

### HIGHWAY MARVEL OF SCENIC BEAUTY

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are mountains of varying altitudes, gorges, rivers, lakes and valleys and countless small turbulent streams.

This highway crosses the Blue Ridge Mountains in Georgia through the famous Neel Gap, the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina through the Talullah Gap, and the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee through the famous Deal's Gap.

Some of the high scenic spots are Neel Gap and Blood Mountain Gorge, in Georgia, and the Nantahala Gorge in North Carolina, which the motorist sees in magnificent and inspiring panoramas from lookouts at Neel Gap and Talullah Gap; the Santeetlah Lake country, which skirts the highway for miles in North Carolina with a series of very large lakes whose turquoise waters are said to teem with game fish; the rushing, rollicking and beguiling Little Tennessee River, which frolics beside the highway for miles in Tennessee, and the majestic mountains of the Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee.

The unaccustomed to mountain driving will require nine or ten hours to traverse the entire highway from Atlanta to Knoxville, but to the experienced mountain driver seven to eight hours will be sufficient.

Upon the invitation of city officials and other civic leaders in Blairsville, Murphy, Andrews, Robbinsville, Maryville and Knoxville, this correspondent, representing The Atlanta Journal and Secretary Charles A. Cook, of the Atlanta Motor Club, have just completed an inspection trip of the new scenic highway. They were accompanied by Bennell H. Stone, of Blairsville, president of the Neel Gap Smoky Mountain Tours Association; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Huber, of Murphy; Alderman Givles W. Cover, of Andrews, and Walter C. Sparks, of The Journal photographic staff.

Conferences were held with city and civic leaders at Blairsville, Andrews, Robbinsville, Maryville and Knoxville. At Andrews, Mayor D. S. Russell entertained the party at a luncheon at the delightful new Riverside Hotel, which was attended by a number of the leading citizens.

#### At the Luncheon

Among those present besides the members of the inspection party were From Andrews: Mayor D. S. Russell, Alderman G. W. Cover, Attorney D. H. Tillitt, W. T. Moore, proprietor Riverside Hotel; L. M. Ellis, merchant, Rev. R. W. Prevost, pastor of the Andrews Baptist Church, and R. J. DeLong, editor of the Western North Carolina Times.

From Blairsville: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Baskin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stroud and Mr. Bonnell Stone.

From Murphy: W. M. Fain, president of the Murphy Lions Club and former mayor; A. C. Huber, proprietor of the Regal Hotel, and Mrs. Huber.

At Knoxville the members of the inspection party were guests at a conference presided over by H. G. Bonner, president of the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, and attended by Mayor James A. Trent; Clarence F. Holland, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce; George R. Dempster, city manager; Ernest P. Deaver, merchant; R. C. d'Armand, manager of the East Tennessee Automobile Club; Leon M. Waite, manager of the Farragut Hotel; F. E. Barkley, merchant, and H. M. Watson, of the Chamber of Commerce.

At Robbinsville, the party conferred with Mayor R. B. Slaughter, J. E. S. Thorpe, R. L. Phillips, T. M. Jenkins, Jack Morphew and Walt B. Wiggins.

Several of the speakers at the Andrews and Knoxville conferences spoke highly of the work which the Atlanta Journal has done in promoting improved highways.

Enthusiasm over the new highway ran high at every place visited and everyone expressed a very earnest desire that the scenic beauties of the route be made known. To this end the representatives of Blairsville, Murphy, Andrews, Robbinsville, Maryville and Knoxville urged that at the proper time The Atlanta Journal sponsor a motorcade over the highway.

#### Motorcade Planned

This cannot be done until all of the highway is either paved or oiled nor can it be done before the guard rails are put in place at the numerous sharp curves. Approximately sixty of the one hundred miles between Andrews and Knoxville is unpaved, but fifty-seven miles of the unpaved section is surfaced with crushed stone and gravel. Three miles just south of the North Carolina-Tennessee state line is unsurfaced but it is understood that crushed stone and gravel will be spread over it within a few weeks. The crushed stone and gravel provide a all-weather road for traveling but in places is rough and in dry weather is quite dusty.

The North Carolina section of the highway was completed to the Tennessee state line about a month ago when the last big boulder was blasted out of the way. Since then considerable smoothing out has been done.

A motorcade to celebrate the opening of the highway will be run from Andrews to Knoxville late in July or early in August. This motorcade

### YOUNG GIRL ROUTS THREE BANDITS WITH HER FISTS

#### Keeps Promise Not to Give Up Without Trying to Protect Self.

Kansas City, Mo.—Miss Gertrude Harper, twenty, frequently had told her friends that if she was ever accosted by bandits she would give battle. Her friends advised against it. "You can't win," they told her. Yet Gertrude nipped three budding holdup careers when she refused to be robbed.

She had started to a drug store near her home when at a dark alley intersection three youths confronted her with the demand, "Hands up!"

**Hits Them With Purse.**  
This was her chance, and since no weapons were in sight she refused to put her hands up. Instead, she started hitting them with her purse. Outnumbered, however, she was forced to release her grasp on her purse and the three youths fled, taking \$6.36 in cash, cigarette lighter and powder puff.

Miss Harper, thoroughly aroused, called the police. When two patrolmen arrived in their car she climbed into the car and began a tour of the neighborhood.

"There they are," she exclaimed and jumped from the car before the patrolmen could interfere. She rushed up to the youths and began striking them with her fists. So effective were her blows, the police felt sorry for them and rushed to the rescue.

One of the boys, William Wright, seventeen, had Miss Harper's cigarette lighter. Another, Louis Fink,



Began Striking Them With His Fists.

twenty-one, had \$6.36 which he said he had taken from the purse, which he had thrown into a school yard.

**Catch Third Robber.**  
The purse was recovered and the arrest of Lester Norris, twenty-two, the third member of the bandit trio, followed.

The boys admitted that Wright and Norris had been paroled from the Garden City (Kan.) jail recently on a liquor charge. Fink had never been in trouble.

They said that they had planned several larger holdups if they could first obtain enough money with which to purchase guns to use in them. They had picked on Miss Harper, they said, because she had looked like "an easy mark."

#### Bread on Water Returns to Man After 30 Years

Las Vegas, Nev.—Back in the old days when Manhattan was a mushroom gold boom mining camp a gambler tossed \$7.50 to a frightened youth who had lost everything he owned at the gaming tables.

"Forget it, kid," said the gambler. Money was the freest article in the camp in those days.

Thirty years later in Las Vegas a bewhiskered tattered old man begged a hurrying business man for a dime for a cup of coffee. The old gambler and the business man recognized each other.

A few moments later the old-time gambling man was seated at a sumptuous dinner—with \$15 in his pocket.

#### India's Sacred Snake

What is generally considered to be the sacred snake of India is the hooded cobra. This is a slender-bodied, nervous and active serpent, with a maximum length of about 48 inches. The bite of this species is very deadly and, whether guilty or not, in India it is debilitated annually with the deaths of between 18,000 and 22,000 persons.

will have the backing of the Neel Gap Smoky Mountain Tours Association which is composed of representative citizens of Blairsville, Murphy, Andrews and Bryson City.

### A TRIP TO PALESTINE

By Rev. Howard P. Powell

Leaving Beyrout we passed thru the silk farms and heard the silk worms at work. A few miles from the city we were shown a big rock which has been traditionally known as the one upon which Jonah was cast by the whale. While it is only a traditional story, it is possible and of interest to many of us as students of the Bible. We soon came in view of Sidon into which we soon entered with oranges, lemons, bananas, almonds and apricots growing in abundance on either side of the road. Here in Sidon we found some oranges that were almost equal to the Jaffa oranges. A short distance from Sidon we visited a Mission school that is under the supervision of the Northern Presbyterian Church of America. It was encouraging to find this work in a place where it was so much needed.

A short distance from Sidon we passed Zarephath, which was the home of the widow with whom Elijah lodged, an account of which you may read from I Kings, chapters seventeen and eighteen.

It was interesting to many of us to notice how so many of the points of miraculous interests had been preserved. This was further proof of the importance of the supernatural in our Christian Religion. When we lose sight of the miraculous and supernatural in our religion, we will have nothing more than those who hold to lifeless religions that feasts upon superstition.

We only saw Tyre at a distance, but we looked upon it with interest remembering that it was visited by Christ at one time, and that it was at this point that the Apostle Paul had the experience that is recorded in Acts 21. Leaving the view of Tyre we continued our journey touching now and then points of interest along the shores of the mediterranean. Among these sacred spots we saw the probable home of the Syro-Phoenician Woman. Read this interesting story for yourself in Mark 7: 24-31.

One of the interesting experiences of the day's journey was to get thru a passport office. We were not allow-

ed to carry fruit through the gates. We had some very delicious fruits, which we bought at Sidon; so we ate as much of it as we could, and had to either hide or throw the other away. The writer did not conceal any of the fruit, but there was one member of the party who was clever enough to get his fruit through the gate without breaking the rules of conscience for himself.

We soon came to the river Kishon and the river Na'mein, near which stands the ancient Belus. It was at this place that the Phoenicians first learned to make glass. Riding through these interesting points we soon came to the city of Haifa. It was early in the afternoon, and thru the generosity of our director, we had an additional trip, which took us to Megiddo where we found the most interesting work of excavation of the entire trip. The University of Chicago has the work well under way, and it was under the direction of a most interesting man. We saw pieces of ancient pottery, the remains of the stables of Solomon, and the ruins of the ancient city. From this point we could overlook that most historic battle field the memory of which survives in the suggestive word of Armageddon.

Leaving Megiddo we passed over the winding road to the top of Mt. Carmel. Here in the Hospice operated by the sisters of St. Charles, we spent the night. Perhaps one of the most interesting night scenes was that from the porch of this Hospice overlooking the city with its bright lights and the lighted ships going and coming. We were delighted to find here at our hotel some mail from home, which added to our peace of mind.

Early the next morning the writer, with his early morning friend, went to a quiet spot on Mount Carmel to see the sun rise. From this spot we could see the place where Elijah's God won the victory over the gods of Baal. You will find this to be one of the most interesting of the Old Testament experiences. Please read it in I Kings, chapter eighteen. As the sun came up on this morning we

read this chapter together and call upon the God of Elijah in behalf of our people and ourselves.

We are boarding the train leaving Haifa at eight-thirty in the morning for Kantara, Egypt, where we will change for Cairo, Egypt.

**Report of the Condition of The Bank of Murphy, at Murphy, North Carolina to the Commission of Banks, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1931.**

**Resources:**

Loans and discounts	\$206,433.80
Overdrafts	227.70
United States Bonds	200.00
Banking House	5,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,500.00
Cash in vault and amounts due from approved depository banks	46,705.30
Cash items (items held over 24 hours)	2.00
Other real estate	10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$270,068.80</b>

**Liabilities:**

Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus fund	4,451.10
Undivided profits (net amount)	1,120.00
Reserved for interest	4,871.10
Other deposits subject to check	60,433.20
Demand certificates of deposit (due in less than 90 days)	168,937.80
Cashier's checks outstanding	165.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$270,068.80</b>

State of North Carolina,  
County of Cherokee,  
J. W. Lovingood, President, H. E. Dickey, Director, and Walter W. Hyde, Director of the Bank of Murphy, each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself said that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

J. W. LOVINGOOD,  
President  
H. E. DICKEY, Director,  
WALTER W. HYDE,  
Director.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 8th day of July, 1931.  
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