

THE HOLLY INN

PINEHURST, N. C.



The Holly Inn is one of the most attractive hotels in the South. Since it was built in 1895, it has been necessary to enlarge it several times to meet the constantly increasing demand. The interior is elegant, cheerful and tasteful. No modern convenience is lacking. There are bath rooms, electric lights, steam heat and open fireplaces. There is a call bell in every room, and all beds are furnished with best hair mattresses. An orchestra furnishes fine concerts daily, and also provides for dancing. The cuisine is unsurpassed. The waitresses are all white girls from the North. Rooms for billiards and other games are provided in the hotel.

A. I. CREAMER, Manager.

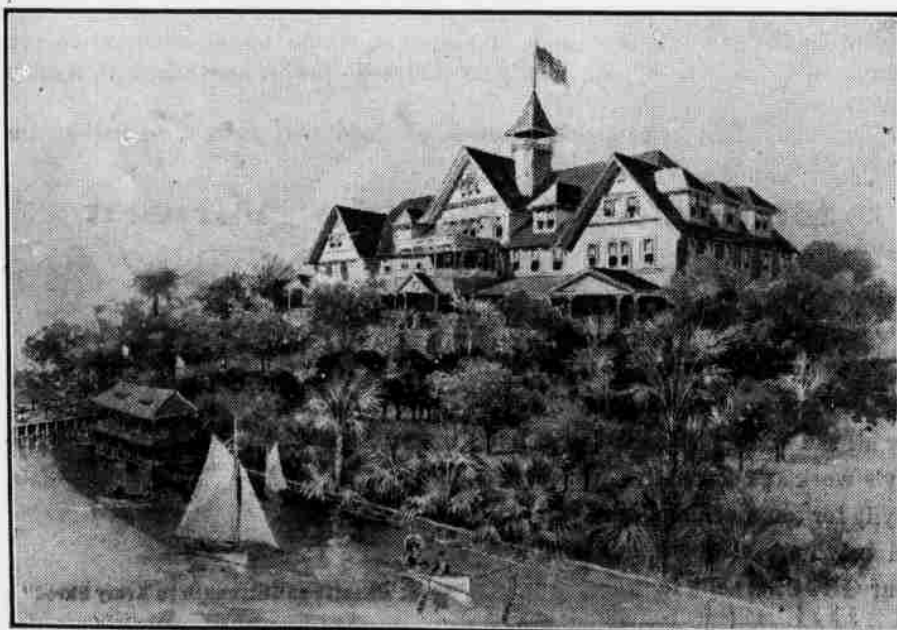


The Harvard,

PINEHURST, N. C.

This recently completed hotel is modern in every respect, having electric lights, steam heat and several suites with bath, and with its cottage annex, accommodating seventy-five guests.

F. C. ABBE, MANAGER.



HOTEL ROYAL PALM, Fort Myers, Fla.

BOATING, FISHING, SHOOTING, GOLF.

Those wishing to enjoy the most tropical spot in Florida, should visit this winter retreat, beautifully located on the sylvan winding Caloosabatchee twenty miles from the Gulf of Mexico. Hotel Royal Palm is one of the most attractive and palatial hotels in south Florida. Since last season the hotel has been thoroughly renovated and newly furnished and a music room, sun parlor, duteh-room, and fifty bed rooms, all with private bath, have been added. The Club house has also been improved by the addition of a swimming pool, sulphur baths and a large number of private baths.

F. H. ABBOTT, Manager

THE MIDWINTER HANDICAP



VERY mail is bringing additional entries for the Midwinter Trap Shooting Tournament booked for the week to come, prominent among those which have been received within the past day or so being Mr. Edward S. Rogers and Mr. D. A. Upton of Cleveland, two prominent western sportsmen.

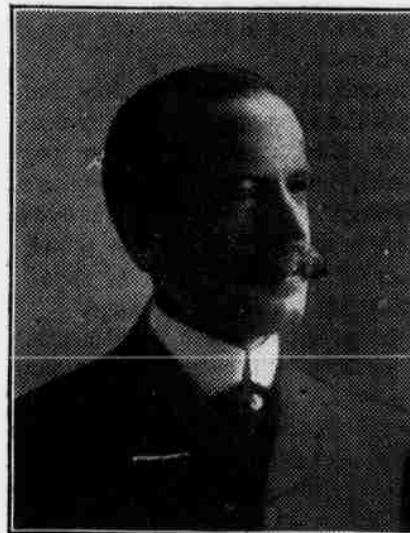
In line with last week's announcement sketches concerning three prominent shots who will be in attendance as representatives of Du Pont Powder, Mr. John T. Skelly, manager of the Shotgun Smokeless Division and the two "pros", Mr. Fred Gilbert and Mr. Walter Huff, are printed.

MR. FRED GILBERT.

Fred Gilbert, one of the brightest stars of the trap shooting world, will be in attendance at the tournament. He hails from Spirit Lake, Ia., and learned how to shoot by gunning on the prairies and

totals. In the main event he tied on 25 straight with J. L. Brewer and C. M. Calester, the latter one of the very best amateur pigeon shots this country ever produced. On the shoot-off Gilbert won his first laurels. After that honors came thick and fast.

In May, 1896, he won the first open contest for the E. C. Inanimate Target Championship at the "E. C." tournament held at Guttenburg, N. J. The conditions of that contest were the most severe:—Three hundred targets, 100 being shot at unknown angles, 100 at expert rules, one man up, the five traps down; and 50 pairs. The three hundred targets were sandwiched in through the entire four days program, the schedule for the first two days containing one event at 25 unknown angles, one at 25 expert rules, and one at 15 pairs; on the last two days there were the same two 25-target events at unknown angles and expert rules, but the events at pairs were 10 instead of 15 pairs. Gilbert won by scoring 266 out



MR. WALTER HUFF.



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along the banks of the lakes and sloughs of his native state, after chicken and ducks. His skill with the shotgun soon earned for him a warm local reputation, but it was not, however, until the fall of 1895 that "Fred" really became known to the brethren of the trap shooting fraternity for the truly great shot that he is.

To Charles M. Grimm, of Clear Lake, Ia., belongs the honor of "finding" Fred Gilbert, for it was at his earnest solicitation that the then young unknown, entered the employ of the du Pont Company, was put aboard the cars in Iowa, and landed a few days later on the grounds of the Baltimore Shooting Association, at Baltimore, Md., where the first contest for the du Pont World's Pigeon Championship was to be held. During the entire program Gilbert shot like a world-beater, holding his own with the greatest, John L. Brewer, and all the other good shots entered in the events scheduled for the tournament.

In the handicaps he had an advantage by reason of his skill being an enigma to the handicapping committee, but in "the all-30-yards" events, he showed that a few yards made little difference in his

of the 300. J. A. R. Elliott and the late Ed. Fulford tied for second and third with 261, while Rolla Heikes was fourth with 258.

Since that time the E. C. Cup has been competed for on several occasions, and has been won by R. O. Heikes, J. A. R. Elliott and by W. R. Crosby of O'Fallon, Ill., who has held the cup for a period covering the last four years, and who still holds it.

In 1903 and in 1904 Gilbert carried off the highest honors by making a higher average on all targets shot at during the season than any other one shooter. His work has all along been little short of phenomenal, while some of his records have been truly remarkable. In 1905 during the month of August, while at his home in Spirit Lake, Ia., recuperating after a long and strenuous campaign, he did a little shooting over the local traps and put up the following record:—On August 1, he broke the last 89 targets he shot at; the following day he broke 120 straight—all he shot at. On the 4th he again went out and tried his hand at the targets, and succeeded in breaking 183 straight before he lost one. Thus he really completed a run of 392 straight,