

## Little Hope in Redistricting Order

**REDISTRICTING**—The North Carolina General Assembly's 1982 redistricting took another step backward last week. U.S. Chief Justice Warren Burger refused to grant a stay of a previous court to redraw several legislative districts that, according to a federal three-judge panel, violates the voting rights of blacks.

The decision by Burger was not altogether unexpected and legislative leaders said late Friday that the motion for a stay would now be taken before the full U.S. Supreme Court.

Privately, however, the legislative leaders aren't holding out a great deal of hope in fighting the redistricting order. Conversations apparently have been continuous, since the original order, about initiating still another one-day special session to resolve the issue.

If the full court turns the stay down, then legislative leaders will move immediately to petition Governor Hunt to call the legislature back to Raleigh. The governor has already agreed to that action if he is asked.

But as has been the case all along with this redistricting

deal, time is short. The original order said the new formula for the districts must be in by March 16, 1984. If not, then the judges will redraw the problem districts themselves. That is something the lawmakers don't want.

Current plans are to have the special session on March 6th, whether the full court has heard the legislative appeal or not. That supposedly would allow a second "tune-up" job if the March 6th effort gets an immediate rebuke.

More likely, the court will play around with the March 6th plan long enough to throw the May 8th primary date into disarray—at least in the case of the legislative seats. It's that possibility that gives some observers hope that the lawmakers will be certain that the March 6th plan is absolutely acceptable—to avoid delaying the May 8th primary.

"They know what the courts want. They just have to make up their minds to do it," said one well-placed member of the 1982 conference committee on redistricting.

Doing it, of course, would mean going to single-member districts—and overriding the

desires of some very powerful lawmakers from multiple member districts.

### Guest Speaker

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Methodist Council, National Advisory Committee of Church and Community Ministry, and the Board of Visitors of Duke Divinity School.

He holds membership in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated (Life member), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Society for the Study of Black Religion, Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Rotary-International.

Dr. Bethea has the distinction of being elected as a Delegate to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church five times; as Delegate once to the Central Jurisdictional Conference; four times; as Delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference; and once as the Delegate to the Tenth Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, Kingston, Jamaica.

He has been listed in the National Who's Who in the Methodist Church, Who's Who in Religion and Personalities of the South.

Dr. Bethea is the author of many articles published in leading religious journals and periodicals. He is a sought-after speaker and lecturer and has led seminars and lectured throughout the southeast and in Delaware and Nevada.

### Revival Services In Progress

Revival Services are now in progress and will continue thru Sunday evening service at the church of God, 901 Johnston St. Edenton.

Services begin nightly at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday evening service to begin at 6:30 P.M.

The visiting evangelist is Rev. Dale Morgan of Wilson, N.C. Rev. Morgan attended East Coast Bible College, Charlotte, N.C.

The pastor, Rev. Marion Baccus extends an invitation to the public.

## IRS- Backup Withholding

**Greensboro**—Many reportable payments may be subject to 20 per cent withholding in certain situations, the Internal Revenue Service says.

The provision, called backup withholding, was passed by Congress in 1983 through the Interest and Dividend Tax Compliance Act. While backup withholding generally applies to interest, dividends, and patronage dividends, many miscellaneous payments may be affected as well. These may include rents, royalties, commissions, nonemployee compensation, and transactions with brokers and barter exchanges. An example would be a self-employed salesperson receiving commissions from various sources.

Backup withholding applies when the payee fails to furnish an identification number, i.e., social security) to the payor with respect to miscellaneous payments, except brokers and barter exchanges, must backup withhold if:

1. Reportable payments to the payee total \$600 or more for the year,
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the previous year, or  
3. The payor was required to impose withholding on payments made to the payee during the previous year.

In cases of brokers and barter exchanges, the payor must withhold only if the payee does not provide an ID number required or if the IRS notifies the payor that the

number is not correct. Backup withholding is NOT an additional tax. Any amount withheld on these taxable payments can be claimed by taxpayers as a credit against their tax when the annual return is filed. For more information, call 1-800-424-1040, toll free.

## Circus Tent Tryouts

It's audition time at The Circus Tent for the summer of 1984! Tryouts for Hermeneutics, for this summer 11 week, interdenominational ministry, will be held on the Outer Banks on Saturday, March 17, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church.

The ministry provides the christian message through contemporary christian and gospel music.

The Circus Tent musical group is made up of 4 or 5 college age students with definite performing skills in music and/or the arts and who have a desire to provide a ministry to vacationing families, tourists, and the local community.

Members of the team must

be willing to serve as a part of a team, have dedication to their art and skill, and have a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and be committed to follow His way in their life.

Compensation and housing will be provided for the 11 week period, from June 5 to August 20.

College age persons interested in auditioning can obtain an application by writing to The Circus Tent; P. O. Box 652; Kill Devil Hills, N.C. 27948; or by calling the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church at (919) 261-2062, between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. Monday through Friday.

A honeybee can carry a burden 300 times its own weight.

### Card Of Thanks

The Family of Carrie C. Wilson would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food and other expressions of love and kindness shown during the illness and at the loss of their loved one. A special thanks to Dr. Lane, Nurses and staff of Chowan Hospital.

God bless each of you.  
The Family  
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### Birth Announced

Mike and Janice Terry would like to announce the birth of their son, Christopher Channing, who was born on February 22 at 5:08 P.M. in Chowan Hospital.

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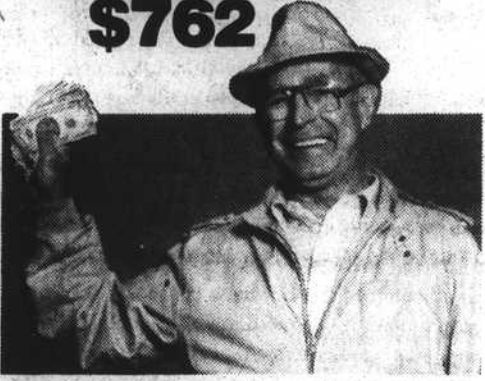
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