

## Two States In Big Road Celebration Here

### GREAT WELCOME GIVEN VISITORS TO ASH MEETING

More than Two Hundred Cars and Thousand Delegates Celebrate Opening of Great Highway

### WORK OF GEORGIA-N. C. ENGINEERS IS LAUDED

### Heavy Downpour of Rain Disrupts Plans, But Spirit and Enthusiasm Undaunted

North Carolina and Georgia joined hands across the mountains at Murphy Saturday in one of the greatest and most important highway meetings ever held in the South, and exchanged congratulations and felicitations upon the completion of one of the greatest road building achievements in the history of America.

Two great motorcades, one coming south from Asheville and the other coming north from Atlanta, converged at Murphy Saturday morning and were given one of the most rousing welcomes ever accorded a like gathering throughout this whole mountain region. It was estimated that there were 225 cars and over a thousand delegates from North Carolina and Georgia, and the people from the county and nearby towns swelled the number of people here up to several thousand.

A heavy downpour of rain just before noon made it necessary to change the plans and serve the barbecue and picnic dinner in the high school building instead of in the grove at Cool Springs. However, Mayor Hill and his committees on entertainment and arrangement were more than equal to the occasion and sought out the guests and saw that all were given some of the delicious fried chicken, Brunswick stew, sandwiches, pies, cakes, etc., prepared for them by the multitude of good housewives of Murphy, Andrews, and other sections of the county. Everybody was served and considerable food was left over.

The downpour of rain, which was accompanied by vivid lightning and heavy thunder, struck the North Carolina delegation a few miles west of Bryson City, and the Georgia delegation as it crossed the state line at Bellevue, and continued until sometime after reaching their destination. However, the spirit and enthusiasm of the meeting was undaunted.

Many Speakers After the luncheon as many of the big crowd as could get in repaired to the large high school auditorium where a number of constructive addresses were delivered.

Roscoe Marvel, President of the Appalachian Scenic Highway, who presided opened the meeting with a short address which is carried elsewhere.

Mayor Frank S. Hill made the address of welcome, which was a most cordial one, and he deplored the fact that the committee on entertainment had been compelled to change plans at the last moment on account of the rain. He stated that it was the desire of the committee and the desire of every citizen of Murphy that her guests have a perfectly enjoyable stay while here, not only on the occasion of this celebration, but at any and all times, and assured them that everything possible was being done to make the visit a pleasant one.

Mayor Hill thanked Mr. Marvel, the Atlanta Journal and Harlee Branch, city editor of the Journal, and the Asheville papers for their good work in bringing the Appalachian highway and its scenic beauties to the attention of the world.

A motion offered by Mayor Hill which requested the Atlanta Journal to sponsor the motorcade to Montreal next summer was unanimously adopted. Mayor Hill said The Journal had done so much for the Appalachian Scenic Highway and had sponsored the great motorcade from Atlanta to Asheville last summer, therefore, he felt that if The Journal would take charge of the Atlanta-Montreal motorcade it would be a huge success.

Major John S. Cohen, President and Editor of the Journal, said he (Continued on page 6)

### Miss Kohless To Have Charge Of School Music This Year

Miss Kohless, violin and piano teacher in the Andrews school last year, has accepted the same position in the Murphy school for the ensuing year, which will begin on September 6th. In addition to the piano and violin lessons, Miss Kohless will have charge of the public school music. For this work she will be paid a monthly salary. Tuition for the private violin and piano lessons will be collected through the office of the Superintendent. In order, therefore, to have the funds for Miss Kohless's salary at the end of the month, it will be necessary for the pupils taking private violin and piano lessons to pay in advance by the month. This will be just as easy as the old method of paying at the end of the month and will save the school board from advancing the funds for the salary of the music teacher for the private lessons. The announcement is made in advance, explained school officials this week, so that those parents who expect to have their children take lessons could have time to make arrangements for their children to begin their music lessons the first week of school.

Parents are also urged by the Superintendent of schools to start their children the first day and keep them in the entire year and every day possible. Children who will be six years old before Christmas may and should start on the opening day, September 6th. However, those who will not be six until after Christmas should wait until the beginning of the spring term in January to start as there will be a beginners' section started then as well as in the fall. However, it will be impossible to start sections at other times during the year, it was stated.

### Miss Berry Here In Interest of Rural Credit Associations

Miss H. M. Berry, representing the N. C. Division of Markets, of the State Department of Agriculture, is spending sometime in Cherokee and Clay Counties working among the farmers in connection with the organization of savings and loan associations. Miss Berry organized one of these associations in the Brasstown community last spring and is very much pleased with the manner in which this association is functioning among the people of this community.

The savings and loan association is a co-operative bank authorized by state law thru which a rural community can, through its collective savings, establish a credit agency for the production needs of the community. The association is also designed to promote and stimulate thrift or saving in the community, not only among the grown-ups but among the children. It is further possible through these associations to establish a connection with the Federal Intermediate Credits Bank in case the community needs more funds than they can command. This is a very valuable service in case a community desires to go into the livestock or dairying business, plant apple orchards, etc.

Miss Berry will be in Hayesville the balance of this week and back in Murphy at least a part of next week. She will meet with the people of the Marble community next Monday evening at five o'clock at the school house.

### Markers For State Highway No. 10

State highway No. 10, crossing the state from sea to western boundary 555 miles long, is to be the first highway to have the new standard highway markers which have been adopted by the State Highway Commission to mark all of the state roads. Surveys are now being made to ascertain the number and kinds of markers needed on No. 10, which passes through county seats of 21 counties and touches the 22nd county. The markers will be of metal and indestructible, differing in color and design from the present markers.

### MOTORCADE TO ATLANTA GIVEN ENDORSEMENT

Resolutions Adopted Thank Murphy People, President Marvel And Atlanta Journal

Resolutions were adopted by the Georgia-North Carolina divisions of the A. S. H. in meeting here Saturday expressing the admiration and appreciation of the gathering of the people of Murphy for their generous hospitality; pledging cooperation in the Atlanta convention of the Appalachian Scenic Highway association on October 18, 19 and 20; endorsing the proposed motorcade from Atlanta to Montreal next summer; urging that the Atlanta convention accept the invitation of Montreal to hold the 1927 meeting in that city; and thanking President Marvel and Major John S. Cohen, editor of The Atlanta Journal, and Harlee Branch, City Editor of the Journal, for their work in behalf of the Appalachian scenic highway.

These resolutions, which were introduced by Charles A. Webb, co-publisher of the Asheville Citizen; Don S. Elias, president of the Asheville Times; John H. Cathey, mayor of Asheville; and Henry H. Estes, president of the Georgia Division of the Appalachian Scenic Highway association follow:

Whereas, a joint meeting of the North Carolina-Georgia divisions of the Appalachian Scenic highway is being held in Murphy, N. C., and

Whereas, the delightful, cordial reception and entertainment is being given by Mayor Frank S. Hill, the entire citizenship of Murphy and Cherokee county.

Therefore, be it resolved that a unanimous vote of thanks be given to each and every person in this wonderful community for their splendid hospitality, for their warm and friendly greetings, and for the great results they have accomplished in road building on the Appalachian scenic highway.

Whereas, the executive committee has decided to hold the next annual convention of the Appalachian scenic highway in Atlanta, Ga., on October 19-20.

Therefore, be it resolved that this meeting go on record as endorsing this convention and assuring the heartiest cooperation and participation in the motorcade that will be run from Asheville, N. C., on the morning of October 19, through Murphy to Gainesville, leaving Gainesville on the morning of the nineteenth, arriving in Atlanta at noon where a barbecue will be served at the Southeastern fair grounds (Continued on page 2)

### LIONS ROARED FOR MOTORCADE TUESDAY NIGHT

Ladies Night To Feature Next Meeting; Important Business Transacted

Tuesday night the local Lions got together for the regular banquet and business session. A delicious feast was served by the Methodist ladies in the parlors of the church.

It was decided that the next regular meeting would be featured as ladies night, when the Lions and their wives will come together for an enjoyable hour.

Among the business transactions Tuesday night was the endorsement of the Motorcade to be run from Asheville to Atlanta over the Appalachian scenic highway on October 18th, which will stop over in Murphy for one hour and be served lunch by the Murphy people. It was brought out that about 150 cars would be in the motorcade by the time it reached Murphy, including cars from Montreal, Canada, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and other states along the route.

Already a number have expressed a desire to enter their cars in the motorcade from Murphy, including E. A. Davidson, C. W. Savage, E. C. Moore, W. M. Fain and J. B. Storey. It was stated that about thirty-five cars are expected to join the motorcade from Murphy.

The good roads and advertising committee composed of C. W. Bailey, D. Witherspoon and C. K. Hoover, were instructed to take the matter up with the state highway commission, the County Road Commissioners and City Council and see what could be done toward eliminating the terrible Patterson hill on No. 28 just in the edge of town. It was pointed out that this hill has always been a "Jonah" for traffic coming into town from Clay county and North Georgia over this route.

Some discussion of the crowded condition of the hotels in Murphy was had and it was decided to see what could be done toward securing a summer tourist hotel for Murphy. This topic was referred to the next meeting for action.

### SIAMESE TWINS IN APPLES

Perfect Siamese Twins in apples were brought to the Scout office this week by J. M. Barnett. The apples were grown by Harve Adams on the Wells farm at Tomolia.

The apples are well shaped and distinguishable as two, having two flower ends and one stem, and tipped the scales at seven ounces. Mr. Adams discovered the freak while gathering some from his orchard.

### Franklin Preparing Big Celebration For Road Opening

Franklin, N. C., August 24.—Another link connecting the mountain counties of Southern Appalachia has been forged. Completion of highway No. 285, a ribbon of concrete between Dillsboro and Franklin, connects Asheville and Atlanta, and the mountain counties along the way.

The road extends from Asheville to Dillsboro over No. 10, to Franklin over No. 285, to the Georgia line over 286, to Cornelia over 15, and to Atlanta over 13, the latter being known as the Piedmont Air Line highway.

The route is 32 miles shorter than any other between the Metropolis of the Mountains and the Gate City of the South.

Completion of this connecting link is a real event in the lives of those two cities and of the Southland; it is even bigger to the people of the mountain counties of southwest North Carolina and north Georgia, and they are going to celebrate in fitting style. The date has been set for September 15.

On the morning of that date, the North Carolina delegations, representing the towns from Asheville to Franklin, will meet the delegations from Georgia, North Carolina's guests, at the State line. The Georgians will be escorted to Franklin, where officials of both states will speak briefly on the achievement that is thus welding together the people of this section, and upon what it will mean.

Speakers will include former Governor Cameron Morrison, Frank Page chairman of the State Highway Commission, and J. G. Stikeleather ninth district highway commissioner, all of North Carolina, and highway officials and leaders of Georgia.

Dinner will be served in Franklin, and from here the motorcade will inspect the road to Sylva, where there will be further entertainment. At Waynesville, Canton and other towns along the route there will be brief stops, and at Asheville the chamber of Commerce of that city will entertain the members of the motorcade at dinner at Kenilworth Inn.

The North Carolina committee has personally visited the towns from Franklin to Cornelia and extended invitations to officials and citizens to participate; and, through the cooperation of officials of the Piedmont Air Line Highway and the Mayor of Gainesville, the other cities south to Atlanta are being invited to help in the celebration of the opening of the Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta highway.

### 'MAIN STREET' HIGHWAY OPENED, MARVEL SAYS

President Of Appalachian Scenic Highway Says Celebration Commemorates Engineering Achievement

Declaring that the celebration marked the opening of the Main Street of Georgia and North Carolina as well as the Main Street of Eastern America, President Roscoe Marvel of the Appalachian Scenic Highway Association, told the visiting delegates of North Carolina and Georgia that the meeting here Saturday had assembled to "celebrate and commemorate an engineering achievement that has conquered these mountains for the people of Eastern America."

President Marvel opened the meeting with the following remarks:

"Today is the beginning of a new paragraph in the history of the beautiful, unexplored and unexploited mountains which you have seen and now see for miles and miles as nature's playgrounds to untold millions of people who will come here through your efforts in sending to them messages that will go out from here.

"We have assembled here to celebrate and commemorate an engineering achievement that has conquered these rugged mountains for the people of eastern America, and have partaken of the delightful hospitality of the city of Murphy.

"The people of Georgia and North Carolina through their respective highway departments, have literally carved from these giant mountains a safe, delightful, scenic, standard highway that will be the main street of Georgia and the main street of North Carolina, as well as the international main street of eastern America, from St. Lawrence river to the Gulf of Mexico.

"The coming of the people of Georgia and North Carolina into these mountains, in automobiles, for this festive occasion is comparable to the days of the prophets who went into the mountains to fast and to prepare themselves to commune with God and nature that they might be possessed with power of vision to foretell future events thousands of years in advance, and so today you have come into these great mountains of North Carolina and Georgia that you may fast and confer and prepare yourselves to be possessed of a vision for this great international highway and its benefits to the mountain people when properly explored and exploited by yourselves. In other words, the time has come when we must see and plan in terms of an international promotion instead of a local community highway.

"Again referring to the Appalachian Scenic Highway as the international main street of eastern America, from the extreme north-eastern part of the southwestern part for the same territory at New Orleans, following the heart of the Appalachian mountain system, this great highway from the cities of Quebec and Montreal, Canada, to the French city of New Orleans and Tampa, Florida, on the Gulf of Mexico, forms an integral part of the other main highways on this plateau. So intimately are these highways woven into this great international main street that it is permissible to call the Appalachian Scenic highway the spinal column of the Appalachian mountain range, the backbone of eastern America.

"The Appalachian Scenic highway eliminates the distances to the mountain playgrounds and brings to you the greatest tourist centers in the world today, that of Canada and the Gulf of Mexico, through the mountains, connecting the national forests and two national parks of eastern America.

"Nowhere in eastern America have been gathered on a standard all weather highway, for the pleasure of motor loving tourists, as many unusual scenic and historical points of interest with excellent hotel accommodations and opportunities for enjoyment, as are found on the Appalachian Scenic highway."

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