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S. A. L. PURCHASES NEW EQUIPMENT

Twenty New Steel Coaches for The Winter Travel to The South

Supt. W. G. Jones, of Hamlet, in a letter to *The Pilot* has this to say of the equipment for the winter tourist travel this year:

Twenty new all steel coaches of modern construction, beautifully finished, and containing all appointments of the latest type of railroad equipment of this class are now being placed in service by the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company. Many innovations have taken place in the construction of these new coaches whereby radical departures have been made from the conventional lines along which the majority of such cars are built.

Probably the most striking feature is the ladies rest rooms which have been installed in eight of the coaches. These rooms, communicating with the toilet, are spacious in size, having a sofa-like seat on one side, and opposite a wash basin, mirror, and shelf for toilet articles. The floors are covered with heavy inlaid linoleum. In addition to the ceiling light bracket lights have been installed on either side of the mirror, assuring ample illumination. An electric fan on one wall completes a well arranged room which is certain to win the approval of those making use of the facilities offered. The coaches which do not contain this large rest room are provided with an exceptional ladies retiring room, in which, is incorporated on a smaller scale, the principal features of the rest room.

Another noticeable departure from the usual, is the new color scheme employed in decorating the new coaches. The ubiquitous mahogany finish has been abandoned and in its stead lighted shades of blue, green and are unholstered in plush of harmonizing shades.

The floors of the main compartment are covered with a composition material while the aisles are covered by inlaid linoleum, giving a pleasing effect to the entire interior. Ample room is assured in the men's smoking compartment, considerable space having been partitioned off for their exclusive use. The new coaches all contain washstands in the men's smoking room.

Window screens have been made a part of the equipment of the new cars. These are so installed that the passenger can easily raise the window and pull the screen in place without the necessity of calling the train porter.

The length of the new coaches is 72 feet. The seating capacity of those containing a ladies rest room is 82 while the others provide seating space for 90 passengers. Six ceiling lights are provided in the main compartment while three similar lights are placed in the men's smoking room. Electric fans have been installed throughout.

Particular attention has been given to the construction of the steps leading into the cars. On the Seaboard's new coaches four steps are provided at each entrance, one more than is usually found. This additional step greatly facilitates entry to the cars, and the treads of the steps being covered with a special material, there is little likelihood of a passenger slipping when boarding or leaving the train.

The brakes are of the very latest type, embodying all recent improvements to both the air system and the mechanical construction.

Some of the new coaches are already in operation on the Seaboard and the balance will be received from the builders shortly, when they will immediately be placed in train service.

Demonstrations conducted by county agents show the way to better farm practices and have influenced the adoption of many new practices on North Carolina farms.

Too Much Blue Cotton This Fall

"The cotton problem is one I do not profess to guess out," said Alton Cameron, of the Vass Cotton Mills. "The crop looks like a big one, but it has to be remembered that much of the cotton was left in the field until after the rains began to come, and a big proportion is bound to be damaged by bluing. Blue cotton will not bring a good price in the market, and that lessens the quantity of the better type. Blue cotton will not serve the mills that make white goods. It can be handled in colored denims and things of that sort but they do not use enough of the total crop to make a market for all the blue lint, and it is going begging right now. It is a pity the farmer did not get this cotton off when it was prime, for the general type of lint this fall has been good. The blue cotton is not physically damaged a great deal, but it will not do in white goods, and that cuts its value away below middling cotton."

Mr. Cameron says the market for good white yarns is holding up right well, and while he is not making many predictions about the course of the market or the price of cotton he is not as pessimistic as some folks.

Poultry club members of North Carolina won over 100 ribbons at National and sectional poultry shows this fall.

By advocating a better balanced system of farming in the 40 cotton counties of North Carolina, the agricultural workers are cooperating with other states of the South to reduce cotton acreage and to put the farms of North Carolina on a business basis.

PLANS ORDERED FOR NEW HOTEL

Architects Given Final Instructions for Complete Designs

(Bion H. Butler)
Last week Lyman Sise, the architect who has done much of the important work at Pinehurst, was given final instructions to complete the plans for the projected new hotel at Knollwood. The building will be fire-proof, and the expectation is to have it superior to any of the Florida hotels, or in fact any of the resort hotels so far as is known. The building will be constructed in three units, the first of which will have 78 rooms, and embody all the features which the long experience of Pinehurst has shown to be desirable. Plans for the two additional units will be made at the same time as for the first, so that as fast as the patronage warrants the capacity can be increased. These two units will include 94 rooms each.

Richard Tufts, speaking of the new building, said, "We are building this hotel to appeal to the most fastidious of our guests, with a number of extra large rooms on each floor which can be used for parlors. Outside baths will connect with each room, and all rooms are communicating."

Since the announcement in the summer that Pinehurst would build a new hotel at Knollwood planning for the work has been active. Investigation of material, of construction, of detail pertaining to a work of this sort, have been going forward, and the surveys that climaxed in placing men and teams on the ground a few weeks ago to clear off the golf courses marked the progress of the plans. The final instructions to Mr. Sise to get the drawings and specifications in shape for bidders indicates the early beginning of actual construction. Work was commenced on the golf courses because the ground must be cleared and worked and settled and a cover of grass secured for next winter's playing but the building of the hotel will not be long in following.

RARE WOOD FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Phillip Rounseville Imports Material for New House

Phillip Rounseville, the archery man, is more or less of an enthusiast over rare types of wood. Naturally in building bows he has to scour the globe to find the best material, but he does not stop at bows in his collection of interesting forest products. He is building a new house at the Archery plant, and on Monday a truck came up carrying a load of timbers that had been imported from the Philippine islands. The wood is the famous Tamil wood, a dark, satiny, smooth texture that is remarkably attractive. The importation will be used as open beams overhead in the main rooms, and will give an unusual appearance as well as a bit of romance to the house.

The archery building of stone is one of the striking buildings of the Midland road. The new house close by is of tile and stone, one of the interior features being a big stone fireplace, of the same stone as the archery factory. With the novelty of the Philippine beams to harmonize with the big stone open fireplace the interior of the building will be romantic.

The archery factory is as busy as possible now, bows going out in all directions, and a large number are coming into use in the Pinehurst neighborhood as the folks are taking to archery with a good deal of enthusiasm. All this week is given to an archery tournament at Pinehurst, along with the other events, it is making its place in favor very fast.

With the many rare woods that Mr. Rounseville uses in making bows, and the new wood that he has brought here for construction in his new house, his place is a study in foreign forestry. Visitors are interested in the rare woods almost as much as in the uses made of them.

There are 300,000 boys and girls of club age on the farms of North Carolina. So far only about 20,000 are enrolled in junior club work.

Two hundred and twenty-three farmers sold over \$18,000 worth of products on the Hendersonville curb market during 1926.

MEETING OF D. A. R. AT SOUTHERN PINES

December Meeting Held At Home of Mrs. J. S. Milliken

Southern Pines—The Alfred Moore Chapter, D. A. R., held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Milliken, with Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Allen joint hostesses. The Regent Mrs. T. B. Tyson, presided. Roll call was responded to with quotations from Benjamin Franklin followed by the usual opening exercises and reports of officers. Mrs. Elms reported that plans were being perfected to provide all the county schools with copies of the Flag Code. It was an especially interesting meeting as so many welcome visitors were present and the following brought greetings to the Alfred Moore Chapter from their Home Chapters; Mrs. Huntoon, Mrs. W. Curry, Mrs. Sergeant, Miss Killer and Miss Williams. The next treat was a short story "Retreat," or "The House in the Horseshoe," by W. J. Adams, read by Mrs. Johnson and then a poem, in dialect, very effectively recited by Mrs. Seawell. The Chapter then adjourned and refreshments were served by the hostesses. The next meeting will be entertained January 4th by Miss N. Sanborn, Mrs. Perkinson and Mrs. Whitaker at the home of the latter.

Safety Thoughts For The Christmas Season

(By Stacey W. Wade)
The Christmas season that period of the year when joy and happiness should reign supreme and gladness never be dimmed by accident or adversity, is now knocking at our doors and will be here almost before we are ready for it.

At this time, before we enter into the preparation for the holidays and before the time we will be permitted to participate in the various Christmas events it may be well for us to stop and think quietly just a minute or two over some simple rules for safety.

That Christmas tree: Do not decorate it with flimsy material hung too near candles or lights. Don't decorate your tree with paper, cotton or any inflammable material. Use tinsel or other non-inflammable material for decorations and be sure to set the tree securely so that the children and even he "grown-ups" in reaching for things cannot tip it over.

Do not use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow use powdered mica or asbestos fibre.

Do not use candles, where electricity can be substituted. Even with the use of electric batteries they would be far safer than the use of candles. If candles are used let only the utmost caution prevail. Do not permit children to light or relight the candles. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead. Don't leave the matches within reach of the children. Candles are meant to be lighted and if children can get matches they will experiment with them. They imitate their elders.

FINE NEW COURSE AT KNOLLWOOD

Gives View of Neighborhood In All Directions.

The new golf course now in construction at Knollwood, adjoining the site of the new hotel soon to be commenced there, is an interesting spot in the geography of this region. The work has progressed so far that considerable of the ground is cleared and burned, and grading is under way in some of the fairways. From the top of the hill about where the hotel will stand one fairway sweeps down the hill in a broad open vista which gives a clear view of the valley and hill-top over to the Southern Pines water tanks and the Weymouth side of the ridge, and there the hillside of Southern Pines shows up to wonderful advantage.

Men and teams are working a transformation in a big portion of the hill side north of the Midlands road, and the piles of wood and the number of saw logs piled up near the road tell that some one had been busy. At any time now the work is interesting to look over, as the clearings have gone over several of the fairways, and the plan of the new course is very sharply outlined on the ridges and the low lands.

This new course will be one of the most picturesque in the entire Sandhills country, for it starts and ends so high on the hill top that the whole range around from No. 1 to No. 18 is a continued unfolding of the hill and valley of the country, of the pines and the wood land, the community settlement round about, besides promising to be an interesting piece of work to negotiate by the players.

Since the clearing has broken into the forest covering of the hills the idea of what the new location will be is much easier to comprehend, and now that it can be seen it is not hard to guess that about the new course will develop a section of the Sandhills that will be a conspicuous member of the resort neighborhood.

MOORE COUNTY'S SANDHILL RIDGES

Interesting Surface Configuration and Its Meaning.

The name of Sandhills is constantly applied to the neighborhood of Moore county in the townships along the Seaboard Air line railroad, but not everybody realizes why the name and what it signifies. But anybody who will take a map of the county and run it over a little will note that coming down from north of Pinehurst is a high ridge, with the valley breaking away to the east and to the west, and on this ridge the Norfolk Southern railroad travels for miles without crossing a bit of flowing water. At Pinehurst the road leaves the ridge and drops down into the valley at Aberdeen, but the ridge continues out by Midland farms, by Knollwood Village, and coming into Southern Pines climaxes in the big knob formerly known as Shaw's ridge. From Knollwood village a branch of the ridge goes out toward Mill creek and Niagra. From Southern Pines the ridge divides into two or three branches, one going out through the Edgemore region and toward Vass, and also sending off a spur out the road that leads to the Willis Young farm and Halliwell's place. Another branch follows out the old railroad grade Clark Brown made some years ago, and it is miles out that grade before a culvert was placed for running water to cross. This ridge leads out Indiana avenue, past the Grover place, through a tract the Knollwood company owns, and past the Butler place goes into the Fort Ergag territory. Another branch goes out past Connecticut avenue and holding north of the old Duncan Shaw house gets down to James Creek. A smaller ridge is that on which Mr. Merrill is building his new house, but while it is a shorter ridge it has such a central location among the others that it is one of the most interesting.

The tendency of building on these ridges beginning with Pinehurst, stands so high that it is visible for miles from all directions, and continuing along the summits, is seen in the extension of all the villages

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BAPTIST TO MEET IN MEMPHIS

Planning Greatest Sunday School Conference Ever Held

Southern Baptists are planning to put on the greatest Sunday School Conference ever held January 18-21, 1927.

The place is Memphis, Tenn. There will be five General Sessions and five Conference Sessions. During each Conference Session simultaneous groups will convene and discuss, 1. Sunday School Administration; 2. Young People's and Adult Department Work; 3. Intermediate Work, 4. Elementary Work; 5. Bible Work and Religious Education in Southern Baptist Schools. Those attending can decide which of these conferences they will be most interested in.

Arrangements have been made with all railroads to allow rates of fare and one half for the round trip. In order to get advantage of this rate it will be necessary to use the certificate prepared for this purpose. These can be had by writing to the Baptist S. S. Board, Nashville, Tenn., or B. S. Beach, Bonlee, N. C.

For further information concerning the conference write the Baptist S. S. Board, Nashville, Tenn. For hotel reservations and other local information write C. L. Montgomery, Memphis, Tenn.

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