

Blue Ridge Parkway

Engineer Retires

Raleigh—The man who is responsible, more than any other man, for the location of the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina R. Getty Browning—retired on July 27 from active service with the State Highway Commission.

After 35 years of continuous service, he winds up a distinguished career in highway engineering. Since he has handled the engineering and right of way acquisition for the 250-mile section of the parkway in North Carolina for the last 22 years, it is expected that he will be employed by the Highway Commission as a consultant on completion of the parkway, and other highway locations.

Back in the early thirties, the Blue Ridge Parkway was first envisioned as a connecting 500-mile motor road between two great national parks—the Shenandoah in Virginia and the Great Smoky Mountains between Tennessee and North Carolina down to Roan Mountain where it would have switched west and gone down the Tennessee side of the mountains to Gatlingburg.

However, Browning, who was familiar with the grandeur of the Tar Heel upcountry from making highway locations for the State, knew that the superior location was along the mountain tops in

North Carolina.

Backed by the Tar Heel Congressional delegation, State and highway officials, Browning spearheaded the fight to induce Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes to adopt a route through the mountains of western North Carolina. The State's case was so well-documented with supporting maps and its presentation was so plausible and persuasive that Ickes overruled a special three-man committee who had recommended the sky highway through Tennessee.

In 1934, Ickes approved the final location of the parkway from Blowing Rock south via the Black Mountains, Craggies, the Pisgah and Balsam ranges—all in North Carolina—into the Smokies. His historic decision opened up a whole new era in western North Carolina.

The State's locating parties immediately set to work, making surveys for the parkway during several winters though the mountains were sheathed in snow and ice. Browning personally walked over the entire location of the parkway in the State. He directed his department in making the surveys, running all the preliminary lines, in establishing levels and in preparing topographic maps.

His consuming interest in the furthurance of the parkway

PROTEIN LEVEL FOR DAIRY COWS' RATIONS

Good dairymen know that the proper amount of protein in the grain ration is vital to the performance of their milking cows. The question is: What is the proper level of protein to feed?

Research and practical experiences have shown that a good 16% grain ration will do the job efficiently, regardless of the kind of roughage available, if the amount fed is adjusted to roughage quality.

The soundness of this program was illustrated in a feeding test conducted at the Ralston Purina research farm in Missouri. Thirty-six mature Holstein cows averaging about 1200 pounds live weight were divided into three equal groups on the basis of previous production and other factors. Lot I received good alfalfa hay and corn silage, with a 16% grain mixture at the rate of 1 pound for each 3.7 pounds of milk. Lot II received poor quality timothy hay free choice, along with corn silage and a 24% grain at the same rate as Lot I. Lot III received the same poor quality hay and corn silage, but were fed more pounds of the same 16% grain mixture that was fed to Lot I. Lot III cows received 1 pound of supplement for every 2 1/2 pounds of milk.

Cows in Lot I, fed good hay and a normal feeding of 16% supplement, increased their production an average of 1.2 pounds per day over their previous lactation. Cows in Lot II, fed poor roughage and a normal amount of 24% supplement, fell off an average of 6.35 pounds per day. Cows in Lot III, fed poor roughage with an increased amount of 16% supplement, gained an average of 6 of a pound of milk per day over previous lactations. Lot III returned an average of 19 cents more per cow per day over feed costs than Lot II.

This test indicated that the 16% grain ration, fed at a slightly higher level with poor roughage, made best use of poor roughage.

prompted an article several years ago in the SATURDAY EVENING POST entitled, "Pathfinder of the Moinsine Mountains."

Browning who is 72, has tramped over as much North Carolina wilderness as any man living. The veteran chief locating engineer follows the pioneer tradition of his hardy forefathers who were great hunters and gunsmiths of the American frontier.

A 6,110-foot mountain near Beech Gap in rugged Pisgah mountains of western North Carolina has been named for Browning in recognition of his outstanding work on the parkway.

IMPORTANCE OF POLIO VACCINE EMPHASIZED

The importance of widespread immunization against poliomyelitis has been emphasized by officials of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, which is now engaged in an all out effort to encourage the vaccinations.

Each county medical society in the state has been asked to launch a program of free public clinics to administer the Salk Vaccine to children and young people from three months through 19 years of age and to expectant mothers.

North Carolina's heaviest polio period has been experienced in August in a number of past years, and the physicians of the state are seeking to protect as many children as possible against polio, prior to any possible widespread outbreak of the disease in the state.

Failure of the people to avail themselves of the polio vaccinations has resulted in "North Carolina lagging in its polio immunization program," said Dr. S. F. Ravenel, Greensboro, chairman of the state society's emergency poliomyelitis vaccine committee.

"The polio vaccine is safe, effective and is now available in sizable quantities but is useless unless injected. The physicians of North Carolina urge every parent in the state to make certain that their child is vaccinated immediately.

"Polio vaccinations now may prevent paralysis and other dangers in September," he said.

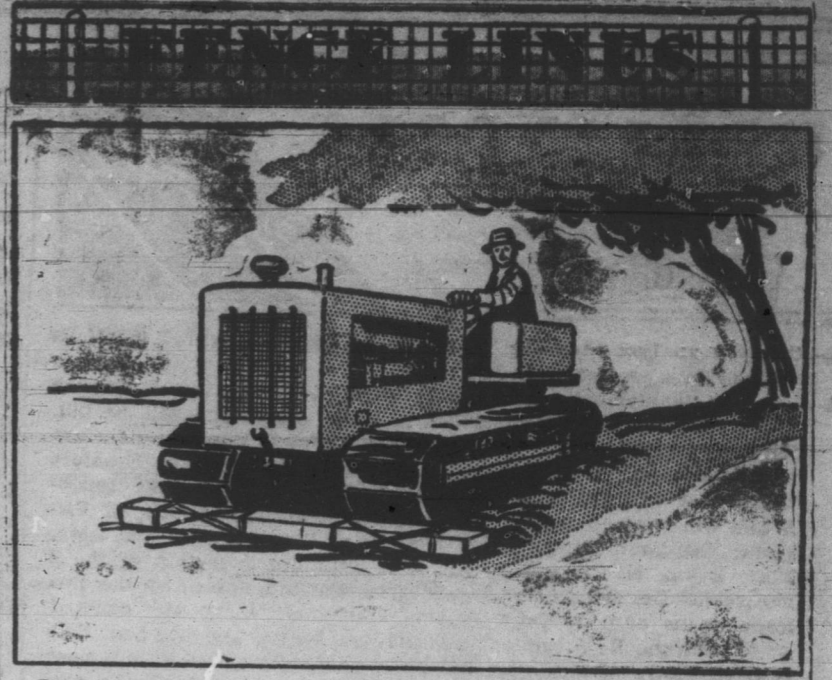
SPEEDERS TOP THE LIST OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

RALEIGH — Speeders raced ahead of the drunk drivers in July the Motor Vehicles Department said today in summarizing a monthly total of license revokable traffic offenses.

For July the agency reported 864 speeding convictions resulting in the loss of driving privileges. Most of the speeders were in the over 70 mph class.

Drunk driving convictions were only a step behind. The department had 816 drunk driving convictions which rates a mandatory revocation of license.

Total for the month, after including miscellaneous violations like driving after license suspended, transporting intoxicants, larceny of automobile, manslaughter and improper use of driver's license, came to 946 revocations and 1,260 suspensions.

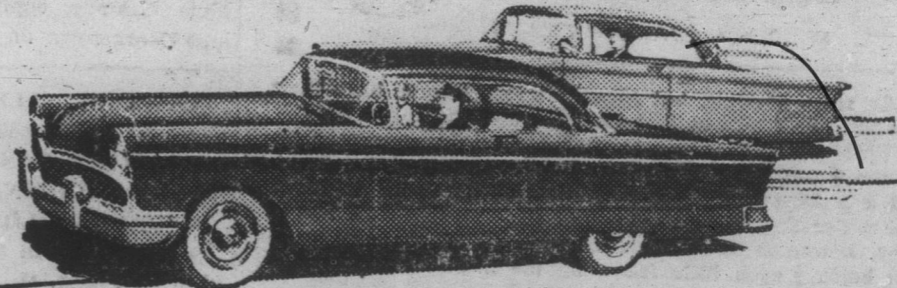


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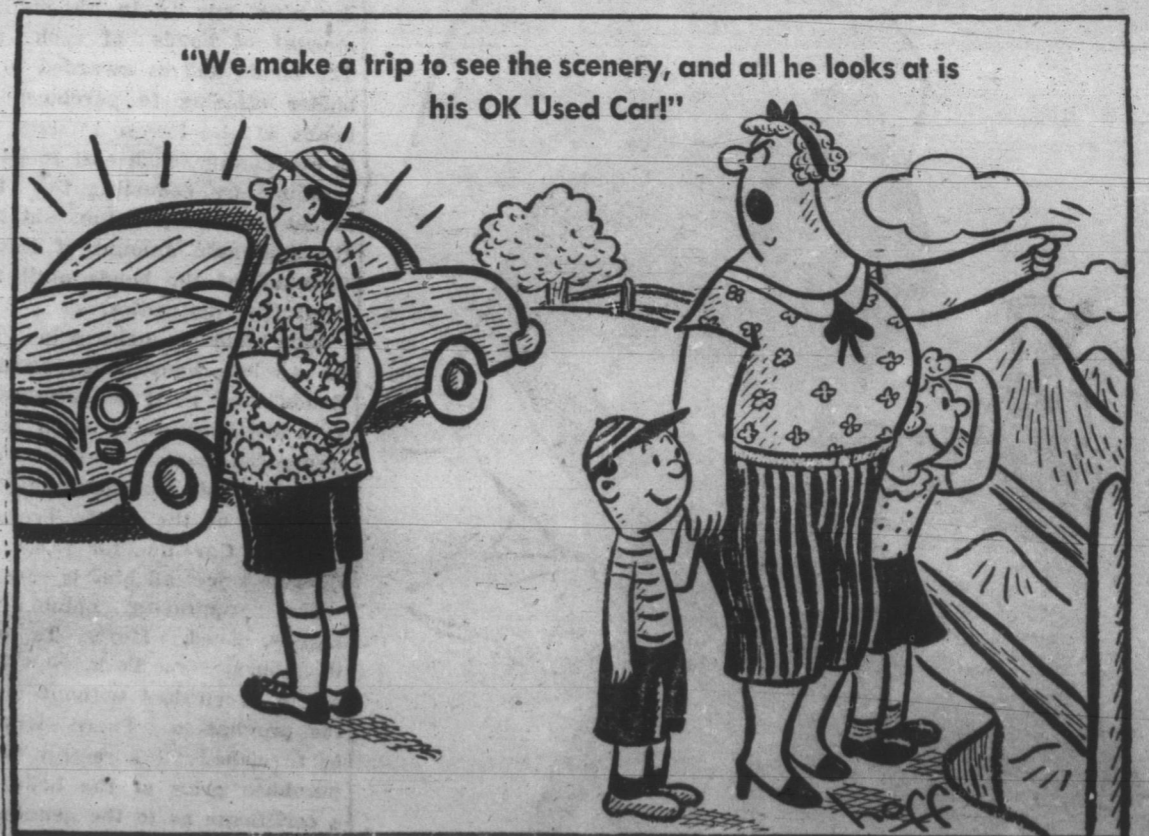
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