

## Rotarians Meet in Pinehurst

A MEETING of deep significance and much promise was held at the Pinehurst Country Club at noon last Friday when twenty-two good Rotarians from widely separated sections of this country and Canada sat down to the first Annual Rotary Club luncheon in Pinehurst.

The meeting was held at the suggestion of Rotarian Fred D. Miller, of Altoona, Pa., who acted as Secretary, with Rotarian Frank V. Smith, of Albany, N. Y., as chairman.

Mr. Arthur S. Newcomb, of Pinehurst, who was in attendance as a guest, extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the Sandhill Section in general and Pinehurst in particular.

On motion unanimously passed it was resolved that it was the sense of the meeting that Rotarians present should take steps and use their best efforts to have the charter and by-laws of Rotary International changed so that similar meetings in both winter and summer resorts where Rotarians foregather shall be officially recognized and those in attendance shall be given official credit therefor.

Rotarian Chas. S. Stroub, of Biddeford, Me., was unanimously elected chairman of the unofficial organization, and he will make it his business to see that similar luncheons are held at 12:30 P. M. each Friday during the season so long as attendance justifies. All Rotarians in Pinehurst and vicinity are invited to attend and are requested to present themselves at the Pinehurst Country Club on the day and hour mentioned, where they will be cordially received and warmly welcomed.

Following is a list of those who were in attendance last Friday:

Benj. V. Smith, Albany, N. Y.; Fred D. Miller, Altoona, Pa.; Herbert N. Bond, Manchester, N. H.; Chas. Stroub, Biddeford, Me.; W. W. Windle, Worcester, Mass.; Jas. Von Dyck, New York, N. Y.; H. B. Hays, New York, N. Y.; Mr. Faquhar, Westchester, Pa.; Chas. A. Slicher, Troy, N. Y.; J. W. Mason, New York, N. Y.; C. C. Wickwire, Cortland, N. Y.; Will Mills, Pottstown, Pa.; Geo. J. Veach, Oil City, Pa.; Geo. W. Barker, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John A. Sullivan, New York, N. Y.; William Goodwin, Fitchburg, Mass.; Harry Boulton, Clearfield, Pa.; W. Ed. Wells, E. Liverpool, Ohio; A. B. Sharp, Steubenville, Ohio; H. R. Hooper, Youngstown, Ohio.

## Opportunities, Now and Then

(By BION H. BUTLER)

THOSE of us who are wise guys now laugh at the old-timers of twenty years ago who hesitated about buying land when it could be had for a couple of dollars an acre. We think we are intelligent because we see now that buying land then at the prevailing price at that time was not so foolish as it looked. We can see the road we have traveled. But how many can look ahead as well as back? Mighty few. For prices now are just as they were twenty years ago, and a limited number of people will be profiting now just as profited from the opportunities then.

Land sold for two dollars an acre twenty years ago because the amount of land was large in proportion to the number of buyers. The same land sells now for two hundred or may be two thousand dollars an acre, because the number of buyers has increased while the available land in available locations has not increased. Let us take the period of twenty years. In that length of time the population in the United States has increased forty per cent. Over thirty million people have been added to the number who must have a place to live. In that length of time the financial conditions of all the people has improved. During the period the number of workers earning money has increased from thirty to forty-two millions, which makes twelve million more earners in the United States than twelve years ago. The point I am getting at is that thirty million more people, including twelve million more wage earners, must have a place to live. It is like adding to the country as many people as we had in the whole United States in 1860 without adding any more land.

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