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The area around the Cove Creek Store at this point is cleared as the fire takes hold of the building with a malicious swath of orange flame and grey smoke. An explosion of gas tanks at the front of the store was feared as ammunition and pressurized cans were giving in to the staggering heat inside. (Staff photo)

King Street Parade Saturday Morning

Gigantic Wagon Train To Roll Into Boone Friday

Sunday Blaze Razes Cove Creek Store

At its height, the mid-Sunday fire at the Cove Creek Store leapt 50 feet in the air, setting off ammunition at random and bursting aerosol and paint cans at ground level.

After this point, the community business owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Baumgardner was lost, and members of the Boone Volunteer Fire Department and the local National Guard Unit turned their efforts to saving the adjoining apartment and storage building.

The alarm was turned in about 11:15 when people at the Shell station across the street saw smoke pouring under the eaves of the building. On the scene at 11:25, firemen began pumping from the truck tank and in anticipation of the water running out

began seeking another source.

A one and a half inch hose was dragged several hundred yards to a pump being set up in the Cove Creek. An earlier effort to hook into a closer creek proved impractical because of the creek bank. As the hose was pulled to the bridge by the Fire Department's Jeep, some of the heavy metal connections caught on a set of steel ladders and dragged them a few feet. However, men standing beside the ladders escaped injury.

While a Blowing Rock fire truck stood by in Boone, links of two and a half inch hose from Boone's three trucks were combined and run beside the first line to the creek. There the city's largest fire truck pumped water out of the creek and into the line to the burning store.

It was in the interim-while a new water source was being provided that the blaze got its second wind. Part of the roof fell in and people were cleared out of the area as it was feared two gas tanks at the front of the store would explode in the expanding heat. Spectators were ordered away from power lines as an extra safety measure.

About an hour after the alarm was in, firemen and guardsmen were manning the two hoses and slowly removing peril to an adjoining building, the downstairs of which was used for storage.

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6 Year Record To Be Broken By Magnitude

North Wilkesboro—Daniel Boone Wagon Train, largest in its six-year history, assembled at Memorial Park in North Wilkesboro Saturday and Sunday and left for Boone Tuesday morning.

The first wagons arrived on Friday, Ivey Moore, chief scout who portrays the role of Daniel Boone, said here today. From Friday until Monday wagons and horses arrived and took camp sites on the parking lot at Memorial Park and on the shady banks of the Yadkin River.

The Wagon Train was begun six years ago to commemorate the migration of Daniel Boone, nationally famous pioneer, from his home in the Yadkin Valley near Ferguson to Kentucky in 1775.

The wagon train has grown year by year and has attracted more attention, locally and nationally.

MANY COMING

Moore said today that there will be wagon train participants from many states and one family is coming from Scarborough, Canada.

Making her second trip in the train will be Mrs. Parris Buckles of Hershey, Pa., a direct descendant of Daniel Boone. She and her husband will be passengers in a wagon.

A group of 40 girls from the Cleveland, Ohio, District of Campfire Girls of America, accompanied by a number of adults will be wagon train passengers.

Jack Hines of Lincolnton, a wagon train enthusiast who has had top rate horses and wagons in the train each year, will provide the pace wagon for the train. Next in line, Scout Moore said, will be ten wagons from Yadkin County manned by veteran wagon train drivers of the past five years.

Registration of wagons and horseback riders continued from Friday through Monday

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Horn In The West Will Open Its Seventeenth Season Saturday

"Horn in the West," Kermit Hunter's outdoor drama of Daniel Boone's exploits in the Blue Ridge will open its 17th season Saturday, June 29, with a revised script, new choreography, new music and a different curtain time.

The script changes, including the addition of one entirely new scene, are significant ones according to the production director, Ward Haarbauer. "Our new pre-battle scene," he said, "is especially important—it gives additional speaking parts to the crowd members and thus helps carry the important themes of the play beyond the three or four major actors."

Other important changes serve to make the play more historically accurate. "The new script shows Daniel Boone more as a real man of action than in past years," Haarbauer explained. "There is more hand-to-hand fighting in our Battle of Kings Mountain, and this too is more in keeping with the historical fact."

A new dance sequence, one that is unique in American outdoor drama, has been added to the play by choreographer William H. Williams. The dance, one of four in "Horn in the West," is performed completely without music.

"Our ensemble will dance to the rhythms involved in everyday mountain village life," said Williams. The "music" is supplied by hammers, anvils, saws, and so on.

A new song which laments the Patriot deaths at Kings Mountain is another addition to the play. The soprano solo will be sung from the theater-side forest while Dr. Geoffrey Stuart searches the dark, smoky stage for the body of his son, Jack.

Curtain time for the historical spectacle is 15 minutes later this year. The play will begin at 8:45 p.m., EDT, in order to allow tourists more time to visit the 200-year-old Tatum Cabin and the Daniel Boone Native Gardens on

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Draft Board Closes Week Of The Fourth

Mr. Joe Todd, chairman of Local Draft Board No. 96, Watauga County, Boone, announces that the local board office will be closed the week of July 1 through July 5.

The office will reopen Monday, July 8.



"SINGING ON THE MOUNTAIN" next Sunday, June 30 will provide the rare opportunity to see and hear one of the world's best known evangelists, the Reverend Oral Roberts. The 44th annual all-day "sing" is held at the base of 6000-foot Grandfather Mountain, N.C. Preaching by Reverend Roberts will follow gospel singing by Arthur Smith and the Crossroads Quartet and other musical groups. It is a non-denominational religious event, and there is no admission for those who attend.

44th Grandfather Sing Will Be Held Next Sunday

Grandfather Mountain, N.C.—Arrangements are completed here for next Sunday's 44th annual "Singing on the Mountain" which will feature preaching by the world famous evangelist Oral Roberts, according to Joe Lee Hartley of Linville, chairman of the event.

In addition to Reverend Roberts, the "sing" will feature gospel songs by Arthur Smith and the Crossroads Quartet and many other musical groups. Thousands attend the all-day religious singing convention which will reach its climax with the message by Oral Roberts at 1 p.m.

Special details of State Highway Patrolmen have been assigned to handle traffic to the singing grounds beside U.S. 221 at the base of Grandfather Mountain, and shuttle bus ser-

vice will be provided to the "sing" for those who prefer to park in Linville, two miles away. Pick-up point for the buses will be near the intersection of U.S. 221 and N.C. 105 in Linville, and the bus service will begin at 11 A.M. A modest charge for bus tickets will be made.

"Singing on the Mountain" has

Class Of '16 Starts An Endowment For Dr. Greer

The graduating class of 1916 at Appalachian State University has established an endowment fund in honor of the late Dr. I.G. Greer, who was professor and chairman of the department of history at the institution from 1910 to 1932.

grown through its 43 year history to become the largest annual event in the mountains of the South. Chairman Hartley predicts that the appearance of Reverend Oral Roberts will cause this year's event to be especially well attended. No admission is charged at the "sing", and anyone interested is invited.

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Johnny Parker On All-America 1968 Golf Team

Boone golfer Johnny Parker has been named to the 1968 NAAIA All-America Golf Team.

The honor was bestowed on him after he turned in a 72, 75, 70 and 71 for the second lowest total in the 17th annual NAAIA Golf Tournament held at the Bemidji (Minn.) Country Club the first week in June.

Son of the Rev. J. K. Parker Jr. of Boone, Johnny entered the tournament as a senior stroker on the Appalachian State University team. He is a veteran of eight years golfing.

Other members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics team are three Indiana University players, one of whom is the son of golf-pro Lou Worsham; Don Brooks of Detroit College; Ken Forster of Oregon College of Education; and Howard Twitty of Redlands, Calif.

Having graduated from ASU with a business degree, Johnny now is a deputy with the Watauga County Sheriff's Department and has made application to the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. He will start school in September, at Chapel Hill.



JOHNNY PARKER

THIS 2,300-POUND STEER and braided Indian maiden appeared in duplicate in last year's Daniel Boone Wagon Train parade. Such sights make for a photographer's paradise from the Wagon Train camp at Triplett (Thursday night) and the Boone camp on Blowing Rock Road (Friday) and to the parade through downtown Boone, which begins at 9:30 Saturday morning. These Holsteins were one of last year's big attractions at the Boone camp. This year, Ivey Moore, chief scout of the Train, is host to some 70 Campfire Girls of America. (Staff photo)

Road Commission To Hear Of Growth Of Area

During the business meeting of the North Carolina Highway Commission Thursday morning in Blowing Rock, Col. Clyde Miller will update the presentation he made on growth ratios over a five-year period.

Seeking roads improvements on behalf of the New River Valley Development Association, the Colonel and a party of Boone Chamber of Commerce members, went to Asheville in June, 1966, where he appealed for better roads in Ashe and Watauga counties.

Applauded for the thoroughness of his report, Col. Miller has been requested to update his report for the two-year period. He will mirror the growth of the university, industry, agriculture, travel, power and telephone usage and taxes against the percentage growth of local roads programs.

His talk is scheduled for 9:30 Thursday morning. In the mountains as guests of the Boone, Blowing Rock and Lenoir chambers of commerce, the Commission and their wives will be honored Wednesday night at a dinner preceded by a social hour at the Green Park Hotel.

The banquet speech will be

made by the Hon. Dan K. Moore, Governor of North Carolina. An honor guest will be U. S. Congressman James Brodyhill.

As to roads in Watauga and leading here from adjoining counties, the Highway Commission has allotted funds for the construction of passing lanes on 321 from Lenoir to Blowing

Welfare Expenses For Month Of May Are Listed

Following are public welfare expenditures as reported by Welfare Director Dave Mast for the month of May:

Total obligations incurred for Public Assistance recipients, including medicine and hospitalization, were \$13,738 for Old Age Assistance, \$13,948 for Aid to Families with Dependent Children and \$8,076 for Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled.

Total expenditures for vendor medical payments were \$249.14 for Medical Assistance for the Aged, \$2,283.39 for Aid to Families with Dependent Children and \$2,828.16 for Aid

to the Permanent and Totally Disabled.

Forty-eight dollars was spent for General Assistance, from county funds altogether.

Two hundred and thirty-two special services were given to the 336 children in AFDC families.

There were 213 service cases carried by caseworkers during the month, these are cases, receiving services only.

Three hundred, sixty-six households, 1392 persons, received surplus commodities.