

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Detter Gerald L.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CNF Inc. (CNF)		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other(specify below) <u>Senior Vice President</u>		
(Last) 110 Parkland Plaza	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year)  12/15/2003	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  12/15/2003	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street) Ann Arbor MI 48103							
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>				

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/15/ 2003	12/15/ 2003	A		22,000.0000	A	32.87	113,653.1172	D	
Common Stock (1)	12/15/ 2003	12/15/ 2003	J	V	4.7180	A		1,560.9940	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock								20.0000	I	By self for son
Common Stock								30.0000	I	By spouse for son
Common Stock								195.0000	I	By spouse with son
Common Stock								1,100.0000	I	By trust (2)
Common Stock								39.2139	I	Joint Tenancy

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock (3,4)	0	12/15/2003	12/15/2003	A		91.1880		8/8/1988	8/8/1988	Common Stock	91.1880	32.96	30,146.8660	I	DCP Plan-Phantom Stock Units

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. These shares were acquired under the CNF Thrift and Stock Plan at a price of \$32.9845 per share, in a transaction that was exempt from Section 16(b) by virtue of Rule 16(b)-3.
2. These shares are held in a trust in which the reporting person and his spouse are the settlers, trustees and beneficiaries.
3. Column 2 = Phantom stock shares have a one for one conversion. Column 6 = Units of phantom stock are payable in shares of CNF stock following termination of the reporting person's employment with CNF. Column 7 = Acquired by reinvestment of dividend-equivalents on dividend date pursuant to CNF's deferred compensation plan.
4. In addition to the 30,146.8660 shares of common stock held indirectly in the DCP Plan, 260.7730 shares of Series B preferred stock are indirectly held in the 401(k) Plan.

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).  
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Date

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
Eberhard G.H. Schmoller, Attorney-in-Fact