

## Ted Dent Announces For Re-election To State Senate

Senator R. T. (Ted) Dent announced Friday that he had filed for re-election for one of the Thirty-first Senatorial District seats. This district is composed of Buncombe, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey Counties. The Thirty-five year old Spruce Pine businessman is President of Diamond Mica Company which has operations in Mitchell and Yancey Counties.

Senator Dent served his Freshman term in the 1967 General Assembly as Republican Minority Whip. He served on the Committees of Conservation & Development, Banking, Public Welfare and was the first Republican in "recent history" to serve on the powerful seven-man Calendar Committee. Several amendments to the 1967 Water and Air Pollution Control Act and the Water Use Acts were adopted at his suggestion.

After the General Assembly adjourned, Senator Dent was appointed to a Legislative Research Sub-committee by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which is studying the credit and lending practices in North Carolina.

This committee will make its recommendations on any changes they feel are desirable under the current statutes to the 1968 session of the General Assembly.

In the opening days of the 1967 session, Senator Dent introduced a bill to block the initial Cable Television Referendum in Asheville. It was successful in passing the Senate but there was not enough time for it to get out of committee in the House of Representatives. It did serve to give publicity to the issue which was overwhelmingly defeated in the referendum.

The anti-poverty agency, WAMY, put forth a proposal to

start publication of a newspaper to be circulated in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties which was opposed by Senator Dent. After his bill was introduced condemning this action on the part of the anti-poverty organization, their proposal was withdrawn due to public pressure.

Senator Dent is a former non-commissioned officer who served with the U. S. Army in Korea. In civic affairs, he is a

## Briggs Seeks Re-election To State Senate

This is to announce as a candidate for the North Carolina Senate, 31st District, subject to the Republican Primary Election. This district comprises Buncombe, Madison, Yancey and Mitchell Counties.

I am an attorney engaged in the practice of law, a member of the firm of Riddle and Briggs, 1505 Northwestern Bank Building, Asheville, North Carolina.

I attended Mars Hill Public Schools, Mars Hill College, Western Carolina University and Wake Forest University, graduating in the Class of 1932 from the Law School of Wake Forest University.

I am a member of the North Carolina State Bar Association, a member of the Buncombe

member of the Board of Trustees of the Spruce Pine Community Hospital, Vice-President of the Mitchell County United Fund, and a member of the American Institute of Engineers. He attended the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee and is a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Dent stated that he contemplated moving to Asheville within the next two months.

County Bar Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, Phi Alpha-Delta Law Fraternity and Woodmen of the World. I am now serving as County Attorney for Madison County and formerly served as Treasurer of the Upper French Broad Economic Development Commission.

I have served as Chairman of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee, Chairman of the 11th Congressional District, member of North Carolina Republican Central Committee, member of North Carolina Republican Executive Committee and as a member of the 1968 Republican Platform Committee.

I was elected to the 1967 General Assembly as a member of the Senate. During this session I served on such committees as Highways and Roads, Finance, Elections and Election Laws, Judiciary I and Constitution, and at present am serving on a legislative committee rewriting the Code of Civil Procedure.

I think that one of the most important problems facing our State is that of providing a realistic means of financing the basic and fundamental programs of our State, such as education,

road construction and maintenance, and that the burden of taxation must not be borne by only a few. Education must be given our immediate attention.

The Laws pertaining to automobile liability insurance should be revised in keeping with interests of the automobile owners as well as the insurance industry.

The legislative procedures should be revised, eliminating the secret sessions of the appropriations sub-committee, where only a "hand-picked few" determine where approximately \$2.7 billion dollars will be spent for the next two years, as was practiced in the 1967 session of the General Assembly.

More concern and attention should be given for the construction and maintenance of secondary roads in mountain areas. Some of the mountain counties are virtually in the same condition roadwise as they were several years ago.

North Carolina has great potential and can be elevated from its low position statistically, by fundamental, sound and honest government.

Bruce B. Briggs

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