

# Franklin Not Affected By County Redistricting

By Clint Fuller

Now that the General Assembly has redistricted the House and Senate and reapportioned the Congressional districts, subject to court approval, the next move is likely to a forced realignment of county districts. Foreseeing this possibility, the Legislature passed a bill authorizing local county governing bodies to realign themselves. While this law applies to a number of North Carolina counties, it seems to be one of the few passed in recent years by the State or National law-making bodies which does not apply in Franklin County.

In Franklin County, county representatives are elected at large. That is, even though Commissioners must run from certain districts, they are voted on by everyone in the county.

This arrangement has worked out well for a number of years and is likely to continue to do so.

Even though the change does not apply to Franklin County, it is interesting to note certain discrepancies in the present system. For example, the people of Gold Mine-Cedar Rock, with a population of 4170, which is 1581 short of the county average of 5751, has the same representation as do the people of Louisburg-Cypress Creek District, even though this district has 7447 population, or 1696 more than the county average.

As has been cited in the case of reapportionment of other governmental bodies, this gives the people of the smaller populated district more power per person than in the larger populated district.

In Franklin County, the 1950

census showed 28,755 population. With ten townships or five two-township districts, the average population per representative should be 5751 persons. The courts have ruled that a margin of five percent above or below this figure was desirable, and the recent special session of the Legislature struggled to keep that figure within 15% above and below in their redistricting; let's take a look at what exists in our own county.

In the Dunn-Harris Township District, the population is 5690 or within 10.5% of the average. That is, Dunn-Harris is short 61 persons in reaching the average. The Youngsville-Franklin District has a population of 7732, or 981 people over the average. This is 17% above and would be too far out of line if this new law applied to Franklin County.

Hayesville-Sandy Creek District, with a population of 3716, has a minus figure of 1435 persons, or 25% below the average. Gold Mine-Cedar Rock is 28.4% below the average, and Louisburg-Cypress Creek is 29.5% above.

This means that if the representative on the Board of County Commissioners or the County Board of Education, except in the case of the Youngsville district, which excludes Franklin on the Education Board, should decide to represent only his own district, there would be a great variance in the representation.

The Cedar Rock-Gold Mine representative, in casting one full vote in any matter, would be exerting the same authority in the name of 4170 people as the Louisburg-Cypress Creek representative, who would be representing nearly twice as many people, 7447.

Under the present system, the Franklinton-Youngsville District and the Louisburg-Cypress Creek District fall short in this matter. The two together have well over half the population but have only two-fifths of the vote on the Boards.

However, under the present system, representatives are elected by all the people in Franklin County, and while they, naturally, voice the feelings of their home district, they, nevertheless, are aware of the fact that they represent the entire county as a whole.

In this area, at least, the upcoming May Primaries will go unchanged. Running from their own districts, Commissioners and School Board members will have to gain the approval of the voter countywide to win. This is the way it should be.

## Progress

Ginko: "Are you making any progress in getting acquainted with those fashionable people who have just moved next door to you?"

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Snow Scene

## Health And Beauty

### SHOCK

Someone has sustained an injury. It may be severe. The victim turns pale. You are greatly alarmed when his breath comes in gasps and his pulse begins to weaken. He does not seem to be much concerned; in fact, he is close to unconsciousness, and often completely blacks out. What is happening to him?

The blood vessels are normally firm and elastic. They are contracted in health. Now they are flabby and soft. The blood runs lazily along in the dilated bed. The hemoglobin is probably sludging and finding it extremely difficult to squeeze through the capillaries. The heart beats rapidly laboring against the condition of the blood vessels. Crushing injuries are usually followed by this condition, which is shock. Fright is the first reaction to accidents; particularly where a number of people are involved, and there are mangled bodies, crushed and splintered bones, torn and shattered nerves.

Severe burns, whether involving large areas or deep tissues of the body, are very apt to be followed by shock. The temperature falls below normal. The breathing is uncertain, accompanied by gasps,

yawns, and sighs. His face is as pale as death. If conscious, he keeps asking for water. He talks rationally but remembers nothing about it afterwards.

Sometimes there is no way to get the victim to the hospital, and the doctor is delayed. Then you must know what to do in the meantime.

Keep the sufferer quiet. Do not allow people to rush in chattering excitedly about the patient. Put him on his back with his head lower than his feet. Wrap him in blankets and put a hot pad or hot water bottles, or any method most convenient at the time for keeping the patient warm. When

he asks for water, which he will probably do, if conscious, give him a little hot tea or coffee. A little cold water may also help.

Fainting, nausea, and vomiting are frequently followed by unconsciousness. As a rule, the patient does not complain of pain. All the senses seem deadened.

Until the doctor arrives, the layman can follow the above instructions and perhaps save a life.

## BEAUTY News & Views

By TONI WOODWARD-ANS



Milady's grooming requires the very best beauty tools, not the least of which is a cosmetic wipe big enough for major jobs, yet soft enough for the most delicate skin.

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# Estate Planning For Women Is Topic For University Women

G. M. Beam, Jr., legal attorney and insurance man, was guest speaker Monday evening to the Louisburg Branch of the American Association of University Women.

"Estate Planning for Women" was the topic of the program.

Mr. Beam spoke to the branch members in the home of Mrs. I. D. Moon on Dickens Avenue.

Mr. Beam selected from the broad subject of estate planning those pointers applicable to his audience. He emphasized the two-fold purpose of estate planning—making disposition of things owned and doing this in the way one wishes, freeing the estate from unnecessary expenses or taxes.

Following the program, a brief business session was presided over by Miss Elizabeth Johnson.

In the past 25 years, an estimated 10,000 young Franklin County people have moved to Wake County seeking jobs. Another thousand commute.

Dr. Ann Blumenfeld reported on the calendar sale, which is given toward the scholarship fund, and a special offering was taken to supplement this amount.

Mrs. C. Ray Pruette gave the treasurer's report, and Mrs. Moon read the minutes of the November and December meetings.

The hostess served cake topped with whipped cream and coconut, salted pecans, mints and coffee to the following: Franklinton, Mesdames C. Ray Pruette, Richard, Whitfield and Julia Carr; Louisburg, Mesdames John Matthews, Joe A. Pearce, Virgil Duncan, Misses Ruth Merritt, Ann Blumenfeld, Adelaide Johnson, and Elizabeth Johnson.

## About Your Home

Fences are a good defense against winds and prying eyes. For the most efficient cooling, keep louvers vertical and not more than eight inches wide. Slant them with your prevailing wind. To act as a wind break, the fence must be solid and tall enough to offer protection.

Decorative holes in the fence do not let in as much air as louvers, but they actually boost its force. This may be important if your summer breeze is sluggish.

Horizontal louvers aren't recommended. They either shoot the wind up and over your garden or they force it against the ground and cause a pile-up of air that whips around and does very little cooling.

Use an attractive fence to hide the sights and sounds of your service area. The design of any fence must blend with the house architecturally.

Often a fence can be constructed to give much needed shade to the yard or terrace area. Build your fence so that both sides are attractive. Your neighbors will appreciate this.

You can buy many well-designed ready-made fences. The fences come in sections and are attached to your posts. This type of fence is made of wood, which reflects less heat than masonry.

Walls and fences make a perfect background for planting. Choose shrubs that are evergreen, or have an interesting pattern when the leaves are gone.

Clipped hedges have become somewhat fashionable and this is hard to understand. There is no separation or garden background that is so friendly or effective.

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