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## Former Miss America To Appear

# Boone To Be Scene Of State's Initial January Snow Carnival

### Governor Is Pleased With Local Effort

Boone will be the focal point of the State's first Snow Carnival Jan. 17, 18 and 19.

The project will attract Vonda Kay Van Dyke, Miss America of 1965 who will be grand marshal of a late afternoon parade through Boone. The Carnival has won the felicitations of the Governor of North Carolina and locally resulted from community-resort co-operation in scheduling the ski and after-ski events, parade pageantry and a Snow Ball at which a snow queen and her attendants will be announced.

The Carnival was announced Statewide at a noon-Monday press conference jointly held by Robert Bingham, Director of the Snow Carnival, and the Travel Division of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development. The press meet was held in the Velvet Cloak in Raleigh.

The Carnival is to be staged at the beginning of National Ski Week and in years to come expected to be held through the national observance.

The main highlight of the festive event, according to Bingham, will be the crowning of the first North Carolina Snow Queen and the appearance of Miss Vonda Kay Van Dyke, Miss America of 1965, who will serve as Grand Marshal in the Snow Carnival Parade Friday, Jan. 17. Other events during the three-day occasion will include Apres Ski Party, Torch Light Ski Exhibition, and the Snow Ball Dance at Seven Devils.

The Carnival director said "This is what might be termed a 'family' project formulated by participating merchants of the Boone area, and the ski resorts of the surrounding area. These ski resorts include Blowing Rock, Beech Mountain, Seven Devils and Hound Ears."

The average number of skiers in the area during 1967-68 season exceeded 12,000 per week. In the last weeks of 1968, snowfall in the Boone area was 25 inches and Bingham reminded the lowlands press that snow-making equipment keeps the ski industry alive in lieu of natural snow.

Gov. Dan K. Moore said: "On behalf of the travel industry of North Carolina, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the Boone Chamber of Commerce for its initiative in presenting the first annual North Carolina Snow Carnival.

"This event, conceived for the benefit and pleasure of all North Carolinians as well as those who visit our State, gives impetus and added substance to our claim as 'variety Vacationland' of America. Moreover, it represents the fulfillment of a long and tireless effort to bring to our great mountain region a full measure of recognition as a year-around vacation destination.

"The people of North Carolina join me in wishing for the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the Snow Carnival Committee every success in this effort."



VONDA KAY VAN DYKE, Miss America of 1965



Wade E. Brown, former Boone Mayor and legislator is shown taking the oath of office as Chairman of the North Carolina Board of Paroles by appointment of Governor Dan Moore. Mr. Brown, left, is being given the oath by Judge Raymond B. Mallard. Seated are Justice J. Frank Huskins and Governor Moore. Mr. Brown said: "I am humbly grateful for the opportunity to be a member of the team of servants of the people of North Carolina of which Governor Dan Moore is the Captain . . . It is common practice for communities and organizations to select a Man of the Year. Some time after 2000 historians and others will select a Governor of the Century. I hope to be present when that award is made to Governor Moore or stamped on the pages of history . . . In the unlikely event I am not here I am designating Sarah to be around and rejoice with the thousands that North Carolina had such a leader in the difficult years of 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968.

### 1969 Auto Tags Go On Sale

The new reflectorized green and white automobile registration plates are to go on sale throughout the State, Thursday, Jan. 2.

Automobile owners will have until Feb. 15 to obtain their new plates.

In the surrounding area, residents may obtain plates at the Boone Chamber of Commerce from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday and from 8:30 to noon on Saturday. The office is in the new Southside office of The Northwestern Bank, intersection of Faculty Street and Highway 105.

Local license agent Mrs. Barbara Ragan points out that "To renew a license plate, you must have a renewal card." She cautions against misplacing the card when it is received. She also asks that recipients open the envelope, read the instructions and complete the application before presenting it for a new plate. This will expedite issuance and keep long lines from forming, she said.

The Department of Motor Vehicles has made arrangements with the Boone Post Office to turn over to the local license office those renewal cards which the Post Office is unable to deliver. Anyone failing to receive an application card should check with the licensing office.

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## Rhododendron Queen Has Part In Roses Tournament

Bakersville, N. C.—Miss Brenda Heath, the twenty-third North Carolina Rhododendron Queen and the sixth to be invited to the world famous Tournament of Roses held in Pasadena, Calif., stopped aboard her big Jet at 7:55 A. M. Friday morning at Fayetteville.

Mrs. John F. Heath who was unable to chaperone her daughter saw her aboard where she met her aunt, Mrs. Danial Knopp, of Staunton, Va., who is making the trip with her. Mrs. Knopp will introduce her niece at all official functions during their visit to the West Coast. "Miss Rhododendron" and her chaperone was met at Los Angeles Airport Monday by officials of the Rose Parade, and Mrs. Eleanor J. Moore, Managing Editor of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers publication, and Al Bryan, National President of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers, whose float Miss Heath rode in the Rose Parade on New Year's Day.

On the float with Miss Heath was the National Poster Child for the March of Dimes, little Tracy Greenwood, from Oklahoma.

Following her arrival on the 27th, Miss Heath and Mrs. Knopp visited the Valley Decorating Com. who constructed the flowered float. They were taken on tour of the plant by Mr. Mike Lawrence, Vice President, December 28th, the Tournament of Roses and the Chamber of Commerce extended an official invitation to them to attend the Rose Parade Ball. The following day, Dec. 30, Al Bryan, invited them to attend the Confectionery Ball.

On December 31st the queen and her chaperone went to Disneyland where they were guests of Charles Ridgeway, Publicity Director. Leaving their hotel about 6 A. M. on Jan. 1st, they traveled to the parade line-up where she was seen on nationwide TV over NBC and CBS. Following the Rose Parade, they were guests of honor at the Rose Bowl Football game and will return to Fayetteville at 6:44 P. M. today.

The Rhododendron Festival is sponsored annually by the Bakersville Lions Club.



H. GRADY FARTHING

### Farthing Gets Merit Award

Mr. H. Grady Farthing, Boone Savings and Loan Executive and member of the North Carolina Water Resources Commission, has received a certificate signed by Governor Moore, commending him for his part in "the total development of North Carolina."

The certificate says: "The goal of my administration is the total development of our abundant human, natural and capital resources—total development of every community, county and every area of our State.

"H. Grady Farthing is hereby recognized and commended for his interest in and contribution to, the total development of North Carolina."

"Dan Moore, Governor."

Mr. Farthing has been connected with State government for perhaps 35 years. He was a member of the State Stream Sanitation Commission during its entire existence, is a member of the North Carolina Water Resources Commission and served for many years with the Department of Conservation and Development. He has served in the State Senate. Mr. Farthing has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Watauga Savings and Loan Association for 40 years, and is President of the organization. He has been active in the Boone Methodist Church and is a member of the official board.

### Three Hurt In Sunday Crash

A two-car smash up on the Forkinsville Road Sunday sent three to Watauga County Hospital for emergency treatment and did an estimated \$950 damage.

Glenda Marie McGhee, 20, of Boone was charged by investigating police officer Mont Thomas with failure to yield right-of-way after she had turned into the path of a 1968 Buick driven by William Worth Carpenter, 45, of Monroe, N.C.

In his report, officer Thomas said that Miss McGhee driving a 1962 Ford, was travelling north (away from Boone) and was attempting to make a left turn when she hit the front of the Carpenter car which was coming toward Boone.

Miss McGhee was taken to the emergency room at Watauga County Hospital along with Doris Carpenter and Georgia T. Simpson, both in the Carpenter car. None were admitted.

### Hong Kong Flu Is Yet Absent From Watauga

As of Monday, the Hong Kong flu still was a rarity, if at all existing in Watauga County.

Mrs. Virginia Groce, administrator of Watauga County Hospital, said Monday morning that so far no victims of the oriental flu had been admitted to the county facility.

A nurse in one of the physicians offices in the Doctor's Building next to the hospital reported her employer had treated no cases of Hong Kong flu although 100 injections of the new vaccine had been given. She estimated that 50 requests for vaccinations had not been met since "very little" of the vaccine is available here.

The hospital also reported relatively few cases of other influenza and pneumonia for this time of year.

## \$2,640,000 Science Building Started At ASU; Last 'Old Campus' Structure

Construction on the Rankin Science Building Addition began Monday, Dec. 16, on the Appalachian State University campus.

General contractor, the Hickory Construction Company, is putting up a construction shack and pipe is being hauled in as water lines are tied in for the new facility. Major work will begin in early spring.

Appalachian State announced early in November that the Hickory company bid \$1,334,419. The contracting firm now reports that \$200,000 of the bid will go into the community in the form of wages. Workmen on the job will number between 50 and 60. Twenty to 30 of this number will be masons and carpenters new to the crew.

Completion date for the four-story, 88,000-square-foot building is July, 1970. Project superintendent is John Hunter and the architect is Clemmer-Horton-Bush Associates.

The university's departments of biology, chemistry, physics, geography and geology will expand from the current science building into the new addition. Working closely with the architects were the teachers who will occupy the building. Each desk in the building will be equipped with AC and DC current and the cost of providing DC current in the labs will

be \$42,000.

This is to be the last major facility erected on Appalachian's "old campus". The construction site is on the old football field just west of the new Varsity Gymnasium, Rankin Science Building and its addition will connect.

Contingency costs and the architectural fee hike the total cost of the project to \$2,640,000, which was appropriated for the building by the 1967 General Assembly. Appalachian reserved the site of the addition 11 years ago.

Other contractors are Tomlinson Plumbing and Heating Company of Lenoir, G. A. Thomason & Son, Inc., of Hickory, Duncan Electric Company of North Wilkesboro, Long Engineering Company of Winston-Salem, Southern Elevator Company of Greensboro and the Southern Desk Company of Hickory.

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### ASU Blaze Put Out

A late afternoon fire on the Appalachian State campus brought memories of a disastrous blaze which occurred exactly two years and one day before.

Quick action by the Boone Fire Department averted a second holiday disaster.

At 4:30 p. m. Monday the department answered a call to the Rankin Science Building almost in the center of the campus in which a blaze had erupted on the top floor of the three-story structure.

People in the building at the time said a small fire had started in a trash can in a storage room and by the time a fire extinguisher could be located the fire had blazed out of control.

The fire was confined to a storage room in the chemistry section of the building. Fire-

men said the room was damaged by smoke.

Ned Trivette of the school's business affairs office said that combustible chemical had ignited and started the fire. He said that little damage was done to the building and added that "it would be some time before the chemistry department determines the amount of lost materials.

Trivette praised the efforts of the local firefighting unit. Smoke poured out of the top of the building and out windows opened by firemen but no flames were visible from ground level. A strong chemical odor filled the air.

By 5, firemen were unhooking their hoses and preparing to leave.

Two years ago, the administration building was destroyed by fire.

### Fire At Dixie Cleaners Does \$500 Damage

An early morning fire at the Dixie Cleaners, 501 E. Howard St., Boone, started from a stoker in the boiler room adjacent to the main building.

Fire Chief R. D. Hodges Jr. said the Saturday, Dec. 28, fire resulted no damage to clothing in the cleaners and owners Dolph Lyons and D. L. Lyons Jr. reported business resumed as normal.

Hodges estimated \$500 damage was done in the boiler room.

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Bingham said the tentative  
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