

Slated For Sunday:

'Singing On The Mountain'

There has never been a "singing on the Mountain" like the one slated for next Sunday, June 27. The mountain gospel singing convention, which had its beginnings in austere simplicity 52 years ago, will in this Bicentennial year experience the most elaborate staging that Hollywood and show business can produce, and with a glittering array of stars headed by the internationally famous, evangelist Oral Roberts.

The Reverent Mr. Roberts preached at the 44th annual sing in 1968, and he will preach again in June 1976. This time, however, he will be video-taping one of his hour long television specials which will be shown in prime time in every television viewing area in the United States. The show is tentatively scheduled to be aired the first week in September.

Fred Luff, a member of the Society of Motion Picture

and Television Art Directors, is the art director who worked with producer Ron Smith in designing the graceful series of stages and steps constructed in the past three weeks. They lead from the huge boulder in the meadow at the foot of Grandfather Mountain. The big boulder is still the principal singing and preaching rostrum, but Luff's new stages will permit thousands more people to enjoy the program in person by being closer to where the action is.

Oral Roberts will bring with him one of the nation's best known country and western musical performers, who will appear at "Singing on the Mountain" for the purpose of being on the television show. Officials of the sing have been requested not to mention the name of the star except in strictly local publicity, in order not to interfere with personal appearance contracts he has in

the area.

Arthur Smith, whose television shows are syndicated throughout the Southeastern states will be back as Music Master for the sing, a post he has held for more than 25 consecutive years. He will be joined by the Oral Roberts regulars, Richard and Patti Roberts and The World Action Singers. The Grandfather Mountain Cloggers will perform, as well as a number of gospel music groups. The event lasts all day, with the headliners appearing from noon until late Sunday afternoon.

Jerry Lewis, comedy star of motion pictures, stage, and television, is a close friend of Oral Roberts, and he has had considerable input in the planning for the "Singing on the Mountain" show. Lewis visited Grandfather Mountain in February as a member of the preliminary plans group, and he is expected to be on

hand Sunday to help video-tape the religious song festival.

Robert and Joe Lee Hartley of Linville, sons of the founder of the Sing who now serve as its co-chairmen, announced that they hope to make arrangements for shuttle bus service to and from the singing grounds. If the bus service materializes, motorists may park their cars near the horse show grounds in Linville and ride to and from the Sing site by shuttle bus. Details of these plans will be provided later.

Admission to "Singing on the Mountain" is free and anyone who wishes may attend. Estimates have run to more than 50,000 people for the previous years when well known personalities were featured, including Billy Graham, Bob Hope, and Johnny Cash.

Persons planning to attend are advised to come early, bring a picnic lunch, and stay all day as the best means to enjoy the proceedings.

Pictured with this article, Jerry Lewis (left) and Richard Roberts who have major roles in the Oral Roberts TV show that will be video-taped June 27 at Grandfather Mountain.



Jerry Lewis, Richard Roberts

Yancey Health Dept.

June 23, Wed., Family Planning 8:00-11:00
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Youths At Boys State; Study State Government

Bill Fender, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Fender of Swiss, and Michael Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Moore of Burnsville, recently attended Boys' State at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem for a week of intensive study and hard work in governmental study.

boys were honored for attending and for their cooperation while on Wake Forest Campus. All boys were eager to return but sad to leave the many friends they had made while at Boys' State.

Bill Fender and Michael

Moore would like to thank the members of the American Legion for allowing them the great honor of attending Boys' State and for all of their cooperation in making Boy's State the great program that it is.



Michael Moore, Bill Fender

Boys' Staters were sponsored by the American Legion Post of Yancey County and the American Legion also paid one-half the cost of tuition. Boy's Staters were chosen from their school because of their good grades, interest, and leadership. They were chosen from several that had been nominated and were considered to be the best candidates.

Bill and Michael left Burnsville on Sunday, June 13 and returned on Saturday, June 19. During this week they were subjected to many crammed-in hours of work and campaigning. Many days started at seven a.m. and ended at 10:30 p.m. with breaks only for meals and sports. Sometimes the meetings carried on for many hours without a break. This was evident when state party nominations were held one night. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. and ended at 2:00 a.m. the next morning. But all in all it was much fun.

There were many speakers throughout the week but two of the most prominent were Secretary of State Thad Eure and Governor Jim Holshouser. Mr. Eure invited all Boys' Staters to attend with him at his next speech at Girls' State, but none were allowed to go.

The Boys' State program was a mock set up of North Carolina government with the boys filling all positions. Boys were not chosen for their offices but had to campaign and then get elected to their positions.

The week ended with a Banquet in Reynolds Hall with certificates, pins and special honors being given. Boys' States Governor and Lt. Governor were sent to Boys' Nation in Washington, D.C. for 3 more weeks of study. All

Privilege License Deadline

Mr. Jesse Sigmon, Revenue Officer, urges taxpayers who are liable for State privilege licenses to apply before July 1, 1976. According to Mr. Sigmon, timely applications for licenses, together with the correct remittance, should be mailed to the North Carolina Department of Revenue, Post Office Box 25000, Raleigh, North Carolina 27640 or submitted to the local North Carolina Department of Revenue office. He advises that the penalty for failure to comply will be 5% for each delinquent month, or fraction thereof beginning July 2, 1976.

Drivers Ed For Adults

An Adult Driver's Education Class for anyone 18 years or older is being sponsored through Mayland Technical Institute. There must be at least 15 enrolled in the class. The cost will be \$22.50. Anyone interested should contact Dan Wilson, 682-6501.

Ted Smith Files For NC Senate Candidacy

Ted Smith announces and files for candidacy for the N.C. Senate—26th Senatorial District, consisting of Buncombe, Madison, McDowell and Yancey Counties.

Smith is 54 years old, born and educated in Avery County. He has been employed at Beacon Mfg. Co. for the past 35 years, is a member of Swannanoa United Methodist

Church, a Mason and past master of Swannanoa Lodge No. 561.

Smith was appointed by Gov. Holshouser in 1973 to serve as Highway Commissioner and is currently serving as Secondary Roads Councilman for the 13th Highway Division representing Buncombe, Burke, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford and Yancey Counties.

"After being confronted and made aware of the many needs in our area in the past four years, I feel a great need to endeavor to continue to serve to try to find solutions to fulfill the needs of our people," Smith stated.

Downing Joins Little Switzerland Realty

George Downing is now associated with the Little Switzerland Realty, owned by Charles Hodshon of Strawberry Ridge, Little Switzerland. Downing will have Yancey County as his territory as well as listings in Mitchell County.

Captain Downing is a retired U.S. Coast Guard officer and has been in Real Estate for over 30 years.

The Burnsville office of Little Switzerland Realty is located in the Yancey County Country Store building. The Downings started the Country Store 8 years ago and it has grown from 2 rooms to 14, and is open all year. They have had a cabin at Cattail Creek for over 18 years so are well acquainted with Yancey County.



Ted Smith

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