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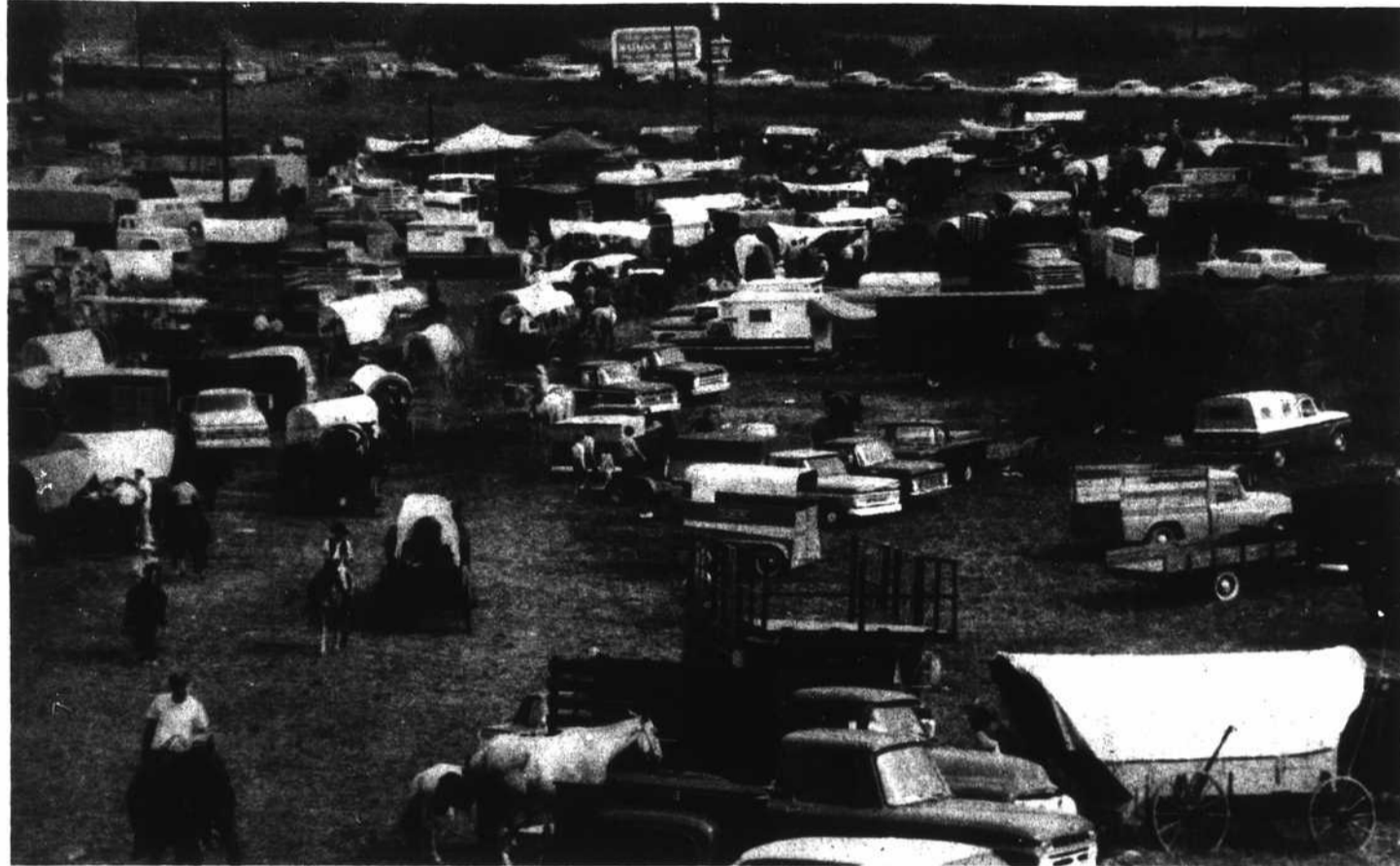
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Music And Square Dancing And Fun

Wagon Train Rolling On Pioneer Trail



The Wagon Train will set up camp on the Blowing Rock Road sometime Friday afternoon. (Staff photo)

Descendant Of Boone Is Having Fun On Journey

BY RACHEL RIVERS

The creekside camping and campfire cooking suits Mrs. Farris Buckels just fine.

She's one of 300 men, women and children climbing the Blue Ridge to Boone with the annual Daniel Boone Wagon Train, which commemorates Daniel Boone's westward advance and its significance to American heritage.

There are oxen, mules and horses; women in long gowns and bonnets; covered wagons decked out with pioneer relics.

The Train started from North Wilkesboro Tuesday morning, aiming to hit the Boone camp Friday afternoon. Visitors crowd into the camps each night for music and square-dancing and good food.

But in between are some 6 hours of hard travel a day. And while other descendants

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of Daniel Boone are along for the fifth trip, perhaps none is quite so thrilled with it all as the woman from Houston, Pa.

TICKLED TO DEATH
"Granny, tell me about Daniel."

That was Mrs. Buckels, nee Farris Goe, at the skirt of her grandmother, Mary Francis Howard Goe, The scene was the Goe Mansion, Old Landing, Ky., where Mrs. Goe was born in 1896.

"Daniel was a daily subject in our house," she said this weekend, and so at the age of 71, when she was asked to come along on the Wagon Train, "I jumped at it . . . I was just tickled to death."

She had read about the trek in Grit Magazine and sent a taped message to Chief Scout Ivey Moore in North Wilkesboro. Things started popping, and soon, Northwestern Bank said "Be our guest" and she came to the Wilkesboro camp, which nestles along the historic Yadkin River.

But it might seem a hard trip for a 71-year-old woman, who, appearing to be in her middle 50's, has a son 50; and in fact has been married 53 years to Joseph Buckels, age 74, who still operates a power shovel for a construction company.

Hearty stock—and Mrs. Buckels adds "If I didn't live (Continued on page three)



GETS CAPITOL RELIC—Former Legislator S. C. Eggers Sr. stands beside chair no. 101, which he occupied when serving in the North Carolina Legislature. There were 170 of the solid cherry chairs in the old legislative Chambers when the Department of Archives and History decided to hold a drawing for them. Eggers said some 800 persons, former legislators and descendants of same, had bid for the century-old chairs. He learned of his good fortune the last of May, and went to Raleigh this month to collect the prize. (Staff photo)

Secretary Udal In Favor Of Extension Of Parkway

The Department of the Interior favors enactment of legislation which would permit extension of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Beech Gap 180 miles toward Atlanta.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udal announced the department's position on the legislation Wednesday.

A bill to authorize the extension has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Roy A. Taylor.

Rep. Taylor, who is chairman of the House National Parks Sub-committee, said he is "extremely pleased" with the department's stand.

Udal's report will enable the sub-committee to begin hearings on the bill; they are expected to be scheduled next month.

The 469-mile scenic route will be extended 180 miles from Beech Gap to the vicinity of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park north of Atlanta and Marietta, Ga., if the legislation passes Congress.

A report submitted to Congress in 1963 estimated cost of the extension at \$87,536,000. Funds would come from the Interior Department's regular road budget, previously authorized. There would be no special appropriation.

The department emphasized in its report that even if the extension is approved now, actual funding would depend upon "budgetary priorities within the department and on the President's overall budgetary goals and priorities."

Rep. Taylor feels "the proposed extension, when completed, will bring millions of additional visitors from the Southeastern states into Western

North Carolina."

Forty-three miles of the extension would be in North Carolina. The remaining 137 miles would be in Georgia.

Most of the route lies through federally owned forest land. Where it crosses private land, rights of way must be acquired by the states involved, then donated to the federal government.

Rep. Taylor said he is anxious to secure enactment of the legislation so North Carolina and Georgia may proceed immediately with acquiring the land before prices go higher.

He launched the effort to extend the Parkway in 1961 with legislation authorizing a feasibility study at a cost of \$35,000.

The extension was recommended as a result of the study but legislation authorizing it had been held up by government agencies, pending a broad study of national parkway needs.

Watauga Schools To Begin On August 22

The school calendar, 1967-68, has been released by the Board of Education.

Watauga County students will report for registration and orientation Monday, Aug. 21, for one-half day. The first full day of the regular 180-day school term will be Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Public Offices

To Close Fourth

All offices in the Watauga County Courthouse will be closed July 4, being open Monday, July 3, and again on the 5th.

The offices of the Chamber of Commerce and the credit bureau will be closed and C of C Manager Fred McNeil notes that most of the central business district will observe Independence Day.

Teachers will report on Thursday, Aug. 17, for orientation and preparation for student registration.

Holidays are listed as Sept. 19, District NCEA meeting in Boone; Nov. 23-24, Thanksgiving; Dec. 22-Jan. 1, Christmas holidays; April 12-15, Easter.

The regular school term is scheduled to close Wednesday, May 15, 1968. Teachers would complete their term of employment the following Friday.

Courthouse Bids Opened Today

Tax Supervisor Claude Danner says bids for the construction of a new County Courthouse will be opened at 2 p. m., June 29, in the court room. If the low bid is acceptable, contracts will be let soon thereafter.



TRUSTEES MEET AT COLLEGE—Three members of Appalachian State's Board of Trustees were honored Saturday when the college's policy-making body held its final meeting of the 1966-67 academic year. Mrs. J. E. Broyhill, Chairman William J. Conrad and Lester P. Martin Jr., were presented certificates in appreciation for their services. Each has completed an eight-year term following appointment by former governors. Seated (l-r) are Mrs. Broyhill of Lenoir; John P. Frank, vice-chairman of Mount Airy; Mr. Conrad of Winston-Salem; Dr. W. H. Plemmons, Appalachian president; and Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett, secretary to the president. Standing (l-r) are Dr. J. B. Hagaman Jr., of Boone; Wayne H. Shoaf of Lexington; C. de C. Armfield Jr., of Lenoir; John H. Vickers of Charlotte; George Corn of Shelby; Mr. Marjan of Mocksville; E. G. Lackey of Winston-Salem; and William B. Rankin of Lincolnton. W. R. Winkler of Boone was unable to attend Saturday's meeting in the college cafeteria.



GRAYDON EGGERS

Named Wake Band President

At the final spring meeting of the Wake Forest University Band, the members elected Graydon Eggers, a junior, as their president for the coming school year.

The organization is made up of the Concert Band, the Varsity Band and the Marching Band.

Graydon, a rising senior, is also a member of The Foresters, an independent musical group which has been selected by the Defense Department to entertain the armed forces in Europe this summer.

The group will leave early in July and return in mid-September.

River Fish Kill Likely Due To Some Sort Poison

New River has coughed up hundreds of dead fish.

Health-Sanitation Director Jack Cobb says he began getting reports of the fish kill about 6 p. m., Saturday, and was given an unconfirmed report of a cow which was killed drinking the polluted water.

Cobb called in the State Stream Sanitation Commission and they started taking water samples about midnight.

The work went on until 6 a. m., Sunday. The midnight to dawn vigil revealed that the pollutant, still unknown, was present only from the construction site of the town sewer plant, to a point six miles downstream.

Flowing at a rate of one and a half miles an hour, the river is not believed to have carried the poisonous substance beyond the 6-mile mark.

Cobb said several of the fish accompanied the samples to the Commission's Asheville office for complete analysis.

Wildlife Protector Tommy Osborne quickly alerted farmers who had cattle at the river's side. Cobb said Osborne also began hauling away the contaminated fish, for the protection of other wildlife.

1,100 Expected At Land Bank Meeting

Stockholders of the Federal Land Bank Association of Boone will hold their annual meeting Saturday, July 1.

Meeting place again is the auditorium of the Boone Elementary School.

Time is set for 11 a. m. to give visitors a chance to see the Wagon Train Parade through Boone.

John H. Hollar, manager-appraiser of the Association, says some 1,100 are expected to attend. A prize of \$25 will be awarded to the person bringing the most people to the meeting.

Several out-of-state visitors, interested in seeing how the annual affair is conducted, are expected because of the Boone Association's reputation for large stockholders meetings within the Federal Land Bank group.

S. C. Eggers Sr., president, will preside. The welcome will be given by Mayor Wade E. Brown.



JOHN H. HOLLAR

Hollar will read the minutes of the 1966 meet and present the annual report which is expected to reveal that outstanding loans total more than \$5 million. (continued on page two)

Officials To Take Over City Next Monday

City officials will be sworn into office at 9 a. m., Monday at City Hall.

They will be Mayor Clyde R. Greene and Aldermen Phil H. Vance Jr., Dr. James B. Graham and Dr. Hadley M. Wilson.

Federal Grant To Benefit Schools Of Watauga County

Federal funds, in the amount of \$43,650, have been earmarked for two Watauga County programs.

Guy Angell, Superintendent of Schools, says notice of the legislative action came to Willis Moretz, co-ordinator of Federal programs, from the office of Congressman Broyhill Thursday.

The Mini-Grant Projects, under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, will assist the administrative unit in planning programs in vocational and audio-visual education.

Money for the projects, which were submitted to Washington in the spring, is budgeted mainly for personnel and administrative costs.

"FORTUNATE"
Entitled "Planning a Comprehensive Educational Media Program", the first Mini-Grant will allow for planning and implementing a comprehensive educational media program, including audio-visual, for the schools of this district.

"It would include means and methods of acquisition, distribution and proper utilization of films, filmstrips, slides, pre-

recorded tapes, transparencies, video-tapes and other non-book material." Angell says vocational aspects of this type program for secondary students would be considered.

"Planning a Unified Vocational Education Program", Mini-Grant no. 2 would provide personnel to plan and carry out a program emphasizing the building trades. This would serve secondary school students and trainable adults in the area.

Prime purpose of the grants is to provide funds to employ technical personnel to develop (continued on page two)