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A Two South Afrikaners Guests In Dixie County

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Touring the USA on bicycles, two South Afrikaners were guests at Cld Town Methodist Church "campgrounds" last week. The young men, brothers, are Greg and Anthony Lawler, nineteen and twenty-one respectively, have been away from home in South Africa for a year. They arrived in the early evening at Old Town Methodist Church, very pleased to be invited to potluck with the United Methodist Men.

Their first lengthy stop, about six months, was in London, where they found work and saved enough money to pay for their trip to America. Landing in Miami, they worked at odd jobs and saved enough money to buy their bikes.

For their evening shower, they used the yard hose, then slept in their pup tent.

Members of the Protestant Reformation Church, the boys were questioned about conditions at home. They



Photo Courtesy of David White On tour of the USA, brothers Greg & Anthony Lawler of South Africa, enjoy food and hospitality in Old Town.

stated that they call their parents about once a week to keep in touch. As to racial strife and tension, they say things get worse every week.

They live in the heart of Zulu country.

Traveling by bicycle, a future surprise to their parents, they average about one hundred miles a day. Tentative plans are to reach California about the middle of July.

It has been said that travel opens doors to cultural education. If that be true, the Lawler brothers will surely have earned their diplomas by the time they reach home.