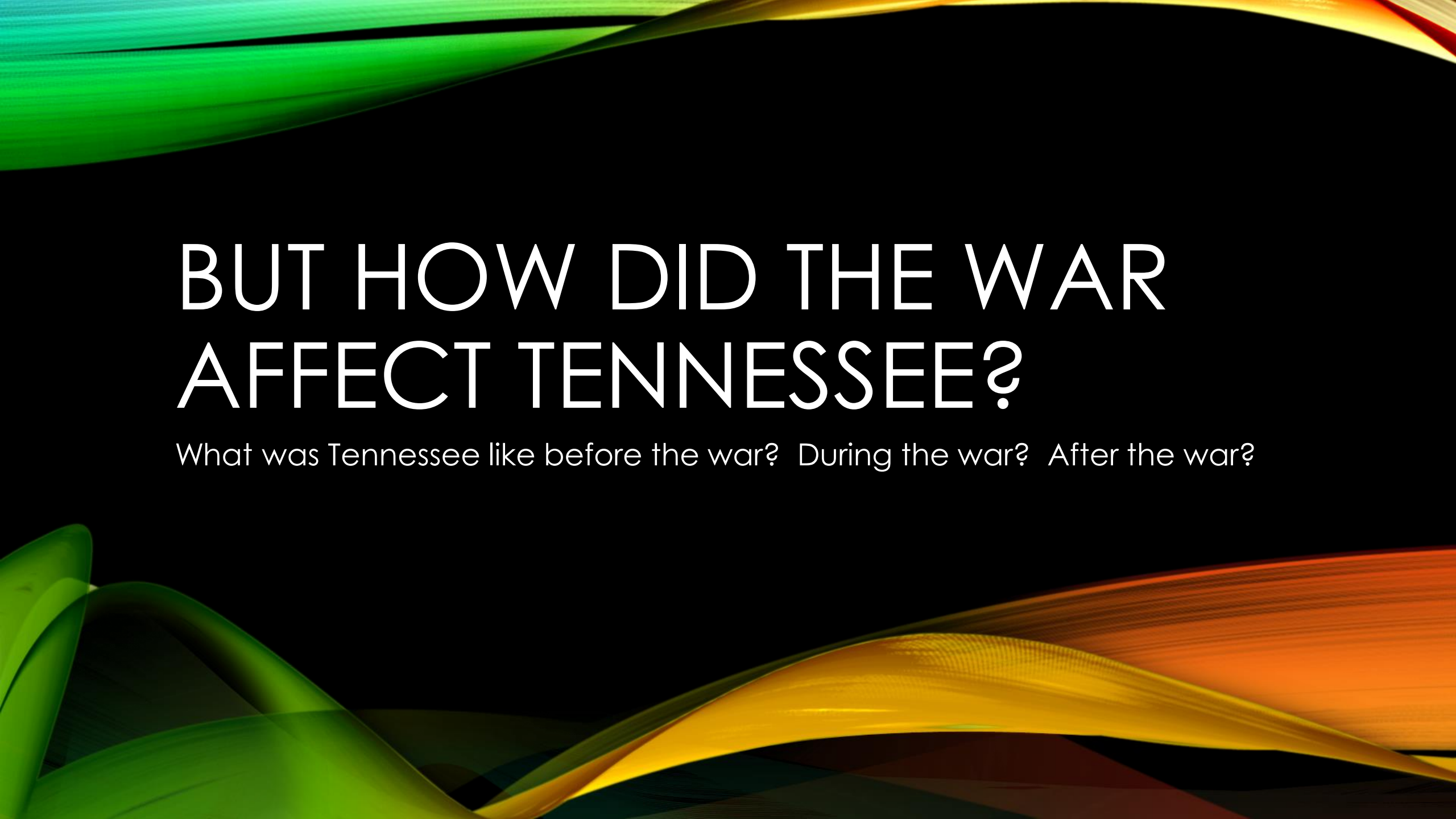


FROM WORLD WAR II TO THE DIGITAL AGE: GREAT CHANGE COMES TO TENNESSEE

Class 6 – Osher Vanderbilt Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

Spring 2021 - Tennessee After the Civil War

Carole Bucy, Ph.D.



BUT HOW DID THE WAR AFFECT TENNESSEE?

What was Tennessee like before the war? During the war? After the war?

JIM NANCE MCCORD, 1945-1949



WHAT WILL BE THE FIRST MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUE AFTER THE WAR?

- How will be pay for all the services that the people of Tennessee expect the state government to provide?
- Governor McCord's answer?
- A state sales tax - 1947



GORDON BROWNING RETURNS

BOSS CRUMP WITH MEMPHIS MAYOR WAT OVERTON (THE PICTURES TELL THE STORY.)



Sources: <https://knoxfocus.com/columnist/watkins-overton-mr-crumps-mayor/>

And <http://www.applet-magic.com/crump.htm>



ESTES KEFAUVER



**THE GREATEST GENERATION”
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TENNESSEANS**

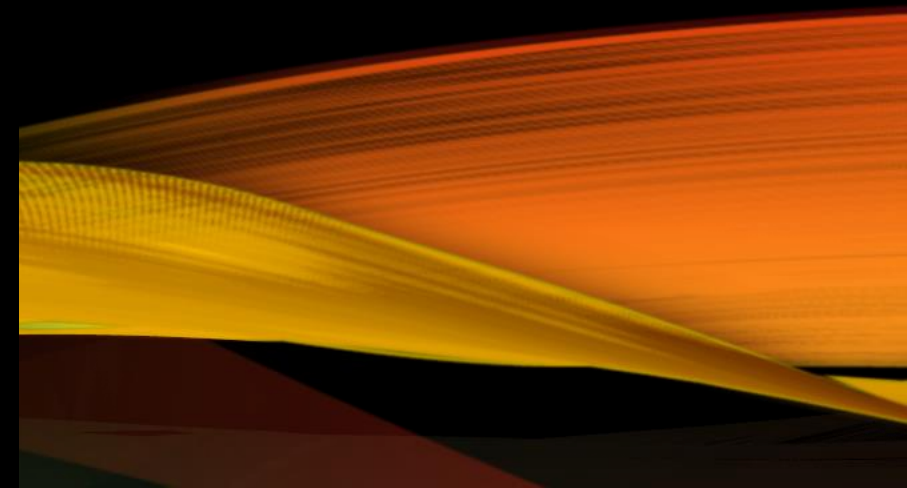
POLITICAL STATUS QUO IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE



Vets Firing on McMinn Co. Jail



NEW MCMINN COUNTY SHERIFF



Weather Forecast
 Morning 64-68; Afternoon 68-72
 Generally fair.
 Daily Forecast: High 74-76; Low 54-56

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22 WOUNDED AS EX-GI'S CAPTURE BIG M'MINN POLITICAL VICTORY



COUNTY CASTS BIG MAJORITY FOR M'KELLAR

McCord, Kefauver Also Win in Easy Ramps; Realtors Victors

How the County voted, evidently a record battle by numerous counties and cities, was shown in a 100-100 vote margin for the Hon. Harold D. McKellar over Edward Ward Crawford and for Gen. Jim McCord over Lt. Col. Gordon Henshaw, while Rep. Keturah Kefauver swept over W. F. (Boop) McWhorter at a 100-0 vote here.

With reports in favor of McKellar, the County Board of Real Estate voted against McCord with 7142 votes and 4150 for Henshaw. For McKellar 7,524 votes were tallied against 1,374 for Crawford. Kefauver was elected by 16,028 to 2,211.

The ticket of new realtors and the dual realtor organizations was elected with little opposition from incumbent board members. Six pairs were opposed, each of the two candidates had only one or two votes. Running sixth was Jack B. Henshaw, Chattanooga County Labor Union president.

The realtors elected are F. L. Hiers, Chattanooga Board of Realtors president; Leroy Jones, John H. Crumrine, John H. Witherspoon and Web D. Brown.

SMITH EASY WINNER

Frank Smith easily won in a comfortable margin, being opposed in only the attorney-general and county court races. W. Owen Smith ran in a heavy local over Republican Candidate Oliver Henshaw to win the attorney-general seat, 7,650 to 4,181, with W. O. H. Henshaw opposing.

County board candidates receiving top votes were W. C. Hines, a Smith, George McSherry, R. N. Lomas and Jim Pitts. Total 11,000 to 11,000.

Cantrell Forces 'Concede' Defeat

Athens Boss Flees Here as Vets Win 6-Hour Gun Battle During Night

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—Atty.-Gen. Tom Clark entered an investigation today of last night's election gun battle at Athens, Tenn., in which at least six men were seriously wounded.

By TOM RAINES

ATHENS, Tenn., Aug. 2—McMinn County threw off the 10-year-long political yoke of the Cantrell-Biggs machine here yesterday in a 16-hour night gun battle between hundreds of ex-GI's and 45 special deputies who had barricaded themselves in the county jail and were finally dislodged by four dynamite blasts.

Injured and wounded during the wild pitched battle that began at 9 o'clock last night and ended shortly before 3 o'clock this morning were 21 men and a woman.

Two of the casualties were reported in critical condition when one man's foot was severed and another had part of his face shot away by shotgun blasts that were poured into the two-story brick jail building.

Ralph Duggan, one of the principal organizers of the all-GI political ticket that opposed the Cantrell-Biggs rule, announced that George Woods, chairman of the McMinn County Election Commission, had conceded the election to the veterans' slate.

"I talked with Woods by phone while he was in Chattanooga," Duggan said shortly before 5 o'clock this morning, "and he has agreed that the GI's have won out."

The Athens news brought a string of rapid-fire developments here:

1. McMinn County Rep. Pat Marshall and State Sen. Paul Cantrell, the latter favorite for sheriff and McMinn gubernatorial nominee with Buck Higgs of seceding Polk County, applied at Hamilton County jail in Chattanooga for "protection" early today, according to reliable sources.
2. Hamilton jail authorities declared in vain that no grounds that no one can be admitted without first having some charge placed against them, sources said.
3. A writer reported they "understood" Marshall and Cantrell were in Chattanooga with their families. Both men were said to have escaped the McMinn jail during the closing stages of the GI siege.
4. Gen. Jim McCord announced that he did not believe the state guard would be necessary at Athens. Gen. Henshaw moved toward Athens last night. After negotiations at Daytonville and Maryville were severed tomorrow.
5. Though Athens appeared today a town, a 1944 law enforcement officer in Athens was

DAY AFTER ELECTION IN ATHENS—Chattanooga newspapermen gathered early today as they filed the ballot-stuffed county jail, where 45 armed deputies waged an all-night gun battle with hundreds of ex-GI's who were disbanded in 1945. In Athens, and in other areas, the situation was less peaceful.

EDWARD CRUMP WITH MEMPHIS MAYOR WATSON OVERTON



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[http://www.mallofmemphis.org
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SILLIMAN EVANS WITH "THE GREATESTE CAMPAIGNER OF THEM ALL"



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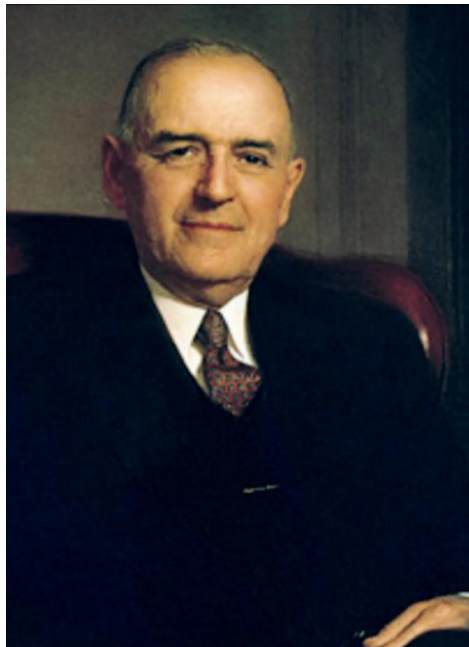
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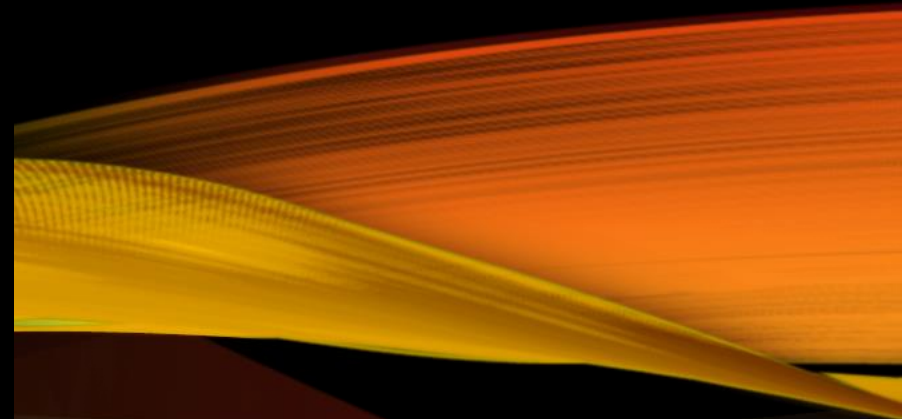


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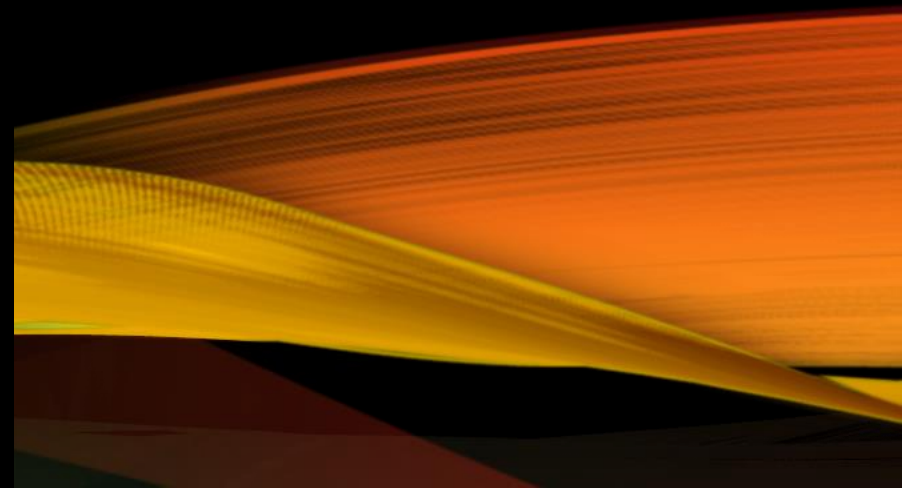


GORDON
BROWNING
CHALLENGES
GOVERNOR JIM
NANCE MCCORD





1952
ELECTION





U.S. SENATOR
KENNETH
MCKELLAR
(HAD DEFEATED
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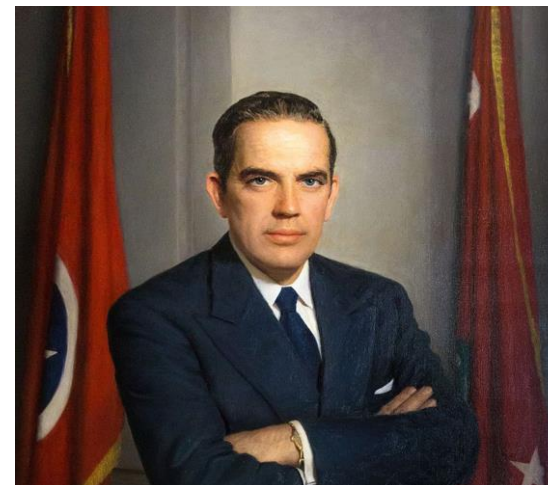
ALBERT GORE, SR.

1952



CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

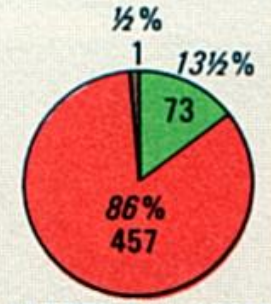
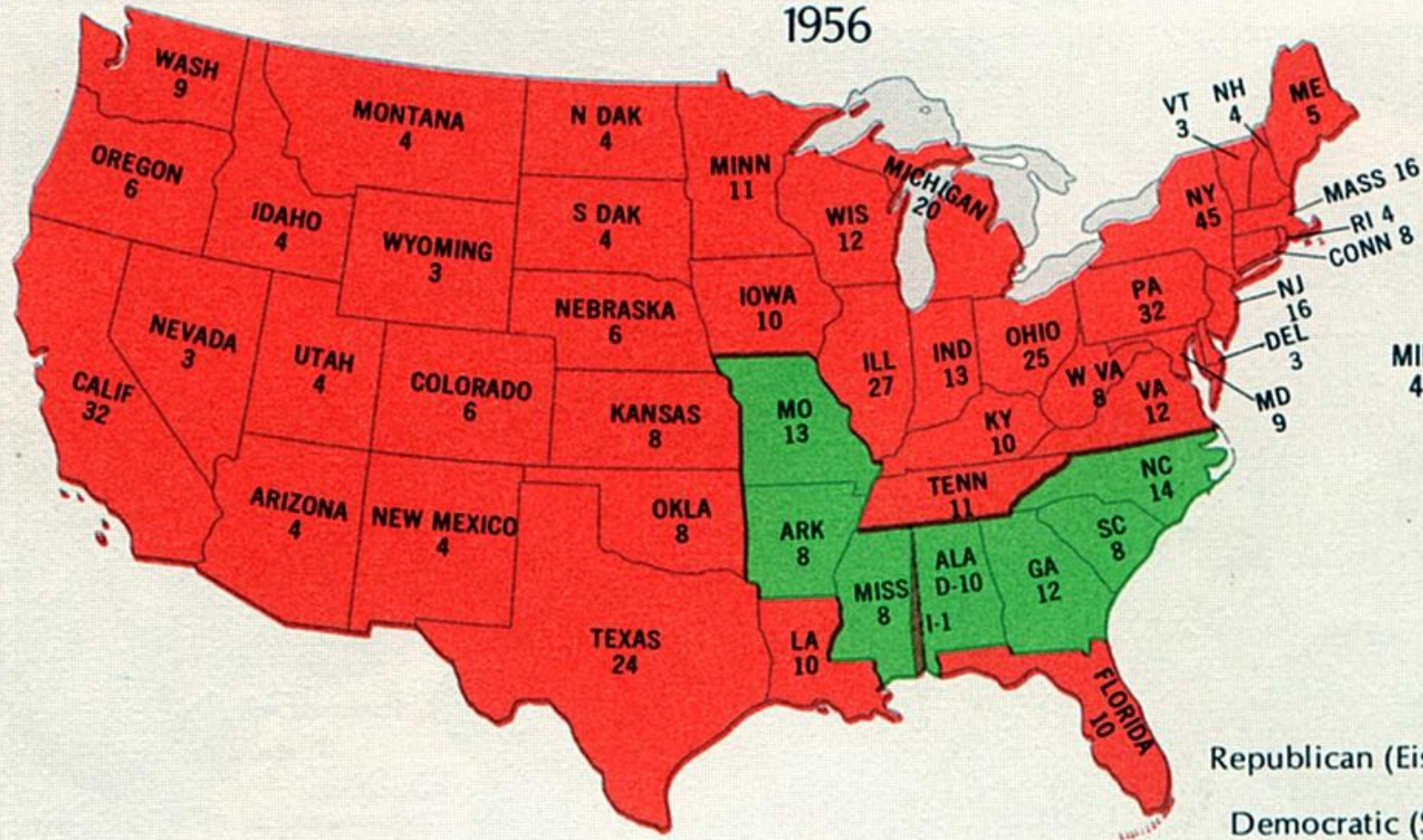
- April, 1953 (First since 1870)
- Prentice Cooper – chair; Ben W. Hooper - vice chair
- Increased governor's term from 2 to 4 years without the right of immediate succession
- Gave the governor the right to veto certain items in a bill without nullifying the entire bill
- Abolished the poll tax
- Increased the pay of legislators
- Provided optional home rule for cities



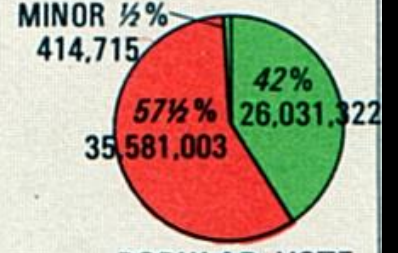
“TOO MUCH TALENT IN TENNESSEE” BY WILMA DYKEMAN

The Astute Politician, The Man in the Coonskin Cap, and the Electrifer

1956



ELECTORAL VOTE TOTAL: 531



POPULAR VOTE TOTAL: 62,027,040

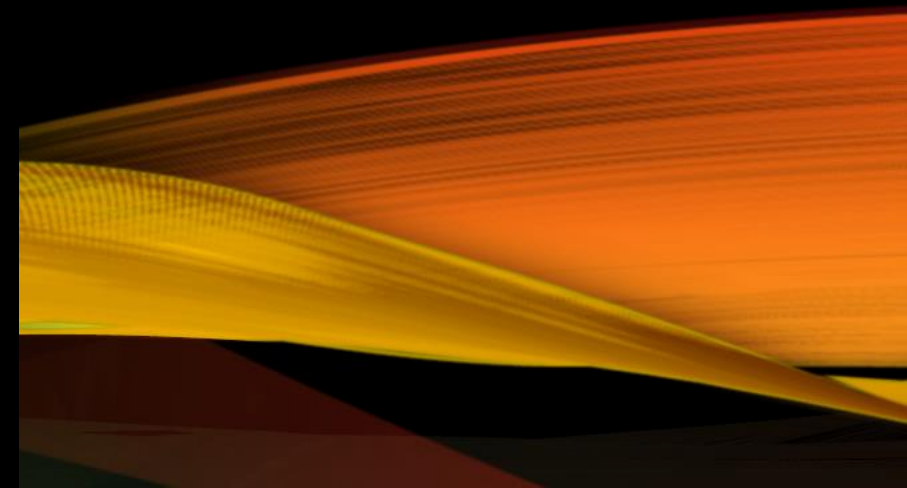
- Republican (Eisenhower)
- Democratic (Stevenson)
- Independent (Jones)

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TENNESSEE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT



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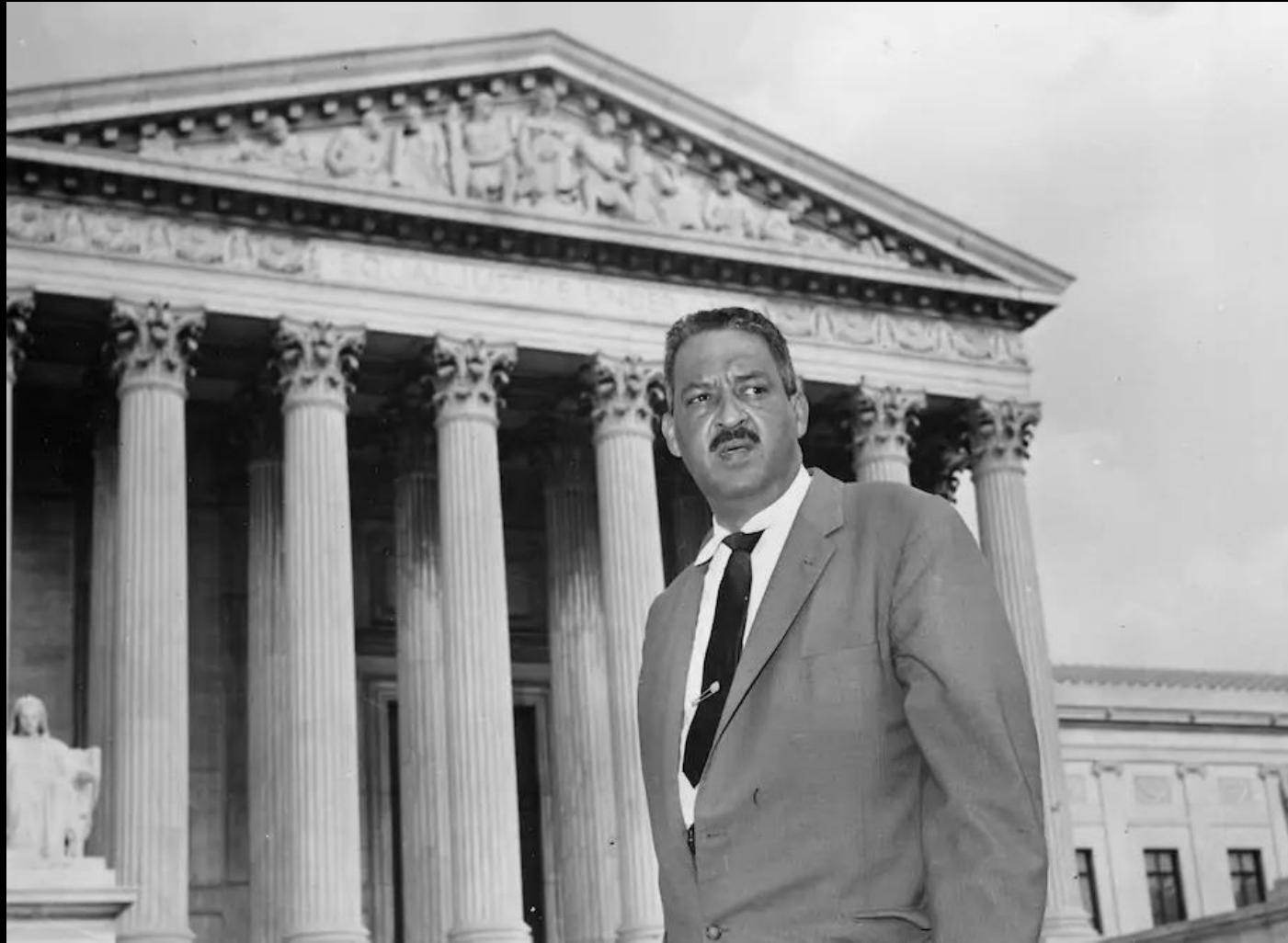


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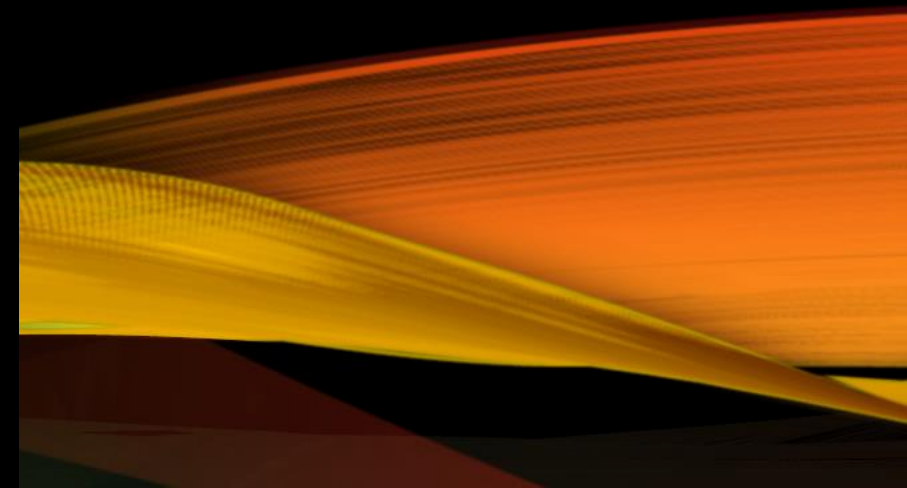
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NAACP LAWYER THURGOOD MARSHALL
- 1954 - *BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION*





CLINTON,
TENNESSE
1956

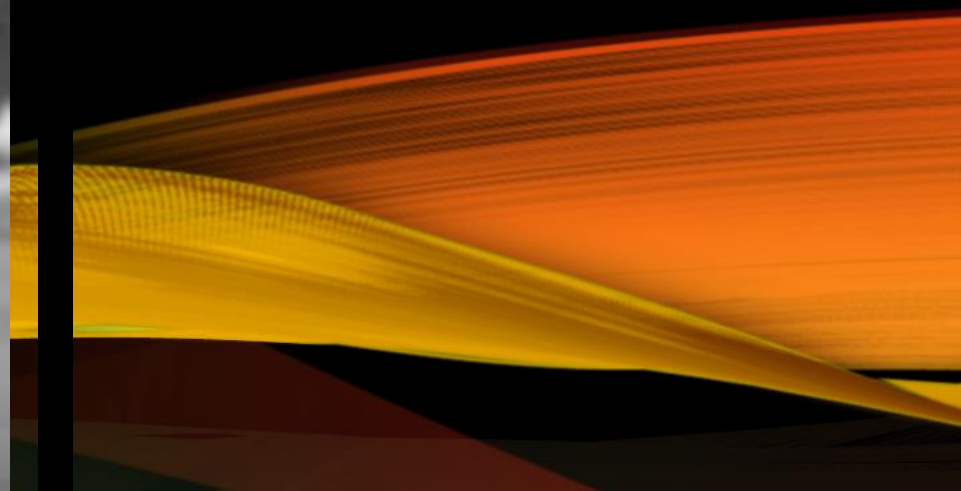




JOHN KASPER
ARRIVES IN
CLINTON



REV. PAUL
DAVIS,
FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH,
CLINTON





WE
The Pupils of this
School-Clinton-Hi
DON'T WANT
NEGROES
IN OUR School.

WE WONT GO
TO SCHOOL
WITH NEGROES

STRIKE
AGAINST
INTERGRATION
Clinton Hi




Source:

<http://usslave.blogspot.com/2011/10/desegregation-of-clinton-tennessee.html>

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL A YEAR LATER





NASHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S STAIR-STEP PLAN



WHITE
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BLAST WRECKS SCHOOL

EXTRA

Hattie Cotton Plant Hit by Dynamite; Cap Wire Found



A dynamite blast virtually demolished the \$500,000 Hattie Cotton elementary school at 1010 West Greenwood ave., at 12:30 a.m. today.

Police said the dynamite was set off at the East end of the school's entrance hall between the library and a class room, and "ripped that part of the school apart."

The concussion tore down walls, knocked out every window in the modern one-story structure, where one first grade Negro student had enrolled with 390 white students yesterday morning.

Sgt. John Irwin said he found a detonating cap wire on the scene. "The building is a complete shambles," Irwin said.

The blast rocked the immediate neighborhood, knocking residents from their beds, blasting out windows in homes in the area and in busk







NASHVILLE SIT-INS







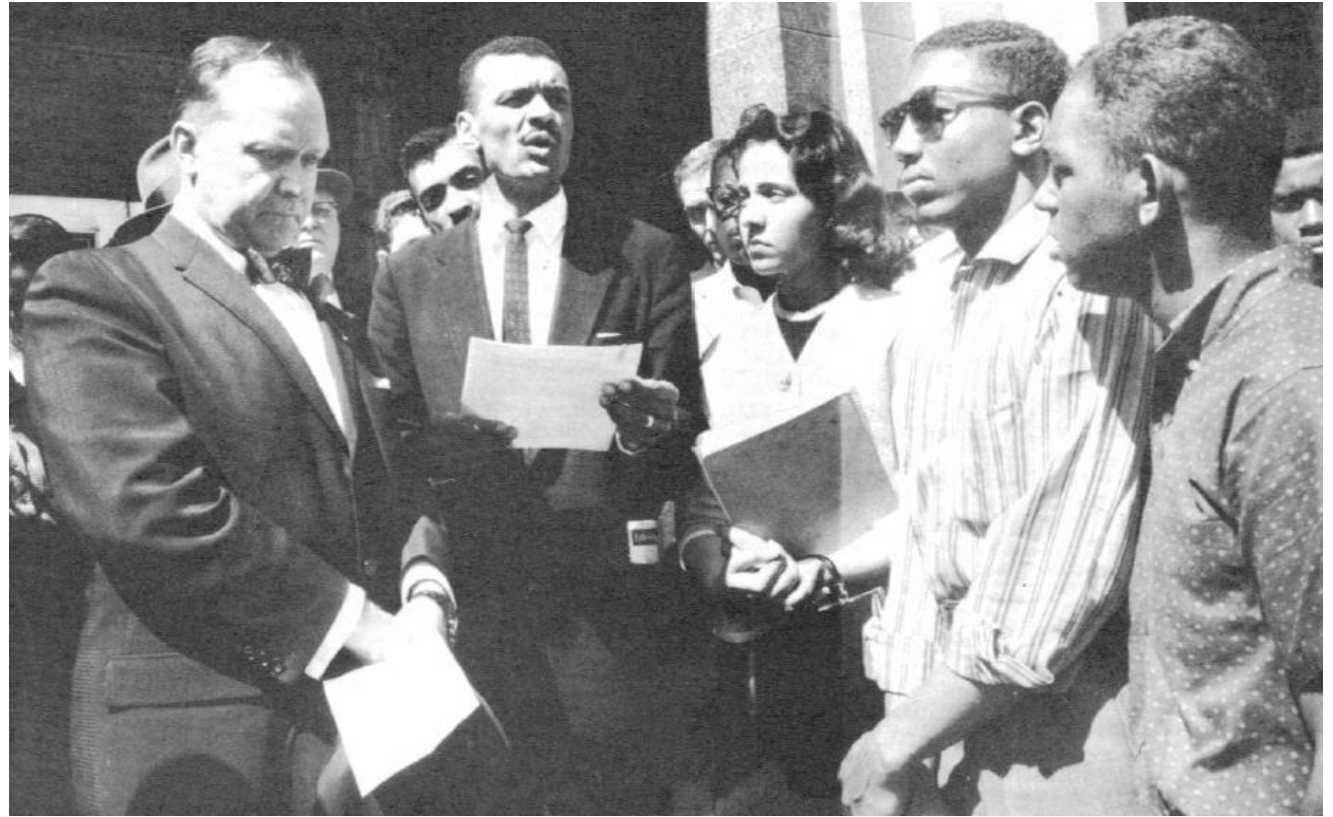


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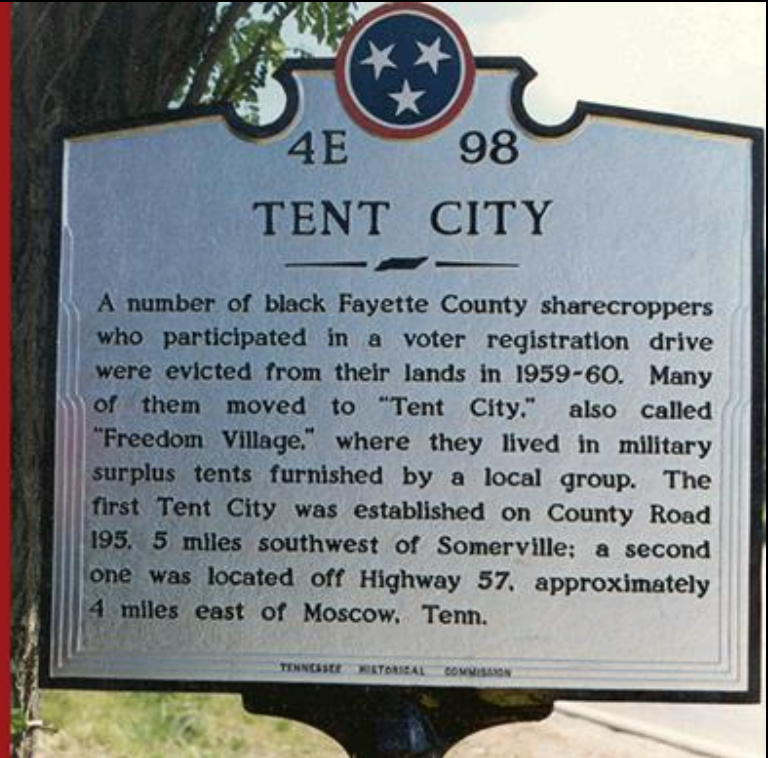




HAYWOOD COUNTY

17,000 registered voters

17 of them were African Americans



VIOLA AND JOHN MCFERREN
HWY 76, SOUTH OF SOMERVILLE

Negro Voter Registration Is Thorny Question Facing A Troubled Fayette County

Repeated Investigations Producing Mutual Suspicion, Misunderstanding Replacing Former Harmony In Area Of Old South Economy.

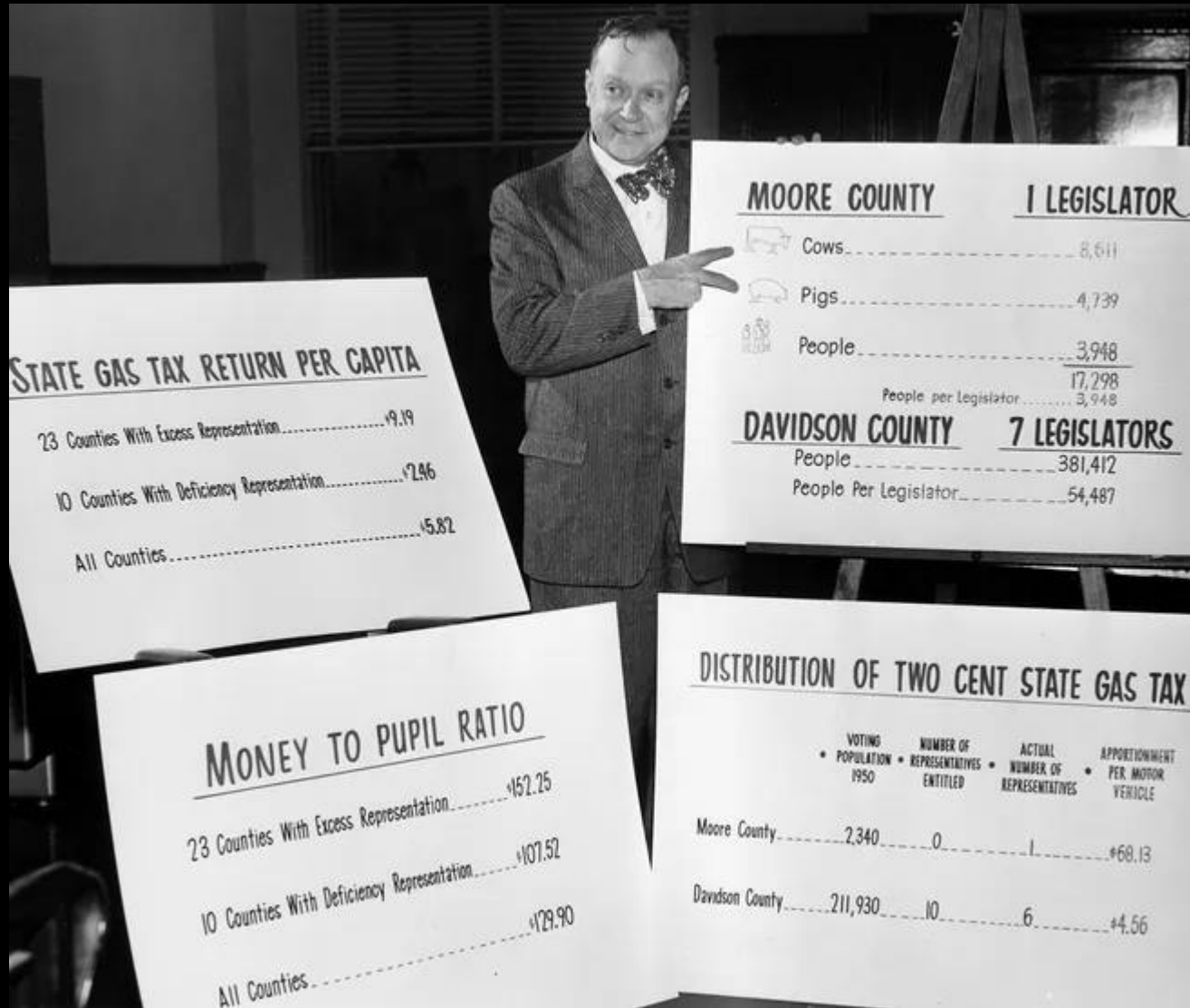






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Peay, Austin	January 16, 1923	Democrat
Horton, Henry H.	October 3, 1927	Democrat
McAlister, Hill	January 17, 1933	Democrat
Browning, Gordon	January 15, 1937	Democrat
Cooper, Prentice	January 16, 1939	Democrat
McCord, Jim	January 16, 1945	Democrat
Browning, Gordon	January 16, 1949	Democrat
Clement, Frank G.	January 15, 1953	Democrat
Ellington, Buford	January 19, 1959	Democrat
Clement, Frank G.	January 15, 1963	Democrat
Ellington, Buford	January 16, 1967	Democrat
Dunn, Winfield	January 16, 1971	Republican
Blanton, Ray	January 18, 1975	Democrat
Alexander, Lamar	January 17, 1979	Republican
McWherter, Ned Ray	January 17, 1987	Democrat
Sundquist, Don	January 21, 1995	Republican
Bredesen, Phil	January 18, 2003	Democrat
Haslam, Bill	January 15, 2011	Republican
Lee, Bill	January 19, 2019	Republican

NASHVILLE MAYOR BEN WEST



STATE GAS TAX RETURN PER CAPITA

23 Counties With Excess Representation.....	19.19
10 Counties With Deficiency Representation.....	12.46
All Counties.....	15.82

MOORE COUNTY		1 LEGISLATOR
Cows.....	8,611	
Pigs.....	4,739	
People.....	3,948	
	17,298	
People per Legislator.....	3,948	
DAVIDSON COUNTY		7 LEGISLATORS
People.....	381,412	
People Per Legislator.....	54,487	

MONEY TO PUPIL RATIO

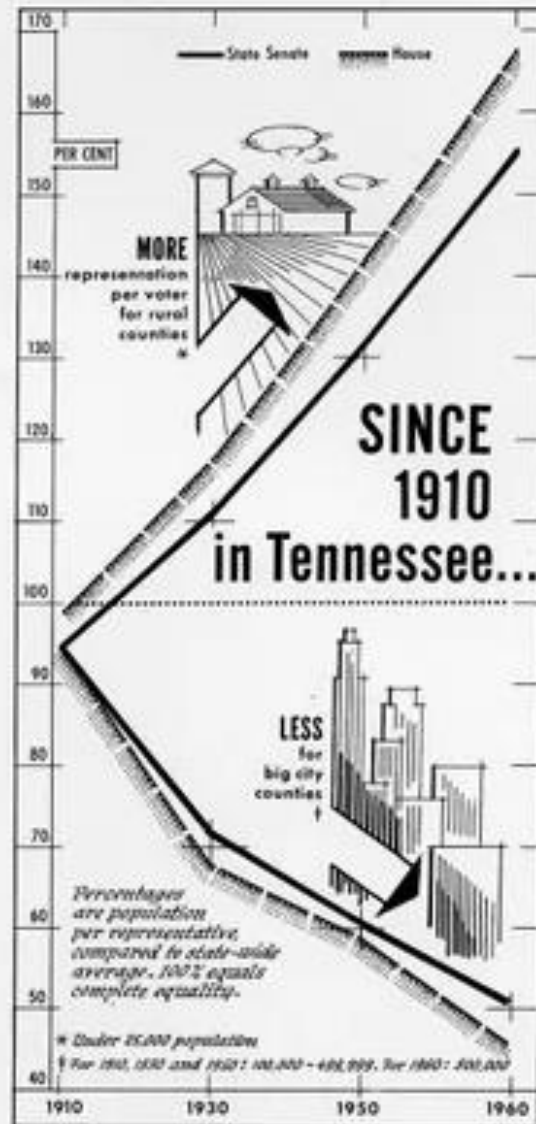
23 Counties With Excess Representation.....	152.25
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	VOTING POPULATION 1950	NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES ENTITLED	ACTUAL NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES	APPORTIONMENT PER MOTOR VEHICLE
Moore County.....	2,340	0	1	168.13
Davidson County.....	211,930	10	6	4.56

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TENNESSEE'S REAPPORTIONMENT FROM 1910-1960



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CAUTION! WATCH
RELEASE DATE!

CHARLES BAKER, MEMPHIS, ONE OF 11 PLAINTIFFS TO BRING A LAWSUIT



TENNESSEE SECRETARY OF STATE JOE CARR, ON LEFT





BAKER V. CARR

LAWYERS:
HOBART ATKINS,
KNOXVILLE,
HARRIS GILBERT &
Z. T. OSBORN, JR.
NASHVILLE
WALTER
CHANDLER,
MEMPHIS



TENNESSEE AND THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT 1972-1974

Another Story for Another Time. Carole Bucy

"Everyone who makes any pretensions to being versed in the history of his own country will read it with relish; and those who wish to study history would do well to begin at home."

----Dr. John W. Bowen *Smith County (Tennessee) Record* November 8, 1883

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It has been a pleasure to have you in my class this Spring. Please contact me if you have any questions or new pieces of history to share.

Thank you. I hope to meet you in person one day.

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