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## MacDonald Smith Wins Open

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**A** MAN who can play four rounds of golf in 281 shots will usually win something. It will matter little who is in the field, and if the course is over 6500 yards in length, and par 72, there will likely be quite a margin to spare over his nearest competitor. For that is eight strokes under the perfect figures.

MacDonald Smith, of the Lakeville Club on Long Island, did this unusual thing and that is why he is the successor to Walter Hagen as North and South open champion, who finished in second position with a total of 289, as many strokes behind as the new champion was under par.

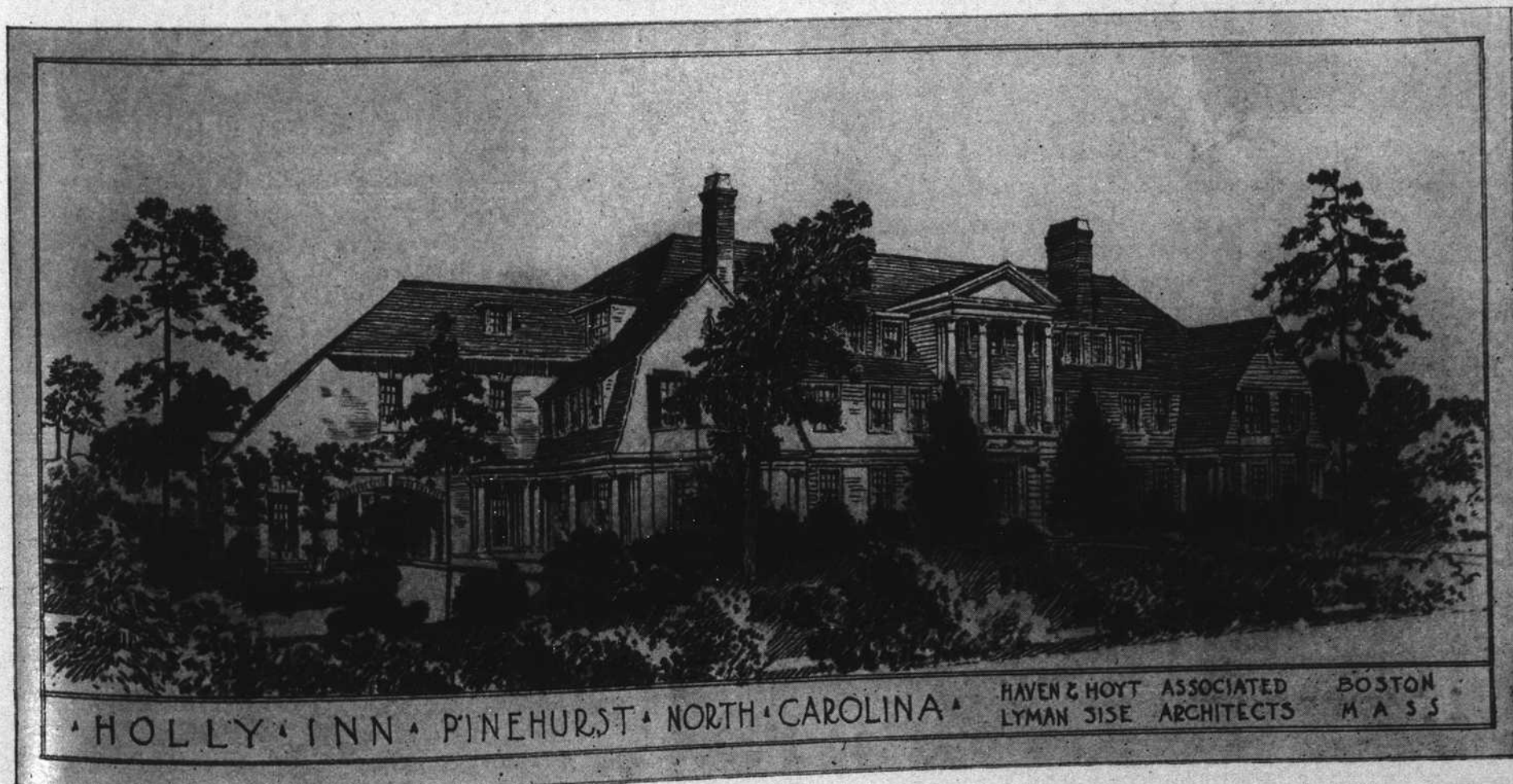
Pinehurst hasn't seen anything like this happen before, and considerable water will pass under the bridge before its equal is seen, or there appears an eclipse of the effort. There has been a closeness to this mark. Hagen was responsible for it last season. But in those days the contest was split. Half of it being staged on the Number 3 course, which is considerably easier for the golfing clan, and the balance on Donald Ross's

pet, the Number 2 lay-out. Hagen had succeeded in making a very fancy total of 283.

Championships seldom are won in such unanimous fashion as this one was. And seldom does it come to pass that a contestant takes the lead at the start and holds it through the entire contest. It isn't the best position in the world to be in. The pace setter is considered to have plenty to worry about, but Smith appeared to be one of those unusual mortals in the golfing world as a delving into his four rounds will prove without the shadow of a doubt, and after reviewing his unusual figures one can easily imagine why the contest was no race. Why such stars as Hagen, Diegel, Armour, Walker, Farrell, Hutchison, Barnes and numerous other stars were so many strokes behind.

The main reason for the Smith triumph, for instance, is the fact that he had too many fours in his bag. No less than 41 they numbered. In other words, well over half of the holes

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The above illustration shows how the Holly Inn will look next season. This popular hotel, which has long been the home of many Pinehurst guests, is to undergo extensive alterations during the summer which will provide a great many more rooms with private baths and other enlargements and improvements in every particular.