

Snow Queen To Be Crowned Saturday

Four of the 11 contestants in the current Snow Queen of the South competition were named finalists Sunday at a luncheon in Holiday Inn.

Marilyn J. Bennert, a co-ed at the University of Georgia; Linda Braswell, a Boone resident now attending UNC-Greensboro; Barbara Ford, a speech and drama major at East Tennessee

State University; and Becky Harrill, a student at Appalachian State University.

The contestants and their chaperones from the Boone Jaycettes met the judges Saturday at a luncheon held at Hound Ears. Afterwards, the girls went to Holiday Inn where they were individually interviewed by the judges.

The final decision will be derived next Saturday, after the judges have lunch with the finalists. At the Snow Ball at Seven Devils that night, the 1970 Snow Queen will be crowned.

The first runner-up will get the title if for any reason the new Queen is unable to serve out the year.

BACKGROUND

Miss Bennert, 20, is being sponsored by the Ski Club of the University of Georgia in Athens.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bennert, she is secretary of the organization and has been skiing since the age of six. Her parents moved to the South from New Jersey six years ago.

Marilyn's special interests, in addition to skiing, are writing, reading and working with children.

Miss Braswell, age 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Braswell of Route 1, Boone.

In High School, she served on various committees and was a class officer. Now in her second year at UNC-G, she is planning to transfer to Appalachian in the fall.

During Christmas, she was employed at Beech Mountain. She lists among her hobbies and special interests golf, tennis, bridge and music.

Another finalist who was backed in the competition by a ski club is Miss Barbara Ford, 19, daughter of Mr. Clarence W. Ford of Morristown, Tenn. Barbara's sponsor is the Mountain Empire Ski Club of Elizabethton, Tenn. In addition to her interest in skiing, she enjoys tennis, bowling and traveling.

A member of Sigma Kappa sorority, she was a semi-finalist in the Miss Johnson City beauty pageant for 1970 and was selected Campus Sports Queen of ETSU.

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MARILYN BENNERT



LINDA BRASWELL



BARBARA FORD



BECKY HARRILL

Early Church Hours Sunday

In connection with the Snow Carnival of the South, some churches will have early services Sunday morning.

According to the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, the following Boone churches have submitted a revised schedule for this week.

Grace Lutheran Church and First Baptist Church will hold an 8 a. m. service with a fellowship period—coffee and doughnuts—before and afterwards.

The first Presbyterian Church will hold its 9 a. m. service as usual.

Boone United Methodist Church will hold its early service at 8:30 a. m. rather than 8:45.

All others are as listed.

Todd Soldier Killed In War

Sp/4 Jeff Miller, 21, of Todd, was killed in action Sunday, January 25, in Vietnam.

He was born in Watauga County to Mr. and Mrs. William D. Miller.

Surviving are his parents of Todd; four sisters, Mrs. Martha E. Wineberger and Mrs. Grace Proffitt, both of Todd; Miss Lola Miller of the home, and Mrs. Lucy Eggers of Route 2, Boone; two brothers, Luther Miller of Todd and Charles H. Miller of Route 2, Boone; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Miller of Todd; and his maternal grandfather, Harrison Shelton of Todd.

The Rev. Archie Clawson and the Rev. Noah Johnson conducted the funeral at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at Proffitt's Grove Baptist Church in the home neighborhood. Burial will follow military honors followed in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Governor, Ty Boyd Marshals

Carnival Parade To Feature 7 Queens

Winter Sports Celebration Climax Friday

A gala 37-unit Snow Carnival parade, featuring Gov. Bob Scott and a bevy of beauty queens, will highlight activities of the winter sports celebration Friday afternoon in downtown Boone.

Governor Scott and TV personality Ty Boyd of Charlotte will be grand marshals for the parade which begins at 4 p. m. The procession will begin on East King Street at Horn in the West Drive and travel westward along King Street to Water Street.

Other highlights of the parade will be the Snow Carnival Float featuring the reigning snow queen, Miss Pat Moringo, and the four finalists in competition to succeed her and Parade Marshal Fred Kirby on Calico.

Among the beauty queens will be Rhododendron Queen Mary Selene Duncan, and her Junior queen, Miss Evangeline Roberts of Boone, Tobaccoand Queen Miss Martha Kosmahly and Miss Cheryl Johnson, Miss Southport Fourth of July.

The parade line-up follows: Police car, Sheriff Ward Carroll, Fred Kirby, Watauga High School Band, Governor Scott and Ty Boyd, Chamber of Commerce Float, mayors, Rufus Edmiston, Gall Horton and Roy Sowers, Conservation and Development Board, Avery Chamber of Commerce Float, Eller vending train float, Tobaccoand Queen float, Beech Mountain Float, Tobaccoand Queen, Sugar Buggy, Seven Devils float, Also, WATA float, Queen of Hearts, Junior Miss Rhododendron, Charlotte Drum and Bagle Corps, Miss July Fourth, Miss Blueberry Queen, Hroyhill float, Joey the Clown, Tweetsie Float, Avery County Jaycees, beauty shop float, First Baptist float, Rhododendron Queen, Swiss Ski school float, snowmobile, car dealers, Ski patrol, Appaltes, Snow Carnival float, ASU Band and Watauga Rescue squad.



ALL SET TO SKI—Participating ski resorts are celebrating the Snow Carnival of the South with half price skiing and equipment rental through Thursday, Feb. 12, and again next Monday. (Staff photo)

Harry C. Robbins New Head Caribbean Corp.

BANNER ELK, N. C.—Carolina Caribbean Corporation on Friday elected Harry C. Robbins as president of the company succeeding his brother, Grover C. Robbins, Jr., who assumed the new position of board chairman.

Grover and Harry Robbins were principal organizers and promoters of Carolina Caribbean, a resort and land development company headquartered at Banner Elk, N. C. Grover C. Robbins, Jr. has served as president and chief executive officer of the company since its founding in 1964 and Harry C. Robbins has served as executive vice president, Jerald C. Liebhart, who has been associated with the Robbins brothers in their various enterprises for 15 years, will move up from his present position as vice president for construction and development to executive vice president, Mr. Liebhart

is also executive vice president of Tweetsie Railroad Inc. In making the announcement following a special meeting of the board of directors, Harry C. Robbins stated that while the change in management structure had been planned for some time, present timing of the change was precipitated by the illness of his brother, Grover, preventing him in recent months from being active in the "day-to-day operation" of the business.

In a note read to directors, the 50-year-old Robbins said: "Due to a recent serious illness it has become impossible for me to continue to be active in the day-to-day affairs of the company and its many projects. As many of you know, for the past year or so and particularly in the last few months I have devoted the bulk of my time to consulting with Harry and other officers of the company with respect to concepts of development and planning. I have also devoted a considerable amount of my time to development of a strong management team and reconstruction of lines of authority to best interests of the company. I feel that it is to the best interests of the company that I step down and assume the position of chairman of the board. I shall continue to be active to the best of my ability

in developing new projects and concepts for the company." Harry C. Robbins stated that the company would continue its present developmental course with projects at Beech Mountain, Charlotte and Linville in North Carolina and in St. Croix, U. S. Virgin Islands.

Mr. Robbins also announced appointment of John Harmon as vice president and director of marketing for the company. Mr. Harmon formerly served in this capacity for American of Martinsville.

Carolina Caribbean is a resort and land development company whose primary project is Beech Mountain in Western North Carolina, a 10,000-acre golf and ski resort area. In addition, the company is developing a resort condominium project in St. Croix, Virgin Islands with the initial 101 units near completion. More recently, the company began developing resorts for campers called Land Harbors of America, the first of which is being built at Linville. Carolina Caribbean has also expanded into urban development with the announcement of two new club communities near Charlotte, N. C.

Carolina Caribbean had sales for the six-month period ended Sept. 30, 1969, of \$2,651,011 with earnings of 18 cents per share.

Lynn E. Holaday Gets New Position

Lynn E. Holaday, Personnel Officer at Appalachian State University for the past three and one-half years, has been named to fill a newly created position in the office of ASU's Director of Business Affairs.

Effective Monday Holaday became the university's first Director of Auxiliary Services, and Larry Nance, assistant director of the Student Center on the campus, has accepted the position of Personnel Officer to fill the vacancy created by Holaday's promotion.

Explaining the need for the new position, ASU Director of Business Affairs, Ned Trivette, said "The University operates several auxiliary services with total annual budgets of \$12 million.

"These services (New River Light and Power Company, the University Bookstore, University Laundry, campus food services, rental properties and faculty housing) have grown tremendously in the past few years, and we have desperately needed a position to coordinate this phase of the university's operation."

Trivette continued, "to determine the needs of students and faculty members in the Bookstore and will assist the managers of all the auxiliaries in providing the best possible service to the university community."

Holaday will assume much of the responsibility formerly carried by the Director of Business Affairs. His appointment will relieve Trivette's time schedule and allow him to maintain closer contact with the campus community.

As the university's new Personnel Officer, Nance will assume

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Schools Closed Due To Snow

Schools in Watauga, Avery and Ashe counties were closed Tuesday as snow made many roads hazardous for travel.

The schools closing left Watauga County schools three days behind schedule for the year. Two of the makeup days are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14, and Saturday, Feb. 28.

Tuesday was the fourteenth day schools have missed due to weather this school year.



North Carolina Gov. Bob Scott will take a major role in activities during Snow Carnival festivities this weekend in the Watauga area. In addition to his role as a grand marshal of the parade Friday afternoon, he will be on hand for the meetings of the board of the State Board of Conservation and Development at Hound Ears.



JUNIOR QUEEN—Evangeline Roberts of Route 4, Boone, the current Junior Rhododendron Queen, will be among the beauty finalists participating in Snow Carnival activities this week. A seventh grade student at Appalachian Elementary School, she is 12 years old and has participated in a number of local theatrical productions.

Ski Report

Excellent skiing conditions were reported at Watauga area ski centers as the area prepares for an all-white Snow Carnival weekend.

All slopes were reported as open.

Up to 14 inches of natural snow was reported at some centers Tuesday morning by the Snow Carnival headquarters ski reporting service in Boone.

Low temperatures and heavy bases of snow on all slopes indicated that the conditions would be good through the entire Snow Carnival week.

At Appalachian Ski Mountain, a 15-inch base on the beginner and intermediate slopes was covered by three inches of natural snow. The events slope had an additional five inches of man-made snow. Temperature was 20 degrees.

All slopes at Beech Mountain were open with an 18-inch base plus ten inches of natural snow. Temperature was 18 degrees.

At Seven Devils, a 12-18 inch base was covered with 10-12 inches of natural snow. Temperature was 20 degrees.

All slopes were open at Hound Ears to members and guests. The base was 24 inches with four more inches of natural snow. Temperature was 22 degrees.

Sugar Mountain reported all slopes open with the mile-long chair lift operating. Beginner and intermediate slopes reported a six to 20-inch base plus 10 inches of natural snow. The advanced and expert slopes had a 15-30 inch base plus 10-14 inches of natural snow. Temperature was 19 degrees.

\$198,659.50 Is Allotted For Secondary Road Work

A total of \$198,659.50 in secondary road improvements will be undertaken this year in Watauga County by the District Highway Department.

Of the amount \$50,000 will be used to "stabilize 13 miles of school bus routes," according to Gilbert Mast, district engineer.

The largest slice, \$97,677.11, will be used to grade, drain, base and pave the following roads:

From US 421 to dead end (Bad Teams Road) for one-fourth mile; from State Road 1559 N. W. (Church Road at Foscoe) for seven-tenths of a mile; and from State Road 1524 to State Road 1514 (Holiday Hill Road) for a distance of one mile.

For engineering and right-of-way work, \$25,736 has been allotted locally.

Listed for grading, draining, stabilizing and structures is \$7,159 earmarked for the following roads: Hicks, Big Branch, Spice Creek, Willet Miller, Smith Isaacs and Grandfather Mountain.

For paving programs, \$18,087.39 in additional funds is available and will be used on the Howard's Creek Road, Clint Norris Road and to complete Rainbow Trail, the old Hartley Road, Hampton Road, Coffey Road, Big Branch Road and Spice Creek Road.



RUDOLPH GREENE

Bell Employees Get Promotions

Telephone growth in the Boone and Blowing Rock areas has brought about new job assignments for two Southern Bell employees in this area.

Rudolph C. Greene has been promoted to Service Foreman and W. E. Rucker, former Plant Foreman, has been appointed Central Office Foreman.

In their new assignments, Greene will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of all telephones in this area and Rucker will have the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of switching equipment in the Boone and Blowing Rock central offices.

A native of Blowing Rock, Greene was educated in the Blowing Rock schools. A graduate of Blowing Rock High School, he served in the U. S. Army Training Command in Hawaii for three years prior to joining Southern Bell.

He is quite active in Blowing Rock community and church affairs. An elder and trustee of the Rumpel Memorial Presbyterian Church, he also is a member of the Snow Lodge Masonic Order and Blowing Rock Rural Club.

Greene resides in Blowing Rock with his wife, the former Daisy Brown, and daughter Ella, a sophomore at Watauga High School.