



WAGON LOAD OF MILLERS are headed west to cross the Blue Ridge in the Carolina Tercentenary Celebration at Boone.

Men, Wagons, Oxen Depict Trials Of Early Day Travel

The beginning of the westward movement will be relived June 27-29 as men, wagons and oxen pit their strength against the hardships of the wilderness trail in an effort to duplicate Daniel Boone's crossing of the Blue Ridge in the big Carolina Tercentenary Celebration in Boone.

The Wagon Train will follow Boone's route from Ferguson into Boone. The first night the party will camp between Darby and Triplett and the second night's camp will be at Cook's Gap.

Each night the wagons will be formed into a circle and a camp fire will be built. At Cook's Gap the Wagon Train will have open house. Some of the entertainment will include string music, singing, square dancing and roasted buffalo meat.

Spencer Miller of Wildcat (Watauga County), father of 18 children, will drive the lead wagon. He will use his own oxen and wagon on the trip. Recently he remodeled an antique wagon and equipped it with typical equipment that the Daniel Boone party used on its trip into Kentucky. He plans to use the old black pot on his wagon to prepare a mess of buffalo stew at Cook's Gap.

Ivey Moore of North Wilkesboro will serve as chief scout for the Wagon Train. The buckskin-clad Moore and his scouts will protect the Wagon Train against Indian attacks and will provide fresh meat for the camps at night.

G. D. Barnett of Boone is Wagon Master. He said that the Train will consist of ten wagons, six scouts and five pack

horses. His job will be to keep the wagons rolling so that the Train will cover the same a few hundred yards on Highamount of territory that Daniel Boone covered in one day.

The ceremony on "Daniel

Boone Crosses the Blue Ridge" will be held on Friday, June 28 at Bamboo. This will include the unveiling of a marker at Bamboo.

During the entire trip, the Wagon Train will travel only

way 421. This will be at Perksinsville.

The Wagon Train will be one of the top attractions during the ceremonies of the Carolina Tercentenary Celebration in the William J. Conrad Stadium at Appalachian State Teachers College on Saturday, June 29 at 2 p. m.

A large number of state, national and international dignitaries will be present for the colorful celebration which honors the State's 300th Anniversary.

Cooke Is New Bell Manager

W. R. Cooke, Jr., manager of Southern Bell in Asheville, has been appointed manager of the company's operations in the Lenoir area, including Boone and Blowing Rock.

Cooke has managed Southern Bell in Asheville since 1959. He joined the firm in 1952 as a coin telephone collector.

He attended Lee Edwards High School and Davidson College. In Asheville, Cooke is a member of the West Asheville Rotary Club and is public relations chairman for the Daniel Boone Council Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Cooke is the former Gwendolyn Dover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dover, formerly of Lenoir and now of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Dover is a former Lenoir police chief. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke have a son, William R. Cooke, III, and a daughter, Deirdre. The Cookes are members of Grace Methodist Church.

Flags For Vets' Graves Here

American Flags to decorate Veterans' graves are now available at the office of Lionel Ward.

According to government regulations they should be placed on the graves not later than May 25. We want a flag on every Veterans' grave in Watauga County. We will appreciate very much any one that will come by my office and pick up flags for small cemeteries in the county. — Lionel Ward, Grave Register Chairman.

Japanese Socialists expected to grow stronger.

Redistricting Bill Would Put Watauga With Caldwell, Burke

Raleigh.—Two bills—one to redistrict the Senate under the present constitution and a second proposing a constitutional amendment that would alter the present rules on senatorial redistricting—were approved by a Senate subcommittee.

The seven-member subcommittee, stalemated for almost a month, first approved two amendments to the bill, originally drawn by Sen. Claude Currie of Durham, for redistricting under the present constitution. The amendments were:

1. To take Craven county from the 2nd Senatorial District and place it in the 6th. This would leave the 2nd District with seven counties (Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Martin, Wash-

ington, Tyrell and Pamlico) and put five counties (Carteret, Craven, Jones, Lenoir and Onslow) in the 6th District.

Place Alexander county with Iredell, Catawba and Lincoln counties.

3. Place Watauga in a district with Caldwell and Burke.

The amendments won Currie the support of Sens. P. D. Midgett of Hyde (who has been worried with what to do with Craven) and Ira T. Johnston of Ashe who has strenuously objected to Watauga's being placed in a district with Republican Wilkes or with Republican counties like Avery, Yancey and Mitchell to the west.

Johnston said, "I think this amendment takes care of my people in the great northwest." Since the subcommittee was first appointed Johnston has opposed any suggestion that Watauga be "permanently gerrymandered into districts which were predominately Republican."

The bill endorsed as a committee substitute is, with the amendments noted, essentially the same bill Currie introduced in the 1961 legislative session and again, early in this session.


After the decision to report favorably on the Currie Bill the subcommittee debated what to do about a constitutional amendment which would alter the present method of redistricting the Senate.

The solution of the questions of where to place Craven, Alexander and Watauga counties broke the stalemate and gave Currie the votes he needed to get his bill out of the sub-

committee.

During the session, Johnston told the members of the subcommittee that he had polled the members of the Senate regarding the Currie Bill. He said, "I found an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the Currie bill. The press, the people and the administration all are crying for redistricting. I think that it's important that we bring out a bill that has some hope of becoming law."

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Jerry Coe

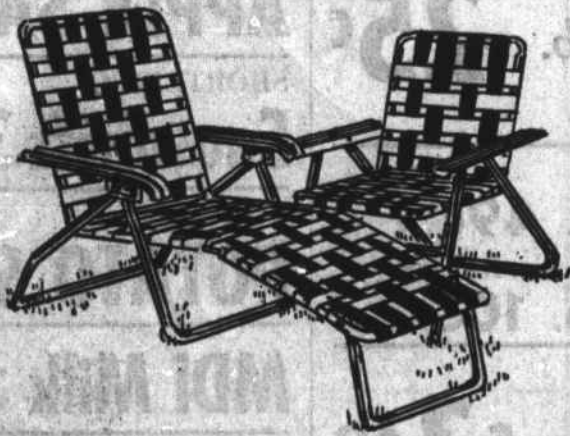
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