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THIS 1904 PHOTOGRAPH was taken at the 50th reunion of the Newfound Missionary Baptist Association on Panther Branch in Meadow Fork Creek. Of the 37 people shown in the photo, 28 have been identified. In the front, from left to right are: Garfield Lindsay, Stanbeary Lindsey, Jake Rhinehart, unknown, unknown, Dora Banks, woman believed to be Mary Banks and two unidentified members. In the second row are: Eb Banks, James A. Lindsey, Althea Lindsey, Cordelia Rhinehart Lindsey, a woman

thought to be Guilford Banks, Ella Banks, Claude Banks, a woman thought to be Sarah Ella Duckett Rainey, Sarah Rhinehart Foster and Allie Foster. In the back row are: James A. Rhinehart, William Shelton, William Foster, George Banks, unknown, Camel Rhinehart, Manco Rhinehart, Levada Jane Shelton Rhinehart, Nora Banks, Lovetta Reid Banks, Sarah Reid Banks, Sallie Shelton Revis with infant, Hassie Parton, Erma Parton and Martha Parton. Photo submitted by Richard Gosnell.

Marshall Approves Public Drinking Ban

By ROBERT KOENIG

The Marshall Board of Aldermen approved a new town ordinance banning public consumption of alcohol during their monthly meeting Monday night at Town Hall.

The ordinance, which passed unanimously, prohibits the public consumption of "malt beverages or unfortified wine" on property owned by the town or occupied by the town including public streets, sidewalks and parks. Penalty for violations of the ordinance are 30 days in jail or a \$50 fine. The ordinance took effect Tuesday.

Prior to passing the ordinance, the board again considered naming a new chief of police. Mayor Betty Wild recommended Joe Griffin for the position. The 41-year old Marshall native is a former Marshall and Hot Springs police officer.

The board appointed Herschel Cox of Weaverville to the police chief job on July 5. Cox's appointment was cancelled when the town officials learned he was facing felonious larceny charges in Buncombe County.

Former Marshall police chief Faye Reid questioned Griffin's qualifications for the job,

saying, "Unless Joe has matured since he worked with me, he'd be no better than what we have."

Reid was one of a dozen residents who attended the Monday night meeting and complained of the present police force. Board member Sammy Lunsford told the meeting, "I think two policemen are enough for a town like Marshall. The two we've got haven't done anything."

Many of the residents came to complain of the lack of police protection. One resident complained of having called police for over an hour recently without reaching an officer. Mayor Wild said that on the night in question, she and her husband searched the town for an hour in an unsuccessful attempt to locate the officers.

Board member John Dodson called for tabling a decision on the police chief, saying, "If we've got a problem with the police department, I think we should get things fixed before we hire a chief." Dodson's motion to table was approved unanimously.

Mayor Wild said she will call a special meeting to meet with the town's officers, Chris Bowman and Michael Beasley. No date for the special meeting has been set.

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Banner House To Open Plant

By ROBERT KOENIG

An Asheville manufacturer has announced plans for locating a sewing operation in Hot Springs, bringing jobs to the town hard hit by the recent closing of the Melville Shoe Co. plant.

Phil Manis, vice president of manufacturing for Banner House, announced Tuesday that his company has reached agreement on a lease for the roller skating rink in Hot Springs. The former skating rink will be rewired to accommodate the sewing machinery which will be installed.

Manis said the company hopes to have the operation running before the end of the month. When operating, the plant will manufacture ladies' handbags.

The plant will employ 25 workers when operations begin, but Manis said he hopes to employ up to 100 workers when the plant reaches full operation. Banner House operates plants in the Asheville area, but Manis said that no current employees will be sent to Hot Springs. "These will be all new jobs, including management," he said. Employment applications will be received beginning sometime next week.

"We're very pleased with Hot Springs," Manis said. "The workforce is there and everyone has been most cooperative. It looks like a good situation for everyone."

Banner House is owned by Bill Yancey, Eugene Blackwell and Violet Briggs.



WALTER DEAN HONEYCUTT, right, was arrested by the Madison County Sheriff's Dept. Wednesday near Mars Hill. Honeycutt escaped from a Haywood County jail on July 28.

Cas Wallin Laurel Singer To Entertain At Scotch Folk Festival

By ROBERT KOENIG

Well-known Madison County balladeer Cas Wallin will be leaving his Revere home later this month to entertain Scotch audiences at an international folk festival in Edinburgh.

Wallin has been a familiar figure to Madison Countians for more than half a century. In recent years, performances on radio and television in places like New York and Washington, D.C., have spread the audience for Wallin's "old-timey" music, the centuries-old ballads brought to these mountains by the earliest Scotch and English settlers.

Born in Madison County on March 3, 1903, the son of Thomas Jefferson and Judy Gosnell Wallin learned his first songs singing at church. Later, he would learn the old songs singing with neighbors.

"When I was a boy, we didn't have much to do like we do today," Wallin says. "We'd get together at a fiddle making and everyone would sing and play tap hands."

A tobacco farmer all his life, Cas had little formal education, but taught himself to read as a boy. "I didn't have nobody to play with, and I had to go off by myself and read whatever and remember. Mostly what I've learned, I had

learned by picking things up."

Wallin credits Peter Gott with his new-found celebrity. It was Gott, a musician himself, who first brought Cas to the attention of music executives. "He's an awful friend of mine," Wallin says of Gott. "He and his woman can really play." Wallin has recorded a record album with Gott and his family who this week are taking part in the Folkmoot USA festival being held in Maggie Valley.

It was a television appearance on German TV that brought Cas to the attention of the Scotch officials holding the Edinburgh festival. Cas will make several appearances at the eight-day festival which begins Aug. 20. Cas will depart from Asheville for a flight to Atlanta. From Atlanta, its on to New York for a trans-Atlantic flight to London. The trip will be the 61-year-old singer's first trip outside the U.S.

Cas won't be bringing along any sheet music on his trip and they may or may not be any musicians accompanying his performance. It doesn't matter to Cas. The words to between 100 and 200 of the "old-timey" songs are forever written in Cas's mind. Between questions and pictures, he entertains with songs like

County To Purchase New Ambulance

The Madison County Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of a new ambulance for the Emergency Medical Service during Monday's meeting in the county courthouse. The new ambulance, to be assigned to Hot Springs, will be purchased on a state contract at a cost of \$22,554.

The commissioners also announced the award of several grants to the county. Chairman Ervin Adams announced that the county has received a \$30,000 appropriation to conduct a historic inventory of the county. Richard Kingston of Marshall is leading the project

which he described as "a preliminary step toward historic designation and restoration projects in the county."

No decision on how the funds will be spent has been made, Kingston said. The commissioners appointed 15 county residents to an advisory committee to study how the inventory will be conducted. Named to the committee were Kingston, Ron Eller, Jerry Plemmons, Marie Osteen, Joe Justice, Richard Dillingham, Ruth Gregory, Francis Buckner, Dr. Evelyn Underwood, Lucille Burnette, Marie Willis, Lucille Roberts,

Pauline Ditmore, Elizabeth Baker, Terry Gunter, Kena Shelton and Peggy Dotterer.

Anita Davie, director of the county's Department of Social Services, also announced that the county has received a \$25,000 grant to take part in the Long-Term Care Screening Program. The commissioners accepted the grant.

The commissioners also approved an experiment which will provide transportation to Madison H.S. football games beginning on Aug. 31. Vans operated by the Madison County Transportation Authority will operate from Hot Springs and Mars Hill to

transport fans to home games at the school. Details on the bus service will be available next week according to director Delba Jean Roberts.

The board also heard from James Brown, director of a county landfill. Brown asked the commissioners to approve a Solid Waste Disposal ordinance and read a suggested version of the law. The commissioners directed Brown to present the proposed ordinance to the county planning committee for approval.

In a brief public hearing, the commissioners approved two changes in the names of coun-

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Unemployment Rate Jumps

Unemployment soared in Madison County during the month of June according to figures released by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC) last week.

Madison County's jobless rate jumped four percent during the month, largely as a result of the closing of the Melville Shoe Co. plant in Hot Springs. According to the ESC figures, the county's unemployment rate in June rose to 9.1 percent, a full four percent increase from the month before. Approximately 230 county residents lost their jobs when Melville closed its doors. The four percent increase was the largest of any county in the state during June.

Statewide, unemployment increased by less than half a percent during the month. North Carolina's unemployment figures showed an unemployment rate of 8.2 percent.

nationally, the unemployment rate stood at 7.4 percent in June.

Joblessness increased in 68 counties across the state during June and decreased in 25 counties. Seven counties remained unchanged during June.

According to the ESC figures, some 810 Madison county workers are currently unemployed. Unemployment in neighboring counties remained virtually unchanged during June as Suncombe and Haywood Counties reported unemployment rates of 5.7 and 7.7 percent respectively. Yancey County reported a one-tenth of a percent increase in joblessness, for a rate of 9.4 percent.

Wake County continued to have the lowest jobless rate in the state, 3.3 percent, while Beaufort County reported the highest rate, 13.4 percent.

