

together to accomplish, but this entire week has been dedicated to the discussion of practical country life. The Farm Demonstrators of Central North Carolina are all assembled in the Sandhills, and have corralled to counsel and advise them the leading thinkers on constructive bucolics in the country.

Farming is the least of it. Credit unions—some simple A B C method of providing elementary credit of the same amount now provided and on the same security that it is now provided at something less than the average 35 per cent—good schools such as the Derby School and the Eureka School in reach of every family, good roads, roses, edible apple pie, clean milk, a chance to sing and a standing in the town meeting. These are the things.

ITS FIRST RESULT

The results of this conception are apparent in our neighborhood now. Throughout the district are the country homes of many men of culture and refinement who have deliberately selected this country district to live in because of this fact alone—that there is a public conscience, and a deliberate effort to make conditions more ideal, whatever they may now be.

Baseball and Golf

Baseball has progressed from a sport to a spectacle and finally to a huge business enterprise in the United States. Everybody has read startling stories of the enormous receipts at world series games; statisticians have computed the millions that are spent on the pastime yearly, and moralists have found a rich field for more or less invidious comparisons between the United States' contributions to baseball and to foreign missions, and to good roads, and to the Anti-Saloon League and other highly revered but less loved institutions. We all have a profound respect for the finances of baseball.

It will surprise many, then, to find Jerome Travers alleging that baseball is among the minor sports in its power to attract dollars from the American pocket. From a monetary standpoint the big game in this country is not baseball, but golf, for which your Uncle Samuel yields up every year \$42,000,000. This is exclusive of the \$17,500,000 paid every year for initiation fees into the 1,300 clubs.

If we confine consideration to genuine sports, golf is in a class by itself, for of the millions who attend baseball games only an infinitesimal proportion participate. When we say that there are 350,000 golfers in the United States we mean 350,000 players. As a spectacle it has no rank at all.

The sport is one that ought to appeal to the South in particular. The climatic advantages are obvious. Days when weather conditions absolutely prohibit a match are few and far between in this section. But there is another appeal that should draw southerners—golf is a game for the man of moderate means, such as the middle class southerner. Polo calls first of all for money, and millionaires are not common in the Southern States. Tennis calls for youth and exuberant vitality; your average office man might as well attempt football. Golf calls for a

certain amount of money, and a certain amount of physical stamina, but neither demand is excessive for the ordinarily successful business man. And in exchange it offers health of body, through exercise in the open air, and health of mind through relaxation from the strain of ordinary business affairs and the substitution therefor of competition keen enough to be stimulating but never overwhelming.

We believe that the chief drawback to the rapid development of the game in a country where it has not had a foothold very long is its amazing deceptiveness. It looks so absurdly easy until you try it.

TO PINE BLUFF

Highways Opened. New Road to Southern Pines

Leading out of the main highway to Aberdeen at the bend of the road half a mile beyond the Wine Press a new road has been opened straight to Pine Bluff and the Lift the Latch tea room. It cuts off several miles and the many hills on the way South and to the Midwinter Canoeing Club on the Lumbee, and adds a good route for riding parties to the river region.

Jim Boyd's project for cutting the route to Southern Pines straight through over the hill by Foss peach orchard, coming in at the Country Club and the Highland Pines Inn has also been accomplished, and work under way.

There is this about these roads. Every one that is built reveals new charms about the country that were not suspected, and to the farmers assistance adds the tourist's delight in variety and landscape. The valley of the Devil's Gut and the view from the hill between Aberdeen and Southern Pines are both brought into being really for the first time by this highway, the trip to Southern Pines and the very aspect of the pines themselves rendered attractive and beautiful. The road will be opened for travel before the season is done.

The Sandhill Hunt

Over the fences and after the pack, the Sandhill hunt, led by Jim Boyd as always, made their run Tuesday from Van Lindley's orchard, to the great joy of Bob Cook and the cavalcade. There was a squadron from the village in full cry, including Miss Helen Andrews of Akron, Miss Leona Carter of New York, who is a very accomplished horsewoman, and captor of the living fox in Wednesday's hunt, Phillip Cabot of Boston, who will do anything once, Miss Elizabeth Wallace from Fitchburg, Mr. C. C. Beebe from Boston, Mrs. F. E. K. White, David McMillan of Philadelphia, Miss Olva Slade and Mr. H. L. Slade of New York. Mrs. N. D. Jay, Mrs. Beebe and Miss Lister drove over to see the sight.

The next day George Leach led a fast chase across country after a red fox, whose trail was struck by the pack shortly after leaving the village grounds. The run was exactly according to the tradition, and ended with the sad demise of little reynard, and a brush to the credit of Miss Carter. Beside the drag hunters the party included Mr. G. T. Daggett of New York, J. E. O'Connell of Boston and Mrs. George Leach.

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