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SHORTER ROUTE FROM CAROLINA IS POSSIBILITY

Would Extend From Asheville To Chattanooga

ERNEST HOLMES TELLS OF HIS TRIP TO MURPHY

Prominent Road Boosters In Tarheel State Planning Motorcade To This City Early In Spring

Another route for tourists to reach Chattanooga from Asheville, N. C., through Murphy, the Ducktown basin, Cleveland, and into this city, is among the possibilities, according to Director W. E. Holmes, of the Chattanooga Automobile club, who is chairman of the club's committee on what is known as the Chattanooga-Cleveland-Ducktown-Murphy-Asheville road. Mr. Holmes is also chairman of the "river level" route road between Parksville and Ducktown up the Greer gorge.

Thursday morning at 7:00 o'clock Mr. Holmes, accompanied by Henry Hart, secretary-manager of the automobile club, left Chattanooga for a trip to Murphy, and at 11:30 a. m. had parked their car on the square and were in the Regal Hotel at Murphy. By the speedometer Murphy is 115.1 miles from the club headquarters in the Hotel Patten. The courthouse at Cleveland is 30.6 miles from Chattanooga; the "cannonball route," which runs south from Etowah, is 42.3 miles; Benton is 46.6 miles; at 53.3 miles one turns into the Cherokee national forest reserve; Reliance is across the river at 59.4 miles; the west end of the Kinsey highway is 62.3 miles; Greasy creek is 65 miles; the forest patrolman's camp on the Kinsey highway is 75.2 miles, and at 76.3 miles the top of the mountain is reached. After the descent, Harbuck, the little railroad station, shows up as 82.1 miles from Chattanooga; the time Harbuck was reached was 10:05. It then took an hour and twenty minutes to drive 33.3 miles through Ducktown, Isabella and Angelico Gap into Murphy. The Tennessee-North Carolina state line is 91.6 miles.

"We had a good road all the way to the connection with the North Carolina roads at the state line," said Mr. Holmes, in reciting the possibilities of turning tourists over this road to Chattanooga. "Here we found the new grade that North Carolina has just completed. While it snowed on us coming over the Kinsey highway across the mountains we found it had been raining in the Ducktown basin and western North Carolina. Therefore we found the new grade muddy and slippery, but we had no trouble in negotiating it without chains.

"We wouldn't advise anyone not familiar with muddy roads to use the new grade now for a pleasure trip. But we found three crews in the twenty-four miles on the new grade who were scraping the road, and in possibly a week or two weeks it will be in nice shape, and North Carolina intends to maintain it. At Murphy we had a splendid visit with C. W. Savage, who has for many years been interested in getting a road through to Chattanooga. He is one of the old-time boosters, and knows a great deal about the roads in western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee and northern Georgia. He was delighted to see us, and was very much pleased when I told him that the route to Chattanooga would be shortened twenty-two miles on the completion of the river level route to the Ocoee gorge from Parksville down, making a distance of 115 miles from Chattanooga. He informed us it was (continued on page nine)

BISHOP CANDLER AND THE CHURCH HE DEDICATES SUNDAY



Upper: Bishop Warren A. Candler, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who will speak here Sunday morning at the dedication of the new Methodist Church.

Center: View of the Methodist Church from the Public Square, showing its commanding position on Valley River Avenue.

Lower: Close-up of the church, giving one a clearer conception of the beautiful architectural design of the building.

Annual Dividend Is Paid Stockholders By Wofford-Terrell

Wofford-Terrell Company, one of the oldest and largest wholesale houses in Western North Carolina, held its annual stockholders meeting on January 8th. The company has enjoyed one of the most successful years of its history, and declared and paid to its stockholders a dividend of ten per cent.

The new statement of the company as of December 31st, 1928, showed that the business is in a prosperous condition, and officers of the company feel that they have passed through a satisfactory year.

The meeting re-elected all officers for the ensuing year, as well as all directors, as follows:

C. A. Brown, President; J. W. Walker and Dr. T. A. Terrell, Vice Presidents; P. C. Hyatt, Secretary-Treasurer.

Directors

J. A. Richardson, E. A. Davidson, R. H. King, C. M. Wofford, P. C. Hyatt, C. A. Duvall, C. A. Brown, Dr. T. A. Terrell, J. W. Walker.

BISHOP WARREN A. CANDLER TO SPEAK AT DEDICATION OF M. E. CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

NOTICE TO ALL CAR OWNERS

On and after January the 10th you must have your 1929 tag on your car. They were due to be on January 1st, but through courtesy we have not complained, so don't think hard of me or any of my deputies if we pick you up. It's law and we must enforce it.

Respectfully,
N. W. ABERNATHY,
Sheriff of Cherokee Co.

HIGHWAY NO. 28 FINISHED SOON

It has been announced through the Asheville papers that the State Highway Department plans to finish grading the four miles of Highway No. 28, which lays between the Glade Gap and Black Gap, in the early spring. Clay County citizens are much pleased with the prospect soon of No. 28 being opened to travel to the East.

COMMISSIONERS POSTPONE MEET UNTIL NEXT MON

On account of the illness of two members of the Cherokee County Commissioners, the regular monthly meeting was postponed from Monday until next Monday, January 14. Chairman J. W. S. Davis, of Andrews, was the only member here Monday. Mr. W. J. Martin and Mr. T. D. Hickey, the other two members, being confined to their homes on account of sickness.

LIONS CLUB TO BANQUET ROTARIANS

Invitation Extended To Andrews Civic Club For Fellowship Meeting at Murphy Feb. 14

The Lions Club voted at its regular meeting Tuesday night to extend an invitation to the Andrews Rotary Club to meet with them at Murphy on the night of February 14th. The joint meeting, it was announced, will be in reciprocation to the joint meeting held the latter part of last year at Andrews when the Lions were royally feted by the Rotarians.

The meeting at Murphy comes during the Valentine season and it is expected that the committee in charge will carry out the spirit of this occasion. The president deferred the naming of the committee until he could consult several ladies of the town who will be asked to serve on it.

Lion R. W. Gray reported that Mr. Niswonger, horticultural specialist of the State College and Department of Agriculture, would spend several days in the county this week. The state is interested in the movement now on in Murphy for the securing of a cannery for this section. This will be the first cannery of this kind established in North Carolina, and Mr. Gray stated that the State was interested in it from the standpoint of its success and the possibility of securing others in other sections.

The meeting was held at The Maples, and Mrs. Rector, as usual, served a most excellent dinner, with hog and hominy ranking first in importance on the menu.

NEW BUILDING ERECTED AT A COST OF \$60,000

History of Local Institution Dates Back to 1842—First Building Was Wooden Structure and Stood on Site of Harshaw Chapel

Sunday will mark the beginning of a new era in the history of the Murphy Methodist Church. South, when Bishop Warren A. Candler, of Atlanta, will be the principal speaker at the exercises formally dedicating the new building to the service of the Kingdom of God. It will also be a big day in the history of the local church and a number of the former pastors and members are expected to journey many miles in order to be here and take part in the exercises.

Bishop Candler is senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and one of the outstanding religious leaders of the world. He is famous as a lecturer, author and preacher, his writings appearing in some of the leading newspapers, magazines and publications in the world. He is a big man in every way, and local Methodists feel honored that he is to preside and deliver the sermon at the dedication of their new church Sunday.

The new church building is one of the most modern in this section. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 500, and the building is equipped to take care of around 600 in a modern Sunday School organization. Besides the auditorium and 13 Sunday school class rooms, it has a pastor's study, ladies parlor, a kitchen and social rooms.

The corner stone of the new building was laid in 1922, during the pastorate of Rev. M. B. Clegg, and was occupied in 1924. Rev. D. H. Rhinehart was serving the church when the new building was finished. It was erected at a cost of \$60,000.00, and is one of the most beautiful and modern church structures in western North Carolina, occupying a commanding position on Valley River Avenue on the edge of the business section of town.

The Murphy Church was organized in 1842. The first building in which the congregation worshipped was built of wood and stood on the lot where the present Harshaw Chapel now stands. The first building was lighted by candles, and was used for years. The late Joshua Harshaw, 1869, erected and gave to the building on top of the south of the town property the Harshaw Chapel.

It still stands, and was used as a church up until four years ago when it occupied the present site. The bell for the Harshaw Chapel, given by the late J. W. Cooper.

It is impossible to get a complete list of the pastors, following partial list: Reverends James Joshua Brooks, R. L. O. Schuler, J. E. Glenn, J. W. Patton, B. G. Wilburn, S. V. Rens, C. C. Campbell, Tate, Gidden, Shelley, W. A. A. nath, A. T. Harley, D. Ira Irwin, J. L. Ingle, M. B. J. E. U. wa H.