

BOONE WEATHER				
1970	Hi	Lo	Prev.	Mo. to 1970
May 12	74	50	.05	87 23
May 13	75	52	.03	89 31
May 14	81	57		70 43
May 15	74	52		72 46
May 16	68	52		62 51
May 17	62	44	.15	58 54
May 18	69	37	.25	69 54



Off to see the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, one fine looking Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion get their footing on the Yellow Brick Road. (Jerry Burns photo)

What Oz Won't Have Just Can't Be Had

BY RACHEL RIVERS

If you thought Land of Oz would have everything but the tornado—which set Dorothy off to see the Wizard of Oz—you guessed wrong.

This fabulous new development, which is being built around the topmost pinnacles of the Beech Mountain, is going to be a first rate fantasy land. Scheduled for opening June 15, the amusement area will show the visitor:

—From Beech Tree Village up to Oz—either by gondola or one of the two 40-passenger buses which will go to and from the mountain top.

—Through the entrance gazebo and to the Judy Garland memorial, where it is hoped the late singer's daughter, Liza Minnelli, will unveil on opening day the statue of Garland as a child in the famous L. Frank Baum story.

—Down to the Kansas farm where the story begins. The authentic blacksmith shop, barn (the silo is a water storage tank) and farm houses are built on a 5/8 scale.

The farm offers a small zoo, with pettable calves, colts, lambs, kid goats and piglets provided by Ralston-Purina of St. Louis.

Then the tour heads into the farm house, built and furnished in the 1920s mode. When a voice warns "A tornado is coming" and the crowd goes down into the storm cellar.

Ernie Rhymer, son of Mrs. Martha Rhymer of Triplett, is

manager of the 25-acre park, which will offer something else new from year to year. Once in the cellar, he says, the people will look out the "window" to see a tornado ripping across the plain, tearing up jacks, while the cellar door bangs and the wind whips about.

On the all-clear signal, the tour proceeds back into a house—not the house—but another scale model downhill from the first. It is tilted and the furni-

Watauga County Gets \$9,000 Road Money

RALEIGH, May 7.—Watauga County has been allocated more than \$9,000 for one secondary road construction project, it was announced today.

Approval of the project was voted at the regular May meeting of the State Highway Commission here.

(The press release said the money was to "supplement project 2,03774, to complete project.")

Four Watauga Men Drafted

Joe W. Todd, chairman of the Selective Service Board no. 96 in Watauga County, announces that the following men were inducted into the Army for the month of May:

Jimmy David Isaacs, Donald David Norris, Larry Dean Laing and Mack Edward Dishman.

Mayor Proclaims Poppy Day

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler has designated May 23 as Poppy Day in the Town of Boone.

The proclamation reads as follows: WHEREAS, The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary adopted the Memorial Poppy as its memorial flower in 1919; and

WHEREAS, by wearing the Poppy, Americans everywhere and especially in this Town of Boone both pay tribute to those war dead and aid the living by assistance to Veterans and their families in time of need; and

WHEREAS, the Poppy Day Program contributions are used solely for the programs of Child Welfare and Rehabilitation in our community and state;

NOW THEREFORE, I Gordon H. Winkler, Mayor of the Town of Boone do hereby proclaim May 23 as Poppy Day in our Town and I urge all citizens of our town to join with me in the wearing of this Memorial Flower as together we remember the sacrifices of so many in defense of our freedom.

ture is in disarray. On the other side of the house, you'll be off to see the Wizard.

BOLGER WAS HERE
Construction Superintendent at Oz is Jack Hall, a busy man who notes that the facility will be promoted "on the scale of Six Flags over Georgia."

"About 98 per cent of the people who will visit the park have never heard of Beech Mountain or Carolina Caribbean," Hall says. But those who have, plus those who haven't, will probably want to get a look-see at the new feature in its first year.

And having seen it, they'll (Continued on page two)

Tom Corbitt Is Named To ASU News Bureau

Tom Corbitt, a former staff writer for the Charlotte Observer, has been named Director of Sports Information in the News Bureau at Appalachian State University.

His appointment is effective June 1.

Corbitt, a Maryland native, received his undergraduate degree from Elon College in 1965 and completed his M. A. at Appalachian while working as a graduate assistant in the News Bureau.

As a reporter for the Observer from 1967-1968, Corbitt served on the sports and business staffs and was later assigned to the paper's Gastonia Bureau.

He became Director of Sports Information at Western Carolina University in 1968 and won first place NAIA honors for the 1969 football program he produced there.

His duties at Appalachian will include coverage of the university's 11 varsity athletic teams and other responsibilities in the News Bureau. He replaces Gary Ballard who resigned his position to return to the Statesville Record and Landmark as city editor.

Corbitt is married to the former Elaine Deese of Charlotte.

Second Development Stage Helicopter Service Now Being Actively Pursued

Sixteen men met at lunch Monday to discuss a helicopter service proposed for Watauga and Avery counties.

As president of Helicopter Service, Inc., Robert Bingham told the men the proposal is at the second stage of development.

He said better roads are a continuing issue, but air service is an acute need, "an acceptable alternative to the airport which was hotly contested in a number of areas."

The assembly was in the President's Dining Room of the Appalachian State University Cafeteria.

POINTS BEYOND

The former chairman of the Watauga Airport Commission said the service would run not only between the two counties but serve as an adjunct to air line service in Greensboro, Tri-Cities, Charlotte, Hickory and other points.

On paper, he said the service proposes to be a non-profit corporation and is looking at a \$210,000 machine that would carry six people besides its pilot.

Manufacturer of the 'copter is Vaught Helicopter, Inc. of Dallas, Tex., and was represented at the meeting by Bill Thorne.

Bingham said that after seeing this region, Vaught agreed to "carry the paper" at \$40,000 and 9 1/2 per cent interest. To start, another \$20,000 would be needed for operational cost.

Bingham said a local helicopter service could be financed either by 20 business concerns who would get back their \$3,000 investments in services or money. Or bonds, such as those issued to start the drama Horn in the West, could be issued. The cost of the machine could be financed over 10 years, Bingham said. His estimated budget for the first year was \$137,-

000 and includes pay for a pilot and all other maintenance costs.

The remaining members of Helicopter Service, Inc. were asked for comments. Stan Harris Jr. said that if interest develops, "I think it would be a great asset." And Sam Mortimer of Avery County added "I think we're going to start some time and now is a good time to start on this endeavor." He said he would subscribe to it personally.

The third member is Gwyn Hayes, president of the Boone (Continued on page two)

Duncan Hall To Be Conditioned By \$50,000 Bid

Jackson Plumbing and Heating Company of Greensboro has won a \$50,000 contract for the air-conditioning of faculty offices in Appalachian State University's Edwin Duncan Hall.

The three-story classroom building, built in 1965 at a cost of \$1,175,000, houses the university's College of Education, Audio-Visual Center, Reading Center, and the departments of history, psychology, geography and geology.

The spaces to be air conditioned include two faculty lounges and all offices within the building with no exterior ventilation.

All classrooms in the structure and several faculty offices are ventilated through outside windows and will be excluded from the air conditioning contract.

Funds for the project were requested from the 1967 General Assembly and were appropriated when requested again in 1969.

Watauga Hi Holds Armed Forces Day

The Watauga High School Guidance Department held Armed Forces Day Thursday, May 14, to provide information to male students in the junior and senior classes.

Approximately 250 students met at 10 a. m. in the auditorium for the first general session.

In this meeting a representative from each of the four major branches of service provided general information to the group on his branch of service. A question and answer period then

followed so that students could receive specific information about the draft lottery, their military obligations and other facts.

Participants in the program were Major Joe Arnold from the Army ROTC Unit at Appalachian State University; Sgt. Stan Little, Air Force Recruiter; Chief Petty Officer Reid from the U. S. Navy; Sgt. Bill Handshumacher from the U. S. Marines; and Cadet Corporal John Simmons from the Appalachian ROTC Unit.



HONOR GRADUATES—Gowned and capped in this pre-graduation picture are the honor graduates of the 1970 WHS class. Seen left to right in the front row are Dee Wilson, Norma Hodges, Geraldine Hagaman, Susan Miller, and Beth Dixon; second row—Carol McNeely, Tanya Shook, Betsy Randall, Gail Lantz and Mary Ellis Gibson; third row—Charles Lewis, David Demster, Murray Hawkinson and Susan Mast; fourth row—Jaekie Byrd, Kem Carpenter, Richard Randall, Joanna Sherrill and Helen Robinson; and fifth row—Paul Ragan, Warren Moretz, James Hodges, Harold Heymann, Jaekie Henson and Randy Marsh. (Staff photo)

Heart Fund Yields \$5,309 To Pass Quota

The 1970 Heart Fund drive in Watauga County has exceeded its local goal.

With all reports in to The North Carolina Heart Association in Chapel Hill, the February campaign for funds to support the Heart Association's fight against the community's number one health enemy has resulted in total contributions of \$5,309.26.

Mrs. Betty Ann Hodges, Heart Fund Chairman in Watauga, made the announcement.

The break-down in funds raised is: City of Boone—Special gifts, \$77; Calendar Days, \$110.18; Business Days, \$839.93; and Heart Sunday, \$1,286.57. Special events included the Watauga Heart Ball, which accounted for \$885.23 and the Heart Breakfast, in which contributions totaled \$179.

Donations in rural areas came to \$1,416.14.

The Blowing Rock, Heart Sunday volunteers raised \$479.21 and their special events added \$36 more to the total.

"The splendid response of the

people of Watauga County to the 1970 Heart Fund appeal," Mrs. Hodges said, "is dramatic evidence that they understand the seriousness of the heart problem.

"It also demonstrates their strong conviction that the Heart Association's program of re-

Music Camp Given Fine Local Support

The Cannon Music Camp and Watauga students aspiring to attend this summer have received generous support from the community during the funds drive for scholarships.

Mrs. David Spainhour, who has headed up the project, says local support proves "Great concern for strengthening the education of Watauga students in music, as well as shows the desire to promote Boone as a center of music for the state."

The summer camp at Appalachian State University has been made possible through the foresight of Charles Cannon of Kannapolis.

Contributors to the Boone

Chamber of Commerce for Watauga scholarships to Cannon Music Camp are the Watauga County Extension Homemakers Council, Watauga Savings & Loan Association, Mrs. Robert Bingham, Grandfather Mountain Motel Association, The Peddler Steak House, The Holiday Inn of Boone, The Worthwhile Woman's Club, Watauga Building Supply, Inc., The Northwestern Bank and five anonymous donors.

Persons assisting in collection of funds were Harold Rice, John McNeely, Mrs. J. E. Ray, Jack Melton and Mrs. Joe Rhyna.



THE WATAUGA HIGH SCHOOL BAND (Flowers' photo)

WHS Band To Appear In Spring Concert

The Watauga High School Music Department will present the Watauga High School Band in its fifth annual spring concert beginning at 7:30 Thursday night, May 21, in the high school auditorium.

The group will be directed by Otis F. Strother III. Some numbers featured on the

program will be selections from "Oliver" by Norman Leyden, "The Naval Sea Cadet March" by Joseph Olivadoti, and two newer numbers, "A Nordic Trilogy" by Frank Ericson, Albert Davis and Alfred Reed and "Suite Concertante" by Vaelav Nelhybel who recently visited Boone.

Also on the program will be the newly formed WHS Stage Band which will perform "I Am a Rock", "Michelle" and "Leaving on a Jet Plane".

Earlier this year, several band members attended the State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Davidson. Also performing will be the Woodwind Quintet and a

Flute and Trombone Duo, two groups which attended the State Solo and Ensemble Contest held at Davidson earlier this year.

Eleven seniors will be giving their final performance with the band. They are Kim Carpenter, Murray Hawkinson, Marilyn Hicks, Susan Mast, David Moretz, Betsy Randall, Shirley

Ray, Tanya Shook, Kenneth Teague, Becky Triplett and Dee Wilson.

Several awards will be given during the program. They will be for the most improved player in each class, a marching award and the Arion Award. The public is cordially invited to attend.