



"Bull" West Announces For State Senate Seat



Herman West

Herman H. (Bull) West of Murphy announced Sunday he will seek the 33rd District Senate seat currently held by Sen. Mary Faye Brumby, also of Murphy.

West, a Republican, is the first announced candidate to oppose Mrs. Brumby. She announced for reelection in December.

The District includes Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Macon, Jackson and Trans-

ylvania Counties.

West formerly represented Cherokee County in the House. He served in the 1961 and 1963 General Assemblies and sought the Senate seat in 1964. He is president of Herman H. West Co., a land clearing firm with operations across the country.

"More progressive people are needed in the General Assembly," West said. "People who can determine what's best for the public interest - and not what's good for just one little area and one political party."

"The best interests of the people of North Carolina can be served by a Republican Legislature," he added. "The record of the Democratic Party in this state is high per capita taxation and low per capita income."

West, 57, is a native of Andrews and the son of David Bruce and Nina West. His father is a former Cherokee County legislator.

He is married to the former Margie Bryson of Marble. They have five sons.

Bill Bradley Seeks 49th District Seat

William P. (Bill) Bradley of Hayesville announced Monday as a candidate for the 49th House District seat in the General Assembly.

The Republican leader will face incumbent Democrat Wiley A. McGlamery in the November election.

The district is made up of Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Macon Counties.

Bradley has served as chairman of the Clay County Republican Executive Committee since 1961 and as 11th District Republican Party chairman since 1966. He has also been on the central committee of the State Republican Executive Committee for two years.

Bradley promised "honest representation, unyielding to unfair election laws and a program of economic development" for the four counties in the district.

He pledged to "work full time... when I am elected, I will communicate directly with the people... I will not refer any person to any other member of the Legislature."

Bradley said "it is not secret around the state that we had inadequate representation in the last General Assembly."

The 49-year-old Bradley is a native of Clay County and was educated in public schools in Clay and Haywood Counties.

He served 20 years in the U. S. Navy and was on active duty during World War II and the Korean War. He was awarded 15 campaign ribbons.

Bradley returned to Clay County in 1961. He is engaged in the automobile parts business there, is a member of the Clay County Rescue Squad and a ruling elder in the Hayesville Presbyterian Church.

Town Security Patrol Proposed

Attorney Lonnie Hoover proposed this week that the merchants of Murphy hire a man to serve as a security patrol to provide the downtown area with extra protection against fire and theft. A meeting will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Murphy Power Board Building to discuss the proposal. Hoover urges all merchants and businessmen who are interested in the security pat-

rol to attend the meeting. He said he has discussed the plan with Mayor Cloe Moore, Gene Farmer, president of the Murphy Merchants Association and Tommy Gentry, president of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce.

"I'd approve it," Mayor Moore said. "I'm very much in favor of it for many reasons," Farmer said.

Gentry said he would have no comment on the proposal until the merchants have an opportunity to discuss it. Hoover, a member of the law firm of Christopher, Jenkins and Hoover, noted that the firm's offices were destroyed in the fire that consumed the Townson Building on February 25.

He said that in addition to the property destroyed in recent fires in Murphy, there has been a tremendous loss of business for the firms involved and a loss of employment for many workers.

Hoover suggests that a man be hired to patrol the downtown area from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. each night.

The security patrol would check each business place for unlocked doors and windows several times each night and keep a lookout for fires.

"I believe that with the full cooperation of each and every downtown businessman and company, this protection could be provided for approximately \$1 to \$2 weekly per firm, depending on the size and type of business," Hoover said.

"I feel this is a very needed and worthwhile project in which all of the merchants should cooperate," he added.



HIGHWAY PATROLMAN DON REAVIS AND SHERIFF CLAUDE ANDERSON guard the car in which Walter Lee Beavers was placed after his capture Tuesday in the Bell Hill section. Beavers and a companion, Roger Dale Layman, were chased into Cherokee County after a holdup in Chatsworth, Ga., for which they were wanted. (Photo by Jack Owens)

Georgia Youths Captured In Bell Hill After Chase

Two Georgia youths, suspected of robbing a Chatsworth, Ga. woman earlier in the day, were captured by Cherokee County and Georgia law enforcement officers around noon Tuesday in the Bell Hill section about 11 miles west of Murphy.

Walter Lee Beavers, 19, and Roger Dale Layman, 17, both of Chatsworth, waived extradition and were turned over to Murray County, Ga. Sheriff Charles Poag and GBI Agent M.C. Moore.

The Cherokee County Sheriff's Department, the State Highway Patrol and the Murphy Police joined Georgia officers in the search for the youths after they were reported entering Cherokee County from Union County.

Blairsville Police Chief Doc Metcalf said he met and recognized the car two miles west of Blairsville on US 76 and chased the vehicle into North Carolina.

North Carolina Highway Patrol Corporal Walter Chapman joined the pursuit west on US 64 to Rural Road 1127 in the Bell Hill section. The car turned on to Rural Road 1128 and drove on it to the point where the road dead ends.

The youths abandoned the car and fled on foot. Chapman said Beavers took his pistol and Layman grabbed for his pistol but left it on the car seat. They fled in different directions.

Beavers was captured about five minutes after the car was abandoned. He went into the woods about 100 yards, laid his pistol down, and put his hands up.

Layman made his way through the woods to the Sunny Point Road where he was picked up a short time later.

Sheriff Poag said Mrs. Verne Hooper, 26, was robbed of \$6 and her car keys about 8:30 a.m. when two youths ask to use her telephone. She was alone with her child at the home, about five miles east of Chatsworth. They took her car.

The chase, which began in Murray County, went through Gilmer, Fannin, Union and Cherokee Counties before it ended.

Both youths were reported to be AWOL from the Army since February 4.



M. C. MOORE, a Georgia Bureau of Investigation Officer, lifts fingerprints from a pistol abandoned in the woods by Walter Lee Beavers. Murphy Police Chief Pete Stalcup watches. (Photo by Jack Owens)

7 Hurt In Two Wrecks

Seven persons were injured in two Cherokee County traffic accidents Saturday afternoon.

The first wreck occurred on US 19 1.9 miles east of the Murphy city limits when James Samuel Brown, 23, of Rt. 2, Hayesville attempted to pass a car driven by Claude Daniel Brown, 18, of Rt. 1, Marble.

Patrolman Patt Miller said James Brown's car started skidding and hit the Claude Brown car, ran out of the right side of the road and overturned. Claude Brown lost control of his car and ran off the left side of the road. The two vehicles were traveling east.

Anne Louise Brown, 23, Sandra Joan Brown, 2, and Wanda Gay Brown, eight months,

all of Rt. 2, Hayesville, were admitted to Providence Hospital with injuries. They were passengers in the James Brown car.

James Brown was charged with driving at an unsafe speed.

About ninety minutes later, four members of an Alpharetta, Ga. family were injured in a one-car accident on North Carolina 60 just south of its junction with US 64 at Ranger.

Miller said Robert N. Addis, 27, was travelling north when his car ran onto the right hand shoulder, started skidding, went across the road and hit a tree.

Addis, Ann Ray Addis, 23, Hazel Denise Addis, 8, and Angela Ann Addis, 4, were taken to Providence Hospital.

Miller said no charges were placed.

High Court Orders New Trial In Drowning Suit

The North Carolina Supreme Court has reversed a Cherokee County Superior Court judgement in a lawsuit concerning a drowning at the Murphy Swimming Pool on August 18, 1966.

At its Spring Term, the Supreme Court said it "is of the opinion that there is error in the record and proceedings" in the case of Jonah R. Sneed vs. Lions Club of Murphy.

The suit arose out of the drowning death of Sneed's grandson, Stanley Davis, 14, of Boone, Oregon.

Judge Lacy H. Thornburg accepted a motion for nonsuit on behalf of the Lions Club when the case was heard in Cherokee County Superior Court last August.

The Supreme Court ordered that the case be tried again before a jury. The trial last August was without a jury.

Clerk of Superior Court Don Ramsey said the case is not on the docket for the term of court beginning next week and he feels it will probably be heard at the June term.

The Davis youth was on a vacation to visit relatives in the area when the drowning occurred.

His mother noticed he was missing when the pool was cleared because of a thunderstorm. The boy was found in 12 feet of water and artificial respiration efforts failed. The boy was reported a non-swimmer.

Sneed is seeking \$150,000 in damages.

Gardner Says East & West Must Be Upgraded To Piedmont Level

Republican gubernatorial hopeful Jim Gardner flew into the Andrews-Murphy Airport Friday afternoon to participate in a motorcade and speak at a three-county rally in Murphy Friday night.

"We must bring the eastern and western sections of the state up to the Piedmont level," the fourth district Congressman told well-wishers when he stepped from the plane.

Referring to his primary race with Jack Stickley of Charlotte, Gardner said the fight for the nomination is "the best thing that ever happened to the Republican Party."

Following the motorcade through Andrews and Murphy, Gardner gave an exclusive interview to Managing Editor Dave Bruce.

"We think we have a good lead, but are going to work as if we're running behind" in the primary, he said.

Gardner said there has been a significant change in party registration as a result of his "Operation Switchover" program to encourage people to change their registration from Democrat to Republican prior to the May Primary.

He added that for the first time in history, more people are registering Republican than Democrat in Raleigh.

Gardner said he feels the registration books in North Carolina should remain open all the time "so people can register or change their party affiliation anytime they desire."



CONGRESSMAN JIM GARDNER (right) is greeted by Castell Floyd, co-chairman of Gardner's gubernatorial campaign in Cherokee County, as the candidate stepped from his plane at Andrews - Murphy Airport last Friday. (Photo by Dave Bruce)

He described his chances of winning in November as "excellent."

He does not expect to have a Republican controlled General Assembly if he is elected, but said "we've got a great chance to increase the Republican membership."

"Partisan politics should cease when the election is over," Gardner said, adding that he thinks he will have "A workable group" in the General Assembly if he is

elected. Gardner said he is disturbed at North Carolina's low ranking in education, per capita income and roads and said this can be changed if programs are initiated to bring these things in the east and west to the level of the Piedmont area.

The Congressman said liberal and conservative labels are misleading and he described himself as a progressive Republican.

Broughton Proposes Medical Center For Western Carolina

J. Melville Broughton brought his campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination to Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties Monday.

He began the day with a breakfast meeting in Murphy and then travelled to Hayesville, Robbinsville and Andrews.

"We think we're going to win it (the nomination) in the first primary, without a runoff," Broughton told Managing Editor Dave Bruce in an exclusive interview.

He said his campaign is going "extremely well" and "the momentum has gained each day."

Broughton outlined a plan to establish medical centers at Western Carolina University. He said health services in the far west and far east must be upgraded.

"I'm particularly concerned about the decline in the number of general practitioners in both the east and west," he added.

He said these centers would be a means of encouraging young doctors to locate in the area and the centers could be the forerunners of medical schools at the two universities.

Broughton said "the problems are the same" in the eastern and western portions of the state.

He said he would like to see the completion of an all-weather road from Murphy to Tellico Plains, Tenn. and endorsed the Transmountain Road proposal is Swain County.

Auto Classes Scheduled

Classes in auto mechanics and auto body repair are tentatively scheduled to begin in September at Tri-County Technical Institute.

These classes will meet five days per week for 12 months. Graduates will receive a diploma.

Enrollment will be limited and those interested in taking either course should apply immediately at the school at Peachtree.

Applications may be secured by writing to Box 40, Murphy or by calling 837-3810.



J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON is interviewed by Scout Managing Editor Dave Bruce Monday morning in Murphy. Broughton is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor. (Photo by Red Schuyler)

He pointed out that funds for the Junaluska Road near Andrews were appropriated when he was chairman of the State Highway Commission.

If he is elected governor, Broughton said he would ask the General Assembly to consider the establishment of a system of grants to small towns for the construction of water and sewer systems. He said small towns often can not put up the necessary matching funds for Federal money on these projects.

He said he favors "a substantial pay raise" for school teachers and other state employees.

Broughton expressed pleasure at the work being done

by Technical Institutes and Community Colleges in North Carolina. These schools offer "a large part of the answer to keeping young people" in rural sections of the state he added.

Broughton served as a special counsel for the North Carolina Utilities Commission at the telephone hearings in Asheville last summer. He said he is interested in the progress made in correcting deficiencies in telephone service in this region.

Bloodmobile Visit Monday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to Murphy, scheduled for this part Monday, has been postponed until next Monday, March 25.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Power Board Building from 1 until 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Edgar Harshbarger, chairman of the local Blood program, said the postponement was unavoidable.

She urges everyone who is able to do so to donate blood Monday.

4 Square Board

Meets Monday

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors of Four-Square Community Action, Inc., will meet for the regular monthly meeting at the Andrews High School Classroom, Monday at 7:30 p.m.