

State funds construction of addition to Fort Valley library; Byron next, says Smith

The addition to the Thomas Public Library in Fort Valley has been funded. Representative Robert Ray of Fort Valley and Senator "Bud" McKenzie

of Montezuma announced this week that the State Board of Education has given final approval to two grants for the Thomas Public Library addition in Fort Valley. One grant of \$321,955, from the General Assembly's 1984 appropriations for library construction, is to be matched with \$160,977 in local funds. A federal grant of \$34,932, also administered by the State Board of Education, will provide additional access for the handicapped and make the building more energy efficient.

Director of Peach Public Libraries Jimmy Smith expressed appreciation to

the members of the General Assembly who made the grant possible. He also expressed appreciation to the many library friends of the community who gave time and money to raise the local matching funds.

"This means that bids will be advertised November 1 with ground breaking in December," Smith said. "This year, Thomas Public Library; next year, Byron Public Library!"

The Byron community has already raised the necessary \$85,714 to match a state grant of \$171,428 for that new library.

**Tax Meeting
with the county
commissioners is
set for 7:30 p.m.,
Thursday, at courthouse**