowell, and Janice Talley. (Staff photo by Paige Eure)

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