

Parkway Will Open For This Season On April 15

Biggest Season Of Tourist Travel Expected In '50

The National Park Service again opens the Recreational Facilities of the Blue Ridge Parkway for the use and enjoyment of the public on April 15th.

of the ridge road through Virginia and North Carolina, has been designed to permit the visitor a leisurely trip along the high country. Here you will not contend with the truck and bus traffic, or the scurrying taxi for your place on the road. You will meet and see others intent on drinking in the beauties of our southern highlands. Here you will move along through the forested mountain, catch glimpses of the "Hill Culture" see the herds of dairy and beef cattle that are becoming a

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

MOVING? . . . R. D. Bean, red-headed, known as "Red," and a Cleveland County native, a few weeks ago resigned as executive of the Dairy Foundation at State College to become head of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association here. Prior to going with the Foundation, he held a responsible position with the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. He went to the Wachovia from an executive position with State School Commission.

He will likely be replaced by L. L. Ray, Alamance County native who for the past several years, has done a wonderful job of living. Your journey may be broken by frequent stops at the many scenic overlooks along the motor road. Here one may look out over the farms, patches of woodland, roads and streams to the cities lying in the valleys below. The views from many of the overlooks are outstanding, their beauty is such that the visitor has that longing to return and visit the Parkway again.

If you have succumbed to that old southern custom of carrying a picnic lunch you will wish to make a longer stop at one of the Recreational Areas provided for your use and comfort. In Virginia you will find Smart View and Rocky Knob Parks, in North Carolina the Areas at Cumberland Knob, The Bluffs, and Crabtree Meadows will be found at convenient locations. All of these areas are provided with picnic tables, fire places, water fountains, trash receptacles, and comfort stations. (Please use the trash receptacles and help us keep the area clean for the party using it after you leave.)

None of the eating facilities at these areas will open this early, and it is suggested that you plan on a picnic lunch or that you make use of the many facilities adjacent to the Parkway.

For the person who wishes to camp overnight or for a longer period, the Rocky Knob and Bluffs Areas have adequate facilities. Here you find trailer sites and campgrounds, no camping supplies are available, however.

Trout fishing in waters of the Blue Ridge Parkway opens in North Carolina April 15th. State licenses are required to fish these waters. In Gully Creek at Cumberland Knob and in Basin and Cove Creeks at the Bluffs no bait fish live or dead may be used. Persons desiring more detailed information on National Park Service Regulations are invited to contact members of the Ranger Force on duty at the above locations.

Your Parkway Rangers invite you to visit them on the Parkway, call on them for assistance or just visit awhile. Let them assist you to have a good time and help them keep your Parkway clean and attractive.

with the N. C. Dairy Products Association. It is known that Ray has been offered the job with the Dairy Foundation. He is expected to take it. You should see an announcement about this in the papers very shortly, if you haven't already. Before going with the Dairy Products folks (Coble, Southern Dairies, Biltmore, etc.) Ray was with the Duke Power Co.

COLLEGE BOYS . . . Last Friday afternoon as University Chancellor Bob House and Acting President Billy Carmichael were introducing new School of Administration Dean Tom Carroll to directors of the N. C. Business Foundation and to officials of the State Merchants Association, Len Broughton Smithy — from a good Wilkes County family — walked into George L. Bennett's room two blocks off the campus and shot Bennett, killing him. A few minutes later Smithy, 30-year-old war veteran, killed himself with the same pistol he had used to end the life of the 22-year-old Wadesboro senior. Meantime, students were scattering from the campus for an Easter week-end at home. The killing in Chapel Hill came as the trial of 23-year-old Raymond D. Hair of Fayetteville, up for first degree murder in the death of Roy Coble, another Wake Forest student, last December, was coming to a conclusion in Raleigh. Neither Coble nor Smithy was an enrolled student.

Just as President Thurman Kitchen's Christmas was ruined by a campus murder on the eve of the holidays, so was Easter a black day this year for Chancellor House and Acting President Carmichael. College officials are constantly working to improve not only their physical plants, but the mental attitudes of the students, and the Christmas and Easter killings at Wake Forest and Carolina will cause them to devote even more attention to the mental habits of


their flock. Parents can help.

WAR TALK . . . Visitors from North Carolina in the Nation's capital last week were astounded at the amount of war talk heard

in Washington. While we get good doses of this type of conversation via the press and radio here in the Old North State, it certainly isn't the main topic of conversation. We still have the weather.

Kerr Scott, the Senate race, and what the preacher said last Sunday. In Washington, Desease, nothing else seems to matter. You hear it from drivers of taxicabs (Continued On Page 8)

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