



Lovely Brenda Lee Bost, a 20-year-old junior at Appalachian State Teachers College, was crowned 1964 N. C. Rhododendron Queen during festivities atop Roan Mountain.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

## ASTC Junior Crowned Rhododendron Queen

Miss Brenda Lee Bost, an Appalachian State Teachers College junior, who was crowned 1964 North Carolina Rhododendron Queen Saturday atop Roan Mountain, will be presented at the formal observance of the Carolina Charter Tercentenary Celebration in Conrad Stadium at Appalachian College on Saturday, June 29.

Dr. Cratis Williams, director of graduate studies at ASTC and master of ceremonies at Conrad Stadium, said that Miss Bost will be presented at 1:30 p. m. prior to an address by the Honorable Luther H. Hodges, secretary of commerce of the United States.

On Sunday night, June 30, at 7:45, Miss Bost will be presented in a Prologue at the Daniel Boone Theatre prior to the opening of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West."

An elementary education major from Kannapolis, Miss Bost's crowning as Rhododendron Queen was the high point of the 17th annual festival on the Roan, setting for the world's largest natural display of rhododendron.

Miss Bost, who won the talent division on Friday night, was Miss Kannapolis for 1961-62 and at ASTC has been a member of the May Court and Christmas Court and 1963 Queen of Clubs.

She is 5 feet 6 inches tall, is 36-23-36 and weighs 120 pounds. She was a finalist Thursday night in swimsuit competition, won by Miss Vonnie Womble of High Point, and in the evening gown division, won by Miss Aleta Welch of Scotland Neck.

The new queen was crowned by retiring Queen Betty Rae Lawhorn of Rutherfordton.

Other members of the court included Patricia Ann Pittman of Boone (ASTC student), Alice Lawrence of West Jefferson, Janet Dare Graham of Salisbury and Jerry Witcher of Asheville, who was selected Miss Congeniality.

Among gifts presented to the new queen were a \$1,000 scholarship from G. B. Harrill Insurance Agency of Forest City; a gold watch from the Asheville Citizen-Times; a movie camera and film from Flowers Photo Shop at Boone; a \$100 scholarship from Blanton's Business College of Asheville; and trophies and other gifts.

Runners-up received trophies and savings bonds. Congressman Basil Whitener of Gastonia assisted in presentation of gifts.

The Honorable Terry Sanford, governor of North Carolina, was one of the principal speakers at the festival.

Miss Bost will be at the Watauga Insurance Agency office on West King Street Saturday at 10 a. m.

Dome of Capitol called shaky by architect.

## "Daniel Boone Crosses The Blue Ridge" Official Program

A Watauga County Carolina Charter Tercentenary Celebration  
HERMAN W. WILCOX, Chairman

THURSDAY, FRIDAY—JUNE 27, 28

Wagon Train originates at Ferguson, Wilkes county; arrives at Cook's Gap, Watauga county, Friday afternoon at 5:30. Big Pow-Wow Campfire 7 o'clock. Dr. Christopher Crittenden, Department of Archives and History, speaks, followed by square dancing, gospel harmony singing, and "old time games."

SATURDAY—JUNE 29

10:30—Wagon Train arrives at William J. Conrad Stadium parking lot.

11:00—Brunch at Daniel Boone Hotel for invited guests and sponsors. Speaker—Dr. Frank Graham, United Nations, introduced by Dr. D. J. Whitener.

12:30—Parade from "Horn in the West" grounds to the William J. Conrad Stadium, via King, Water, Rivers and Faculty Streets.

1:45—Entertainment at stadium by Miss Rhododendron of 1964, Fred Kirby of WBTB and "Tweetsie," and Jeff Wilson, editor "Tarheel Wheels Magazine." Master of Ceremonies Dr. Cratis Williams, dean of graduate studies, Appalachian State Teachers College.

2:00—Welcome, Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president, Appalachian State Teachers College; address by the Honorable Luther H. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce.

4:30—Dedication of Daniel Boone Botanical Gardens and gate by Mrs. Roscoe McMillan, president, N. C. Garden Club, and Dr. I. G. Greer, president, Southern Appalachian Historical Association, Inc.

6:30—Picnic on "Horn in the West" grounds.

7:45—Prologue to "Horn in the West" in the Daniel Boone Theatre. Her Majesty's Minister introduced by Congressman James T. Broyhill. Her Majesty's Minister, Dennis A. Greenhill, speaks.

8:15—1963 presentation of "Horn in the West."

Prologue Sunday evening—7:45—Daniel Boone Theatre, presentation Miss Rhododendron 1964 and special musical program.

Sincere appreciation from the entire community is offered to the following chairmen who served so well:

General chairman—Herman W. Wilcox.  
Finance chairman—Alfred T. Adams.  
Invitation of Guests—Dr. D. J. Whitener.  
Parade—Robert Brietenstein.  
Publicity—Larry Penley.  
Decorations—Jack Williams.  
Traffic—W. R. Winkler.  
Transportation—Glenn Andrews.  
ASTC 60th Anniversary—Herman R. Eggers.  
Dedication Daniel Boone Botanical Gardens—Mrs. B. W. Stallings.

Entertainment—James Marsh, Grady Farthing.  
Wagon Train—Clyde R. Greene.  
Music—Wade E. Brown.  
Reservations—Miss Laura Foster, Mrs. Rachel Klutz, Mrs. Georgia Matheson.  
Special Events—Jack Groce.  
Golf Tournament—Joe Maples.  
Picnic and Banquets—Stanley A. Harris.  
Watauga Democrat 75th Anniversary—R. C. Rivers, Jr.

Costumes—Mrs. Boyce Brooks.

Space will not permit listing the many who participated in making this celebration the outstanding one of our history. We thank you all.

## Robbers Get Firearms From Boone Gun Shop

Robbers broke through the front door of the Dixie Gun Shop on King Street Saturday night and made off with a number of weapons and a quantity of ammunition.

Entrance to the shop which is located near the Jerry Wilson Barber Shop, was attempted from the rear. Failing there the culprits smashed the front door glass with a rock to get inside.

Police Chief H. G. Thomas, who is investigating the robbery says that six pistols and

one 30-30 rifle were taken, along with shells for the weapons.

No important leads have been uncovered, the Chief says, but adds that good finger prints were left by the burglars.

From Kennewick, Wash.

Mrs. Ida Combs, son Burl Combs and Mrs. Combs of Kennewick, Wash. arrived the fifteenth to spend two weeks visiting at the home of Mrs. Combs' brother, Mr. Roby Wilson and family of the Zionville community.

## TO FEAST ON BUFFALO

# Final Wagon Train Plans Made; To Camp At Darby



CHILDREN ENJOY RIDE ON OLD COVERED WAGON

## Eighty Due To Take Part In Historic Trek

By LARRY PENLEY  
Final plans for the Wagon Train and the Watauga County observance of the Carolina Charter Tercentenary Celebration were formulated today at a dinner meeting at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Clyde Greene, chairman of the Wagon Train Committee, said that approximately 80 people will participate in the big Wagon Train. His roster includes the following men and equipment:

Vance Harmon, Sugar Grove, two-horse wagon; Monroe Hampton, Boone, one-horse wagon; Mrs. Blair Gwyn, North Wilkesboro, two-mule wagon; Foy Norman, East Bend, two-horse wagon; Howard Hendrix, Hayes, two-horse wagon; Floyd Hodges, Vilas, 2 two-horse wagons; D. N. Vestal, East Bend, two-horse wagon;

J. E. Smith, King, two-steer wagon; Mrs. Worth Tomlinson, North Wilkesboro, two-horse wagon; Spencer Miller, Wildcat, two-steer wagon; Roll Shirley, Wildest, two-steer wagon; Thomas Winkler, Patterson, two-horse wagon; Allie Greens, Patterson, two-horse wagon; Clyde Watson, Hickory, one-mule wagon; and Rufus Estes, Lenoir, two-mule wagon.

Men and pack horses include Joe J. Wellborn, Deep Gap; Bruce Simmons, Hickory; and G. D. Barnett, wagon master. Chief Scout Ivey Moore of North Wilkesboro will be assisted by Willard Watson of Wildcat and ten other scouts.

Those participating in the Wagon Train will assemble at the Thomas Ferguson Farm at Ferguson by 7 a. m., June 27. Those who desire may arrive on Wednesday afternoon, June 26, and camp on the grounds at Ferguson. The Wagon Train will leave Ferguson at 8:30 a. m. on June 27 and will camp Thursday night at Darby.

On Friday the Wagon Train will leave Darby at 8:30 a. m. and the group will lunch at the Elk Community Center. Camp will be made Friday night at Cook's Gap. Leaving Cook's Gap at 7:30 a. m. Saturday, the Wagon Train is scheduled to arrive at the Appalachian State Teachers College Conrad Stadium by 10:30 a. m.

Clyde Greene said that his scouts have rounded up enough buffalo meat from the Buffalo Ranch of Concord to furnish the Wagon Train with fresh meat at the Cook's Gap camp site. Guests at the Friday night camp will have an opportunity to taste Spencer Miller's buffalo stew which will be cooked in a huge iron pot of the 1773 vintage.

The first night's camp at Darby will feature a "talent contest" with country music and Ralph Smith of the WBTB Crackerjacks as master of ceremonies. John Dawson of Darby and Rev. Bill Chapman of Ferguson are in charge of arrangements for the festivities at the camp site. The people of Darby are entertaining with a chicken barbecue for the convenience of guests at the camp site and the talent contest.

Entertainment at Cook's Gap will include an old-timey hymn sing around a big camp fire. A number of special guests will be present for the festivities.

A highlight of the trip will be a special ceremony near Bamboo which includes the unveiling of a marker where Daniel Boone crossed the Blue Ridge. This marker is in Watauga County at a point on the Blue Ridge Parkway where the scenic highway crosses the old Daniel Boone Trail.

## New York Taxi Drivers On Good Will Tour To Boone Saturday



Roll Shirley of Stony Fork and an unidentified helper hitch a team to a small wagon in preparation for the Wagon Train march June 27-29. The group of "rugged mountain men and animals" will take the same trail that Daniel Boone took in his trek across the Watauga hills. The celebration is in conjunction with the state's Tercentenary observance and with a special ceremony at ASTC's football stadium where Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges will address an anticipated crowd of thousands Saturday.

## Intense Press, Radio Coverage Provided

Press representatives from major communication mediums will cover the Wagon Train celebration, according to Herman W. Wilcox, chairman of Watauga County's Carolina Charter Tercentenary observance.

Sam Morton of Charlotte will be on hand for the Associated Press and Bell Middlebrook for the United Press.

Station WKBC-FM of North Wilkesboro will feed an hour-by-hour account of the Wagon Train to state radio networks. Scheduled also to pick up the WKBC broadcasts are the Mutual and ABC radio networks.

Betty Baker and Jane Smith will originate the broadcast. Roland Potter will describe the trek of the wagon train as it slowly weaves for three days its way up the Blue Ridge from Ferguson in Wilkes County to Boone.

National magazine and television reporters will accompany the 28 New York cab drivers who will stop at Boone Saturday on their way from Asheville to Raleigh to see Governor Sanford. Daniel Boone and Indians from the Horn in the

West cast will "attack" the "Yankee cabbies" as they embark from their chartered bus at the Conrad Stadium on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus.

Television stations at Asheville, Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Durham, are sending cameramen to cover the Wagon Train's reenactment of "Daniel Boone Crosses the Blue Ridge."

Roger Sandall of the North Carolina Film Board is also expected to be on hand with his movie camera.

Roy Thompson, Winston-Salem Journal columnist, will ride the train.

When they arrive in Boone Saturday morning, the actors who play the Daniel Boone and Indian roles in the "Horn in the West" outdoor drama will "ambush" the cabbies' bus.

The attack will be in fun, says Herman W. Wilcox of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, but Boone and his raiding party are interested to see how the "charm and talkativeness" of the cabbies hold up under the strain.

The State Department of Conservation and Development hopes they will spread the word about North Carolina's "Variety Vacationland" among thousands of potential New York tourists.

Saturday they will participate in Boone's Wagon Train celebration. They will embark at the William J. Conrad Stadium about 10:30 a. m. and undergo the Indian attack. Then the visitors will ride covered wagons before taking a bus to Hickory.

From Hickory they will fly to Raleigh and tour the capital city by taxi. Their Raleigh itinerary includes coffee with Governor Terry Sanford.

The drivers were selected from 100 spontaneously interviewed on the job by Miss Honey Lucas, a representative of Sanford. She issued invitations to those whom she considered best combined charm and talkativeness.

## Wagon Train Golf Tourney

The Wagon Train Open golf tournament begins at the local golf club on Friday and continues through Sunday. It is a featured event of the Watauga County Wagon Train celebration held in observance of the Carolina Charter Tercentenary.

Joe Maples, Boone Golf Club pro and chairman of the tournament, says there is no entry fee. Only cost will be the regular green fees.

The tournament is open to all and there will be prizes for different classes including a ladies class.

Assisting Maples in arrangements are A. E. Hamby and Austin Adams of Boone.

## Quits Post On Election Board

Mr. Archie Dancy, Democratic member of the Watauga County Board of Elections has resigned, and the vacancy hasn't been filled.

Mr. C. H. Hendrix, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, is expected to call a meeting of the group, so that they may make the recommendation.