

## Dealers Plan Donald Ange Joins Arthur Smith Sports Special

J. H. Towe, president of Towe Motor Company of Hertford, is one of more than 3,200 Dodge dealers throughout the country who will be participating in the NBC television annual "Academy of Professional Sports Awards" special show February 19 from 10 to 11 P. M.

"I'm very proud to be associated with this show," said Towe, "it's the only one way to honor outstanding pro athletes in major American sports."

"The athletes are chosen by their fellow players in the American and National Football Leagues, American and National Baseball Leagues, National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, golf and horse racing," he continued.

Towe also pointed out that the players cannot vote for themselves, nor for teammates.

"Even persons who are not sports fans will enjoy this program," Towe pointed out. "We not only are honoring the world's finest athletes, but we have some of the biggest names in the entertainment world who are sports enthusiasts presenting awards."

Towe went on to point out that Kim Novak, Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Danny Kaye and Art Linkletter are a few of the celebrities who will take part in the presentations.

Approximately 600 people are in North Carolina prisons for motor vehicle law violations.

Twenty-five years ago The Beacon carried a news item concerning a five-year-old boy who lost the sight in both eyes in an accident at his home nearby. Long years ago that youngster learned to accept his handicap and last month landed a full-time job with a nationally known musical entertainment group.

Donald Ward Ange, now 30, has mastered several musical instruments and joined the Arthur Smith Show, one of North Carolina's top country, western and religious groups called The Crackerjacks.

Ange, a resident of Charlotte, had been recording with The Crackerjacks for two years while holding down another job full time, and January 1 he signed a contract to become a full time member of that group, headed by Arthur Smith.

He is appearing with The Crackerjacks each Thursday night in their

TV Show at 7:30 which is taped in Charlotte. The show is seen locally over Channel 9. Donald also travels and appears with The Crackerjacks in their road shows. He is mainly seen at the piano but also plays the harpsichord.

### Honor Graduate

Shortly after his accident and the permanent loss of sight Donald entered a State School for the blind. In 1957 he graduated as valedictorian of the North Carolina High School for the Blind at Raleigh. He also studied piano for 10 years and played the clarinet in the school orchestra for 11 years. He received a number of certificates for proficiency in music while there, and was a piano tuner during vacation.

While in school, Donald was president of the Student Council for two years, a Boy Scout for four years, took typing for nine years, dancing for three years and had one year of ediphone training.

After graduating from high school he went almost immediately to New York City and enrolled in the Swedish Masseurs School and while in that city held a selling job for nine months.

After his father died in 1959, Donald went to Greensboro, Burlington and Charlotte where he worked as a masseur. All during this time he kept up with his music and two years ago started recording with Arthur Smith. This led to his full time employment with this group. He is also active in his church and plays the piano at the East Church of Christ in Charlotte.

Donald is married to Belveia Maynard Ange, whom he met while in school. She is also blind. They have a son, Dana, age eight who has perfect vision. They reside in Charlotte.

Donald is the son of Mrs. Ida Browning Ange and the late A. J. Ange, Sr. He also has three brothers, Eugene of the home; A. J., Jr., of Chesapeake, and Paul of Rt. 3, Edenton. His mother and brother, Eugene, live on the Long Ridge Road about eight miles from Plymouth.



DONALD ANGE

### Accident

Ange was seriously injured at his home by the explosion of a dynamite cap, which he had found and with which he was playing. At the time of the accident, the child's father said that he used some dynamite some time earlier and it was possible that a cap had been lost near the home.

The boy was treated by Dr. Alban Papineau and sent to a Rocky Mount Hospital. Since that time Donald has been operated on four or five times, but doctors say even a transplant is not possible. From all of this young Mr. Ange has gone on to accomplish much more than the average person with vision.

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