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Pinehurst Takes Statewide Range

Famous Winter Resort Extends
Its Influence to Mountains
and Seashore.

BION H. BUTLER.
After considerable deliberation Pinehurst, Incorporated, announces what is one of the most important transactions that have involved this section in a long time. This involves the management and operation of the new Morehead Villa, at Morehead City, on the Bogue Sound, with one of the finest beaches along the Atlantic Coast, and with surroundings that make Morehead one of the seaside resorts of the South as it has been for generations. The hotel is a new one, on a location chosen for its fitness and was built with modern conceptions of what is required in a summer resort of a high character.

Pinehurst has for years been growing familiar with how to interest guests who are in search of rest and recreation. At Pinehurst has grown up the most widely known and popular institution of its kind. Pinehurst has been accepted as the heart and culmination of golf in its broadest interpretation, and the management and operation of Pinehurst has established new ideals along the lines of recreational and vacation entertainment. But Pinehurst has an off day in mid-summer, and that leaves its organization for a portion of the year with an idle period. This was remedied two or three years ago when Mr. Tufts arranged with some associates to build and operate the plant at Roaring Gap, which is one of the most ideal mountain resorts in the United States. There on the summit of the mountain range, and almost on the verge of the uplift that separates mountain from foothill is built a hotel that has already become famous with its growing village of surrounding cottagers, its golf course, and various other entertaining features, and Pinehurst now has a mountain summer occupation on its hands along with its winter season in the Sandhills. So to the mountains in summer go a portion of the Pinehurst organization, the Pinehurst skilled management, skilled operators, skilled hotel folks, Pinehurst cattle to feed on the magnificent pastures and provide milk and butter for the tables, Pinehurst golf specialists to

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Improvements At Lakeview Resort

Warm Weather Brings Many
Pleased Visitors This
Season.

The park at Lakeview was filled with bathers and pleasure seekers Sunday—for which good weather deserves much of the credit. The days have been cool and swimming has not been so popular, but Sunday afternoon was warm and many came to take a dip. The verandas were well filled, as well as the driveway outside, in which several preferred to sit in cars rather than go inside the gate. The management at Lakeview this year has made some improvements worth especial mention. The new electric hair dryer has been installed in the bath house and for a few cents one can have the hair dried quickly by hot air. The long haired lassies will approve of this. Up in the veranda an electric reproducer has been placed for the Victrola which is inside the grill. Music may be heard from any part within a mile of the lake as clearly as if one were playing the Victrola or listening to the radio.

Recently two successful dances have been held in the dining room and to make more room for such functions the partition separating the grill from the dining room is being removed. A new grill will be added. Improvements of this kind will attract the people this way—and that's what Lloyd Gardner and his crew wants.

Barber Project Big Development

Handsome Club House About
Completed and New Lake
Underway.

One of the finest things in the recent architectural construction in the Sandhills is the new club house at the Barber golf course on the upper Mill Creek valley, where James Barber before his death had commenced the creation of a private club for the use of himself and his friends, and which Edward Barber is continuing, even more elaborately than his father had proposed at the beginning. The club house is built wholly of native stone, and Joe Fuller, the ingenious army engineer who has had charge of Mr. Barber's building and developments for several years, has secured results that will make the house one of the attractions of the region. Mr. Fuller has hunted out a variety of stone, some red sands, some picturesque conglomerates, some metamorphic rocks of interesting types, for Moore county has a wide variety, and he has combined them with a view of the artistic, and he has secured striking effects.

The building stands on the hillside looking down the creek, and not far below is the dam which supplies Southern Pines, Mid Pines, Pine Needles and the neighborhood with water. Just above the head of the water works reservoir Mr. Fuller is building a second dam for the Barber property, which is now almost ready to close in and raise the water. Above it is still another which is already completed and full of water. Both these dams have had the vegetation removed from the ground, and when the lower dam has been filled both will contain wholesome drinking water, which can be turned into the

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Ice Factory To Run All Year

Capacity a Hundred Tons of Ice
Daily From January to
December.

The ice plant now under construction at Aberdeen is one of the big things of this section, and it will run every day in the year except Sundays and at a uniform rate of production. Its capacity, according to Mr. Ludwig, the superintendent in charge of construction, will be 100 tons of ice every day, which will be stored from day to day for the summer's use for icing cars in this section when the fruit movement is on. The big plant will be composed of two large buildings, the main structure being 160 feet long by 120 wide, and 80 feet high. The one end of this large structure will be a storage apartment 120 feet square and 80 feet high, and the other end will be 120 by 40 feet for the daily storage. Adjoining this will be the engine room 100 feet by 40 and 35 feet high, containing the machinery.

The plant will contain one large ice machine, and another one somewhat smaller. The structure will be brick, concrete and tile. It will stand on one of the most substantial foundations in Moore county. Already the brick walls are rising for the engine room, and foundations are laid for much of the rest of the big building. Steam shovels are doing the excavation, and a big derrick stands on the ground to handle the construction work. Across the railroad from the plant a big loading dock that can care for a train of cars at a time is lifting its long length to a height that will permit icing the cars from their tops. A bridge will cross the railroad from the plant to carry the loads of ice across for distribution up and down the whole length of the docks. The yard at the plant will be seven tracks wide.

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SIXTY-EIGHT HANDS ON NEW AIRPORT

Clearing to Be Finished This Week and Planting
to Follow Immediately.

BION H. BUTLER.

On Tuesday Frank Maples set a force of men to clearing ground for the new air port for the Sandhills, and on Wednesday afternoon he had 68 hands at work, and they had mowed a hole in the forest that looked like a summer's accomplishment. By the end of the week they will have a clearing cut out that will be nearly a mile long and wide enough for most of the needs of the flyers. The location is on the Southern Pines-Carthage road, a mile from the Southern Pines water works plant, and on lands belonging to North Knollwood, James Barber, I. F. Chandler, and the old Cook orchard on the Seals road toward Lakeview. It is an ideal location and was chosen after everything in reach of the Sandhills villages had been studied by experienced flying men, and it was picked because of its desirability for the purpose. A glimpse at the map shows that it is convenient to Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Pine Needles and the adjacent territory, with roads that cover the distance easily, and it has the advantage of a ridge that runs in the

right direction for the flyers to light or take off in harmony with the prevailing winds of this section of country. It has sufficient level ground to give a long run, room enough all around for all clearance, and in every way it is a model field for the purpose.

The scheme has been in soak for some little time, but difficulty was encountered in finding the right place, but gradually the proposed sites have sifted down to this one, and when finally an agreement was made for the last piece of ground needed the thing was closed and men set to work at once to be ready for fall. By Saturday the ground will be in shape to start putting down Bermuda grass to make a sod, and by the middle of next week the whole face of the ground in that section will be revolutionized. It will be one of the big flying fields of the South, and the movement is backed by one of the biggest concerns in this respect in the country. The Sandhills will be on the line of a conspicuous air transportation system, and another decisive step forward will be taken.

THE TREES OF

BY J. McN. JOHNSON.

MOORE COUNTY

CHAPTER XI

"Who loves a tree, he loves the life
That springs in star and elod.
He loves the love that glids the cloud
And greens the April sod;
He loves the life Beneficence;
His soul takes hold of God."

N. C. Arbor Day Manual.



SASSAFRAS: Sassafras Officially. The Sassafras is distinctively a North American Tree, and its name, Sassafras is the name given is by the Indians. When the Spaniards first landed in Florida, the Indians showed them this tree, as one of their greatest blessings. The regarded it as a sovereign cure for all the ills humanity is heir to, as a medicine. The report of the high estimate the Florida Indians placed on this tree for its medicinal properties was quickly carried up to coast to the earliest English Colonies, and the very first English ship that returned from America carried quite a cargo of Sassafras roots as a medicine to be added to the English Pharmacopeia. But while we still find Sassafras root tea listed in the Farriers' Books as a horse medicine, still we must admit it has markedly declined in recent times from the high position it was once held as a medicine.

I have said the Sassafras Tree is distinctly North American in its habitat. This was once thought to be strictly true, but scientists have recently promulgated a new history of the Sassafras. They now tell us that the Sassafras found in America is but the fag end of a decaying race of trees that once grew in great forests, and to enormous size. Not only in North America, but in other countries as well, they cite fossil remains of great sassafras trees all the way from the Arctic Circle down the ridge of the Rocky Mountain Chain into Mexico, and all over Siberia, as well as in Europe and they have actually found a surviving tree of the species in Northern China.

The Sassafras Tree grows all over Moore County, and while it is a small tree, I believe I have seen larger Sassafras Trees in Moore County

than any other County I know of.

This is one tree that cannot bear cultivation. True, it grows faster on lands that have been cultivated, but as soon as you begin to "potter" around a Sassafras Tree it promptly turns up its toes and dies.

It is the first tree—except the short-leaf Pine, to pre-empt an old field that has been "burned out," and these numerous Sassafras sprouts come from seeds dropped by birds; but if you notice these fast growing switches very rarely live to make sizable trees.

Like the Mulberry Tree, the leaves of the Sassafras are of many varied shapes, and the same tree has many shaped leaves. Some will be oval, some mitten shaped, and some double mitten shaped, that is, like a mitten with thumb-stall on both sides.

The Sassafras is the first tree to show its flowers in Spring. I have seen the trees in full yellow blossom by the middle of February. The wood of the Sassafras, while soft, is remarkable for its lasting qualities, and when the Tree grows large enough, the farmer delights to split the logs into rails, for he knows the Sassafras rails last a long life-time, and the tree splits so easily it is a joy to make the rails. When I was a boy we hunted the woods over to find a Sassafras Tree the right shape and size to make an Ox Yoke—for no other tree made so good a yoke. It has all the requirements of lightness, lasting qualities and smoothness in wearing so as to insure ease and comfort to the Oxen's necks.

The bark of the root of the Sassafras is rich in a volatile oil, which has a pleasant and pungent taste and smell, much used in flavoring can-

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Benfields Get Water Contract.

Raleigh Concern Will Begin in
a Short Time to Put Down
Pipe.

On Tuesday the contract for laying the water lines for the town of Vass was awarded to Benfield Brothers, of Raleigh, and as soon as the preliminaries can be arranged the contractors will begin the work of laying the pipes for a local water supply service. The well has already been drilled by Dowdy & Butler and an excellent supply of water from deep in the rock now awaits the distribution system which will be pushed forward as fast as conditions permit, and Vass will not be long without a satisfactory supply of water. It is coming just at the right time, for after a long period of low water in the wells the recent rains have saturated the ground and most of the wells have filled again, surface water in most of them affording much or little of the supply. Care in using water or in having it examined by proper authorities would not be a bad plan, for it is just such occasions as this that encourage typhoid fever.

It has been a long struggle to get a good water supply for Vass, and The Pilot has been doing what it could in its way to encourage this step. For several years the effort has been persistently carried on, and with the awarding of the contract that job is now as good as completed. At times criticism has come this way from those who have not been as favorable to a good water supply as might have been, but the outcome disposes of all criticism, for the water is now in sight, and that settles that.

Water that is above reproach is an essential in these days of sanitary uses, and Vass as soon as the pumps are installed and water turned in the mains, will be on the same safe basis as any other progressive local government in the State, and sanitary and safe conditions will prevail in the houses that connect with the mains. Public uses will be cared for, protection against fire will follow, and the village government responsible for this forward step will be ranked among the benefactors of the community.

The project calls for a tank and tower to which water will be pumped

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Dr. Opie Talks On Consolidation

Thinks Fewer Churches and
More Christian Doctrine
Would Be Wholesome.

At the Kiwanis Club dinner at the Community House Wednesday at Pinehurst, Dr. T. F. Opie, of Burlington, who had been a delegate to the conference of religious organizations at their Switzerland meeting, addressed the club on the subject of church unity. Dr. Opie says other lines of human effort are consolidating, and that from solidarity comes greater efficiency, and greater economy. In his town of Burlington probably a hundred thousand dollars is required to pay the salaries of the clergymen who operate in churches that represent an outlay of a million dollars, but he thinks a smaller number of preachers in a smaller number of churches could serve the purpose and possibly better, if the churches were consolidated, and more Christianity preached and less dogma and creed and denominational differences.

He says the denominations are all attempting to be Christians, but that too many are denominationalists, and that denomination is not necessary to be a Christian. He deplores the lack of Christian leaders, as most of the big men are busy leading denominations, and in doing that the church is ignoring many of the things it should be taking a hand in.

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