

# You Own Part of a Summer Estate

You own part of a 3,600-acre summer estate in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains—complete with fishing lakes, riding and hiking trails, and a 21-room Manor House.

You get there over new roads that are part of the Blue Ridge Parkway—most traveled of all National Park facilities.

The summer estate is Moses Cone Memorial Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway at Blowing Rock, N. C. As a part of the National Park system, it belongs to all the people of

the United States.

It was the late Moses H. Cone, Greensboro textile magnate known as the "blue denim king," who acquired the land, built a white-columned summer home on it, dammed up two mountain streams to form lakes, and planted extensive apple orchards and pastures.

That took place around the turn of the century. When Mr. Cone died in 1908, his will specified that his widow would occupy the estate until her death. It was then to become property of the State of North Carolina.

Mrs. Cone died in 1947, and a few years later the State of North Carolina transferred the estate to the Federal Government to become an attraction of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The Manor House is a sales and

display center of the Southern Highlands Handicraft Guild—you can spend hours "just looking" at handmade articles ranging from fine furnishings and fabrics to intricate jewelry and whimsical carvings.

One of the rooms contains a small crafts museum displaying a hand-loomed coverlet which helped start the entire crafts revival in the Southern Appalachians. It was woven by a mountain woman in 1855, and given to Miss Frances Foster Goodrich in 1895. Miss Goodrich, interested in developing the

native talents and skills of the mountain people, was so impressed with the fabric and workmanship that she began the movement which resulted in the organization of the guild and the famous crafts centers now situated in the southern mountains.

From the front verandah of the Manor House there is a beautiful vista of Bass Lake, which in summer is dotted with pink and white water lilies. Accessible only by foot or on horseback, the lake is open for public fishing. Further back in the forested estate lands which reach across Flat Top Mountain is Trout Lake, a few minutes walk from a paved road. It looks like a fisherman's dream come true.

The unpaved roads which circle Bass Lake and wind across the pastures and woodlands on the estate are reserved for pedestrian, horseback or carriage use. You can walk, ride or drive for more than 20 miles without encountering a single automobile.

If you ride up to the crest of Flat Top Mountain you will see the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Cone, surrounded by dark green spruce trees and a low iron fence. The little plot of ground is all that they reserved of the vast summer estate they loved so well and bequeathed

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"When I returned from my vacation, I could not find in our mail box some very valuable letters which I was expecting. What do you think could have happened to them?"

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1. Be certain that they leave at the post office full and accurate written instructions about what to do with their mail while they are away. If one plans to spend the summer at Oceanside, for example, he should not let the post office guess that he has gone to Oceanview.

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3. When you finish with your vacation or your temporary assignment, let the post office know that you have returned, unless your change of address instructions had a well-understood expiration date. If during your absence you establish any other post office address, be sure to make written cancellation of those arrangements.

Postmaster Ralph Stanley and postmasters everywhere are most anxious to help their patrons with summertime mail problems. The important thing to remember is that though your plans may be clear in your own mind, they may be a complete mystery to someone else unless you let your intentions be fully and accurately known.

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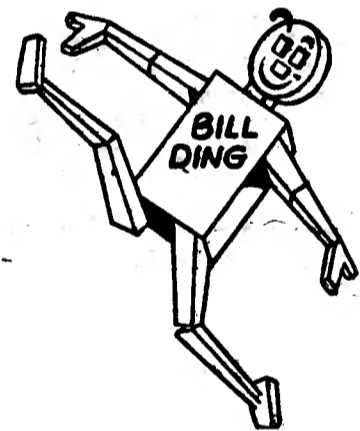
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