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## Beer Sale? Forks Of Ivy Folks Hot



FUTURE GROWER of tomatoes is Tracy Miller who works with his toy earth grader at the edge of a field where his parents are setting up 40 greenhouses to get a price break

on tomatoes by growing them earlier and later than the normal Haywood County season.

Residents of the Forks of Ivy community, disturbed that a beer and wine package store may soon open in a dry county took the matter to a late meeting of the Madison County Commissioners Friday night.

A delegation of seven persons, led by Jimmy Lee Buckner, told the commissioners that it was the county's responsibility to determine whether or not the store in question, Peabody's Discount Center, was in Madison County.

"Because that is the issue," he said. "If the store is in Madison County, then it's illegal and Sheriff (E.Y.) Ponder said he'd put a padlock on it. If it is located in Buncombe County, as the State ABC Board believed when it issued them the beverage permit, then that's another matter."

"But," Buckner said, "as residents of Madison County, we deserve to know where the line is."

The county line, Buckner explained before the meeting with the commissioners, has always been a big question in terms of the four-unit building that houses three apartments and the beverage center.

"Nobody, not even Sheriff

Ponder, knows exactly where the line is," Buckner said. "But a small portion of the property is in Buncombe County. But the major portion of the property is in Madison County, where it is illegal to sell beer or wine."

Buckner, an electrician whose shop is next door to the building in question, said that the property had always been considered in Madison County until 1973, when the owners of it, for no known reason, requested Buncombe County

to put it on Buncombe's tax rolls.

This was done, Buckner said. "But our tax supervisor (Ernest Snelson) told me that he went to the tax office in Buncombe and had it transferred back to Madison. So now it's back on the Madison County tax roll and he said they would be collecting taxes on it."

The main reason, said Buckner, that the citizens are trying to stop the center from ever opening its doors is

because it sits in plain view of the Forks of Ivy Baptist Church, of which Buckner and nearly all of the concerned citizens are members.

The commissioners, after hearing from Buckner's delegation, agreed to take the matter under advisement and to, in some way, determine just exactly where the county line runs.

The owners of the discount center, Edward Kilpatrick and Robert Sofield Jr., could not be reached for comment.

## Fired Policeman Kept In Dark Over Discharge

"I was fired on April 2, as a Marshall policeman but to date I've been unable to find out the reason for my discharge," LeRoy Gosnell told this newspaper Monday morning.

Gosnell said he had asked the Marshall mayor and aldermen in writing for the reasons but has not been informed.

Gosnell said he had been told by the mayor of Marshall to stop the speeding on Walnut Creek Road. "Shortly after that, I stopped 15 persons on that road and issued warning tickets to them. On one occasion, I attempted to stop a rescue squad worker who was on duty, but in a private vehicle, but he would not stop for my blue light and siren. I was told later that when the mayor of Marshall heard of this incident that he called a meeting of the town aldermen and requested that I be fired, but the aldermen would not agree to do so," Gosnell stated.

"On April 1, I met a vehicle on the Walnut Creek Road, which was being operated in such a manner as to cause me to believe that the driver was drunk. I turned the police car and pursued this vehicle for several miles. While I was pursuing this vehicle, I contacted members of the highway patrol by radio. I finally succeeded in getting this vehicle stopped on U.S. 25-70, near the intersection with the Panhandle Road. When the vehicle came to a stop, I got out of the police vehicle and I observed the driver of the other car bringing a rifle up to a firing position. I covered him with my revolver and he dropped the rifle. He then placed his car in reverse and backed up

for a short distance and jumped out and ran, making his escape on foot. Shortly thereafter, several members of the highway patrol arrived on the scene," Gosnell stated.

Gosnell then stated "since Marshall has no chief of police to give orders or advice, on April 2, I requested a meeting with the mayor and board of aldermen to ask them what charges I should place against the person who had escaped the day before. I was never able to get such a meeting with them," Gosnell commented.

"On April 2, I learned that I had been fired and I then requested to see the minutes of the board of aldermen for the meeting at which I was fired, but this request was refused," Gosnell continued.

"It appears that I was fired because of my attempt to arrest the driver of the vehicle that I pursued on April 1. I was given no opportunity to tell the mayor or aldermen what had happened, although they conferred with the person I had pursued and with his family. I would like to thank James Penland and Buford Marler, aldermen, for supporting me while I was a member of the Marshall Police Department."

Gosnell stated that he had been certified as a special deputy sheriff in Madison



LEROY GOSNELL

County and he said he transferred in September 1978, through the Criminal Justice Department, Attorney General's Office, Raleigh, to the Town of Marshall, where he has served since September 1978, as a policeman. He also said he had a card, signed by James Penland, vice-mayor, certifying him as a policeman.

"I wish to thank my many friends for sympathizing with me in this situation," Gosnell concluded.

## Tomatoes/A Longer Season Indoors

By WALLY PAGE

picking tomatoes there.

Fain Miller is getting ready to extend the Haywood County tomato season...early and late — with greenhouses.

While their young son, Tracy, grades the sandy soil nearby with his toy bulldozer, Fain Miller and his wife, Sara, are erecting half-circles of white rods in the Pigeon River West Fork Valley to build 40 greenhouses for tomatoes.

Motorists traveling Highway 276 near the river bridge can look across the field and see the novel white arcs sprouting from the soil. By June, the Millers hope to be

Fraught with summertime tomato prices on a glutted market, Miller is planning to start selling his six weeks before other Haywood growers can offer their field-grown fruit. And after the field-grown tomato season has ended, he'll have tomatoes to sell until November if his plans work out.

Miller has grown open field tomatoes for years. He even grew them over in Tennessee to start marketing a crop as early as July 10 — two or three weeks before Haywood fruit starts to go to market.

"This year I thought I'd

stay home and give this a try," he says, looking off through a maze of white hoops soon to support plastic covering. "I like to try something new. Our forefathers had to do that, you know."

"If this works out, I'd like to see enough other growers grow tomatoes 'under glass' to open the county co-op a month early," Miller is a vice president of the Haywood County Tomato Growers Cooperative on the Old Asheville Road just outside Waynesville. In season, Haywood tomatoes are graded and shipped from there throughout the East and

into Canada. The Millers are erecting 40 plastic greenhouses 14-80 feet each. They'll put 1 1/4 acres "under G1 glass." Tomatoes will be planted in the next few days and be grown in the ground and on stakes just as the field-grown crop is.

The plastic skin on the greenhouses will keep the sun's heat in the soil. Doors are big enough at the end of each greenhouse to let small tractors work the crop.

There'll be no artificial heat or ventilation to use costly energy, Miller points out. "Feel that breeze," he says, lifting his hand into the cooling air moving through

the valley. The greenhouse lengths are oriented to let the natural breeze blow through them when the sun grows hot.

The greenhouses are relatively simple affairs. Twenty-six-foot fiberglass rods are attached to mobile home anchors at their ends. The anchors go 30 inches into the earth to hold the rods in arched shape. Hundred-foot-wide plastic sheeting will be stretched over the top of the arches.

"Greenhouses always did excite me," Miller says. "I can hardly wait to get the plants growing in here. Then we'll see what happens."

### Mrs. Wallin Wins Top Award

## 4-H Leaders Recognized At Banquet

By SHARON CARTER, ASST. HOME ECONOMICS EXTENSION AGT.

How do you thank people who give many, many volunteer hours to the development of Madison County Youth? It is difficult, but Friday night, appreciation was expressed to a group of twenty adult 4-H leaders and four Junior 4-H leaders. They were served a delicious buffet meal of baked

ham and fried chicken with "all the fixings", prepared by Wolf Laurel Restaurant. Special music was presented by the talented Tommy DuVall. After the meal, Reagon Ammons, Polk County Extension Chairman, gave a very interesting and inspiring talk on being a volunteer 4-H leader. Ammons served as Polk County 4-H Agent for several years prior to his position as

chairman. Gary Ealey, Agricultural Extension Agent presented awards to 4-H leaders and Junior leaders. Ammons was presented a blue sports hat festively decorated with ribbons and eggs for his "Easter Bonnet."

Each year one leader is selected for outstanding leadership and work in the county 4-H program. Mrs. Marion Wallin was recognized as the 1979 Outstanding Leader and was presented a silver tray. A drawing for door prizes ended the program. Prizes consisted of everything from an Easter basket to potted plants, the plants were donated by Garland Woody for the drawing.

Appreciation goes to the following who financed the dinner: James Ledford, Farm Bureau, Micro Switch, Inc., Bruce Murray, Deringer Mfg., Wachovia Bank and Trust, Bowman Funeral Home, Capps Funeral Home, Northwestern Bank, Arbee Mfg., Asheville Federal Savings & Loan.



MRS. MARION WALLIN



REAGON AMMONS

A big thanks goes to all who supported this 4-H leaders banquet and to the leaders themselves. Though at times their jobs may seem difficult and in vain the 4-H Volunteer Leaders are developing and encouraging the most important asset Madison County possesses and that is our young people, Miss Sharon Carter, Assistant Home Economics Extension Agent, stated.

Community Union Easter services have been announced for Marshall as follows: Maundy Thursday, observance of the Lord's Supper, at Marshall Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.

Community worship service on Friday afternoon, 3 p.m., at Marshall Baptist Church.

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MADISON HIGH SCHOOL F.F.A. livestock team placed first out of 23 teams in the district contest held at Clemson University on April 5. The team will represent Western North Carolina in the

State contest in June. Members of the team, shown above, left to right, Harvey Franklin, Michael Griffin, Lynn Shelton and Michael Coates. Advisors are Mr. Woody and Mr. Cole.

## Hot Springs Health Unit Adds Employees

Linda Boswell of Walnut was recently hired to work as Home Health Aide for the Hot Springs Program beginning April 1. In the fall of 1977 Linda completed a GED certificate and a 13-week nursing assistant program at Memorial Mission Hospital. After working a year on a medical-surgical unit, the Memorial Mission Hospital Auxiliary awarded her a full scholarship to complete an Associate Degree in Nursing at AB Tech. Due to personal difficulties, she was unable to finish her studies, but hopes to continue them in the future. Since her most recent work has been with arthritic and geriatric patients, who will be well-prepared to deal with the many elderly patients seen by home health nurses. Linda's husband, a life-long resident of Walnut, returned to Madison County with his wife and their two children nearly

three years ago. In January of this year, the Hot Springs Health Program added a full-time Health Educator to its staff. Judy Major is originally from Illinois where she taught French before joining the Peace Corps as a nutrition-health educator in Niger, West Africa. For over two years, she worked as a volunteer with Nigerian women and children supervising pre-natal and well baby clinics and conducting health education programs in the elementary schools. She served an additional six months with the Peace Corps as director of training programs for new volunteers. Following her work in Niger she attended the School of Public Health at Tulane University in New Orleans where she received a Master's Degree in Public Health in June 1978.