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Oliver Wendell Holmes said that the human race is divided into two classes: those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit and inquire, "Why wasn't it done some other way?" The trouble with most of us is not that we are against progress, but that we are "Too Self-Sufficient in our estimate of the technicality of progress." We shy at "experts," and thus minimize their years of training. We take them as robbers of democracy. We like to develop our own notions. As a result regarding the way things should be done, self-appointed engineers seldom make much headway. Except to hinder constructive work.

Too many public issues fail because too many people are not willing to trust in the judgment of the trained minds or public-spirited officials who pronounce the ways and means of development. Whether the proposed undertaking be a bridge, a highway, a harbor, a school building, a park or a public drinking fountain, there are always those who oppose—not fundamentally but technically—and to the extent that their opposition throws a monkey-wrench into the machinery and often renders the chances of success precarious.

It is not sought here to delineate the right to individual opinion or hamper in any manner the complete exercise of one's natural right or democratic action. But to agree with the results and conclusions of intensive study, to merge our opinions and subordinate our private, lay notions of scientific and engineering matters to the recognized accomplishments of men who have devoted their lives to the subject—in short, to have faith and confidence—not only negates the presumption of incompetency on our part, but bespeaks of the highest form of intelligence. In other words, as in the case of the need for a doctor or a lawyer, first get one of ability and in whom you have confidence, and then let him handle your case. Don't appoint yourself.

AT THE SIGN OF A S. H.

The Scout is in receipt of a copy of the Appalachian Scenic Highway Bulletin, dated July 20th, which is the official publication of this great international scenic highway stretching across eastern part of the United States from Canada through the Appalachian Mountains to Florida and New Orleans on the Gulf of Mexico. The greater part of this issue of the bulletin is given over to the recording of the big event at New's Gap and the conclusion of the big celebration at Murphy on the past glorious Fourth.

The honor of erecting the first markers of this great highway is accorded the local organization. Read what the Bulletin Says:

"A real epoch in our history was ushered in during the last days of June and the first three of July. During that period eighty-five markers were erected, the first to be placed on our great highway. These extended from Murphy North Carolina, to Gainesville, Ga., one for each mile and one for each diverging road. These handsome signs with the A. S. H. symbol on heavy steel discs 18 inches in diameter are a decided ornament to the newly opened section of highway over the Blue Ridge Mountains of Georgia." (They forgot to add "and North Carolina" on the end of the sentence, but we were there just the same.)

The Bulletin also deals at length with the coming international organization convention at Kenilworth,

Inn, Asheville, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the 14th, 15th and 16th of September. Every organization and individual interested in the A. S. H. is urged to begin plans for attending this great organization meeting, and it continues in part:

"The present plan is to have two great motorcades, aggregating perhaps 1000 cars, converge at Asheville. One of these will form at New Orleans, following the lure of the Appalachian Scenic Highway and adding additional cars at every town and city enroute. Another great motorcade will form at Ft. Myers on the West Coast and Miami on the East Coast of Florida, proceeding via the Lake City, Valdosta, and Macon Branch of the A. S. H. to the foot of the highway at Atlanta, and thence to Asheville. The third division will form at Quebec, Canada, and Bangor Maine, converging at Rutland Vermont, while the fourth includes the Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, and Toronto branch, coming by Niagara Falls and Buffalo and joining the main line at Sunbury, Pa."

The motorcade from the south will pass through Murphy perhaps a day or so before the 14th, the day set for the Atlanta Journal's great tour to begin the trip from Atlanta to Asheville, stopping over in Murphy for the night of September 14th and continue on to Asheville on the 15th.

The marking program of the highway is now well under way, and the attractive symbol A. S. H. will soon be erected at intervals of one mile over the entire length of the highway. The location of each marker is determined by starting at the center of the city of each organization point and marking halfway to the next organization point at intervals of one mile, on straight roads the first sign is located on the right, the next on the left, the next on the right, etc. On curves, however, these signs are placed so as to best catch the headlights of cars approaching from either direction, and at all cross roads the marker is placed to the best advantage of being located by the traveler.

In traveling over this highway, when passing the big disc sign marked A. S. H., we would remind you that the first markers ever erected on this highway were erected between Murphy and Gainesville, Ga., and that A. S. H. stands for the greatest and most promising of scenic highways in all the country.

Letters From The People

Peachtree, N. C.
August 1, 1925.

Editor Cherokee Scout,
Murphy, N. C.
Dear Editor:

It affords me great pleasure to tell the people of Cherokee, through your good paper of the good things that have been happening in my community.

A revival meeting has just closed here there were thirty conversions. Rev. R. L. Randolph of Bryson City did the preaching. The people of peachtree feel very grateful to this man of God for his services.

His sermons beat on our consciences like a silver shower of happy tears.

This was the preachers text for Sunday morning July 19th, "We are all laborers together with God." He tried to show the people that the techie must cooperate with the mighty before the sin battered soul can be set at liberty; that human faith must prepare the way for divine work, and human effort follow up the victories gained by divine power in bringing the lost to Christ.

Sunday evening his text was this: "And I if I be lifted up from the earth Will draw all men unto Me." In this sermon his plea was to the christain. He plead with the people to hold up Christ before a sinning, sorrowing world. Every sermon was wonderful Tuesday evening Brother Randolph preached on back sliding. He took Sampson for his character and told of his strength and power; told of his giving away the secret of his strength and how he fell into the hands of his enemies; how at last his strength came back and he did more for God on the last day of his life than he had ever done before. This was his message to the back-sliders: If you have turned away from Christ; If you have quit serving him, come back to him now and like Sampson of old do more for God in your last days than you have ever done before. There were twelve conversions that night. Friday evening he preached on the return of the prodigal son. In this sermon he told this story: A young girl had wandered away in sin. Her mother did not know where she was. She had hunted everywhere but with no success. At last she told the detective to take her picture, the mother's, and hang it up that passers by might see. under

the picture she had written these words, "Come Home." The daughter one day went into a house and found her mothers picture hanging there. Her heart was crushed. She decided on an immediate return to her mother.

Said the preacher: "God has hung the picture of his son in the form of the cross before the eyes of the world and under it are written letters of blood these words: "Come Home." He plead with the prodigal sons and daughters to come home. There were eleven conversions that evening.

In his fare well sermon he said there were three classes of people. There were those who accepted Christ and then apparently turned away from him. Then there were those who gave Christ a prominent place in their hearts, and last there were those who gave Christ the pre-eminent place in their hearts; to love, serve and trust him till life's latest gas was sinking low.

Brother Randolph is doing a great work. He sometimes get discouraged and is tempted to never try to do any thing again. I remember hearing him say: "I have gone home from the service thinking my efforts were in vain and that I would never try to preach again."

Mr. Editor do you suppose all the clergy feel that way. This morning just before dawn as I pondered these thoughts over and over in my mind I composed the following verses. Perhaps they will help some one who feels discouraged because their efforts seem in vain, here they are:

Suppose that all the preachers should lay their hilles by, and cease to tell the people, how Jesus came to be.

For all the sad and weary, who feel his world doth roam, to give them place on earth, and by and by a home.

Suppose that all the sinners, should say it doesn't pay, To work and toil for Jesus and sing their lives away and just shut up there song books and with them close the door to their hearts that music might flow from there no more.

Suppose that all God's people, Should just forget to pray, and leave this sinful world, to drift along its way. Suppose that every body, Should choose a life of ease, what would be the out come, tell me if you please.

Very respectfully yours,
Willie K. Johnson.

RULES FOR THE ATLANTA-ASHEVILLE AUTOMOBILE TOUR

Following are the Rules for The Atlanta-Asheville Automobile Tour Sponsored by The Atlanta Journal over the Appalachian Scenic Highway September 14-15, 1925:

Formal application for entrance into the tour must be made on regular printed form.

Entry lists will close at noon, Saturday, September 12th, 1925.

Tour leaves Atlanta on the morning of Monday, September 14 at 8 o'clock.

Entrants will assemble their cars on Forsyth street at 7:30 a. m. Cars will be assembled along Forsyth street according to the tour numbers on their hood markers, beginning with No. 1 just behind the pace-maker, which will take its stand on the east side of Forsyth street just south of Marietta Street and which will front north. Cars will park 20 feet apart, and the line will extend south along Forsyth Street as far as it may go.

Four officials will assist entrants in finding their place in the line.

All tourists must be in their cars by 7:50 a. m. awaiting the bugle to start.

No speeding will be permitted. An average speed of about twenty miles an hour running time will be maintained.

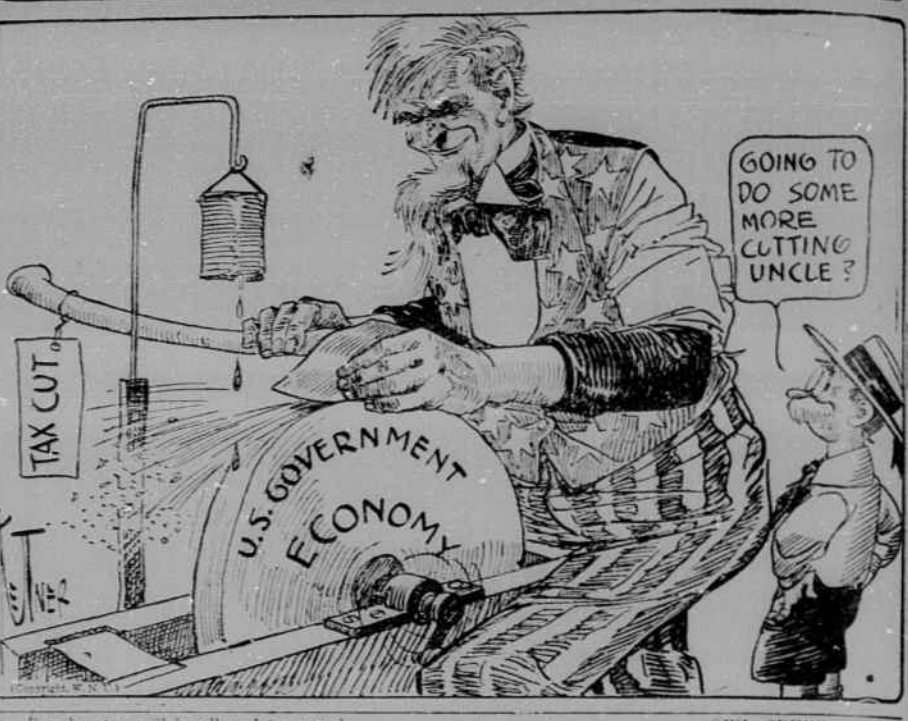
Leaving place in line and running around other cars is forbidden. Every car must keep its place unless uncontrollable circumstances require it to drop out. Then such car will travel at the extreme rear end of the line until the next lunch or night stop is reached when it will resume its place.

While moving each car will keep at least 100 yards behind the car immediately in front. This will avoid accidents, make travel more comfortable and better enable the tourists to view the scenic wonders along the way.

Extreme caution should be observed on curves. Always be on the lookout for automobiles coming your way and remain on your side of the road.

Cars must be kept in line during all stops and tourists must remain nearby their cars so that when the bugle call to start is given there will be no delay in getting under way. Of course, cars requiring repairs or

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gas, oil and water, will be allowed to leave the line for these purposes and cars which dropped out along the way will be permitted to resume their places at luncheon and night stops. In order that there may be a minimum of confusion it is important that no car leave the line unless absolutely necessary and that such cars then bring up the rear.

All cars in the tour will carry markers furnished by the management. If any entrant desires to carry other signs or markers approval of the tour management should be obtained in advance.

Officials of the tour travel in official cars which will be placed at different points in the line, and the officials will assist the tourists in maintaining the prescribed formation and aid them in other ways.

Every tourist is expected to attend the reception meeting in Murphy on the night of Monday, September 14th, and the reception meeting in Asheville on the night of Tuesday, September 15th. Not only will the programs of these meetings be interesting but important announcements will be made which every tourist should hear.

The tourists will be served lunch at Gainesville on Monday, September 14th; will spend the night at Murphy, N. C.; will lunch on Tuesday, September 15th, at Bryson City, N. C., and will arrive at Asheville, N. C., on the evening of the 15th. At various towns and cities along the way five-minute stops will be made for refreshments. Tourists are warned to remain as close to their cars as possible at these brief stops and be ready to start when the bugle

sounds.

At the two luncheons the tourists will be the guests of the cities serving them. However, at Murphy and Asheville the tourists will be responsible for their own reservations.

Circulars giving the hotel rates at Murphy and Asheville will be sent to every entrant who will see to it that reservations are made in advance for himself and his guests. Those desiring reservations should write Mayor W. M. Fain, at Murphy, N. C., and Roscoe A. Marvel, Kenilworth Inn, Asheville, N. C., as early as possible advising them of the kind of reservations they desire. As far as possible their wishes will be met.

The Bezel Hotel will be tour headquarters at Murphy, N. C., and the Kenilworth Inn will be tour headquarters at Asheville.

The town, county or state is fortunate indeed when those in authority are big and broad enough when elected to lay aside political and personal prejudice and give to every citizen the protection and privileges intended by our constitution that they should enjoy. Equal rights to all and special privileges to none. It is unfortunate for any municipality, county or state to be dominated by ring rule, where those in authority take advantage of their position to punish those who differ with them politically or otherwise. To the victor belongs the spoils, but that was not intended to include persecution of the vanquished and if persisted in will result in the overthrow of the arrogant and despotic. It has always done so in the past. They over-reach themselves in their despotism.—Ex.

Mrs. Jeff Kephart and Miss Oma Kephart spent last weekend with relatives at Andrews, N. C.

Miss Mary Jones is visiting friends and relatives at Farmer, Tenn. this week.

Mr. Oliver Kephart and Mr. Victor Marcus were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kephart Sunday. We are having some nice rains here which are greatly needed.

Mr. Larkin Kephart visited Bolling Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mintz spent Sunday with their uncle, Mr. C. C. Hass.

Mr. J. E. Jones, who has been employed at Larkin, is spending a few days with home folks.

Mr. Fred Dockery and Mr. Grady Davis of Bolling Springs were visitors on Owl Creek Sunday.

Mrs. Burton Sneed and little son, Jack, of Maryville, Tenn. are visiting home folks here.

Rev. Mr. R. Cornwell preached a very interesting sermon Saturday and Sunday.

The revival conducted by Rev. Thomas Truett, will begin at Bolling Springs Sunday, August 23rd. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Helen Hamilton, principal, and Miss Jane Mulkey, Assistant.

Mr. Larkin Kephart and George Young of Owl Creek were visitors at our Sunday School Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kephart of Owl Creek were visitors here Sunday.

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