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THE MOORE COUNTY ROADS.

A highly enthused party of good roads advocates returned to Raleigh from Pinehurst yesterday afternoon. They were all good roads men before they travelled over the roads of Moore county, but the speeding over the smooth roads, mile after mile, with never a halt on account of rough road, impressed anew the lesson of the importance of good roadways, well maintained. The lesson was doubly impressive in the minds of the Wake men when they learned that these Moore county roads had been smooth and hard all winter and they reflected on the condition of our own roads during the winter period, and even in comparison with our own roads now, rough and filled with holes. In the Wake party, which went to Pinehurst at the invitation of Mr. Leonard Tufts, ardent good roads man, and to whose devotion to the cause the good roads of that section owe their existence, were Messrs. D. T. Johnson, chairman of the board of county commissioners; B. S. Franklin and I. H. Lynn, members of the board; B. C. Beckwith, county attorney; A. C. Green, ex-commissioner; H. G. Holding, county auditor; George W. Norwood, county treasurer; H. E. Litchford, president of the chamber of commerce; F. A. Olds, secretary; J. B. Pearce, president of the merchants association; H. S. Leard, T. P. A. of the Seaboard; E. E. Britton, of the News and Observer, and the writer. There were thirteen in the party, but there was nothing unlucky about the trip. Mr. Leard, the thirteenth man, is not a "Jonah" by any means. He was most helpful in every way.

Moore county has three townships that have built and are continuing to build good roads. These townships are Sandhills, Mineral Springs and McNeills. Pinehurst, in Mineral Springs township, is near the center of this good roads activity. This shows how the sentiment is spreading. Beginning at Pinehurst, at first in privately built roads by Mr. Tufts, or by his father, the late James W. Tufts, who founded the resort, the work has extended out in every direction, until now there are two hundred miles of roads, reaching every town and hamlet in that section of the county, and running through every community.

Moore county is not a wealthy county and these are not wealthy townships. For the most part the county is sparsely settled. The land, well, even as near to the present time as ten or fifteen years ago, a Wake county farmer wouldn't have taken it as a gift. He would have regarded it as an encumbrance. But they are not giving away land in that section now. Neither are they selling it for a dollar or two an acre. But, although land values have increased, it is still a thinly settled, poor country. This being true, one asks why, and how have they built these roads? Walter Page says they started the roads at nowhere and ended them at nowhere. According to him they had no place to build roads to and no place to build them from. But they learned in some way that where there were good roads the communities were prosperous, that more people came

to them, that there were good schools and handsome churches, that values increased and that they were constantly on the up-grade. Knowing what good roads were doing for other communities they determined to have them for themselves. This, of course, isn't altogether true, as a whole. Certain it is though that they have been aroused to the importance of good roads and that the benefits are proving everything, and perhaps more than was expected. For who would ever have thought ten years ago that the time would ever come that any Moore county land could not be bought for fifty dollars an acre? This high priced land is improved land, of course, but before proper methods of cultivation were begun and it was touched by good roads, it was just as unproductive, and worth no more than the rest of it. How then have they built the roads? By downright pluck and a hearty sympathy with the movement. It hasn't all been easy sailing, either in the minds of the people towards road improvement or in getting the money for the work after getting the people to a full realization of the importance of good roads. Mr. Tufts, of course, was the pioneer and by example and precept, here a little and there a little, he spread the sentiment until it has become a contagion, sweeping that whole section. But sentiment doesn't build roads and in any country getting the money to build them is a problem. In that poor county, with but little taxable property it may well have seemed well-nigh insurmountable. In Mineral Springs township the work has been done by taxation and by private aid. The amount of money raised by taxes each year, however, is only fifteen hundred dollars. With that fifteen hundred yearly and by private aid they have built their roads and keep them in a state of perfection. The willingness of the people to help out of their own pockets shows how thoroughly they appreciate their roads. Mr. Tufts told us of one man, who he said was not worth over three thousand dollars, who had subscribed three hundred dollars to a road they are building now. There has been a bond issue of fifteen thousand dollars in each of the other townships. One township has about used up its bond issue and the other is just beginning to use its. These are all, separately or combined, small sums of money as compared with the \$80,000 a year that Wake is now spending on her roads. But the results are vastly different and all in favor of the Moore county road builders.

The Moore county roads are built of sand-clay, and gravel-clay and cost on an average \$500 a mile. They have been able to construct roads cheaply by doing no grading. If they had graded the roadbed the total cost per mile would have been from \$500 to \$600 a mile. They thought it better to have more roads, with the steeper grades, than fewer roads, with the lighter grade. One thing in their favor is that they are blessed with an abundance of material. They never have to haul it very far and nature has even been so kind as to properly mix it for them in many instances. They regard the gravel-clay road as the better of the two. As before remarked their roads are in perfect condition and have been that way all the winter and ever since they were built. The more they are used the better they get and the heavier the traffic the harder they are. Roads built four and five years ago, that have never had anything on them since in the way of repairs, except a split-log drag, are the best roads they have. But that split-log drag goes on the road after every rain, if possible. This constant attention, Mr. Tufts says, is the secret of their success. He says that some of the first roads they built were not well located and not well built, but that the constant after attention has kept them in perfect condition and improved them from year to year. It would be difficult to make the application to Wake. Conditions in this county are very different. It would take from two to three times as much per mile to build sand-clay

or gravel-clay roads here as there. The material would be harder to get and we would have a great deal of grading to do. Neither of these objections, however, count for anything, if the roads once built, would be as serviceable and as permanent as the roads of Moore. Eight hundred, or even a thousand dollars, a mile would be a cheap road as compared with macadam, and a five-year-old macadam road that has not been repaired is almost impassable, while a five-year-old sand-clay road is almost as smooth as bitulithic. But in Moore they have to do but very little ditching. The water quickly seeps through the sand and disappears. There the sand-clay road bed is on a sand foundation and water does not stand under the road bed. Here the road would be built on a clay foundation and the clay holds all the water that seeps into it. The road-bed, with such a foundation, might not have anything like the permanency of the Moore county roads. This is a matter for a road engineer, or possibly for experiment. The Wake commissioners could not do a better thing than to build a few miles of sand-clay road in order to test it here under the different conditions. If it is found that they will answer the purpose here it will mean the solution of one of the biggest problems now before the county, for Wake county must have good roads. If she can get them for a fifth, or less, the cost of macadam it will mean an immense saving to the county. It is certainly worth finding out.

Pinehurst is a great institution in itself. Some of the Raleigh party had not been there before and they were captivated by the beauty and magnificence of the place, and by its completeness. Located in the depths of the country, it has every modern convenience. It has electric lights, water, a central steam heating plant that furnishes heat for every hotel and cottage in town, dairy, garage, livery stable, conservatory, kennel, department store, library, school, church, golf course, clubs and every other thing that man wants to interest or amuse, or for comfort. The largest hotel will accommodate 500 people and it has a complement of 300 servants, that is house servants, while many more outside come and go in its service. It is closed now and will not open again until January.

The Seaboard is very much interested in the development of the section and is doing a great deal of work, especially in advertising it. Southern Pines is to have a new hotel, to cost \$100,000. There is a great scheme on foot for the development of Lake View, and Niagara also is slated in the go-forward class. All these places, by the way, are on the Moore county good roads.

Of course the gentlemen of the party had a good deal of fun out of each other before they got back. Burwell Pearce was in high glee because he beat the railroads out of a nickel and had much fun out of Mr. Leard on that account. The gentlemen who bought straight tickets from Raleigh to Pinehurst, paid two dollars. Mr. Pearce bought a ticket to Southern Pines for \$1.70. He paid the conductor ten cents to get from Southern Pines to Aberdeen, and paid fifteen cents for a ticket

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The Holly Inn, where the party stopped, closed today, and it was the general opinion among the boys, that it had to close up because Beckwith disposed of all the available food supply.

Franklin heard music shortly after arriving and it caused him to nose around until he stumbled into the ball room. One inside he forgot that he had had nothing to eat since breakfast and he would have missed his supper, and missed it cheerfully, if a messenger had not succeeded in finding and extricating him.

Britton didn't come back. It was said the little reception tendered the party by Mr. Tufts at his house, made such an impression on Britton that he decided to stay over as long as the "refreshments" last.

Here is a story illustrating what the Moore county sandhills will do under proper cultivation. Mr. Tufts said that when he began his dairy farm he made enough feed on a certain field to maintain 30 cows for three months. Now, on the same field, he makes enough to feed 120 cows for twelve months.

The party is indebted to Mr. McQueen, Mr. Tufts' assistant, and to Mr. Newmonds, of Southern Pines, for much of the pleasure and success of the trip. J. E. C.

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