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INNOVATIONS AT THE CAROLINA

Over Fifty Thousand Dollars In
Improvements This
Year

The Carolina hotel at Pinehurst has undergone a decided reconstruction in many lines involving more than fifty thousand dollars of an outlay and bringing the house up to the last word in modern hotel rating.

The first and the biggest change has been in the installation of a sprinkling system that is most modern in every feature. Every room in the big house, every bath room, every closet, every stairway, porch way, basement, attic nook, under the floors and every other place that can afford room for a sprinkling bulb, has been provided with a nozzle that will turn on water automatically if the temperature in the vicinity of the nozzle rises to 130 degrees. The water is supplied from a tank that holds 100,000 gallons, and beside that tank is another one that can be drawn against if the case requires and it holds 200,000 gallons, while at the pumping plant of the water works the big engines and pumps are ready to maintain that surplus and pressure all the time when water is needed.

In all the hotel the ceilings are covered with spray bulbs, at a distance of not over eight feet from each other and this ration persists through the entire building. Not less than 7,000 bulbs have been put in the building, and each of them is self-acting, and wholly independent of all the rest. If at any point in the house a flame should break out that would create a heat much less than that of boiling water that portion of the building would be flooded as quickly as if dipped in the ocean, and the flame would be immediately drowned out. This is the most modern sprinkling system possible, unless something better has been invented in the last few days, and makes the Carolina safer as far as fire is concerned than any slow-burning or fire resistant building can be without such devices. It is doubtful if another hotel in the South is in so good shape as to be absolutely safe from fire.

But this has not satisfied the Pinehurst corporation, for a large chemical fire engine of 250 gallons is established in the buildings with lines of hose here and there on every floor, and to further fortify this engine a hundred hand extinguishers of large size are distributed throughout the house. Water buckets are handy on all the floors, and the big fire engine of the village is always alert in case of danger.

Still further precaution has been taken to ensure safety, for a new central stairway built of brick, has been constructed, in a shaft wholly apart from the rest of the house. Then to cut the one part of the house from the other the music and ball room has been rebuilt with brick walls, from the ground to the roof, thus affording two fire walls between the two divisions of the building. From time to time Pinehurst is rebuilding the walls of the Carolina in enlargement or alteration plans, and invariably a new wall is a brick wall instead of wood.

While the new sprinkling system has been under construction further modernizing of the building was kept in mind, and 60 new bath rooms were added, this giving a bath to every room in the big house. As this work affected the walls and ceilings everywhere the whole house has been turned over to the painters, and it has a new finish from top to bottom. Tons of paint have been spread, and all manner of rejuvenation has followed.

The Carolina is therefore one of the most modern and thoroughly equipped among the big hotels of the country, and ready to take care of the big business that is already booking for the winter, and which gives all evidence of being the biggest this part of the state ever cared for.

Little Stories About The Natives

By MRS. J. McK. HARRINGTON

A Large Reptile---?---In Eden

"The scent of a flower is a wonderful thing, it plays 'round the heart like the Zephyrs of Spring," is an oft quoted and favorite poem of mine.

How the odors of different flowers bring memories of the past. So does the sense of taste. Strawberries remind me of "Grand Pa's meadow, and the creek fringed by the willows. June apples carry me back to the home of my step father, and the home of J. M. N. Ferguson, who lived in the Little River section, near Lakeview.

Some time ago, my kind neighbor, Mrs. J. D. McLean, returned from a visit on the eastern coast, bringing home some delicious figs, which she very generously divided with me. No sooner did I taste them, than I saw at once—in my mind's eyes, the smoke house at grand mothers, where

I passed my childhood days. On one side of the smoke house grew a large and prolific fig bush with branches from the ground up.

One afternoon I was playing a solitaire game of hop-scotch in the front yard, and Grandmother came around the house looking very much excited and said to me, "Get back into that house quickly, there is an enormous snake coiled up in that fig bush, that could swallow you whole! I'm going for the axe and kill it." The axe was her favorite weapon of warfare—why, was always a wonder to me. She could shoot and once shot and killed a bird on the wing. I mean the bird was flying. She feared neither snake, ghost nor devil. She came of the old pioneer stock that was in America before the Revolution. When she was nearing seventy, I've seen her

bridle and saddle a horse, lead him to the fence, mount the horse and go cantering off to see a sick neighbor. I watched her through the window and when she found the axe, I ran out to see the slaughter of a snake that could "swallow me whole." "Get back into that house," she repeated. I obeyed, and stood on tip-toe, thrilling over that awful snake. Directly she came around the house wearing the strangest expression. I know now it was a baffled look, with a trace of amusement. She still carried the axe, but no snake was forthcoming. "Well!" she said, "I lammed away with the axe, and cut the old horse collar clean through." I went out and viewed the remains in two parts, of a blackened old horse collar stuffed with hay, rather disappointed that it wasn't a snake.

PASSING OF JOHN C. KELLY

Prominent Citizen Of Moore
Died At Cameron On
October 1, 1926.

John C. Kelly, aged 66, died Friday, October 1, at the home of his nephew, Hilton Kelly, on route 2. Mr. Kelly was a descendant of one of the oldest and most influential families of Moore county, being the youngest son of Daniel Kelly and Sarah Leach Kelly. His father and two uncles, Capt. J. M. Kelly and Neill Kelly, were killed in the war between the states. Another uncle, Rev. James Kelly, of Clarkton, died several years ago. Capt. John M. Kelly commanded Company C. 35th Regiment North Carolina Infantry, the 2nd company to leave Moore County at the beginning of the Civil war.

John C. Kelly was an honest, industrious man, a man of keen intelligence, one who gave his fellowman, a square deal. By trade he was a contractor and was noted for his excellent work. After his health failed, he went into the mercantile business at White Hill. He was never married. He leaves two brothers, D. B. Kelly and Hugh Kelly, on route 2.

In his passing, The Pilot has lost a true friend, as he has been our staunch supporter for many years.

The funeral services were conducted from Union Presbyterian church of which he was a member, by Rev. D. McD. Monroe. Interment in Union cemetery, where sleep many generations of his ancestors.

From nine brood sows, a farmer of Anson County sold \$1,200 worth of pigs and shoats this year and bought only \$200 worth of feed. He figured he made more money than any small cotton farmer in his community.

Two club boys of Pamlico County entered State College this fall and one boy, whose mother is a widow, used the money he made on feeding hogs to pay his fees.

One day's work in the corn field will assure a supply of good seed corn for next season and will be one of the most profitable days spent on the farm.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our friends for the kindness shown to us during the sickness and death of our husband and father, also for the many beautiful flowers and the kindness of Dr. Blue. MRS. LONNIE BAILEY and CHILDREN. Eagle Springs, N. C.

Bob Reynolds Measures Up

Hon. Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville, defeated in his race for the United States Senate by Mr. Overman, announces that he will spend several weeks on the stump doing all that he is capable of to see that Mr. Overman is re-elected.

The news that Our Bob will campaign for Mr. Overman just as vigorously as he did in the interest of his own cause, does not surprise those who know him. There is nothing about Bob that savors of the Pharisee who swears, when voting in the primary, that he will support the ticket and then bolts in the Fall in event every race did not result to his liking.

GEORGE MAURICE NOW IN FRANCE

Writes From Paris, Expressing
Hope That Proposed Legion
Visit Will Be Made

The following letter, dated September 20, 1926, was received from Capt. George Maurice, who is spending some time in Paris:

"Mr. C. J. McDonald, Carthage, N. C.

Dear Charlie:

I have seen in the papers that there is a movement in the American Legion to give up the trip to France next year, on account of the demonstration here against the U. S., etc. Personally, we don't see any of such feelings, and I believe whatever show there was, was caused by the foolishness of Morons who make fun of the franc, and behaved like hoodlums generally. I hope the local post will uphold the original plan of the expedition to France next year, and that it will be headed by John J. himself.

I have been wondering how you were getting along with the bridges, especially at Blue's Bridge, and would be glad to have a line from you, addressing me Care American Express Co., Paris, France.

Best regards to yourself and "the chief."

Very sincerely,

GEORGE H. MAURICE."

NOTICE

The Cameron String Band will give a concert at White Hill school on Friday evening, October 8, at 7:30 o'clock. Admission 25 and 15 cents. Proceeds for piano fund. Refreshments for sale.

GAME COMMISSION GETTING BUSY

Will Insist Upon Game Laws
Being Enforced To The
Letter

The Moore County Game Commission, of which Leonard Tufts is the chairman, met in his office recently and outlined their work for the coming season. At their request, E. H. Willcox, of Carthage, was named Chief Warden, and A. M. Monroe as one of his deputies. Another deputy will be selected to cover Greenwood McNeills and Sandhills townships.

At this time, hunting licenses can be obtained from the following:

- Clerk of Court, Carthage.
- E. H. Willcox, Carthage.
- Pinehurst General Office, Pinehurst.
- Burney Hardware Co., Aberdeen.
- Hardware & Electric Shop, Southern Pines.
- W. C. Leslie, Vass.
- D. P. Blue, Jackson Springs.
- D. M. Phillips, Glendon.
- Mr. Seawell, Putnam.

Deputy Monroe is now in the field. He has served in this capacity for three seasons and advises that he has placed licenses on sale at the usual places in his territory. When the other deputy is selected, announcement will be made as to other places at which these can be purchased. The Commissioners have instructed the Warden to see to it that the game laws are enforced rigidly, and in this they seek the co-operation of the general public.

"SAFETY FIRST" TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY NIGHT

"Safety First," an American farce comedy to be given at the school auditorium, Friday evening, October 8, at 8:15 o'clock.

The cast of characters follows: Jack Montgomery, A young husband—Landon Tyson; Jerry Arnold, an unsuccessful fixer—Fred Taylor; Mr. McNutt, a defective detective—Denver Thompson; Elmer Flannel, awfully shrinking—Leon Keith; Abon Ben Mocha, A Turk from Turkey—Robert Laubsher; Mable Montgomery, Jack's Wife, Pity Her!—Mildred Thomas; Virginia Bridger, her young sister—Mrs. Dan Smith; Mrs. Barrington-Bridger, their mother—Mrs. Sam Evans; Zuleika, a tender Turkish maiden—Eva Oldham; Mary Ann O'Finnerty, an Irish Cook lady—Nettie Gschwind. Admission, children 15 and 25 cents, adults 35 cents.

SCHOOL GRIEFS AND FIRE LOSS

Kiwanis Presented Two of the
Current Prob-
lems

The Kiwanis club on Wednesday at the dinner at Jack's Good Refectory listened with much enthusiastic interruption to Mr. Gardner who talked about the inexcusable fire wastes and Mr. Hutcheson who made a report of Farm Life School. Mr. Gardner in formed the members that the United States fire loss is annually about half a billion dollars, or five hundred million if that is any more expressive. In North Carolina it is about six million dollars a year and eighty percent of that loss is from carelessness. The causes are bad flues, bad wire connections, rubbish where it invites disaster, matches and cigarette, which are the most widely scattered, bad construction in building, and other equally inexcusable agencies.

This is fire prevention week, and Mr. Mason undertook to impress on his hearers the wisdom of trying out to prevent fires, and of thinking of the situation instead of hustling for so much money to pay insurance bills that are made very largely by so much carelessness in preventing the causes that bring about our enormous fire destruction. He also referred to the wanton destruction by vandals of the pine and other shrubbery along the county and state roads. Mr. McDonald had some signs to be posted on the highways notifying marauders that destruction of plants is a criminal offense and telling folks what to expect if they keep up such things.

The committee on public affairs reported on the advertising movement, and urged that it be kept up to last year's gait, or exceeded if possible.

Charlie Picquet got a bouquet on the fine work he is doing with the Sandhills Sixteen, and the forthcoming show, and everybody gave the layout a hand.

Then along came enthusiastic helper Hutcheson from the Farm Life School and told about what he is accomplishing there with the help of a few generous friends, including the Kiwanis club and John McQueen, the club having about \$1,400 in the work there this year, and getting good results. The numbers of students has increased and about as many are there now as can be cared for, but even at that the one ever present question is money to keep the work going. Boys and girls who think they are too old to go elsewhere to school go to Eureka and are made much more capable citizens and workers, but all the time the school is financially on thin ice. Most of the girls are becoming successful teachers although about 20 are stenographers and doing good work. Mr. Hutcheson thinks the school should be put on a solid footing by being made a county or state school, and asks the help of the people to gain this end. It is so useful that it deserves more than to subsist on the generosity of a few people, and its field is so big that it ought to be made so positive in its existence that it could serve many more than it does. The club is much interested in the school, and encourages Mr. Hutcheson in everything he does as he has given many testimonials in the help he has given the boys and girls who come under his hand.

NOTICE

The Health and Welfare association and the Red Cross will meet in the civic club building at Southern Pines, on Tuesday, October 12, at 3:30 p. m.

JANIE M. MacLEOD,
Secretary of Health
Association.

Farmers who plan to plant clover this fall are beginning to place their orders for limestone. One car was recently delivered to Alamance County growers.