

33rd District May Be Key To Redistricting State Senate

MURPHY - When Cherokee and Clay Counties' lawmakers go to Raleigh next week they will be from the 33rd senatorial district.

When they come back, it looks now like they will return to a new district called the 1st senatorial district, with Jackson County a new member in the district.

Senator Frank Forsyth will gain some 17,780 more constituents, if Governor Sanford's plan is passed.

Rep. Herman West of Cherokee County and Clay's representative, Col. Wayne G. West, will vote in the House on the proposal they favor, and will therefore have a voice in the decision.

The present district these lawmakers come from will probably be in the spotlight more than any other district in the state during the deliberations.

And the 33rd may turn out to be the thorn that breaks down the Governor's plan.

Here's why that may happen: An ideal redistricting bill would create 50 districts in the state with a population of 91,123 in each one.

While it is impossible to hit this figure on the nose in every district, without splitting up any one county, the state Constitution says that

the number of people in each district should be as near alike as possible.

The 33rd district's population is presently far below this. The 33rd's present counties are Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, and Swain, with a combined population of 61,606, according to the 1960 census.

The governor's plan calls for adding Jackson County to the district. Jackson's 1960 population was 17,780. This addition would raise the population of the 33rd district to 69,386.

The governor thinks this would be close enough to the average of 91,123 to gain approval necessary to prevent action leading to a federal court suit, which if it occurred, could wind up with the court doing the redistricting.

Some leaders don't agree with this plan.

The alternate plan favored by some Republicans and others calls for adding both Jackson and Transylvania counties to the 33rd.

Transylvania's population is 16,372. Adding both these counties to the 33rd would still leave a total population of only 85,758 in the district, below the average but close enough, to fulfill even a strict ad-

herence to the wording of the constitution.

The governor, and those favoring his plan, say that adding Jackson County to the 33rd will satisfactorily meet the requirements of the Constitution, even though the resulting population will still be more than 20,000 below the average.

The arguments in favor of adding only Jackson County to the district point mainly to the already large geographical area of the district, which will be even greater if Jackson is added.

They say that the addition of Transylvania County would be impractical because the district would simply be too big from a geographical standpoint.

Other arguments about the 33rd in favor of the governor's plan say that it would be too big for one man to cover in a campaign, and that the rough terrain of the mountainous counties only adds to this problem.

They point out that if both Jackson and Transylvania were added, a trip of some 150 miles would be necessary to cover the district from end to end.

The most outspoken opponent of the governor's plan so far has been Transylvania



SOME COMBINATION of the Western North Carolina counties in this map, with the exception of Haywood, will make up the new 1st senatorial district if the special legislative session succeeds in passing a redistricting bill. Population of each county is included in the map.

County's GOP representative, William Leonard.

Rep. Leonard's argument has hit the heart of the Sanford plan as far as the 33rd district is concerned because it is simple but true.

He points out that the N. C. Constitution says that the districts will be divided with equal population, and men-

tions nothing about geography, politics, or campaign hard-

ships.

"The only way to handle redistricting of the senate," he says "is to do it like the Constitution says to, and that would require adding both

Jackson and Transylvania, or some other counties to the 33rd district to bring the popu-

lation up to or near the average."

The governor's plan also calls for re-numbering the districts, starting in the West. This would change the 33rd to the 1st.

The 33rd or 1st, whatever the outcome of the arguments, may turn out to be the number one problem in settling the whole case.

Here's The Background On Redistricting Senate

MURPHY - Come next Monday North Carolina's lawmakers will be back in Raleigh for a special legislative session called by Governor Terry Sanford to redistrict the state senate.

The whole problem is a simple matter of setting up senatorial districts so that each of the 50 senators in North Carolina will represent the same number of people.

The state Constitution says that every ten years, after the census figures on population in each county are known, the senatorial districts must be realigned to make each of the 50 districts have as nearly alike number of people as possible, without crossing county lines; that is, without splitting up any one county.

This job of redistricting the senate hasn't been done since the 1940 census, a failure that is a complete disregard of the state Constitution.

Because of its iron-clad control of the legislature since the senate was last redistricted, the Democratic party in the state shoulders the blame for the failure to adhere to the Constitution following the 1960 and 1960 censuses.

The real reason that the state's lawmakers have finally become so concerned about the problem is that the U. S. Supreme Court ruled last year that if states fail to comply with their Constitutional obligations, a federal judge will do it for them.

The generally accepted reason for failure to take on the redistricting chore in this state in the past 33 years is politics.

Large shifts of population in the state means that some districts will gain senators while others lose them.

No politician is anxious to pass a redistricting bill that will eliminate himself or a

fellow party member from a job, or strengthen the opposition's cause by adding senators in districts where they are strong, or group the opposition's strong counties in the same districts.

These facts make up the background of the present situation.

In this year's legislature, the arguments about redistricting resulting from these facts waxed so hot that a redistricting bill never was passed.

But threats from members of both political parties to start suits in the federal courts to force redistricting, if it isn't done voluntarily by the legislature, are so hot that Governor Sanford decided that a special session had to be called to make one last attempt to get a redistricting bill passed.

Whether the lawmakers can come to an agreement during a special session remains to be seen.

The governor has had a vast public relations campaign underway since the legislative session ended to drum up support for his own plan.

He issued the statement that he had no intention of calling the legislators back to Raleigh "until enough people agree on a redistricting bill to carry it. It would be foolish to do otherwise."

His main strategy in winning support for his solution was to hold meetings with lawmakers and leaders in various sections of the state and talk over their feelings toward his bill.

Fontana Village was the scene of one of the meetings for the Western end of the state. He apparently was satisfied with promises of support he received there, and at other meetings around the state.

At any rate, Raleigh is in for one of the most unusual legislative gatherings in years.

Editor's Note-Book

Local Merchants open the fall shopping season this week with special sales and shopping events. This week's Scout's circulation will be increased to 10,000 with sample copies going to all addresses in surrounding areas, to carry the special advertising campaign's in this week's edition.

TR
The contract for the new Health Center at Andrews will be let October 24.

TR
The contract for the second wing of the new High School building at Andrews, which will contain a gymnasium and cafeteria, was signed Wednesday. Smith and Jones, the same Atlanta firm that did the first wing, will construct the other half of the new school.

TR
S. D. Jones' "Mystery Vine" has been identified. County agents here sent a sample to Williams Hall, agronomy specialist for N. C. State's agricultural extension service. He reported that the vine is a "Sicyos Angulata", commonly known as a bur cucumber, a weedy annual vine in the gourd family, found occasionally in fields in North Carolina. We still think it's a cactus.

TR
The Cherokee County Cancer Fund Society is sponsoring a wrestling match Friday night in the old Rock Gym, featuring a mixed, man and woman tag team match. 8:15 is show time.

TR
Several race fans in the area will be heading for Charlotte Sunday for the National 400 NASCAR race, the last big stock car flogging of the season. Starting time is 1:00 p.m.

TR
The new oil heating system for the County Courthouse is completed, and a trial run Monday had radiators thumping.

TR
Tax appraisers who are currently covering the county report that they hope to wind up the job by November 1.

Final Approval Given \$50,000 Refunding Bonds

MURPHY - Cherokee County Commissioners gave final approval to the issuance of \$50,000 in refunding bonds for school construction Monday at the monthly meeting.

A public hearing on the issuance had been set for 10:00 Monday, and when no one showed up to discuss the move further, the Commissioners made it official.

In other action the Commissioners voted to increase insurance protection by adding extended coverage for loss by windstorm, smoke, etc., and a public liability policy for county buildings.

Additional roads placed on the map by Commissioners included 3/4 miles of Postell Road, 8/10 mile of the Jake Taylor Road, and 2 miles of Canyon Road in Valleytown Township.

Hobart Hughes, chairman of the County Board of Elections, appeared before the Commissioners with plans for building voting houses at Hot-house, Noddy, at Burnt Meeting House and at Ranger.

The Commissioners instructed him to secure deeds or leases on the property chosen at each site before advertising for bids on construction of the buildings.



A WRECKING CRANE operated by Floyd Israel of Fletcher dropped into Hiwassee River here last Friday when two sections of the old Hiwassee bridge collapsed after the crane had demolished one end of the bridge. The operator rode the crane down in its 30 foot drop, but was not injured. He was pulled back up by fellow workers with a rope. Blue Ridge Structure Co. of Asheville was tearing down the old bridge after completing the new Frank Forsyth Bridge on U. S. 64. The operator said after he smashed one end of the bridge, he saw the other two sections start to crumble, and he tried to back the crane off, but the rest of the bridge gave way before he could make it. Scout Photos - Davis

Sheriff Appoints Kellis W. Radford As Chief Deputy

MURPHY - Kellis W. Radford of Andrews, a former Clerk of Court here, has been appointed by Sheriff Claude Anderson as Chief Deputy to perform the sheriff's duties until he is able to be back on the job.

The letter of appointment, signed by Sheriff Anderson, who is hospitalized while recovering from gunshot wounds suffered here Sept. 7, authorized Mr. Radford to "take charge of the sheriff's office and supervise and direct all deputy sheriffs of Cherokee County and to perform all duties of the sheriff."

The new chief deputy met with County Commissioners here Monday and secured the appointment of Robert Hartness of Murphy as a full time, paid deputy.

Mr. Hartness has been working as a part-time, unpaid deputy for several years in the sheriff's department. Doctors say that Sheriff Anderson is recovering satisfactorily, but no estimate was made of when the sheriff will be able to resume full-time direction of the sheriff's office.

Murphy To Host District PTA Conference Oct. 15

MURPHY - The annual fall District Conference of District 1 of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers will be held here Tuesday, Oct. 15, at First Baptist Church, Murphy PTA President Don W. Ramsey announced this week.

It will mark the first District meeting of PTA to be held here in the 35 year history of the local organization.

Mr. Ramsey said this week that local PTA officers decided to hold the conference at the church to be able to accommodate the large group expected from the 11 county district. The Conference was first slated to be held at the Murphy Elementary School.

PTA members from 11 units in the eleven county area are expected.

Registration will last from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. with the Murphy PTA hosting a coffee during the registration period.

The Conference will get underway at ten, with greetings by Mr. Ramsey and Holland McSwain, superintendent of Murphy Schools.

"Mental Health - A Target For Action" will be the theme of the program for the one day meeting.

Delivering the keynote address will be Dr. William E. Thomas, Chief Psychologist, N. C. Department of Mental Health, Raleigh.

In developing his topic, "The North Carolina Story," Dr. Thomas will show the extent of the mental health problem in the state and graphically illustrate the resources now available.

In his concluding remarks he will point out the needs and plans for mental health in the state in the years ahead.

Bulldogs Reach Halfway Point With 1-3-1 Record

MURPHY - Murphy High's Bulldogs wound up the first half of the grid season and non-conference action for the year Friday night by battling Hendersonville on even terms in the first half of the game, but were unable to match the Bearcat's power in the last half, losing 27-7.

With a 1-3-1 record at the halfway point, the Bulldogs have five conference games remaining on the slate, and with only one conference loss thus far, can't be counted out of the loop race.

Murphy journeys to Hayesville this Friday night as guests at Hayesville High's homecoming.

The Bulldogs got the ball first in last Friday's game, but fumbled to Hendersonville several plays later on their 39.

A 27 yard pass moved the Bearcats to Murphy's 7. Gene Carswell scooted in for the score and Barry Johnson kicked the conversion.

Mrs. Felix S. Barker, State

President of the PTA, will address the group on the many concerns of children and youth in the state and nation.

Mrs. Roebly S. Wilson, District Director from Asheville, will preside over the one day meeting and conduct a short business session.

New officers for the district will be elected at this meeting.

The District is comprised of the following counties: Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain and Transylvania.

PTA members from 111 units are expected for the meeting. Any citizen interested in mental health is invited.

Also appearing on the program will be other State PTA Board members including Mrs. Hamilton Young, president of the Buncombe County Council; Mrs. Hugh Daniel, president of the Waynesville Council; Miss Frances Setzer, field secretary; Miss Grace Daniel of Salisbury, state mental health chairman; Mrs. Mountrie Smyth, state recording secretary.

Local committee chairmen for the conference include Mrs. W. T. Brown, general chairman; Mrs. Robert D. Bruce, publicity; Mrs. Charlie J. Hughes, registrar; Mrs. Herman Edwards, luncheon committee; Mrs. Ben E. Warner, Jr., coffee hour chairman; Mrs. Ruth L. Forsyth, flowers; Mrs. Hollan McSwain, name tags; and Barbara Graham, Carolyn Sue Palmer, Mary Linda Hyatt, Tommy Adams, Charles White and Gerald Moore, pages.

A luncheon for the District members attending will be held at the church at 12:45.



BIG WINNER in the first Smoky Mountain Horse Show here last Saturday night was "Merry Blue Boy" owned by Owen Fullen of Athens, Tenn. Here Ken Armstrong receives the trophy and first place ribbon from Mrs. Elvia Blake-more after riding the "Blue Boy" to first place in the Walking Horse Stake Class. The same horse also won first place in the Amateur Walking Horse Class with Kenny Dickson aboard. The two wins were worth \$60 in prize money in addition to the trophies and blue ribbons. Scout Photos - Davis

Horse Show A Hit-Lions Say 'More'

MURPHY - The first Smoky Mountain Horse Show here last Saturday night can only be described as chilly but successful.

Some 1,500 horse show fans braved the nippy weather to see more than 130 horses do their stuff in 15 classes. One class, Amateur Five Gaited, was scratched.

The sponsoring Murphy Lions Club met Tuesday night and voted to make the horse show an annual event.

Last minute changes saw Tom Chase of Jonesboro, Tenn. handle judging chores, and J. B. Allen of Knoxville assist Tom Palmer as ringmaster.

Max Blakemore stepped in and did a masterful job as master of ceremonies, and organ music by Mrs. Katherine Suderth paced the tempo of the show and added greatly to the color of the whole event.

A script by Mrs. Rosalind Burgess kept the crowd entertained, and considering the show was in its first year, the only hitch was wintry weather.

WEATHER

Date	High	Low	Perc.
3	75	42	0.00
4	78	47	0.00
5	79	44	0.00
6	78	42	0.00
7	77	44	0.00
8	77	39	0.00
9	78	44	0.00
Forecast: Thursday and Friday, fair; Saturday and Sunday, continued fair.			

Harvest Sale Saturday At Andrews

ANDREWS - The annual PTA Harvest Sale has been set for Saturday night, Oct. 12, in the school gym.

The Harvest Sale is the only fund raising project of the PTA, with proceeds going for projects sponsored by the organization.

Goods ranging from cakes to chickens, hand saws to hound dogs, and guns to gooseberry jelly will be donated by local businesses and individuals for the sale.

All items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The Browning Brothers of Helen, Ga., will be on hand to handle auctioneering duties, assisted by Jim Baker of Andrews.

Each school classroom will solicit goods, with prizes going to the class bringing in the most items.

Mrs. Doris Ladd is chairman of the sale, and Mrs. Carl Barnett, PTA president, is supervising the event.