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When the resources of the Club will permit, single log camps will be built at various points for the use of parties desiring to spend a night near the river, where they can hear the raccoons call to each other across the stream, and hear the booby owls voice their sentiments: "Who, who are you—You!" These camps will also be used by fishing parties.

The Club House is to be run as a community asset for members living in Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Pine Bluffs, and also for the pleasure of tourists and others who live or winter in the sand hills. Canoeing parties en route will be entertained at the Bluff.

Camp cooking and other freaks of the frying pan and the boiling pot, along with barbecues will feature the Club's entertainment this winter, as well as the usual cooking on fire grates or by coals, for those who enjoy that way of preparing dinner fest.

The Immortal Shotgun

If it wasn't immortal before, it was made so in the hands of the United States Marines, who used it after the fashion learned in the woods and watersheds of the Blue Ridge and the Rocky Mountains, to such effect that the Beast of Berlin his little own self set up a most painful holler.

This demonstration has lent added impetus to the great game at the traps, which in late years has come to rival the Derby on the track and the United North and South on the links—not to mention divers other events taking place at Sheephead and other lesser places.

With which introduction we usher in the program for the year's events at the Gun Club:

January 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25.

Twelfth Annual Mid-Winter Handicap—The first day will be devoted to practice and the last to a consolation day. Several sterling trophies are offered. One to the winner of the Preliminary and one to the winner of the Handicap, together with class trophies, a gold medal for the highest general amateur average, together with \$3700 added money divided in events according to Interstate Association rules.

Manufacturers' agents and paid representatives may shoot for targets only. For full particulars send to the Pinehurst General Office for Program. April 7, 8.

Second Annual United North and South Amateur Handicap Target Tournament—There will be morning and afternoon events both days and the five best scores of the Southern shooters will compete with the five best shooters of the Northern shooters. The United North and South Handicap takes place on the afternoon of April 8th. Write for Program.

Dec. 17, 1918, April 8, 1919 (Weekly)

One Hundred Target Handicap Tournament—Starting on Tuesday, December 17, there will be a weekly handicap tournament every Tuesday if there are five entries or more for sterling trophy, Ideol Leggett traps. Bird handicap. The handicap is limited to twenty birds.

THE VILLAGE GOSSIP

To the best of my knowledge and belief the thing to do is to strike out for Pinehurst in a Rolles-Royce. Failing that you can follow my humble example and pack your old kit bag in a tin Lizzie in Boston. It's a simple trick. Get an amiable freebooter like Clyde Davis to do the singing and the cussing. And it is an easy four days' run from New York. Hitting by way of Washington, Fredericksburg, Richmond and Raleigh there is nothing to hinder or debate but the open road, except for the notorious swamp near Fredericksburg. I will for the first time give a truthful account of that. If the weather is dry it is no barrier at all. We went through the whole slough of despond at 15 miles an hour. It is all boarded about in bad spots, and the road has been built up out of the wet. However, it still looks as if it would be a trap in a storm.

We came rattling in here on November 3d thinking to rush the season and have a fuss made over us in the role of Early Birds. No luck. For all we could tell, the old reliables had been here all summer. The fairways, still flush with the green of summer, were covered with the serried ranks of the midiron offensive, and Wilson, as always, was on hand to soberly tell us that the fairways were beyond all compare better than ever before, being in fact somewhat of an improvement over Rana-aleigh, and if anything a bit too thick for heavy approaching.

Investigation disclosed that when C. B. Hudson came into the Dogwood expecting as usual to be a lap or two ahead of the bunch, he found Mrs. W. H. Lloyd already encamped in the Craddock with her children, which she will make her retreat until the return of her husband from the front, where he is surgeon, with the army of occupation. She is a daughter of Benjamin F. Butler of Eagle Springs, and although for the first time living in Pinehurst is well known in the Sandhills.

We have become hardened to the inevitable changes and improvements which greet the visitor each year in the colony. In spite of the laws of the War, which forbade the erection of any new buildings, there were sufficient and impressive changes just the same. The completion of the derelicts which littered the offing last spring, and their transformation into some of the most stately and attractive places in the whole region has worked a charm. I don't know whether the most striking is Henry Hornblower's brick masterpiece, now all ready and furnished, and awaiting only the expected arrival of its master to be christened, or James Barber's new chateau. Every year Barber builds him a finer and a more beautiful place. This year's location has all the new places beat on grounds. We found Wiswell, the putting course designer and miniature golf maniac in the last stages of executing a most ingenious, complicated and beautiful little course of eighteen holes there. It reduces putting to a sci-

ence and an art, and adds interest and variety to the landscape design. Jimmy Barber himself put in an early appearance to view the handiwork and take a hand in the Carolina tournament pulled off on the 11th.

To our mind the most attractive design of all is shown in Mrs. A. C. Spring's new residence, which also only lacks Mrs. Spring to be complete.

With pardonable pride Newcomb managed to get us away from our twelve bore long enough to display and eulogize the two new buildings finished off by the Plateau Company. The Lenoir, the last word in the evolution of the "Perfect Pinehurst Design" over by Pat O'Brien's and the links, is to be occupied this winter by Mrs. Henry Drinker Riley, of Philadelphia. The other one is a white and green creation back of Redfield's, surnamed the Morganton, and like Barkus, is willing (to be taken). Consult Newcomb. (adv.)

It was like a return from exile to find Colonel and Mrs. Ormsbee as of old in the Plymouth, the Shannons established for the winter in the Stanwood, and the latch string hanging out at the Pines, where Mrs. William Hurd and Mrs. Splane and Lambert had long since opened the shutters.

We were greeted by the Tufts in full force. Miss Esther was on the job racking down the willing victims of the War Work Drive with Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. J. R. McQueen.

For John McQueen and Miss Annie McNeill were married this summer. Probably nothing imaginable could have astonished the countryside as much as it delighted them.

Mr. Tufts arrived fresh from helping to conduct the Liberty Loan campaign in Massachusetts. Two of the boys—Albert and James—are on hand. Richard is now an ensign in the navy, an expert in radio work, busy all up and down the seaboard with matters he will not divulge.

I tell you it was like a reunion in force. Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Johnson of Cleveland had the Rosemary under full way, and were making the best of the best possible of seasons in the best possible of places. Mrs. David Johnson, M. B.'s daughter-in-law, is going to spend the winter here too in the Mistletoe.

There is a good deal of humbug about this affectation of ours about the beginning of the season. Roger Derby and Mrs. Derby were not moving in. They were moving out of Robert Hunter's Dormie cottage, where they had been all summer to make room for Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McGraw of Pittsburg, who are expected any minute for the winter. Tom bought him a peach orchard on Blue's Hill, the other side of Aberdeen, last spring, and all summer has been clearing up the top of the world over here to put in some more this fall.

Another house appearing on the horizon for the first time in its full glory, is the Dickinson Bishops' on the Beulah