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The Summer's Growth

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F there is anything about Pinehurst that I appreciate more than all the rest it is the Midland road, which is one place in the village where I never get lost, and the string of new houses out that road shows that Pinehurst is starting to build in a quarter of the village in which I can find my way around and from which I can find my way home. The first time I ever saw Pinehurst I came in that road, past the Van Lindley orchard. It was not much of a road, and Pinehurst was not much more than the road. James W. Tufts was just getting his settlement under way. I was not greatly impressed with either the road or the settlement. But I have seen both the road and the village grow, and each year it has been a continued story of a lot of building and development, and this year is no exception.

Three separate centers of expansion appeal to me this season. Possibly the most radical is the shift of a quarter of a mile of the railroad, the removal of the freight and passenger station several hundred yards to the east, and the construction near the new station of a new home for the

Pinehurst Warehouses. This all goes in with the relocation of the state highway from Greensboro to Wilmington, which passes where the old station stood, past where the new location has been made, by an underpass beneath the railroad, and the road hard-surfaced from Pinehurst to the Hoke county line, and united at the underpass with another hard road that runs through the village and connects with the oiled road to Carthage where the oiled road to Sanford and the hard road from the north is reached. Centering there at the new site of the station is probably a hundred thousand dollars worth of improvement, counting the paved roads, the moved railroad, the new buildings, and the available building sites that will be opened by the removal of the old track, the station and the warehouse. The good roads work is highly important. During the summer Pinehurst has been given that outlet by Carthage to a contact with the hard surface that is soon to reach the Virginia line on the way to Washington and Richmond. When the paving of a short link between Sanford and Woodward's bridge is finished, and which is now



The above illustration shows how the new Holly Inn will look this season. This popular hotel, which has long been the home of many Pinchurst guests, has undergone extensive alterations during the summer and it is virtually a new hotel. The alterations provide for every room being synnected with a bath and many other improvements and enlargements for the comfort of its guests.