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MOORE COUNTY.

Description of the Shire in which Pinehurst is Located.

A Region Rich in Natural Resources Now Being Developed.

Fine Agricultural and Timber Lands, Gold, Coal and Building Stone Found Here.

For many years after the settlement of North Carolina this section of the state known as the sand-hill and pine region was called the "pine barrens," and Moore county (within whose borders Pinehurst is located) was considered one of the poorest in the state, but since the war it has been opened up by the turpentine and lumber interests, and it is now known as one of the best counties. We quote the following from the reports of the State Board of Agriculture.

"Moore county lies on the western margin of the long-leaf pine belt. Its middle and southern portions belong largely to the class of lands called 'sand hills.' The northern part of this triangular territory partakes more of the character of the oak uplands agricultural division, being very hilly and broken, with sandy and gravelly soil on the higher ridges, having a mixed oak and pine growth, and on the slopes of the hills partaking of the character of clay loams.

"Near the middle (a little north of east), as well as in the southwestern region, and in the eastern one, are considerable bodies of level and rolling upland piney woods. These are the best cotton soils. The tributaries of the Cape Fear, which rise along the southeastern section of the county, are fringed with gum, cypress and juniper swamps, and on many of the streams, large and small, are patches, and sometimes large tracts, of alluvial 'bottom' lands. The agriculture of the country is divided between cotton and grain crops, and recently the cultivation of peaches, grapes and small fruits has produced a lucrative diversion in the agriculture; but the lumber and turpentine interests are quite important, and there are yet large turpentine forests untouched.

"A broad belt of the 'old sea-basin' runs diagonally through the county, having a warm productive, but not enduring soil, yet favorable to cotton and grain and fruits. In this belt are found valuable qualities of sandstone, attractive in color, working easily, and very durable. Quarries of this material have been opened in several localities and the stone is being shipped all over the country.

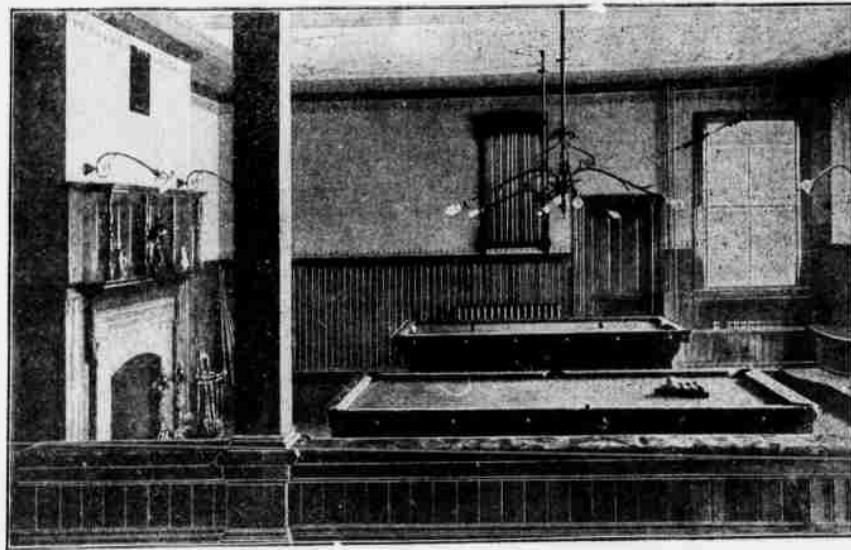
"Gold is found in considerable quantities in the western part of the county, and placer mining has been pursued with considerable success, the Cagle mines at one time attracting large numbers of miners and adventurers. Valuable quarries of millstone grit have long been worked and favorably known, and on the waters of Deep river are large deposits of finely grained and richly colored soapstone or talc.

"The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad passes through the northeastern part of the county, and the Raleigh and Augusta Air Line passes from northeast to southwest, following nearly parallel with the southeastern boundary of the county through its whole length, giving ample means for transportation, and stimulating the growth of frequent villages. A branch road of ten miles con-

nects the Raleigh and Augusta Air Line at Cameron with Carthage, the county seat. "At Carthage a short railroad has been built out into the forests, called the Carthage and Western railroad; pine timber is still abundant in this part of the county. The brownstone is inexhaustible, and several gold mines have recently been opened, with good prospects; there are indications of coal recently discovered; the lands here are adapted to the growth of orchards and vineyards, and water power is plentiful on both Deep and Little rivers.

Line, several short railroads have been constructed; the Aberdeen and West End, touching at Pinehurst and on to Troy in Montgomery county (38 miles); the Aberdeen and Rockfish road running east thirteen miles into Cumberland county; the Moore county railroad from Aberdeen in a south-west direction twelve into Montgomery county. Beside these six miles of road operated by electricity connect Southern Pines with Pinehurst. In two of the southwestern townships no less than 2,500 acres are set to peaches, grapes, and small fruits. Annual export of lumber from this section of the county, 35,000,000 feet.

"Pinehurst and Southern Pines are health resorts, and the population is chiefly composed of northern and eastern people, who combine health-getting and fruit growing with excellent results.



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"Carthage has a population of 1,000, Cameron of 300, Jonesboro, on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad, of 850, Manly of 150, Aberdeen of 965, Keyser of 150, and Sanford of 850. All these are new villages along the lines of the railroads. At Sanford two sandstone quarries are being worked, and a new line of railroad is projected uniting Lillington with Sanford.

"In the southern part of the county there has been rapid growth followed by a healthy business development. The most notable points are Manly, Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Keyser. From Aberdeen, on the Seaboard Air

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"Of domestic animals there are—1,604 horses; 1,187 mules; 856 goats; 10,380 cattle; 18,319 hogs and 9,571 sheep.

"Product of taxation—for State use, \$5,362.31; pensions, \$1,132.97; schools, \$10,383.53; county, \$10,393.83.

"Population—white, 13,985; colored, 6,494; total, 20,479."

A Modern Village.

One of the important landscape creations upon which Mr. Warren H. Manning, of Boston, acted as landscape architect in charge, is Pinehurst, a winter resort village of one hundred acres in extent, situated in about the centre of the state of North Carolina. The site was a dry upland, made up of a succession of broad ridges and valleys gradually merging into each other. The conditions imposed, such as providing comfortable accommodations for winter visitors, and attractive landscape features to add zest to their residence, made careful study of the resources and possibilities of the neighborhood essential to a successful plan. The central feature and indeed the most prominent feature of the plan is the Vil-

lage Green, really the heart of the village, upon which the principal buildings face, and about which, and on the streets radiating from it, the residences are located. The whole scheme was carried out under circumstances that could not but yield good results, and is an example for others to follow. The purpose and character of the project was outlined by the proprietor; the plans were fixed upon and executed upon the grounds by the landscape architects; suitable buildings for the various purposes were designed and constructed by the architects; water, sewer, lighting and transportation systems were designed and installed by competent engineers; and the representatives of these various professions in co-operation with the town superintendent worked in harmony and produced an up-to-date winter resort. This is an example of village creation worthy of consideration.—*Park and Cemetery.*

Pinehurst Nurseries.

Recent developments in the horticultural importance of this State evince pre-eminently that the grand "Old North State" possesses the grandest flora of any section on the face of the globe, and experiments record an axiom of the adaptability and fertility of its soil. Products of North Carolina adorn and beautify the magnificent and reputable parks of the North, producing the best effect and the greatest adaptability, hence the nursery stock of this State is not only desirable for domestic planting, but bears a world-wide reputation, and is the most desired by experienced florists and orchardists of the North and East. To fully portray the magnitude of these industries, the compilers of this edition point with pride to the Pinehurst nursery, a boon to Pinehurst, the noted winter resort, and an acquisition to the large parks of the United States.

This nursery was established in 1895, by Mr. J. W. Tufts, of Boston, Mass., for the purpose of planting lawns and parks at Pinehurst, which to-day presents a striking and scenic aspect—a modern and beautiful town. Since its inception their acreage has been increased, and now twenty-five acres of the most fertile soil is planted in a fine nursery stock, consisting of broad-leaved evergreens, deciduous trees, shrubs, climbers, collected plants, etc.

Out of the first beginning nearly three years ago, established as a supplement to the town planting only, a commercial enterprise has developed, and plants raised there may now be found flourishing in Northern parks.

The entire interests of this nursery is under the efficient management of Mr. Otto Katzenstein, a native of Germany, who has a valuable experience as a nurseryman and florist, thoroughly conversant with the business in detail. He gives his undivided attention to the business, which alone has brought the stock of the