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Florida Man Reaches Asheville After Long Trip; Says Report of Bad Roads Greatly Exaggerated.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Powell and Miss Maxine Powell, of Clearwater, Fla., arrived in Asheville Saturday, finishing 6,290 miles of an automobile trip, which they began June 7, and of which they spent about seven weeks in the rain. They are stopping for three weeks at Mountain View with the Florida colony.

Mr. Powell is president of the chamber of commerce of Clearwater, and is former secretary of the commercial bodies at St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida, and Columbus, Ga., and is also founder of the St. Petersburg Evening Independent and the Clearwater Evening Sun.

He made this long trip in the interest of good roads and to pick out the best route from Florida to the eastern seaboard, traversing the line of tourist travel, and naturally struck Hendersonville and Asheville, as most of the South Florida tourists linger at these places both going from and coming to Florida.

The trip was made via Valdosta, Macon and Atlanta, thence to Chattanooga and Nashville, Cairo, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Akron, Wheeling, Hagerstown, Washington, Richmond, Raleigh, Charlotte, Greenville and thence on to Asheville. The party made many side trips in various cities and to many points of interest en route.

Mr. Powell said yesterday: "Hundreds of motoring parties have diverted their course and gone other than the Asheville region on account of the stories prevalent as to the condition of the roads leading to this section.

"We were told at Washington, at Richmond, and at many other places that it would be impossible to get through. We were told that they charged \$15 to \$25 to ferry cars over the streams where bridges were washed out. That teamsters would damage roads so that they could 'soak' motorists fabulous sums for use of their mule teams.

"On the contrary we found men willing to help without cost, and the ferries never charged more than fifty cents.

"Coming from Washington we had to make a detour through Dumfries and Joplin to Garrisonville, on the other side of the Chopawamsip swamp,

as the water had covered the eleven miles of causeway, and the detour was a frightful trip of thirty-nine miles over impassable roads. But this condition is only temporary, as a few sunshiny days will make the swamp route of easy access.

"This is the only bad place of road to Richmond. The balance of the road is a delight to the motorist. From Richmond to the South Carolina line the roads are excellent. At Charlotte you are obliged to go via Mt. Holly and cross the ferry there, twenty-five cents and thence to McAdenville where you ferry at fifty cents cost. At Gaffney there is a bad approach to a bridge whose approach is wrecked and which you have to climb at a bad angle at your own risk. The first few miles in South Carolina are slippery in wet weather. At Gaffney you have to go via Thickity mountain to get to Cowpens, a detour of five miles, but the roads are excellent. The road from Greenville, over the mountain is not the best but a few dry days will put it in shape.

"Asheville should give the lie to the reports in the eastern press of road conditions in this section. Motoring parties are changing their plans on account of the stories which seem to enlarge as they pass from one to the other. Naturally each motorist desires to impress his friends that he has broken records and he adds excess to his talk when recounting the perils of his trip. I am writing to the Washington Star today to my friend Fisk, the automobile editor, and next Sunday that paper will tell the motoring public that they can get here without any great exertion.

The route Mr. Powell followed was not the National highway, except in spots. When he returns to Florida he is to start a campaign to route the route he traversed from Tampa to Washington signboards with through mileage from these two points, and by marking each telegraph post en route. This marking of each telegraph pole is used in many central states, and is done by local aid each community marking half way to the next town. Mr. Powell stated that there is not a reliable good book in existence as quite frequently they advise to turn right when the correct routing was turn left. He has found scores of incorrect routing, and he has been governed mostly by local markings in his travels.

The Powells have purchased a lot at Mountain View and will make that place their summer home hereafter.—Asheville Citizen.

RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

Interesting Comments on Political and Other Happenings at the State Capital.

(Special to The Hustler.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 15.—Prominent Democrats in Raleigh recently from various counties of the State, in attendance on the meeting of the State Executive Committee and otherwise, were in optimistic frame of mind respecting the results of this campaign year. But there is work to be done and they all expressed approval of Chairman Warren's policy of "safety first," which can be best guaranteed by thorough party organization, beginning with the precinct activities, which he is urging on the local county chairmen and precinct committeemen.

The State chairman regards the proper polling of the precinct vote in every county as the corner-stone of success this year and he expresses the earnest hope that the local Democratic managers will be prompt and thorough in undertaking and performing that work.

Secretary Callie and his office force at State headquarters are getting the preliminary work of the campaign well under way, and soon announcements of dates for speeches over the State will be announced. Governor Bickett will have a great crowd to welcome him at Asheboro Aug. 19th, reports reaching here state. Chairman Warren is addressing himself, also to the task of enlisting a strong force of speakers. He wants every local Democrat in every county who can talk well and effectively to join the speaking force and take the stump without delay. He says he has information that the Republicans in all close counties are being well supplied with money and that the Republican National Committee is flooding the State with campaign literature, in which there is much misinformation and many false statements. The State chairman wants every Democrat who can make a speech to take the stump and tell the voters the truth.

State headquarters here is circulating many of the Maxwell pamphlets which is regarded as one of the strongest campaign documents, and which clearly refutes Republican charges of "Democratic Mismanagement." Every voter should read it. Cheerful and cheering news comes from different quarters of the State to headquarters daily and is very grateful to all, but Chairman Warren is not banking on forecasts, but pins his faith chiefly to good work and plenty of it.

Elector Cameron Morrison begins his speaking tour of the State next Monday. The following dates have been fixed for Mr. Morrison to date. Other announcements will follow: At Rockingham, Aug. 21; Laurinburg, 22; Wadesboro, 23; Monroe, 24; Raeford, 25; Sanford, 26; Lumberton, 29; Fayetteville, 30; Sain Pauls, 31.

Hughes' Speeches on Low Plane. Candidate Hughes is severely criticized for the "misstatements" made in his speeches in the West the last few days, concerning the alleged removal of Republican officials not coming within the civil service law—"protection," etc. The heads of the departments which Mr. Hughes misrepresented characterized his utterances as "false and misleading"—and this is the "high-minded jurist" lifted from the bench under the pretext of conducting the campaign on a "high plane."

Ever since Candidate Hughes opened his mouth he has exhibited a marvelous knack of saying things he "hadn't ought to." Indeed, it seems that he has a special penchant for getting tangled up (probably the reason he kept so quiet pending the doings at Chicago) and if the rope holds out before the more astute party managers grab it, he probably can be depended on to duly hang himself politically by the time the hour arrives for counting the votes in November.

Meantime, the real issues of this campaign will soon be properly presented to a thinking and discriminating public in President Wilson's letter of acceptance, due soon.

Something Worth While. The N. C. Electrical Institute which

held its first meeting here during the last week at the instance of Commissioner of Insurance J. R. Young, was a pronounced success and will result in annual meetings hereafter. It promises to become one of the most useful and beneficent of organizations, upon whose good work many lives and much property will be saved annually, the loss of which (through faulty electrical installation and kindred accidents) had become so alarming of late that Commissioner Young determined to secure means to stop most of it. The meeting extended its thanks to Mr. Young by a rising vote for his activities and good advice.

Federal Relief for Flooded Sufferers.

North Carolinians who have just returned from Washington give assurances that the Federal Department of Agriculture and the War Department are already at work to help relieve the situation in the flooded counties of North Carolina. Representatives of the government have already been in Raleigh in this connection and are now in western counties.

The meeting held last Friday in this city was attended by some of them. The work of these agents and the money congress is appropriating will greatly help our home people who have raised thirty-odd thousand dollars in the State so far. The means at hand, however, are not yet adequate to meet the situation.

That Farm Loan Bank.

North Carolinians who are actively working to secure one of the twelve farm loan banks for this State have wisely reached the agreement to make the city of its location subordinate to the main idea—the establishment of one of the new federal banks in North Carolina for the benefit and convenience of North Carolinians, the rural element especially. Raleigh wants the bank and there are other towns that would like to secure it. Once it is declared by the Farm Loan Bank Board to locate a bank in North Carolina, the matter of selecting the city can be adjusted later.

This week the North Carolina Congressmen and other Tar Heels in Washington for the purpose, expect to get a hearing with this farm loan bank board. Later, when this district is reached, chairman Norris, of the bank board promises he will hold a hearing in Raleigh some time in November.

New Tar Heel Lieutenants.

A number of young Tar Heels, graduates and students of the A. and M. College at Raleigh and other colleges where military tactics form part of the curriculum are expected to take the test here for army appointments Aug. 21. There are fifteen hundred vacancies in the grade of second-lieutenant of the U. S. Army at present and the pay is something worth while. Early promotion to first-lieutenant is also possible and the salary that much better. The Adjutant General at Washington has written to President Riddick of the A. and M. college stating that graduates and certain students at that institution are eligible for appointment if they stand the customary examination.

This opportunity is "something different" and rather to the good, when compared to the opening for enlistment as privates in the National Guard of the several states. Enlisting in the State Guard has practically ceased in this community, as the prospects of a fight with "Greasers" have about vanished, and the boys hereabouts do not aspire to border patrol or Fort Bliss camp duty. The recruiting officers sent here from Camp Glenn report practically nothing doing. Llewaxam.

SALE OF FURNITURE TO ESTABLISH FREE WARD.

The Flat Rock Country Club has decided to give its furniture for the establishment of a free ward at the Hendersonville hospital. It has been thought by the officers of the club that a sale of the furniture at public auction at the club house grounds in Flat Rock will be the best way of realizing the value of the furniture, thus securing a fund for the designated purpose. Accordingly with this end in view, the sale will take place in front of the club house Saturday, August 20, at 11 a. m. It is hoped that the laudable

purpose for which the funds are to be expended will attract a good crowd who will be prepared to pay a fair price for the nice things that will be sold. The furniture includes bed room furniture, easy chairs and porch chairs, ching and glass, tables, etc.

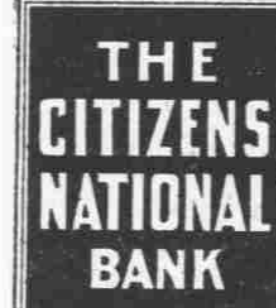
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