

BOONE WEATHER						
1970	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Snow	'69	Hi
Feb. 10	34	22	.18	2"	39	15
Feb. 11	36	25	.06	1"	42	27
Feb. 12	34	20	.05	1"	34	20
Feb. 13	41	23			29	12
Feb. 14	41	26			36	13
Feb. 15	58	40	.37		38	20
Feb. 16	47	36	.47		29	17

## C & D Board Has Meeting Here

# Governor Says More And Better Roads Are Vital

### Board Spends Time Viewing Ski Facilities

An appearance by Gov. Bob Scott highlighted the two-day meeting of the State Board of Conservation and Development last week in the Boone area.

Scott addressed a banquet meeting of the board Friday night where they were guests of the Snow Carnival Committee.

Some 300 people attended the banquet and dance held in the Holiday Inn, Master of ceremonies was Bob Bingham, chairman of the Snow Carnival Committee.

Scott used the occasion to ask the 27-man board's help in pushing his road program. He noted that good roads are essential to economic development and said "we are conscious about how roads have been lacking up here . . . and you've been living a long time with it."

He said, "If we are to follow through on our goal of getting clean, high wage industries into our predominately rural areas, and thus keeping our population dispersed, then it is essential that we have more and better roads into our rural areas."

He said good roads are just as important to C&D members as to the highway commission. "I hope we'll all cooperate to that end," he said.

Headquarters for the board's activities and business sessions was Hound Ears Lodge. The meeting opened Friday morning with a general session. Division meetings were held the rest of the day with a final business session of the full board Saturday morning. Many of the members and their wives stayed through Sunday for further visits to resorts in the area.

Much of the board's time was spent in an on-the-spot inspection of the growth of the ski industry in Watauga and Avery counties. The board, along with Scott, were given a bus tour of all five ski centers Saturday.

And Friday afternoon they were participants in the Snow Carnival Parade in Boone.

Official host for the C&D Board was the Snow Carnival committee, headed by Bingham.

A number of reports were considered and announced by the board during its two-day meeting.

The division of mineral resources told the board that the value of mineral production in North Carolina during 1969 reached a record high of \$85.3 million.

The division said this exceeds by three per cent the \$82.8 million production in 1968 and is the fifth consecutive year that



SKIING ANYONE—Gov. Bob Scott gets the feel of skis at Beech Mountain, as a pair of the world's outstanding instructors look on. In the party are Miss Pat Mozingo (left), Snow Queen of the

South, Kitty Falger and her husband Willie, directors of the ski school at Beech. The governor spent Saturday touring the area's ski resorts. (Flowers photo)

## Production Time Lag Will Aid In Saving Land From Mining Dangers

A normal production "time lag" will work in favor of protecting scenic lands in North Carolina from a new strip mining threat.

The appraisal was given to a group of citizens meeting with the mineral resources division of the State Department of Conservation and Development Friday, Feb. 13, at Hound Ears.

The group was protesting surface mining plans of the Gibbsite Corp. of Rochester, N. Y., which has acquired leases on an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 acres

of land in North Carolina and Virginia.

State Geologist Stephen Conrad told the group that the "time lag" in the actual development of the process and production will give the state time to act.

He said it normally requires 10 to 15 years between discovery of a mineral deposit and production.

Conrad predicted that the 1971 legislature will be faced with a strip mining law that will protect lands from unsightly use.

Two further methods of protecting the area from scenic abuse were offered by the division:

Any plans for mineral exploitation that involves waste would have to meet requirements of the state's Board of Water and Air Resources before it begins operation.

And, county governments now have the power to zone land that could be used to put up restrictions against scenic abuse.

Attending the division's meeting were Mrs. Doris Potter, president of the 11-county Northwest North Carolina Development Association; R. Phillip Hanes Jr., Winston-Salem manufacturing executive; Webb Smalling, manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce; and Gardner Bidley of Winston-Salem, a recreation consultant.

Mrs. Potter told the division that the Gibbsite Corporation has leased lands in Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes and Surry counties and areas in southwestern Virginia.

She said the firm plans to use a new process to separate the ore out of the earth. Mrs. Potter explained that the Gibbsite

Corporation is a new subsidiary of the Colonial Oil and Gas Corporation. The parent firm, she noted, was organized in August, 1968.

Hanes told the three-man C&D division that lands optioned by the Gibbsite Corporation lie among Rogers Park and the vast Stone Mountain reservation that have been given to the state for development as a park. He said that there are instances where lands under option to Gibbsite lie within 50 feet of the Blue Ridge Parkway escarpment.

He asked that division to seek some sort of "holding action" from the C&D board to halt the Gibbsite exploitation.

Conrad indicated that without legislation, the state is powerless to halt the operation. "I don't know of any action the state can take to prevent" people from disposing of the minerals on land they own, he said.

John Watlington of Winston-Salem, chairman of the mineral division, said the division will be premature in seeking a statement from the full C&D board in opposition to the Gibbsite plans.

He urged Hanes and the group to seek earlier relief from the counties where Gibbsite is holding land options. Watlington said the matter could be brought up again at the board's spring meeting in April in Winston-Salem.

Conrad said that the Gibbsite Corporation has "just blanketed

the area with as much land as they could get under lease. The next step will be drilling to see which to drop."

Mrs. Potter told the division

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Honorary Head Of Arthritis Chapter In County Named

Mrs. Ted Tester of the Bethel community has been named honorary chairman of the Watauga County Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation of North Carolina.

Serving with her as co-chairmen of organization and the funds drive are Mr. and Mrs. Armfield Coffey of Route 3, Boone. Announcement comes from Charles Attardi Jr., field director with the Arthritis Foundation of North Carolina.

Attardi says that figures from the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare indicate that one out of every 11 people in Watauga County suffer from some type of arthritis.

A drive for funds is planned for May.

Holshouser Is Running Again For N. C. Senate

Republican State Rep. Jimmy Holshouser has announced that he will seek re-election as representative of the 44th District for Watauga, Avery and Mitchell counties.

Holshouser, who is chairman of the State Republican Party, will be seeking his fourth term in the House.

Holshouser's announcement had been expected. And as a leader among the youthful segment of this party, he has been mentioned in Republican Party circles as a possible candidate for governor.

Holshouser was an opponent for Gov. Bob Scott's tax package which included increased and new taxes in a number of areas to finance the current appropriations program.

Locally, Holshouser is attorney for the Watauga County

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### Ski Report

Skiing conditions Tuesday ranged from fair to poor on three slopes in the Watauga area. Two slopes were closed.

As reported by the Chamber of Commerce reporting service in Boone, the following conditions were prevalent:

Appalachian Ski Mountain had only beginners and intermediate slopes open with fair conditions. The base was 16 inches at 38 degrees.

All slopes at Beech Mountain were open with fair conditions. Bases were 15 inches at 40 degrees.

Hound Ears, for members and guests only, reported poor conditions at 40 degrees.

Sugar Mountain and Seven Devils were closed.

### Correction In Road Work Report

The last paragraph of our Feb. 12 story about secondary road work in Watauga County is in error.

As Gilbert Mast, engineer for the District Highway Department, points out, the \$18,087.39 was allocated for the paving of Howard's Creek Road and Clint Norris Road, which has been completed.

That part of the funds "to complete Rainbow Trail, the old Hartley Road, Hampton Road, Coffey Road, Big Branch Road and Spice Creek Road" should not have been grouped under paving programs. Mast explains this means that grading, drainage and stabilizing of the roads is being accomplished with these funds. The projects are now 90 per cent finished, he added.

We regret the error and hope this will clarify the situation for those who reside on the roads named in the last paragraph.



NEW SHOW QUEEN—Pretty Miss Becky Harrill was crowned the new Snow Queen of the South Saturday night during the annual Snow Ball held at Seven Devils. Placing the crown on her head is Miss Pat Mozingo, the retiring queen. (Flowers photo)

## Becky Harrill Is New Snow Queen

A tall, stately blonde Appalachian coed from Forest City is the new Snow Queen of the South.

Miss Becky Harrill was crowned during the annual Snow Ball Saturday night at Seven Devils.

She was crowned by Miss Pat Mozingo of Charlotte who held the title as the first Snow Queen

### Northwestern Bank Gives ASU 500 Shares Stock

The Northwestern Bank of North Wilkesboro has given 500 shares of its Capital Corporation Stock to Appalachian State University, Dr. Herbert W. Wey, ASU president announced Monday afternoon.

Notification of the gift which is to become part of the university's Permanent Endowment Fund, came from James Dotson, Trust Officer of the bank.

The stock is valued in excess of \$5,000 per share and pays dividends semiannually.

### Area Hospitals Get Duke Funds

Appropriations amounting to \$1,829,264 are being paid to hospitals and child care institutions in the Carolinas this week by the Duke Endowment.

Watauga County and area hospital bequests are as follows: Watauga County Hospital \$3,069; Blowing Rock Hospital \$225; Charles A. Cannon Jr. Memorial Hospital, Banner Elk, \$2,582; Garrett Memorial Hospital, Crossnore \$524.

Grandfather Home for Children, Banner Elk, received \$19,214.23 of the Duke disbursement.

during the last year.

Miss Harrill was selected from among the four finalists who gathered with Snow Carnival officials during the final weekend of the annual event.

The new 21-year-old queen will represent the Snow Carnival of the South in numerous television, radio and parade appearances during the next 12 months.

The other finalists were Marilyn J. Bennett, a University of Georgia coed, third runner-up; Linda Braswell of Boone, a student at UNC-Greensboro, who was second runner-up; and Barbara Ford, a speech drama major at East Tennessee State University, first runner-up to Miss Harrill.

Each of the contestants received a trophy. They also were presented a pair of skis each, a gift from Howard Cottrell, manager of the Appalachian State

University Bookstore.

Miss Harrill, an even six-foot tall, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion King Harrill of Forest City. She is an alumna of East Rutherfordton High School.

An Appalachian coed, she has had experience in public speaking and debating. Her special interests are skiing, tennis, golf, swimming, basketball, painting and dramatics.

Two years ago, Becky was elected sweetheart of the Collegiate Civics Club. The following year she was Key Club Sweetheart and currently is junior representative to the 1970 May Court.

The four finalists were selected from a field of 11 contestants. Charles Taylor of Boone, chairman of the Snow Queen selection committee, announced that all the entrants have been named as Snow Carnival

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HEART QUEEN OF 1970—Little Miss Sandra Barnett, age 7, will reign over the third annual Heart Ball of Watauga County next Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Esequia Lodge in Linville. This picture of Sandra and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barnett, was made at the kickoff luncheon for the current Heart Fund campaign. At age 6, Sandra Barnett won open-heart surgery at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. She will be crowned by the reigning Queen of Hearts, Mrs. Wade Willmoth of Boone. (Staff photo)