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POWELL TELLS OF HIS VISIT TO HOLY LAND

WATER FROM RIVER JORDAN IS USED IN CHRISTENING SERVICE SUNDAY

In a brief outline of his trip to the holy land, Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the Murphy Methodist church, who returned and filled his pulpit Sunday morning, told his audience of the landing at Joppa, or old Jaffa, the trip to Jerusalem and the visits made to interesting points in the holy land of the Lowly Nazarene.

The Methodists had advertised the return of Mr. Powell, and the spacious auditorium of the church was filled to overflowing with the people of Murphy and the surrounding section.

After expressing his pleasure at being back with homefolks, Mr. Powell held a Christening service in which water taken from the River Jordan was used. The following children were christened during the service:

David William Maneval, Elizabeth Ann Elkins, Carl Porter Meroney, Margaret Meroney, George Vaughn Howell, Edward Brittain Dickey, Elsie Barton, Richard Leatherwood, William Leatherwood, Madge Leatherwood, Maxine Davidson, Melber Holder, Effie Barbara Melver, Christine Davis, Oleida Davis, Gennette Davis, Mary Sue Brannon, Betty Davidson, Betty Fain, Mary Porter Fain, John Ellis, Mary Elizabeth Hickman, Lorene Frankum and Gladys Moore.

Exhibits Souvenirs

Following the Christening service, Mr. Powell displayed a number of souvenirs he collected on the trip. First was a miniature plow, said to have been the kind used in the time of Christ, and now in use throughout the Holy Land. The plow has only one handle, and he said it bore out Christ's declaration: "He that putteth his hand to the plow . . ."

Among the souvenirs were also the following:

A bottle of water from Jacob's Well.

A water jug like the ones said to have been used at the time of Christ.

A lamp like the lamps used by the wise and foolish virgins.

An egg beautifully carved, which he found on his plate on Easter morning at Jerusalem.

A one-cent piece of the money now used in Palestine.

A piece of stone taken from the rock which is said to be the tomb of Christ.

A sling said to be like the one David used in slaying the giant, Goliath, and a stone from the Valley of Elah.

A piece of crystalized salt from the Dead Sea.

A piece of stone from what is pointed out to be the quarries of Solomon.

A stone from the Sea of Galilee.

A seed from an apple which tradition says was the forbidden fruit of Eden. The seed is unusually large and Mr. Powell stated that the fruit was most delicious.

A Passion flower from the Garden of Gethsamene.

A husk which tradition says, was the kind the Prodigal Son filled himself with "which the swine did eat."

A shell from the Sea of Galilee.

An old coin taken from the excavations of Capernaum. The excavations are now going on.

12 Days in Jerusalem

Mr. Powell spent twelve days in Jerusalem, staying in what is known as the American Colony. From this central headquarters he visited many points of Biblical history.

He visited the house of Simon the Tanner, on the roof of which Peter had his vision.

The Mt. of Olives, where he saw what was pointed out as the place of the Ascension.

He looked down upon Jerusalem from the point where tradition says Christ wept over the city and cried, "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

The Inn of the Good Samaritan, the walls of which are still standing.

He rode around the walls of Jerusalem on a donkey.

On Easter morning, Mr. Powell and several other ministers who were making the journey, went early to the tomb of Christ, before sun-up, and participated in a sun-rise service.

Among the other places mentioned in his brief outline, that he visited, were Jericho, the River Jordan, Bethany, the Apostles Fount, the Dead Sea, Elisha's Fountain, the spot where Stephen is supposed to have been stoned to death; Golgotha or Calvary, the Pool of Siloam; the place, where tradition says, that Peter de-

REV. W. F. SINCLAIR



Rev. W. F. Sinclair sends out a last invitation to the Annual Western North Carolina Association B. Y. P. U. Convention which will be held in Hayesville on next Sunday. Services will begin at ten thirty Eastern Standard Time. Every church in the Association is invited and requested to be there for the opening song and stay through the remainder of the day. Many churches are having only a few minutes Sunday School, and are meeting at an earlier hour, then coming from there on to the convention.

Rev. C. F. Conley will preach the opening sermon, at the morning worship hour. David T. Mashburn, Association President will preside at the meeting. Dinner on the ground, furnished by the Hayesville Baptist church. And don't forget the afternoon program.

Let every church in the Association be represented. "Not a church without a delegation"—Come "Because we love Him."

LIONS VIEW ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY TUES.

SILVER CUP AWARDED MURPHY OVER OTHER CLUBS OF THE STATE BY CONVENTION

The local Lions attending the meeting Tuesday night viewed with glowing enthusiasm the beautiful silver cup awarded the Murphy Club by the State Lions Convention at Kinston on July 9th and 10th.

The award was made by District Governor Whitaker, and is known as the Achievement Trophy. Last year the Murphy Lions tied with Durham for the cup, and it was awarded to Durham on the ground solely that Durham was entertaining the convention.

The cup is about twelve inches high and is mounted on a green base. On the front it has the Lions emblem mounted, with the following engraving: "District Governor's Achievement Trophy, awarded to Murphy Lions Club. Ed. S. Whitaker, District Governor, 1929-1930."

The Murphy Lions voted to have the cup placarded and placed in a downtown show window. Secretary J. L. Steele was made custodian of the cup.

President Fain, who attended the convention at Kinston and brought back the cup, made his report at the convention at the regular meeting Tuesday night.

The Murphy Lions feel proud of their record and achievement during the past year, and are making plans to bring the next year's achievement trophy home.

nied the Christ, and other points of Biblical history.

Jerusalem Not Modern

Jerusalem is not a modern city, Mr. Powell stated. There are no modern shops, except one fairly modern grocery store. The streets are narrow, and the sidewalks are hardly wide enough to allow two people to walk abreast. The traffic regulations of the city are directly opposite those of American cities; instead of the pedestrian watching the motorist, the motorist must watch the pedestrian, and stop to allow him to cross the street.

In concluding the morning service, Mr. Powell stated that his Bible was a new book to him. He will continue to narrate his trip from week to week until he has covered it thoroughly.

The topic for Sunday morning at eleven o'clock will be "From Jerusalem to Nazareth." At the union services at the Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:15 he will speak on "Oriental Religions."

ADDING INSULT TO INJURY

(Editorial)

A wave of righteous indignation has justly engulfed the citizens of Western North Carolina and North Georgia living along what has heretofore been designated as Federal Route No. 19, by way of Bryson City, Andrews, Murphy and Blairsville, between Atlanta and Asheville, over the nonsensical change of numbers by road authorities.

The people living along this particular section have spent thousands of dollars in the past few years advertising this particular link of route 19, and its scenic attractions. Only this spring, some forty-five thousand pamphlets were distributed throughout Florida and other sections of the country; a radio broadcasting program was sponsored and paid for by the citizens residing along this link of No. 19, and advertisements carried in leading newspapers throughout Florida, all of which emblazoned Federal Route No. 19, between Gainesville and Dillsboro, before the tourists throughout the length and breadth of the land.

And this has all been for naught. The number here has been changed. The people who sponsored this advertising and paid for it, have been irreparably injured.

On top of this, the number we have so faithfully and so widely advertised at great expense, has been given to the route which is recognized as a competing route—and that is adding insult to injury.

We are not jealous of the other route, neither are we over-zealous in advertising it. It is a competing route, with many attractions and many advantages. We have simply been telling the world of the scenic wonders and attractions of our own route—and footing the bill. Now we suffer an irreparable loss—with insult added to injury—when the very heart of our advertising message is taken away from us and given to our sister and competing route.

We are loath to believe it, but we think Jim Stikeleather, our political District Highway Commissioner had something to do with this change. Federal route numbers are not changed by the Federal road authorities without pressure being brought to bear and that pressure usually comes from the sections so affected.

We call upon all of the citizens in this section to get behind the authorities, protest, shout and demand that Federal route No. 19 by way of Bryson City, Andrews, Murphy and Blairsville be restored to those who first had it, who so faithfully and consistently advertised it, who have spent thousands of dollars of their own money in telling the world about it.

And, Mr. Stikeleather, we ask for an explanation. We also ask that you use every ounce of your influence and the influence of your position, to help right a wrong—a flagrant wrong—a great injustice—which has been perpetrated upon the people along this particular section of the route.

Mrs. Mintie Sneed, 71 Years Old, Died At Tomotla, June 14

Mrs. Mintie Sneed, 71, died suddenly on Saturday June 14th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Venice Maxley, of Tomotla. She had been in bad health for several months, and on the day of her death, complained of a peculiar sensation like pins sticking or pricking her mouth and body. She called in the doctor, who was visiting a sick neighbor. He gave her some medicine, which she took. About an hour later she said she felt sick and the prickly sensation again. Mrs. Maxley, her daughter, left her side and stepped out doors to call her husband, and when she returned Mrs. Sneed's body was still in death.

Mrs. Sneed was the widow of the late J. V. Sneed. She was a member of the Peachtree Methodist Church, having professed her faith in Christ and joined this church at the age of 26. Her husband preceded her to the grave by 33 years.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 16th, from the Peachtree Methodist Church by Rev. Rufus Perkins, supply pastor of the Murphy Methodist church, assisted by Rev. J. L. Steele, pastor of the Murphy Baptist Church. Interment was in the Peachtree cemetery.

She is survived by seven children: four sons, J. B. Sneed, of Andrews, C. W. Sneed, of Murphy, John D. Sneed, of Rainbow Springs W. M. Sneed, of Andrews, three daughters, Mrs. Fannine Teems, of Brasstown, Mrs. W. M. Vought, of Rainbow Springs, and Mrs. Venice Maxley, of Tomotla. Two brothers also survive: J. C. Sales, of Tomotla, and Gus Sales of New Mexico; also 29 grandchildren.

Relatives of Mrs. Sneed, attending the funeral from Atlanta, Ga., were: Mrs. R. Patton, Lester and George Patton, Miss Verdie Bonds, Miss Gertrude Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watkins, of Peachtree.

Cannery Opens On Monday: Receive Beans, Tomatoes

The Murphy Cannery will open Monday for receiving beans and tomatoes, according to an announcement this week by the officials.

Mr. Markham, who had charge of the cannery last year, and Mrs. Markham arrived last week, and preparations were immediately made for the opening.

The capacity of the plant for beans has been trebled, as more acreage has been planted to beans this year than last. The crop this year also promises to be even better than last year, and cannery officials are optimistic over the prospects for a larger output and a better product.

Operations will begin Tuesday morning with a full crew, provided enough beans are brought in by the growers Monday. All growers are re-

FOURTH JULY CELEBRATION AT NEEL GAP

A Fourth of July celebration will be held at Neel Gap and Bonnell H. Stone, of Blairsville, invites all the people of this section to come and bring basket dinner.

The program is being worked out, and many prominent speakers are expected to be there.

MRS. PENDLEY LAID TO REST LAST SATURDAY

The community was saddened last Friday by the death of Mrs. Sid Pendley, who died at her home in East Murphy of uremic poisoning at 12:35 P. M., June 20th.

About three weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs. Pendley announced the birth of a young son, and the mother appeared to be doing nicely. However, complications set up which resulted in her death.

Funeral services were held from the Baptist church last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. J. L. Steele, assisted by Rev. J. P. Anderson, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Interment was in Sunset cemetery.

Surviving her are her husband, Sid Pendley, and three small children, Flora Jean, Jean and the infant son; two step children, Frances and Charles Pendley; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harbin; two sisters, Bennie Lee and Flora Harbin; and two brothers, Ralph Harbin, of Maryville, Tenn., and Dewey Harbin, of Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. J. V. Brittain is temporarily caring for the infant son, while the two little girls are being cared for by their grandparents.

Mr. Pendley, who operates the Murphy Service Station, is well-known here, and the family have the deepest sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

Sipe Accepts Position With Conservation Dept. At Raleigh

B. W. Sipe, who for the past five years served as superintendent of the Murphy schools, has accepted a position as statistician with the Department of Conservation and Development, with headquarters at Raleigh, it was learned this week.

Mr. Sipe will assume his new duties about July 1st. He and Mrs. Sipe have been attending the summer school at Chapel Hill for the past several weeks. Mr. Sipe has withdrawn from the summer school and is spending several days in Murphy this week

requested to pick all beans ready and bring them in.

NO. 10 LOSES U. S. ROUTE NUMBER 19

Section By Murphy To Gainesville Designated as Route 23

Federal Route No. 19, between Dillsboro and Gainesville, by way of Bryson City, Andrews, Murphy and Blairsville, has been changed to Federal Route No. 23, and the route from Asheville by way of Dillsboro, Franklin and Clayton to Gainesville has been designated Federal Route No. 19, according to news dispatches from Raleigh, as an announcement given out by John D. Waldroup, State Highway Engineer.

The two routes, as announced, take the following courses:

U. S. 19—Starting at Bristol, Tenn., to Bluff City, Tenn., U. S. 19E from Bluff City, Elizabethton and Elk Park to N. C. line, via Cranberry, Minneapolis, Plum Tree, Ingalls, Spruce Pine, Burnsville to Swiss, U. S. 19W, from Bluff City, via Johnson City and Erwin, to N. C. line, via Sioux to Swiss. At Swiss U. S. 19, reunited, continues via Asheville, Waynesville, Sylva, leaving N. C. 10 at Dillsboro, via Franklin to Georgia Line, and via Atlanta, Thomasville, Ga., and Tallahassee to St. Petersburg, Fla.

U. S. 23—Starting at Portsmouth, Ohio, and via Ashland and Jenkins, Ky., Wise and Big Stone Gap, Va., Kingsport, Johnson City and Erwin, Tenn., to N. C. line via Sioux, Swiss, Weaverville, Asheville, Waynesville, Sylva, taking the place of the present U. S. 19 at Dillsboro, via Bryson City, Topton and Murphy to the Ga. line, and on to Atlanta, Ga.

DURANT HUGHES IS SHOCKED BY LIGHTNING BOLT

UNCONSCIOUS FOR THIRTY MINUTES—LARGE TREE IN YARD SPLINTERED

Durant Hughes, 12-year old son of L. H. Hughes, who lives at the left rear of the Dickey Hotel, was knocked unconscious by a bolt of lightning Tuesday evening about 7:30 o'clock, during the electrical storm which swept over Murphy.

Lightning struck a large weeping willow in front of the Hughes home, tearing through the branches to the trunk of the tree with such terrific force that it literally splintered the huge tree.

Young Hughes was sitting just on the inside of the doorway, about twenty-five feet from the tree, in line with the direction in which the bolt was traveling. His father was standing on the other side of the door, but his position from the tree was shielded by the wall.

A wire fence about five feet high attached to the tree is thought to have diverted the force of the bolt and carried it on into the ground, as the great splintered streaks stops abruptly where the wire is attached.

So terrific was the bolt of lightning, that great strips of the splintered tree was found next morning several hundred feet away.

When the bolt struck, young Hughes was thrown over backward on the floor, unconscious, and remained so for about thirty minutes.

Mr. Hughes was stunned for several minutes, and other members of the household who were in the room, were shocked rather severely. However, young Hughes was given medical attention and was back to normal Wednesday morning, although somewhat nervous from his experience.

Mr. Hughes said the house was lit up with a brilliant red, as well as he could remember, and that it looked like a great big ball of fire.

A hail storm the first of the week in the Hothouse section is said to have beaten corn and garden crops into small bits, while a hail storm swept the Martin's creep section Tuesday afternoon and likewise did much damage. The accompanying wind is said to have torn a part of the top off the Midway Lake Bath House. The estimate or extent of the damage is not known.

making preparations to leave for Raleigh.

The work and duties of his new position are not new to Mr. Sipe. He spent several years with the Department of Conservation and Development, before coming to Murphy to take over the editorship of the Scout some eight and a half years ago.

Mr. Sipe's host of friends in Murphy and this section regret to lose these fine people, but wish them well wherever they go.