

Parkway Location In N.C. Due To Browning's Vision

The man who is responsible, more than any other man, for the location of the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina rather than in Tennessee—R. Getty Browning—retired this summer from active service with the State Highway Commission.

After 35 years of continuous service, he winds up a distinguished career in highway engineering. Since he has handled the engineering and right of way acquisition for the 250-mile section of the parkway in North Carolina for the last 22 years, it is expected that he will be later employed by the Highway Commission as a consultant on completion of the parkway, and other highway locations.

Back in the early thirties, the Blue Ridge Parkway was first envisioned as a connecting 500-mile motor road between two great national parks—the Shenandoah in Virginia and the Great Smoky Mountains between Tennessee and North Carolina.

As originally planned, the parkway would have run only a short distance in North Carolina down to Roan Mountain where it would have switched west and gone down the Tennessee side of the mountains to Gatlinburg.

However, Browning, who was familiar with the grandeur of the Tar Heel upcountry from making highway locations for the State, knew that the superior location was along the mountain tops in North Carolina.

Backed by the Tar Heel Congressional delegation, State and highway officials, Browning spearheaded the fight to induce Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes to adopt a route through the mountains of western North Carolina. The State's case was so well-documented with supporting maps and its presentation was so plausible and persuasive that Ickes overruled a special three-man committee who had recommended the sky highway through Tennessee.

In 1934, Ickes approved the final location of the parkway from Blowing Rock south via the Black Mountains, Craggies, the Pisgah and Balsam ranges—all in North Carolina—into the Smokies. His historic decision opened up a whole new era in western North Carolina.

The State's locating parties immediately set to work, making surveys for the parkway during several winters, though the mountains were sheathed in snow and ice. Browning personally walked over the entire location of the parkway in the State. He directed his department in making the surveys,

running all the preliminary lines, in establishing levels and in preparing topographic maps.

His consuming interest in the furtherance of the parkway prompted an article several years ago in the Saturday Evening Post entitled, "Pathfinder of the Moonshine Mountains".

As a Tar Heel engineer since 1921, Browning has tramped over as much North Carolina wilderness as any man living. The veteran chief locating engineer follows the pioneering tradition of his hardy forefathers who were great hunters and gunsmiths of the American frontier.

In addition to the parkway, Browning traversed on foot the new highway from Lenoir to Blowing Rock, the spectacular four-laned highway that knifes through the mountains from Ridgecrest to Old Fort, and the new Pigeon River route which is now under construction through some of the most desolate mountain terrain.

Browning was born in Oakland, Md., and educated in private schools and by private tutors in his youth. He earned his civil engineering degree from the International Correspondence School. He was first employed as an assistant to Alex C. Mason, a well-known surveyor for more than 60 years in Garrett County.

When the first major roadbuilding program in North Carolina was getting under way in 1921, he accepted a position as Resident Engineer with headquarters in Durham, later being promoted to Construction Engineer and Assistant to the Division Engineer. In 1925, he was transferred to Raleigh and given charge of the Location Department and the Right of Way Department, with duties covering the entire State. He continued in this work until 1941 when the work of the two departments reached such proportions that a separate right of way department was organized.

His department took over the preparation of the State highway map, and after 1931 when the State took over all the county roads, he was given charge of preparing new maps for all the counties and has been keeping them revised and up to date.

A 6,110-foot mountain near Beech Gap in the rugged Pisgah mountains of western North Carolina has been named for Browning in recognition of his outstanding work on the parkway.

In 1954, Browning was signally honored by his fellow engineers



EFFECTIVE Aug. 21 Associate Justice J. Wallace Winborne (left) will become Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court and will succeed Chief Justice Barnhill, who resigned because of his health. Attorney General W. B. Rodman, Jr., will become associate justice succeeding Winborne. The appointments of Winborne and Rodman were made by Governor Luther Hodges.



when he was presented the annual award for exceptional engineering by the N. C. Society of Engineers, which is composed of professional men from every branch of engineering. He was cited for "his personal and thorough examination of sites, bringing to the citizens of the State routes of maximum scenic value, selected with meticulous care to produce the greatest possible safety and most economical construction cost."

And "his intimate knowledge and understanding of the human problems involved (in the sacrifice of personal liberties on the part of many property-holders) has enabled him through these years to uphold the enforcement of law with honor and yet with all consideration of the rights of the individual."

"For his wide and persistent work in the field of surveying, where, in his intensive efforts over the many years, he endeavored to foster and secure legal methods of procedure that would bring a clearer conception of the whole science of surveying, and procure undeviating accuracy."

Browning is a member of the American Roadbuilders Association, the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, the N. C. Society of Engineers, and the American Association of State Highway Officials.

Before coming to North Carolina, Browning spent several years on railroad location and construction in West Virginia and in mining engineering in the coal fields

Lower Crabtree Activities Agenda Filled These Days

By MRS. MILLARD FERGUSON, Community Reporter

Annual decoration days, family reunions, and homecomings are the order of the day in this community, and the weekends have a crowded schedule.

The Rev. Frank Leatherwood of Waynesville filled the pulpit at Fincher's Chapel last Sunday morning in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. A. R. Davis, who was in Mooresville assisting with revival services.

The Rhinehart family held its annual reunion last Saturday at Fincher's Chapel church with the president, Ike Rhinehart, of Flat Rock presiding. One hundred and fifty relatives and friends from North and South Carolina attended the event. Plus for the oldest man and woman present went to the president and to Mrs. Bessie Rhinehart Robinson.

Mrs. Perry Plemmons and twin sons of Waynesville are visiting Mrs. Plemmons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rhinehart, while Mr. Plemmons is taking a refresher course at Duke University.

Mrs. Dora Snyder, who has been convalescing at the home of her nephew, Glenn Haney, has returned Haywood County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McCrary had as guests last Sunday their nephew, Joe Davis, agriculture teacher at Fletcher High School, and Bronson McCrary of Canton.

The BTU of the Crabtree Baptist Church visited the Ratcliffe Cove Baptist Church Sunday night as guests of that church's BTU.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Nesbitt and children were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore of Hayesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Noland spent the weekend in Spartanburg, S. C., as guests of Mr. Noland's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Noland of

Maryland. He spent more than ten years with the State Road Commission of Maryland where he was in charge of highway and bridge construction. He personally supervised the erection of a great many important structures, e.g., the draw bridge over the Nanticoke River at Sharptown, the Choptank River at Denton, Miles River at Easton, College Creek at Annapolis, and the Hanover Street bridge over the Patapsco River at Baltimore.

During World War I, he worked with the Bartlett-Hayward Company at Baltimore in the manufacture of artillery ammunition. He later worked at the Baltimore Drydock and Shipbuilding Corporation of Baltimore in expediting the construction and launching of 20 large tankers and freighters. He is 72.

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DEAR NOAH - ARE THE BEST SHOE SALESMEN GRADUATES OF OXFORD?
O. E. HAHN
LEHIGHTON, PENNA.

DEAR NOAH - WHEN THE BOARDING HOUSE BLEW UP WERE THE RUMORS FLYING?
TONY FRANCIOLI
BELLEROSSE VILLAGE, N.Y.

SEND YOUR REPLY TO NOAH!
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More Tar Heel Speeders Than Drunk Drivers In July

Speeders raced ahead of the drunk drivers in July the Motor Vehicles Department said today in summarizing a monthly total of license revokable traffic offenses.

For July the agency reported 864 speeding convictions resulting in the loss of driving privileges. Most of the speeders were in the over 70 mph class.

Drunk driving convictions were only a step behind. The department had 816 drunk driving convictions which rates a mandatory revocation of license.

Total for the month, after including miscellaneous violations like driving after license suspended, transporting intoxicants, larceny of automobile, manslaughter and improper use of driver's license, came to 946 revocations and 1,260 suspensions.

Newport News, Va., who are here visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Noland of Fines Creek, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Ferguson.

Mrs. Hubert Wells accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Fred Calhoun and daughter, Miss Freddie Calhoun to Chattanooga, where they spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Keller Wells.

Miss Barbara Crawford and Miss Beverly Chambers, Gerald Ferguson, and Bud Kirkpatrick were hosts last Saturday night to a party at the home of Miss Chambers. The group went on a hayride and later enjoyed refreshments. Twenty-five persons attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Arrington and daughter, Brenda, have returned to Newport News, Va., after spending two weeks with Mr. Arrington's father, Manson Arrington, and Mrs. Arrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballard Webb were hosts last weekend to a house party for their sons and daughters: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Webb and children of Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Webb and children of Detroit. Mrs. Webb's brothers and families, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Price, and Ford Price, all of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holt and daughter, Christy, of Fort Pierce, Fla., who have been visiting Mr. Holt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holt, returned home Monday. Also leaving Monday was Mrs. Holt's sister, Mrs. D. T. Brinson of Wrightsville, Ga. Paul Gevedon and son, Thomas, of Kentucky arrived Tuesday for a two-day visit with Mr. and Mrs. Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Noland of Sevierville, Tenn., were guests during the week of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ferguson. Mr. Noland is sheriff of Sevier County and a cousin of Mrs. Ferguson.

For an Englishman, auto nuts and bolts are fittings.

News From The Thickety Area

Miss Barbara Carswell is recuperating following a tonsil operation.

Mrs. Garrett Jimison and children have returned home after spending a few weeks with relatives in Altoona, Ala.

Ernest Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Williamson, and Mr. and Mrs. George Worley, spent Sunday with relatives in Greenville, S. C.

The Thickety Home Demonstration Club held a workshop on corsage making in the recreation room of Rockwood Church Thursday evening. A goodly number of members attended, and an interesting demonstration was given by the home agent, Miss Mary Cornwell, and several of the group made some attractive corsages.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hipps were honored with a housewarming Friday night, when a number of friends visited their new home. Mrs. Gaston Rhinehart and Mrs. Glenn Robinson were hostesses, and served refreshments after a number of useful gifts were presented the honorees.

Several women of the community attended an all-day meeting of the Beavertown Home Demonstration Club Tuesday, held at the mountain cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson. Mrs. Robinson was hostess for the occasion, and a pot luck lunch was enjoyed around the outdoor fireplace at noon time.

Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Justice have moved from Crabtree to Fines Creek.

Sweden and England have a social security pact. Swedish citizens residing in England and English citizens in Sweden can now enjoy health insurance, old age pensions, etc., in either of the two countries.



JEAN WOODS, 14-year-old Clyde high school student was reported "missing" this morning by Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell.

The 114-pound girl left home Monday, July 30, where she lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods.

Sheriff Campbell said it is felt she is in this area, as she has been seen on the streets and recently applied to the Welfare office for aid. The officers have checked with relatives and have found no trace of the girl, who was wearing a red skirt, blue nylon blouse and white sandals when she left home. She has brown hair and blue eyes. The above picture was made this spring, and it was said she might be wearing her hair in a "pony tail".

Her absence is causing her father's condition to become worse, it was said, as he has been ill for the past 10 years. Any whereabouts of the girl should be reported to the sheriff.

Rev. G. Propst New Pastor Of Oak Grove Baptist

The Rev. Garrett Propst has been called as pastor to the Oak Grove Baptist Church, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. R. M. Nix.

The Rev. Mr. Propst, a native of Buncombe County, has spent the past two years in Pennsylvania as a missionary. He, with his family, has returned to West Asheville. They expect to move into the Oak Grove parsonage the latter part of the week, or early next week.

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Little League, Sports Club Will Conduct Drive

The Sports Club and the Little League of Hazelwood, Waynesville, Allens Creek and Lake Junaluska will conduct a membership drive for the County Humane Association, the boys selling membership tickets to assist them in purchasing equipment for the baseball teams.

The kickoff of the Humane Association's membership drive was yesterday. Membership cards are \$1 per year for adults.

Adult sponsors of the Sports Club for the Membership Drive are Rock Powers, Rufus Pannell, Mrs. Myra Killian, and Johnny Phillips who will have charge of the boys during the ticket sale.

On the same date the Gray's Club and the YMCA Girl's Club of Canton will open a membership drive for the Humane Association for the eastern portion of Haywood County.

Swimming Class At Lake To Begin Again Aug. 13th

Wallace Martin, director of recreation at Lake Junaluska, has announced that there will be no swimming classes this week.

The next series of classes will begin August 13 and will include the last senior lifesaving course to be given this season.

Six persons will receive their senior lifesaving certificates for passing all requirements in the course just completed.

They are Ann Prevost of Waynesville; Joan Prevost, Waynesville; Sammy Stiles, Waynesville; Jody McWilliams, Missouri; Margaret Godbold, St. Louis, Missouri; and Nancy Weldon of Gastonia.

Balsam Baptist Plans Singing Sunday Night

A singing has been scheduled for the Balsam Baptist Church Sunday night beginning at 7:30. A large crowd and some good singers are expected to be on hand. The public is invited to attend.

Man-made fibres such as rayon have exceeded silk consumption in the U. S. since 1927 and wool consumption since 1941.

PETS: Pony, bridle and saddle, \$150.00. See Homer Justice, Haywood Furn. Store. A 9

LAST CALL FOR 1955 TAXES

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE ADVERTISE AND SELL ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY ON WHICH 1955 TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID —

THE NAMES OF ALL DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS WILL BE PUBLISHED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

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TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN OF HAZELWOOD
Office In Town Hall

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THE NAMES OF ALL DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS WILL BE PUBLISHED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST AND THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD THE

2nd MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER

G. C. FERGUSON

Tax Collector and Supervisor For The Town of Waynesville

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