



PASSING A TROUGH: Two young men from South Africa passed through the community last week end, on their way to a bicycle journey all the way across the United States. Anthony Lawler, 19, and his brother G. Lawler of Zinkwazi Beach, Natal, South Africa, spent a couple of days camped in the yard at the home of the pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Tommy Dobbins, resting and making ready to go on their way to the west coast which they plan to reach within the next six weeks. They left Miami a week before arriving here on Saturday afternoon, and will start their long, long trail again on Tuesday morning.

The boys say they saved money for a long time before launching their tour which they are doing simply to see the world and meet people along the way. They say their experiences so far have been pleasant, although they did not like Miami, and they have run into rain and temperatures on the road up to 105 degrees already. They carry all their necessities with them including tenting, clothes, a stove, and they buy their food and other needs along the way. Folks have been very friendly to them so far, and they say they were able to note a "very distinct" difference in weather, the people and the looks of nature when they crossed from Florida into Georgia.

Earlier they rode their cycles on tours of several European countries, and they spent six months in England before coming to the colonies. They make 15-20 miles per hour (except when coming down a hill, they get up to 40-45) and they try to make a hundred miles a day, allowing time to stop over to rest for a day or so along the way. They made up their own route with advice from natives on the route. They avoid major highways because of traffic and regulations and plan to follow 84 from here to 17, then to 60, then whatever comes next, aiming for arriving at a less populated beach area in California. Then, maybe they will be up to moving on to a tour of the west coast toward Canada and back to the New England area.

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