

ECHOES OF THE BLUE RIDGE

# Calls Attention To Frome Article On Parkway Link

BY HERMAN W. WILCOX

Much has been written and said regarding the protection of our natural resources, especially our mountains in this area. Many have written feature articles on "Why the Blue Ridge Parkway should be built over the top of Grandfather."

Michael Frome Writes

One of the South's foremost travel writers is Mr. Michael Frome. Mr. Frome, for some reason is on the side of those who would build the Blue Ridge Parkway on the so called "High Route".

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Frome goes on to criticize our ex-Governors Luther Hodges and Terry Sanford in their stand to protect this mountain. He criticizes Sanford for saying "Our people believe the best way to look at a mountain is not to bulldoze a highway across the top of Grandfather. Beauty is giving way to highways to fast as it is" Frome cites what the Park Service has done to improve attractions and promote this area, how many hundreds of thousands of dollars, even millions, to provide us with recreation facilities along this beautiful road. He did not explain that that it is the nature of the Parkway service to not go too far out of their way to help us pull this traffic of the Parkway to enjoy what we have to offer, and take advantage of our housing facilities that "Our own people" have spent almost every cent they had to provide excellent motels, hotels and eating facilities adjacent to the road.

Most Scenic Highway In America  
Some good has come from this critical article, and we

must give Frome credit for a wonderful paragraph which I would like to quote: "For the Blue Ridge Parkway, I could cite its selection by the National Association of Travel Organizations as the most scenic highway in America, but I prefer to speak from personal experience. I have traveled over every major recreational road in this country and over many of those in other lands. There is nothing on earth to compare with the Blue Ridge Parkway, in design, landscaping, opportunities for enjoyment of appreciation of the countryside, or with its management in the best interest of a democratic

people." We would agree with Mr. Frome, we highly respect those in charge of our Blue Ridge Parkway highway. They are doing a good job. We are convinced the proper ones setting down with Mr. Morton can work out a satisfactory solution to this problem, and one of the most beautiful links of the road can be constructed.

It might be well to keep in mind that the profits Mr. Morton makes from this mountain, go right back into promoting it and adding additional attractions around it, making the entire area more beautiful for the citizens of USA to enjoy.

## Know The Weather

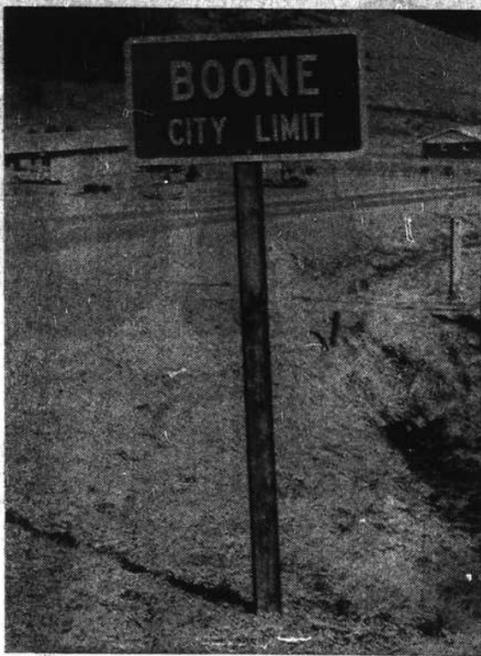
BY E. H. SIMS

Is spring the season for tornadoes? In what states do tornadoes occur most frequently? Spring is the beginning of the tornado season, in a sense, though these destructive whirling windstorms can occur at any time during the year.

They seldom expand to more than a mile or two in diameter and are often only a few hundred yards wide. They may bounce over the surface of the earth, touching down with devastating force every so many miles on a course several hundred miles long, or they may travel only a few miles. The velocity of wind is always high in a tornado. The tornado develops when a heavy air layer somehow winds up atop a light layer of air, in an occluded front area. As the heavier air breaks through, falling, somehow a circular motion of great force develops.

This occurs most frequently during spring and summer, in the mid-western and western states. Only in the central plains of Russia do tornadoes like those in the U. S. occur so regularly.

Tornadoes come at night or in daylight. They create an awful, freight-train-like rumble. In the day, the funnel-shaped cloud can be seen at some distance, traveling not too fast.



IF YOU WONDERED—where the city limits of Boone are, since annexation of adjacent properties last summer, all arguments can now be ended. State Highway engineers have erected green and white city limit signs on Highway 421—West and East—Highway 105 and Highway 321. (Staff photo)

# Parks And Recreations Body Meets; Elects Slate Of Officers

The Boone Parks and Recreation Commission held its first meeting Thursday, March 3, at the home of Mrs. B. W. Stallings on Highland Park Drive. Elected to serve as officers were Paul J. Smith, chairman; Eric DeGroat, vice-chairman; and Mrs. Frank O. Auten, secretary-treasurer.

Other members of the commission are Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Dennis Greene, Mrs. Lee Reynolds and A. E. McCreary. Dr. Hadley M. Wilson serves on the commission as representative of the Town Board of Aldermen. A regular monthly meeting time was decided on, and plans were discussed for organizing a parks and recreation program under the direction and supervision of a full-time director.

The recreational program could include such activities as softball for men and women, plus assistance to those leagues already in operation; fall six-man touch football leagues for boys 10-14 years of age; a full instructional basketball program for girls; winter men's and wo-

men's and boys' and girls' basketball leagues; late winter men's and women's, or mixed, volleyball leagues; special interest badminton classes and leagues; tennis instruction, leagues and tournaments; a crafts program; bridge, simnastics and dance classes; little theater groups; senior citizens' clubs; a youth council on civic affairs; and special events such as kite days, soap box derbies and marble tournaments.

Anyone interested in this program is asked to contact any member of the commission. Most of the planning for the coming year will be for setting up the recreational part of the entire program.

## National Players To Appear At Appalachian Friday March 11

The National Players touring company from Catholic University in Washington, D. C., will appear in two performances at Appalachian State Teachers College Friday, March 11, according to announcement by Prof. Rogers Whitener of the college's Artists and Lecture Series.

The company will present William Shakespeare's "Romeo And Juliet" at 2 p.m. and Moliere's "The Miser" at 8 p.m.

Both performances will be given in the auditorium of the

Administration Building. The repertory company, now in its 17th season, was founded by the Speech and Drama Department of Catholic University and is billed as the longest-running national classical repertory company in this country this century.

The public weather service of the United States began in 1870 as part of the Army Signal Corps, according to World Book Encyclopedia.

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