

the pond waters are grey cedars that lean over toward their own reflections. The day we walked the trail a very thin layer of ice lay on top of the pond (can't be too much salt in that water or it couldn't freeze, huh?)

Then there's another bridge and lots of Tarzan vines hanging near it, moving a little in the breeze, almost beckoning you to climb them and swing across to the next bit of dry ground, which, incidentally follows a sort of stream for quite a ways beyond the bridge. You'll come to a swampy place where stark bare trees stand reflected to their tippy tops in the still water, and then you'll cross the last of the bridges right over the swamp. You've got to stop in the middle of the bridge and look around! It's weird. All those silent trees - how long have they been there, reaching up toward the sun, roots deep in the watery ground? You come out of the woods then, back to where you began, and you feel good because you have been in the wilderness for a while, and yet - you are still close to home.....

PINE KNOLL SHORES is growing so rapidly that this may be a time to look back to our beginnings as a community and trace our development. It was only about fifteen years ago that the Roosevelt interests, owners of this section of Bogue Banks, engaged the engineering firm of Stone and Webster to develop their holdings and create residential and business communities. In the first phase, land was designated for a golf course, an ocean park, and one on the Sound, and the section now known as "old" Pine Knoll Shores was laid out. This development was continued even while phase two, the present "new" Pine Knoll Shores was begun, and maps and a beautifully illustrated brochure showed both sections. Part of the land in the phase two area was low and even swampy, so a drainage ditch was dredged which drained the area and provided fill for low-lying sections. This drainage ditch is now our beautiful canal along which are so many attractive homes. A channel was dredged on the south shore of the Sound paralleling what is now Oakleaf Drive. The canal and channel make the greater portion of the second phase of the Pine Knoll Shores development an island within an island, accessible on Oakleaf Drive at McNeill Inlet bridge and by the Mimosa bridge near the Odean Park at Salter Path. In addition to the main "canal", there are branches and basins - Brock Basin, Hall Haven, Davis Landing, Hopper's Hideaway, Hearth's Cove, and King's Corner.

In December 1971 the Roosevelt interests donated a large tract of land to the State of North Carolina to be held as a nature conservancy. This is now known as the Theodore Roosevelt Natural Area State Park. Within this area is the Marine Resources Center with facilities for lectures and movies as well as educational displays. Programs are planned for groups from all over the state, and PKS citizens are regular participants. Besides this state park, the Roosevelts also gave the town acreage on Pine Knoll Blvd. where the present town hall stands and where the proposed town hall and firehouse would be located.

And now, plans are being made for another beautifully planned section of the community to be located to the west of the Roosevelt State Park. These plans include a boat basin for the use of its residents. The overall development of Pine Knoll Shores owes much to the many citizens who have given so much time to enforcing the covenants which insure carefully planned development.