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ROUGHTON WINS IN DAWN-DUST CAROLINA TOUR

Drives From Manteo To Murphy Ahead Of Schedule; Given Welcome All Along Line

"From Manteo to Murphy" by motor along North Carolina's "Main Street" was successfully completed Friday night at 7:58 o'clock when R. T. Roughton, Old Fort sportsman, and Jake H. Monte, representative of the Carolina Motor Club, reached the State boundary of Georgia 12 miles west of here in their dawn to dusk trip. They left Morehead City Friday morning at 4:05 o'clock as the sun peeped across the horizon in the watery wastes of the Atlantic Ocean.

According to statistics announced by Mr. Monte, 587.04 miles of Tar Heel soil were traversed by their automobile in less than 16 hours. No stops were made except for the purpose of refueling. Carolina Motor Club officials declared that the trip marked consumption of the first definite attempt to cross the State in a daylight, non-stop ride.

When the automobile pulled up at the Peach State boundary Friday night, it had completed the trip in about 20 minutes less time than had originally been intended. At no time on the gruelling ride did Mr. Roughton exceed the North Carolina speed limit of 45 miles an hour, it was said.

Ride Over State

The entire ride was made over State Highway No. 10, which is said to offer more varied scenery than any highway in America and to be the longest highway in any single state. The motorists sped across the coastal plains area immediately after starting at dawn and soon were in the famous "Sand Hill" country, famous for North Carolina tobacco and truck farming. Around noon they were passing the Piedmont section, dotted with innumerable mills of all descriptions. Early afternoon found them passing through hills in the fall line and as the sun descended half way beyond the meridian the big automobile began its tedious ascent of the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains. Crossing the continental divide at Ridgecrest, the machine continued its steady progress down the gradual incline onto the Asheville plateau, where it passed on out "the Murphy line." Through huge forests and thickets of rhododendron the car moved on to Waynesville, Bryson City and skirted the Southern boundary of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Following the solid ribbon of concrete, known as Route No. 10, the pair roared through the magnificent Nantahala Gorge and into Murphy. Twenty-one minutes later they stepped out on Georgia soil.

The party received vociferous ovations at practically all of the cities and towns through which they passed, but the little tannery village of Old Fort near the Western margin of McDowell county accorded them a welcome which approached proportions of a riot. It is the home of Mr. Roughton, who was cheered lustily by the entire populace. All business in the town was suspended for "its own hero" and Mayor Jim Harmon heralded the approach of the car with a volley of shot from his gun about a mile East of his domain. A fire siren screamed, the town band played and men, women and children screamed long after his car had wound around the last curve leading up the Blue Ridge. "I never knew there were so many people in Old Fort," Mr. Roughton said after he had left his native heath.

Officers Aid

A squad of motorcycle patrolmen met the automobile at the Buncombe county line and accompanied it along the Swannanoa river drive, across Asheville and out into the State highway.

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MURPHY BAPTISTS TO ENTER NEW CHURCH BUILDING ON SUNDAY, JULY THIRTY-FIRST

REMINISCENCES OLDER MEMBERS INTERESTING

Church Organized Before 1845—Discontinued During War—One Time Had Only One Member

Much interest is attached to the announcement of the Baptists of Murphy that they will enter the new church building on July 31st, and it is expected that a large number of visiting Baptists and other church members of the surrounding sections will be in attendance upon the services of the day.

Plans for entering the new building have been going forward for several weeks. The morning service will be marked by a special program by the Sunday School, and strong efforts are being made to have at least 400 present at this service. The pastor, Rev. T. L. Sasser, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour. The evening preaching hour will be given over to a special musical program by the choir. A fine program is being prepared.

An outline of the tentative program follows:

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School, special program.

11:00 A. M.—Regular preaching service.

6:30 P. M.—Meeting of B. Y. P. U's.

7:30 P. M.—Special musical program. The entire evening program will be given to music.

On Monday night, August 1st, plans call for the beginning of an evangelistic meeting, services to be held each evening at 7:30 for a period of two weeks or longer. The pastor will do the preaching.

Coupled with the announcement that the Murphy Baptists are planning to enter the new church building on Sunday, July 31st, reminiscences of a number of older members are interesting bits of the history and early struggles of the church for existence in its early days, prior, during and following the war between the states.

According to the best information obtainable, the church was established between 1840 and 1845. A deed comprising about four acres of land including the site where the old church building now stands, was made "for the use of the Baptist denomination for a place of worship and burying ground," and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds on June 27th, 1845. S. P. Tipton was named as trustee of the church, and Wm. Manchester was Register of deeds at the time, and the land was purchased from the chairman of the court, Wm. Manchester, appointed by the commissioners to sell the commons adjoining the town of Murphy.

It was organized with about twenty-eight members, and three preachers are put forward among the first pastors of the church. They are Elders E. Hedden, James Kimsey and Alfred Corn. Elder Hedden is pointed to as probably the first pastor. Elder Kimsey was the grandfather of Geo. W. Truett, world renowned preacher, who is now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. These pioneer men of the gospel were said to have been among the strongest preachers of their time, and prayed and preached with such fervent appeal that whole congregations were in tears under their oratorical powers.

So far as is known, the first deacons of the church were Samuel Johnson, Daniel Green and Lewis Hubbard. Mr. Johnson was also clerk and treasurer. Mr. Hubbard was the father of Mrs. Roxie Hubbard, who is now a member of the church, and who has in her possession one of the first sacrament bottles in which

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SUIT BOY NEARLY LOSES LIFE IN RESCUE ATTEMPT

Ruffus Hibberts Pulled From Water With Pole After Going Down Second Time

The following news was carried by the Daily press of July 5th, and word comes from Gastonia that one of the young men attempting the rescue whose name could not be learned was Rufus Hibberts from Suit. Herman Berger who was in the picnic party, threw him a pole after he had gone down the second time, and succeeded in pulling him from the water. The item follows:

Floyd Matthews, aged 23; his sister, Alice Matthews, aged 21; and the latter's girl friend, Mrs. May Kimball, aged 18, were drowned Monday afternoon at what is generally designated as the "dead hole," where a small creek empties into the South Fork river just in the eastern edge of the village of Spencer Mountain, this county. Frank Matthews, aged 19, brother of Floyd and Alice, Herman Berger, Granville Conrad, and another young man whose name could not be learned, came near losing their lives in a futile effort to save the drowning trio.

The trio together with several others, were celebrating the Fourth with a picnic and swimming party at Spencer Mountain when the tragedy happened.

COMMUNITY ROOM OPENS AT BRASSTOWN

Brasstown celebrated the opening of its Community Room for the first time on last Saturday night. This room, not yet finished, measures 60 by 35 feet and is part of a larger building which will probably be erected the coming year. It is to be the gathering place of the community, so many of whom had a share in its construction, and will serve as the main lecture hall of the John C. Campbell Folk School which begins its first session in December.

In spite of a showery evening, a good crowd gathered to listen to the address delivered by Mrs. Campbell, to sing and to play games. Formal announcement was made that Mr. L. L. Scroggs had won the red chair, awarded to that member of the local committee who had succeeded in soliciting the largest number of chairs to seat the hall. Mr. Scroggs had up to last Saturday night secured promises of 71 chairs, almost twenty more than the next nearest competitor. The majority of these were donated by local citizens but the school is also indebted to many public-spirited friends in Murphy who, it is hoped, will sometimes attend the regular Saturday evening meetings (discontinued during August), and occupy their chairs or any others available.

The room will be formally dedicated early in September when several guests from Denmark, as well as other parts of the United States, will be present.

Tom Tarheel says the reason he enjoys a vacation trip so well is that it makes him appreciate his own home more.

Harry Kenton, a club member of Pasquotank county, produced 3,180 pounds of seed cotton on one acre last year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY AT THE M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

Special Program To Be Rendered By Students of All Classes At 11 o'clock Hour

Sunday, July 24th will be observed at the Methodist Church as Sunday School Day, according to announcement this week by K. V. Weaver, Superintendent. The day was formerly celebrated as children's day, but since adults as well as children have been taking part on the program, it has been more appropriately named.

A special program is being prepared and will be rendered at the 11 o'clock hour by the entire Sunday School. It will be a kind of demonstration of the work and progress of the Sunday School. The offering this day will go toward the support of the Conference Sunday School Board. Many benefits are derived from this Board, the Sunday School Institute recently conducted in the church by Miss Little being one.

Kelsey Weaver is Superintendent of the Sunday School, and is ably supported by the following departmental superintendents:

Miss Della Meroney, Cradle Roll; Mrs. Willard Axley, Beginners and Primaries; Miss Josephine Heighway, Juniors, and Mrs. R. C. Mattox, Intermediates.

"Our Sunday School is gradually growing in numbers and interest," stated Mr. Weaver the other day, "and we will try to show the people and the church the progress that is being made in teaching the Bible, and hope they will come out and give us an attentive hearing. The pupils and teachers have prepared a special program, and something good is assured all who are likely to attend," he said.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to come out and hear this splendid program. It follows:

Song—"This is God's House", "The World Children for Jesus", "Remember the Sabbath Day"—Primary Department.

Solo—"Jesus Loves Me"—William Townson, Cradle Roll Department, Miss Della Meroney, Supt.

Scripture Reading—R. H. Hyatt, Senior, Teacher Senior Women's Bible Class.

Prayer—Offering—The total offering for this day will go toward the support of the Conference Sunday School Board.

Song—"Why Stand Ye Here Idle?" Young Ladies Class, Mrs. J. H. McCall, teacher.

Bible Story—"The Judgment of Solomon," Catherine Abernathy, Third Year Junior, Mrs. Frank Dickey, teacher.

Solo—"The Old Rugged Cross", Mark West, Young Men's Bible Class, E. J. Harbison, teacher.

Song—"I am a Happy Little Star," Boys and Girls Beginners Department, Miss Eloise Fain, teacher.

Cornet Solo—"Saved By Grace," Frank Taylor, Teacher third year Intermediate boys.

Reading—"Tom's Prayer," Miss Emily Sword, Junior Women's Bible Class, A. A. Fain, teacher.

Song—"Little Feet, Be Careful," First Year Junior, Miss K. V. Weaver, teacher.

Scripture Quotations—Third Year Junior Boys, Miss Ada Harshaw, teacher.

Solo—"The Touch of His Hand on Mine," Martha Nell Wells, Fourth Year Juniors, J. H. McCall, teacher.

Story—"Antone's Rebellion," Edna Patton, Fourth Year Junior, R. A. Akin, teacher.

Quartette—"Who built the Ark?" George Abbott, Jno Axley, Jerry Davidson and Harry Cooper. Men's Bible Class, H. N. Wells, Pres.; R. R. Beal, teacher.

Solo—"Does Jesus Care," Robert Bell, Fourth Year Junior, Miss Addie Leatherwood, teacher.

Song—By Congregation. Benediction.

CO. WELFARE WORK TO BE CONTINUED

County Commissioners Vote to Take Over And Finance County Public Welfare Work

At a meeting of the joint Board of the County Commissioners and the Board of Education of Cherokee County, held in Murphy on Monday, July 11, it was voted to take over and finance the county public welfare work now being carried on in the county by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the University of North Carolina financed by the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Fund. The appropriation made by the county at this meeting covers the last two months in the fiscal year of 1927-28 as the demonstration now going on and financed by the Rockefeller Memorial ceases on April 1, 1928. This means that the county welfare work will be carried on by the county at the end of the demonstration.

"Cherokee County is doing a splendid piece of work in the various fields of public welfare", says Mrs. Marjorie Bell, field worker for the National Probation Association who has just been in Cherokee county where she has visited the work, states the Greensboro News in an article on the work.

Miss Elizabeth G. Smith, a graduate from the department of Public Welfare of the University of North Carolina, has been the Superintendent of Public Welfare of Cherokee county for the past two years. Her activities have included school attendance work, the care of delinquent children and the supervision of the Mothers Aid cases, the ex-service work, and the investigation of all requests for aid or relief from the county to ascertain the status of each case and made recommendations to relieve the distress reported.

Her activities in the school attendance work have carried her to all parts of the county and through personal visits in the various homes and in some cases prosecution in the courts, the average daily attendance in the schools of the county was 680 children greater for this past school year than the previous year. During this time there have been 33 prosecutions for violation of the school attendance law.

Approximately ninety children have been found neglected and in need of better care. These children have been found proper homes either in the county, or in other counties and in some cases, as a last resort, some sort of a children's institution. There are three families in the county receiving Mother's Aid through a co-operative plan in which the State pays half and the county the other half. These families, with twenty-one children, are receiving a total of forty dollars each month through this plan, thus permitting the child to be cared for by the mother in its own home.

The care of the disabled ex-service man has covered the matters of increased compensation with some, hospitalization for others and the making of plans for the families of ex-service men whenever in distress.

Whenever any request for relief is made of the county, an investigation is made by the County Superintendent of Public Welfare, a report of which is submitted to the County Commissioners and upon this their action is based. These investigations have saved the county much money. In some cases relatives have been found to care for the family, in others necessary medical attention has been provided when the family has become self supporting again, while in still other cases provision for needed care has been secured from other departments of the State and private agencies elsewhere thus saving the county money. The aim has always been to take steps to render the family self supporting again.

The duties of the County Superin-

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