



The Pinehurst Page

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(Pilot photo)

Pinehurst Gun Club Managers Are 'In Heaven Here,' And New Lodge Looks It

"We think we're in heaven now," said Mrs. Norman A. Amstutz, wife of the new lessee and manager of the Pinehurst Gun Club, in speaking of their move here from city life in Lima, Ohio. And looking out the windows of the svelte Gun Club Lodge,

perched on a hill, over miles and miles of autumn-splashed valleys, golden, bronze and emerald, it's easy to believe she's right.

Both big, blond Norman "Jiggs" Amstutz and his dark-haired, dark-eyed wife, are handsome, vigorous and outgoing, and seem to suit perfectly the sport which is now their business.

They operated a small, private gun club in Ohio for some years, as a "hobby," said Mrs. Amstutz. They are familiar with the area, having come to the Mid Pines Club as guests for about 15 years.

One of their Sandhills friends who entertained for them late in the summer to "introduce them to some of the people they will be having as neighbors," admitted laughingly that the Amstutzes already had met and were on first-name terms with just about everybody there.

The couple has five children, two sons in northern schools and three who are at the Pinehurst School. They expect to move soon from a Southern Pines apartment into the Robert W. White house which they have bought, on Linden Road.

Prior to the Sunday opening of the Gun Club at full season schedule (Sunday through Saturday 1:30-6 pm; Wednesday, 1:30-10 pm) the Amstutzes hosted an open house at the Lodge for area management executives and press representatives.

"I think people liked the place," commented Mrs. Amstutz, in probably the largest understatement of the week. The just-completed lodge was built on the site of the old Gun Club, where Annie Oakley and her husband, Frank Butler, taught Pinehurst residents how to shoot while living at the Carolina Hotel in the early '20's.

Taste and comfort keynote the new club, which replaces the one burned down in July. The whole interior is carpeted in warm brown and orange pile that is both decorative and practical and is, further, a North Carolina product—from Burlington.

The spacious lounge has a built-in wall speaker for recorded music; tables at one end which look out over the modernized skeet and trap fields, and is lighted by wheel-type "chandeliers" hanging from dark wood beams. The walls are white.

At the room's other end is a huge fireplace with chairs placed around it. The furniture, said Mrs. Amstutz, was made by a man in Akron, Ohio, who began experimenting in the construction of chairs and tables from used whiskey casks, and has hit the jackpot with his "better mousetrap." Down the hall are a small, office and the locker room fitted with a long, curved counter.

Mr. Amstutz hopes to add interest to the decor by having framed some of his growing collection of photographs of Annie Oakley, to hang on the walls.

The possibility of leasing the clubhouse for evening parties is considered for the future, said the new managers, who are 10-year lessees of the facilities from Pinehurst, Inc.

First tournament scheduled following Sunday's opening, is also a premiere here—the first Annie Oakley Trapshooting Championship for Women, November 6, 7 and 8. Seven hundred targets will be shot in the event which is Registered ATA, USA. The prizes are all silver, and the Annie Oakley Trophy is a silver five-pronged candelabra.

A good one to watch in this tournament is Ann Ewing who has been "practicing her head off." Ann, wife of newspaperman, businessman and GOP candidate for the State House Bob Ewing, is a two-time N. C. State trapshooting champ, and was champion in New Jersey also before coming to Southern Pines to live.

Championship Program
Practice shooting for the Annie Oakley Championship will be all day Thursday at the Gun Club.

Three events are listed in the official program, as follows:
November 6, 9:30 am—Pinehurst Open, 16 Yard Championship and Class Day, 200 targets; doubles, 50 pair.
November 7, 9:30 am—Annie

70 Silver Foilers Compete In Opener

Opening event for the season of the Silver Foils Club, an individual stroke play tournament, was played Monday with a field of 70 members.

Class leaders were: A, resident—Mrs. J. C. T. Sihler, 82-12-71; non-resident, Mrs. Fred Meissner, 83-12-71; B, resident—Mrs. J. Joseph Connor, 88-19-69; non-resident, Mrs. Walter Pease, 91-18-73; C, resident—Mrs. Duwayne D. Gadd, 97-25-74; non-resident, Mrs. Durand Churchill, 93-22-71.

The Gertrude Jones Williamson Memorial tournament will be played Tuesday by Silver Foilers at the Pinehurst Country Club. The tourney honors the first SF captain.

Special Services At Churches Listed

Theodore Keller, organist and director of music at the Village Chapel, has started weekly organ recitals each Wednesday afternoon from 5-5:30. All interested persons are invited to attend.

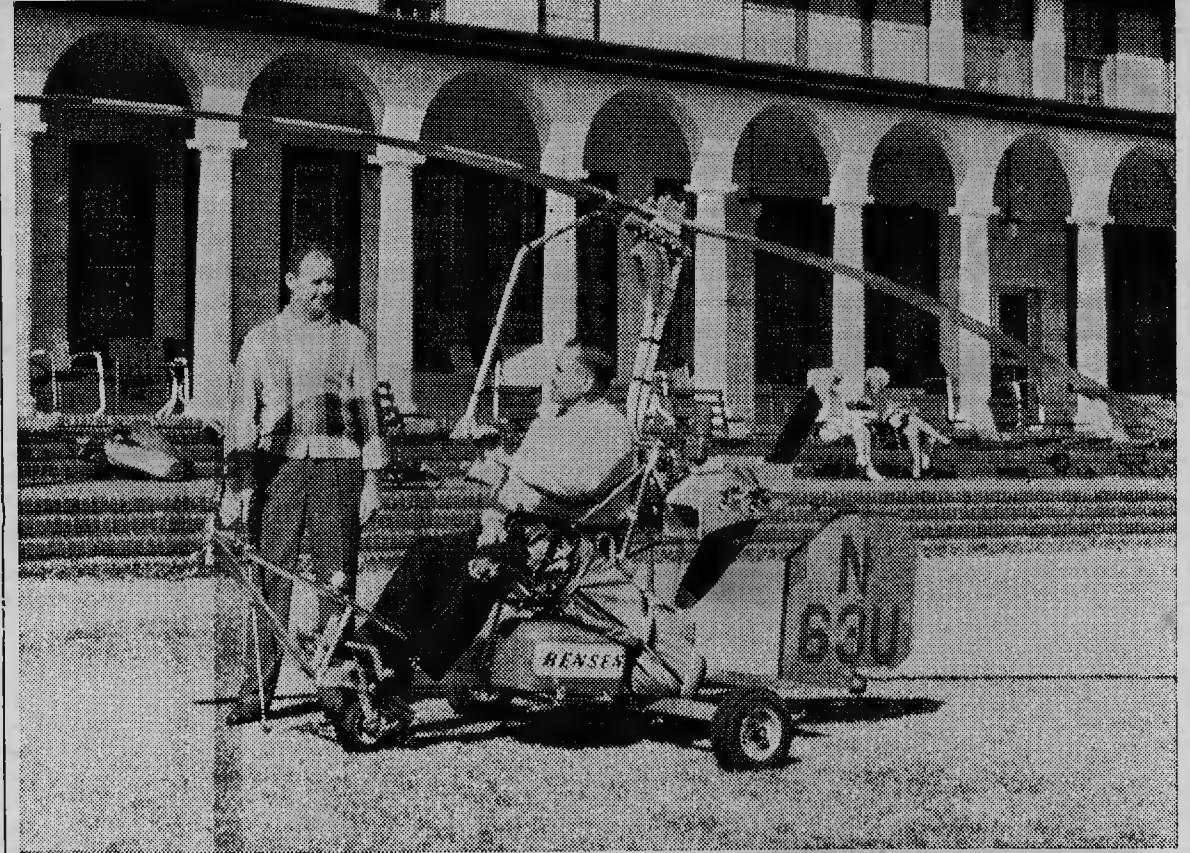
On Sunday, November 1, the Rev. Grant Folmsbee, guidance director at St. Andrews College, will be the guest minister at the Chapel for the two morning services—Holy Communion at 8:30 and morning worship at 11. Sunday School classes begin at 9:30 am.

The Rev. Thomas Curren, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, will officiate at masses at 6:30, 8 and 10:30 am on Sunday, All Saints Day.

Oakley 16 Yard Championship, 100 targets; Five Man Team Race, 200 targets, doubles, 50 pair.

November 8, 9:30 am—Annie Oakley Handicap Championship, 100 targets.

There will be a cocktail party at the club immediately following shooting on Saturday, at which friends and relatives of contestants are welcome.



'COPTER GOLF'—Updating the golfing picture at the Pinehurst Country Club is golf by helicopter. Now a one-man chopper can land right on the tee, thereby cutting valuable minutes off traveling time and fitting in well

with starting times routine. Shown above is the machine's inventor, Igor Bensen of Raleigh, chatting with Melvin Wicker, left. The small helicopter was here for the Sports Illustrated photographer to do a layout. (Hemmer photo)

Senior Wives Feted While Husbands Golf

Wives of Seniors competing in last week's 13th annual North-South Invitational were entertained at various individual parties and in groups, participating in activities planned for them by a committee headed by Mrs. Homer H. Johnson.

On Thursday evening, when the men were enjoying their annual banquet at the Pinehurst

Country Club, their ladies were involved in a card party at the Carolina Hotel, receiving also their prize awards won in golf and putting contests through the week.

Many of the senior wives bowled on the grass greens at the club Thursday and groups visited the Midland Crafters, Clarendon Gardens, Cole and Jugtown potteries and the Carolina Soap and Candle Makers Bazaar.

On the entertainment committee, in addition to Mrs. Johnson, were Mrs. John Gray Byler, Mrs.

Henry M. Justi, Mrs. Jack P. Rees, Mrs. Walter C. Robins, Mrs. William C. Plunkett, Mrs. Harry M. Taylor, Mrs. Richard S. Tufts and Mrs. Stuart Cutler.

PRACTICE TEACHING

Louis E. Manning, in his last year at Pembroke College, expects to start practice teaching in Raeford next week. He is here at home this week with his family. Mrs. Manning is associated with the Pinehurst Press Bureau.

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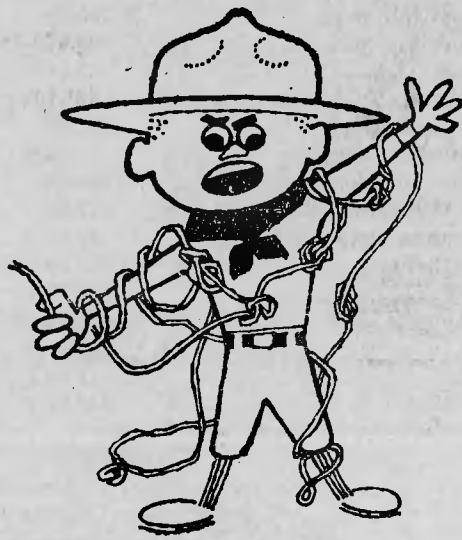
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