

BOONE WEATHER					
1970	Hi	Lo	Pres.	Snow	'69 Hi Lo
July 14	82	58			80 52
July 15	83	60	.27		79 53
July 16	80	62	.04		80 55
July 17	79	45			82 56
July 18	80	55			81 60
July 19	82	52			84 60
July 20	79	59			79 62



A Dandy Beginning

In the slants of early morning sun the beds of two trucks stationed in front of the Watauga Savings & Loan Association in Boone filled rapidly with boxes and bags full of cans and bottles.

City workers James McQueen (pictured) and Howard Winkler had their hands full and James P. Marsh, executive secretary of the association, pitched in right at the first, loading the items into the truck. At right he makes the first payment of one penny per can or bottle turned in by children. Ready to accept were the grandchildren of Wiley Cole (left).

Not only was it hard work to collect the items, it was pretty hard work unloading them. Little Sandra McCord (below) gives a tug and hefts another big sack into place. (Staff photos)



Friday To Be Last Day For Bottles And Cans

Friday will be the last day of the unusual cleanup campaign being run by the Watauga Savings & Loan Association in Boone.

Last Friday was the first day of the firm's program to pay one penny for each bottle and can turned in by children 14 and younger. In the first half-hour of the drive, cash was paid for more than 30,000 items.

The total outlay for the day came to more than \$670—for 67,000 cans and bottles.

Tuesday, which was the second day of the program, was expected to cost the association even more.

As a bonus, participating children are invited to drop their names in a box for a drawing to be held at 4 Friday afternoon.

The prizes, one for a girl and one for a boy, are bicycles.

EARLY BIRDS

The first payment went to Penny Jane and Douglas Clyde Cole who turned in 628 cans and bottles. The children along with their collection, were brought to town by their grandfather, Wiley Cole of Vilas.

Other "early birds after the worms" were the Woodard children (pictured in the last issue), who collected 616 items; Dale Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hayes, with 1,200; Sandra McCord and family, who arrived in a half full station wagon with a completely filled trailer in tow; Martin and Janette Church whose contributions to the campaign were 527 and 419 items respectively.

And a red pickup truck driven by Levi Watson of Deep Gap contained 2,700 pieces collected by three boys. Watson said the youngsters

collected these items in the lower Stony Fork section and along US 421. They planned to increase their earnings Tuesday and this Friday.

Payments were made by the association's executive secretary, James P. Marsh, who helped help the heavy boxes, bags and sacks onto the trucks stationed in front of the savings and loan building.

After city workers Howard Winkler and James McQueen had packed the town truck to capacity, a dump truck from the N. C. Highway Department moved in to do its share. When the trucks filled, they were driven to the city dump and emptied.

Soft drink bottles of all kinds were turned in; the majority of cans were beer cans. The association was doing a booming business.

Milt Greer of Queen Street happened along and commented, "Who would have thought there would be that much trash in Watauga County."

James Love of the Beaver Dam community told of a good location for collection this week—if it hasn't already been found. "I do wish they'd pick up around home," Love said. "From where I live down to the highway, I counted 108 in the ditchline—counting cans and bottles."

"I want my sacks back," said a boy who had just moved his offering to the back of the second truck.

The association's aim in conducting the program is to promote beautification of area roadsides and other scenic

locations.

A human interest story developed out of the program. Wiley Cole said Monday morning that his grand children already had collected more than 1,100 cans and bottles to turn in the next day.

"One reason they're so interested," Cole explained, "is that the little girl bought a new bicycle about three months ago. Somebody stole it one night last week." She and her brother are hoping to earn

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Income Expenses Are Cited

The tax rate, per hundred dollars valuation, will be \$1 for the 1970-71 fiscal year in the Town of Boone.

The city fathers met July 16 to pass the reduced tax rate (formerly \$1.10) and okay a proposed budget of \$517,956 effective July 1, 1970, to June 30 of next year.

As required by law, the traffic control budget is financed by parking meter funds and is listed separately. Its expenses are set at \$12,900.

Debt service accounts for \$110,228 of the \$517,956 in expenses. Its facets are \$98,800, payments on water and sewer bonds and interest; \$3,500 Horn in West payment; and \$7,928, payment on the loan for the new fire truck.

The three largest items under expenses are \$86,000, Water and Sewer Department; \$67,000, Sanitation Department; and \$110,000, Street Department. Alderman Howard Cottrell pointed out that ample funds have been earmarked for equipment needed by these departments.

General administration will cost \$56,660 and the Police Department is budgeted at \$54,364. The Recreation Commission this year gets \$15,000.

Major items in the revenues (Continued on page two)

Council Approves Budget

Boone Tax Rate Reduced To \$1



At the sheriff's conference in Boone these officials (named l-r) were pictured by George Flowers: Orange County Sheriff, C. D. Knight, new president of the N. C. Sheriffs' Association; Attorney General Robert W. Morgan; host sheriff Ward G. Carroll of Watauga County; and retiring association president Sheriff Thomas J. Marshall of Onslow County.

Morgan Speaks To Sheriffs Of State

There was more law in Watauga County this week than ever before in history.

And when Robert Morgan, State's Attorney General, was featured speaker at the 49th annual N. C. Sheriffs' Association meeting

here—that was doubly so.

More than 60 sheriffs had registered Monday, and at the banquet held that night at Appalachian Ski Lodge, they, their families and guests

numbered some 300. Morgan told his audience that the new Police Information Network should be in operation by December with 30 terminals located throughout the state.

The new network will enable police officers all over the state to receive instant information on criminals and crime, the Attorney General said. The computer operated network is funded with \$1 million received through federal and state agencies and it is hoped that a terminal will be located in each of the state's 100 counties in the near future.

"Justice delayed is justice denied," the state official said. In order to be effective, punishment must be swift. He noted that the average time from arrest to trial in North Carolina is now six months.

And there should be some way to relieve sheriffs of the chore of having to serve civil processes (warrants and other papers). This prohibits their spending as much time on law enforcement as they otherwise would.

Morgan said the people should provide the state's law officers with better equipment and adequate salaries and he pledged his office will help the sheriffs make North Carolina a finer place in which to live.

Host to the sheriffs' conference was Ward G. Carroll, Watauga County Sheriff. The buffet meal was catered by Buford Stamey's drive-in restaurant of Boone.

Local People At Democratic Convention

Watauga County was represented at the Democratic State Convention in Raleigh last week with its full delegation.

Those attending were: W. R. Winkler, Watauga County Democratic Chairman, and Mrs. Winkler; Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Pitts; Mr. and Mrs. David Spainhour; Jack Williams, George Flowers, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Mrs. Dean Andrews, Claud Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bingham.

Coffey Signs With Metropolitan Opera

BY RACHEL R. COFFEY

When he says he's with the Met, some people think he means he makes a living playing baseball.

Stretching the point less are some others who assume its

"Sunshine Girl" Tweetsie Visitor

"The Florida Sunshine Girl", Miss Anita Bryant, paid a visit to Tweetsie Railroad Tuesday morning.

Her whirlwind visit was set for 10:30 to 11 at the popular recreation attraction.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company he's talking about, or "the Met" as in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

But after years of study and aiming for the top, Frank Coffey is at last with "the Met"—as in Metropolitan Opera.

"You always plan to get there eventually," he said during a recent visit to Boone. In opera, "That's kind of the ultimate aim for everybody."

And that's a long way to go for someone who used to be a soldier, an Indian and a settler. Those were Coffey's roles in the 1950s, when as a member of the cast of Horn in the West, the outdoor drama, he once was "killed four times—twice

in the same battle."

A baritone, he wasn't in the Horn chorus, but he studied with his Aunt Virginia Linney of Boone. Visiting here with his mother, Mrs. Paul Coffey, last week, he itemized the events between Boone and New York City where he now lives.

After graduating from Appalachian High School, he went into the Air Force, serving at Edwards AFB in California and at Ernest Harmon AFB in Steventown, Newfoundland.

Back in Boone, he worked for Parkway Company for awhile, later working in a bakery in Asheville. Next:

He studied at Gardner-Webb (Continued on page two)

Oz Gets National Award

One of North Carolina's newest developments has been named the recipient of a national award. The Land of Oz, developed by Carolina Caribbean Corporation atop Beech Mountain near Banner Elk, has won the annual Washington, D. C. Daily News Award for the year's outstanding tourist attraction.

The Land of Oz was "the hands down winner," according to Myron Glaser, long-time manager of Resort and Travel News for the Scripps-Howard newspaper.

"The word 'exquisite' has almost gone out of usage," Glaser said. "The Land of Oz should bring it back. We've never seen a more beautiful natural setting nor a finer marriage of a place and an idea. It is truly an adventure, imaginative and unspoiled."

The decision to give the award to the Land of Oz was made even before the park's

balloon ride, by which visitors may leave Emerald City, was completed. That ride opened July 3.

The Land of Oz, three years in the planning by Charlotte designer Jack Pentes, re-creates the L. Frank Baum classic, "The Wizard of Oz", and the 1948 MGM movie in real life among the age-old cliffs and twisted trees of Beech Mountain's pinnacles.

Composer Alec Wilder of New York who, with Charlotte's Loonis McGlohon wrote music for the themed park, visited Oz and wired his own accolade.

"My profound gratitude," he said, "to all of you for conclusively proving that magic and joy, beauty and love still exist."

The park, located 17 miles from Boone, will operate daily through Labor Day and then on weekends through October 25.

Rabies Clinics

Three-year rabies inoculations, costing only \$2 apiece, are available for cats and dogs this week in the annual rabies clinics of the Humane Society of Watauga County.

Wednesday, July 22, the clinic will operate at Parkway School starting at 6:30 and at Blowing Rock School starting at 7:30 p. m.

The schedule Thursday (tonight) is 6:30 at Green Valley School and 7:30 at

Watauga High School. (An earlier release stated 7:30 and 8:30—this is incorrect.)

Mrs. Velma Burnley, president of the humane society, pointed out that rabies vaccine is required "by law in North Carolina." But aside from this requirement, she said the vaccine safeguards the health of the general public.

The initial clinics of the current program were held Monday and Tuesday evenings.