

LOOKING UP AT A LOVELY LADY, Harold Warner, Dis-trict Sales Manager, greets Ann Herring, Miss North Carolina, as she arrives at RDU. Miss Herring was enroute to Roanoke Rapids for a day of festivities in her honor. Traveling with her were her mother and her business manager, Bill Venable. Photograph by Bob Allen, News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C.

And Awaaay We Go!

Take The Scenic Route ---Utah By Way Of Alaska

Jack Brandon to John Web-ster: "Wanna go to Utah?" Webster to Brandon: "Yeah." kan and many other businesses were still going strong.

Brandon to Webster (several hours later): "Wanna go by way of Alaska?"

Webster to Brandon: "Whyyy not?"

It may or may not have hap-pened just this way, but Jack Brandon, INT Station Manager, Bra and John Webster, Dispatcher, Utah, and wind up in Anchorage, Alaska, instead.

The pair left Winston-Salem, flew to Washington, then to Seattle, changed planes and flew round-about way than they had 1,450 miles to Anchorage,

They got there about 2 a.m. on little difficult to tell what day it had no itinerary." Rock Sleuth Finds Lovely Gems

Robert Highsmith is a Rock Hound.

That means he has a hobby of mining and collecting precious and semi-precious stones. He's been at it for nearly five years, with some beautiful results.

Robert's favorite mining grounds of late are in and around the Holbrook and Gibson mines, abandoned by Tiffany Jewelers, N. Y., in the 20's. His latest find there is a ruby which was cut and placed in a ring for his wife.

The mines are located in the large Cowee Valley near Franklin, N. C. Highsmith makes several trips up each year to hunt for gems to add to his collection.

"It's hard work," said Robert. "The mines there are 'strip mines' — that is — they're mined from the surface. We sift the dirt just like the old goldminers used to do out west, and we've come up with blue, brown, and black sapphires, rubies, quartz, the 'North Carolina diamond, and rhodolite (a variety of garnet).

"Rock Hounding" seems to be a family affair with the High-smith's. Robert's brother is also a gem collector, and through the years the two have gathered an extensive collection of North Carolina stones and a library of books on minerals and gems.

"You have to study to know what you're looking for," High-smith remarked. "I've probably thrown away several valuable stones because I didn't recognize them in their rough state. The most valuable find at Holbrook mine last year was a ruby worth \$3,000."

"North Carolina is the showplace of the nation when it comes to mineral deposits, particularly in the western part," he went on. "We meet geologists and fellow Rock Hounds there from all over the country.'

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than 75 per cent of the cities the high airline tax bill. Last over 10,000, and fifty per cent of year, for every passenger ticket seven months of 1959.

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ROUGH AND POLISHED STONES in part of his collection are pointed out by Robert Highsmith. That's a ruby ring he's holding, and in the foreground, left to right are: quartz crystal, opals, ruby, a large topaz, and several sapphires in different colors.

When asked what he conof seeing the stones I find after they've been cut and polished. Drive. It's hard to tell what they'll look like in their rough state, and it's amazing to see how beautiful they are when they're finished. his brother's expeditions. That's get equipment to do our own cutting and polishing."

Highsmith, a Mechanic Specialsidered to be one of the most ex-citing parts of his hobby, he years. He and his wife, June, said, "I get the biggest thrill out and their four children live in Winston-Salem at 2406 Westover

The photograph shows Robert with some of the jewelry made up from the results of his and My brother and I hope soon to an idea for you ladies — if you get equipment to do our own want a ruby ring, get your hus-cutting and polishing."

11,300,000 visitors went to sold, the airlines made \$1.35 while the Government made \$4.88. The airlines, of course, pay public transportation medium all the normal business taxes. In addition, there is a ten per cent tax on domestic transportation.

> In a recent issue of Railway Age, the editor said the following: "Despite all their imperfections, the fact remains that when you ring up an airline for information you usually get a prompt reply, and the employee who answers is, most of the time, cour-teous and helpful."

The trend in air freight is upward: Air freight ton-miles for domestic and international opera-Here is one way of showing tions totalled 353,434,000 through 323,788,000 ton-miles for the first

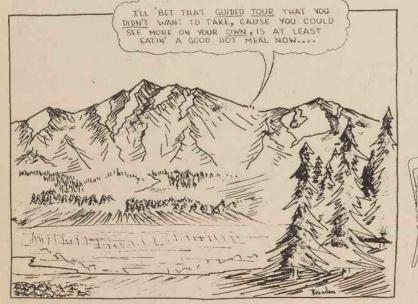
still going strong. Aviation manufacturing is the Webster and Brandon found largest industrial employer in a hotel room, slept for a few the U. S. In 1958, 757,600 were

hours, had breakfast, gasped at the prices (two eggs, toast and coffee cost \$1.35), and did a bit of sightseeing and souvenir shop-

Brandon's work as a cartoonist is familiar to all Piedmonitor did start on a weekend trip to readers, and he brought back a Brandon's hometown of Provo, number of sketches from his number of sketches from his Alaskan jaunt.

The two finally made it to Provo, Utah, but a few days later and in a considerably more originally planned.

Said Brandon of the trip, "You a Sunday morning, though ac- might say it was a junket that cording to Brandon, it was a covered about 10,000 miles and





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