

# County Proposes 10-Cent Tax Hike

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### OSHA Presents Safety Awards

Wendell McDevitt of Weaverville, consultant of Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) in North Carolina, was the main speaker at the Madison County safety awards meeting held in the Madison High School cafeteria Friday night. This meeting, which was sponsored by the Madison County Department of Safety, was the first of its kind to be held in Madison County.

Howard Ogle, county OSHA director who initiated the event, presided at the meeting which attracted more than 50 persons, most of them from various industries, firms, agencies and organizations in the county.

McDevitt, a native of Marshall and a graduate of Marshall High School, expressed his pleasure at returning to Marshall for this occasion and stated that "...it is great to come back home and see many of my friends."

He mixed his talk with jokes and humor along with informative data concerning OSHA. He said that Congress passed the national program in 1970 and OSHA was adopted in North Carolina by the Legislature in 1971, under the direction of the N.C. Department of Labor.

"The OSHA program has been highly successful in North Carolina, being second in the nation in safety-free accident frequency rates," McDevitt told the audience.

He praised the Madison County Department of Safety and commended Howard Ogle for his efforts as director. He was also lavish in his praise for the great records of industries, firms and agencies in making remarkable safety records during 1978 and urged more participation in the future. "Even though the 1978 accomplishments were fantastic, I am hopeful that the 1979 record will be even better," he stated.

McDevitt also explained the duties of OSHA consultants in helping solve problems rather than the strict enforcement division which has the role of inspections when OSHA requirements are violated.

The Marshall native also highly praised Robert L. Edwards, superintendent of schools; the Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs town officials; and several industries for their fine cooperation and accurate records kept.

Ogle complimented those who attended the meeting and

urged that the awards night program might become an annual affair.

Following the meeting Ogle stated that a county safety committee will be appointed in the near future composed of perhaps six members including industrial, private business and county employees.

Receiving awards and citations presented by McDevitt included: sheriff's department, Marshall Day Care Center, health department, Northwestern Bank, Ingle's, town of Hot Springs, First Union Bank, Deringer Mfg. Co., town of Mars Hill, Madison County schools, town of Marshall, Pioneer Ford Inc., Cody Motor Sales, Sprinkle-Shelton Wholesale Co., and Microswitch (five-year award). Recognized for splendid records were county agencies including the Department of Social Services, food stamp and landfill.

Others participating on the program included Manuel Brisco of Mars Hill, who gave the invocation; Jeanne Hoffman of Mars Hill, who spoke briefly commending OSHA; and R.L. Edwards, who announced the businesses, organizations and industries



WENDELL McDEVITT, OSHA consultant, is shown speaking to the more than 50 persons attending the OSHA awards meeting at Madison High School Friday

night. At right of speaker is Richard (Dick) Hoffman, Mrs. Hoffman and R.L. Edwards. (Photo by Jim Story)

who received awards.

A quartet composed of Lewis Boone, Clarence Ogle and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Coates entertained with gospel songs.

Flowers for the occasion were supplied by Gudger

Flower Shop and Shady Side Florist of Marshall, Four Petals of Mars Hill and Mars Hill Florist.

The flower arrangements were then given as door prizes. Those winning the arrangements were town of

Marshall (Lawrence Ponder), town of Mars Hill (Dennis McCurry), OSHA consultant Wendell McDevitt, and Ruby Snelson.

Refreshments were furnished by the Marshall Day Care Center under the supervision of Mrs. Maria Cox.

Feeling they have hit the bottom on what they can pare from expenditures, the Madison County commissioners will place on public view a \$4,924,748 proposed budget, based on a tax rate of \$1.15 per \$100 valuation. The commissioners have set June 26 at 2 p.m. as a date and time for a public hearing at the courthouse on the proposed budget.

The new tax rate (\$1.15), if it becomes official, will be 10 cents higher than that of the present fiscal year which is \$1.05.

The new budget totals include:

General government, \$932,165; school debt service, \$82,100; library service, \$44,013; revaluation of property, \$50,000; social services, \$2,527,116; health department, \$242,121; revenue sharing, \$289,000; landfill operations, \$141,039; school current expense, \$525,994; school capital outlay, \$91,200.

The total budget of \$4,924,748 consists of ad valorem taxes of approximately \$1,086,750, delinquent taxes, approximately \$40,000 which represents 22.9 percent of the total budget. The remaining funds consists of state and federal monies, local fees and sales tax refunds, the commissioners explained.

### Hiking Holidays For County Youth

"Join the Madison County Youth for a fun-filled day of hiking, nature study, picnicking, crafts and recreation." Ethel T. Wallin, H.E.E. Agent, said.

Ages for the Hiking Holiday are from nine years to nineteen years. Parents are welcome to join also. You will need to provide your transportation to the camp site.

Everyone should wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Tennis shoes or hiking shoes should be worn. The barefoot look is not for hiking.

The schedule is as follows: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Nature study, hiking and safety; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Nutrition and picnic; 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Nature crafts; 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Recreation; 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Music.

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If you haven't registered for one or more days of fun and hiking, call or come by the Extension Office or contact any of the following sponsoring groups: Recreation Department, Arts Council, French Broad EMC, Water and Soil Conservation Office, N.C. Forestry Service, U.S. Forestry Service, Hot Springs Health Program and the Opportunity Corporation.

Dates are as follows: June 25 — Mountain Laurel Campground, Funcheon Park; June 26 — Emery Metcalf's farm, Metcalf Creek; June 27 — Mars Hill Recreation Area-Crooked Street; June 28 — Glory Ridge — Sandy Bottom Road; June 29 — Stackhouse; July 9 — Junior and Rose Rice farm-Sodom; July 10 — Hickeys Fork — Shelton Laurel; July 11 — Oscar Boles — Spillcorn; July 12 — Rocky Bluff — Hot Springs; July 13 — Rocky Bluff — Hot Springs; July 16 — Square-Thru Campground — Sandymush.



PART OF CROWD which attended the OSHA awards meeting held

Friday night in the Madison High School cafeteria.

### July Food Stamp Changes

By LIB ROBERTS

Beginning July 1, there are a number of changes that will effect your food stamp allotment. The standard deduction for each household for

medical purposes has been increased from \$65 to \$70 per household. The coupon allotment for a one person household will be increased to \$61 from \$57, a two person household \$112 from \$105, and so on up according to the number of persons in the household.

Also, and the one that requires the household's cooperation, is the 9.9 increase that will be reflected on the July Social Security and SSI checks. If your household increase (all persons receiving SS or SSI combined) is more than \$25, you must report the change within ten (10) days of the time you learn of it. Bring your checks by the Food Stamp Office or get a bank teller's signed statement. The Change Report Form the worker gave you when you were in the office or was mailed to you with the self-addressed envelope may also be used to report this change.

Please remember that one of the Penalty Warnings which if broken on purpose by any member of your household is "Do not give false information or hide information to get or

continue getting food stamps." If your increase is over \$25 and you do not report it within ten (10) days you will owe the value of any extra food stamps you receive because you didn't report fully changes in your household.

Other changes that must be reported are the number of people in your household. Has any household members moved out or passed away? Are there any new members in your household? Have you moved, if so, what is your new address? Has your rent or mortgage payment changed? Has anyone in your household gotten a car, truck, camper, motorcycle, or other licensed vehicle since the last time you told us about the vehicles your household owns?

You can help us to help you by reporting your situation correctly when you come in to be certified and by reporting changes on time. An eligibility worker can recertify three (3) households in less time than it requires to figure the amount of extra coupons a household has received due to incorrect information or failure to report changes.

### Cox Retires From Mars Hill Faculty

Mrs. Ruby Cox, 34-year veteran of the Mars Hill College faculty, has taken early retirement for reasons of health. President Fred Bentley announced last week.

Associate professor of business administration, Mrs. Cox has been a member of the faculty continuously since 1945, teaching such subjects as typing, shorthand, secretarial procedures, administrative office management, retailing management, advertising and real estate.

"Mrs. Cox is truly a vivacious and creative person," said Dr. Bentley. "Her interests are endless, and whatever she does she does with imagination and enthusiasm. Over the years no other members of our faculty have put as much time, effort and expense into their professional preparation for their teaching."

A listing of her qualifica-

tions bears him out. A native of Forest City, she attended Rutherford-Spindale High School and did her junior college studies at Mars Hill in the class of 1943. She completed her undergraduate work at East Carolina University, earning the B.A. degree in English and business. She achieved academic honors at both institutions. When she joined the Mars Hill faculty, her preparation had been supplemented by work in retail sales and other areas of business during the summers between her college studies.

In 1961 she completed the master of education degree in business at Woman's College in Greensboro, again having earned academic honors and membership in Delta Pi Epsilon Graduate Honor Fraternity. Since then she has done post-graduate work at UNC-Chapel Hill, NC State, Appalachian, UNC-Greensboro, the University of Massachusetts, and Rutgers. In addition, she has taken countless short courses, seminars and workshops and has participated in numerous conferences and field trips.

Her academic preparation has been reflected in her teaching. She designed a merit system to help motivate students to try new ways of learning in her administrative office management courses. She developed an "on the job"



tional Business Education Teachers Association and the North Carolina Business Education Association, the International Society for Business Education and the American Association of University Women.

On the campus outside the classroom she has demonstrated unusual devotion to students. She has worked with other members of her departmental faculty in the honor club for business students and in an alumni branch of that group. For many years she has served as advisor to the campus chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management and as sponsor of one of the campus sororities. She has been both secretary and parliamentarian of the faculty and has served on numerous faculty committees. She completed a term as secretary of the college's Alumni Association and has spoken several times before regional alumni chapters. In 1974 she was included in the national directory "Outstanding Educators of America."

"Mrs. Cox is a true lover of learning," explains Dr. Richard Hoffman, academic dean. "She always seems to be trying new things, learning new skills, seeking new learning experiences."

learning program for her typing students by "hiring" them out to faculty members. It proved an enjoyable and productive learning experience for the students and provided several hundred hours of free typing and clerical assistance for the faculty members.

Early in her teaching career Mrs. Cox helped write and edit the first curriculum guide and course of study for business education in North Carolina, a document which was published and distributed widely by the state Department of Public Instruction.

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### Arts Council Meets Tuesday At Hot Springs

The Madison County Arts Council will hold a general meeting on June 26, 7:30 o'clock, at the Jesuit residence in Hot Springs.

The council meets bi-monthly, alternating locations. Activities sponsored by the council for the summer, budget, updating of Times Theatre project and related fund-raising plans will be part of the business to be discussed.

All members and interested persons are asked to be present.

### Hot Springs Sets Hearing On HUD Fund

The Town of Hot Springs will conduct a public hearing on June 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall.

The purpose of the hearing will be to review and comment on the final application for Small Cities Program funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Town of Hot Springs is preparing to use HUD funds for a housing rehabilitation program in the Silvermine and Spring Creek Road neighborhoods.

Residents of these areas are urged to attend the hearing and to comment on the proposed application.

### Sub-Area Medical Meeting Monday

The annual sub-area meeting for the Walnut-Marshall Medical Center members will be held next Monday at 7 p.m. at the Madison High School. One directors' seat will be up for filling at this time. The seat is presently held by Tom Wallin. There will be reports made to the members concerning the

operation of the facility and a progress report on the overall operations of the Hot Springs Health Program will be made at this meeting.

The members of the Marshall and Walnut communities are urged to please be present and take a concerned part in how the medical center is to be

operated for the next year. "If you have any questions or comments to make, this will be the proper time to speak up. Remember this is your center. The directors need your support so we can better serve the two communities with improved medical services," Tom Wallin, president of the board, stated.

BYARD RAY, above, provided inspiration for the Byard Ray Festival which was named in his honor because of his constant interest in preservation and teaching the traditional music. The festival will be held the Saturday in the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium of the Asheville Civic Center.