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At The Cross Roads...



"Come see what we've found," Don Lovelace said, when he and Sherrill Ledbetter were cutting April grass by the town's watertower. A rabbit's warren lay concealed among the hay, full of "off-spring" like this young fellow. A few months from now he'll be the bane of someone's garden, but for now he's a handful of beating heart, and Sherrill carefully replaced the young back into the burrow, and re-covered it with grass.

They're Winners

Two Gardner-Webb senior football players will be reporting to National Football League camps this May because of the recent NFL draft of college players.

Defensive tackle Ralph Warthen, 6-5, 255 pounds, was picked in the eighth round by the Washington Redskins and defensive back Charlie Harbison will be signing a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills. Harbison, 6-1, 185 pounds, would have been drafted in the 12th round by the Bills but last-minute phone problems prevented them from contacting Gardner-Webb head coach Tom Moore for a final check.

The odd part of all this is the fact that the Bills drafted tackle Tony Suber in the 12th round instead of Harbison. What makes this odd is that Suber attended Gardner-Webb College in the spring of 1978 and 1979 but never played for the Bulldogs during the fall seasons. He left Gardner-Webb in May of 1979 and recently played football for the Carolina Chargers of the American Football Association.

Warthen was no surprise when he was picked in the 8th round by Washington. The big man came to Gardner-Webb as a transfer from the University of Georgia in 1980. His 91 solo tackles in 1980 is a record and he made the SAC-8 conference and District 26 first teams. Warthen also was selected as NAIA 2nd Team All-American in 1980. In 1981, Warthen made 77 solo tackles and 37 assists and made 1st Team District 26 and 2nd team SAC-8.

A knee injury in the fifth game of the 1981 season kept Warthen from breaking his own tackle record at Gardner-Webb as that injury kept him out of action for almost three games. Warthen will report to the Redskin's rookie camp May 9.

Bulldog head football coach Tom Moore stated: "We're tickled to death that both Ralph and Charlie are going to get a chance to play professional football. It shows the progress we're making in our program here at Gardner-Webb."

Chapter Two For Cable TV

Which Cable For Boiling Springs?

Town council rewrote its cable television ordinance Tuesday night, and at least one cable company liked the second version well enough to reapply for the town's franchise.

Floyd Williams, representing Vision Cable of Shelby, indicated that his company will reapply when council considers the ordinance again May 25. If council grants a franchise to Williams' firm at that time, final approval of a cable franchise could come as early as June 1.

Another cable businessman, Jonas Bridges of Kings Mountain, had withdrawn his bid for the town's business under the first ordinance, characterizing it as "too stringent." Bridges did not indicate Tuesday night if he plans to reapply.

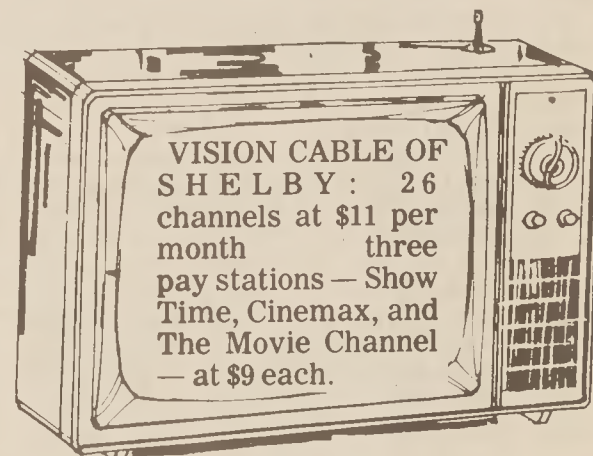
Williams had asked the council to reconsider its first ordinance entitling Boiling Springs to collect three percent of "any and all" of a cable company's revenues in exchange for a franchise to do business.

"Here's a very small town with a (cable) ordinance that's worse than Charlotte," Bridges said after the first ordinance passed, explaining why his company withdrew. The city of Charlotte requires its cable franchise to pay back three percent of fees collected from basic subscriptions and such pay services as Home Box Office.

Council amended its three percent to include only subscriptions and pay services, as Williams had asked. It also amended the ordinance to allow a cable company to increase its rates without council approval, as the first ordinance had required.

The amended ordinance is similar to those under which Vision Cable is franchised in other towns in Cleveland County. Williams had argued that in fairness to those towns the ordinance should be uniform.

In writing the first ordinance town attorney Michael Kennedy pointed out that



the Institute of Government has recommended a first draft "favorable" to the town, and that it was easier to delete items from an ordinance than to add to it.

The Federal Communications Commission in 1977 ruled that communities may collect three percent on "any and all" of a cable company's revenues, and the Institute's recommendation appears to be modeled after that ruling.

Should Williams' firm receive a franchise under the new ordinance, he proposed offering the town 26 cable channels including three pay services.

Bridges' firm before withdrawing had offered the town 12 subscriber channels and nine pay services.

Following public discussion of cable television, the council went into closed session "to discuss real estate acquisition and personnel matters." No action was taken.

In other town news:

Boiling Springs police reported an arrest on Cove Street early Sunday morning on a charge of simple possession of controlled substances.

— And So Are They



PHOTO BY LISA PETTUS

Lonnie Proctor, professor of physical education at Gardner-Webb College and organizer of the Special Olympics held at the college last Thursday, coaches Olympic participant and winner Gary McMurray.

Area Events

A ladies exercise class will be offered May 10 at Boiling Springs Elementary school gym. Class registration fee is \$12. The class will meet for five weeks, Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Annual homecoming will be celebrated at Beaver Dam Baptist Church on Sunday at 11:00. The program will feature recognition of mothers, a baby dedication service, a special building fund offering, and lunch at 12:30. Former members and friends are invited.

Dr. Vann Murrell, chairman of the department of religious studies at Gardner-Webb College has planned a 12-day tour this summer to Rome, the Middle East, and Jordan.

The group will depart from Douglas Airport in Charlotte on Monday, June 14, and return June 25.

In Rome the group will see the Mamertine Prison, believed to be the place where the Apostle Paul was kept until he was beheaded. In the Middle East the group also will visit the major places where Jesus went including Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, and Jerusalem.

Anyone interested in the tour should contact Dr. Murrell at 4343-2361.

Friends



Shannon Pearson carries on an acquaintance with this mallard drake at the Boiling Springs Elementary School carnival. The petting zoo was one of the popular exhibits at the carnival, which school officials said Tuesday grossed over \$3000 for the school. Sally Thompson, her back to the camera, wants to change the pecking order in this relationship. Shannon and Sally are first-graders at Boiling Springs Elementary.