

Is a Paper Devoted to the Upbuilding of the Sandhill Territory of North Carolina

Address all communications to
THE PILOT PRINTING COMPANY, VASS, N. C.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1926

SUBSCRIPTION \$2.00

SEABOARD AGENTS HELP SANDHILLS

John T. West Starts Advertising Campaign in Florida

John T. West, the division passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line, has instructed Florida agents to join in sounding the praises of the Sandhill resorts. He has sent to all the Florida men in prominent places the following instructions:

Here we are again broadcasting about Pinehurst, and Southern Pines to those of you in Sunny Florida.

These two resorts in the Sandhills of North Carolina are reached only by the Seaboard Air Line and are located about half-way between New York and Jacksonville. This past Monday we had a little inclement weather, but that was all cleared up three next day and the sun is shining just as brightly as ever and the visitors are able to continue their golf on courses that are unsurpassed in any section of the United States. The climate is bracing and invigorating, with hardly a day in the season that golf or outdoor sports can not be indulged in.

At Pinehurst, don't forget the Carolina Hotel, the Holly Inn, The Manor, and Pinehurst Inn are all open and ready to do business. At Southern Pines, the Hotels are all open and can take care of any guests that you can send them. Think of it, the Land of the Long-Leaf pine, golf courses, and all outdoor sports just a day's ride from Jacksonville, or a night and a day from extreme South Florida. Get the old schedule in your head, tell the people how to get there and what a delightful place they will find after they get there, and I am sure that we will have these visitors to these Resort points every year.

From Jacksonville, put them on No. 304, where it will be necessary for them to use automobile or bus from Southern Pines to Pinehurst, six miles. This train does not stop at Aberdeen, which is a rail connection for Pinehurst, but No. 4 does stop there. From South Florida, put them on No. 304 or No. 310; both trains stop at Southern Pines and passengers destined to Pinehurst can use automobiles over a very good sand-clay road.

You cannot beat the Long-leaf Pine section of North Carolina for a resort, and I trust that you will put them on the train, labeled Pinehurst or Southern Pines, and we will "do the necessary" when it comes to getting accommodations for them for the remainder of their journey. No trouble about this, plenty of space and trains running on time.

Another thing that I want to call to your attention, and that is the completion in the next week or ten days of the electric Automatic Block Signal System which we are installing between Hamlet, N. C. and Richmond, Va. This block signal system is the very latest and improved system of blocking trains, and advances the movement of all trains in a much more satisfactory manner than by the old manual block system. It is not possible, if these signals are observed, for trains to get together, thus eliminating the possibility of accidents.

We are operating now this electric block signal system between Raleigh and Norlina, distance of fifty-nine miles, and it is very, very satisfactory. As stated above, the line between Raleigh and Hamlet, distance of ninety-six miles will be in operation in probably ten days and about March 1, the entire distance of 250 miles Richmond to Hamlet will be in operation. There is lots that can be said in behalf of these electric block signals, but there is one thing that you can bear in mind and that is, they are absolutely safe, and our train operated by these signals are more apt to be on time, which is one of the features that the traveling public desires.

Give this wide publicity and send

the tourists up to the Sandhills of North Carolina.

Yours truly,
John T. West
Division Pass. Agt.

Mr. West also calls particular attention to the recent arrangement whereby No. 310, due at Southern Pines at 7:55 P. M. is stopping to let off visitors to this section from points in Florida. So you can see that the Seaboard Air Line is trying to build up the Sandhills.

At Southern Pines and Aberdeen the following passenger trains now stop:

South bound, No. 1, No. 3, No. 303, No. 5, No. 11, No. 44. North bound, No. 2, No. 4, No. 304, No. 6, No. 310, No. 12, and No. 44, making a total of thirteen passenger trains daily from the North and South.

No other Resort Point can boast of such excellent train service.

TOMATO MEETING AT VASS FRIDAY NIGHT

On Friday night at Rosland theatre, Robert Schmidt, of State college, and Mr. Mercker, of the Division of markets, will meet a gathering of those folks who are interested in planting tomatoes for the market the coming summer. The success of the venture last summer was so pronounced that a number of people want to increase

(Continued on page eight)

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD BOY WRITES BOOK

Carthage Family Have Grandson Who Has Gained Fame

Those who read the Literary Digest of January 2, may have noticed the review of a remarkable book by David Binney Putnam, entitled "David's Gorgeous Voyage." The boy is only twelve years old, and his book has made a great hit. But the feature

(Continued on Page 8)

TO MAKE SURVEY OF MOORE COUNTY

Dr. Sturkey and Dr. Holmes Will Cover County Thoroughly

At the last meeting of the Moore County Board of Conservation and Development a committee was appointed consisting of Richard Tufts, George Ross, A. S. Newcomb, Stacy Brewer and Bion H. Butler to meet with the state board at Raleigh and see if arrangements could be made to secure state representatives to make a survey of Moore county. The meeting was held in George Ross' office at the Agricultural department on Tuesday and the outcome of it was that Dr. J. L. Stuckey, of the geological division of the board, and Dr. J. S. Holmes, the state forester, were assigned to give to this county sufficient time to make a study of the timber and mineral resources, and the work will commence probably next month. These two men are at the head of their class in this state, and their reports will be comprehensive, and for the first time a county of North Carolina will have a positive knowledge of its resources of this character.

This survey will be followed by similar work in other lines, and when all the information is gathered it is the intention to issue a publication that will tell fully and intelligently what Moore county has to depend on in the way of natural material on which industry, comfort and other factors for human welfare may be established.

The State board was warm in its welcome to the committee from Moore, for as Moore is the first county to establish a local board this gives the state an opportunity to begin to localize its work, and to put before the rest of the state an idea of what the work means and of what value it will be when the information is gathered.

Maj. Wade Phillips, the head of the

board, and Dr. Stuckey and Dr. Holmes are all enthusiastic over this step on the part of Moore county, for it is a form of local appreciation that indicates backing the movement they have undertaken in the state, and they assured the local committee that they would stand by to the fullest extent their time and funds permitted.

Moore county is now about to take an inventory of its possessions and to let the world know what is here in this section, and from the talk that floated about in the committee room Tuesday it is apparent that when the information is gathered and presented in printed form much will be shown the county and the world that few have suspected. Dr. Stuckey says the mineral possibilities of the county are of wide extent and that many valuable and usable materials are to be found in Moore and likely to be developed before a great while as people become familiar with them.

CHICKEN CAR COMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12

Farmers who have chickens they want to sell to reduce their flocks will have the opportunity on Friday, February 12. The Little River Stores have arranged for a buyer to be at Vass at the siding near the station, where the fowls will be taken as they were last summer, weighed, loaded

(Continued on page eight)

SEVERAL SALES ON WEYMOUTH HEIGHTS

Buyers Go Beyond the Top Of the Piney Ridge

Last Saturday was notable in one respect. It closed the sale of Weymouth acreage at \$1,500 an acre. From now on the prices are fixed as \$2,000, and those who are interested in land prices may think about that a little. Land that a few years ago was

(Continued on page 8)

KIWANIS AT NEW PINEBLUFF HOTEL

Fine Place Won Approval Of the Visitors From Neighborhood

The Kiwanis club held its Wednesday meeting at Pinebluff, and the most conspicuous talk of the meeting was the fine new place that the creators of the hotel had brought about. It is no disparagement to anything in the Sandhills to say that the new hotel is one of the finest in this whole state, and that the management is handling it in excellent style. The public rooms are convenient and pleasing, the service is up to the most rigid requirements, and Mr. Smith is swiftly getting his grounds and surroundings in apple pie order. The compliments paid him by everybody, and some capable hotel men were among the visitors that day, ought to please him and his stockholders immensely.

One of the features of the day was Farm Life quartette, which won the diners at the start, and brought out round after round of vigorous applause by their ability to handle their songs and instruments. The school is in away a ward of the club, and it was proud of its boys who proved that the school is doing a good job.

One of the first things to come up was the subject of the visit of about 150 people from Maine who will stop in the Sandhills on February 18 on their way to Florida. They will land at the Highland Pines Inn from the morning train, and at 10 o'clock they will be taken to Pinehurst for dinner, and brought back there at 5 for supper at Southern Pines and taken to the train for the South later in the evening. The Kiwanis club asked for volunteers to bring cars to carry these people about, and will need at least forty cars. Everybody who is interested in getting these Maine Yankees acquainted with the Sandhills is urged to be on hand at the Highland Pines ready to help take out the crowd at 10 o'clock in the morning, for this is one of the best opportunities that has ever been offered to show this territory to willing visitors. "Take a day off and help this movement along," is the talk Sam Richardson makes, and he says it will be a mistake if there is any lack of cars.

Talbot Johnson announced a mass meeting in the Carolina theatre at Southern Pines Friday night at 8 o'clock, to hear about the proposed new hospital. S. B. Chapin, Dr. Brown, H. B. Swoope and others of the moving spirits will be on hand to discuss this situation, and Talbot says here is a chance to get a half million dollar hospital for this neighborhood, one of the most modern type, well equipped, and endowed with funds to carry it on. This is not a meeting to ask for money but to talk to the people about the prospect, and it is asked that the house be packed full, and the men at the head of the movement be given encouragement and assurance that a hospital is desired.

J. P. Gibbons, of Hamlet, was the speaker of the day, and his subject was advertising the counties of the community of which Moore is one. He said that the Hamlet Kiwanis club had undertaken to work out a project whereby the neighborhood counties might work together in this direction, and that while he knew this county had already started on a big project in that direction he hoped a general neighborhood scheme could be worked out that it could be made to cover more territory with more people working together for results. The large number of people who are interested in moving in some direction from the North affords a good chance to more thickly populate Middle North Carolina and he believes in advertising and getting a share of them here.

The successful dairy farmer usually grows all of his roughage at home and part of his concentrates, says John A. Arey, dairy extension special-



Polo Team in action at Pinehurst, where games can be seen on Tuesday and Friday of each week.