### MOORE CO. PARK ASSOCIATION

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acquirement of land not now actually needed for roads, but which surely will be needed to broaden the roads in the future. Watching as he has the rapid development of the automobile and other traffic, he is certain that the roads, especially those on the main lines, must increase in width as a natural consequence. The proposed reservation, he argued, will not alone provide for such widening, but at the same time, preserve existing beauty which will become a permanent asset.

The work which has been done for Mr. Tufts in connection with the preparation of the map of Mineral Springs township, and the southerly part of Moore county, will be of material assistance to the new Association in establishing a system of roads and reservations. With the assistance of Mr. Deaton, the county surveyor who surveyed the boundaries of Mineral Springs township and found them to be twelve instead of nine miles long as all early maps indicated, was able to secure a very complete road, property and railroad map. This is supplemented by notes made in automobile trips averaging fifty miles a day by Mr. Tufts and Mr. Manning, upon which such natural features as streams, slope of land, vegetation, character of soil, and growth, was indicated. In addition the line and levels for railroad and power transmission lines was secured as well as several typographical surveys. This combined information has made it possible to indicate the lay of the land with contour lines of level, and prepare as complete a map of this part of the county in all its the region.

In driving to Carthage from Pinehurst it was discovered that a group of some twenty large old, short-leaved pines near a spring just below the county seat, had just been cut. Unfortunately this was the last of these notable trees of this twelve miles of road. Mr. J. R. McQueen stated that the cash value of these trees standing was not over a dollar each, and yet they could have been preserved as objects of beauty for a hundred years or more. The value of the more desirable long leaf pine he estimated about two dollars standing, and said that nearly all the pine groves on the other Carthage road at Little River and nearer Carthage, had been recently sold to lumbermen who were to cut them and if they were to be saved, immediate action would be necessary. It was also pointed out that Wisconsin some year's ago by Mr. Olin, only a comparitively few trees of the who had in mind his home city of Madiforest need be left in groups to preserve the beauty and distinction of the locality. As a result of this effort Madison has ac-Thus the Association from its inception, finds important work to occupy its attention.

The purpose of the Association is not to benefit a single locality, but the entire section, to secure as gifts from owners strips of land along the roadsides which will make reservations a hundred or more feet wide throughout the County. Herein the attractive native growth may hensive in its scope as its work is more be protected and a new growth allowed fully understood. to grow naturally, or planted artificially. Such growth will shade the roadway, Pinehurst, N. C., March, 19, 1912.

screen unattractive structures which may lie beyond its borders, protect useful birds and make a pleasant place for shady foot paths. It is also proposed to acquire any peculiarly attractive spot away from the roads, and it is designed to have all such reservations marked with permanent Hotel in the South. - concrete or stone tablets bearing the names of the donor and the ones for whom it is to stand as a memorial.

The Association will give shares of its stock to represent the value of the land or money gifts. A dozen five dollar memberships on the first day is the beginning of an organization to which every property owner in and every visitor to Moore Ceunty should be anxious to contribute for the good of the Connty and his own pleasure.

In Massachusetts, the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Trustees for Public preservation, in New York, the Society for the Preservation of Historic and Scenic Places in Virginia, the Society for the Prevention of Virginia Antiquities, have all been granted by the state rights to receive and hold property for public benefit, free of taxes. Such societies hold very valuable historical sites and attractive landscape features which would otherwise have been lost to the public. In several instances these gifts have been made as memorials to an historical incident, to a family, or to a friend. Such wise donors have come to know that the only permanent memorial which can be established is in land, not structures.

One who knows of the ruined memorials of Egypt, who has seen the piles of dust and crumpled ruins of Appian way in Rome-all that is left of the monumental structures established by the Romans-will realize this. We have further evidence of the fugitive character of man's memorial structures at Plymouth, detail, as can be found for any county of Mass., at Jamestown, Virginia, and in many North Carolina burial places, where monuments have been destroyed or seriously disfigured.

> I believe that many of my readers will come to feel as I do that there can be no better memorial than a fine old tree which may live many hundred years, and that may reproduce itself indefinitely. A friend of mine who was an acquaintance and desciple of Thoreau, once indicated to me a great old oak which was the monument to his sister whom they had placed in an unmarked grave at its roots, just as the mother's grave was made under the old tree as described in a recent book, "The Harvester."

The law which has resulted in the acquirement of a system of Parks and reservations through gifts of either land or money from citizens, was drawn up in son with its state Capitol and University. quired many miles of waterside reservations, drives, playgrounds, and the like, valued at more than a million dollars, at a very low cost to taxpayers. Throughout the entire country many other similar examples bear testimony to similar possibilities from which the newly formed Association will gather many suggestions, becoming more and more compre-

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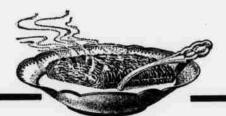


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