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Knollwood on the Move

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ONE OF THE PRETTY FAIRWAYS OF THE MID-PINES COURSE AT KNOLLWOOD

WHEN Francis Deaton makes a map of a bit of country, and some one else then takes a bit of that territory and starts a development it is a joy to me to take the blue print and sit down and dream of the probable outcome of the proposition involved. The game is one of such endless and complicated variety that it is all the time presenting new fascinations, and new tangles for the fellow of speculative turn of mind.

Knollwood dropped into the guessing contest one of the biggest chances that had been available for a long time, and gradually Knollwood has been classified as a new agent of tremendous importance in connecting up the intermediate field between Pinehurst and Southern Pines. The connections are shaping and growing together until now Knollwood is fairly well understood in its relation to the future of the community. But a week or so ago a new element entered that bridges a gap in most interesting fashion. About a mile east of No. 4 golf course at Pinehurst begins a tract of land that extends from there to the west boundaries of Knollwood Village, and to keep action uppermost in that neighborhood Judge W. A. Way and Major D. B. Nettleton, another of those quick-moving Pittsburghers, bought the 447 acres, and plans for development are already under way. The tract has about a hundred acres of orchard set, some of which will bear its first crop this summer. But to keep things looking like going somewhere

it is the intention to put hands on a new clearing every day no other work is in sight, and in the course of time the hundred acre orchard will be a two-hundred acre orchard, and from what I can gather it will be one to talk about.

Well, orchards are orchards, but having been a Pittsburgh newspaper man for many years I picked up lights on the habits and ways of certain Pittsburgh people, and weighing up what I can see back there on the Ohio river and holding it alongside of what I can see here in Moore county the dream book has a singularly interesting chapter on this theme. No. 4 course starts at the club house at Pinehurst, but it goes striking off for the country as fast as it can, and by the time the eighth hole is reached the player is about over to the new purchase of Judge Way and Major Nettleton. And north and east of that eighth hole, and around to the thirteenth hole, and on out to Spring Hill Farm, as the new place is called because it has a hill and a spring, is some of the most romantic area of Pinehurst.

Until I looked over that country from No. 4 eastward to Judge Way's house at Knollwood last week I did not realize fully why Mr. Tufts had built that fine big house over at Course No. 4. But after taking in the whole territory, sizing up what Judge Way and Major Nettleton will do with that orchard, and the two hundred or more acres that will not be included in the orchard, or which