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## Hit The Road, You'll Love It

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Miami Herald Town Crier

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Early this season there appeared in the Miami Herald a column by Jack Bell, the Herald Town Crier, about our fair state North Carolina. With his permission we are publishing it in this issue of Blowing Rock's JOURNAL. We thoroughly enjoyed the lavish praises about our state by this well-known columnist, and want to share it with our readers. The Bells, of Miami, Fla., have a home in Blowing Rock where they have been spending their summers for a number of years. This is the column, as it appeared in the Miami Herald.

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North Carolina is a clean state with 72,000 miles of paved toll-less roads, and countless miles of side roads for shunpikers.

A shunpiker is a crazy galoot who hitches two farm horses to an antique sheltered wagon, drags a resigned but obedient wife from her comfortable home, and takes her down narrow trails seldom navigated by man, at .003 mph, excusin' rain.

Now, that may be great fun. But I prefer those 72,000 miles of well-paved, well-marked trails. I like to zoom up a hill roll over the top—and right thar's a mighty hunk of North Carolina spread out just as the gods planned it. I like to pause in quiet towns, talk to my fellow-Tarheels, learn the weather has been bad (that's basic), then drive on to where the highway meets the mountain and the sunset's golden, and blue and pure sky—way yonder in the west.

I like to roam North Carolina easy-like. I realize they've increased tourist business three-fold in 15 years. But I didn't realize all this popularity just might change the whole texture and charm and legend of No'th Ca'lina.

Yeah, we've been telling about our mountains, our flowers, our gorgeous gorges, our gardens fashioned by loving hands of early pioneers who came straight from England. But I do know that this summer you can motor through No'th Ca'lina and engage in just about anything you desire.

Try Blue Ridge

Ski? Why sure—if you visit Carolina in the winter. What has Lake Placid or Sun Valley on us? The first ski resort came in my summer town, Blowing Rock, 1962. Then Grover Robbins opened Hound Ears Golf and Ski Club at Banner Elk. There's a third at Cataloochee, near Maggie's Happy Valley.

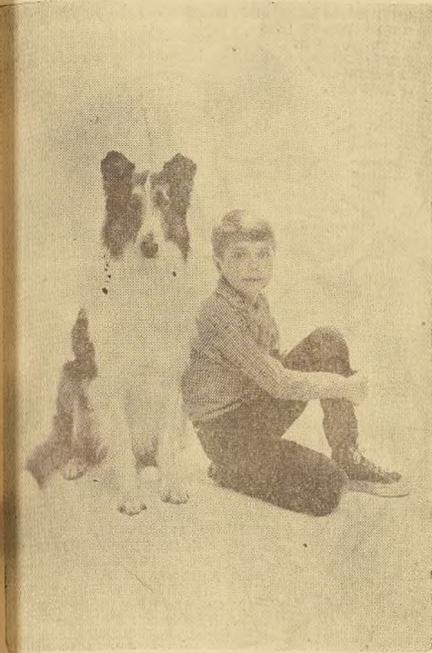
Ah, how quiet and beautiful Maggie's Happy Valley was before progress! Now they swarm all over the place to ski, ride buckets up the mountainside, ride a train that's a twin-sister of Tweetsie in Blowing Rock.

All of these crazy attractions—plus Indians in Cherokee who'll pose with your children for a dollar, plus "authentic" Cherokee merchandise made in New Jersey; plus a rather gaudy scene—leaves this writer cold.

You can avoid them, though it's not easy. The Blue Ridge Parkway, America's most beautiful, goes from Roanoke, Va., through Carolina's highest mountains, over and beyond Mt. Pisgah and down

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## Timmy Of Lassie's TV Program To Appear At Tweetsie June 20-27



Provost, "Timmy" of the CBS series "Lassie", will appear in person at Tweetsie near Blowing Rock, North Carolina, June 20-27. "Timmy" will meet and talk with boys and girls visiting Tweetsie and will have his picture made with them.

At home, Jon is all boy and likes to do the things boys enjoy. He rates baseball as his favorite sport. He is a whiz on his bicycle and a good swimmer.

Jon's schooling is gained mostly on the set, where he must study four hours each day. He looks forward to these periods when "Lassie" is not shooting so he can attend his regular school in Beverly Hills.

Jon's father is an aeronautical engineer who takes a calm and somewhat detached view of Jon's acting success. His older brother and sister also act as stabilizers in case he should ignore the fact that he is the junior member of a family as well as a television star.

## C Of C Directors Hold Meeting

Board of Directors of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce held their regular monthly meeting at seven thirty the evening of June 12th, at which time routine business matters were disposed of. Mrs. H. P. Holshouser and Mrs. Mae Coffey are representing the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce participating in the 30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

## NCFRW Workshop In Moorehead City

The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women will convene June 26 and 27 in Moorehead City for the organization's third annual Mid-Year Workshop. Headquarters will be the Biltmore Motor Hotel.

Panels, scheduled for 10 and 11 o'clock Saturday morning, will be discussions of campaign activities.

Congressman Page Belcher, Republican of Oklahoma, is to be guest speaker at the banquet Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Ann Johnson, vice chairman of the Goldwater-for-President Committee, is the featured speaker at the Saturday breakfast, and Robert L. Gavin, the Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina, will address the Saturday luncheon which is scheduled for 12:30.

Mrs. Frances Yow, president of the state federation, has called a board meeting for 4 p.m. Friday evening. All state officers and club presidents are urged to be present.

## Did You Get A Questionnaire?

Congressman James T. Broyhill has mailed out a questionnaire to residents of the Ninth District in an effort to get the opinions of the people. The questions listed—twenty-six in all—cover the major issues confronting Congress.

Among the questions listed on the opinion poll are: foreign policy matters, foreign aid, medical care for the aged, the President's program to combat poverty, pensions for World War I veterans, federal control of farm production. These and many others are listed in the poll. Copies of the questionnaire are available upon request. Replies should be made by July 15, at which time the results, based upon answers given on the forms received, will be tabulated and made public as quickly as possible.

Broyhill urges each family receiving a copy to take the time to complete it and return it to his office in Washington, D.C.

## Horn In The West Theatre Renovated



Officials of the "Horn in the West" outdoor drama at Boone inspect the Daniel Boone Theatre which is undergoing a \$25,000 renovation. The 1963 North Carolina Legislature appropriated \$22,500 toward improving the mountain theater originally built in 1952. Left to right, H. Grady Farthing, finance committee chairman; Jacob V. Caudill, vice president; W. R. Winkler, maintenance chairman; Herman W. Wilcox, executive vice president; and Wade Brown, mayor of Boone and legal advisor.

## 28th Annual Membership Meet Of Blue Ridge Was Largest

More than 4,000 were in attendance at the 28th annual Membership Meeting of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation on Saturday, June 13. The cooperative's consumer-owners met at Ashe Central High School near Jefferson, N.C.

As members registered for the meeting they received their capital credits checks which totaled nearly \$115,000. This is a savings that is returned to members as a result of their cooperating to provide themselves with electric service.

The keynote speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, Master North Carolina State Grange. Mrs. Caldwell told the group that farm programs have contributed much to the economic progress of North Carolina.

"As agriculture has been faced with problems and developed programs to meet the problem areas, great progress has been made," she declared.

"Education, research, road improvement, conservation of natural resources and price support programs have made a great impact on the entire economy," she said. "It is imperative that agricultural programs be strengthened if the standard of living and level of farm income are brought more nearly in line with those of non-farm people," she stated.

"No program, in my opinion, has made for greater agricultural pro-

## Old Model Cars Visit Blowing Rock



The Roanoke Valley Region Club, a group of people who collect and restore old model cars, made a tour last weekend from Roanoke, Virginia, to Blowing Rock, stopping here to visit the Antique Auto Museum located between Blowing Rock and Boone.

There were eleven cars in the group: two 1915 Fords, one 1923 Ford, one 1930 Packard, one 1935 Model-A car. It has approximately ninety members.

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## Singing On The Mountain Program Set For June 28

Gospel singing by the famous Chuck Wagon Gang of Dallas, Texas, as well as by noted North Carolina groups like The Harvesters and Arthur Smith's Crossroads Quartet, will highlight the 1964 "Singing on the Mountain" on Sunday, June 28.

The 40th annual staging of the colorful mountain religious singing convention will also feature as its principal speaker, Governor of North Carolina Terry Sanford, according to the announcement by J. L. Hartley, founder and Chairman of the "sing".

Always held the fourth Sunday in June, "Singing on the Mountain" serves as a Christmas homecoming in the summertime for many residents of the mountains of the South, with dozens of family reunions scheduled to coincide with the event.

Honored guests at the meeting were National Congressional candidates, North Carolina Legislative candidates, members of the staff of the Statewide Electric Cooperative organization, Tarheel Electric Membership Association; Gwyn B. Price, Chairman, North Carolina Rural Electric Authority; Mangus Hoge and Marvin Marshall of the Federal Rural Electrification Administration.

Estimates by the State Highway

Patrol of attendance in former years, when speakers such as Dr. Billy Graham, Governor Luther Hodges, and others have been heard, has ranged as high as 100,000 persons.

J. L. Hartley has served as Chairman of "Singing on the Mountain" for the entire 40 years of its existence. He is now 93 years old, but extremely active for his years.

"Singing on the Mountain" is open to the public and no admission is charged. The site is the broad meadow on U.S. 221 at the base of Grandfather Mountain two miles east of Linville.

The "sing" is an all-day program which begins in the early daylight hours on Sunday and lasts until late afternoon, and in recent years as many as 10,000 persons have arrived on the afternoon before to spend Saturday evening singing and camping on the grounds.

Officials of "Singing on the Mountain" include Chairman Hartley and Secretary Jack Cook of Linville, and Charlotte television star Arthur Smith as Music Master.

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# The Journal

## Sixth Annual Tour Of Homes Set For Friday, July 31st

The sixth annual tour of homes, sponsored by the Women of the Church at St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal Church, Blowing Rock, has been scheduled for Friday, July 31, starting at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Charles Sykes, this year's general chairman, announces that tickets and publicity will be handled by Mrs. George Holt and Mrs. Paul Taylor; Mrs. C. Stradley Kipp and Mrs. T. Harry Fleming are chairmen in charge of cars and drivers, and Mrs. Charles C. Smoot is chairman of the luncheon committee.

Four local homes will be opened for the tour. These homes and owners will be announced in an early issue of The Journal.

The tour of homes is the major fund-raising project of the Women of the Church. All proceeds will be used to further the work of the church.

As in the past, the tour will start at the church. Twenty-five or more cars will be available and each will have an official driver. Persons taking the tour are requested to use these cars and do not attempt to drive their own.

There will be free afternoon refreshments at the end of the tour. Also, a light lunch, at a nominal cost, will be available from 12 noon until 2 p.m. Both will be served at the Parish House of the church.