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ORIGINAL COMMITTEE — These six men, directors of the Daniel Boone Wagon Train, Inc., were selected in May to study the possibilities of a wagon train as a commercial tourist attraction in Watauga and Wilkes counties. The idea emerged after hundreds of letters of request came from vacationers hoping to ride on the Daniel Boone Wagon Train, which they mistakenly thought was run regularly in the summer. Left to right: John Dawson, Darby; James Richardson, North Wilkesboro; Billy Mathis, Ferguson; and S. C. Eggers, Walter Edmisten and Herman W. Wilcox of Boone.

A Nationwide First Dula's Grave On Route Of Unique Wagon Train

Wagoners Move From Ferguson To Triplett

BY RACHEL RIVERS

The April 3 edition of "This Week Magazine", which is circulated with daily newspapers throughout the United States, inadvertently began a confusion which has resulted in the nation's first vacation wagon train.

The feature article, "Off-Beat Vacations", was in error. And still, it is in error, for an insertion was included about the Daniel Boone Wagon Train, which had its third annual parade through Boone on July 3. Several hundred readers sent inquiries to Chief Scout Ivey Moore, in North Wilkesboro.

They were interested. They wanted to ride on a genuine, old-timey wagon train and trace the trail cut by Daniel Boone as he moved up from Wilkes County, and through Watauga County, going westward.

But it wasn't all that easy, and the officials of Daniel Boone Wagon Train, Inc., had a problem.

Move 'Em Out!

Today, July 14, the first of 10 vacation wagon trains moved out of Ferguson, near North Wilkesboro.

The committee of six, who were appointed to consider possibilities of operating a vacation wagon train under the auspices of the Daniel Boone Wagon Train, Inc., decided it would be impractical to do so.

According to Clyde Greene, corporation president, the committee decided that the confusion between the annual train and the vacation train would tend to commercialize the first train. Letters were then sent out to inquirers, stating the nature of the Daniel Boone train, and suggesting that a vacation train might soon be set up.

The matter of the vacation train—now out of the hands of the corporation—was picked up by James H. Richardson and Claude B. Minton of North Wilkesboro, who jointly own 12 covered wagons, and who were naturally disposed to handle the train as a private venture.

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VERMONT AMERICAN CORPORATION MOVED OUT its first shipment of saws this week. Checking the order against the material is Jack Cronland, plant manager, who says the Boone plant will produce more than 50 industrial and home use saws. About 2,000 saws were in the first order. The American Saw & Tool Company, as the plant was originally billed, has recently been

consolidated with another company, and is called Vermont Corporation. Construction began on the plant last fall, and was completed in May. Twenty-five Watauga men are employed, although about 150 will be employed as the Corporation moves gradually into full-scale production. (Rivers photo)

Army Drum And Bugle Corps To Appear At Horn Friday

Friday night will be Special Armed Forces night at "Horn in the West", featuring an appearance by the Special Armed Forces Drum and Bugle Corps from the John F. Kennedy Center for Special Warfare at Fort Bragg.

The program will begin at 7:30 p. m. prior to the evening performance.

Mayor Wade Brown will be on hand to welcome the commander of the warfare center

and his staff. He will also present the group with a token of appreciation from Explorer Scout Post 111 of Boone and Post 110 of Blowing Rock for their week of training at the warfare center.

The Fort Bragg Corps will be escorted by the two Scout troops and will have dinner at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

After the outdoor drama a reception will be held at the

Catholic Church by the Rev. Ed Smith and the Scouts.

They will breakfast Saturday morning in Blowing Rock with the Blowing Rock Rotary Club, after which they will be given a tour of Blowing Rock, Tweetsie Railroad and Grandfather Mountain.

The Scouts will be ushers at the Friday performance of "Horn in the West."

Mrs. Joe Wilcox Taken By Death

Mrs. Ona Wilcox, 86, of Deep Gap, wife of Joe Wilcox, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday at her home. She was born in Ashe County to Jonas and Mary Burkett Pope.

Surviving are her husband; six sons, Phillip Wilcox of King George, Va., Bruce, Ross and Emmett Wilcox of West Jefferson, Frank and Walter Wilcox of Deep Gap.

The funeral was at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Gap Creek Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Adm. Mott To Speak At ASTC Convocation

Admiral William C. Mott, United States Navy (retired) will deliver the principal address at the second summer session Convocation on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Convocation will be held at 9:50 a.m. July 19 in the Health and Physical Education Building.

Admiral Mott will also be on the campus as a lecturer for the Institute on Constitutional Democracy and Totalitarianism. He retired April 1, 1964, as Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy after a long period of distinguished service, to become Executive Vice-President of the United States Independent Telephone Association on May 1, 1964.

He was born in Maplewood, N. J., and graduated from Cranston, Rhode Island High School, prior to his appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Graduated from the Naval Academy in 1933, he resigned to enter civil life and, after his graduation from George Washington University Law School, entered the practice of law. After several years he came back into the Navy during the war and participated in a number of combat operations, including the Marianas, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He was decorated for action in combat.

Transferring to the Navy's legal arm after the war, he reached the top of that profession when the President of the United States appointed him to the office of Judge Advocate General of the Navy in August, 1960. He has served as Aide to two Presidents of the United States (Roosevelt and Truman) and to two Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Radford and Twining). He has represented the United States at many conferences abroad and has had firsthand experience in negotiating with the Communists.

He is a Fellow of the American Bar Association, a member of the American Society of International Law, holds honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from John Marshall Law School and Rhode Island College, and is a member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Education against Communism.

Scout Honor Court Slated

The District Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, at the Perkinsville Baptist Church.

Scout Troop 132 will conduct opening and closing ceremonies. Members of the troop to receive awards are Johnny Penley, Star Scout rank; Bud Hughes, Eddie Scroggs and Joe Wilson, Second Class rank. The following will receive the hiking merit badge: Bud Hughes, Richard Randall, Eddie Scroggs, Gales Scroggs and David Cottrell.

All Scouts, leaders and the public are invited.

Four Scout Units Will Be Organized

The Watauga District Boy Scout Committee, at its noon meeting Thursday, began formulating plans to organize at least four new Scout units by the end of 1966.

These units may be Cub packs, Scout troops, or Explorer posts. Seven units have been developed in Boone and Blowing Rock, although the committee hopes

to expand Scouting to other areas of the county.

Roscoe E. Stevens, Scout Executive of the Old Hickory Council, congratulated the local committee on the units they have established in 1963, and especially thanked Stanley Harris for the interest he has generated in the program.



UP AND OVER THE BAR WENT THE SHEAF at the weekend Highland Games and Gathering of the Scottish Clans at Grandfather Mountain. Robert Matheson, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Matheson of Boone, set the Scottish game "Tossing the Sheaf" on fire when he beat the 1964 record with a toss of 19 feet. The old record, 18 feet, six inches was held by Tom McNish of Franklin. John Fagg of Winston-Salem thrust the three-pronged fork into the sack and finally heaved it over a 19 foot, six inch bar, to set a new American record. Matheson is a varsity member of the Duke University football team. (Rivers photo)

New Postoffice For Deep Gap Is Slated

James A. Dugger, chairman of the Watauga County Democratic Executive Committee, has received notification from the offices of Senators Sam Erwin and B. Everett Jordan that contracts have been awarded to Robert F. Myers Construction Company for the construction of the new Post Office building at Deep Gap.

The new building will be located on the north side of US 221-421 at Deep Gap and specifications call for a 900 sq. ft. interior, 96 sq. ft. platform area and 3050 sq. ft. paved area. The building is to be built at an estimated cost of \$9,792.50 with an annual rental of \$948, with a five year lease and 35 year renewal options. Estimated completion date is November 1, 1965.

This new post office building was made possible through the continuing efforts of the Democratic Executive Committee cooperating with the Post Office Department to upgrade facilities and improve postal service for the people of Watauga County.

Chamber Starts Project Survey In Community

The members of the Boone Chamber of Commerce are conducting a survey in Boone this month.

Hundreds of community development survey sheets have been mailed to residents for the purpose of determining what projects are most urgently needed. Three questions are asked: What do you particularly like about this community? What do you dislike? and, What are the most important things we need to make this a better community?

Participants in the survey have the option of marking "excellent, good, average, below average, poor, and don't know" opinions on 33 topics.

Gallion To Manage "Horn" Theater

Jack Gallion of Boone has been named manager of the Daniel Boone Theater, home of the "Horn in the West" drama. He is a senior, majoring in biology at Appalachian State Teachers College.

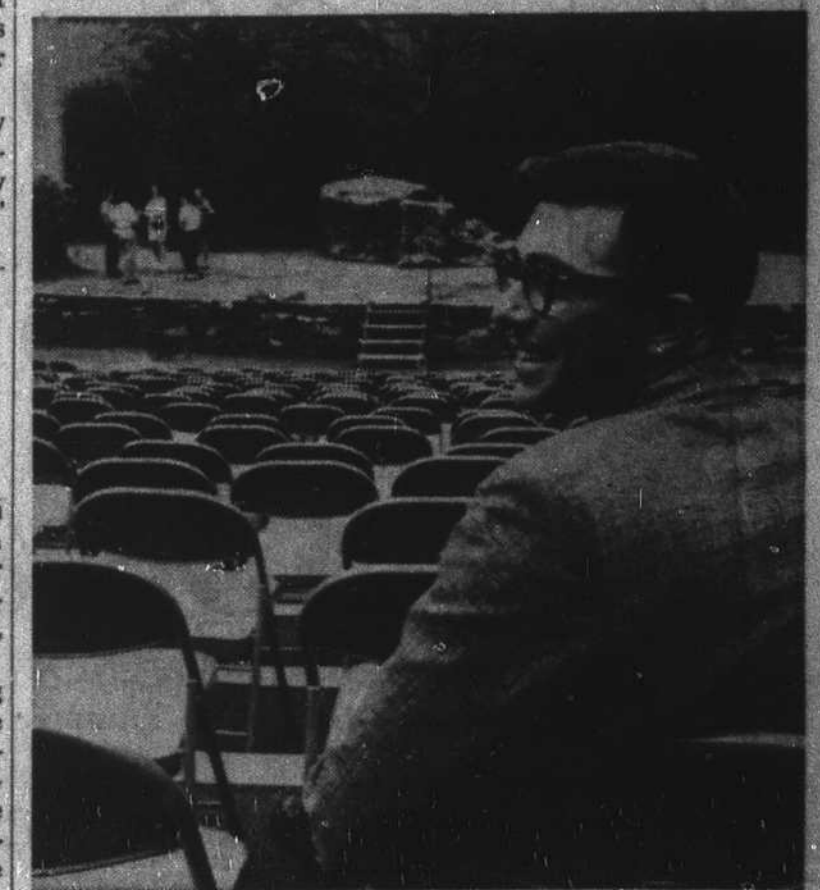
Having served as assistant manager of the theater during the 1964 season, Gallion is qualified for the job as manager.

He graduated from Black

Mountain High School in Black Mountain in 1954 and moved to Asheville in 1959 where he attended Asheville Biltmore College.

He served with the United States Air Force for five years attending the USAF guided missile school at Lowery Air Force Base, Colo. He was stationed at Cape Canaveral from Oct. 1955 to Nov. 1958 as a

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JACK GALLION—THEATRE MANAGER

Five Are Injured In Tenn. Wreck

Elizabethton, Tenn. — Five North Carolinians were injured, two critically, near Elizabethton when their car slipped off U. S. 19 during a rainstorm, hit a tree, and overturned down an embankment.

They were identified as Mrs. Helen Brown, Banner Elk, N. C., reported in poor condition at a local hospital; J. C. Hemley, 20, Rt. 1, Banner Elk, in poor condition. (Rivers photo)

Three Forks Ministers Assn. Elects New Slate Of Officers

The Three Forks Minister's Association met at Laurel Springs Baptist Church July 12.

The following officers were elected to service for the coming year: E. S. Morgan, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, president; Marshall Hargrave, of First Baptist Church of Boone, 1st vice-president and program chairman; Harry D. Vance, pastor of West Camp Baptist Church, secretary and treasurer; Dr. Irwin Barnes, pastor of

the Beechem Grove Baptist Church, Watford, England gave a talk on the progress of religious life in England.

Dr. Barnes stated that the Englishmen found themselves as a missionary church in the midst of a secular environment. The Chaplain still offers prayers in the House of Commons but society is becoming more and more secular. More than 30% of the youth which units with Beechem Baptist Church

come from non-Christian homes.

Dr. Barnes spoke of the evangelical movement, "some Baptist welcome it, and some are suspicious of it." He spoke of the new interest in Baptism, of the new theological emphasis and its impact, of the new sense of stewardship. "It is not fashionable to go to church in England, but those who do attend experience total commitment to God."

Beechem Grove Baptist Church was organized in 1848.