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Action at North Knollwood Airport

Army of Men, Teams, Tractors and Equipment Clear Ground Rapidly

Bion H. Butler

One of the swiftest jobs in this Sandhill country, where things are forming the habit of moving swiftly, is the revolution at the site of the airport over in the North Knollwood section, where on Monday Frank Maples had increased his force to a hundred hands, about a dozen teams of horses, two tractors, plows enough to keep the outfit busy, and small tools in quantity. When he stopped work Saturday he had cleared and partly plowed sixteen acres from the running start of Tuesday morning, with the trees removed and many of them cut up into fire wood, others into saw logs, and the entire area free from obstruction and most of it cut up two or three times with the backward and forward swing of the big tractor harrows.

The first of the week he commenced to clear out the roots, small obstacles and everything that will prevent the surface from offering a smooth landing place for the fliers and the first of the week that surface has been combed with harrows, plows, rakes, grubhoes and everything that gets away with the rubbish that would make landing difficult or starting disagreeable. The field which is about three-quarters of a mile long, will be planted with Bermuda grass within a few days, and may be finished by the time this is printed, for this job is moving.

The site of the field is in the triangle between the Carthage-Southern Pines road and the old Seals road from Pinehurst to Lakeview. The Seals road forms the east boundary of the long side of the main field. Toward the Lakeview end of the main runway is a cross run which permits landing from four different directions, and work will be shoved forward fast that the landing may be possible at the earliest possible date. The further work will be taken up in due season, but the main thing now is to get the ground ready for action, and no one who has seen the work that is already accomplished has any doubt as to what is to follow. The American Air Port Corporation has the work in hand, and it is a big capable corporation and familiar with flying.

One of the interesting things about the Knollwood project is the number of big men who are getting a finger in the neighborhood. Ralph Page who gets location 422, beside the site bought by James and Jack Boyd not long ago, is the last recruit in this progressive movement. Ralph gets a site on the Grove drive, fourth lot from Midland road, and not far from Judge Way's Midland road house. This is an important addition to the Knollwood interests, for Ralph Page is one of the most capable judges of property values in this part of the South. He has been in on many big transactions, and has known how to turn his work into money. Ralph was not so enthusiastic about Knollwood Heights when the plan was opened, for he had not suspected that the Kollwood corporation would put into the plan so much money as they have done, or that they would carry the development along as fast. But when he sees the decisive determination on the part of Knollwood directors to make the Heights the desirable spot it is becoming. Mr. Page said he had found a place and a group of men that he would like to work with.

This able judge of real estate opportunities, and student of Sandhill expansion, figures that the men who are interested in the Knollwood community are going to do something that will be revolutionary, and he says the move cannot be stopped because it has the goods and it also has the people who are big enough

Fine House In Handsome Setting

McPherson Starting Building on Weymouth for Mrs. McKinley.

One of the finest things in the way of a new house in this section is that which John McPherson this week started for Mrs. McKinley on Weymouth Heights in Southern Pines. The building will be 103 feet by 50, foundation of stone, with upper construction of tile and stucco, after designs by Yoemans, and it will stand on one of the most picturesque sites in the Moore county hills. The location is on that portion of Weymouth known as the Highlands, and it will top one of the bluffs that breaks off abruptly down toward the James Creek flats, with a sweep of view that covers pretty much the whole horizon, and reaches for miles out into the dazes of Fort Bragg and up and down the Seaboard courses. It is on the lot above the handsome Merrill house built last year, and adds one more to the group of attractive structures on those ridges. It is not far from where Louis Lachine is starting on another house a little closer in, and not far from the location of the Wadsworth house on a site bought from the Maples farm.

This is the first of the big new jobs to get under way on the ridge, and it will be sometime before anything is undertaken that will eclipse this one for impressive architecture and fitness for the location. The stone feature will harmonize perfectly with the ruggedness of the setting, and the strength of character that the style gives it will be an asset to all of the Weymouth vicinity. The excavation is well under way, and the walls will begin to arise in a short time, when a trip to the hill top to see the imposing creation will be worth while. This house in its advance toward the front of development is prophetic, for it says with emphasis that Southern Pines is pushing forcefully out toward Fort Bragg and in a manner that points to substantial progress on all the Weymouth holdings.

Warehouse Builds Large Addition

Pinehurst Institution Starts Its Annual Expansion Program.

About once a year or so the Pinehurst Warehouses feel the uneasiness of growing pains, and Harrison Stutts gets out with a tape line and one thing or another that indicates further expansion, and this year is no exception. Builders are on the job changing some of the walls in the two main buildings which are to be connected by a building that will occupy the entire area between the two existing houses, and when the new work is done the whole thing will be in one large structure 261 feet long, fronting on the railroad on one side and on the highway on the other.

The success of the Pinehurst Warehouses has been phenomenal. When the institution was opened a few

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STATE FOREST SERVICE MAKING ECONOMIC SURVEY TIMBER RESOURCES OF STATE.

The State Forest Service is now making a detailed study of the timber resources of the State, in order to more fully understand the problems confronting them in each county. In order to get the best data available, each county is being taken as a unit and forestry conditions noted, such as merchantable timber now standing, the presence or absence of second growth and the shape it is in, waste in present logging methods, danger from forest fires and preventive measures looking to the perpetuation of timber production, values of standing timber, forest lands, productive and unproductive, and their relation to present taxing methods.

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A Straight Business Proposition

W. A. PETERSON.

How many people have ever looked upon the growing of timber on their woodland as a business proposition? Mr. Citizen, of Moore County, have you ever done so? In all probability the only thought you have ever given your forest areas was at the time you had to pay the taxes on it, and probably thought then that you were being abused. And yet in your forest areas of Moore County lies one of your greatest sources of potential wealth. It is a pity that the farmer did not stop to give a little more thought to his woodlands ten or even twenty years ago. Of course timber was plentiful at that time, and as far as he knew it would always be that way. He didn't give it a thought.

Today in Moore County there is in excess of three hundred and forty thousand acres of woodland, or probably close to seventy-five per cent of the total area of the county. And just what thought is given to the business of timber production on this vast area today? True there are a few wide awake owners, the pioneers of the new type of timberland owner of the future, but they are the exception and so few in number that their effort on the whole is felt but little. But most of us are open to conviction, if proper facts are brought to our attention, and that is the object of this little sermon or business chat,

or call it what you will. If it will cause the owners of woodlands in Moore County to hold a higher opinion of his cut-over lands, if it will teach him the folly of cutting immature trees, if it will teach him that the growing of timber on unproductive fields, and cut-over lands is a business, and one that will pay dividends far in excess of anything he can now undertake, then the work of the writer in preparing this article and in studying the conditions in Moore County will not have been in vain.

I cannot at this time advise the planting of trees for the purpose of timber production. Every owner of woodland is in this business, timber production. Now here are a few facts that he should know. As a business proposition it will not pay him today to try to re-forest areas by planting. The initial cost is too high to warrant him in undertaking it. I am talking now of your ordinary pine land, for that is the type of land which I have in mind. On low, rich lands it might prove profitable to plant black walnuts. I would not advise it until by the study of areas, where this has already been attempted. I was assured in my own mind that it would pay. There is a way to obtain a good stand without planting and it is such a

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Sandhills Open Golf Championship

Ric... Wins Medal With
a Largest Summer
Crowd Ever Assembled.

CHAS. MASON.

The largest gathering of golf players ever assembled during the summer season at Pinehurst started out to play in the Sandhills Open Championship. Over one hundred entered the tournament of which 88 players qualified to play in 11 divisions.

Richard Tufts won the qualifying medal with a fine round of 73. Other players to break 80 were Ellis Maples, 75; Thad Page, 77 and Dick Wilson, 79.

Some very fine prizes have been given by local business houses in the various towns and as there were so many people who desired to give a prize there are being awarded two prizes in each division of eight and also a prize for medalist.

The concerns who donated the prizes are listed below:

Pinehurst Warehouses.

Frank DuPont.

Pinehurst Department Store.

Carolina Pharmacy.

Aberdeen Hardware Company.

Bridges-Boone Company.

C. L. Hayes.

Burney Hardware Company.

Aberdeen Grocery Company.

O'Brien Drug Store.

Franklin Sales Company.

Page & Shamburger.

M. C. McDonald.

H. C. Conant.

Mason and Gardner Company.

Pinehurst Golf Shop.

Smith Bros.

Fox Drug Company.

Chas. Grey & Son.

Norfleet P. Ray.

C. T. Patch.

All of the firms mentioned did not give actual prizes as there were expenses such as printing, stamps, etc., which some of the concerns agreed to settle. The Pilot did some rush work and made a special trip with circulars at their expense to help along the tournament.

There are some fine matches being played during the early rounds and with promise of some fast golf when the first division finals is played.

Several of the ladies are playing in the matches and giving the men a real tussle. Miss Helen Waring led the women in the qualifying round with a well played 92.

The interest in the tournament has been widespread and players from Rockingham, Hamlet, Raeford and other Sandhills towns are playing in the event in addition to the large number from Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Carthage.

47 Killed Is the Monthly Slaughter

12 Daily Is the Automobile Regular List of Injuries On the Highways.

A total of 412 people were injured or killed in automobile accidents last month, according to the report of W. C. Spruill, of the motor vehicle bureau of the State Department of Revenue, issued yesterday which showed 47 killed and 365 injured.

Figures for last month were in keeping with those of former months in that the majority of accidents were reported due to carelessness or recklessness. Thirty-seven accidents were caused by intoxicated drivers, the accidents resulting in five deaths. Exceeding the speed limit was responsible for 50 accidents and eight deaths. Six deaths were caused by passing on curves, and 25 accidents by drivers not having the right of way. Sixteen accidents were caused by disregarding signals, and two deaths.

Seven people were killed in railroad accidents and 14 injured.

Alexander and Moore counties have made appropriations to have home demonstration work as soon as suitable women can be secured.



THE TREES OF

BY J. MCN. JOHNSON.

MOORE COUNTY

Chapter XXI.

"Forestry is a problem of today. It means life and prosperity of the children of tomorrow, and those of many tomorrows."

—The Forestry Primer.

SOURWOOD: Oxydendrum. Arborescens: Sorrel Tree: The name of this tree, as well as its nick-name, is given it from the fact that the sap of the tree is strongly acid. The taste is very like the Sorrel Plant, Oxalis, from which, Oxalic Acid is obtained. So strongly acid is the wood that a small sapling, no larger than a man's arm, will neutralize a whole log heap of oak and hickory, so that the lye from the ashes will not make soap.

We used to be constantly warned of this fact when we were sent to the woods to cut and burn oak and hickory logs for the family soap-making.

The Sourwood Tree grows all over Moore County—except in the Sandhills; and even there to a limited extent. It is beginning to be extensively grown in gardens in some of our more Northern states, for the rare beauty of its foliage; but our own people have persisted in classing the Sourwood as a minor tree. It grows best on hills that are underlain with rock and clay, and its roots run about on top of the ground.

In my boyhood I hated the Sourwood as a pest in the new-ground. My father taught us boys to make a brush-heap, or better, a log heap, on a Sourwood stump, to be burnt. The burning would prevent to some degree, the myriads of sprouts next spring, and also destroy those roots that lay close to the surface, too large and too numerous for the cutter to cut.

In localities where Sourwood Trees grow plentifully, they have the best and clearest honey; for the bloom of the Sourwood is a veritable Land of Goshen for the honey bee.

A few years ago, a neighbor of mine, who owns a large territory of land near Aberdeen, beethought him-

self that he would establish an Apairy on his farm, with five hundred stands of bees. He consulted a specialist about employing a full time practical bee-keeper. About the first question the specialist asked my friend was: "How plentiful is the Sourwood Tree in your woods?" When he answered, "Not a tree that I know of," immediately the bee specialist began to discourage the enterprise, and it has never materialized.

Besides furnishing large quantities of extra fine honey nectar, the blossom of the Sourwood Tree does not appear until late in summer, and thus appears at a time when other nectar-bearing flowers have disappeared, and the bees, but for this fine harvest, would be put to it to find their winter's store of provisions.

The blossoms of the Sourwood are small and white—sometimes delicately tinted, and are borne on a stem six to eight inches long, and hang like little silver bells. The numerous seeds are enclosed in capsules, that hang on the tree well into winter.

The first year's growth of the stems is a brilliant red, and grow in long, straight rods, as large, or larger than a man's finger. The bountiful supply of sap running in these stems makes it easy, by rubbing with a hard stick, to loosen the bark from a section of these rods, and slip it bodily from the wood—and now you have the barrel of a capital good fife as a boy's first musical instrument.

I am sure my red-blooded boy readers will understand me well when I say this improvised flute is the almost universal instrument, on which we learn to play "Cindy"—and it is elementary learning that "Cindy" is our first love in the mastery of the art of

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