

More from less for 19th's Dems?

Donald Tucker, the new Democratic chairman in the 19th Congressional District, is banking on the future. The future is in the district's boundaries, which have made it predominantly Republican since 1972. Tucker sees possible favorable changes for his party if the lines are redrawn in 1982 to reflect the burgeoning population growth in western Oakland County. He hopes a smaller district will strengthen the Democrats. Michigan will lose one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives following the 1982 reapportionment. The loss of one district will also affect the size of the remaining 18 districts. At the very least, the 19th will have a new district number.



DONALD F. TUCKER
Boundaries will be key

TUCKER, A 34-year-old attorney from West Bloomfield, was unopposed in assuming the 19th District reins for the Democrats this month. He succeeded Sheldon L. Klimist, of Bloomfield Hills, a partner in a Southfield labor law firm. Tucker was George McGovern's state primary campaign manager in 1972. Last year, he was treasurer of Sen. Edward Kennedy's Michigan campaign. Since 1975, he has been chair of the state Democratic party's finance committee.

He was legislative counsel for the late Sen. Philip Hart in 1974 and 1975. Redistricting of congressional, state representative and senate, and county commissioner districts occurs every 10 years following the census. The issue is of utmost importance to the state Democratic and Republican parties and promises to be a political slugfest in The Michigan Legislature either late this year or early next year. An eight-member Legislative Apportionment Commission — four Republicans and four Democrats — draws boundary lines for consideration by the Legislature.

THE 19TH is among the most sprawling of the metropolitan area congressional districts, taking in nearly 3 1/2ths of Oakland County and a slice of Livingston.

But growth in the western end of Oakland may lead to a restructuring of the district from a Democratic island (Pontiac) surrounded by a Republican sea to a more evenly balanced breakdown.

"The new 19th could be a Democratic district," says Tucker. But more than boundaries would have to change.

The 19th's congressman since 1956 has been Republican mainstay William Broomfield. All the state representatives and county commissioners in the 19th district are Republicans, but two of the three state senate districts in the 19th are represented by Democrats.

Besides reapportionment, the 1982 races for governor and the U.S. Senate are key for the Democrats.

Will Gov. William Milliken run for re-election or take on incumbent Sen. Donald Riegle?

Tucker calls it a "coin toss." Among the formally unannounced Democratic hopefuls for governor, Tucker lists former state Sen. William Fitzgerald, who lost to Milliken in 1978; state Sens. Kerry Kammer of Pontiac, Gary Corbin of Flint and David Plawski of Dearborn Heights, and U.S. Reps. James Blanchard of Pleasant Ridge and William Brodhead of Detroit.

Blanchard's 18th District covers southeast Oakland County and part of Macomb County. Brodhead represents northwest Detroit, Redford Township, Southfield and the Farmington area.

State loan aids firm in Oakland

An Oakland County manufacturer will be able to hire 15 more workers with a \$700,000 Job Development Authority loan. Gov. William Milliken said the loan will enable the New Hudson Corp. of New Hudson and Milford Township.

Officials of the corporation said the expansion — including construction of a 16,000 square-foot building in Milford Township and the purchase of new machinery and equipment — will result in the hiring of 15 production workers after it is completed this summer.

The firm manufactures industrial rolls used in the production and processing of steel, aluminum, paper, plastic and other sheet products.

The loan was approved by the Job Development Authority (JDA), an agency of the Michigan Department of Commerce.

JDA is empowered to sell tax-exempt bonds and loan the proceeds to Michigan business to help finance new plants, machinery, additions to facilities or pollution control equipment. It operates by taking advantage of federal regulations that allow public bodies to sell tax-exempt bonds in the private market. The bonds do not constitute a debt of Michigan taxpayers.

Pottery panorama

Henry Ford Museum's exhibit, "Panorama of Pottery," returns for a second year through March 1.

The exhibit will begin with a potter making reproductions from the Henry Ford Museum collections. There will also be live demonstrations of decorating redware and craftsmen showing methods of slip casting, drupe molding and examples of waxing, glazing and decorating a candlestick.

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