

**SUMMER TO BE A BUSY ONE  
IN SAND HILLS DEVELOPMENT**

Moore county development will be more advanced this summer than in any one year in its history. The big thing is the Mid-Pines Country Club, where already in the neighborhood of a hundred men are at work on the preliminaries for the big new club house, on the golf grounds and on the various jobs that hinge on the advancement of the golf course and the buildings.

C. F. Ballard, with a crew of hands, has begun the fine new building, which he has staked out. Men and teams are on the excavation with scrapers and picks, and they are moving dirt like a construction crew on a railroad job. A number of temporary shanties have been put up for office uses and shelter. Material is coming on the ground in stacks. As fast as more men can be employed they will be added and in a few weeks the Mid-Pines area will be a community in itself in the big number of its workmen.

From the club house location to the top of the hill near the Osborne farm a number of building sites have been sold, and the row of stakes with the "sold" sign on them indicate that the south side of the road is about sold out. Building will begin on these lots in a short time, and this will add to the activity in the vicinity of the club house.

Around Pinehurst considerable new building, and of a good class will be undertaken, as a number of good lots have been sold to buyers who want to establish winter homes for themselves. Over at Southern Pines the development of the Weymouth Heights territory is progressing in a way that is surprising, and building has already commenced there on a rather large scale. The Weymouth buildings will all be of a type rather above the average in Southern Pines, and the town appears to be heading into a real building boom.

The peach prospect now seems to be the best the county has ever seen. New orchards that will give their first considerable crop this year will swell the total production, and the orchard men look for fifty per cent more fruit to be sent to market this year than ever. It is an interesting fact that while the Moore County crop has escaped the frosts all around and all over the whole country fruit and vegetables have been much damaged by frosts, so that here will be almost the only perfect production. The peach crop in Moore county is rarely destroyed by frosts, owing to the peculiarity of the air drainage of the hills. The harm to other fruit sections points now to the advantage of this section, as the curtailment of other fields gives a price incentive to the Moore county belt. The peach men are feeling right good over the outlook, and commission men say the prices will be good.

All this means that an interest is awakening in more orchards and fruit land is bringing good prices with many inquiries from new sources. Observers believe that the peach development of the county is going forward as fast as the town advancement. Many who are mak-

ing winter homes in the peach belt are also taking in some peach interests, satisfied that here is not only a good place to put in a winter, but also to invest some money for a good and a safe return.

Road building in the Sandhill country is planned on a liberal scale for the summer. State and county both have projects in view and it is presumed that fall will see good roads into communities that so far have been out in the woods, and that roads previously improved will be made better during the summer.

Taking it all together Moore county has a season of busy work ahead, and from the advance signs it looks as if next winter will be the best the county has ever seen.

**SAND HILL REGION ESCAPES DAMAGE**

Severe injury to the peach crop throughout the state was general with the exception of the Sand Hill Region where little or no injury is reported, but instead a crop of over 500 earloads which will be the largest ever harvested provided it is not reduced before gathering time. Reports from other parts of the State to the North Carolina Division of Horticulture indicate a loss ranging from 50 per cent injury to total destruction.

Peach growers in injured sections are advised by the Extension Service to make careful and painstaking inspection of each variety in every part of the tree throughout the orchard to determine the exact amount of injury.

"This information is necessary for the economical conduct of the orchard during the remainder of the year. It requires only about 20 to 30 per cent of the normal bloom to produce a full crop of peaches. If 10 per cent of the fruit is alive the remainder of the usual spraying schedule should be given. From present indications, prices will be sufficiently high to justify the adoption of all available means of protecting this portion of the crop which still remains.

During the seventy-five years or more the telegraph has been in use in America its ramifications have increased mightily. Everything, from Presidential messages to flowers for one's sweetheart and checks from home, are flashed to us arranged for via the wire.

Every one is aware of the versatility and arduous errands required of the messenger boys who deliver these urgent missives, but few have heard of the latest test to which his abilities have been put and the most novel service which has yet been attempted by telegraph.

M. E. Whiting, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Bakersfield, Calif., himself was astounded when 7-year-old Johnnie Caldwelwood arrived from Rutland, Vermont, care of the Western Union, and specially marked for delivery to his parents at Oildale, a town near Bakersfield. Johnnie's Vermont relatives, after having put him on the train and duly tagging him, placed faithful trust for final delivery in the telegraph. Johnnie was promptly transmitted to Oildale, but the manager neglected to say whether he was handled as a night letter or a straight day message.—San Francisco Chronicle.



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