

THE NEWS - RECORD



FLOYD COFFEY played with some of the beagles he uses for hunting and keeps on a fenced-in lot in Mars Hill. Four of his field champions are missing. Coffey thinks they have been taken by a group of dog thieves working in Madison County.

Caution: Watch Out For Dog Rustlers!

BY CHRISTY McCARLEY
Citizen Staff Writer

Floyd Coffey is sniffing out trails hunting for hounds that used to hunt for rabbits in the Gables Creek section of Madison County.

Coffey has lost four beagles in one week. He believes they were taken from the lot he keeps them on in Mars Hill by an organized crew of dog rustlers.

"There are other people up there who have lost dogs like this too," he said. "They are definitely being stolen and we think by people in trucks."

Coffey who lives on Sweeten Creek Road in Buncombe County, keeps his hunting dogs in a large fenced-in lot near a relative's home in Gables Creek. He has spent about \$1,500 to \$2,000 for "the best hunting dogs money can buy," and had accumulated 14 dogs. The four missing this week were field champions with registration papers, he said.

If one more dog is lost, "I will post a \$100 reward" for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible, he said.

A spokesman with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department said canine thieves can be classified as larceny or petty theft, depending on the dog's worth. A mutt might be petty theft, but a registered dog might be

larceny.

"If a valuable dog was stolen and disposed of, or taken out of the country, the case would be treated the same as larceny of a car and could result in a prison sentence," the spokesman said.

Mrs. Edith Raber of Asheville, president of the N.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said dog theft was common here about four years ago.

"The people who steal dogs are called 'bunchers' she said. "They will steal about 20 dogs and meet at a certain area, where they turn the dogs over to truckers coming from other states to buy them."

"Then the trucks carry the dogs to 'animal farms' where they would be sold from there to laboratories for research."

Mrs. Raber said bunchers like to steal hounds "That is because those dogs don't have a lot of hair" for the convenience of the medical laboratories, "and they are not large, so they don't take up a lot of room in the trucks, and they are not so small that they would be classified in the 'toy' group and may not have the stamina to make the trip."

She said the Animal Welfare Act of 1970 put the squeeze on illegal bunchers.

"It has nearly all been stopped because the law specifies that the dog farms

have to be licensed and have to account for where every dog came from. And the farms have to keep the dogs five days before they can be bought by laboratories," she said.

Bunchers also steal dogs to take to auctions where they can be sold to hunters," Mrs. Raber said. "Good hunting dogs are always in demand."

Mrs. Raber said persons with hunting dogs should be on the look-out for strange trucks in their neighborhoods and get license numbers. Also, a good deterrent to a prospective thief is a distinctive tattoo on the dog's body, she said.

All of Coffey's missing dogs are between two and two and one-half years old. They are Canadian and Southwood beagles.

"This just cuts me up inside to see something torn down that's been so much work. I've traveled miles to get those dogs, and you don't train them overnight. It takes time and effort," he said.

Coffey worries that his dogs have gone the route of other stolen canines. "They put them in boxes and ship them maybe over a two-day period. The dogs get crowded in that box, and even though they may have water and food in the box, it just doesn't stay in there. The dogs get cramped and can't move and get around."

Coffey's dogs had spring water to drink, fresh air and plenty of space to run.

If his beagles are cooped up in a box somewhere, "it'll take them a long time to get over it," he said.



MRS. ALICE PROUGH teaches school in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Her students wanted to see real Fall leaves so their teacher asked the Girl Scouts of Pisgah Girl Scout Council to send them some. Among the Troops sending leaves were Brownie Troop 148, led by Betty Gehring of Mars Hill and the Girl Scout Troop of Marshall, led by Mrs. Hester Thorpe. A picture of the students playing in the leaves (above) and a letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Prough and students.

Girl Scout Cookie Time In Progress

Once again it is Girl Scout Cookie time. The cookies this year are in bigger boxes for their customers convenience at an increased cost. Selling started Jan. 26 and will go thru Feb. 10. Delivery of these cookies will be in the first part of March.

As always, the money earned from the cookies will be used for maintenance of the Girl Scout resident camp at Brevard and their day camps during the summer. Anyone wanting to order

cookies should contact any Brownies, Girl Scout or Mrs. James O. Brown. Remember Girl Scout cookies are "Good before, now, ever more."

New Program To Begin

A new program, "The Pastor Calls," will begin next Monday afternoon over Marshall Radio Station WMMH from 5 to 5:30 p.m. This will be a regular program every Monday, it was stated.

Basketball Tourney Dates Set

The Madison County JV and Varsity basketball tournament will begin in the Marshall gymnasium next Thursday night, Feb. 8. Play will continue on Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 9 and 10. The tourney will resume the following week with games on Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 16-17.

Pairings have not been drawn so it is impossible to announce who will play who and when.

Huey In Top 10 Of Y. D.'s

Charles Huey, of Marshall, President of Madison County Y. D. C., has been selected by the State Awards Committee as one of the State's Ten Most

Outstanding Young Democrats. The award was presented last weekend in Raleigh at the State Madison County Y. D. C. Member to be selected.

As President of the Madison Y. D. C., Huey led the local club to one of the state's largest. He also serves on the Platform and Resolutions Committee and is currently the Chairman of the 11th District.

It will include interviews with friends, variety of Christian Music, prayer requests, requests for various topics to be discussed. The Rev. George A. Moore will be moderator.

Raleigh Report

By ERNEST MESSER
REPRESENTATIVE

North Carolina has a surplus; it has money in the bank. It is solvent to the extent that all its bills will be paid on time, and there will be some money left for a rainy day.

People worry about this surplus. They think the General Assembly should have done a better job in appropriating money, appropriating, at least, to the extent that all the money would be spent—that there would be none left over.

Estimates indicate that, at the end of the 1971-73 biennium, the surplus will be about \$200,000,000.

The surplus is derived from two sources, both being the result of sound financial practices: (1) money that was appropriated but not spent and (2) taxes that produced more revenue than estimates indicated they would produce.

Under North Carolina budget practices, money is appropriated for a specific purpose: to employ a specified number of people, to pay for a named program, or to construct a definite number of buildings. Sometimes a vacancy occurs in a depart-

ment and, even though money is available to pay a salary, the vacancy is not filled immediately, and sometimes not at all. This unspent money reverts to the General Fund and becomes surplus.

The 1971 General Assembly appropriated money to employ doctors for our state hospital. To date, even though these doctors are needed, twenty-five of the authorized positions have not been filled, there are just not enough doctors available. The unspent money that was appropriated to pay doctors' salaries will revert to the General Fund and will become a part of the surplus.

Multiply this process by all state departments and a considerable amount of reverting money-surplus is accumulated.

Department heads would like to use this unspent money for other purposes, to meet unmet needs, or to provide services that were not anticipated when budget requests were made. If this procedure were permitted, there would be no reverting money, and the surplus would be much smaller. But the procedure is that a depart-

ment head requests of the General Assembly an amount of money that will provide people, equipment, services, and buildings to adequately operate his department. And for these purposes only can the money be spent.

This is a sound financial procedure, but it does help to accumulate a surplus.

A second part of the surplus, the real surplus, consists of tax revenues that exceed estimates. If the estimates are less than the actual tax receipts, there is a surplus; if the estimates are greater than tax receipts, there is a deficit.

The North Carolina Department of Revenue maintains a current evaluation of economic conditions in North Carolina. The revenue being produced from present taxes, past economic growth, and current economic conditions are used to predict future economic growth, and, consequently, the tax take for the next biennium. The General Assembly uses this tax estimate to measure the amount of money that will be available for appropriations.

In 1971, it was estimated that the economy would grow by eight per cent per year, but the economy has grown more than ten per cent, and this extra growth has produced a surplus.

If the economy had grown less than predicted, there would have been a shortage of money. This would have required that salaries and programs be reduced so that expenditures would equal revenue.

If the Federal Government runs out of money, it simply borrows what it needs. The State of North Carolina cannot do this. The State Constitution requires that money for expenditures be provided from tax revenues or from borrowed money that is authorized by a vote of the people.

This system of operating with a balanced budget is increasingly coming under attack, but we be unto us when the advocates of deficit spending prevail.

The only problem our system poses is a surplus—money in the bank—at the end of a biennium. And one of the major problems the 1972 General Assembly will have will be to avoid the lobbyists who will be in Raleigh in January trying to get most of this surplus for their clients.

Susan Frisby Installed I.O.R.G. Advisor



MISS SUSAN FRISBY

Miss Susan Frisby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ray Frisby of Marshall, was installed as worthy advisor of Weaverville Assembly No. 60 of the International Order of Rainbow For Girls at 7:30 p.m. in a ceremony on January 27, 1973 at the Weaverville Masonic Temple.

Miss Frisby is a senior at Marshall High School where she is a member of the Beta Club, French Club, FHA Club, Library Science Club, Monogram Club, and is secretary of the Debating Club. She is assistant editor of the "Islander" annual, a basketball cheerleader and an active 4-H member. She is a member of Madison Seminary Baptist Church where she is a member of the Youth Choir.

Other officers installed were worthy associate advisor, Rhonda Burleson; Charity, Patricia Robinson; Hope, Sherry Collins; Faith, Beverly Waldrop; recorder, Karen Baird; treasurer, Elaine Cheek; chaplain, Ada Tweed; drill leader, Naomi Jeanerret; religion, Sue Cross; nature, Diane Holden; immortality, Holly May; fidelity, Patsy Costes; patriotism, Jo Ann Collins; service, Cindy Briggman; confidential observer, Lisa Sawyer; outer observer, Sheryl Plimmans; musician, Paula Thomas; choir director, Rosa Dean Frisby; Mother Advisor, Mrs. Ada E. Gibbs; and flag bearer, Tom Williams.

Members of the choir are Diana Revis, Debbie Garrison, Gwen Jones, Kathy Jones, Kade Martines, Gail Morgan, Debbie Chandler, Debbie Hensley, Terry Hensley, Debbie Walker, Gina Hillfield, Karen Payne and

Shena Brown.

The Installing Officer was Linda Stewart; Installing Marshal, Theola Ball; installing Chaplain, Teresa Crowder; Installing Recorder, Elaine Cheek; and Installing Musician, Paula Thomas.

Candle lighters were Franklin Frisby, brother of Susan; and Teddy Dill, Suzanne DuVall and Patricia Fisher were pages; and Mrs. Franklin Frisby kept the guest book. Rosa Dean Frisby, sister of Susan, sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Fill My Cup, Lord," accompanied at the piano by Nancy Gentry.

Miss Aileen Waldrop, aunt of Susan, presented her niece with a gavel.

Lions To Play Cage Game

The "game of games" will be played in the Hot Springs gymnasium this Saturday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock when members of the Marshall Lions Club play members of the Hot Springs Lions Club in a benefit basketball game.

Proceeds will be used for blind activities of the Hot Springs Lions Club.

Many super stars of yesteryear will see action in a battle which offers plenty of excitement and laughter.

Some of the Marshall stars expected to see action include Roy "Dynamite" Reeves,

"Jumping Jack" Cole, J. C. "Dribbler" Wallin, "Tumbling Tom" Wallin, Robert "Roughneck" Davis, Jerry "Sink 'em" Plimmans, Ed "Lightning" Morton, Ed "Foul-out" Niles, Charles "Snowbird" Huey, Earle "The Pearl" Wise, "Mighty Maurice" McAllister, "Weeping Willy" DuVall, "Rowdy Ralph" Rice, "Jolting John" Fisher, "Steaming Steve" Wallin, "Clever Clive" White, "Pouncing Page" Brismen and many others.

Among the Hot Springs Lions expected to see action are "Pistol Bob" Brady, "Timid Tommy" Bailey, "Bubbling Bruce" Chandler, "Rowdy Robin" Blake, "Sugar Star" Alex Parkes, and many others.

New Mars Hill Football Coach

Lions Land Gibson

By JIM MAMER
Citizen-Times Sports Writer

With phrases like "we have formed a very happy marriage" and "we had done our homework before we came to an agreement," Mars Hill College took another step toward the top in its new progressive sports program Friday night.

Claude Gibson, the former 33-year-old Tallahassee University football coach and Asheville native, signed a contract as the new football coach and athletic director at the new Carolina College of the Arts in Madison County.

After agreeing to terms with Mars Hill's athletic-minded president, Dr. Fred Bentley, following a two-day visit to the campus by the former Lee Edwards High and North Carolina State football star, Gibson's appointment was announced in a news media at a press conference by Dr. Bentley.

"We were fortunate to have Coach Gibson in the area at this time to finalize things," said Bentley at the Duke town City Club meeting. "Of 42 applicants for the job, we had narrowed our choice to five to present to the committee Thursday with one primary candidate (Gibson)."

"We feel we have a happy marriage here," Bentley continued. "All the potential we perceived in his ability

and future, I think he perceived in ours while here.

"Our goal is to build a solid program. We want to be recognized and want to be a force in the Carolina Conference as well as the area in the total excellence of our entire sports program as well as our excellence in academics."

"Coach Gibson, I feel, is the man to do our job," Bentley said.

Gibson, who was fired at Tulsa last fall after instant success and wins over such collegiate powers as Arkansas for insubordination by Tulsa officials, cited three major criteria in his acceptance of the Lions' dual job, which was created by the resignation of football coach Harold Taylor and the request for reassignment of duties by former athletic director Don Henderson recently.

"The first thing I decided," said Gibson, "was that any job I took would have to be a school with the right kind of association. I turned down good jobs, such as Austin Peay and some great assistantships, because they weren't the right situation."

"I'm a great believer in the ideal that success starts at the top and Dr. Bentley assured me I would have the complete support of the administration."

"Gibson also a standout pro defensive back in the old American Football Conference with San Diego and Oakland, said the second factor was the combined post. "This position gives you the opportunity to control your destiny," said Gibson. "No coach is a miracle worker, but having talked with the people here and felt their attitude, commitment and co-operation, I feel we can achieve excellence in athletics as well as academics."

"It doesn't do any good to get into any job unless you can be a success," Gibson added. "I feel rebuilding an overall excellent and winning athletic program is a reasonable goal."

"Gibson's third motive for taking the Mars Hill job was a graduate of Reynolds High and an Asheville native. The couple have three children, daughters Lynn, 11; Kim, 7; and son Andy, 4."

Gibson attributed his coaching talents to a "good background from Earle Edwards at N. C. State and broad exposure as a player, assistant coach and head coach."

Gibson plans to move his family to an on-campus residence as soon as possible and get to work quickly. "I have talked with Bill Mitchell, who has remained and done a creditable job with recruiting," said Gibson.

"I have asked that he remain as one of the assistants. I will select two more as soon as possible for the college's approval."

Gibson's major concern at first "is to organize the entire athletic program, which entails a great deal of work."

He listed items for immediate attention such as getting acquainted with the community, off-season drills for the returning football players, a study of this personnel, preparing for spring practice and a follow-up on recruiting.

Gibson went straight to work at Mars Hill by leaving six area grid prospects this weekend, including some prize talent from Florida.

He concluded the press conference with a plea to the area.

"Any school is very dependent on the community for support. I hope our community, not only Mars Hill but Asheville, will rally to our support and our program. "There is Gibson's contact and his salary were not disclosed."



DR. BENTLEY (L), GIBSON