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1000 Cars Expected To Enter Asheville For Highway Meet

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"We have an international organization meeting of the Appalachian Scenic Highway Association at Kenworth Inn, Asheville, N. C., September 14-15-16," advises Captain T. V. Orr, vice-president of the association, who was in Johnson City Wednesday.

Continuing, Captain Orr states: "We are now organizing a motorcade, one branch to start from Riviere Du Loup, following by way of Grand Falls, Canada, to Bangor and Augusta, Main, and into the main line at Rutland, Vermont. A second branch will start at Quebec and travel by way of Sherbrooke to Rutland, Vermont. Another from Montreal to Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, to Sunbury, where this will join the other two motorcades and proceed down through Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, Johnson City, Tennessee, to Asheville, picking up all that care to travel with the motorcade, enroute. A fourth branch will start at New Orleans, going by way of Mobile, Pensacola, Crestview, Tuskegee, Alabama, to Atlanta. A fifth from Fort Myers, Florida, will travel via punta Gorda, Sarasota, Bradentown, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Tarpon Springs, Live Oak, Cordele, Macon, joining the New Orleans motorcade and proceeding by way of Gainesville, Florida and Murphy, Bryson City, Waynesville, North Carolina, to Asheville.

"At least 1,000 cars will converge forming a parade at Asheville, and each car is to have a banner on same showing town it is from; the motion picture people will be there to take the pictures of the event.

"We want Johnson City to have as many cars as possible in that motorcade, ready to join with the procession when it passes through Johnson City. Incidentally, it may be an opportunity to entertain some distinguished visitors from the north east, if Johnson City would like to do so. It might be possible to have these gentlemen stop over for one meal.

"The governors of the 17 states and provinces traversed, will be invited to attend, as well as the Premier of Canada, and president of the United States and prominent tourists and motor officials, and others, whose influence will be important to this section of the country.

"The Appalachian Scenic Highway Association will be glad to cooperate with Johnson City in any way it may be possible to make this event profitable to this city.

"The Georgia sector of the Appalachian Scenic Highway reaching from Atlanta to the North Carolina state line at Murphy, N. C., was formally opened by a barbecue at Neel Pass at the crest of the Blue Ridge July 4th, 1925. About 8,000 people were present. Governor Clifford Weller, of Georgia, was the principal speaker, the Georgia legislature attended in a body. The evening meeting was held at Murphy, N. C., with attendance of about 7,000 at which Captain T. V. Orr, vice-president of the organization, discussed the Appalachian Scenic Highway Association's project and its meaning to Georgia, North Carolina and this entire section.

BAPTIST REVIVAL TO BEGIN AUG. 23

According to announcement this week by the pastor, Rev. T. L. Sasser, plans are being formulated for holding the revival of the Baptist Church, beginning August 23rd and continuing for a period of two weeks.

The plans to date are to secure the services of a competent song leader to have charge of the song services, and unless some change in the plans develop the pastor will do the preaching. One service will be held daily, at the evening hour, it was announced.

Miss Lucy Lemon, of Jackson, Ga., is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Storey and Miss Ruth Whitehead this week.

Summer Follies



Blairsville Citizen Commits Suicide

According to information reaching here this week, Ed. Waldroup, of Blairsville, prominent in road building and banking circles, and well known throughout this entire section, committed suicide at the home of his father Sunday morning about eight o'clock by putting a shotgun in his head and pulling the trigger. It is thought that he had the muzzle of the gun in his mouth at the time, as the entire top of his head was blown off. His head was so badly mutilated that it was wrapped in a sheet and never unwrapped, it is said.

It is thought that domestic troubles was the cause of his action, as he and his wife had been separated for some two or three years. It is said that he made statements to several of the family sometime ago that he was going to end his troubles, and that he had repeated them only a day or two before.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon and interment was in the Blairsville cemetery.

Commission Confirms Road Contracts

The Cherokee County Road Commission, composed of Mr. A. Rice, chairman; Mr. D. S. Russell, secretary; and Messrs. G. O. Crawford, T. S. Evans, N. E. Dockery, W. F. Hill, met in regular session here on Monday and Tuesday of this week, and besides transacting the regular routine business, it is understood that the commission confirmed two contracts for the construction of roads in Beaverdam township.

The bids in question are said to be those of Crye and Kollock, for three and one-half miles on Unicoi Mountain, connecting with Tennessee through Beaverdam township, at an approximate cost of \$20,000; and 5.7 miles on the same route from the Dave Burrell place to Dr. J. W. Crawford's at Unaka, at an approximate cost of \$25,000. It is understood that the contracts call for grading, the maximum not to be more than six and one half percent.

A delegation of citizens from Cutbertson and vicinity appeared before the commission, it is understood, representing and showing the need of a road between Murphy and Hot House, and asking that the commission authorize the same to be built. It is understood that construction on this road will begin at once.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rogers of Blairsville left Thursday for their home after spending the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rogers of Tomotla and other relatives in the County.

MURPHY MAKING PREPARATIONS TO ENTERTAIN TOUR



This Map Shows that portion of the Appalachian Scenic Highway, from Atlanta to Asheville, over which the Atlanta Journal's great Automobile tour will be run September 14th and 15th. Some of the most beautiful and inspiring scenery in America is on this highway. The first night of the tour the motorcade will be guests of Murphy and it is expected one hundred cars and four or five hundred people will spend the night in Murphy. Mr. Harlee Branch, city editor of the Journal, is in charge of the tour—Cut Courtesy the Atlanta Journal.

Commissioners Met This Week

The Cherokee County Commissioners, composed of Mr. T. W. Axley, chairman, and Mr. W. T. Holland, and Mr. W. J. Martin, met in regular session here on Monday and Tuesday of this week and transacted the regular routine business.

COMMITTEE SECURES RESERVATIONS FOR 300 VISITORS, AND 200 MORE NEEDED, IS SAID

Developments in the plans for the entertaining of the Atlanta Journal tour in Murphy on the night of September 14th have been great and rapid succession during the past few days. The committee in charge announced the first of the week that accommodations for taking care of some three hundred of the visitors expected had been secured and that in all probability accommodations for at least two hundred more would be needed.

This was followed by the announcement over long distance telephone by Mr. Harlee Branch, who is in charge of the tour for the Atlanta Journal, that up to non Wednesday sixty cars had already been entered in the proposed tour with more than a month intervening between now and the date set for the tour, and in all probability there would be more than a hundred cars in the tour by the time the motorcade reached Murphy on the night of Sept. 14th.

Also the first of the week, Mr. E. P. Hawkins, local Hudson dealer, announced the tendering of a seven passenger Hudson to be entered and used as the official car of the city. In the event the car is accepted, Mr. Hawkins plans to drive it himself, and it is understood that his proposition has been or will be accepted. And it is hoped that the official car of Murphy will join the motorcade in Atlanta and make the entire tour from Atlanta to Asheville.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the entertaining of the tourists are highly optimistic over the co-operation being received from the citizens, and were pleased with the results of their efforts during the past few days, but stated that if any cars or hostess in the city could possibly take another guest or two, it would be greatly appreciated, and the committee should be notified at once as it was necessary that the information be communicated to Mr. Branch of the Atlanta Journal as soon as possible. From the announcement of Mr. Branch that sixty cars had already been entered and that more than a month yet remained for entering, and that he was expecting some one hundred cars to be in the motorcade by the time it reached Murphy, the proposition to take care of the tourists here on the night of the 14th becomes a huge one and the committee stated that it was with a degree of ser-

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TRUETT AND McCONNELL TO BE AT FRANKLIN

Large Tabernacle Erected and people Preparing for Great Revival August 14 to 23

Large window placards calling attention to Great Truett-McConnell revival at Franklin from August 14 to 23rd were received here this week and placed in windows of the business houses and other prominent places. The placard is about 11x14 inches and shows pictures of Dr. George W. Truett and Dr. F. C. McConnell, two of the greatest preachers who ever went out from this mountain section. Dr. Truett is pastor of the First Baptist church at Dallas, Texas, and Dr. McConnell is pastor of the Druids Hill Baptist Church of Atlanta.

The event is a sort of home-coming for the two great preachers, as both are native North Carolinians having been born and reared in Clay County near Hayesville. It is understood that Dr. McConnell will preach at the morning service and Dr. Truett at the evening service.

The people of Franklin have erected a large tabernacle and are preparing to take care of the thousands of visitors who will be in attendance from all sections of Western North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. Quite a number have already signified their intention of attending from Murphy.

The placard, besides the pictures of Drs. Truett and McConnell, bears the following announcement: "Truett-McConnell; big crowds, big tabernacle, great preachers; 10 great days, Mornings at 11: A. M., evenings at 8:00. The old Gospel, Franklin, N. C., August 14-23."

The Franklin Press has been carrying serially for the past several weeks the life story of Dr. Truett, and the meeting is being well advertised.

To Complete Unfinished Link of No. 10 By Jan. 1

The Scout is this week in receipt of a communication from Mr. J. G. Stikeleather, district highway Commissioner for western North Carolina in which he states that a representative of the bonding company in charge of the unfinished link of Route No. 10 through the Nantahala Gorge was in his office a few days ago and made the statement that he, the contractor would perhaps have that link of Route 10 finished by Jan. 1st. He also stated that the representative of the bonding company said he had made arrangements to use the output of Hewitt's Quarry on the West end of the work.

In conversation over long distance telephone Wednesday morning, Mr. Stikeleather stated that extra force of men had been put to work on the other end of this unfinished link and that everything possible was being done to speed up the work.

Mr. Stikeleather also stated that he had not as yet had any report from the Tennessee authorities relative to what Tennessee would do regarding the proposed connection between the two states, and said that he did not understand the delay.

"I have not, as yet, had any report from Tennessee Department," the letter states in part, "and I do not understand the delay. When I receive a report I shall communicate most likely, with your paper to the end that the public may know of Tennessee's decision.

"It also gives me pleasure to inform you that a representative of the bonding company who is doing the work on the Nantahala gorge was in our office yesterday (July 31) and he has arranged to use the output of the Hewitt's Quarry on the west end of this work and he says that they are going to finish the surfacing by January 1st at all cost. Now I want it understood plainly that he says this and I believe he means it. This sounds most too good to be true, but you may rest assured we shall do all in our power to co-operate with the contractors to the fullest extent."

Messrs. Burton Cornwell and Ed Hyatt, left this week for Miami, Fla. to be gone several months. They drove through in a Ford car.

REV. ABERNETHY DRAWING CROWDS AT M. E. CHURCH

In Opening Sermon Monday Night He Urged To "Be All There" in Whatever One Does

In a strong and inspiring sermon from the text "And the Lord Added to the Church daily," at the Methodist Church Monday Night, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Trinity Methodist, Charlotte, opened a series of services lasting over a period of two weeks, which bid fair to be fruitful for the kingdom of God in Murphy. Mr. Abernethy is an eloquent and fluent speaker, and his strong vigorous voice carries to every corner of the large auditorium, driving his messages home with the still stronger force of his logic.

In the course of his sermon Monday night, Mr. Abernethy stated that there were two beings which worked through human agency and through which human agency worked, namely Christ and Satan. He stated that Satan could do no evil unless someone, some human agency, acted as agent. Likewise the same was true of Christ. The coming of the Kingdom, or anything that God does, must be done through human agency, he said.

He stated that all were under obligations to Christ, and gave a number of illustrations to prove his point. He pointed out that the trend of the times seemed to point to a "survival of the fittest," and that God's Kingdom was not concerned with the survival of the fittest, but with making all fit to survive.

In conclusion, he plead with the people to "Be all There" in whatever profession they followed, and especially did he appeal to the Christians to support the services by being all there, in person, in prayer, in fellowship and harmony with God and man to the end that success would crown the meeting just beginning.

It was a great sermon, and the large auditorium was filled to capacity. The services have been well attended during the week, and it is expected, as the word goes out of the really great sermons he is delivering, that the auditorium will be crowded to overflowing before the week closes, especially at the evening hour.

Mr. Abernethy was pastor here some twenty five years ago, and in his remarks as a prelude to his sermon Monday night stated that he used to know everybody in Murphy and half of the cats and dogs. He stated that he was glad of the opportunity to come to Murphy, and that with the help of the Lord he would do his best. Since leaving Murphy he has attained some very distinct honors, and is now pastor of one of the most prominent churches in Southern Methodism.

Mr. J. C. Coston, of Hendersonville, soloist and director, has been secured to lead the song services, and his solos are a feature of the services. A number of singers from the other churches, together with the excellent choir of the local church, and a competent leader, more than assure the success of this feature of the services.

Grandview Farmer Loses Barn And Houses By Fire

Word was brought here Tuesday morning that Andrew Davis, son of Mr. J. A. Davis, who lives at what is known as Rocky Gap on the line of Murphy and Beaverdam Township had two houses, a crib and shed burned down by fire early in the morning. It is believed that the houses were set on fire by someone, as about two acres of corn in a field near by were cut down, a potato patch and a tobacco patch torn up.

The amount of damage is not known, but it was estimated at several hundred dollars. None of the buildings were occupied, except a hog pen adjoining but it was believed the hogs escaped uninjured.

The blood hounds were set for to put on the trail, but no information as to whether or not a trail was picked up had been received at the time of going to press.

Mrs. Crouch and Mr. Fred Hartell of Melbourne, Fla. are spending several weeks in Murphy.