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MIDLAND ROAD A VIVID PROPHET

Its Recent Remarkable Record
the Guarantee of the
Days Ahead.

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One day about eight years ago when John Chilcott had arrived in this country I took him down on McDeed's Creek, near the crossing of the old Yadkin road to show him a projected development then beginning. Frank Buchan was there and Francis Deaton, and they were making a relocation of the road, which was to go to the top of the hill towards Pinehurst, to open the big property H. A. Page Jr., had bought from Dr. Von Herf. I was a little confident in my explanation to John about what Frank and Francis were setting in operation, and they both helped along with the prophesying work. It looked somewhat like a bold prediction to say that there would be a leading road in a few years and a thrifty community, and all that the dreams of dreamers dreamed. But the one place where we all fell down was in not conceiving in the slightest degree the actual magnitude of what Frank Buchan and Francis Deaton were starting.

Warren S. Manning came into the game a little later, and he outdistanced all of us, for he predicted a great thoroughfare on the road Deaton was projecting on the day I mention, and I have Manning's map on my table now. That road extended to Pinehurst in a short time, and became the Midland road, and then it grew to be a double-way road. The Mid Pines Club was organized out in the pine thickets, and what that institution has become needs no explanation. It is a group of some of the foremost men and women of the United States, and with new names adding from time to time, and with many more to be added in the future. James Barber built a house on the Midland road, buying the first lot at Mid Pines. Judge Way soon followed. Other houses arose in the territory of the road, and now it is one of the chief entrances to the village of Pinehurst, with several attractive homes on either side of the way. Barber's development is one of the big things in the vicinity of the road, while the Pine Needles Inn, soon to open, will be one of the foremost community centers within the boundaries of the State. Knollwood Village has been gradually advancing, and it is unique in its growth. In all its range of country Knollwood has not a single commercial establishment. Mid Pines Club is a private institution. Judge Way's new orchid greenhouses will come the nearest to a business concern of anything in the neighborhood, but it is an amusement as much as it is an industry, and carries on no trade, for nothing is there for sale to local buyers. Knollwood Village was designed and has been brought along to its present point with the one idea of making a pleasant place to live, and that has been accomplished with every turn.

In all the endeavor to advance the attractiveness of the different areas along the Midland road the men who have been making homes have joined with the general sentiment, and extended the improvement that is the dominant note—making the community desirable for residences. The road is unique. Two ways with a strip of pine trees between. Pine trees on the sides of the road. Pine trees on the ridges and pine trees, in the valley, with the various hardwoods in the low ground. The road is a succession of changing pictures, interesting as a bit of Nature study, interesting as the work of the human hand as well. The type of buildings is clean and wholesome. For much of the distance a glimpse is offered of Pinehurst, of Southern Pines, of Knollwood, of the country round for miles. The way side is well kept. An occasional bit of orchard or cul-

FARM WOODLAND A SAVINGS BANK

Farmer Cuts 50,000 Board Feet
of Lumber a Year for
25 Years.

By following a system of selective cutting, taking only trees of good size, one good farmer of Moore county has been able to cut an average of 50,000 board feet of lumber each year for 25 years from his farm of 350 acres.

"W. T. Brown, of Spies, in Moore county, is handling his farm woodlot as it should be handled and is using it as a savings bank," says R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College. "When he took over his father's farm of 350 acres some 25 years ago, he determined to follow his father's plan of cutting out the mature timber each year during the winter months. Since most of the mature trees had been cut, Mr. Brown was forced to mill the smaller, second growth but by carefully selecting only the best trees he has cut over 50,000 board feet of lumber each year for the time he has had the farm in charge. Some sections of the woodlot have been cut over each five years."

Mr. Graeber states that Mr. Brown uses the whole tree. The lops and crippled trees are used for wood and the better stock for lumber. With 275 acres of his land now growing timber, Mr. Brown expects to make a timber harvest each year during his lifetime and to leave more timber on the place than when he began to cut. He harvests the timber during the winter, using his own labor and operating his mill with a little water power on the farm.

This is one excellent example of good timber farming, according to Mr. Graeber. It is a method that other landowners in North Carolina should follow because using timber as a farm crop gives employment to labor during idle seasons, enables the owner to use the whole tree and also brings in a steady income year after year. It is a much better method than selling all the timber to a saw mill operator and letting him go through the property at one time cutting the best and wasting the remainder.

tivated ground breaks in on the home and the woodland. The golf course at Mid Pines, the lake at the foot of the hill, the winding roads at Pine Needles, the fine new building which is the new hotel, the curves up the hill into Southern Pines, the Archery factory—and all of this has been done in the last eight years.

Now the Midland road has gained its swing, and with its present momentum the work it is to do can be predicted by the work it has done. It came from a start of nothing. It has already become one of the most novel roads of the State. The highway commission in a short time will rebuild the road as a State highway, and with the progress it has made Midland road in another half dozen years will astonish all of us. Pinehurst at one end, Southern Pines at the other, Knollwood Village along the line, Pine Needles Inn adjoining with all its modern innovations, the Midland farm section also on the route, every one is an agent of progress and development.

The Midland road has shown its history of the last eight years. It in that brief time has become the main thoroughfare of the communities it ties together. It is developing as one of the most attractive roads of Central North Carolina, with a home-making factor that is prophetic, and it is carrying a traffic that ranks it already with the leading highways of the State. What it has accomplished in its first eight years indicates what it is to do in the next similar period, and that it is to be in fact a Midland road is beyond all

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J. P. SMITH GETS BIG CHECK FOR TOBACCO.

The biggest check ever paid out for tobacco in Aberdeen was given last Friday to J. P. Smith, who farms on the road between Aberdeen and Raeford, not far from Raeford. The check called for \$3,769.35, and bought an excellent type of leaf tobacco as well as a large amount. Mr. Smith has a big acquaintance all over the South through his famous cotton plow which he manufactured for years at his home on the Raeford road. Now he has won another distinction as one of the most successful tobacco growers. The tobacco was sold on the floor of the Saunders Warehouse. On that day the sales in Aberdeen totaled \$10,000 more than they did on the opening day in the fall, and the prices averaged around 30 cents. The market in Aberdeen is going good, with good prices, good quality of tobacco and large volume. It is believed now the total sales of the season will run materially above four million pounds, and that the price will average as good as last year by the time all is finished. Aberdeen is showing an extremely active life during the tobacco market days, and an air of prosperity is hovering over the community.

PINEHURST HOUSES GET WIDE RECOGNITION.

In the annual report of the Sherwin-Williams Company, which is issued in one of the most artistic bits of printing that come this way, are some pictures of selected buildings over the world that have used the Sherwin-Williams paints. In the number are three houses at Pinehurst. Some costly and elaborate structures in various places are shown in the pamphlet, but in no place are three residence buildings shown except Pinehurst. Much of the company's paint is sold there by the Pinehurst Warehouses, and Harrison Stutts says he and Sherwin-Williams go a long way to help make Pinehurst the delightful place to live that it is. Certainly they help to make Pinehurst known to all creation.

UNDERNOURISHMENT PREDISPOSES TB.

Undernourishment predisposes tuberculosis in both children and adults. Any steps leading to the discovery and proper treatment of undernourishment in children and adults contribute to the prevention of tuberculosis.

The clinical symptoms of childhood tuberculosis follow closely the symptoms produced by malnutrition. Chronic fatigue in children also follows closely the symptoms of undernourishment.

Undernourishment causes bad posture in children, because the muscles are too weak to hold the various parts of the body erect. Bow-legs and knock-knees are the results of faulty nutrition. Normally nourished children occasionally have tuberculosis but the number of undernourished children who have the disease are greatly in excess of those who are normally nourished.

Watch your child and yourself, and see that you keep both yourself and your child well nourished.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

R. G. Hutchison, principal of Farm Life School, will conduct the Thanksgiving service at the Vass Presbyterian church Thanksgiving morning at 9 o'clock. An offering will be taken for the Barium Springs Orphanage.

D. MONROE.

North Carolina has harvested one of its best crops of sweet potatoes this year. Yields of 325 bushels an acre are reported by several farmers.

Tom Tarheel says he gives thanks for good crop yields, for plenty of home grown food and for the health and happiness of his family.

OLMSTEAD PLANS KNOLLWOOD HOUSE

Plans for Building Adopted and
Will Start Work at
Once.

R. L. Olmstead has fired the first gun at Knollwood and immediately activity will begin on the lots he bought a few days ago on the ridge just above the new Pine Needles Inn. Mr. Olmstead's location includes lots 512, 513 and 516, and it is probable that the house will be placed on 513. To understand the full meaning of the plan it is necessary to have a slight knowledge of the ground in the vicinity. Leading out from the Inn to the northwest is Short road, which extends as Indian Trail drive over to the Carthage road near the Maples home. Crossing this drive about a quarter of a mile from the Inn is Fairway drive, and at the junction point Crest road at the end of a curve cuts into the crossing, leaving at the five points a small park way. On the east side of the Fairway drive one tier of lots lies between the drive and Fairway 18 of the Pine Needles golf course. On the west side of the drive is the group of three lots bought by Mr. Olmstead, and on the same side of the drive as the Olmstead lots, but across the curve of Crest road are the three lots John Bloxham owns. This puts several building sites in one little community, and it is expected that more will come in shortly, and join in the plan that Mr. Olmstead has outlined and is already starting to work out.

This group of lots is high on the ridge, not over 500 feet from the big park which the Fairway of the 18th hole will create, and it is believed to be in every way a highly desirable section of the new Knollwood development. It is in a short distance from the Inn, and on connecting roads between the Inn and Pinehurst. It is but a few hundred feet from the Mid Pines Club, and a shorter distance from the new State highway.

Mr. Olmstead has arranged for the plans for his house, for the construction and for everything looking to its speedy construction. Charles Austin, of Pinebluff, will build the house. It will be either tile and brick or tile and stucco, with ragged slate or red tile roof. It will be in all respect a modern, compact and perfect house, with all the equipments and facilities that are known to the present day. Hot air or steam will be the heating scheme, electric range, kelinator, two tile baths, two room garage, with maid's apartment, large living room, dining room, pantry, kitchen, three bed rooms, and the conveniences that go with such a structure. It will be one story, fitting with the general idea of architecture that has been accepted as suitable for the surroundings of Pine Needles.

But that is only one factor. John Bloxham, who has the three sites across the Crest road curve, is also planning a house on his ground in the near future, and he has arranged with Mr. Olmstead that the two buildings shall be created as a part of a bigger group that is expected to follow, and the whole immediate bit of territory will be handled as a part of a park and building design that will consider roads, lawns, buildings, planting, the golf course a short distance away, with the Inn the dominating note of the entire project. The proposition is an artistic scheme that is new in the Sandhills, and will be worked out with the purpose of making a home center there close by No. 18 and close by the Inn, so that winter residents who want a location close by hotel and amusements may live in one of the houses, and at such times as are desired may go to the Inn for meals or other purposes, or be accommodated at home. The community idea is designed with the aim of having the neighborhood a homogeneous unit, and one that will absolute-

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ORGANIZATION OF YOUNG FARMERS

The Purpose of Organization Is
to Create More Interest
Among Farmers.

The Vocational Agricultural students of the Sandhill Farm Life School met October 26, 1927, and organized a Local Chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers, a State-wide organization of students of vocational agriculture in North Carolina. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Lacy Hannon; vice president, Lawrence McLeod; secretary, Preston Blue; treasurer, Hill Hinson; reporter, Fred Blake, and advisor, H. L. Seagrove, teacher of agriculture. In addition to these, George Massey, John Bost and Ollie Seawell were elected to serve with the officers as an executive committee.

The purpose of the Young Tar Heel organization is to create more interest in agriculture and a higher respect for the business of farming, to promote thrift among vocational agriculture students to encourage scholarship and promote projects for recreation and community improvements.

Some of the activities that will be carried out by the club are:

1. Organize and conduct a thrift bank.
2. Sell poultry products co-operatively.
3. Buy supplies co-operatively.
4. Enter judging contests.
5. Conduct fertilizer demonstrations.
6. Average 85 on year's work in agriculture.
7. Keep accurate records of all projects.
8. Hold regular meetings monthly.
9. Conduct vacation tours and encampments.
10. Hold public debates on agriculture topics.

There are three grades of membership in the Young Tar Heel Farmer organization, namely: Green hand, Farmer and Carolina Farmer.

Green Hand. To become a Green Hand the student must be 14 years of age or the mental equivalent, enrolled in an all-day course in agriculture, possess suitable facilities for carrying out satisfactory supervised farm practice and receive a majority of the votes of the members of the local chapter.

Farmer. To be elected to the degree of Farmer the student must have completed one year's work in agriculture, including satisfactory supervised farm practice, at least \$40 earned and on deposit or otherwise productively invested, regularly enrolled in an all-day class with plans for an enlarge program of supervised farm practice, lead the class in a five-minute discussion when called upon to do so, recite to memory the County Boy's Creed and receive a majority of votes from the members of the chapter.

Carolina Farmer. The qualifications for the degree of Carolina Farmer, the highest rank in the organization, are as follows: The student must have completed at least two years of agriculture with outstanding supervised farm practice, at least \$300 earned and on deposit or otherwise productively invested, to be able to lead a group successfully for 20 minutes, possess outstanding qualities of leadership, make the high school judging or debating team, make an average grade of 85 or more, pass a subject matter test on agriculture given by the State supervisory staff, and be familiar with parliamentary procedure by having held office in the local chapter. The members for this degree will be elected annually at the State meeting, the number receiving degrees each year being limited to 25.

Some of the best yields of tobacco recorded during this past year were secured where dolomitic limestone was used on the land along with good fertilizer, cultivation and varieties.