

BOONE WEATHER

1970	Hi	Lo	Pre.	Snow	'69 Hi	'69 Lo
May 26	70	55	.05		75	42
May 27	78	45			72	46
May 28	73	44			77	44
May 29	80	54			81	55
May 30	88	55	.05		83	57
May 31	86	53	.16		80	53
Jun. 1	76	57	.11		82	53



SUNRISE—This dewey early morning scene was captured by photographer John Dinkins on the University campus before the commencement crowds began to arrive.

German-Born Teacher Says "Too Much Land"

A German-born professor of biology at Appalachian State University believes that the current alarm about over-population in America is, in his words, "just a little bit ridiculous."

Dr. F. G. Schroeder, an exchange professor here from the University of Gottingen in Germany, explained that when compared to Europe, the United States has too much land and too few people.

"That is why Americans are able to waste their land," he says.

Germany, Dr. Schroeder pointed out, occupies about the same area as the two Carolinas and Georgia. But its population of 75 million is six times that of the three Southeastern states.

"And the Netherlands," he added, "has 12 million people living in an area about the size of North Carolina mountain region. If they threw away proportionately as many beer cans as Americans do, Holland would be nothing but a trash can."

Schroeder does maintain that over population is a grave problem when viewed on a worldwide scale, but he believes that if population control is enforced, "it should begin in Europe, China and India, not in America."

The real danger for the United States, he indicates, is a poor distribution of population and the mass wasting of natural resources.

"There is so much pollution here in America that could be easily avoided," Schroeder believes. "But all people have more freedom over here, especially in the use of their land."

"And it is understandable that in a free economy, the private industrialist will look at his profit, not at what he is doing to the environment," he said. The geobotanist points to this country's forests as an example. "The forests in the United States are now at the point of

devastation, just as the forests were in Germany in about 1750. And when Germany was wholly out of timber, the government had to begin forest management."

Pointing to a need for more strict environmental controls in America, he said, "People here are accustomed to doing what they really want with their property—it works well for a long time, but when the population becomes more dense and the intensity of the economy becomes greater, then it becomes dangerous."

He stressed that the point of danger has been reached in Europe and in America, but

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DR. F. G. SCHROEDER



HUGH HAGAMAN

Will Receive Doctorate At Virginia U.

Hugh Hagaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hagaman of Sugar Grove, will receive his Doctorate in education in exercises to be held Sunday, June 7, at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

He was a Dupont Fellow while at the University of Virginia and his field of specialization is audiovisual instruction.

A graduate of Cove Creek High School, he received his B. S. and M. A. degrees from Appalachian State University and did graduate work at East Carolina University and Indiana University.

Dr. Hagaman has accepted an assistant professorship in the School of Education, University of North Carolina at Greensboro and will be returning to North Carolina with his family this summer.

He is married to the former Peggy Reese of Beech Creek and they have four daughters. He served four years in the Air Force and taught in Mooresville, N. C., for 12 years.

Based On \$80 Million Valuation

Watauga Tax Rate Set At \$1 In New Budget

Adoption Is Set For July 6th

The Board of County Commissioners Monday night arrived at a proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971.

And in placing the advertisement of the budget, Tax Supervisor James C. Lyons said citizens may see the full breakdown of the budget by making a request at his office.

The new budget is figured on the basis of an estimated total property valuation of \$80 million and reflects a decrease of 10 cents (from \$1.10 to \$1) per \$100 valuation.

Final adoption of the county budget is set for the first Monday in July.

The advertised total valuation for the current fiscal year was only \$69 million. But Lyons said "the development of farm land into building lots," the growth of resort areas, addition of summer homes and expansion of year-around homes and businesses account for the additional \$11 million on which the proposed budget has been based.

He said also that the county's new method of letting taxpayers either list personal property, item by item, or pay 10 per cent of their house value has meant much additional tax income.

He judged that between 95 and 98 per cent of the people are using the percentage method rather than listing. When only the listing method was used, Lyons said, many people did not present an accurate picture of their personal holdings. The new way is equal for all, he feels.

The present commissioners are up for re-election in November to their second two-year term. When they took office in 1968, the tax rate was \$1.23 per \$100 valuation, Lyons said. But the assessed ratio of taxation was 45 per cent.

Last year, the commissioners reduced the per-hundred-dollar rate to \$1.10 while setting up the rate to 65 per cent, Lyons said state law required that personal and real property be taxed at the same assessed ratio. Formerly, personal property was taxed at 100 per cent, he said.

The revaluation of real property is "about 50 per cent complete," Lyons said.

The contract calls for it to be finished Jan. 1, 1971 and Lyons said the new figures will be posted to the county books after that time.



BOOMTIMES AT SHULLS MILLS—View of the band mill and lumber yards of the Boone Fork Lumber Co., at Shulls Mills. Right center is the Robbins Hotel. Behind, to the right of the lumber stacks, the L-shaped building is the office and hospital operated by Dr. R. H. Hardin, and McKinley Ayers, lived in the adjacent building. Lower center is the movie house, operated by Ira and McKinley Ayers, across the road is the site of Barber Bill Hodges' shop; behind is the company commissary and supply house; to the right the postoffice. Behind the mill Mr. O. L. Coffey erected a number of houses for the mill people. The lumber plant

was established about 1916 and operated until all the Boone Fork timber owned by the company was cut and the lumber shipped out on the Linville River Railway which was built to Shulls Mills from Linville primarily for that purpose. William S. Whiting of Philadelphia was president of the company which employed several hundred people during the vast lumbering operation. The picture was loaned to the Democrat by Mrs. B. G. Teams of Boone, who says it was made in 1918. Mrs. Teams also identified the buildings.

Plans Being Made For Opening Horn In West

The manager of Horn in the West, Boone's outdoor drama, Monday told the executive committee of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association that the Daniel Boone Amphitheater is being readied for the opening of the production late this month.

Everette Widener told the luncheon meeting he plans to distribute more brochures in the area this week and he confirmed that tickets will again be sold by local motels in exchange for 10 per cent of those sales.

As usual, special rates will be effective for camps and church groups.

Widener suggested that Watauga Night, for which free tickets are available to local people wanting to see the play, be extended from opening night to two days in the following week. He said this would give all comers an opportunity to see the production and suggested having 2,500 to 3,000 Watauga Night tickets printed.

Widener's earlier suggestion was to honor the tickets on the following Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights also, but treasurer Stan Harris thought they should mark off Tuesday, which he termed "the best paid attendance night of the week except Saturday."

And the manager said he will be visiting filling station operators and leaving brochures with them.

James Marsh said he planned to encourage local business houses to get all of their employees out to the Horn this year. He said he would bring up the subject at Tuesday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors.

The group discussed ordering promotional hats and/or badges which could be distributed to service personnel in the area.

A board of directors meeting was set up for Monday, June 15, at the Cardinal Restaurant. The executive committee will convene after the directors' meet.

Marsh reported a new roof has been put on the concession stand and that contractor L. R. Aldridge thought the roofing of some of the older buildings should be repaired soon.

The Town Board of Aldermen

had offered to put dumpsters at the Boone Playground as well as on the Horn in the West grounds. But Mrs. B. W. Stallings said the large dumpsters would be near the picnic area of the playground and would be a mecca for

Auditions

Auditions will be held on stage at the Daniel Boone Amphitheater Saturday to fill four remaining positions in the company of Horn in the West.

D. Ward Haarbauer, director of the outdoor drama, said that one actor-technician, one female and two male dancers will be hired.

Auditions will begin at 10 a. m. and continue to noon. The Horn begins rehearsals June 11 and opens its 19th consecutive season on June 26.

Performances will continue nightly except Mondays through Aug. 22.

files and bees. Also, she felt they would interfere with the

To Intern In Washington

Brenda L. Dlx, an Appalachian State University junior from High Point, has been selected as a summer intern with the U. S. Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C.

One of 400 honor students selected in the nation, she will work with a federal government agency under an experienced administrator.

Meeting in weekly seminars with other interns, she will use her governmental work experience to supplement her studies in social sciences at Appalachian.

Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Dlx Sr., of High Point.

Democrats To Have Precinct Meetings

Watauga County Democrats are asked to hold their precinct meeting at their respective polling places next Saturday June 6 at 1 o'clock to elect their precinct officials and to transact any other pertinent business.

The convention call is made by Mrs. Rachel Hartley, acting chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee and she urges all Democrats to attend.

and young voters are asked to attend and take part in the proceedings.

The meeting is held under the new plan of organization for the Democratic party in North Carolina which also provides that the County Convention will be held in each county in the State on Saturday June 20th, at which time party officials will be elected and other business transacted.

Safer Place To Live

From the standpoint of safety, it is much better to be living in Watauga County than in most places in the South Atlantic States.

For the average local resident, life appears to be less hazardous. The chances of becoming involved in an accident—fatal or otherwise—are not as great as they are elsewhere, according to government statistics.

The local accident record is reflected, along with those of other communities across the country, in the latest vital statistics survey by the U. S. Public Health Service. The surveys are made on an annual basis.

The findings are of particular importance at this time because of the approach of the holiday season with its usually high toll, both on the highway and in the home.

The report shows a total of 16 fatal accidents in the year among residents of Watauga County.

And this is only part of the toll, the National Safety Council points out. It estimates that, for every fatal accident, there are nearly 100 others of a disabling nature that do not result in death.

The figures in the survey take into account accidents of all sorts that affected local people, whenever they may have occurred. They do not include, however, local accidents involving non-residents.

Watauga County's accident toll, in terms of population, was at the rate of 58 fatalities per 100,000 people.

It was lower than the rate reported for the rest of the South Atlantic States, 61 per 100,000.

It was better, also, than the State of North Carolina rate of 67 per 100,000.

The magnitude of the problem is evident from figures compiled by the National Safety Council. They show that 116,000 Americans died as a result of accidents in the past year.

The overall cost of accidents in 1969 counting medical expenses, lost wages, property damage and the like, is estimated by the council at \$23.5 billion.

Watauga County's share of this cost, based upon the average amount per accident, comes to approximately \$2,020,000.