

Wataugans At Work



Farmer and grandson are Lawrence Henson and Joseph Miller respectively, shown at their work in Mr. Henson's corn field. The 67-year-old semi-retired plumber and farmer owns and operates a 50-acre spread, has 16 head of cattle, and has some of the earliest tobacco plants in the county. Married to the

former Miss Unice Ward, Henson has four children, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Young Miller, age 14, lives with his parents in Kingsport, Tennessee, during the school year and spends much of his summer vacation on his grandparents' farm. The Henson farm is on Route 1, Vilas.

Highway 421, Scenic Roadway Roughly Follows Boone Trail

By JOHN COREY

Highway 421 roughly parallels the Daniel Boone Trail that crosses the Blue Ridge Mountains between Wilkesboro and Boone and it ranks among the prettiest scenic roads in the Carolina mountains.

The Daniel Boone Trail, equally scenic but not paved, follows valleys rather than mountain crests. A trek over this lap of the Boone trail affords a rich experience for the family not in a hurry.

Because it reveals how pioneers tracked alongside streams and over animal paths in their travels, the trip is a reliving of history. Secondly, the dust, bumps, curves, narrow shoulders and cliffs along the road instill a distinct appreciation for North Carolina's modern thoroughfares which too often are "taken for granted."

Boone cut the trail in 1773 when his family and five others crossed the Blue Ridge on their way to unexplored Kentucky. The crossing has considerable significance, says Dr. D. J. Whitener, Tar Heel historian and dean of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Actually, it was the first prong of the famous Wilderness Road, Dr. Whitener points out. Later Boone blazed the Wilderness Trail from what is now Knoxville, Tenn., to the rich hinterland of Kentucky.

He went over an Indian trail through the Cumberland Gap and thousands of settlers poured in after him as America underwent its great expansion westward.

On June 27-29 a wagon train partly drawn by oxen and loaded with Wilkes and Watauga County adventurers will reenact "Daniel Boone's Crossing the Blue Ridge." It will be a Carolina Charter Tercentenary observance. The train assembles near Ferguson in Wilkes County, where Daniel Boone lived before shoving off for "Kentuck."

The group will arrive in Boone three days later for formal Tercentenary ceremonies at the Conrad Stadium at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Visitors are welcome to the wagon train's camp areas (at Darby on the night of June 27 and Bamboe on June 28) but outsiders will not be permitted to break into the convoy while it moves. The Daniel Boone trail should be explored before or after the wagon train celebration. Here's how to get on the trail:

At Wilkesboro take Highway 268 to Ferguson. Go three miles beyond Ferguson and turn right on the Elk Creek road. This is the Daniel Boone Trail.

The trail follows the Elk Creek road past Darby (a near deserted lumber village) and Triplett (a picturesque Watauga valley hamlet).

At Triplett take the steep road for the climb to Bamboe. This passes through Cook's Gap which humps the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains. At this point you have crossed the Blue Ridge where Daniel Boone and his followers did in 1773.



Two Routes

J. T. Winkler, district highway engineer of Boone, and Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of Appalachian State Teachers College, inspect the modern highway 421 and Blue Ridge Parkway at Deep Gap, which approximately parallel the Daniel Boone Trail.

Authentic Indian Relics Are Being Shown At Horn In West Museum

It's difficult to find a genuine Indian souvenir anymore. Even the Indians have resorted to displaying toy tomahawks and tom-toms with "Made in Japan" labels.

The authentic Indian Relics Museum, is a refreshing change. It is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Honeycutt in connection with the Horn in the West outdoor drama, playing nightly except Mondays, June 29-Sept. 1.

Mrs. Honeycutt is the former Ruth Adella Myers, whose father, the late Ira E. Myers, was an Indian agent. She was born at Thunder Butte, S. D., where her father was the Cheyenne reservation agent. When she was old enough he took her to the city schools at Rushville, Nebraska.

During Myer's years as an agent, the Indians presented him gifts of beadwork, peace pipes, moccasins, vests, drums, headdress, even porcupine quill work.

Gifts have a meaning to the Indian people. Each year the redmen have a Fourth of July celebration — an independence day for them — when they celebrate the Indians' victory over General Custer.

They exchange gifts made during the year. Gifts received in previous years are kept within the families and passed on from generation to generation.

When Myers found this out, he asked the Indians if he was expected to make and exchange gifts too. He was not — all of the gifts to him were a token of the high esteem the Indian nation felt for him. This resulted in his acquiring a large collection, once said to be the largest privately owned Indian collection in the country. The collection passed on to his daughter and she stored the items for years.

Then she "had the brain

storm that I wanted other people to see the authentic Indian relics." Last spring, Mrs. Honeycutt and her husband (he's from Raleigh where they were married in 1956) moved to Boone and established the authentic Indian Relics Museum at the Daniel Boone Theatre, home of Horn in the West.

Mrs. Honeycutt has few interests outside her museum.

Girl Scout Camp

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Camp Roster

Elizabeth Bosworth, Kathy Bosworth, Sharon Blair, Beth Dixon, Jane Edmisten, Patsy Edmisten, Elsie Erneston, Ann Fulmer, Terry Greene, Joy Green, Jan Greene, Mary Gibson, Lorraine Harris.

Carol Hayes, Gizelle Isley, Sandra Kirk, Peggy Miller, Catherine Miller, Peggy Martin, Carol McNeely, Deborah Osborne, Betsy Randall, Shirley Ray, Tanya Shook, Ginna Sanders, Beth Stone.

Marisha Trivette, Donna Trivette, Lucille Wellborn, Dee Wilson, Rachel Yates, Terry Bryson, and Janet Fulmer.

JFK MAY DELAY TRIP

President Kennedy may delay his scheduled visit to Italy until after the College of Cardinals elects a successor to Pope John XXIII.

The President would be unable to visit Italy until after he goes ahead with firm plans to tour West Germany and Ireland. His tentative itinerary calls for him to leave Ireland June 29. If the new Pope is chosen by that date, it is possible Kennedy will fly from Ireland to Italy.

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Technical Manslaughter Charge Faces Local Man

Newton, N. C.—Hickory patrolman, K. E. Carroll, brought technical charges of involuntary manslaughter against Larry Henry Winebarger, 24, of Boone, on June 11, after Catawba County's 13th automobile fatality which occurred June 8, just outside the city limits.

Winebarger was charged on the technical count in order to permit a court to dispose of the matter.

The officer and an eye witness said that Mrs. Troy L. Fox, 49, apparently drove into the path of the tractor unit operated by Winebarger, traveling on Highway 64-70. Mrs. Fox apparently was attempting to cross the highway, heading north, from First Street, SW, when her Ford station wagon was struck, the officer said. The impact spun her car into a 1967 Chevrolet driven by Charles William Hopper of Rutherfordon.

Mrs. Fox was pronounced dead on arrival at Richard Baker hospital.

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Another valuable item is a beaded pair of boy's pants which weighs about 15 pounds, a porcupine quill work that's made from the animal's quills which the Indians straightened by pulling each quill between their teeth. The quills were dyed with hues from berries, herbs, golden rods and walnuts.

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