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Weaverville Approves New Water Line

New High School To Tap Into Town System

The Weaverville Town Council approved a resolution allowing the planned new North Buncombe High School to tap into the town water system. The resolution was requested by Dr. Reginald Frazier, assistant superintendent of the Buncombe County school system following last week's vote on the school bond issue to finance construction of the new facility.

The resolution approved at the Monday night meeting calls for the town to furnish the new school with 18,000 gallons of water per day which will be furnished to Weaverville by the Asheville-Buncombe Water Authority or the City of Asheville. The water is to be supplied to the school through the DuBois Hill connection.

The resolution also states that the town may halt water to the school should demand adversely effect the town's fire protection capabilities. Water to the new school will be metered and is for the use of the Board of Education only. No other uses or connections will be allowed.

Mayor Lawrence Sprinkle said that the resolution was needed to guarantee the school fire protection. It is the first time the town council has approved an exception to a moratorium on water taps outside the town's limits since the moratorium was first passed in 1974.

Addressing Charles Dunlop, a teacher at North Buncombe High School, Sprinkle said, "We're allowing you to tap into our lines, but we're not guaranteeing you anything."

In other business conducted during Monday's session, the council approved two budget amendments for repairs. The first amendment provides \$4,500 for the installation of a water line to the town's treatment plant. The second budget amendment would provide a \$3,500 advance on next year's budget to the Weaverville Fire Department to make repairs to a newly purchased fire truck. The truck, which was used when purchased, needs a new tanker and other repairs to pumping equipment. Cost of

the repairs will be \$11,500, of which \$8,000 was budgeted in the current year. The advance will cover the additional repair costs.

Monday's meeting was visited by members of the Demolay Club. Sponsor Harry Howell introduced the club members. Earlier, Mayor Sprinkle had issued a proclamation making this Demolay Week in the town.

Mayor Sprinkle also read a letter from school personnel at both the Weaverville Primary and Middle Schools asking for crossing guards between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m. and 2:45 and 3:30 p.m.

Police chief Steve Woodson said the town has only one officer on duty during school hours and that he patrols at the Central St. intersection during the afternoon hours, while providing protection at the Primary School during the morning hours.

The council asked Woodson to see if the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department could provide assistance. There was

also some discussion about using civilian personnel or reinstating student patrols, but no action was taken at the meeting.

Mayor Sprinkle also announced that the town has concluded that a junk yard operating on Banks Town Rd. is a non-conforming use according to the town zoning ordinance, but that the town has no authority to force the yard's operator to clean up.

Sprinkle added that Jim Edwards of the Land of the Sky Regional Council will continue to study the matter. The mayor also announced that he became a grandfather for the fourth time Sunday. He explained that town manager Larry Sprinkle could not attend the Monday night meeting because his wife, Ann, gave birth to the newest Sprinkle, Christina Elizabeth, on Sunday afternoon. A pink ribbon adorned the doors to the Town Hall Monday night. Both mother and child are reported to be well.



(Photo by Robin Reeve)

VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH Addressed Friday afternoon press conference in Asheville. Bush met with the press Friday before attending a campaign rally at T.C. Roberson High School in Skyland

Truck Driver Killed

A Weaverville man was killed Thursday morning when he apparently lost control of his truck and plunged through a guardrail into the Ivy River.

William Henry Briggs, 25, of Stoney Knob Rd. was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident on U.S. 25-70.

According to Madison County Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, Briggs was transporting a load of coal to Asheville at the time of the accident. Sheriff Ponder reported that Briggs, a self-employed truck driver, had picked up the truck at Mary's Restaurant on the Marshall by-pass at about 3:30 a.m. Briggs was heading south on U.S. 25-70 at the time of the accident.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.



LOCAL HEALTH FAIR for April 6 through 14. Madison VOLUNTEERS such as Ashley Crawford are preparing for the annual Health Fair activities planned

Bush Endorses Helms, Hendon

By ROBERT KOENIG

Vice president George Bush visited Asheville Friday on a campaign swing through the South. The vice president addressed a campaign rally at T.C. Roberson H.S. in Skyland and met with reporters in Asheville.

During his afternoon press conference, Bush stated his support for both Sen. Jesse Helms and former congressman Bill Hendon. The vice president told reporters, "Both the president and I support Senator Helms. We consider him an important member of the team and we need him back in Washington. We're strongly for Senator Helms and we'll do as much for his campaign as we can to help him."

Bush also praised Hendon's record in the Congress, adding that "We need to send him back to offset the influence of the Tip O'Neills." Both Hendon and Helms accompanied the vice president during his appearances in Asheville.

In response to a question concerning the Senate confirmation hearings for presidential counselor Edwin Meese, Bush said, "I have absolute confidence that Mr. Meese's appointment will be confirmed. I know Mr. Meese very well, his office is right next to mine, and I know him to be a man of total integrity."

Bush said that the national deficit will be an issue in the campaign and called for a bipartisan effort to trim the deficit. He said that President Reagan has proposed making a down payment on the deficit with a package of spending cuts and tax increases.

The vice president said that the package proposed by the White House would trim some \$150 billion from the federal deficit over the next three years. The savings would be achieved by cuts in domestic spending and defense and by closing loopholes. The cuts, Bush said, would also save some \$18 billion in interest payments.

"I think the country is call-

ing out for some action now. President Reagan has had to gove in on some things he feels very strongly about. We all have had to give a little to put this package together."

Bush also said he supported an amendment to allow school prayer and said that this week's Senate vote on the issue was crucial. "This is an issue that is overwhelmingly supported by the American people." The vice president praised Sen. Helms efforts to pass the amendment.

Bush also had words of praise for the contingent of Secret Service agents that accompanied him on his tour. The vice president said that the agents were "outstanding men and women that America can be proud of" Bush said he regretted that their protection was necessary, but added that the threat of terrorism was a modern-day reality.

The vice president returned to Washington following the rally at T.C. Roberson H.S. where he addressed some 800 supporters.

Health Fair Plans Set

It is the site coordinators who organize the local volunteer efforts in implementing the TV 13 Health Fair process. These dedicated workers donate countless numbers of hours of their personal time. The public's participation is the only method of payment and that these site coordinators expect and receive for their efforts in organizing the Health Fair for their site location.

This year there will be thirty-five such dedicated people throughout the eighteen counties of Western North Carolina and twenty-one people in upper South Carolina who will be organizing the Health Fair and its "Wellness Works" campaign. Hundreds of volunteers will assist at the various sites. This campaign is a health promotion effort aimed toward the goal of educating the public about the personal responsibility for

health care. More than 60,000 people have taken advantage of this free health screening in the past 3 years.

The Health Fair will run from April 6-14 in 26 North and South Carolina counties. Height, weight, blood pressure, anemia and glaucoma screenings will be offered to name a few. There will also be two optional blood tests. The first measures such factors as thyroid function and glucose. The second test measures one's potential for heart disease.

The Health Fair is sponsored by the National Health Screening Council for Volunteer Organizations, WLOS-TV, local businesses and civic organizations.

This event is not a substitution for a physical given by one's doctor. Those eighteen years of age and older are encouraged to participate.

Few Differences Between Major Democratic Candidates

By ROB CHRISTENSEN
The News and Observer

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series outlining the views of the major Democratic candidates for governor. Next week's article will detail the candidate's positions on issues such as taxes, the Open Meetings Law, hazardous waste regulations and public utilities.

On the chief issues facing North Carolina, the major Democratic candidates for governor offer only shades of difference—soft pastels, rather than bold colors.

The six major gubernatorial candidates competing in the May 8 Democratic primary have adopted basically the middle-of-the-road agenda set by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. for the past seven years—improving the public schools and creating new jobs.

The sameness of the candidate's messages recently prompted Thad Beyle, a political science professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to describe the campaign debate as "a big mush."

The major candidates for the Democratic nomination are former state Commerce Secretary D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth, Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, former state Rep. Thomas O. Gilmore, Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, Insurance Commissioner John Ingram and former Charlotte mayor Eddie Knox.

But in separate interviews with The News and Observer published last week, some distinctions did emerge among the major Democratic candidates.

They include:

Green and Ingram took the most conservative stands on social issues. Both are opposed

to state-funded abortions for poor women. Green also is opposed to the Equal Rights Amendment, while Ingram said he would submit the ERA to a voter referendum if the issue resurfaced.

Faircloth and Green appeared to be the most conservative on economic issues, both closely attuned to positions favored by the state's business community.

Ingram was the only candidate favoring the direct election of the State Utilities Commission.

Gilmore's positions have placed him squarely in the party's progressive wing. He was the only candidate opposed to capital punishment and the only one willing to consider, as a last resort, a tax increase to improve public education.

While all the candidates said economic development would be a byproduct of their ad-

ministrations, Faircloth and Green most strongly stressed industrial recruitment.

The two eastern North Carolina businessmen are regarded as the most conservative of the Democratic candidates on economic issues, and both have close ties to business.

Green, for example, proposed that the state offer new tax breaks to encourage industries to locate in rural areas. He also suggested creation of an export trade board to help sell Tar Heel products overseas.

While none of the Democrats proposed shifting more taxes to corporations, Green and Faircloth were the most adamant in opposing the idea.

"We have got to maintain a growth in this state. It is favorable to growth," said Faircloth, who has spent the last 10 years