

# On The Road Again . . .

By Carl Thompson

I've been nooked again on road maps, which I've written about before. This time it's because I sent off \$10.70 for an advertised book of "North Carolina County Maps." Since its arrival, pretty promptly, I've spent too much time on the roads — sitting here with the book.

I got the book because I've been carrying around in my car a roll of a few Department of Transportation county maps that are 19 X 31 inches. These are hard to handle, so I thought I'd try the book.

It has all 100 counties in it and the maps are slightly reduced reproductions of the DOT maps, with credit. The book's page size is 11 X 16 inches. Some maps take a double-page spread, including Moore.

These county maps are mighty useful to those of us who like to get off the beaten tracks and into the byways. They show all main federal and state highways also the smaller state and county roads, dead-enders as well as those that trail through the countryside. They're usually scenic routes, I think, and sometimes even shorter, lengthwise if not timewise.

In the book, the maps are in alphabetical order of the county names and an index gives you immediately the page number. There is more to it, though, than just the maps.

**TAKE MOORE COUNTY** on pages 98-99. At top of page 99 is a summary of Moore County's origin and background, saying it was founded in 1784, as we well know on this 200th anniversary year! The second paragraph about Moore starts off:

"The county has much to offer. At Pinehurst, the World Golf Hall of Fame is a museum and shrine dedicated to the sport of golf. Just a short distance from Pinehurst is Aberdeen. Here the Malcolm Blue Historical Farm offers a grist mill, water tower, barns and farmhouse where annual crafts and skills festival is held. Other attractions in this county include House in the Horseshoe, near Glendon, and Weymouth Woods, near Southern Pines."

On page 98 is a brief boxed notation about Weymouth Woods (Sandhills Nature Preserve) State Park, about which it says, among other things, "Six hundred species of birds and numerous migratory songbirds line the trails where scheduled walks take place . . ."

Throughout the book there are more than 30 descriptions of State Parks and similar areas, placed with the maps of the counties they are in. Also, scattered among the pages are brief descriptions of various wild creatures, including birds from bats to bald eagles, small animals from mice to mink, and fish from catfish to crappies. There are about 40 of these.

Randolph County has a paragraph about the Zoological Park in Asheboro. Harnett County pages tell about Raven Rock State Park. "A massive rock outcrop 152 feet high, jutting out over the Cape Fear River."

**THERE ARE NEARLY** six full pages, of three columns, listing about 1,400 North Carolina "cities", although not all are cities. For Moore, for example, listed are Manly, Jackson Springs, Addor, Lakeview, Glendon, and Spies — all nice places but not exactly cities. The listings include some interesting state town names I've mentioned before. Among those that caught my eye this time were such places as Alert and Love Valley; Black Jack, Luck, Price and Justice; Gay, Duck, Lizzie and Seven Devils. And Bug Hill!

The county's map pages include a small outline of the state with a blue arrow pointing where the county is located. They also have blue symbols indicating such things as the county seat, welcome centers, state and national parks and forests, ski areas, and historic sites. There's also a mileage chart for many "selected cities" on major highways, including Southern Pines in this area.

Where did I get this? Well, I sent my check to County Maps, 300 Buck Jones Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27606, and got it within a week, even though they said "allow 3-6 weeks for delivery." The book was put out by a Wisconsin outfit which says it has similar publications for Wisconsin, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan. Credit is given to State agencies, including DOT, for cooperation.

One final word or two. After I got the book, I came across a clipping from last July's News Outlook telling about DOT maps full sized 19X31 inches was available from NCDOT for \$55! I'll settle for the handy, smaller-sized one I got for \$10.70.

So back on the road again.

## Telephone Services For Disabled Customers

In today's deregulated telecommunications environment, disabled customers may be confused about just where to call for assistance with their communications needs.

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If customers are unable to dial calls themselves due to physical impairment, they may be exempt from operator services charges. Likewise, if their impairment prevents them from looking up numbers in their phone books, they may be exempt from directory assistance charges. Disabled customers who use TDDs/TTYs may be eligible for reduced long-distance rates.

To determine eligibility for any of these special services, customers should contact their local telephone business office.

## Chili Festival- continued from page 1

gospel, pop and rock music, as well as spotlight performances by area break-dance groups.

Entertainment begins at 9 a.m. on Chili Festival Saturday. The high-performance lineup includes:

\*Fresh Winds, an old-time gospel group singing religious and devotional favorites.

\*Homer Vining's Hard Times Band, a country-western team making their third appearance on the Chili Festival Stage.

\*Country Blend, playing a variety of country hits.

\*Southern Gold, rounds the country-western offering.

\*Break Dancers. Peanut and Company and Fantasy Crew will demonstrate the steps and spins of the dance race that is sweeping the country.

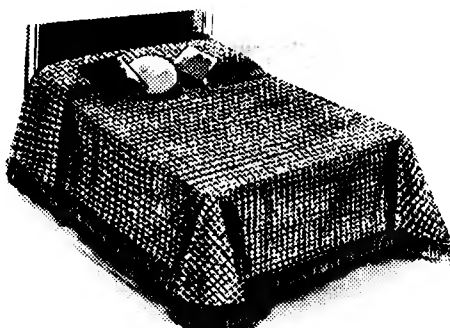
\*Spur of the Moment plays that good ol' rock-n-roll.

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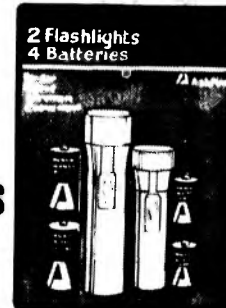
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