

BOONE WEATHER							
1969	Hi	Lo	Pres.	Snow	'68	Hi	Lo
Sept. 2	70	60				73	46
Sept. 3	67	60	44			75	41
Sept. 4	68	60	63			71	48
Sept. 5	74	60	1.06			67	46
Sept. 6	78	67				71	61
Sept. 7	78	65				75	49
Sept. 8	73	59	.70			73	45

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This is how the Community-Campus Relations Committee is welcoming Appalachian's new freshman class and faculty members to town. The committee comprises student, faculty, town and county members and was formed this spring to foster a better

understanding among all. James Marsh is chairman of the group which placed this billboard on NC 105 a short distance from its intersection with US 321. Five other boards have been erected on the main routes into town. (Staff photo)

Dr. Wey Welcomed With Barbecue, Happy Crowds

The brightest thing in Boone Thursday was the barbecue chicken dinner conducted by the Community-Campus Relations Committee.

Local Student Given Rotary Scholarship

The Boone Rotary Club has awarded a \$150 scholarship to Miss Riely Carroll of 311 Farthing Street Boone.

She is a freshman at Appalachian State University. A second student from Watauga County will be selected for a similar scholarship.

Dr. David Rusk of South Australia will study at Appalachian State University for one year under a Chan Gordon Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is provided by all of the Rotary Clubs of western North Carolina. Dr. J. Frank Randall is Mr. Rusk's counselor while he is in the United States.

The Boone Rotary Club sent three crippled children to Camp Sky Ranch this summer. Each member of the Boone Rotary Club provides clothing and a shopping trip for a crippled child at some time during the Christmas season.

Dr. Herbert Wey seemed all the merrier for the dismal weather. Eleven hundred people attended.

Northwestern Bank vice-president A. T. Adams embarked on an eloquently deadpanned spiel to notify newcomers that Boone's pure air is reminiscent "of a country lane before the advent of the combustion engine on mankind," and that tests show the water is "one hundred point zero, zero, zero, zero one pure."

Appalachian's director of business affairs Ned Trivette, emceed, relating that Holly Farms of North Wilkesboro would the following day pack off their catering crew to Ohio to pitch a feast for the family of astronaut Neil Armstrong.

And the early part of the dinner was taken up with the country music of the String Party, who missed some applause only because the crowd was busily eating and who accompanied Miss Kay's acclaimed Avery High School Square Dance Team for a couple of clogging numbers.

Before delivering invocation, the Rev. Robert Young, pastor of Boone United Methodist Church and a member of the community-campus committee, took a good-humored poke at the dreary outdoors, promising to find out who prayed for good weather "and make sure he doesn't pray for me at any time."

It was CCRC, formed only this spring, which designed the dinner to welcome Dr. Wey and bring together the university

faculty, teachers in the county system, elected officials of Boone and Blowing Rock, the County Commission and Board of Education and a special-guest list headed by president emeritus Dr. W. H. Flemmons, Committee chairman James Marsh, executive secretary of the Savings & Loan, recognized several guests including members of the Mountaineer football squad; Rufus Edmisten, administrative assistant to Sen. Sam Ervin; and David Rusk, scholar student from Rotary in Australia.

Dr. Flemmons introduced Dr. Wey, Mrs. Wey and the couple's

youngest daughter, Brenda, before briefly reviewing the new president's former activities in Boone.

Having served Appalachian as Dean of the Graduate School before leaving for Florida, Dr. Wey called his earlier job as principal of Appalachian High School "one of the happiest parts of my life."

He had since undertaken some monumental tasks, he said, such as heading a three-week session in Honolulu. Fifteen hundred educators attended, Dr. Wey said, and "they were so nationally known they were

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School Bonds, Sales Tax To Be Voted On

When Watauga County voters go to the polls Nov. 4, they may vote on two issues facing them—a plan for financing local school needs and an additional one per cent sales tax.

Watauga County commissioners last week formally called for a \$1.4 million bond issue to finance a new elementary school in the Boone area and for additions to seven other elementary schools in the county.

The vote for the extra one per cent sales tax was called for by the North Carolina General Assembly. The legislature specified that each county should vote on the issue and set Nov. 4 as the day for

the decision.

The sales tax question is one of local option. If voters approve the hike, the present three per cent sales tax will be raised to four per cent. But the extra penny will be returned to the counties that approve the local sales tax.

According to one county official, the tax in Watauga would return \$228,000 to Watauga County which could be used as the county desires.

Tax Supervisor J. C. Lyons said the \$228,000 figure came from projections given out this week by the tax research department of the State Department of Revenue.

Republicans Have Majority In New County Registration

The new state-ordered registration is producing more Republican registrants than Democratic, Board of Elections Chairman J. D. Wineberger reported Monday.

Based on registrants through last week, Wineberger reported that 2,298 Republicans have registered since books opened in July.

A total of 2,050 persons have registered as Democrats. Independent registrants total 185, Wineberger said.

This means total registration to date of 4,543 voters, the chairman said. He noted that a total of 8,933 Wataugans voted in the presidential election last November.

Persons who wish to regis-

ter this week may do so at the board of elections office in Blowing Rock at the county office in the courthouse which has been open while the staff assemblies and files results of the summer registration.

Wineberger said the staff expects to wind up this work either today (Thursday) or Friday.

Registration books will be opened again on Saturday, Oct. 11, as required by law, prior to the Nov. 4 local sales tax option vote. The books will also be open on the two following Saturdays, Oct. 18 and 25. Saturday, Nov. 1, will be challenge day.

Though the total registration figures are complete, Wineberger said that voters registrants by precinct are still being sort-

ed among the various precincts. Therefore, he noted, the breakdown by precinct will not total the same figure as the total vote he listed. But in the public interest, his staff tabulated the precinct registration completed as of Friday.

Under the loose-leaf registration system called for in new state law, each county election board must keep two sets of card registrations, one book for each precinct registrar and one on emergency reserve in the office.

In addition, the Watauga board is keeping a third list to help expedite its work when a voter changes his precinct.

The incomplete precinct breakdown of registrants by party follows:

- Bald Mountain—28 Democrats, 47 Republicans and 3 Independents; Beaver Dam—103, 90, 6; Blowing Rock—155, 139, and 25; Blue Ridge—45, 156 and 7; Boone No. 1—265, 68, and 9; Boone No. 2—229, 73 and 15; Brushy Fork—250, 164 and 11; Cove Creek—168, 202 and 9; Eds—17, 90 and 1; Laurel Creek—144, 164 and 8; Meat Camp No. 1—110, 168 and 4; Meat Camp No. 2—31, 11 and 1; New River No. 1—248, 240 and 38; New River No. 2—128, 126 and 30; North Fork—8, 80 and 3; Shawmosaw—58, 87 and 3; Stony Fork—76, 155 and 4; and Watauga—104, 147 and 4.

Several Hundred Acres

Tater Hill Land Is Sold; Resort Area Possible

One Of Largest Wooded Areas In Wide Region

BY CHARLIE HAMILTON

Tater Hill and some 1,500 acres of Watauga's legendary Rich Mountain have been purchased by Rich Mountain Associates for possible development into a year-around resort center.

The sale was concluded last week by Tater Hill, Inc., to the new group headed by Sanford oilman Truby G. Proctor Jr. The sale includes all of the Tater Hill, Inc., lands lying some 11 miles northwest of Boone. The exact amount of land in the purchase is between 1,500 and 2,300 acres.

The definite area will not be known until the completion of surveys and topographical maps.

Announcement of the sale was made by S. C. Eggers, president of Tater Hill, Inc., and Proctor. Eggers' firm had owned the tract for 30 years. It is one of the largest undeveloped mountain areas left in Watauga.

Proctor has been interested in acquiring the land for the last two years.

The tract includes the 10-acre lake and area known as the Tater Hill Rod and Gun Club.

Rich Mountain Associates is a limited partnership with Proctor as the general partner. Other businessmen in the concern are Charles M. Reeves Jr. of Sanford, president of the First Provident Company, Inc.; Gerald N. Baker of Valdese, president of the Burke Oil Company; Ben Grill of Valdese, a retired textile executive; and Valdese attorney V. Harold Mitchell.

Rich Mountain Associates has no immediate plans for developing the area. Proctor said that any future development will be based on a plan of priorities. Heading the list will be preservation of the natural beauty of the area, Proctor stressed.

"This area has so much to offer from the standpoint of natural beauty that any development should put this feature as its primary concern," he said.

After topographical maps are completed, the group will begin

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ROTARY AUCTION—Members of the Boone Rotary Club are hard at work this week rounding up items to be auctioned Saturday night at 7 o'clock at the Watauga High School. Proceeds from the event will benefit the J. B. Hagaman Memorial Cardiac Unit at Watauga County Hospital, crippled children, ASU scholarships, Cannon Music Camp scholarships, International student scholarships, Little League Baseball, Midget Football and other local projects. Checking in a pair of new shoes for the auction are Stanley Harris Sr., chairman of the auction, and two other Rotarians working on the project, Glenn Andrews and Lee Barnett. (Staff photo)

Rotary Auction To Be Grand Event

The Boone Rotary Club this week is wrapping up cash and goods solicitations for the best community auction on record.

An earlier release named A. T. Adams as auctioneer, but when the gavel cracks in Watauga High School auditorium Saturday night, the Cottrell

twins, Raleigh and Howard, will be placing items for sale. Burley tobacconist Joe Coleman has been asked to assist them, but had not confirmed by presstime.

At past auctions, Rotary has offered everything from puppets and lingerie, furniture and canned goods up to television sets. Residents wanting to contribute saleable items to the auction are asked to notify Watauga Savings & Loan Association, Boone Post Office also is a collection point.

PROCEEDS

Refreshments will be served and the bidding will be fast-paced as the auction gets underway at 7. Proceeds will aid crippled children, support scholarship programs, benefit the J. B. Hagaman Memorial Cardiac Unit and many other community projects.

Rotarian James Marsh points out that Rotary previously has raised some \$10,000 to \$12,000 for worthy causes.

By raising funds, it has furnished two rooms in the new county hospital and provided various types of hospital equipment.

They have sent at least two underprivileged children to summer camp for the crippled and maintained an ASU scholar-

ship for Watauga students. At Christmas, Rotary has supplied clothing, toys and food to some 50 crippled children locally.

A number of young Wataugans have been fitted with braces. (Continued on page two)

Vaughn Roten Opens Store In West Jefferson

When Vaughn Roten opened a West Jefferson branch of his Boone furniture store, it was like going back home.

He opened the branch in a three-story building on US 221 between West Jefferson and Jefferson. The building contains a total of 16,800 square feet.

Roten's of West Jefferson provides a full range of home decorating services including appliances, furniture, rugs and drapes.

The new firm employs seven people. Store manager is Clarence Elderth; Paul Little is bookkeeper.

Roten, a native of West Jefferson, has been in the furniture business locally for 13 years.

Hello, Americans

'This Is Paul Harvey'

The manager of WATA-Radio in Boone last week said she hardly could believe it when radio-television commentator Paul Harvey agreed to help promote the local Community-Campus Relations Committee.

Miss Jane Smith, publicity chairman of the committee, told the folks at the barbecue chicken dinner in Appalachian State University's Varsity Gym that it all goes to show "News doesn't have to be bad news to be good news."

The day before the Thursday night CCRC-developed program, she contacted Harvey by telephone in Chicago, finding him heartwarming and receptive, leaving her "almost overwhelmed" at talking with "the most popular radio commentator in America."

She reported Harvey's response to the welcome-to-campus programs was "You sound like wonderful people. I will do everything I can to help your committee accentuate the positive."

She then presented the tape from Harvey's nationwide broadcast:

"It is back-to-school time in Boone, North Carolina . . . Boone, population 8,000, soon will be outgrown by its own Appalachian State University, which already has an enrollment of 6,000. And 1,600 new freshmen are headed that way right now.

"And, however delightful that picturesque mountain campus, (Continued on page two)



TATER HILL LORE—The man who knows the most about Tater Hill, S. C. Eggers Sr., points out some of its scenic glory to members of the families of the partners of Rich Mountain Associates Sunday afternoon. Eggers is president of Tater Hill, Inc., which last week sold its holdings on Rich Mountain to the new group. (Staff photo)