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## County Begins Tax Crackdown

By ROBERT KOENIG  
Madison County officials stepped up the promised crackdown on delinquent taxpayers Monday. County attorney Larry Leake told The News Record that the county has sent orders to three Madison County garnishing the deposits of delinquent taxpayers.

Marshall and to Wachovia Bank branches in Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs. The order freezes deposits in savings and checking accounts up to the total amount owed to the county in property taxes. The first of the garnish orders were sent to 75 delinquent taxpayers in the North Marshall precinct. Leake said the 75 delinquents owe \$25,507 in back taxes dating back as far as 1973. Delinquent taxpayers have

10 days in which to file a written protest of the county's action, Leake said. At the end of the ten days, the banks will turn over the garnished savings to the tax collector. Leake emphasized that this latest action is only the first step in collecting an estimated half million dollars in delinquent taxes. "It's time people realized that we are serious about collecting these taxes. This is just the first step. We also intend to ascertain employment in some cases

and we can also garnish wages. One way or another, the county is going to get these tax dollars." Monday's action against the delinquent taxpayers was taken after the North Marshall residents were advised by letters from Wallin. Leake said that the letters to the delinquent taxpayers were sent out some six to eight weeks ago. The attorney added that action will next be taken against South Marshall tax delinquents.



CAR RAISES spray on Main Street in Marshall during afternoon downpour last Thursday.

## District Court Holds Session

A number of charges were dismissed during a busy session of District Court in Marshall last Tuesday. Judge Robert H. Lacey dismissed charges of assault against Danny Joe Baldwin. Charges of assault with a deadly weapon against Howard Hodler were also dismissed, as were charges of disseminating obscene material to a minor against Ralph Davis. Damage to property charges against Ben Conger were also dismissed. The court sentenced James Wagner to spend four weekends in the Madison County Jail after Wagner (Continued on Page 8)

## Weaverville Council Approves Zoning Change

By ROBERT KOENIG  
In what Weaverville mayor Lawrence Sprinkle called, "a brief but important meeting," the Weaverville Town Council approved a zoning change for Weaver Blvd. and awarded a construction contract Monday night. Fourteen residents were present as the council considered a request from W.R. Buckner to have a seven-acre tract along the north side of Weaver Blvd. changed from a R-1 residential zone to a C-2 general business zone. A public hearing on the proposed zoning change was held July 5 in the Town Hall. At that meeting, developer Robert Small of Greenville, S.C. said that he hopes to build a small shopping center for a supermarket, drug store and other stores on the site owned by Buckner. The developer told the meeting that Bi-Lo stores will locate in the planned shopping center. Bi-Lo presently operates a store in the Tri-City

Shopping Center. In a telephone interview last Friday, Bi-Lo spokesman Mary Stone declined to say if the supermarket chain would open a store in the proposed shopping center. She told The News Record, "Bi-Lo is committed to bringing a modern facility to our Weaverville customers. At this time, I can't say what our plans are for Weaverville." She explained that the supermarket chain leases space in shopping centers and referred questions to Robert Small of Small Associates of Greenville. The developer was unavailable for comment Monday night. At the July 5 meeting, Weaverville residents Henry Lasher and Dick McPhail expressed their opposition to the zoning change. The seven-acre site is adjacent to a residential area on Weaver Blvd. A vote on the zoning change was postponed for five minutes Monday night while an attempt

was made to locate absent council member Bill Shope. Mayor Lawrence Sprinkle told the council, "The mayor doesn't normally vote unless there's a tie. With only four members present, it is possible that we will have a tie. Before we take a vote, I want to disqualify myself because there may be a conflict of interest." The council considered the contract for the town sewer project while attempts were made to contact Shope. Town Manager Larry Sprinkle told the council that six bids were received at the bid opening conducted on July 7. Terry Brothers Construction of Leicester submitted the low bid of \$168,019 for the project. Sprinkle told the council that the engineering firm on the project, Butler-McGill Associates of Asheville has worked in the past with the company and recommended that the town accept the low bid. The council voted unanimously to accept the bid submitted by

Terry Brothers. The town manager told The News Record that the contract on the project should be awarded within 30 days and that work on the project should begin within 45 days. The council then returned to the zoning change after attempts to locate Shope proved unsuccessful. One member of the board asked if the change would provide for a buffer zone between the business property and the residential area. Sprinkle said that the town's zoning ordinance provides for a buffer zone assured the council that the town has the power to insure that the area in buffer zone is kept clean of litter. Councilman L.A. Weaver, Jr. moved to accept the proposed zoning change. The council approved the change unanimously with Mayor Sprinkle abstaining. Sprinkle then adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

## Ramsey Opposes Senate Bill

By ROBERT KOENIG  
The North Carolina General Assembly may pass a sales increase as it prepares to adjourn this week, but it won't be the version of the bill that passed in the State Senate last week. House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey will see to that. Ramsey served notice of his disapproval last week when the Senate version of the sales tax increase was passed. The speaker told reporters, "We sent them a good bill, one that the county commissioners and mayors wanted. The Senate has sent back a substitute bill. The House will not concur and conferees will have to be appointed. The Senate will have to back off and change their position or the bill will be dead."

The Senate version of the tax bill would raise the sales tax half a cent beginning on Aug. 1. Proceeds from the additional tax would be dispensed to counties for school and water and sewer construction projects. The Senate bill would give each county \$180,000 next year to be divided equally between school and water and sewer projects. Remaining revenues from the sales tax increase would be divided between North Carolina's 100 counties on the basis of average daily school attendance and the present state water bond formula. In the second year of the tax, 40 percent of revenues would be used for school construction, 40 percent for water and sewer projects and the re-

maining 20 percent would be used for other capital expenditures by county government. The House version of the sales tax increase calls for each county to decide whether to charge the additional tax, either by a referendum or by vote of the county commissioners. The Senate version of the bill would increase the sales tax statewide. Ramsey also disapproved of the Senate bill's statewide approach to the tax increase. In a Friday interview with The Waynesville Mountaineer, Ramsey said, "The General Assembly is not going to have a general increase in the sales tax. There'll be an option, a referendum or something, an amendment of some kind that will allow

## Bus Drivers Named

School bus drivers for the 1983-84 school year were approved by the Madison County Board of Education at their monthly meeting July 6. Three drivers, Clyde Webb, Betty Wills and Carol Ramsey, were approved for Hot Springs Elementary School. Four drivers were approved for Walnut School. They are Mack Boyd, Clark Boyd, Jeter Sherlin and Harry Norton. Four drivers were also approved for Marshall Primary School. Those named were: Michael Baldwin, Donna Ward, Terry Shelley and William Thomas. Four drivers were also approved for Spring Creek School. The four are Joe Woody, George Rollins, Richard Dicker and Wayne Holt. Laurel School will have six drivers for the upcoming school year. The six are Collie Shelton, Glen Hensley, Grant Shelton, Dorothea Chandley, Howard Shelton and Brenda Broyles. Mars Hill School will have 13 drivers. Those approved by the school board are: Grace Ray, Wanda Carter, Oni Roberts, Linda Hiddle, Doris Flasher, Naomi Anderson, Joann Fox, Barbara Hensyrell, Nancy Ballard, Cindy Tomberlin, Judy Ricker, Helen Norton and Debbie Bess. Five drivers were approved for Marshall Elementary School. The five are: Nancy Ramsey, Jody Thomas, and

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR 1983-1984	
August 5, 1983	School term begins - Teacher Work Day - In-service
August 8, 1983	Teacher Work Day - In-service
August 9, 1983	Teacher Work Day
August 10, 1983	Beginning of First School Month (First Day for Students)
August 11, 1983	Teacher Work Day (No Students)
August 12, 1983	Second School Day for Students
September 5, 1983	Labor Day - Holiday
September 8, 1983	End of First School Month
September 16, 1983	NCAE Meeting 1/2 Day Teacher Work Day, 1/2 Day Annual Leave
September 23, 1983	End of First Six Weeks
September 26, 1983	Teacher Work Day
October 10, 1983	End of Second Month of School
October 17, 1983	End of First Nine Weeks
October 21, 1983	Teacher Work Day
November 8, 1983	End of third Month and Second Six Weeks
November 11, 1983	Veterans Day - Teachers Work Day
November 23, 1983	Schools Dismiss at 1:30 p.m. for Thanksgiving Holidays
November 24, 1983	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 25, 1983	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 9, 1983	End of Fourth School Month
December 20, 1983	Schools dismiss for Christmas Holidays at 1:30 p.m.
December 21, 1983	Annual Leave Day
December 22, 1983	Christmas Holiday
December 23, 1983	Christmas Holiday
December 28, 1983	Annual Leave Day
December 27, 1983	Annual Leave Day
December 28, 1983	Annual Leave Day
December 29, 1983	Annual Leave Day
December 30, 1983	Holiday - New Year's
January 2, 1984	Schools Reopen
January 4, 1984	End of Third Six Weeks and 1st Semester
January 5, 1984	Teacher Work Day
January 19, 1984	End of Fifth School Month
February 16, 1984	End of Sixth School Month and Fourth six Weeks Grading Period
March 8, 1984	End of Third Quarter
March 15, 1984	End of Seventh School Month
March 29, 1984	End of Seventh Six Weeks
April 12, 1984	End of Eighth School Month
April 16, 1984	Annual Leave Day
April 17, 1984	Annual Leave Day
April 18, 1984	Annual Leave Day
April 19, 1984	Holiday - (In Honor of National Day)
April 20, 1984	Holiday - Easter
May 14, 1984	17th Day for Students
May 17, 1984	Teacher Work Day
May 18, 1984	End of School Year

## Hot Springs Endorses Water Saving Plan

The Hot Springs Board of Aldermen approved a proposal to purchase water saving devices at its monthly meeting held on July 11. With the approval, Hot Springs joins with Marshall, Mars Hill and the county commissioners in the program to install the water saving devices in Madison County homes. Mike Bradley of the county Health Department outlined the plan for the aldermen. Under the terms of the proposal, Hot Springs will make a loan of \$200 and a grant of \$100 to the Health Department. Mayor Debbie Baker announced that there would be an organizational meeting on July 15 to be held at the Hot Springs Board of Aldermen on July 15 and 17.

The Hot Springs Board of Aldermen also heard a request for a transfer of cable television franchise rights in the town. Stony Jackson of Alcoa, Tenn., explained the terms of the sale of the franchise rights from Hickory Hill Cablevision, the present franchise holder, to Hot Springs Cable TV Co. The aldermen took no action on the request, asking Jackson to submit a written request for the transfer.

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JERRY PLAMMONS, right, takes the oath of office as a member of the Madison County Social Services Board Monday in District Court. Judge Philip Ginn, left, administers the oath.