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Buy-out Agreement Reached

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Community Calendar

Hot Springs Child Find

The Hot Springs Housing Authority in cooperation with the town's police department, will sponsor a Child Identification Day on Saturday from 1 until 4 p.m. Parents with children they wish to have fingerprinted should bring them to the French Broad Circle Apartments offices. Fingerprint records will be given to parent for safekeeping.

Farmer Of Year Award Nominations Are Sought

The deadline for nominations for the Young Male and Young Female Farmer of the Year awards is July 1. The awards will be presented during the fifth annual Young Farmer-Rancher luncheon at the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh.

The awards are co-sponsored by the N.C. State Fair and the state Farm Bureau Federation. Nominations forms are available at the Madison County Extension Service office in Marshall and at Farm

Bureau offices. Completed forms should be sent to the NCDA Public Affairs Division, P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611.

Farmers 35 years old or younger who are responsible for major production or management roles in a farming operation are eligible for the awards. Three finalists will be selected by a panel of qualified judges. The panel will then visit the three finalists' operations in July to determine the winner.

Walnut Cemetery Needs Funds

The fund for the upkeep of Walnut Cemetery is in need of donations in order to continue maintenance. All interested persons are asked to send donations to sustain the project.

Donations should be sent to: Mrs. Valerie Guthrie, 41 Academy Rd., Marshall, N.C. 28753. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Convention Politics Continues To Divide Baptists
Georgia Conservative Re-Elected Southern Baptist PresidentBy DIANE WINSTON
The News and Observer

Despite prayers and preaching, peace proved elusive for moderates and conservatives at the 128th Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas last week.

The stakes: control of a denomination with 14.3 million members, an annual budget of \$130 million and \$2 billion in assets—proved too high, and peace evaporated amid controversies over board appointments and accusations of ballot-stuffing.

The people who stood to lose the most from the bickering in the increasingly polarized denomination were the Bible-believing Baptists who want to do nothing more than to follow the faith.

"They're pious people, not politi-

cians," said Samuel S. Hill, professor of religion at Florida State University in Gainesville and a longtime observer of the denomination. "They love Jesus, and they can't believe the Lord of the church is not able to keep the church from fighting with itself."

That fighting goes back to 1978, when conservatives vowed to take control of the denomination after blaming moderate officials for a liberal drift in Baptist institutions.

Some attribute the struggle to different understandings of the way God inspires man, and how man interprets the Bible. Others, saying secular politics is the culprit, claim that the fundamentalists represent a bid by the Religious Right to take over the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

The conservatives' march toward their goal continued in Dallas, where for the seventh straight year, their presidential candidate was elected. The Rev. Charles A. Stanley was elected to his second consecutive term. A record 45,000 messengers—as delegates are called—attended the convention on the day of the vote.

"It's been absolutely wonderful," Paul Pressler, a Houston judge and one of the chief architects of the fundamentalist strategy, said of the 1985 convention.

"There were two main things that needed to be done; Charles Stanley needed to be elected as president, and the Committee on Boards report needed to be approved. Both things were accomplished over great opposition."

The president's power is rooted in his authority to appoint the Committee on Committees, which in turn nominates the Committee on Boards. Through its recommendations, the Committee on Boards has influence on who serves on the boards of trustees of Baptist agencies and institutions.

"If we had a liberal president, he could appoint a liberal Committee on Committees," said Samuel T. Currin, U.S. Attorney for Eastern North Carolina. "Stanley has an absolute right to appoint a conservative committee of whoever he pleases. That's one of the prerogatives that goes with being president."

Exercising this prerogative for seven years, fundamentalists have made significant gains in controlling

the boards that govern such agencies as the Home Missions Board, the Foreign Missions Board and six theological seminaries.

"They do not have to have a majority on boards of agencies in order to win," said William Leonard, a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. "They've already achieved much of their agenda because they're loud and they berate their constituencies."

Leonard noted several instances in which the fundamentalists influence could be felt in Baptist life. Women ministers are less likely to be appointed to positions funded by the Home Mission Board than in the past. Seminary professors are cautious about what they teach because some

students taped lectures and sent them to fundamentalist leaders.

Moderates say that when they held the presidency, they tried to appoint Baptists of varying theological persuasions to committees to promote tolerance of different views. But perceiving a threat to that balance under the conservatives, they made an effort to organize their supporters for the convention in Dallas.

"I think moderates did much better than in the past," said James L. Guth, a political science professor at Furman University, a Baptist-affiliated school in Greenville, S.C. "Moderates haven't made a big effort until last year."

Rallying around the idea of missions—seen by Baptists as a divine

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Weaverville Approves Budget

By ROBERT KOENIG

They don't beat around the bush in Weaverville.

On Monday night, the Town Council conducted a public hearing on the 1985-86 budgets, adopted same, appointed three members to the Board of Elections, conducted other town business, heard reports, made small talk and still managed to adjourn within 30 minutes.

The council approved a \$693,060 general fund budget and maintained the town's present tax rate of 45 cents per \$100 valuation. The council also approved a \$370,450 budget for the town's Water and Sewer Dept. while maintaining present rates for both services.

The Water and Sewer Dept. budget of \$370,450 includes \$40,800 in federal revenue sharing funds the town anticipates receiving and \$61,800 in funds carried over from the present year. The budget anticipates \$197,000 in revenues from water customers and an additional \$52,000 in sewer fees. Maintenance is the largest expenditure in the water and sewer budget, taking \$264,824 of the \$370,450 budget.

The town also budgeted for \$34,259 in Powell Bill funds to be used in street repair.

The council also reappointed Ben H. Clark, Louise A. Wright and Nellie Mae Roberts to serve on the town Board of Elections.

Also approved were audit contracts with Don Williams totalling \$3,323. Williams will audit the town's general fund and water and sewer ledgers.

The council also read the monthly police report and questioned police chief Steve Woodson regarding a lack of police protection last Sunday.

Woodson explained that the officers scheduled for duty failed to report. The chief said he was out of town on Sunday and could not be contacted. Mayor Griffiths contacted town manager Larry Jenkins to determine the status and to ensure that the police and fire departments were properly staffed.

1985-86 BUDGET ORDINANCE
TOWN OF WEAVERVILLE, N.C.

REVENUES:

1985-86 Ad Valorem Tax	\$292,000
Payment for lost taxes	400
Tax refunds	250
Penalties and interest	1,500
Privilege license	850
Franchise fee-CATV	3,000
Interest earned	55,000
Miscellaneous revenue	750
Franchise tax	55,370
Intangibles tax	18,000
Wine and Beer tax	7,500
Local sales tax	110,000
Contracted fire protection	39,800
Zoning fees	300
Gasoline tax refund	850
Sale of labor	50
Pool revenue	9,000
Fire mutual aid fund	2,400
Reimbursement-Sheriff's Dept	30,000
Repayment-Fire Dept. Loan	7,039
Transfer from Water-Sewer Fund	5,500

TOTAL REVENUES \$639,000

EXPENDITURES:

General administration	\$81,123
Public buildings	2,300
Police Dept.	117,577
Fire Dept.	54,900
Street Dept.	138,924
Sanitation Dept.	52,837
Recreation Dept.	13,488
Library	3,690
Transfer-Water Improvement Fund	141,529
Contingency	32,707

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$639,000

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Walnut Projects Receive Approval

By ROBERT KOENIG

Madison County received the lion's share of state highway funds approved during last week's meeting of the state Board of Transportation in Raleigh. Citing a shortage of funds, the board agreed to halt granting contracts for all federal-aid road projects except Interstate 40, projects currently under construction and projects deemed essential to public safety for the next three months.

Madison County projects account for more than \$7.1 million of \$12.2 million in contracts the state board approved during the meeting.

The board awarded a \$5.07 million contract to the Taylor and Murphy Construction Co. of Asheville for widening a 4.1-mile section of U.S. 25-70 from N.C. 208 to Hickory Flats Rd., northwest of Marshall.

The board also approved a \$2 million contract with the P.M. Alexander Construction Co. of Asheville for the construction of a two-lane Walnut bypass. The 24-foot wide bypass will be approximately one-half mile long with eight to 10-foot shoulders.

The intersections with U.S. 25-70 will also be widened as part of the contract.

The board froze spending on new projects when it learned that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a program that schedules roading building and improvements, was \$150 million below budget for the programs in the plan.

The board passed a resolution which placed the blame for the deficit on the past board. The resolution, which passed unanimously, said in part, "The responsibility for this problem caused by the overprogramming and overcommitment lies with the previous administration."

The resolution was presented by board member Randy D. Doub of Greenville, who told reporters, "The system in previous years has been abused. It is my hope we can return some integrity to the TIP process."

Work on the Madison County projects is expected to begin next month. Ted Smith of Swannanoa, the Madison County representative on the board, said that work on the Walnut Bypass should be completed by August, 1986. The project to widen U.S. 25-70 will be completed by Nov., 1986, Smith said.



PAINT JOB AT THE MARSHALL GLOVE PLANT has been completed by Sheldon Greene and crew. Windows in the plant were

painted to feature visitors with a view of the plant as they might have seen near the turn of the century.

Farm Bureau Opposes Tobacco Buy-out Plans

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News and Observer

The N. C. Farm Bureau Federation has mailed a letter to Sen. Jesse A. Helms, R-N.C., saying it cannot support the legislative proposals being circulated by the senator as changes needed to save the federal tobacco program.

In the letter to Helms obtained Friday, W. B. Jenkins, president of the farm organization, said the proposals worked out after weeks of negotiations with cigarette manufacturers and farmer groups favored the manufacturers and would "relegate tobacco farmers to a lower standard of living."

Jenkins said the proposals circulated by aides to Helms and other tobacco-state senators were so unacceptable that they left the farm bureau "in a state of disbelief." The letter said the farm bureau "is opposed to any cigarette tax legislation being passed."

by Rep. Charles G. Rose III, D-N. C.

The letter said changes should be made in the draft proposals, but it was unclear Friday what changes the farm bureau was demanding as the price for its support of the Helms effort.

As a major alternative to Helms' effort to reach agreement with the companies, Rose has introduced a bill to add a tax of as much as 2 cents per pack on all cigarettes sold in the U.S. to fund the tobacco program. That tax is currently 18 cents per pack, and the manufacturing industry strongly opposes Rose's proposal.

Jenkins sharply criticized the advantage cigarette companies enjoy as tobacco imports and questioned whether the companies were willing to make a financial sacrifice to help save the tobacco program.

Jenkins said that the farm bureau would support any legislation that would

George S. Dunlop, top agriculture aide to Helms, had said the "companies want a program and they are willing to pay for it."

Jenkins wrote, "We do not see this willingness on the part of the companies to pay for a program. We see a willingness on their part to buy tobacco at drastically reduced prices using 'world market prices' and freedom to import at little or no penalty as the wedge to dictate the changes required to save the program."

The letter addressed to Helms, dated Thursday, was also sent to other members of the North Carolina congressional delegation. It had been received at least two of the offices on Wednesday Friday afternoon. Helms' chief legislative aide had not yet received the letter and they could not be reached for comment.

The letter was sent to the offices of the following members of the North Carolina congressional delegation: Rep. Charles G. Rose III, D-N.C.; Rep. James G. Martin, R-N.C.; Rep. James H. Cooper, R-N.C.; Rep. James H. Cooper, R-N.C.; Rep. James H. Cooper, R-N.C.