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Knollwood Swift Summer Expansion

No Dull Season at This Aston- ishing New Section of the Sandhills.

BION H. BUTLER.

I have watched the development of the Knollwood area since the days when Frank Buchan sold the first bit of that territory for Henry Page, and while it all looks now like an ordinary affair, the development over there in the last few years has been astonishing. But there is nothing about it that is really hard to understand. It is an attractive bit of the Sandhills, and the world has been observing that in the Sandhills is a region that has many advantages for several purposes. One is a winter vacation place, while still another is an all the year home spot. Along with that is the opportunity for profitable investment if the investments are chosen with any degree of care. And having seen these things people are coming in greater numbers year by year to take advantage of what they find here. So many things are now possible in making an attractive home or temporary stopping place in the Sandhills that the world has been telling its neighbor. And that is what is developing the Sandhills.

We hear a lot about the hot air and the optimism and the exaggerated picture presented by the enthusiastic Sandhillers. But it is not the enthusiasts who are doing this thing, but the outsiders who come to this neighborhood and see things that please them. These folks come here and they see the things that we have seen so often that we fail to realize what those things mean. To the stranger a new and marvelous world is opened. He notes a hundred features that appeal to him, and the first thing you know he has hunted out an attractive location and he is preparing to create for himself a lodgment in the Sandhills, and at once he begins to tell his friends and neighbors back home. Then they drop in to see, and the story is one of continued repetition.

Last year a little later than this Knollwood started a movement to prepare some building sites for occupation. Roads were laid out, water mains laid, sewer lines put down, and the latter part of October a lot was offered. John Bloxham started the show by buying the first lot. Today John lives in a new house in Knollwood. Ninety building sites have been sold there, and half a dozen houses are now under way around the Pine Needles Inn. The Inn, the golf course, the other buildings around Knollwood, the green house, the new State highway, the work out the Pinehurst way, the building in Southern Pines, the Barber projects that are pushing ahead, the flying field across Mill Creek from Knollwood, the new hospital, and an endless list might be continued, but they are all based on the same one thing—the fact that more and more folks are daily seeing the many attractions that Central North Carolina has in store for people from the North who care to come this way for their winter play spell or for a permanent Southern home to occupy whenever the spirit moves.

Every week since Bloxham bought his first lot something new has been done to emphasize that forward movement around Knollwood. Not a week has gone by without a new investment announcement. This week it is the staking out of the Johnson house, which was commenced on Monday morning and the awarding of the contract for the new house for Donald Ross across the road from the Johnson house and the Pushee house, both now under way. It is the busy job of pushing the water lines farther out to the north and to the west and the sewer lines into the farther territory, for it is imperative now that more ground be made ready to offer buyers before the winter comes again

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Stakes Set For New Reed House.

Location Amid Dogwood and Pine Trees and Rugged Surroundings.

The new Reed house, south of Pinehurst, has been staked out, and excavation will probably be under way by the time this is printed. The location about three miles south of Pinehurst is one of the most fascinating spots in all this neighborhood of fine home locations, for it is amid one of the most dense clusters of dogwood and pine trees in the country, and just under a ridge of broken knobs that give a picturesque flank on three sides. The varieties of pine trees are many from the long leaf to the short straw, and many individuals of the mountain and pitch pines that are not often seen in this part of the country.

Nearly two miles of fire lanes have been cleared around the property, and that will be played and planted as a protective feature as well as for the landscaping effect it will give. The house will be one of the most conspicuous in the community, with a length of over 150 feet on the largest dimension, and it will be one of Yoeman's best jobs. Colonel Hawes, who is looking after Mr. Reed's affairs here, is a retired army officer, with the thoroughness of training that a man in the engineering service of the army gets, and he is an enthusiast over the prospect this job is offering for this type of construction.

This new house moves the frontier of Pinehurst three miles out into the country, for Mr. Reed will make such a home that it will be the sought for haven of many enthusiastic polo players and followers of other outdoor sports, and many will travel in that direction. Its influence will bring neighbors of his kind into the surrounding country, and the beginning means more for the south side of Pinehurst than can be imagined.

FIVE FARM WOMEN TO BE HONORED.

North Carolina will take its part in a new national movement to honor farm women and to acknowledge the importance of their job when five rural women of the State who have made outstanding successes of home-making are honored with the new title of "Master Farm Homemakers," at State College on July 26 during Farm and Home Week.

The Master Farm Homemaker project, similar in some respects to the Master Farmer study, is being sponsored in 20 states this year by The Farmer's Wife, national farm women's magazine, with the co-operation of State College extension services.

Recognition of the five leading farm women of the State has the support of the home demonstration department and is sponsored by Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, assistant director of extension.

Any farm woman in North Carolina was eligible for the honor when nominated by five of her neighbors. Then The Farmer's Wife sent her a detailed questionnaire containing over 500 questions, grouped under these five headings: physical adequacy of the home in relation to income; management of time, energy and income; health record and living habits of the family; social development, recreation; family relationships and training of children; and community work.

Final selection of the five women, to be announced at the recognition ceremony on July 26 has been made by a judging committee selected by Mrs. McKimmon. Each of the women will receive a beautiful gold pin in addition to the special honors conferred.

J. E. Clark, of Beaufort county, began his tobacco harvest this year on June 27. Much of the crop is maturing earlier than usual in Eastern Carolina this season.

Daniels Resents the New York World's Black Friday

The News and Observer of Sunday Pays This Tribute to the New York World

In a long editorial on "The South As a Battle Ground," the New York World has managed to include more studied contempt for the men of the South who have kept the rudder true for progress and morality than any paper has yet compressed into one column. Writing of the men in the South who do not approve Al Smith's stand on prohibition and his selection of the vice-president of the Association Against Prohibition as campaign chairman, it says their "chief motive is bigotry" and to "a lesser degree honest prejudice and honest disagreement."

Its whole article is based upon the premise that all Southern prohibitionists are "bigots." It goes on to say "bigotry flourishes best in stagnant places, in communities where the natural leaders of men, the intelligent, the spirited and the generous are not aroused to action." This is an insulting way of saying that the men in North Carolina, to speak only of our State as a Southern State, who have led in clean government, in industrial progress, in educational expansion, in road construction and in intensive farming, in religious breadth and devotion until it has taken leadership in the Republic, and pays more

taxes into the Federal government than any other State except New York and Pennsylvania—that these men and women who have had chief part in the achievements, which The World praised last week, are bigots. It adds that there "is no better way to cure it (bigotry) than to force it into the open."

The World, having falsely declared that the South is stagnant today, though it once produced leaders, attributes "the submergence of leadership" to "the long bondage of the South, first to slavery, then to its grievances, then to Bryanism, and to Volsteadism and Ku Kluxery," and says this bondage has been "an intellectual disaster," and declares it has "suffocated the young men who in a more normal political atmosphere would have risen to leadership." It declares, in defiance of the educational advance being made that "they have no incentive and no opportunity to develop their powers." It also tells its readers that when Governor Smith comes personally in the South "and talks as he would to any other valuable and respectable section of the county, that the Democrats will not

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THE TREES OF

BY J. McN. JOHNSON.

MOORE COUNTY

CHAPTER XVI.

"And he spake of all Trees, from the Cedar Tree that is in Lebanon, even unto the Hyssop that springeth out of the wall."—

I. Kings, 4:33.



The Cedar Tree—Juniperus Virginiana. Red Cedar, Eastern Red Cedar.

A hundred years ago the Cedar Tree was more highly prized than it is today. Then it was planted as a shade tree in the yard of nearly every cottage. It was also thought quite the thing to plant Cedar Trees in all family grave yards, for their somber appearance is conducive to thoughts of sadness and sorrow. But in recent years there has come a change over the spirit of the population of Moore County, and our people have begun to ask the question, Why? and the results of such a question are nearly always happy changes; but sometimes the pendulum swings too far, and then there is a loss of respect, and a lowering of awe for sacred things that may prove disastrous to pure morals.

A Cedar Tree was planted at the head of the grave of Martha Macon, sister of United States Senator Nathaniel Macon, and wife of Henry Seawell, at Old Feagansville, a mile south from Carthage, and in recent years some ghouls cut it down for lumber. I am glad I do not know the name of the vandal that did it, and I will go further and say I do not wish to form the acquaintance of such a monster as the man must have been to desecrate the resting place of this great lady, who in life would have admirably done the honors of Lady of the White House.

The heart of our Cedar Tree has lasting qualities superior to any other Moore County Tree—not excepting the heart of the Long Leaf Pine, and is free from the objectionable tar that preserves the "fat" pine. I once heard the late George Thompson, of Pittsboro, say that the heart of the Red Cedar would last as long as a

post in the ground as a solid bar of iron of the same size. It is practically indestructible.

The wood contains just enough balsamic resin to preserve it, and also enough to drive off all moths, silver bugs and other destructive mites, but not enough to exude from the wood. However, the green tree, when scarred, give off quite a quantity of resin in great opaque tears.

The Cedar is an evergreen, annually shedding its needle-like leaves after the new foliage has formed, and the older trees shed such quantities of this litter as to form the chief objection to the Cedar as a shade, or ornamental tree.

The inner bark of the Cedar Tree is practically everlasting. They tell us that the Indians of the Montezumas in the Southwestern part of the United States, used shredded cedar bark as the warp of a wonderful cloth they wove for wrapping their embalmed dead. These mummified bodies are now found a thousand years old, with the Cedar Bark wrapping as fresh and sound as the work of yesterday.

The wood of the Cedar Tree takes a wonderful polish, and for this reason bears the highest price in the markets of any of our woods—not excepting the Black Walnut, or the Persimmon. It is largely used for Cedar Chests—not only because it takes such a fine polish, but also for the reason that its highly aromatic balsamic odor is a sovereign preventative against moths and other pests that infest our wardrobes.

The fruit of the Cedar Tree is a small blue berry about the size of a B B shot, and they grow in myriads

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Bethesda Cemetery Sees Improvements

The Walter Page Plot to Be an Outstanding Feature of the Place.

J. McN. Johnson, secretary and treasurer of Bethesda Cemetery, says the association now employs an all-time caretaker, and he thinks the time is near at hand when that old cemetery will be one of the most attractive spots in all the Sandhills country.

The bequest of this cemetery under the will of the late John Campbell is the foundation of a fund that is fast growing, and justifies the employment of a competent sexton on full time salary; and the sale of attractive burial plots is fast becoming such a source of revenue the present management thinks the feature heretofore in effect of an annual charge as dues by all lot holders may be abandoned after the present year. One day last week the receipts from the sale of burial lots amounted to not less than six hundred dollars.

A section in the new cemetery has been purchased in the name of Carolina Fruit Company, Incorporated, which is the property of the heirs of the late Doctor Walter Hines Page, the distinguished ambassador to the Court of Saint James; and the body of Doctor Page will be removed from its present resting place to this new section, now being beautified under the hand of a skillful landscape architect.

Admirers of Ambassador Page come from all parts of our country—from Maine to Mexico—from Vancouver to Key West—to pay their respects to the memory of this great man, and this Shrine will be made attractive in appearance under this new improvement of the cemetery.

The present officers of the Bethesda Cemetery Association are Dr. L. B. McBrayer, president, of Southern Pines, and J. McN. Johnson, secretary and treasurer, of Aberdeen. It is the ardent wish of the friends of the cemetery that an endowment of at least \$20,000 may be raised during the year 1928—the income from which to be used exclusively for the adornment of this fine old cemetery.

Kiwanis Hears of Health and Travel

Mrs. Keating and Frank Buchan Talk at Pinehurst Weekly Luncheon.

The Kiwanis Club at its weekly dinner at the community building in Pinehurst applauded Frank Buchan as he told of his adventures during his Western trip as representative to the general meet at Seattle, for he brought back a romantic tale that was full of adventure all the way. He did not attempt to rhapsodize any, but he touched the high spots in a way that hit his audience and it was voted that Frank had made an exceptionally good representative, and that he brought home a story that was worth while.

Alex Fields presented a proposition from the State to make a fish hatchery at Pinebluff, using the pond there, which John McQueen has put at the disposal of the movement for five years, if the people will help the State to the extent of a contribution of 500 to put the pond in better shape for the purpose. A committee was asked to scare up the \$500, and it is likely that in a short time the State will be making the hatchery. The fish hatched will be for stocking Moore County streams exclusively, and the thing will be operated by the State.

The vocational education committee announced that Vass had proposed to provide money to carry on the vocational school, and probably the matter will be settled by the Vass district getting the educational feature.

Frank Page is to be invited to come down and discuss the Midland road

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