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School Board In Session

Present members of the Watauga County School Board (l-r) A. E. South, H. W. Mast, Jr., Dr. Charles Davant, chairman and acting secretary and W. Guy Angel, elected County Superintendent of Schools for two year term.

Governors Meet Monday To Start Poverty Plan

Governors of the Appalachian states needed only 20 minutes Monday to set in motion the unique \$1-billion program of economic aid that grew out of a campaign promise by the late President John F. Kennedy.

Nine governors and representatives from two other states gave the quick send-off in an atmosphere of complete harmony despite the divergent political alliances represented around the table.

The federal-state program is designed to provide highways, water and land resources development, vocational schools, and health clinics among other things for an area stretching from Alabama to Pennsylvania. The purpose is to upgrade the mountain region's economy.

Among those who displayed a spirit of cooperation at the meeting were Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama, militant segregationist who frequently has deplored the power of the federal government to intervene in state affairs, and Gov. William Scranton of Pennsylvania, unsuccessful candidate for the Republican presidential nomination last year.

Gov. Carl E. Sanders of Georgia was elected co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Com-

mission to serve alongside the federal co-chairman, John L. Sweeney.

After a luncheon meeting with the governors, Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor announced the appointment of Undersecretary Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., as supervisor of the Appalachian activities assigned to the Department of Commerce. These include: assist in the construction of an Appalachian developed highway system; allocate funds for the purpose of increasing the federal contribution to certain projects; make grants to local development districts for administrative expenses and to other organizations for investigations and research in connection with economic development.

The \$1.1 billion authorized by Congress for the program does not reflect the actual annual cost since some programs are spread over several years, and states will participate to a degree in some of the programs.

There are plans for reclaiming coal mining lands, development of flood control and recreational water facilities, inducements to farmers to practice long-term land conservation and establishment of health clinics and hospitals.

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3,463 Students Set Record At ASTC

There were 2,151 full-time students at Appalachian State Teachers College in the fall of 1958. Now there are more than 3,463 students here. By 1970, according to reliable projections, there will be 4,657 full and part-time students.

The college awarded 262 B. S. diplomas in 1958. Last spring graduates were awarded 473 B. S. degrees, and 54 M. A. degrees.

The college registrar's office keeps close statistical tab on the type of student that comes to Appalachian State.

For instance, about 91 per cent of the students are from North Carolina. Another 8.9 per cent are from out of state. There are 22 foreign students on campus.

Last fall, there were 1,312 men on campus and 1,913 women.

There were 312 full-time business majors and 300 full-time majors in social sciences last September.

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Spring Session Of Three Forks Assn. Slated At Blowing Rock

The spring session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will meet with the First Baptist Church of Blowing Rock on Tuesday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lunch will be furnished by the host church.

J. O. Young will deliver the call to order and the Rev. Harry D. Vance, the devotional

Marshall, Hargrave, Mrs. Nora Wilson, Maurice Cooper and the Rev. Elliott Hayes will conduct the education program of the spring session.

The Rev. George Hyler will lead on "Evangelism in the Local Association" and the Rev. Tom Greene of the Baptist Association and president of the Superintendents of Missions with the Baptist State Convention will appear on that program.

Letters From All States Are Asking Replies

BY RACHEL RIVERS

"If I owe anybody an apology for all this trouble, I make it now. Amen."

These were the words of Chief Scout Ivey Moore at a dinner meeting of the Daniel Boone Wagon Train, Inc., Saturday at the Daniel Boone Hotel. What at first seemed helpful, turned into a problem and finally brought a new dimension to the annual wagon train trek from North Wilkesboro to Boone.

An article called "Off-Beat Vacations" in the April 4 issue of "This Week Magazine" started all the trouble, and we quote: "Be a pioneer and ride a covered wagon along the route Dan'l Boone traveled, between Tennessee and North Carolina. Contact Mr. Ivey Moore, North Wilkesboro, N. C."

Other off-beat vacations included family plans for renting submarines, bachelor tours to Europe and rent-free cabins in Tongass National Forest in Alaska. "This Week" is distributed through many large metropolitan dailies across the country.

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National Publicity Blamed

Flood Of Inquiries Is Baffling Wagon Train



THIS ASSEMBLY, WHICH APPEARS TO BE A GROUP OF UNITED STATES MAIL INSPECTORS, had a common problem: How to answer hundreds of letters. The excitement began when "This Week Magazine" featured the Daniel Boone Wagon Train as a vacation tour. At last count, about 1,500 persons had written Chief Scout Ivey Moore in North Wilkesboro for information about the wagon train tours. Moore

brought the bulk of the mail to the Boone Chamber of Commerce. A form letter is now being prepared. The mail "inspectors" are (l-r) Chamber of Commerce manager Fred McNeal; Miss Sally Miller, C of C secretary; Wagon Master DeWitt Barnett; Stanley Harris, businessman; Mrs. Sandy Crater, C of C secretary; and Clyde Greene, wagon train chairman, all of Boone. (Rivers photo)

Work Being Pushed On New Plant; To Be Finished Soon

Mr. G. R. Andrews, president of Watauga Developers, Inc., reports that work on the building

which will house the American Saw and Tool Company plant

is progressing at a rapid pace.

Work is being concentrated on completing the roof and the floors, and at the present progress rate work on the building is expected to be completed within the next thirty days. A ninety-ton press is awaiting installation in the new building, and as soon as the concrete is set up sufficiently, it and other machines will be installed, expectedly this week.

Mr. Andrews reports that a few people are already taking training for work at the new plant and attending classes in Lincolnton. Anyone wishing to make application for work should do so at the Employment office on Fridays, where tests for the work will be given.

YDC To Meet Next Monday

The Young Democrats Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 26, in the downstairs lecture room of the Education Building on the ASTC campus (the old elementary school).

YDC members and their wives are urged to attend. The guest speaker will be Thomas Johnson, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Ashe County.

American Saw and Tool Co. is expected to start production with fifty or more employees, adding more as production gets under way, attaining 150 or more at maximum production.

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MISS BRIDGE

Miss Bridge Dies At 80;

Rites Monday

Miss Susan Elizabeth Bridge, who came to Boone 54 years ago to join the faculty at Appalachian Training School, died Friday at Watauga Hospital after an illness of a few days. She was 80 years old.

She was born in Marion, Ohio, and initiated the home economics (then called domestic science) department at Appalachian. Later she served as Home Demonstration Agent before becoming a dormitory matron at ASTC.

Miss Bridge started a bloodmobile canteen during the sec-

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