

# Scott Dam Has More Than 20,000 Visitors During Off-Season Month

North Wilkesboro — November was not the season for water sports, but W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir continued to attract many visitors.

The month-end report of James E. Mason, reservoir manager, listed 20,902 visitors for November, bringing the total for the year to date to 479,914.

The year's total is expected to be near one-half million people. The original estimate was 140,000 which was projected before the reservoir was established.

Mason's November report said 6,532 vehicles were counted at entrance points around the dam and reservoir. This is considered a high rate of visitation

in view of the fact that the season for such outdoor activities as swimming, camping, water skiing and picnics had ended for the year.

Other than sight-seeing, fishing was the principal activity in November, there being 4,375 who tried their luck at that sport. Boating had 1,430 participants in November, and there were 1,582 picnicking in four areas.

In view of the much larger number visiting public-use areas than originally estimated, the Army Corps of Engineers, which constructed the project and operates it, has proposed plans for enlarging public-use areas by 750 acres.

A hearing recently was held on the proposal to acquire that much additional land, and the plan was given widespread support by civic, business and agricultural leaders of this area.

The plan calls for enlarging three present public-use areas and adding another area on the north side of the reservoir next to the dam.

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**Vocational Education**

Just as the problems of adult unemployment confront us, the need for vocational education is acute among younger people. The high school drop-out today often becomes the marginally employable man and the welfare case tomorrow.

Earlier this year the House passed a vocational education bill which I felt was a step in the right direction toward offering training to young people to develop skills to fill the jobs the American economy will offer. It used a formula that proved successful in related programs for many years.

Unfortunately, the Senate scuttled the text of the House bill and wrote its own version, adding funds and new concepts that have not been as carefully studied as they should have been. In addition, the Senate included unrelated measures that should have been considered on their own merit. It, then, demanded acceptance of its version with an implied threat of no bill at all. Strong efforts which I supported were made to restore the legislation to something closer to the House version. When these efforts failed, it was a hard choice for many members, most of whom accepted the Senate's package with great reluctance in order to see the vocational education program put into effect without further delay.

## Washington Report

BY CONGRESSMAN JAMES T. BROYBILL

As this reaches you, the long session of Congress that has spread across the entire year will be in its final hours. A short Christmas adjournment will be the only pause between first and second sessions of the 87th Congress.

Again, we enter that season of our most reverent and our most joyous holiday. With our families drawn around us, the meaning of Christmas this year will be more deeply felt by Americans than ever before. Peace and good will toward men was proclaimed from the skies nearly 2,000 years ago. In the still privacy of our own conscience, the clarity of that message resounds today. As we pass beyond this Merry Christmas, may the message not be lost in the new year to follow.

**Manpower Retaining**

Last week the principal issues were measures intended to meet the problem of chronic unemployment which plagues the country today.

Two years ago, the Congress passed a manpower retaining program with strong bipartisan support. It was not a welfare program. Instead, it was to furnish the means to add to private efforts for training unemployed persons so they can find productive jobs. It has been an expensive program, but it is argued that it has contributed to cutting unemployment compensation costs and relief payments as it has helped people become self-supporting.

Experience with the program now points to deeper problems—that the level of basic education of many unemployed persons prevents them from benefitting from retraining assistance. The requirement of skills is leaving behind many people who previously were able to earn a living by physical endurance and manual labor. Much of the hard-core unemployment stems from this basic fact, and we are going to have to face up to this problem. Although this bill contains elements which I disapprove, it does recognize the trouble and makes an effort to deal with it. I feel, however, that all levels of education must make a greater effort in this field and that reliance on the Federal government must not be allowed to replace local initiative. Certainly, local initiative must be encouraged where it does not exist now and be augmented where it does

not exist. Otherwise, we will, indeed, create, as one member put it in debate, "a generation born in poverty, reared on charity, and sustained on welfare."

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## Washington News

Washington, D. C. — The 1964 political pot is already boiling, even though the Republican National Chairman has declared something of a truce until the end of the year—in deference to the slaying of the late President John F. Kennedy.

The conviction is growing all over the country that Richard Nixon will be a nomination candidate. The word is out that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower is actively behind him. But more important than that is the transformation which has come about in political outlook since the death of President Kennedy.

Nixon is now from the East. That is where President Lyndon Johnson, a Southerner, might be expected to be weakest. If the Republican candidate could carry much of the popular East against Johnson, the Democratic President might be in trouble. (Kennedy lost most of the West in 1960.)

Goldwater is not particularly strong in the East. He is strong in the South — but that is now

the home of the President! It is a completely different political problem and the strategy to meet this problem adequately will not be the same as it would have against Mr. Kennedy, who was immensely strong in the East, weak in the South and in between in the Midwest and West.

Senator Barry Goldwater, of Arizona, the leading GOP candidate up to this time, is now being considered by some as a second man on the GOP ticket — possibly with Nixon. This, of course, will not be of interest to Goldwater or even Goldwater supporters at the moment.

Governor Nelson Rockefeller sees his chances greatly improved, also, since he is an easterner who might be able to whip the Texas President in New York and other key eastern states. (Heretofore, Goldwater was a sure-shot to take Texas, which now becomes the home of the President!) and Rockefeller men recall Nixon lost most of the East in 1960.

Inside political experts say President Johnson will do every-

thing within his power to demonstrate he is not a reactionary—something he has already done on many occasions. But they believe he is enough of a political strategist to realize sentiment in the country is not super-liberal at the moment.

In fact, insiders point to the success President Eisenhower had as a moderate, or middle-of-the-roader. He won by far greater margins than did Kennedy, who was himself trying to lead the nation in something of a liberal crusade. But although Kennedy was personally popular, his program was not equally popular. It was stalled on dead-center when the President met tragic death.

If Johnson passes a civil rights bill, and goes along with the Kennedy program in general, but does not alienate too many voters or all of the South, he could win a wider victory at the polls than did Kennedy in 1960. For moderate sentiment seems to be the majority sentiment of the country, and has been ever since

the early fifties.

Yet Johnson faces one special prejudice, as did Kennedy. He is from the South. This has been enough, for in hundred years, to thwart a candidate's chance. No man who lived in the South at the time has won a Presidential nomination or election since the Civil War. This geographical bigotry is sometimes not admitted. But Johnson is up against it and knows it; it—plus the organization and resources of the Kennedy—cost him the nomination in 1960.

The latest Lou Harris poll, however, showed Johnson might be licking this old bugaboo. It found him stronger than all Republican candidates. If he does not move too far to the left, to woo and prove himself with the super-liberals, the new President may run more like Eisenhower than Kennedy and could win by a much bigger margin than did Kennedy.

But that is an if, and meanwhile Republicans know their prospects are more promising as

of the moment than they were with Kennedy President. For the first time in years, some Republicans who quietly doubted whether the GOP nominee could win in 1964, are smelling the smell of hope and possible victory.

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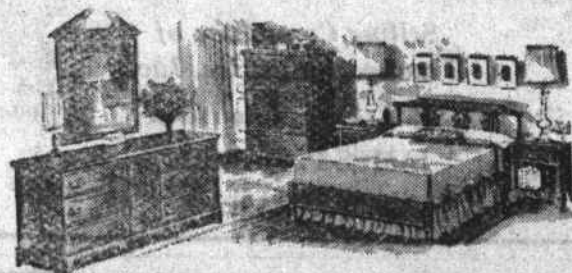
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