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World Day of Prayer

Andrews - World Day of Prayer will be observed at the First Methodist Church, February 17, at 3 p.m. Women of all Churches are invited.

The training of children is a profession, where we must know how to lose time in order to gain it.
 - Jean Jacques Rousseau

From The Desk Of State Senator

W. FRANK FORSYTH - 33RD DISTRICT

In the past quarter of a century, no Legislature has been faced with more problems than does the 1961 Session. Three things stand out perhaps more than any other, which are: 1. Aid to education; 2. redistricting the State for Congressional Districts; 3. reapportionment of the State House and Senate.

Throughout State agencies more spending is seen. The budget prepared by the Budget Advisory Commission has a record-breaking total of 1 1/2 billion dollars, which represents an increase. This will include \$979,771,641.00 in State funds with the remainder coming from Federal sources.

Governor Terry Sanford has indicated he will ask the General Assembly for additional funds for schools and is prepared to recommend tax increases, if necessary, to raise the money.

The budget which was expected in these days of higher cost, greater needs, and more people, certainly is a large one. It would seem to me that this budget does not recognize the ability or the willingness of the people to pay for the services they recommend. I am looking forward to hearing of Governor Sanford's recommendation on how to raise new money to meet these services.

Last week was the business of getting organized, with officers being elected in the Senate and the House and on Friday, Lt. Gov. Philpott named the standing Committees of the Senate.

Your Senator was named Chairman of the Committee on Salaries and Fees; Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee, and a member of the following committees: Banking, Local Government, Propositions and Grievances, University Trustees, Wildlife, Conservation and Development and the Committee to redistrict the State's Congressional Districts.

The Finance Committee has the responsibility of raising money to meet the cost of State Government. As Vice Chairman of the Committee, I expect this will be a tremendous problem.

North Carolina will lose one Congressman under the National reapportionment of the House of Representatives. It is the duty of the Committee on redistricting the Congressional Districts to work out this problem. North Carolina's twelve Districts will be reduced to eleven and North Carolina's geography and population makes this job very difficult.

The budget indicated to the General Assembly that money will be available to pay the teachers their promised 5% bonus at the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 1961. This teacher's bonus was devised by the 1959 Assembly and is based on revenues collected over and above the Legislative estimate of \$283,000,000.00. This 5% bonus will take approximately \$7,000,000.00.

I was appointed, along with Senator Cutler Moore of Roberson, to escort Governor Sanford to the rostrum for him to make his appropriations speech to the General Assembly. When his speech was finished and going with him back to his office, he autographed the speech he

THIS WEEK IN THE LEGISLATURE

By Representative Herman H. West

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 The 1961 Session of the North Carolina Legislature is now underway. The House, of which I am privileged to be a member, convened at noon Wednesday, February 8th, and officially elected its officers. Joseph Hunt of Greensboro was elected Speaker of the House.

In attempting to inform the people of Cherokee County about the doings of the Legislature, I want to first thank them for allowing me to represent Cherokee County citizens. I deem it a great privilege.

In organizing, I felt that there was a slight confusion; however, experienced lawmakers say that this usually happens, and next week when all committee assignments have been made, that then we can really get down to work.

Two committees have been already assigned in the House. These are the money committees, Finance and Appropriations. The Finance Committee arranges to get the money, and the Appropriations Committee spends it. I was selected on appropriations.

Some of my colleagues have told me that the Appropriations Committee work is very interesting, as different

aspects of state government are revealed in the several agencies, schools, colleges, etc., as they explain their cause to this important committee.

There was much talk in this beginning week about redistricting the state's congressional districts, as North Carolina will lose one congressman under the National Congress Reapportionment Act.

Money for state schools, which includes pay raises for teachers and capital improvements (much needed in this county), reapportionment of the State House and Senate, all of which make me think there is lots of work to be done.

Governor Sanford's message on the budget was most interesting. He reserved his recommendations on some parts of this budget, and will give them to us next week. Particularly am I anxious to find out how he expects to raise new money.

I expect to be in Cherokee County most every weekend, and I will certainly be glad to talk with anyone about any problem they might have with which I can be of assistance to them.

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