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Contracts Let For Student Center

General Contractor Juno Construction Company of Charlotte is busy moving dirt for ASTC's Student Center next to the College's Book Store. The Center, which is scheduled for occupancy in the fall of 1967, will cost in excess of \$1,275,000. Juno's low bid was \$799,900. Other contractors are Tomlinson Plumbing & Heating, Ingold Company (heat and air condition-

ing), and Electric Wiring Company, all of Hickory; Food Equipment Contract Company, Raleigh; Dixie Radio and Supply Company (electronics), Charlotte; and Clemmer, Horton, Bush & Associates of Hickory are the architects. The two-story building will feature an outdoor patio built out of native stone.

Boone Man Is Democratic Candidate For Congress



EMMETT OLIVER

Oliver Runs For Sheriff

Emmett Oliver filed his candidacy Friday for Sheriff of Watauga County, subject to the Democratic May primary. Mr. Oliver has been engaged most of his life in farming and lumbering operations. He served 7½ years as Chief Deputy Sheriff of Watauga County under Sheriff E. M. Hodges, and has been Constable in New River township for 2 years.

Robert Bingham, 27, of Boone, plunked down his filing fee at the eleventh hour last Friday to become the Democratic candidate for Congress in the ninth district, to oppose incumbent James Broyhill in the general election.

Another youthful candidate, Joe Alan Gambill, Wilkesboro lawyer, was also in Raleigh to

file but withdrew to prevent a Democratic primary race.

It had appeared all along that Broyhill might get what politicians call a "free ride"—that is would retain his seat by default in a district which has been twice changed by a Democratic legislature to give added Republican strength. It had been

thought by many that with Wilkes added since the last election, there would be no Democrat willing to make the race.

But young Mr. Bingham, while he admits an uphill fight says he aims to win the ninth district seat.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bingham of Boone, he is a grandson of the late Dr. R. K. Bingham, and a great-grandson of Major Bingham, noted lawyer and legal instructor who lived in Statesville.

In a prepared statement,



ROBERT BINGHAM

Bingham paid tribute to Broyhill as an attractive candidate, a man of honor and intelligence and a loyal and respected citizen, but added, "He is a Republican."

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Wilkes Man Seeks State Senate Seat

Thomas Rhudy Bryan, Sr., Wilkesboro attorney, announced he is a candidate for the state senate in the district composed of Wilkes, Yadkin, Davie and

Watauga counties, subject to the Republican primary.

Mr. Bryan is the first Wilkes man to announce for the office. F. D. B. Harding of Yadkinville, previously stated his intention to seek another term. Harding also is a Republican.

Mr. Bryan was born and reared in Traphill. He attended high school at Traphill and graduated at North Wilkesboro. He attended Berea College at Berea, Ky., and graduated from the John Randolph Neal College of Law at Knoxville, Tenn., and was admitted to the bar in 1935. He also has been licensed to practice law in U. S. District Courts, U. S. Circuit Courts and Supreme Court of the United States. He is past master of Liberty Masonic Lodge in Wilkesboro and has an honorary membership in every Masonic Lodge in Wilkes County. He is a member of Wilkesboro



T. R. BRYAN, SR.

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Blue Ridge Garden Club To Build Entrance Sign

The Blue Ridge Garden Club has voted to be responsible for the construction, planting and maintenance of one entrance sign to Boone.

A spokesman for the club said Blue Ridge has taken on this responsibility, ahead of the May meeting of the Garden Council, in order to facilitate immediate progress toward the Boone sign project.

Sign Chairman Rachel Rivers says the club may have its choice of signs, since it is the first group to take on such a program. Blue Ridge is deliberating between the entrance sign proposed for Highway 321 and the one for Highway 421 east of Boone.

Two locations, south and west, have yet to be determined.

Scout Back From Chicago 100 Wagons Likely In Upcoming Train

Pioneer Event Gets National Eye, Says Moore

BY RACHEL RIVERS

North Wilkesboro's Ivey Moore, Chief Scout of the Daniel Boone Wagon Train, says "There is a probability we will have close to 100 wagons on the 1966 trip."

Last year, there were 83 wagons, although that number was not represented in the afternoon parade through Boone. Moore explained that many of them had to pull out Saturday morning.

This year's Wagon Train parade will be at 10 a. m., Saturday, July 2, and the procession will make its way through North Wilkesboro the Monday before. Moore says the change will mean the train can head for Boone early on Tuesday, June 28, and arrive in Ferguson about 1 p. m. Formerly, the parades were held on Tuesday morning, and this threw the old-style travelers into the heat of the day reaching the Ferguson camp.

Wagon Train President Clyde R. Greene of Boone, says he is still looking for property for the Boone camp of the Wagon Train. Perkinsville property used last year will not be available this summer.

D. B. In Chicago

Moore recently returned from the Chicago International Boat, Outdoor & Travel Show, where he portrayed the character, Daniel Boone. The Wilkesboro man wore his skins, coon skin cap and carried his antique rifle, as he does on the trail each summer.

While on the 10-day tour with Bill Henley, Director of the Department of Conservation, Henley's assistant, and Miriam Rabb with the State Travel Bureau, Moore passed out 1,500 to 2,000 Horn in the West brochures—only to interested persons, he cautioned—and gave all the information he could to those who said they were interested in retiring here.

The Chicago Show is the largest single boat show in the country, Moore says. Ticket sales one night were 69,000, and as many as 346,000 admissions were paid in a single day. Moore said everything from canoes to \$180,000 yachts were on the floor, and displays re-

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Scenes of last year's Daniel Boone Wagon Train bring back to Ivey Moore, Chief Scout, memories of other treks and prompts stories of his travels in behalf of the

Wagon Train. Two years ago in Toronto, Moore met up with Bob Hope, and invited the famed celebrity to come south for the annual event. (Staff photo)

State Travel Industry Reaches Billion Dollars

Gov. Dan Moore disclosed Monday in Statesville that 30 million out-of-state visitors traveled through North Carolina in 1965, helping boost the value of the state travel industry to more than one billion dollars.

Moore said 1965 was the second successive year that travel and tourism topped the one billion mark. But, he added, North Carolina still has not reached its full potential and programs are being developed to bring more visitors to the state and to keep them here longer.

In a speech at the annual

meeting of the North Carolina Travel Council, Moore said:

"The industry's 1965 volume actually reached \$1.22 billion, an increase of \$127 million over 1964. Of last year's total \$1.1 billion represented receipts of travel service businesses and \$52 million resulted from passenger transportation.

The out-of-state visitors, the governor continued, contributed \$115 million to the personal income in North Carolina and another \$23 million to state revenue.

Moore said one problem in

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Faster Mail For Soldiers Gets House OK

The House voted 303 to 0 Monday to speed mail delivery for U. S. troops serving abroad.

It quickly passed and sent to the Senate a bill that would require the Post Office to send by air mail all first class letters, publications and certain packages mailed to servicemen overseas. Senders would pay regular rates for surface transportation of mail.

Also included was a provision that would permit members of the armed forces in combat areas such as Viet Nam to mail personalized tape recordings home free.

Troops in other overseas posts could send their tape recordings by air while paying only for surface rates.

Fees To Be Charged At Scott Dam; Parkway (?)

The W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir project in the Yadkin River near Wilkesboro is included in federally controlled recreation areas for which user fees will be charged.

James E. Mason, reservoir manager, said last week he had received orders to collect the fees.

The fees, to be collected from May 28 until Labor Day, range from an annual permit for \$7 down to 50 cents for one day for one person.

The release from the office of the chief of engineers, U. S. Corps of Engineers, stated the fee system is in accordance with the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965, which authorizes the President to provide for establishment of entrance, admission and user fees at designated federal recreation areas.

Directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution opposing the charging of fees at the dam

and reservoir. The resolution will be forwarded to the secretary of the interior, members of the North Carolina congressional delegation and U. S. Sens. Sam J. Ervin Jr. and B. Everett Jordan.

To Make Plans For Horse Show Friday Night

Plans are now being made for the third annual Cove Creek Horse Show.

A meeting of interested persons will be held Friday night, March 25, at 7:30 at the Cove Creek Elementary School. The Mountaineer Ruritan Club and FFA is again sponsoring the show. The clubs will welcome suggestions for improvements and additions to the show or omissions of certain classes of competition.

The Chamber of Commerce was a leading force in the long fight to get the flood control dam on the Yadkin, along with its recreational areas. The chamber also led the campaign for Wilkes County to pay a part of the cost of the project, the recreational facilities being a factor.

Mason, the reservoir manager, said that the Department of the Interior has prescribed these fees for the reservoir area:

1. Annual—good for admission.

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Eggers Attends FLB Meeting In Columbia

Mr. S. C. Eggers, member of the board of directors of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, is expected to return Wednesday evening from Columbia, S. C., where he went Monday in line with his official duties.

Mr. Eggers was accompanied to Columbia by Mr. J. A. Mullins.