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IRS seizes Long Mountain ski resort

The US Internal Revenue Service took control of the Long Mountain Ski Resort for back taxes last week. The seizure was based on alleged failure on the part of Long Mountain to pay more than \$41,000 in federal employment taxes.

The IRS posted warnings at the entrance to and on the property a mile southwest of Nashville on State Road 46.

The notices informed that the property had been seized and cautioned that "severe legal penalties" could face anyone who attempted to "remove or tamper with this property."

The seizure notice was dated Tuesday of last week and was signed by David G. Crites, IRS revenue officer headquartered in Bloomington.

The IRS took control of the ski resort property, the notices stated, "for non-payment of internal revenue taxes by virtue of a levy issued by the District Director of Internal Revenue."

According to Debbie Moore, public

affairs officer for the IRS, two liens were filed against the Long Mountain facility for alleged failure to pay employment taxes.

Ms. Moore said the IRS calculated Long Mountain owed a total of \$41,326.79 in back taxes.

Of that total, \$38,641.36 was owed in federal withholding and social security taxes.

Ms. Moore said that amount was due from the last three months of 1979, nine months in 1980, and three months in 1981.

In addition, there were \$2,685.43 due in unemployment taxes from 1979 and 1980, Ms. Moore said.

If the taxes are not paid, the ski resort can be sold at public auction.

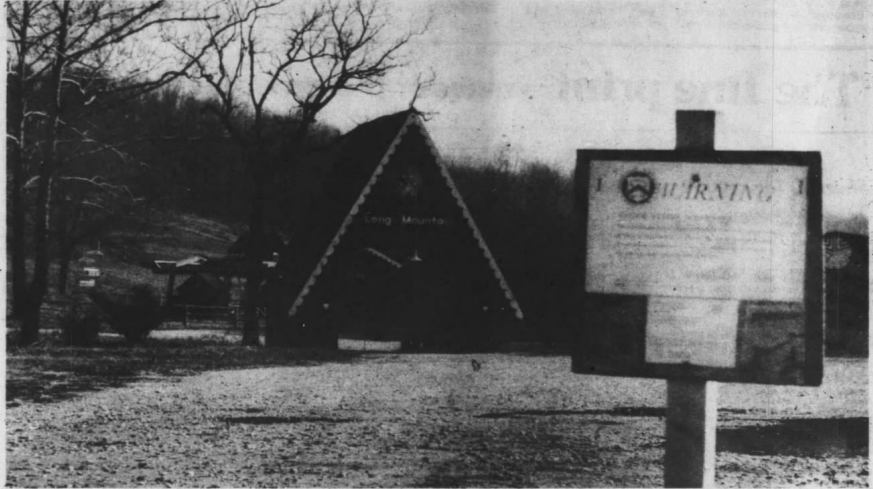
No deadline for payment of the taxes has been set.

Ron Long, developer of the ski resort, could not be reached for comment prior to presstime. He was reported out of town, and it was not known when he would return.

There was no answer at Long's home telephone number or at two numbers listed for the ski resort, and a third business number was recorded as disconnected.

Past patrons of and others formerly associated with Long Mountain have indicated in recent weeks they, too, have been unable to contact Long and have noticed no activity at the ski resort.

In prior years, preparations for reopening of the facilities would have been underway by now, these observers said.



Staff photo by Greg Temple

A warning from the IRS to keep hands off graces the entrance to the Long Mountain ski resort a mile southwest of Nashville on State Road 46.

Colorful

Kids, your last chances to enter the Christmas coloring contest sponsored by Nashville merchants appear on Page 6 of this issue of The Democrat. Color the pictures and you may win valuable gift certificates.

Certification is expected soon

An official of the state Department of Public Instruction believes the problem of the Brown County school superintendent's lack of state certification will be correctly shortly.

Assistant state superintendent Charles Sharp, who is in charge of licensing and certification, said local school superintendent Carol Walker lacks only one reading course to complete the requirements necessary for state certification.

Last week, Nashville resident Britt Polley, a professional educa-

tor, questioned the school board's employing Mrs. Walker and Sprunica principal Sheila Oliver without proper certification.

Polley asked the Department of Public Instruction to investigate the employment of the two school administrators.

Concerning Mrs. Walker's certification, Sharp said he had learned that she needed to complete only one reading course to be licensed.

"We expect that to be cleared up shortly," Sharp said.

Concerning the Sprunica prin-

cipalship, Sharp said the school corporation would not be cited by the state for failure to have a certified principal.

The reason, Sharp said, was that Van Buren principal Kim Sechler had been named supervising principal at Sprunica, overseeing Mrs. Oliver.

Because of the small enrollments at both Van Buren and Sprunica, that arrangement was satisfactory, Sharp said.

Polley had asked to meet with DPI's top administrator, Harold

Negley, to discuss the matter but, as of Monday, that meeting had not been arranged.

Last week, Polley told The Democrat he was concerned because state and local officials should make sure administrators had proper certification before their hiring.

Mrs. Walker has been the chief administrator in the school system since last February.

She served as acting superintendent until July, when she was named superintendent.

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Christmas party set in Nashville for this weekend

Nashville will be filled with the sights and sounds of Christmas Saturday and Sunday during the Chamber of Commerce's annual Brown County Christmas party.

The streets will glow from the

Noon—Santa will take up temporary residence at the Daily Grind restaurant in Nashville to greet and talk with children.

1-5 p.m.—Hot wassail party in the Fireplace Lounge at the