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HIGH "LOW" ROUTE.—This view into the foothills from the so-called "low" route for the Blue Ridge Parkway at Grandfather Mountain was made for presentation to the State Highway Commission at its public hearing on May 31. The "low" route provides spectacular scenery and is the highest point (ranging 4,000 to 4,200 feet elevation) on the Blue Ridge Parkway for its first 350 miles. The Parkway approaches Mt.

Mitchell before it reaches 4,200 feet elevation again and does not exceed 3,000 feet in Virginia. Grandfather Mountain's "low" route was purchased by the State for the National Park Service in 1939 and has been available for Blue Ridge Parkway construction ever since. Pavement of existing highway U. S. 221 is shown in lower left of photo.

Morton Defends Mountain In Replying To Arguments Of Director Of Park Service

Wirth Seeks To Condemn Right-of-Way

Raleigh.—Putting a highway across Grandfather Mountain "would be like taking a switchblade to the Mona Lisa," mountain owner Hugh Morton said last week.

Morton was defending his mountain against the arguments of Conrad Wirth, director of the National Park Service, in a State Highway Commission hearing.

Wirth, who requested the hearing, said a "high route" across Grandfather "would be the only acceptable one" for completing a link on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The park service has had another strip of land—lower on the mountain—since 1939. But Wirth said this route would be inferior to a higher one.

He wants the State Highway Commission to condemn the land wanted for the higher route so parkway construction can begin.

Morton, in a sharply worded defense, said the park service is trying a "land grab" at the mountain and that the lower route would be entirely adequate.

Land now available for the route is just above the old Yonahlossee Trail, which is now U. S. 221, a rugged, twisting highway. It was acquired from Morton's family 23 years ago.

The higher strip, which the park service has wanted since 1955, is considerably higher and would run near Morton's tourist facilities and "Mile High Swinging Bridge" atop the mountain.

The highway commission took no action.

Morton said the high route would "scar" the mountain and ruin its appeal as a rugged, untouched wilderness area.

Wirth, in a long presentation of his case, indicated that the park service would not build the link at all if it couldn't use the high route. In that case, U. S. 221 would continue to connect the two ends of the parkway for six miles.

The park service chief brought maps and a scale model to support his contention that the high route would be superior in every respect.

He also read excerpts from 35 letters, dating from 1917, in which state and park service officials corresponded on con-

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BLOWING ROCK BEAUTIFIERS.—These women helped in making Blowing Rock a prettier town. They are, left to right, seated, Mrs. Bryce Beard, Jr., Mrs. Lillian Apel; standing, Mrs. Howard Powell, Mrs. T. R. Snyder, and Mrs. Howard Holshouser.—Flowers' photo.

SAY SOME BOXES ARE GONE

Vote Result Challenged

A Watauga County Elections Board hearing on the Cove Creek precinct voting on May 26, has been set for 11 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning.

The hearing was continued from Tuesday at 8, when it was originally set.

R. T. Greer, Chairman of the Watauga County Elections

Board, said that a recount of the Cove Creek ballots showed 546 ballots cast, but that 340 names are on the precinct registration books. Mr. Greer said the Cove Creek probe began after Gordon Mast, Democratic judge and Mont Thomas, a Republican, signed an affidavit charging ballot box stuffing.

A recount of the Boone precinct boxes was held up, said Mr. Greer, due to two missing Republican ballot boxes, which hadn't been located yesterday.

Emmitt Oliver, runner up in the Democrat Sheriff's race, withdrew his protest over the New River precinct voting, when a recount showed only minor discrepancies, if any.

Moose Lodge Called Urgent Boone Need

Joe Veit, Secretary of Moose Lodge 1808, announced that the long-awaited brochures of the New Moose Lodge had arrived, and had been mailed to those personally recommended by local Moose members. Mr. Veit announced that due to insufficient addresses, many persons had not been sent brochures, but that the lodge would be glad to have applications from any male 21 years of age, or older. It was again emphasized, however, that all applicants are carefully screened, and voted on, before acceptance.

An urgent plea was made to those receiving these brochures to give them every consideration, since the success of this venture depends to the greatest extent on their reception. Mr. Veit has talked to many of the city's business men, and, without exception, every one has said that there is a definite need for the new lodge in the city. "The need is here, the desire is here, the means of obtaining it is here. Now is the time to get it, if we are ever going to have it," said Mr. Veit.

"Many of our old members are coming back into the fold, membership is steadily increasing, and the response of new applications is very encouraging." (Continued on page three)

Tweetsie Has Stellar Role In Upcoming Civil War Film

A movie-making crew of 60 actors and 25 technicians were on location at Tweetsie Railroad last Saturday. The crew is that of "Unusual Films," the motion picture unit of Bob Jones University.

Tweetsie made her movie debut as the star of a series of scenes for the University's forthcoming film based on incidents in the Civil War.

Like all actors Tweetsie had to wear special make up. About one ton of it. The famous nar-

row-gauge train wears a new smokestack, head lamp, cow-catcher, and a new coat of paint. The train was heavily draped in black for the funeral scene of General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

Tweetsie had to change her name for the movie scenes. In the film, she makes the Richmond to Lexington run and bears the name of the "Virginia Central Railroad."

Director Katherine Stenholm and her staff have spent months of research to insure authenticity of every prop used in the film. She stated today that this was the reason for using the Tweetsie location.

Even the casket used for the funeral scenes was genuine Civil War vintage. It was of solid cast iron and made in a form fitting mold with raised portions to accommodate the head, hands, and feet.

The trestle at Tweetsie was used for scenes in which a bridge is demolished by a patrol under the leadership of General J. E. B. Stuart. This scene was shot at night.

A spokesman for Tweetsie

stated that he was very much impressed by the "professionalism" displayed by the University movie unit. The calm cooperation and the all out effort of all members of the movie unit under the stress of a tight time schedule as well as uncooperative skies were a credit to their cause.

Return From Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson, Judy and Danny, returned Sunday from a week's vacation in Daytona Beach and other points of interest in Florida. They were accompanied by Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sparks of Spruce Pine.

Wool Pool To Be Weighed Tues.

The 1962 Watauga Wool Pool will be weighed at Farmers Burley Warehouse Tuesday, June 12, starting at 7:30 a. m., and closing about 2:00 p. m. Checks will be mailed the following day. Farmers living west of Boone are asked to come in the early morning and those east of Boone about 10:00 a. m. Wool should be in wool bags and tied with wool twine. Wool bags are here and will be given in exchange.

School Consolidation Is Urged By Official

W. Guy Angell, superintendent of Watauga county schools, was guest speaker at the Monday meeting of the Boone Jaycees. Mr. Angell spoke on the subject of school consolidation in Watauga county. The informative report was of special interest to the Jaycees attending the regular dinner meeting.

pressed by the body of young men who have every reason to be concerned about public education—their children.

Jaycee President Grady Morcetz voiced the feeling of the entire organization by expressing the common interest of all members in making it possible

for our children to have the opportunity of an education that can prepare them for a life work.

DISCUSS DISPUTE.—Conrad Wirth, director of the National Parkway Service, and Hugh Morton, owner of Grandfather Mountain, discuss Parkway on scale model of mountain attraction at hearing on "high-low" routes of Parkway at hearing in Raleigh last Thursday.—Photo Flowers' Photo Shop.

Several Hundred Newsmen, TV Personnel To Be Tweetsie Guests

Several hundred newspapermen, radio, and television people will converge on the grounds of Tweetsie Railroad at noon Saturday in Blowing Rock, according to G. C. Robbins, Jr., owner.

The purpose of the gathering is "to extend thanks to those of the news media for their part in helping us to grow to our present stature," Robbins says.

Guests, who will begin arriving Friday and Saturday and will stay possibly until Monday, will tour the four year old tourist attraction, seeing the new "Tweetsie Palace," an authentic western saloon with can-can girls, singing waiters, and brass band. Meals also will be served at the Palace.

A ride to the top of "Magic Mountain" via the new Skyliner chair lift will take the guests to the site of the ferris wheel, auto rides, helicopter, merry-go-round, and other rides.

"And of course they'll ride old Tweetsie herself," Robbins says. "But they'll have to be on their watch for Indians and train robbers every mile of the way!" Robbins warned jovially.

Following the afternoon activities, the guests will attend a cocktail party and dinner at the Tweetsie Palace where it is expected North Carolina Governor Terry Sanford or some other dignitary will be in attendance.

Out of town guests will be furnished lodging at a Blowing Rock motel, compliments of Tweetsie Railroad, states Robbins.

Lee Teague Funeral Held

Robert Lee Teague, Sr., 62, of Howard Street died May 30.

The funeral was held May 31 at 2 p. m. in the First Baptist Church in Boone. Officiating were the Revs. Marshal Hargrave and E. F. Troutman.

Burial was in Mount Lawn cemetery.

Teague was the son of the late George David Teague. He is survived by one son, Robert Lee Teague, Jr., of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. A. G. Horton of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Worth Crouch of Jacksonville, Florida; and Mrs. Gordon Joins of Brookline, Massachusetts; and six grandchildren.

A resident of Boone for more than forty years, Teague apparently died of suffocation due to carbon monoxide resulting from a fire in his house trailer.

Fowl Hollar Dies Friday

Fowl Henry Hollars, 74, of Route 1, Vilas died Friday, June 1.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:00 p. m. in the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church with the pastors Rev. Barney Oliver, Rev. G. T. Danner, and Rev. Raymond Hendrix officiating.

Surviving are his widow, Nora F. Hollars of Vilas; a son, Clay Hollars of Greensboro; five daughters, Mrs. Horace Walls and Mrs. Roby Greene of Boone, Mrs. Spencer Aldridge and Mrs. Mari Aldridge of Banner Elk, and Miss Melba Hollars of Vilas; two sisters, Miss Mary Hollars of Vilas and Mrs. Maggie Ritzell of Newton; and nine grandchildren.

Burial was at the Danner cemetery.

ASTC Golfers Are Doing Well

Word Tuesday night from the National Collegiate golf matches in Davenport, Iowa, is to the effect that the Appalachian College team placed fourth among the 24 teams in the first day's play, and that Austin Adams of Boone is tied for first place with one under par 71, in a field of 130 players.

More Than 700 Gather For Bank Celebration

Over 700 people gathered in Boone Wednesday, May 30th to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Northwestern Bank. Officers, directors, employees and their families from 28 Northwestern Banks made up this huge observance.

This all day celebration included tours to Tweetsie Railroad, the Rock at Blowing Rock, and the Cone Estate. Golf, fishing, dancing, and dining were also part of the program.

Edwin Duncan, president of the Northwestern Bank made an address of welcome at the Morn in the West Grounds.

When interviewed today a spokesman for the group stated that one of the high lights of

the day was the trip to Tweetsie.

He said that the children of the group were excited about the Indian raid and the holdup staged during their ride on Tweetsie.

Tweetsie Palace, part of the tremendous expansion program just completed, drew many "ohs" and "ahs" from both adults and youngsters.

The operators of Tweetsie explained that the Skyliner chair lift to the top of Magic Mountain was not in operation. Crews are working to get the Skyliner and the many rides atop Magic Mountain in operation by the week end.