



**PRAIRIE SCHOONER**—It was the biggest wagon in the procession and photographers dashed to get it on film from the front, the back and the side. The parade through Boone on Saturday attracted hundreds of people with a yen to see the historical re-enactment of a pioneer journey. The train began forming in Wilkesboro last weekend and set out for Boone Tuesday. (Staff photo)

## Organized In 1963 Wagon Train Has Over 90 Vehicles

Saturday  
Sees The  
Largest

BY RACHEL RIVERS COFFEY  
In the summer of 1963, Clyde R. Greene of Boone organized the first wagon train which traveled the westward route from Wilkesboro to Boone.

It turned out to be one of the big events in that year's Carolina Charter Tercentenary celebration and its popularity quickly moved it into the annual-events category.

Since the train followed the Daniel Boone Trail from Ferguson all the way into Watauga County, it eventually took on the name, Daniel Boone Wagon Train.

And set as it was in the era of Daniel Boone, its accents have been on the pioneer spirit, hard travel by day, festivity at night, and adherence to Early American costumes and equipment when possible.

Perhaps because the original train got so much attention from the press, other wagon trains have sprung up. But none has the magnetism of the one that climbs out of Wilkes County, over the Blue Ridge and into Boone.

**WAGON MASTER**  
Dewitt Barnett, long time businessman who lives in Boone, has been Wagon Master every year since 1963.

Looking back, he says he doesn't know how they ever made it the first year. Horses and mules were pulled out of pasture and hooked up to wagons that had been laid aside long since. Practically no one had new equipment or animals really in top shape for the long trip.

Axes broke and other wagon pieces came apart, some of the animals could barely make it. But Barnett says that's all changed. The equipment, the pulling stock and the riding horses are put in shape before the journey. And the 1970 version of the Daniel Boone Wagon Train was "the best wagon train we've ever had."

Even in these modern times, communications between Wilkesboro and Boone were so sketchy that Monday (June 22) estimates on the number of wagons and horseback riders stretched long and short like a rubber band.

Someone said 45 or 50 wagons were coming, another source put it at 75.

But it came out nearly 90 wagons and some 250 horseback (Continued on page two)

### Fourth Of July Playday Is Set

A Fourth of July Playday will be held from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. at Optimist Park. The public is urged to attend, bring a picnic lunch and stay all day. The Boone Recreation Department will furnish the drinks.

Games and other activities will be provided for all ages.



**LOVABLE CALF**—One of the early events at the Land of Oz on Beech Mountain is a visit to the barn on the farm where Dorothy lives. Before the tornado launches Dorothy and her visitors off on a trip to see the Wizard of Oz, there is a barn tour during which folk of all ages can acquaint themselves with this docile calf, a couple of bell-wearing goats, some woolly sheep and some pet pigs who seem eternally to be eating. On view, but not for touching, are a donkey, a rooster and some rabbits. The silo on the farm is in fact a water tower that supplies the amusement area atop the mountain. (Staff photo)

## Local 4-H Members Win At District Gathering

The Northwestern District Activity Day was held Friday, June 26, at West Forsyth High School in Clemmons. Nineteen 4-H Club members, 10 leaders and three Extension Agents from Watauga County attended.

Catherine Edmisten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baker Edmisten, was district winner in the fruit and vegetable use demonstration. Paul Ragan, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ragan, was a blue ribbon winner in talent and a blue ribbon winner and runner-up in public speaking.

Keith Ward and Douglas Love were blue ribbon winners and

runners-up in the soil and water conservation demonstration. Grace Cornett was a white ribbon winner with her demonstration in cotton utilization.

Cathy Mains was a red ribbon winner in dairy foods, and Brian Dishman won a blue ribbon in dairy foods.

Lee Ann Bottoms was a blue ribbon winner in egg cooking. Keva Wilson and Barbara Smith won red ribbons in girls electric, and Jerry Dishman won a red ribbon in boys electric. Rick Wecker was a red ribbon winner in forestry, Karen Farthing won a red ribbon in home

management. Regina Scott won a red ribbon in poultry barbecue. Joyce May was a white ribbon winner in public speaking and Jeanette Hodges won a white ribbon with her sewing demonstration. Janet and Jeanette Hodges and Barbara Smith participated in the talent program.

Patti Scott and Rickey Wilson attended but did not participate in the activities. Leaders attending were Mrs. Roy Hodges and Mrs. Asa Reese. Extension agents attending were Mrs. Doris Storie, Mrs. Lillian Danner and W. C. Richardson.

## Loan Fund To Honor Abrams

A scholarship-loan fund for Appalachian State University students has been established in honor of Dr. W. Amos Abrams by members of the North Carolina Education Association.

Abrams, who was the first chairman of Appalachian's Department of English, retired this spring as editor of North Carolina Education and as assistant executive secretary of the NCEA.

Individual NCEA members have contributed a total of \$3,758.52 with which to begin the loan fund. It will administered according to guidelines suggested by the NCEA.

One of the most memorable personalities associated with the university, "Doc" Abrams

joined the Appalachian English faculty in 1932. He was named to head the department five years later when the school first appointed administrative academic chairmen.

Abrams left Appalachian in 1946 to edit NCEA publications and held that post until he retired this year.

A. C. Dawson, NCEA executive secretary, commented, "It seems particularly appropriate that the scholarship be established at Appalachian State University in light of Doc's many happy years on the faculty there and his close personal ties with the Boone community."

Abrams is a graduate of Duke University and received his Ph. D. from Cornell.

## Caribbean Earnings Are Listed

**BANNER ELK, N. C.**—Carolina Caribbean Corporation announced net earnings of \$785,522 for its fiscal year ended March 31, 1970. Earnings per share amounted to \$.27 for the year as compared to \$.69 and net earnings of \$1,289,138 for the previous year. Average shares outstanding increased from 1,857,468 to 2,937,583. The Company reported net sales of \$7,145,392 as compared to \$5,858,937 for the previous year, an increase of 22%. The Company's assets increased from \$16,290,144 to \$30,922,241.

The Company elected to make certain changes in its method (Continued on page two)

## Appalachian Graduates Will Have Jobs By Fall

Appalachian State University's 949 June graduates will all have jobs before Sept. 1 despite the current crisis in college placement circles.

The forecast was made today by ASU's Director of Placement, Dr. Robert L. Randall, who concedes, however, that slow-downs in industrial hiring have made job placements much more difficult for his office.

For example one representa-

tive of a national corporation made three recruiting trips to the ASU campus and hired 14 degree candidates in 1968-69.

But in 1969-70, Randall indicated, the same recruiter made only two visits and hired only two students.

"As a result of this trend," he said, "many of this year's graduates have been denied the possibility of jobs in industry and government and are seek-

ing positions in education."

Even though public school teaching openings are down slightly from last year, Randall said, "well qualified candidates and those in the crowded fields are having to work harder for positions, but are able to be placed," he added.

From some 50,000 requests received by the university's Office of Placement, Randall summarizes that the demand for math-

ematics, physics, chemistry, industrial arts, special education and elementary teachers is running slightly ahead of last year's demands.

Requests are characteristically down for social studies and men's physical education teachers.

Reflecting the increasing difficulty of finding good industrial positions, only five per cent of ASU's spring B. A. and B. S. graduates entered industry or governmental services. Another five per cent joined the armed services, Peace Corps or began homemaking.

Sixty-eight per cent signed contracts to teach in North Carolina schools next fall while 12 per cent will teach out-of-state.

Ten per cent entered graduate school.

Statistics on M. A. graduates show that 42 per cent will teach in state and 48 per cent will teach outside North Carolina.

Eight per cent indicated plans to continue graduate study and two per cent took industrial jobs.

### Oliver Turns In Badge At Blowing Rock

Emmitt Oliver, Chief of the Blowing Rock Police Department, turned in his badge Monday night after handing a prepared statement of resignation to the Town Council.

Council convened a special session at 8 p. m. to discuss with Oliver his firing of a member of the police force. Chief Oliver told the officials, some of whom asked him to stay on, that he could not take back his decision about the man in question.

Oliver was employed by the Town of Blowing Rock last year. Hired in his place was Coy Isaacs, formerly of the Watauga County Sheriff's Department and the Boone Police Department.

## 3 Are Arrested In 2 Break-Ins

Sheriff Ward G. Carroll, E. C. Clure of the state auto theft division and SBI Agent Charlie Whitman still are investigating a break-in at the O. M. Little store at Silverstone.

The Sheriff reports that a Lenoir resident, Woodrow Stewart, has been arrested on information and belief and charged with breaking, entering and larceny. The suspect is lodged in Watauga County jail under \$1,500 bond.

The Sheriff's office was called about 2:30 Saturday morning and when Deputies B. W. Winkler and Johnny Carroll arrived at Little's store, they found a 1959 four-door light blue Chrysler.

Ten cartons of cigarettes were on the floor board in the front of the car, and they reported also finding eight five-

pound packages of sugar. The sugar was in the truck and the truck lid still was open.

The Deputies heard someone in the brush approximately 100 feet from the store and apprehended the subject. The Sheriff arrived shortly thereafter.

### Veterans Of Highway Dept. Are Honored

Mr. James H. Council of Boone was one of 32 veteran employees of the State Highway Commission honored last week in ceremonies at the Highway building in Raleigh.

Governor Robert Scott presented each of them with a pin denoting 40-45 years of service.

The total number of years which the group has served the state is 1,325.

Scott was introduced at the ceremony by State Highway Chairman, Lauch Faircloth, who lauded the 32 men for their long service to the state's highway program. State Highway Administrator, George Willoughby, presided at the session.

The officers reported that two small glasses in a door to the building were broken and judged that the door was forced open with a screwdriver. The Sheriff said there is a possibility that the car and its license plate were stolen.

The Chrysler was pulled in by Hampton's Body Shop. Two men were arrested Sunday afternoon also on a charge of breaking and entering.

Carroll identified the suspects as Curley King Moretz and Alonzo Moretz, who he said are originally of Meat Camp and now living in Lenoir. The men are jailed here pending \$1,500 bond.

He said some guns and ammunition had been stolen from a home on Route 2 in the Meat Camp area.

### Most Stores To Open Fourth

The Boone Chamber of Commerce reports that "The majority of Boone stores will be open on July 4 and closed on Monday, July 6."

However, the exception is the grocery stores "which will not close either day," according to the C of C.

### Cornett Lad Injured By Stray Shot

Dexter Cornett, age 11, was rushed to Watauga County Hospital Friday morning after he was accidentally shot while standing on the Stone Mountain Road.

Sheriff Ward G. Carroll said the boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge Cornett of Route 2, Vilas, was struck in the left arm and left side with spray from a 12-gauge shotgun fired at a rabbit by Ricky Cornett, Dexter's 13-year-old brother.

The Sheriff said that Mrs. Cornett reported to him that Ricky was in a field near the road when he was shot at a rabbit. Since it was an accidental shooting, no charges were made. The incident happened between 9:30 and 10 a. m. Friday. The Sheriff added this note about Dexter: "The last report we had, the boy was getting along all right."

The Town Board of Aldermen at its June meeting gave second approval to a parking ordinance first presented by city attorney John H. Bingham at the board's regular meeting in May.

Having received subsequent approval, as required by law, the ordinance is effective this week on Wednesday, July 1.

The ordinance has passed a test by the Supreme Court, and

contains a clause whereby the designations listed under "Section 2, Parking Meter Zone" may be expanded.

Among the zones specifically listed are some streets not now having meters, but which as the attorney explained to council, are likely to have meters in the near future. Listed are West and East King Street, Depot, Howard, Water, Queen, Appa-

lachian and College streets. The new ordinance has come about because one which had been effective for many years in Boone came to its knees in district court last year. District Judge J. Ray Braswell agreed in April of 1969 with a brief submitted by attorney Stacy Eggers Jr., who represented one of six residents who con-

tested city parking fines in court. One of the snags in the old ordinance was the use of parking revenues.

In the new law, Section 10 states "The coins deposited in parking meters are required and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of making such regulation effective and for the expenses incurred in the regulation and limitation of vehicul-

ar parking, and traffic relating to such parking, on the streets and highways and to cover the cost of purchase, supervision, protection, inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, control and use of parking meters."

Parking time limits now in effect are:  
Twelve minutes for one cent,  
24 minutes for two cents, 36 minutes for three cents, 48 minutes for four cents, or 60 minutes for five cents, or a nickel.

On the meters designated for two-hour parking, 120 minutes parking time "may be obtained by depositing one (1) ten-cent coin, two (2) five-cent coins, or ten (10) one-cent coins of the United States of America."

The parking meters will be operated every day from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., except Sundays and holidays. The term holiday, described in the ordinance, will include "the first day of January, the 30th day of May, the Fourth of July, the first Monday in September, the twenty-fifth day of December.

## Boone Parking Law Goes Into Effect