

Very tasteful were the table decorations in the dining room. Yards of green satin ribbon hung from the centre of the ceiling, caught at the four corners of the table. Bouquets and sprigs of holly, garnished dishes of salads, all gave a tone of color scheme in green and white.

The following menu for a sumptuous dinner was daintily served, and provided in generous New England custom—a feast in truth, when "good digestion waits on appetite, and health on both."

Raw Oysters		
Tomato Puree	—	Lobster Bisque
Boiled Salmon, Caper Sauce		
Roast Turkey, Chestnut Sauce		
Cranberry Jelly		
Potato Rice	Squash	Onions
Sweet Potatoes	Mashed Turnips	
Lettuce	Potato Croquettes	Celery
Walnut and Celery Salad		
Christmas Jelly		
Spiced Peaches	Olives	Grape Ketchup
Christmas Pudding		
Mince, Apple, Rhubarb and Cranberry Pies		
Orange Sherbet in Orange Cups		
Assorted Cakes		
Concord and White Grapes	Figs	
Nuts	Confections	Cheese
Coffee		

A Christmas tree celebration closed this happy day. The beautiful holly tree was symmetrical and well chosen for the room; its topmost branches reaching nearly to the ceiling, and decorated with tinsel bands in silver and shining balls of hollow glass, and the jeweled flowers and fruits of good fairies.

Children and "grown-ups" were generously remembered with gifts, which were distributed after listening to some music and recitations.

Pleasant were the words of gratitude to a host and hostess who know how to make an art of housekeeping, and whose generous hospitality make their home for strangers, in Pinehurst, most attractive and desirable.

POWER HOUSE CAFE.

At the Power House Cafe the colored employes in the village, to the number of about fifty, were given a bountiful Christmas dinner. The manager, Mrs. A. C. Keander, provided an ample supply of eatables and all feasted to their hearts' content. The following is the menu provided:

Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce	
Roast Chicken, Cranberry Sauce	
Sweet Potato Custard	
Fruit Pudding	
Mince Pie	Apple Pie
Assorted Cake	Coffee

FIELD SPORTS.

After dinner a large number of our villagers gathered on the Village Green to enjoy the fine athletic program provided. A large space had been roped off in the centre of the Green to keep back the crowd, and at 2.30 the fun commenced. The list of events, with the prizes and winners, was as follows:

100 Yards Dash, for whites. 1st prize, \$2.00; 2d prize, \$1.00. Richard Marshall 1st, 12 1-2 seconds; Martin Finnegan 2d, 13 1-2 seconds.

100 Yards Dash, for colored. 1st prize, \$2.00; 2d prize, \$1.00. Bish Kelly 1st, 11 1-4 seconds; Simon Ellerby 2d, 14 seconds.

Running High Jump, for white. 1st prize, \$2.00; 2d prize, \$1.00. Martin Finnegan 1st, 3 ft., 11 1-2 in.; Frank C. Carpenter 2d, 3 ft., 10 1-2 in.

Running High Jump, for colored. 1st

prize, \$2.00; 2d prize, \$1. Bish Kelly 1st, 4 ft., 10 in.; Will Richardson 2d, 3 ft., 8 in.

Running Broad Jump, for white. 1st prize, \$2.00; 2d prize, \$1.00. Rufe Chatfield 1st, 15 ft., 3 1-2 in.; Martin Finnegan 2d, 15 ft., 2 1-2 in.

Running Broad Jump, for colored. 1st prize, \$2.00; 2d prize, \$1.00. Bish Kelly 1st, 16 ft., 6 1-2 in.; Will Montague 2d, 14 ft., 6 in.

Sack Race, for colored. 1st prize, \$1.00; 2d prize, 50 cents. Bish Kelly 1st, Jesse Short 2d.

Egg Race, for colored. 1st prize, \$1.00; 2d prize, 50 cents. Simon Ellerby 1st, George Nazer 2d.

Climbing Greased Pole, open to all. \$2.00 prize pinned to top of pole. This was the most amusing event of the day. The pole was liberally greased from top to bottom, and although the contestants were numerous it was soon seen that it would be impossible for anyone to win under the usual rules, and all regulations were suspended. The pole was then scoured with sand, and powdered resin was used on the hands, but it still proved too slick for anybody to climb. Then a lot of sacking was procured and the contestants took turns in climbing as high as possible and then wrapping a sack about the pole and sliding back with it, to take the grease off. One colored lad made a blouse by cutting holes in a sack to admit his head and arms, and after putting it on rolled in the sand to get the gritty earth into the cloth, but even this failed to hold on the slippery surface. Then the contestants were boosted up on the shoulders of their friends and were thus brought within one or two feet of the top of the pole, but those last few feet were as hard to get over as the first, and again their efforts resulted in failure. It was interesting to watch the expression on the faces of the contestants as they tried to reach the prize. As they slowly mounted upward hope deepened into exultation as the goal seemed surely won. But just as the crisp greenbacks were almost within reach progress gradually ended. For a few seconds the pole was clasped with a bear-like hug; the happy look in the expressive eyes gave place to one of intense longing, and then to despair, as the unlucky lad slid back to earth, amid the laughter of the spectators. Finally by forming a human pyramid three tiers high the topmost man, Will Richardson, was enabled to bear off the prize.

Wheelbarrow Race, blindfold, for colored. 1st prize, \$1.00; 2d prize, 50 cents. Jim McFager 1st, Jesse Short 2d.

High or Hitch Kick, for white. 1st prize, \$1.00; 2d prize, 50 cents. Martin Finnegan 1st, 6 ft., 10 in.; Rufe Chatfield 2d, 6 ft., 8 in.

High or Hitch Kick, for colored. 1st prize, \$1.00; 2d prize, 50 cents. Bish Kelly 1st, 7 ft., 11 1-2 in.; Simon Ellerby 2d, 7 ft., 10 in.

Half Mile Foot Race around the Village Green, for white. 1st prize, \$3.00; 2d prize, \$2.00; 3d prize, \$1.00. Martin Finnegan 1st, 3 min., 55 sec; Richard Marshall 2d, 4 min., 5 sec; Charles Fowlen 3d, 4 min., 15 sec.

Half Mile Foot Race around Village Green, for colored. 1st prize, \$3.00; 2d prize, \$2.00; 3d prize, \$1.00. Bish Kelly 1st, 3 min., 45 sec.; Will Spain 2d, 4 min., 20 sec.; Will Richardson 3d, 4 min., 45 sec.

Tug of War, for white. Prize, \$2.50. Won by "Hotel Touraine" team—Kilby, Messenger, Ryan, Goldsmith and Honey-suckle.

Tug of War, for colored. Prize, \$2.50. Won by following team: Richardson, McFager, Nazer, Ellerby and Ratliff.

Greased Pig, open to all. Prize, the the pig. The pig proved to be lazy and was easily captured by Will Montague from Southern Pines.

Throwing Base Ball, for white. Prize, 50 cents. Won by Martin Finnegan, about 300 feet.

Throwing Base Ball, for colored. Prize, 50 cents. Won by Bish Kelly, about 330 feet.

The wrestling matches were the last events to be pulled off. The winner in the white match was Walter Pyke, prize \$1.00. The winner in the colored match was Seward McCall, prize \$1.00.

These matches ended the sports, as it was then too dark to finish the program.

The field sports were in charge of the following committee: C. E. Kennedy, chairman; C. L. Baxter, secretary; F. T. Spinney, F. H. Carpenter, A. D. St. Clair. The committee are entitled to a great deal of credit for the efficient manner in which the program was carried out.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT.

At 7.30 o'clock a large audience gathered in the Village Hall to enjoy the excellent entertainment provided under the direction of Mr. A. D. St. Clair. The Holly Inn Orchestra, Mr. Trev. Sharp musical director, kindly volunteered their services. Following is the program:

Overture—"Lustspiel"	Keler-Bela
Quartets— "Sweet and Low" "Hush Thee My Baby" "Oh, Who Will O'er the Downs"	Barby A. S. Sullivan De Pearsall
Miss Lewis, Mrs. Bradbury, Mr. St. Clair and Mr. Robinson.	
Orchestra—"An Arkansaw Huskin Bee"	Pryor
Readings— a "How Saluator Won" b "Larry's on the Force"	Miss M. L. Parker.
Ballad—"I Want No Stars in Heaven to Guide Me"	Emerson Mr. A. D. St. Clair.
Orchestra—"At a Georgia Campmeeting"	Mills
Intermission Five Minutes.	
Selections—Selected Holly Inn Orchestra.	
Popular Songs— "Only a Lock of Her Hair" with Chorus "When You and I Were Young" "Sweet Chiming Bells"	Bucalossi
Mrs. Butler, Miss M. Ellis, Messrs. St. Clair, Robinson and Butler.	
Spanish Caprice—"Gitana"	Bucalossi
Holly Inn Orchestra.	
Readings— a "In Vermont" b "Sullivan vs. Sylvestino"	Miss M. L. Parker.
Ballad—"Then You'll Remember Me"	Balfe Mr. A. D. St. Clair.
Orchestra—"Medley of National Airs"	
Finale—Singing "God be with You till We Meet Again," by the audience.	

All the numbers were finely rendered, the readings by Miss Parker being especially pleasing and her last number received a hearty encore. The selections by the orchestra were also appreciated and received a liberal measure of applause. Mr. Vale, whose name appeared on the program, was unable to be present, owing to a severe cold, and his place was taken by Mr. St. Clair.

The entertainment concluded at an early hour and a large part of the audience made a trip to the Power House Cafe to witness the dance there.

The festivities of the day closed with a dance at the Power House Cafe. A large company was present and "tripped the light fantastic" to the music of



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Finnegan's orchestra, and the fun was kept up until a late hour. The dance was ably managed by the following committee: Messrs. Goldsmith, Messenger, Marshall and Ryan.

The Christmas tree and concert at the Jackson Hamlet colored church, which were to have been held yesterday afternoon and evening, have been postponed to New Years Day, owing to the storm.

Golf Ground Rules.

The following new set of ground rules has been adopted by the management of the Pinehurst Golf Links:

A ball lying within two club's lengths of a tree in the course may be dropped, not nearer the hole, without penalty.

A ball lying in one of the ditches near the nine-hole course may be dropped, beyond the ditch and not nearer the hole, without penalty.

A ball lying in the pond at the tenth, or in the ravine at the twelfth hole, may be recalled to the tee and teed for a penalty of two or dropped for a penalty of one stroke.

A tee shot by a lady falling in the road within the limits of the course at the fifth hole may be dropped behind it without penalty.

A tee shot falling in the road, within the limits of the course at the sixth hole, may be dropped behind it without penalty.

The term "putting green" shall apply only to the clay greens and not to any part of the course outside their limits.

A ball stuck fast in the face of a bunker, or resting on top of the bank, must be dropped in accordance with Rule 16 not more than two club lengths behind the bunker if a cop bunker, and in the trap if a trap bunker, without penalty.

These rules shall apply to both match and medal play.

On all other points the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews shall govern.

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