The Inn a Merry One

The week at The Holly Inn has been a merry one of midseason activities with interest centered in several dinners, among them a Valentine spread tendered by Messrs. M. S. Detwiller and J. C. Budding to Brigadier General Marion J. Maus and Mrs. Maus, Mrs. L. L. Buckwalter, the Misses Dorothy Winston Ridgley, Elsie Blancke, Marie Johnson, A. M Kelly, Elsa Wagner and Harriet Root, and Messrs. E. J. Hamilton, W. H. Boyce. W. Potter, J. W. Alford and W. H. Weller. ¶ Messrs. W. H. Boyce, W. H. Weller and E. J. Hamilton also entertained, their guests including: Brigadier General Marion P. Maus and Mrs. Maus, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. D. Dick, Mrs. Otto Wagner and daughter, Miss Elsa Wagner, Mrs. L. L. Buckwalter, the Misses A. M. Kelly, Dorothy W. Ridgley, Elsie Blancke, Marie Johnson and Harriet Root, and Messrs. William H. Potter and son, J. W. Alford and J. C. Budding. ¶ Dancing rounded out the evening on both occasions.

The birthday anniversary of Mr. James D. Foot was remembered by an informal dinner at which Mr. and Mrs. Foot entertained Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tufts. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Irwin entertained Mr. and Mrs. George J. Jenks and their house guest, Mrs. J. F. Hartz and Dr. Richard T. Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. George B. Wason, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Savage and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Burns were the guests of Mr. W. H. Potter and his son.

AMONG THE HOLLY INN GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Burns of Cambridge will make an extended visit, and Miss Martha Mays joins Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Blancke. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. R. Markey of Brooklyn return for the month, and Mrs. Edwin F. Lawrence of Sterling, Ill., is here for February.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hascall of Boston are spending several weeks here, and Mrs. C. C. Stone and Mrs. W. P. Bowers of Clinton, Mass., come for a fortnight. I Mr. and Mrs. E. Searing of Philadelphia are here for February, and Mr. W. B. Ballou of North Attleboro, Mass,, comes for a fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Marvin of Pittsburgh return for several weeks, and Miss Julia Wilmarth of New Rochelle is again here for February. I Mr. and Mrs. T. Bache Bleecker of New York return for a month, and Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Murphy of Boston will remain several weeks

Mr. W. C. Goodwin of Fitchburg joins the golfers, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker Otis of New York are spending a fortnight here. Dr. LeRoy Bruin of New York and Mr. Paul D. Rust of Boston are here for the month.

Rev. W. C. Alexander of Philadelphia joins the golfers, Mrs. D .J. Ferry of New Brunswick is here for a fortnight, and Messrs. Robert T. Fowler and E. F. Mahady of Boston spent the week here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Abbe of New Britain plan an extended visit, Mr. and Mrs. D. Dick of Welland, Ontario, spent the week here, and Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Remick of Ashtabula, Ohio, come for the month.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Newcomb and the Misses Ruth W. Newcomb and Cornelia C. Newcomb of New London are here for March, and Messrs. Robert Foote of New Haven and T. A. Gibson of Toronto join the golfers.

Mrs. James W. Tufts Returns

Mrs. James W. Tufts of Medford is at the Arbutus cottage for the season.

a big old field where the pines are half grown is hard to beat when it comes to attractive winter scenery. A walk through the old pine groves with the straw a perfeet carpeting as far as the eye can see and the entire sky a covering of green, leaves a picture that the Northern visitor carries away to remember many a year. It is doubtful if there is anywhere a more alluring forest setting than the young pine forests of the Sandhills. They constitute probably the really picturesque features of the country drives. They give to the villages the most attractive set tings. One of the most impressive corners of Pinehurst is the pine grove. No visitor ever goes over to Raeford without noticing at once the pines all around and through the pleasant little town. The pines on the Carthage road, around Southern Pines, out the Jackson Springs road and any other place where pine trees are coming up, make those places interesting for the visitor and for the people who live here. ¶ The saw mill as a big institution in this section has gone forever. Little mills will move about from place to place from time to time and cut out the small lots of pine timber that are coming on to be big enough for the saw, but as settlers come the forests will continue to decrease in size rather than to increase although intelligent action may someday take up forestry on a systematic scale and see that limited areas of pine trees are encouraged for lumber purposes. For while lumber is a picturesque crop, and useful if you have the crop ready to harvest, it is a cold fact that it is too slow a crop to raise unless you are in the mill business and must provide a supply. A crop of pine trees is worth about as much as a crop of corn or cotton, and may be not hardly. You get one crop of pine in a lifetime, but you can get a crop of something else every year. That is what puts the death knell on pine trees as a farm product. The crop that stands on the ground forty years does not offer an incentive for diversification, such as the agricultural authorities recommend in the present day farm practice. ¶ In spite of all this it is a pleasing sight to stand on the hill top and look across the valley and see the big pine forests in the distance, for in the distance the scattered trees stand up close enough against the horizon to appear a solid mass, and in their dense deep green the picture is one of somber repose and dignity. The hazy picture is a suggestion of what the pine forest was in its primitive grandeur, when it would stand close inspection and when it was not obliged to leave anything to the imagination.—BION H. BUTLER.

Miss Sinclair and Mrs. Smith

Miss E. Marie Sinclair and Mrs. Linford Smith were the prize winners in Wednesday's Silver Foils elimination competition or "swatfest."

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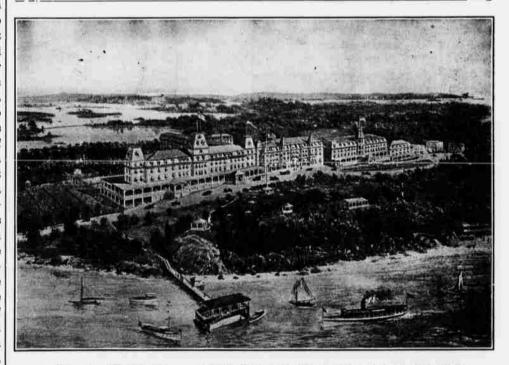
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