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MANY CHRISTMAS TREES.

Guests at Pinehurst Make Merry and Feast on the Great Holiday.

SNOW AND ICE ONLY LACKING.

The greatest festival of all the year was fittingly celebrated in Pinehurst this season as usual; and although the sun shone bright and warm, with no sign of snow and ice in sight and the thermometer registered 63 degrees, no one who had eyes or ears could possibly forget that it was Christmas and except for the sunny weather, a real old-fashioned Christmas, observed just as it usually is in the North. Special preparations were made at several different places and at all the hotels and boarding houses, elaborate Christmas dinners were served.

VILLAGE HALL.

The principal event was the distribution of gifts by Santa Claus from the Christmas tree in the Village Hall. Preparations for this occasion were begun well ahead of time by Manager Harry Redan; a fine large tree was procured and placed on the stage; a general invitation was extended to the people of the village to send their gifts to be distributed from the tree by Santa Claus and to be present on the occasion; no admission fee was charged.

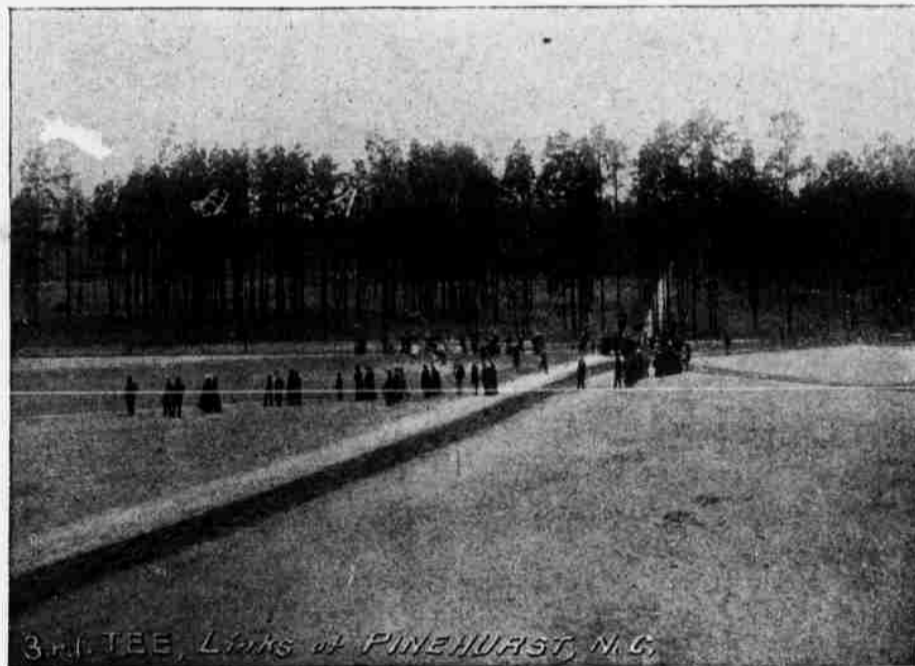
A large crowd gathered in the hall before 7.30 p. m., on Christmas Eve; the Holly Inn orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Trev. Sharp, entertained the audience for a short time; then, all the lights in the auditorium were put out, the orchestra played very softly a sweet and plaintive melody and the curtain rose slowly on a very pretty and attractive scene; a room, dimly lighted, as though by moonlight, a large open fireplace with an old-fashioned brick chimney, a bright fire glowing in the fireplace, and in the middle of the room, a fine large Christmas tree, loaded with decorations and gifts and brilliantly illuminated with multi-colored electric lights. The effect was beautiful and pleasing and called forth an impulsive burst of applause.

Then the brick chimney was seen to open slowly and out through the opening, true to tradition, came a white-haired, white-bearded, ruddy and furred Santa Claus; this unlooked for appearance of the hero of childhood's anti-Christmas dreams also awakened hearty applause. Santa Claus then began the distribution of gifts from the tree, in which he was assisted by Dr. Harry Redan; many little incidents which occurred during the distribution also provoked laughter and applause, notably the amusing actions of some of the little tots as they came forward to receive

their gifts from the hands of Santa Claus, who, by the way, masquerades in his every-day life among ordinary mortals, under the name of J. J. Becker. Incidentally the ladies who had been told they would see a real "cute" little Santa Claus were somewhat surprised to behold a being who weighs 250 pounds and measures six feet, two inches in height. After the gifts had been distributed, the lights were again put out and Santa Claus, bowing good-night, disappeared up the chimney.

AT THE BERKSHIRE.

The ladies at the Berkshire hotel had been planning for some time a surprise for the little ones there, and Christmas Eve, after the Village Hall festivities were over, the children were all put to bed and the ladies went to work to prepare another Christmas tree with which to astonish the children in the morning; they worked until quite late but the result on Christmas morning showed



that they had worked well. After breakfast, the little children and the grown-up children also, who enjoyed it quite as much, were ushered into the large main parlor of the hotel and here they saw a very heavily burdened tree, all aglow with lights and decorations, on which were gifts galore; there were toys and presents of all kinds for the children and a nice bag of candy for everybody.

Fortunately, however, the candy was really good and did not interfere with the thorough enjoyment of the excellent Christmas dinner which Manager Kimball provided for his large and happy family.

THE HOLLY INN.

The dining room was the centre of attraction at the Holly Inn. Manager Hyde delighted every one with a most enjoyable and substantial present in the shape of one of the finest and most elaborate dinners ever provided anywhere. A large number of invited guests shared with those who live at the Inn an epicurean feast. The dining room was attrac-

tively decorated in mistletoe and holly, and the tables were made beautiful with bouquets of cut flowers. The Holly Inn orchestra played throughout the dinner hour and delighted the diners with the following selections:

March—"The Harlequin"	Hirst
"Echoes from the Metropolitan Opera House"	Arr. Tobani
Cornet Solo—"Can I Forget"	De Koven
(Mr. E. C. Cary.)	
Grand Selection—"Faust"	Gounod
Idyll—"In Beauty's Bower"	Bendie
{ a Egyptian Intermezzo—"Zallah"	Lorraine
{ b Pasionaria Danza—"Passion Flower"	Sancho
"Fantasia On American National Airs"	Arr. Moses

In the evening a hop was conducted in the music room and the floor resounded with the rythm of feet to the strains of the orchestra.

AND MANY OTHERS.

At the Casino, Manager McAlpine had his dining room prettily decorated with mistletoe and holly and took especial pains to provide an unusually good menu

A Pleasing Program.

On next Monday evening, at Village Hall, an exceptionally fine program of vocal and instrumental music and dramatic and humorous readings will be given by an exclusively professional concert company, made up of Miss A. Louise Wood, soprano, Mr. E. C. Cary, cornet virtuoso, Mr. I. W. Dole, flute soloist, Mr. Trev Sharp, conductor, and Will J. Irvin, dramatic reader and humorist. The musical program will include, in addition to the solos by the artists named above, several specially selected numbers by the Holly Inn orchestra; the literary numbers will consist wholly of those selections and stories which have proved decidedly the most popular of an extensive repertoire. A high-grade and pleasing entertainment may be fully depended on and all who are of musical and literary tastes may be assured of a treat. Seats on sale at Village drug store.

What Became of Parker?

At the Village Hall, on December the 19th, the members of Southern Pines Lodge, No. 108, K. of P., presented the four-act comedy—"What Became of Parker?" to a fair-sized audience. The play was neatly presented and all who took part portrayed the characters they represented in a manner that was pleasing. Mr. Bruhn in his impersonation of "Growler," the imaginary invalid, and Mr. Elliott as "Otto" the German waiter deserve special mention. Mrs. Irvin, as the suspected wife, Mrs. Thomas as the invalid's niece, Miss Eastman as the maiden aunt and Mary Elliott as the maid, gave pleasing renditions of their parts, and on the whole the performance was much enjoyed by the audience. The proceeds went towards the lodge relief fund.

Pleasantly Remembered.

Mr. H. B. Stillings, manager of the department store, was the recipient of a handsome pearl-handled pocket knife and case, the gift of the clerks in the various departments. At the close of business, December 25th, the clerks assembled in the drug department, and in a few words expressed their good feeling towards Mr. Stillings, and made the presentation which was thankfully received. Happy New Year, Mr. Stillings, and many returns.

Services Last Sunday.

UNION—Services were conducted by Rev. D. W. Fox, at 11 a. m., Sunday, December 22nd. Owing to an accident in the heating apparatus early in the morning, the hall was rather cool. This defect was remedied later.

EPISCOPAL—Services were conducted by Rev. H. T. Gregory at 4 p. m.

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for his guests. At the Magnolia a similar effort was made to make the day an enjoyable one; and Mr. Robinson's happy family at the Lenox was likewise well cared for. At the Cedars the guests made merry Christmas morning around a pretty Christmas tree provided by Mrs. F. W. Paul Brunig.

As a whole the guests at Pinehurst found nothing lacking to make the Christmas festivities thoroughly enjoyable and interesting and the absence of snow and ice did not appear to detract in any measure from the complete and happy observance of the festival.

Sunday Concerts at the Holly Inn.

Mr. Hyde announces that the usual Sunday evening concert will take place December 29th in the music room of the Holly Inn. The concert begins at 8 p. m., and Mr. Sharp has arranged a pleasing programme. All guests and occupants of the cottages are cordially invited.