AROUND THE DISTRICT repaired.

By George Vitas, U. S. Forest Ranger

We are wondering what summer. The number of may not sound very im- ist from the U. S. Forest those deer in the Mt. Mitch- visitors to the park was pressive. But if you were to Service Regional Office in ell Game Management more than double that of start at the intersection of Atlanta and Don Morriss, Area, who normally lead a last year. The concession Main and Court Streets in Pisgah Forest Supervisor, placid life, think of the stand that Mr. Wilson op- Marion and made a pile of inspecting the Carolina dozens of cars that have erates for the state also wood four feet high and Hemlock and Old Fort Rebeen whizzing along the doubled its volume of busi- four feet wide and then creation Areas. We also with Little Creek Church Neals Creek and South Toe ness. Once the Asheville just kept on piling wood—surveyed and mapped a on Sunday, September 24 River roads. Since the big link of the Parkway was making a continuous pile part of the proposed Roan cave-in on the Parkway, opened, three successive from Marion all the way to Mountain Recreation Area. most of the Parkway traf- week-ends brought a de- Richmond, Va., on the Incidentially, Graham and ed to attend and take part. fic has been routed around luge, totalling 35,000 visit- Washington, D. C., to New at Buck Creek Gap by Bus- ors to the State Park. York City, to Boston, Mas- building the paved highway where weather will not ick, up the South Toe River, When you consider that sachusetts, Bar Harbor, from Carvers Gap, on the hamper their operations. then Neals Creek and back one of Mr. Wilson's men Maine and on to the Cana-Roan, to Bakersville, are Anyone using the Curtiss to the Parkway. The detour was busy running the condian border—you'd end up rushing to beat old man Creek road will find that cuts right through the cession stand, you can imaheart of the Mt. Mitchell gine the tremendous job pulpwood, 4 feet high, 4 top, they have already cut Wright and his men—Louis Game Management Area, that he and his other man feet wide and 1,215 miles out several miles of right-Shuford, Ben Elliott, Jam-Because of this detour, had trying to keep the park long. And that, according of-way and are in the pro- es MacDougald and Odis many North Carolina and facilities presentable, pro- to our calculations, is how cess of installing culverts Wilson have just finished out-of-state motorists have vide parking space and much 802,089 cords of pulp- and grading the road bed. putting the road into good been seeing the Mt. Mitch- keep 30,000 people happy. wood would be Those sticks Since bad weather strikes shape. Some of the Parkell Game Management for We have just talked to Mr. of wood represent a lot of the upper reaches of the way detour traffic is also the first time. It looks like Wilson and in spite of the trees, a lot of paper and Roan first, the highway using the Curtiss Creek those national forest deer many problems and handi- jobs and wages for thous- men are pushing hard toget road. will simply have to get used caps that he has had to to the cars because it will wrestle with this summer, probably be a couple of he is still as genial as ever. months or more before the A report of the U. S. Blue Ridge Parkway can be Forest Service Experiment

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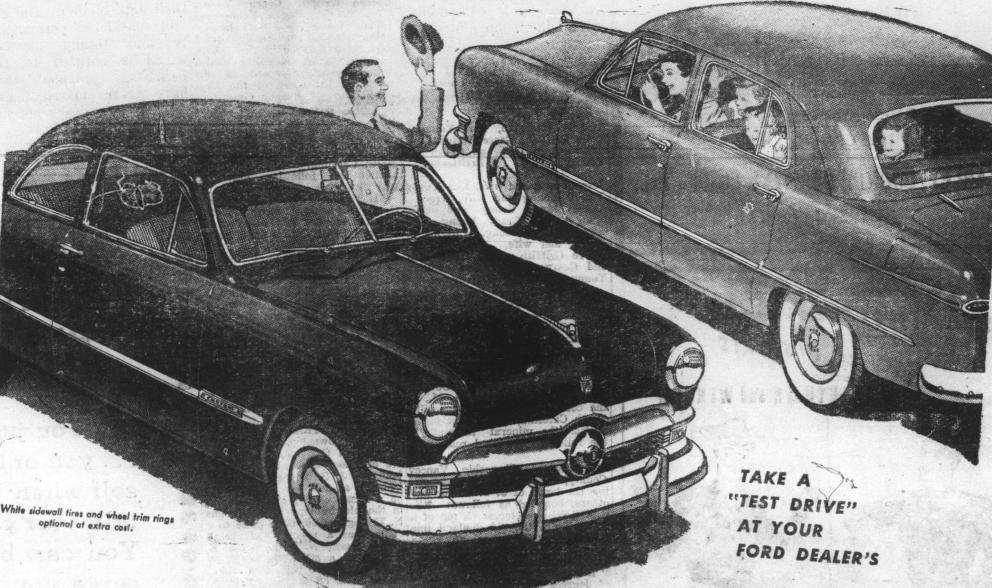
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