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Television's Fess Parker, star of "Daniel Boone," will visit Daniel Boone Country in August. While in Boone, Parker will be co-sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association and Hugh Morton of Linville.

20th Century-Fox Actor Fess Parker, TV's Daniel Boone, Will Visit 'Horn'

Hugh Morton, SAHA Cooperate So Sponsor Visit

BY RACHEL RIVERS

They said it couldn't be done—but Fess Parker, 20th Century-Fox television star of the "Daniel Boone" series, will be in Boone this summer, tentatively in August. The famous buckskin and coonskin-clad character is expected to draw thousands into the Northwest-ern mountains where the famed pioneer traveled 200 years ago.

"Horn in the West" Manager Herman Wilcox—who has been negotiating with Parker's agents for three years—was himself about ready to decide it couldn't be done. But finally, Parker's busy schedule has permitted, and arrangements have been made between the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsor of the drama, and Hugh Morton, owner of Grandfather Mountain, to co-sponsor the star's visit.

Wilcox says official dates, programs and procedures are yet to be set up.

Davy To Dan'l
TV fans remember Fess Parker as the man who portrayed Davy Crockett, although Parker's talent has not been limited to frontier characters only. Television credits other than Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone include Destry, Alfred Hitchcock Presents, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, the Bob Newhart Show, the George Gobel Show the Ed Sullivan Show and Playhouse 90.

Parker has appeared in these motion pictures: Hell Is For Heroes, The Hangman, Old Yeller, The Great Locomotive Chase, Davy Crockett and The River Pirates, The Jayhawkers, The Light in the Forest, Westward Ho, the Wagons!, Battle Cry, Them and Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier.

Parker (brown hair, green eyes, 210 pounds and six feet, five inches tall) has long-range plans to star in a Broadway musical and is studying toward this end with opera star Mario Chamlee. His most recent RCA Victor album is "Fess Parker, Star of Daniel Boone, Sings About Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett, Abe Lincoln and other American Heroes."

But the road to the polished circles of stage and screen was not the dream of Parker. It was that the Texan got into the entertainment field.

Autobiography
Parker was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and grew up in San Angelo where he starred on the high school football and basketball teams.

An injury cut short his collegiate football career and so he moved into other activities while completing his A. B. degree in American history at the University of Texas.

He played trumpet with a local dance band to help defray college expenses. Other odd jobs included that of janitor at the State Employment Building, water ski instructor and booker for a dance band known as Mel Sandler and His Moonlight Music. For awhile, he checked the attendance of movie theaters for "Confidential Reports."

Parker was planning to become a history teacher when an accidental meeting with the late Adolph Menjou altered the course of his life. Parker was asked by a professor to call for Menjou at the Austin, Texas, (Continued on page two)



Congressman James E. Broyhill greets Jack Graham of Todd Saturday morning in front of the Boone Post Office. The Congressman was in town from 8 a. m. to 11 a. m. to talk over the problems and questions of voters in the Ninth District.

Recreation Board Plans For Director

The Boone Parks and Recreation Commission met Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall with Paul J. Smith, chairman, presiding. All seven members of the commission were present.

Additional plans were made for the hiring of a full-time recreational director and for setting up a program which could be taken advantage of by all citizens in the area. Various organizations and businesses will be contacted in the near future regarding what is being planned and how the program is to be set up.

Anyone having any information as to available land or buildings which might be used in connection with the parks and recreational program, or anyone interested in working with this program, is asked to contact Paul J. Smith or Eric D. DeGroat.

Henson Heads Hereford Assn.

New president of the Watauga Hereford Association is Councill Henson of Boone, long a member and director of the Association and immediate past secretary and treasurer. He succeeds B. W. Stallings of Boone, president for the past several years.

Other officers elected at the meeting on April 8 are: Lonnie Isaacs of Vilas, vice-president; Jay Teems of Boone, secretary and treasurer, immediate past vice president.

Directors elected are Jay Teems, Boone; Lonnie Isaacs, Vilas; Ray Ward, Sugar Grove; B. W. Stallings, Boone; Clint Eggers, Zionville; M. M. Hodges, Vilas; Councill Henson, Boone; Dr. R. H. Harmon, Boone; and R. G. Shipley, Vilas.

Watauga YDC Meets Tuesday

The Watauga County Young Democrats Club will meet in the Courthouse on April 26, Tuesday, at 7:30 p. m.

The program will consist of a question and answer period of the Democratic candidates (subject to the May primary) for public office in the November general election. All Democratic candidates have been invited to come and take part in the program.

All members and friends are urged to attend.

Many File For Primary; No New Registration

(Pictures of new candidates appear on page one, section B)

Twenty-six Watauga County Democrats and Republicans had filed as candidates for eight county offices, while three had thrown their hats in the ring for township positions, as the filing deadline for the May primary arrived at noon last Friday.

John Bingham, Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections, tells the Democrat that there will be no new registration of voters this year as had previously been announced. The board has reversed its former decision, Mr. Bingham, Dayton Winebarger, Democrats, voting against the new registration, while J. E. Holshouser, Republican, voted for it. Mr. Bingham feels that a new registration in the limited time allowed would result in some voters losing the franchise this year. The literacy test ban provided in the Civil Rights Act does not apply in Watauga County, Mr. Bingham says. So all voters who have previously registered for a county election may vote without further ado.

Those who have reached the age of 21 since the last election, or who will be 21 by the November election may vote in the primary, as well as those who have moved into the county and become eligible by the necessary length of residence.

The registration books will open April 20 in the various precincts and be open also on the 7th and 14th of May for the purpose of registering new voters. May 21 will be challenge day while the primary will be held May 28.

The Candidates
Following is a list of the candidates who have filed, the Democrats being indicated by a

(D), the Republicans by an (R):
For Sheriff: Ernest Blake (R), Ward G. Carroll (D), James C. Lyons (R), Emmett Oliver (D) Dallas Cheek (R incumbent).

Founder's Day Sale At Belk's Starts Today

Belk's Founder's Days Sale, starts at the Boone store today (Thursday) and continues through April 30.

An annual event, the sale is the biggest single promotion of the popular store, and features bargain prices in every department.

Belk's has consistently relied on Democrat advertising, and this edition contains six full pages on the big sale. Readers will find the advertisement informative and full of opportunities to save money.

Baptist Association Will Meet At Meat Camp Church

The Spring Session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will meet at the Meat Camp Church on Tuesday, April 26, from 5 till 8:30 p. m.

This will be a joint meeting of the Three Forks and Stony Fork Association, and the program will be in the form of a clinic, designed to explain the five-year Spiritual Growth Program.

The Rev. W. E. Pope, Three Forks Associational Missionary, will preside. Edwin Bullock, State Brotherhood Department

For Board of Education: John H. Hollar (R), F. D. Bumgardner (R), Archie L. Carroll (R), R. E. Agle (D), James S. Stout (R), John R. Herman (D), Hugh B. Hagaman (D), Gene L. Reese (D), Mack D. Brown (D), H. W. Mast, Jr. (D). The last two named are incumbents. The third incumbent, Dr. Chas. Davant didn't file.

County Commissioners: Hiram Brooks (R), Frederick Michael (R), Glenn Hodges (D), F. Ray Derrick (D), Bynum Greene (R), H. O. Aldridge (R), Tom R. Jackson (D), Dr. Len D. Hagaman (D) Howard M. Edmisten (D). Mr. Greene is incumbent chairman.

Clerk of the Court: Orville Foster (R incumbent), Robert Hodges, Democrat; Robert C. Thomas, Democrat.

Howard Coffey (D) filed for Constable in Blowing Rock township; Rhonda Coffey (D) filed for Justice of the Peace in Blowing Rock, while Dave Hodges filed for Justice of the Peace in Boone.

associate, will explain the five-year program, and organization reports will be presented by Marshall Hargrave, Sunday School; Mrs. Nora Wilson, Training Union; Mrs. John Robinson, W. M. U.; and Dr. Jack Lawrence, Brotherhood.

The evening meeting will conclude with an inspirational message by Dr. W. Perry Crouch, General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention. Both program and hour of meeting are different from the regular meeting of the Spring

Session, so each one is encouraged to attend the afternoon session from 5 to 8. Supper will be served by the host church from 6 to 7, and the evening program will begin thereafter. If it is impossible to attend both sessions, persons may receive some information and explanation of the five-year program by attending one.

Each church of the Three Forks and Stony Fork Associations are urged to be represented especially by its leadership.

Watauga Heart Fund Gets Returns In Excess Of \$2,300

All Watauga County Heart Fund volunteers have not reported and returns are incomplete, but the Watauga County Heart Fund Chairman, Mrs. Lura Greene, says that preliminary returns show a tally of more than \$2300.

The 1966 total was derived as follows: Boone—Heart Sunday, \$905.73; Business Days, \$332.78; Special Gifts, \$65; Coffee Day, \$82.12; Bridge Benefits, \$57.50; Balloon Day, \$161.67; Blowing Rock—Heart Sunday, \$215.82; Business Days, \$47; Special Gifts, \$28; Mail-Ins, \$6; Benefits, \$132.53; Rural — \$270.76.

The 1966 drive, which provides support for the local, North Carolina and American heart associations, is more or less history now, and "from the looks of things, the drive has been a great success." All contributions received by the local heart group between now and June 30 will be credited to this year's campaign. Memorial gifts should be sent to the North Carolina Heart Association, Chapel Hill, N. C., or to the local treasurer, Mrs. James Aldridge, Chestnut Drive, Blowing Rock.

Give name and address of giver, name of person in whose memory the gift is being made and name and address of next of kin who should receive notification of the memorial. The giver receives a receipt, indicating the amount for tax-record purposes, for such contributions are deductible.

The Watauga County Heart Association is well pleased with

the response of the people of Watauga County. It is very gratifying to see such public-spirited services rendered by the many volunteers, campaign leaders and news media. It is impossible to list all the names of those who gave of their time and efforts, but let the Watauga County Heart Association say "thank you" for helping all our hearts!

National Newspaper Recognizes Excellence Of Local Paper

The Watauga Democrat was featured in the Publishers Auxiliary, national newspaper journal, in its issue of April 9.

The feature occupied the greater part of a page, and included photographic reproduction of three separate front-pages of the Democrat, along with a story concerning the local newspaper and the area it serves, together with some comments from Publisher Rob Rivers.

It is pointed out that the Democrat won four first-place awards and one second in the State Press Association contests the first of the year, but the feature was concerned chiefly with the "excellence" of Democrat typography.

Incidentally the Auxiliary is the 101-year-old journal of the National Newspaper Association which is headquartered in Washington, D. C.