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## FINE STAND OF LONG LEAF PINE

### Ten Thousand Acres in One Extended Sandhill Forest.

(Bion H. Butler)

A couple of miles from Pinebluff, three or four miles from Aberdeen, and perhaps half a dozen miles from Pinehurst is one of the most interesting forests in North Carolina, and it is accessible from any of these points by roads that are in excellent condition at all seasons of the year. The territory fronts about two and a half miles on Drowning creek, and is traversed by the county road from Pinebluff to Markham's bridge, the road from Aberdeen by Roseland to McDonald's bridge, and the road from Pinehurst by Pinebluff, Roseland or by the Manice orchard to Markham's bridge or other points farther down Drowning creek.

No more interesting roads than these are in existence in Moore county, which means almost any place. Just hilly enough in the hill region to be varied, and flat enough in the flat lands to get away with most of the hills. But in all quarters lined with pine forests of different ages, among the rest being the tract belonging to Dr. Alex McLeod in the Deep creek neighborhood, which is about the best example of what pine trees will do in Moore county if they are given half a chance. This timber of Doctor McLeod's would be a fine source of supply for a saw mill man, but the doctor merely says he doesn't need the money, and the trees continue to grow and to become worth more every day, besides lending their influence to the beauty of the Deep creek region.

Drowning creek flows along the west side. Horses' creek is on the east. And Deep creek runs through the heart of the block of timber land, which includes probably 10,000 acres, and possibly that acreage without a habitation. That vast territory is given over to the young leaf pine trees, and they are a revelation. Deep creek is a fine clear stream, rising in the Sandhills, and flowing all its distance through the sandhills, with a current almost uniform the year round, and never colored by mud or sediment. It is the largest stream wholly within the sandy belt, and one of the most picturesque.

Within this area the young pines are coming in all sizes, and they are in places as thick as if they had been sown by hand. In other places they have been thinned by Nature, but in nearly all the big boundary the forest is continuous, and gives promise of a vast amount of lumber in a few years if used for that purpose, or of a wonderfully interesting adjunct to the resorts of the county if by any means some plan could be devised to save the body of timber for that purpose.

The play ground that could be created in that extensive forest is a dream. It has all the requis-

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## FARM LIFE SCHOOL BOYS WIN IN JUDGING CONTEST

On November 3rd, eleven high schools in Moore and adjoining counties having vocational agricultural departments took part in a livestock judging contest at Pinehurst. Each school was represented by a team of three boys.

One class of four Ayrshire dairy cows were judged. Farm Life team winning first place in this class.

Two classes of four hogs each were judged. One class consisted of barrows finished ready for slaughter. The other class was made up of four gilts to be used for brood sows. Farm life boys placed fifth out of eleven schools in judging the two classes of hogs.

The Farm Life team was composed of Herman Seward, John McCrimmon, and Herbert Bost. Out of thirty-three boys taking part in the contest John McCrimmon was third highest individual scorer.

## Little Stories About The Natives

By MISS CONNIE CURRIE

### When Jim Von Cannon Turned Detective

Like every other man, Jim Von Cannon has his peculiarities. One of these is the desire to see his fellow-men behave. He behaves himself and he wants to see his neighbors do the same. Indeed, misconduct in his community becomes almost a personal matter to him and he thinks something should be done about it at once.

One morning some ten or twelve years ago, sleepy little West End awoke to find that she had been hostess to a first class robbery during the night. Some one very inconsiderate of the new plate glass doors and windows of the new McDonald store had broken in and helped himself to whatever he chose.

In half hour's time West End was agog. Every man in town found that he needed something at the store before going to work that morning. Every woman needed a little soap or soda, and teachers and pupils alike discovered that the shortest route to the school house was right by that sore door. Trade was brisk and good natured Mr. Ritter would probably have lost his temper by having to answer the same questions so many times had it not been for a feeling of importance that accompanied each answer. And when the train came in and it was learned that the train crew had thought they had heard the breaking of glass the night before and had tried to phone the Mims from Pinehurst excitement ran high. Everybody blamed the Mims for being such sleepy heads, but when later in the day 'twas rumored around that there

were probably two of the robbers and one stood on the outside with a gun to shoot anyone that interfered, everybody was glad the Mims were so fond of sleep.

Among the first to reach the scene of the robbery was Jim Von Cannon, and, of course, he thought measures should be taken at once to catch those robbers. "Now, I'll tell you," he said, but no one had time to listen to Jim tell anything. The gentlemen of West End were enjoying themselves, they had found on reaching the store that they hardly felt able to go to work and had stayed to talk so everybody was busy telling something himself. The store's supply of tobacco was practically exhausted that day (tobacco promotes thought; a man can think of what to say next, while he pauses to spit), so as I said before, no one had time to listen to Jim. Like Anthony of old he begged them to lend him their ears: "Now, I'll tell you," he'd say, but no one listened. After several attempts to gain the public ear he became disgusted and s'alked out. Then it was, as luck would have it he found the first clue. Just at the corner of the building in the soft sand was a track that arrested Jim's attention. True, under any other circumstances he would not have noticed it—but now every thing was suspicious and that was a suspicious looking track; 'twas the print of a sun-down looking shoe in the heel of which was a peculiar looking tack, some thing like the shape of a horse-shoe, and on this track Jim pounced

around the store and across the cotton patch he followed it—down the railroad track and on by Aumans—all day long that track he followed—sometime during the day others joined and followed with him. At last towards night the track led them to Mack's farm and there hidden around stumps, here, there and yonder they found the stolen goods—suitcases, shoes, ties, cigarettes, socks and what nots—and there, too, they found the chief—a slender, brown negro not over 19 years of age but an ex-convict at that.

What makes a thief? is it some peculiar twist of the brain? I know not, but sure it is that no amount of punishment will make an honest man out of a thief, even as no amount of hardship will make a thief an honest man.

Next morning it was noised around that the thief had been brought to town and was to be tried before Squire Morris. Once again the natives had business at the store and there they saw the thief such a woe-be-gone looking piece of humanity that more than the school children found it in their hearts to be almost sorry that he had been caught.

Thus did Jim Von Cannon help bring to justice the West End robber. Would he have been caught any way? Probably. Providence arranged matters thousands of years ago so that a man's sins would find him out. Now as to whether Jim was an instrument of Providence or not, I couldn't say.

## WORK PROGRESSES ON GOLF COURSE

### Crowd of Men Surveying and Clearing at Knollwood.

Donald Ross is making progress at the new golf course at Knollwood. A force of men is busy making further surveys and laying down lines for the work while more hands have been put on the clearing. The bulk of the work under way is on the east side of the water line from the pump station to Southern Pines, and is carrying the clearing for the fairways pretty well down toward the creek. It is also approaching the highway near the creek crossing.

The expectation is to have 75 acres cleared within the next sixty days, and ready for the plows which will then proceed to make the surface ready for seeding to grass and preparing for future use as a golf course. Warren S. Manning is expected in Pinehurst in a day or two, and he will probably be in consultation in the work of planning the general landscape effect to be sought in working out the plan for the work ahead. Mr. Manning has had a hand in most of the recent work in the Pinehurst and Knollwood schemes, and is thoroughly familiar with all the natural features of the whole section. His visit is looked forward to with much interest, for his big general plan for the whole Sandhill section is more or less the fundamental basis for most of the new work that is done in all the villages of lower Moore county.

## ABERDEEN LEADS

Reports just issued covering Tobacco crop and sales show that the market at Aberdeen is leading this section in both number of pounds and average price obtained.

## THANKSGIVING RACES PINEHURST

### An Exceptionally Large Field of Horses Are Here For The Winter Season.

What promises to be the most successful winter racing season in the history of the Pinehurst Jockey Club, will be inaugurated Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th, at 2:45 P. M.

This statement is not made without reason in fact. Never before has there been such a large and splendid field of both running and harness horses on the ground, two weeks before the first race.

The running stables contain over twenty speedsters, the majority of which are here direct from an extended race meet recently successfully concluded on the track of Charles Schwab in Pennsylvania, while others have arrived from the recent meet in Alabama. The runners are all new, with the exception of "Glasgow," who is back again with the expectation of repeating his feat of last year, in winning so many of the Annual Cups. However, there are plenty of owners this season who are already claiming that Glasgow will have to "sprint some" if he repeats.

The harness horse division is equally well represented with new blood and keen competition is assured at every race. For the first time in the history of Pinehurst racing, every barn is full two weeks ahead of time and the Jockey Club has been obliged to send out warnings to Southern race tracks to stop the inflow because of lack of stables. This, of course, insures a large field and an exciting race.

Every horse on the track will be "ready to go" on Thanksgiving and a record crowd will be there to see

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## PINEHURST HOUSE GETS PUBLICITY

### The Model Home In Saturday Evening Post Advertisement.

When Pinehurst builders set about to create a house that should be a model for this section they figured on an attractive building, but it is doubtful if they expected the house would attract the attention that it has won. It was hardly completed until it met the approval of a northern visitor at Pinehurst, who bought it and is now living in it. Probably no house in Pinehurst has been given the attention this one has received from everybody, for its purpose to be a model held an interest all the time.

This week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post gives the building a full page advertisement in colors, showing the house, as the work of Aymar Embury, the architect, and while the primary idea of the advertisement is to present the virtues of creosote shingles as they are used in the building, the prominence of the advertisement and its excellence in showing a fine house gives Pinehurst a bit of publicity that is agreeable.

It is a guess that the Pinehurst Warehouses have a finger in the exhibition of this house in the Post, for a couple of years ago the warehouses were rejoicing over a two-page advertisement in the Post showing a large number of pretentious houses in Pinehurst which had used paints from the warehouses. Harrison Stutts manages to sell things that have sufficient merit to bring to him this reward of recognition, and if his paints and shingle dips are good enough to bring Pinehurst three pages of illustrated advertising in the most widely circulated publication in the United States he is doing a good job in selling

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## MOORE CO. HEALTH AND WELFARE ASSN

### Hold Meeting At Home of Mrs. Suttentfield And Elect Officers.

(By Mrs. M. C. McDonald)

The Moore County Health and Welfare Association and the Red Cross committee held the November meeting Tuesday afternoon, the 9th, in the home of Mrs. J. H. Suttentfield, Pinebluff, N. C. The president in the chair, Mrs. J. R. Page, led in prayer. The various reports were heard. In Mrs. Hazel's report she told of five children she carried to a specialist and had fitted with glasses. The Shriners paid the bills. All of these children were very much handicapped in their school work as their vision was unusually bad and none of them could have had glasses fitted if some one else had not paid the bills. Our organization is deeply grateful to the Shriners for this great kindness.

Mrs. Hazel has since the last meeting organized one first aid class of ten girls; 2 home hygiene classes; organized junior Red Cross in six rooms in the schools.

She spoke of the baby clinic put on by the Carthage Woman's club and with which she helped. She would like to see a baby clinic in the county each week, also would like to have a junior red cross chairman for the county.

Next came our welfare worker's report. She and Mrs. Hazel visited together eight or nine schools. Seven rooms in these schools, six white and one colored will put on hot lunches for the children during the coldest weather.

Miss Eifort spoke of Christmas cheer for the unfortunate. She is already making her list and hopes no one will be left out. She would be glad to see donations of canned fruit and jellies sent to the county sanitarium.

Next came the annual election of officers. They are for the coming year: President, Mrs. Leonard Tufts; first vice-president, Mrs. R. N. Page, Sr.; second vice-president, Mrs. T. B. Tyson, Carthage; third vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Whitaker, Southern Pines; fourth vice-president, Mrs. M. C. McDonald, West End; secretary, Miss Presby, Pinehurst; treasurer, Mr. R. N. Page, Sr.

In this connection we would like to say that the time for the Red Cross Roll comes in this month. The Christmas Seal Sale will follow closely. It is hoped the different communities will push both and make them bigger than ever before. The amounts coming to the county from these will help to make up our budget and will go toward the quota of the place from which it came for either this year or next.

## FARM LIFE NEWS

For the past several days, Superintendent R. G. Hutcheson has been wearing a broad grin. And he has sufficient cause to be happy and proud. No many men are the father of three such handsome boys as are the Hutcheson youngsters, the second of whom, Fletcher Campbell, won the prize at the Sandhill baby clinic for being the best looking child there between the age of two and three. Fletcher is a perfect specimen of childhood with blue eyes and curly flaxen hair. He has never seen a stranger, and he is the pet of the ampts.

On Friday evening, November 19, at seven thirty o'clock the teacher training class of Farm Life will present a Thanksgiving play, Mrs. Tubbs of Shantytown. The play is full of clever sayings and dramatic situations. Those in charge promise an evening of delightful entertainment.

Mrs. T. E. Johnston of the State Department of Education paid the class a visit last week and inspected the work. She also spent one day with two of last years' graduates, Misses Strawda Hare and Florence Hinson, who are teaching in Moore County.