

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



WASHINGTON. — The National Park Service has announced its purpose to charge a fee for the use of the Blue Ridge Parkway by automobiles beginning on May 1, 1956. In common with the entire North Carolina delegation in the Congress, I am strongly opposed to converting the Blue Ridge Parkway into a toll road.

As a matter of principle, I am opposed to the Federal Government raising revenue by charging people for the privilege of gazing upon the handiwork of Almighty God. I have all protestations to the effect that the plan of the National Park Service is a revenue raising device for all tolls collected to be paid into the miscellaneous receipts of the Federal Treasury. I believe that it is, in substance, a device to collect revenue from the use of the Federal Government's lands by private individuals and the States of North Carolina and Tennessee.

The Blue Ridge Parkway and its extension in Virginia, the Skyline Drive and the Shenandoah National Park to the north and the Skyline Drive and the Skyline National Park to the south.

When the Skyline National Park was established, they included the lands already owned by the Federal Government and lands embraced in the National Park were purchased from private individuals and the States of North Carolina and Tennessee at a cost of approximately 10 million dollars for the enjoyment of those active in the donation of it was never contemplated that a toll would be levied on those visiting the Park. Moreover, the Blue Ridge Parkway is other than that of the National Park Service and the State of North Carolina at a cost of approximately \$100,000 and conveyed without charge by the State of

Regarding the long-range effects of the A-bomb explosions upon human beings, there has been much speculation. The "Los Angeles Times" recently stated:

"Human eyes can be damaged by the flash of atomic or hydrogen bombs as far as 40 miles from the observer, the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Tex., reports. But there is a more serious menace.

"Dr. A. H. Sturtevant, internationally known caatech authority on heredity, advances arguments which imply that each bomb exploded as a test, in Nevada, Australia, or Siberia, contributes something to the future production of inferior men and women.

"There is no possible escape," the caatech geneticist asserts, "from the conclusion that the bombs already exploded ultimately will result in the production of numerous defective individuals if the race survives for many generations. Moreover, every new bomb exploded, since its radioactive products are widely dispersed over the earth, will result in an increase in this ultimate harvest of defective individuals."

"Science News Letter" suggested a limitation of the test explosions that are being made, since

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tion that the gradual accumulation of atomic debris from H- and A-bomb explosions will poison the earth's atmosphere.

The French physicist and head of the natural science section of UNESCO, Dr. Pierre Auges, suggested that the atomic powers might agree to limit their "shots" in the interest of not creating too much radiation in the earth's air.

The article continues:

"If tests are fired repeatedly without regard to the radiation danger, we may drift into a pollution of the air that it will be impossible to remedy.

"Some of the debris of atomic explosions is very long-lived, as long lasting almost as natural radium and uranium. It goes on giving off radiation for thousands of years. Other new elements manufactured in the gigantic blasts are shorter lasting and more intense.

"From the standpoint of poisoning the world, the radioaction materials that explode over a few years are equally important. How many bombs exploded in a short time would be dangerous to the whole world is problematical, perhaps as few as 100, perhaps more.

"These widespread effects are not the same as the direct radiation effects of the explosion. They

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I know again that all is well. Your eyes are warm and gently tell of love that words cannot reveal. Whose yearning speaks until I feel the fullness of humility. That such a gift has come to me. Louise Barker Barnhill.

"When You Smile" was published in the winter issue of the "Westminster." We congratulate our "fellow townsman" for attaining this nationally recognized honor, but more, we congratulate Black Mountain because it has another "poetic star in its galaxy!" Alexander Pope wrote: "True ease in writing comes from art, not chance." "When You Smile" is "art" embracing music deep within the soul."

Chr. Poel's Corner for the Creative Writing Club.

Rites Held For Spurgeon Shope

Funeral services for Spurgeon Shope, 64, of the Riceville section, were held Sunday afternoon in the Riceville Presbyterian church with the Rev. A. D. Smith officiating. Mr. Shope died Friday in an Asheville hospital after a long illness. He was a native and lifelong resident of the Riceville section.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Gordon Gragg, Mrs. Frank G. Roberts, and Mrs. James N. Bradley, all of Swannanoa; two brothers, Carl of Springfield, Mo., and William of Sanford, N. C. Harrison Funeral home was in charge.

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