

THE finest, the most unique, and the best located all-the-year resort hotel in the world is being built in Asheville, N. C. It will be opened July 1st, 1913, under the management of Wm. S. Kenney, of The Mount Washington, Bretton Woods, N. H., and Hotel Clarendon, Seabreeze, Florida.

It is being built of the great boulders of Sunset Mountain at whose foot it sits. It is being built by hand in the old fashioned way, ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF, and will be full of rest, comfort and wholesomeness.

It is being built plainly, but as richly as man can do it. Four hundred one-piece rugs are being made at Aubusson, France; the furniture is being made by hand by the Roycrofters; the silver hand-hammered; and the "big room" will contain two great stone fire-places, capable of burning twelve-foot logs.

In front of this hotel, GROVE PARK INN, are one hundred and sixty acres of golf links and lawn, and all around, miles of majestic mountains and the wonderful climate. The Hotel Company owns eight hundred acres around the hotel and consumptives will not be taken.

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THE HIGHLAND PINES INN

Weymouth Heights,
Southern Pines, N. C.

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THIS BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL STYLE HOTEL was erected during the past summer. Located one mile above Southern Pines, within five minutes' walk of the Country Club. More than fifty rooms which connect with private bath. All rooms furnished with best box spring beds and hair mattresses. Cuisine and service unsurpassed. Booklet upon application.

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SIX COURSES FOR PINEHURST!

William H. Evans Makes Prophecy
in Ledger and Tells Why



ONCE a man goes to Pinehurst he returns year after year to play over one of the three courses which have been laid out here. While there is shooting, horse-back riding, motoring and tennis for everybody, the vast majority are golf fiends, pure and simple. They take enough time to eat their meals and sleep, but the rest of the time is spent out on the links. ¶ Possibly no courses in the country possess the variety of holes as do those at Pinehurst. The character of the ground is rolling, but there is not enough of a hilly nature to tire the player. The grass at this time of the year is dry and brittle and is a Bermuda growth. This is due to the fact that the intense heat of the summer is fatal to the grass which one sees around the various courses in Philadelphia. In fact, all through the South, except along the Atlantic seaboard, the only turf which makes up the fairway is Bermuda grass. Before the Bermuda grass was chosen numerous experiments were made with various kinds of grass seed, but none of them were able to withstand the terrific heat of summer.

The subsoil is of sand, but is of such a character that despite cuppy lies, it is not at all difficult to make first-class shots. This sand is particularly beneficial after a rainstorm, as the water soon filters through, and the ground, even after a heavy rainstorm, is soon dried out. The greens are entirely of sand, built upon a clay subsoil. On these putting is absolutely certain, and even the poorest putter imaginable soon learns to direct his putt with certainty and skill. Owing to the fact that the greens are sand it is almost impossible to have a sloping or undulating green. This would be possible were it absolutely certain that the rainfalls would be few and far between. ¶ The greens are kept in splendid condition. A score or more of men do nothing else but water and sweep them. The greens are about 80 feet square, and within a radius of 10 feet of the hole are watered. They are kept smooth by dragging a roll of carpet around the green and radiating from the centre to the extreme edges. In this way the heel prints are easily eliminated, and as the men care for only a few greens apiece the players are practically sure of putting on a surface which has not been defaced by heel marks or other obstacles. ¶ There are three courses in all, with a fourth under construction. No. 1 course was the first laid out and is 2797 yards long going out and 2982 yards coming in—a total of 5779 yards. This course is still the favorite with very many golfers who come here from year to year, most of whom are middle-aged men who firmly believe that it is difficult enough for them and are content to play on it rather than on

the other two courses. The par is 79.

No. 2 course is regarded by many as the finest sample of golf construction in the United States. It was laid out by Donald Ross, the Pinehurst professional, and offers a wonderful variety in strokes and length. The out journey is 2992 yards, with 3031 for the home journey, a total of 6023 yards. It is probably the most scientifically bunkered, pitted and trapped course in the country. Some one has said that it has 250 traps and pits, and of this he is sure, for he says he has been in every one of them. Not one of them is poorly placed and not a single one of them handicaps or hurts a well-played shot. The majority of them are placed around the various greens, but many golf experts who have played this course are authorities for the statement that a short player, as well as the long driver, provided he goes straight, can avoid every single trap and pit on the course. ¶ It is a curious fact that in nearly every instance where a shot is poorly played or where it is badly sliced it is sure to get into one of these numerous pits. The record for this course, so far as the amateurs are concerned, is held by Walter J. Travis, the former national and British amateur champion, who made the course a few years ago in 68 strokes. The professional record is held by Donald Ross and Gilbert Nicholls, the professional at the Wilmington Country Club. Both have negotiated the course in 68 strokes.

This is the second year that the No. 3 course has been used. Two years ago the first nine were open for play and were used almost entirely by women and what former President Taft has denominated the bumble puppy class. Last year the remaining nine holes were opened and it is now almost as popular as the No. 2 course, and in another year or so will, without question, be the finest golf course at Pinehurst. The general topography of the ground is decidedly of a more rolling character than the other two courses, and Donald Ross, who also laid this course out, has shown excellent judgment in placing the various holes. Several of them are what are termed the "dog-legs hole." No. 6, which is 186 yards long, is without question the prettiest hole in Pinehurst. It is known as the "Chapel" hole. The tee is situated at some distance above the hole and the ball must be driven at least 150 yards in order to carry a small pond which is situated directly in front of the green. The green itself has been cut out of the pine forest and it is this resemblance to a chapel that gives it its name. There is trouble on all sides, but for the straight player it is by no means a difficult hole. ¶ Another short hole is the fourteenth, which is also a water hole. A carry of 120 yards is necessary to cross the pond, and on all sides are pits and traps and rough ground of all sorts. The length of this course is 3230 yards in and 3054 out, a total of 6284 yards. With one or two exceptions the last nine holes have not been trapped or pitted, yet it presents magnificent golf.