## Spivey Lives 'I Can' Principles

"The Preamble" of the "I Can" program at SYC (Sandhills Youth Center) states:

We Believe ... that to live is to love, to love is to help, and to help is to understand the difference between a hand and a handout. That you can get everything in life you want if you help enough other

Kevin Spivey, president of the "I Can" alumni association projects these principles through what he has accomplished since he enrolled

in the "I Can" program.

Spivey has been in charge of the garden project of SYC and with the help of Ron Isaacs and Sidney Overcast (two other "I Can" alumni) been tending a one-and-a-half acre garden which has already produced over \$2,000 worth of produce that has been donated to the Hoke County poor, and the

the Hoke County poor, and the garden is still producing.

The entire project has been self-supporting. The residents collected cans to buy seeds and supplies for the garden project.

Roosevelt Johnson, instructor and administrators of "I Com". administrator of "I Can", feels that the project has been so successful he hopes to continue it next year.

Spivey had a little gardening experience before taking on the project but not on such a large scale. Tom Olsen, "I Can" volun-teer instructor, had even less experience than Spivey, but with the help of the county's agriculture extension agent and gardening manuals, the project has flourished.

Spivey was incarcerated in 1979 for auto theft when he was only 17. He was also "into drugs" to help maintain the image of being "tough". He dropped out of school in the 10th grade because he "didn't feel comfortable with it and became tired of attending."

His first months of incarceration were at Harnett Youth Center where he completed his GED (General Education Diploma). Spivey was then transferred to SYC, and in March 1981 enrolled in the unit's "I Can" program. It was not uphill all the way. While working in the canteen, he "came up \$41 short. I guess I ate a lot of candy bars that I wasn't supposed to. I was still trying to act tough then, too, but now I know that's not important.

Spivey says that he now realizes that he does not have to try to impress anyone by acting "big." He knows who he is and wants others to accept him for being himself. When questioned about his long hair, he said that it is part of him now, but he'll probably cut it if it hinders his getting ahead in his chosen profession.

## **Magistrates** Court

The following judgments were issued last week by Hoke County magistrates.

Sgt. David King, Ft. Bragg, operating a motorcycle without. licensed to do so. \$25 and costs. James Gibbs, Jr., Fayetteville,

speeding 65 in a 55 zone, \$5 and Eugene Riddle, Rt. 1, Red

Springs, expired inspection certi-Debra Suzette Campbell, Box

102, Raeford, expired inspection certificate, costs. George Allen Dobbins, High Point, speeding 65 in a 55 zone, \$5

and costs. Susan Clark, Reidsville, failing to yield the right of way at flashing

red light, costs. Carolyn Baker, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, worthless check, \$20 restitution to

Ashley Heights Exxon, and costs. Roberta Beasley, Rt. 2, Raeford, worthless check, \$23 restitution to Jackson FMA, and costs.

Sallie Riggins, Rt. 3, Raeford, speeding 70 in a 55 zone, \$10 and

Reusen Morris, Rt. 1, Lumber

Bridge, improper parking, costs. Sallie McPhaul, Raeford, speeding 50 in a 35 zone, \$10 and costs. Johnnie Lee McNeal, Rt. 3, Red Springs, exceeding at a speed

greater than was reasonable, costs. Jerry Michael Edwards, Box 1057, Raeford, speeding 65 in a 55 zone, \$5 and costs.

Richard Allen Cobb, Rt. 1, Raeford, expired inspection certificate, costs.

Richard Scott Douglas, Raeford, speeding 65 in a 55 zone, \$5 and

costs.

Emma L. Campbell, Rt. 1, Box 572, Raeford, worthless check, \$25 restitution to Glenn Ellington, and

In addition to receiving his GED and his work with "I Can," Spivey completed 1100 hours in a food service course offered at SYC.

Leslie Hotte, food service director, has taught him all facets of the restaurant business.

Spivey is due to be released this

month and has a restaurant job awaiting him. He said, "I really was surprised during the interview that he (Spivey's new boss) was so

nice and friendly."

He will begin in the kitchen and hopes to work up from there. Spivey's goal is to have his own

restaurant in about five years. With his perseverence and dedication, he should have little trouble achieving his goal.

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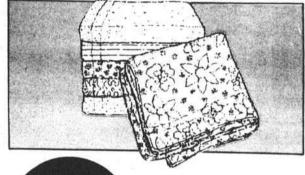
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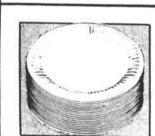
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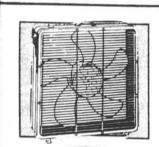


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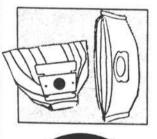


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