

One Great Resort Here in Less Than 25 Years, Says Richard Tufts

Bases Prediction for Future on Record of the Past in Banquet Address

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furnished the music and Charles W. Picquet led the singing.

Mr. Tuft's speech follows: "My earliest recollections of the town of Southern Pines and of the village of Pinehurst bring to my mind a most positive impression of two very distinct and separate entities. The picture is on the one hand of a railroad track paralleled by two of the sandiest roads imaginable, scattered along which there occurred a meager collection of forlorn appearing buildings; and on the other hand of a handful of cottages held together by a wire fence inside of which someone was unsuccessfully trying to grow patches of shrubbery. My impression is that between these two rather pitiful, rudimentary resorts, there stretched an illimitable tract of absolute desolation, traversed only by a courageous little electric trolley. Nobody could for any possible reason ever want to go from Southern Pines to Pinehurst and vice versa and consequently these two communities struggled independently for the right to live.

Perhaps my early impressions have become somewhat warped during the twenty-five years that I am attempting to look back over. Be this as it may I think there is no better way for us to look into the future than by comparing the present with the past. Where Owey Farrey's trolley once pursued its lonely way, there is now located one of the busiest little pieces of highway in the entire section. Perhaps the most satisfactory feature of this highway is that its most common use is as a means of intercommunication between the two towns. This road is usually referred to as the only two-way highway in the state, as the path along which both communities are certain to develop and what is soon to be made a beautifully landscaped boulevard. To me this road will always be significant as being the principal medium through which the two towns are bound together. Whatever Midland Road is to become in the future, I am sure that it will be a greater and finer road if we can all of us remember it as one of those many ties that bind together two towns.

At this point a great many things occur to me that I should like to discuss with you. Because it would be impossible to do justice to all of them let me give you just an idea of what I have in mind by mentioning a few of these things and discussing briefly one or two.

Future Development

I have already indicated that we can get a better idea of the future by looking back into the past. Such a comparison, supplemented by an inventory of our present natural and manufactured advantages cannot do otherwise than conjure up happy pictures for the future. There are many phases which this future development will take and many matters that we shall have to be careful of. There will be a considerable development of country places and as these larger tracts of land are sold we shall have to be careful to reserve ample space for public roadways and public parks. The horse is becoming a serious threat to golf when it comes to taking first place in the Sandhills program of sport. If we are to have horses we must have bridle trails, and these trails should be made as beautiful as possible. Furthermore as we become a successful community we must not let this success go to our heads. We must always remember that our winter visitors are our customers and as such, treat them fairly and help them enjoy their stay with us.

There is another feature of this expansion that we must expect. Southern Pines and Pinehurst are two centers of development, two nuclei from which the germ of activity is spreading and it is only natural that there will be other centers, possibly many of them. We have seen a bit of this already in Weymouth Heights, Knollwood and the country club developments. There is a very good reason why this should continue, in that each development will acquire certain definite characteristics and these peculiarities will appeal differently to different people. If Pinehurst was the only resort in the section, Pinehurst would not be nearly so large. Many of our winter residents in Pinehurst were first attracted to this section by Southern Pines and then for some reason found more nearly what they wanted in Pinehurst and so moved over. The same is true of all the other places and I know of many Pinehurst people who have moved to Southern Pines or some one of the other development centers. This is a very

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healthy situation and one which we should encourage rather than deplore. If Mr. and Mrs. Jones are better satisfied in Southern Pines than in Pinehurst, I feel that it is infinitely better for them to transfer their interests by only six miles than it would be for them to leave the section altogether. I am not worried because I know that Mr. Jones will come over to play golf occasionally, and that Mrs. Jones will go to the races or have tea at the club.

There is another thing about Southern Pines and Pinehurst which it is important for us to bear in mind. The governments of the two places are as nearly absolutely opposite as it is possible for them to be. In Pinehurst we have a unit control. When we make a decision we have no one to consult because we are responsible only to ourselves. This makes it possible for us to operate much more easily and efficiently. We can spend more money where it is needed and save money in other ways. We are, however, at a disadvantage when it comes to legal matters, in that the law does not recognize a community of the size of Pinehurst unless it is incorporated. We are therefore unable to raise money for improvements by selling bonds and unable to tax the owner of property for either the cost of these improvements or the interest thereon. There are many other ways in which the method of government in Pinehurst is at an advantage or at a disadvantage as compared to the government of Southern Pines, but the principal point that I wish to emphasize is that because the differences do exist we must not misinterpret the way our neighbor goes about things. For example two men may do the same job wholly by different methods and yet end up at the same place. For this reason it would probably be difficult for them to work together unless each would recognize that the peculiarities of the other signified no more than his way of going about his work. Perhaps this is not very clear but it is the best that I can do toward explaining a fundamental difference between the two towns, which difference, in my opinion, is often overlooked and sometimes misinterpreted.

Knollwood

I find it impossible to close this paper without bringing up an unpleasant subject. Our two towns have been congenial bedfellows, to our great mutual advantage, with one possible exception. I have never been able to understand a certain undercurrent of opposition which has existed in the town of Southern Pines, with regard to Knollwood development. It does not fit into the picture at all. My first thought tonight has been to emphasize the great progress which the two resorts have already made together and to indicate that because we make a strong team, we are certain to go a long way yet. Without a true spirit of cooperation this would all be utterly impossible. Every house built in the Knollwood development means good hard cash in taxes and trade to the town of Southern Pines. With one or two exceptions every house owner in Knollwood was interested to go there from Pinehurst. The further expansion of Knollwood is so completely to the advantage of Southern Pines that your town can prove its business foresight only by doing everything in its power to aid and support the continued development of the Knollwood community.

In closing let me say that it has been a real opportunity for me to bring you this message tonight. There have been a great many things that I have wanted to talk over with

\$143,765 Is Cost of Running Schools Here

Instruction Takes \$104,000 and Transporting Pupils Costs \$24,411 a Year

A state bulletin announces the cost of running the schools of North Carolina as \$29,874,771 a year. This is at the rate of \$35.20 for each child in school, which is less than some of the Southern States spend, and greater than some of the others pay. Texas and Missouri are the only two Southern states that pay a total of more money for schools than North Carolina. The cost of the Moore county schools is given by the same authority as \$143,765, of which the state pays a varying proportion.

The division of costs as shown by the State Bulletin seems to apportion in Moore about \$10,000 to the general control of schools, including superintendent's salary, office costs, supplies, etc. Instruction is the big figure, reaching about \$104,000, and the next big item, \$24,411, is that which covers transportation of the children, library facilities, and the various minor features. Operation and upkeep of plant is small, falling under \$5,000. Evidently teaching and conveying the children to and from school take the bulk of the school money in Moore county. The figures do not include building costs on new houses, or interest on bonds or similar expenditures. Moore is thirty-second among the counties in the cost of bringing the children to school, Buncombe being first with a cost of \$100,000. Guilford and Wake come next with \$51,000 each. Richmond county, our neighbor on the west, spends a little more for teaching than Moore does, but gets the children to school for less than half as much as we pay. Ashe county, up in the mountains, pays more for teaching than we do, and gets the children to school for a seventh of what we pay. On the other hand Granville, which pays about the same as Moore does for teaching, pays almost twice as much for transportation.

DROPS DEAD AT WORK IN MILL ON ABERDEEN LAKE

R. A. Matheson, 65 years of age, resident of Raeford but operator of the grist mill on Aberdeen lake, dropped dead at his work in the mill on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased, a native of Montgomery county is survived by his widow, four sons, Dr. R. A. Matheson of Raeford, Dr. J. G. of Ahsokie, M. R. of Heighstown, N. J., and James of the University of North Carolina; three daughters, Mrs. Hector McNeill of Red Springs, Mrs. J. L. Warner and Miss Dean Matheson of Raeford. Also a brother and a sister. Mr. Matheson's body was removed to Raeford for burial on Wednesday.

JOHN BEASLEY ATTACKED IN OFFICE AT CARTHAGE

John Beasley, publisher of the Moore County News at Carthage, was attacked in his office Tuesday by Hugh Phillips, of near Carthage, according to charges preferred by the editor. Although but recently released from the Moore County Hospital, where he had been confined with a broken leg, Mr. Beasley is said to have fought off the man to the best of his ability. His injuries consisted of a badly injured mouth and the loss of a tooth.

The trouble is said to have started over the report that Mr. Beasley intended to publish an account of Phillips' arrest on charges of transporting liquor, to which Phillips objected.

SANDHILL SHRINE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS TUESDAY

The annual meeting of the Sandhill Shrine Club will be held at the Pinecrest Inn, Pinehurst next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, January 20th. This is the meeting for the election of officers, report of year's work, outlining the 1931 program, arranging for the annual dance and other matters of importance.

the people of Southern Pines and I only regret that at this time it has not been possible to mention more than a few thoughts that I have had in mind. Perhaps I am too much of a visionary but I have not yet been able to see where as resorts there is any overlapping between the towns of Pinehurst and Southern Pines. Rather in my mind, I find that one place is the complement of the other, we are different and in these differences lies our greatest strength. An alloy is often stronger than either of the two pure metals of which it is composed. Twenty-five years ago there were two struggling resorts wholly and completely separated the one from the other. Less than twenty-five years from now there will be only one great resort. We shall be wholly united the one with the other. Perhaps it is a vision—who knows?

THE WEEK IN VASS

Miss Helen Jernigan of Campbell College, Buie's Creek, called on Miss Marjorie Leslie Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. D. C. McGill, Mrs. D. A. Smith, Miss Agnes Smith and W. D. Smith were Sanford visitors Friday.

Miss Margaret McLean of Cameron was the week-end guest of Miss Marian Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Laubscher and family visited at the home of Bynum Seawell in Glendon last Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Griffin, Bryce Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Vester Smith spent Sunday in Hamlet. Two of Mrs. Griffin's little grandchildren in Hamlet are ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Janie Muse of Cameron visited her niece, Mrs. W. H. Keith, an evening last week and they called on Mrs. A. Cameron, Mrs. J. A. Keith and Mrs. T. J. Smith, three of Mrs. Muse's friends who have been on the sick list for some time.

Earl Jake make love in "The Old Oaken Bucket" at the Vass-Lakeview auditorium on Friday evening of this week. The old oaken bucket plays a big part in cooling his ardor.

Mrs. Mary E. Edwards and daughter, Mrs. McManus, left Sunday for Smithfield to visit Mr. and Mrs. Seth W. Lassiter.

Miss Bessie Cameron and Mrs. W. H. Keith were Sanford visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Clayton Evans entered the Moore County Hospital last Saturday for treatment, and is said to be getting along satisfactorily.

David Wilson spent last week-end with relatives in Hamlet.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parker on Sunday, January 11, a son, J. B., Jr. The baby weighs seven and one half pounds. Mrs. Parker, before her

marriage, was Miss Hilda Williford.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Vass Methodist Church next Sunday morning and the regular evening service will be held at seven o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Ball. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

A large congregation was present at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and the pastor, the Rev. C. A. Lawrence, preached an excellent sermon. A special selection by the community young people's choir was enjoyed.

Mrs. Charles A. Lawrence has been undergoing treatment in the Moore county hospital since Monday of last week, and her many friends will be glad to know that a slight improvement in her condition has been noted.

Misses Elizabeth and Jeannette Baget were hostesses to the Girls' Circle of the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening at which time a very interesting program on China was presented under the direction of Miss Neolia McCrummen, who in the absence of Mrs. Stacy Brewer conducted the Bible study also. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. R. G. Rosser was hostess to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. W. D. McCraney, the leader, was assisted by Mrs. J. M. Tyson, Mrs. D. C. McGill, Mrs. S. M. McNeill and Mrs. Stacy Brewer in presenting a program on foreign missions. Mrs. McGill conducted an interesting Bible study class to be held the latter part of the month.

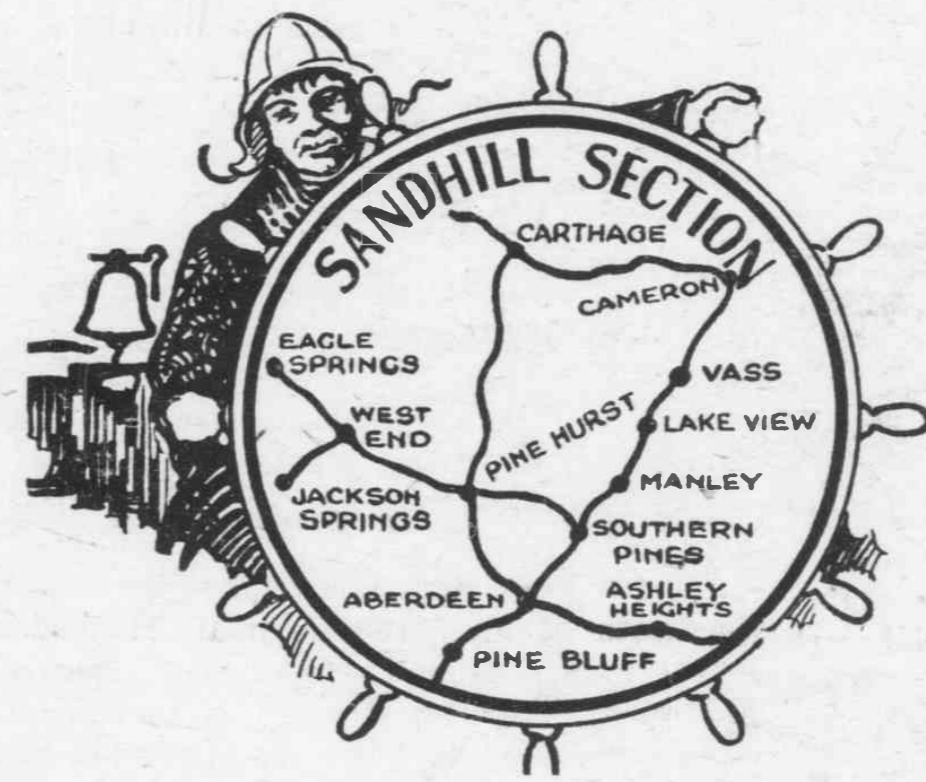
The friends of Milton Brewer will be glad to know that he has been feeling better for the past few days. Mr. Brewer has been extremely ill.

Home Demonstration Club Chairmen Named

The following County Chairman have been appointed for the various activities of the Home Demonstration Clubs for 1931:

- Community Activities and Publicity, Mrs. S. R. Smith, Vass.
 - Health, Mrs. J. F. Davis, Highfalls.
 - Food Preservation, Mrs. Z. V. Blue, Carthage, R. F. D.
 - Clothing, Mrs. Carl Gullede, Cameron, R. F. D.
 - Home Beautification, Mrs. M. C. McDonald, West End.
 - Poultry, Mrs. Joe Blue, Carthage, R. F. D.
 - Gardening: Vegetable, Miss Margaret Thomas, Cameron; Flower, Mrs. D. A. McLaughlin, Vass.
 - Foods and Nutrition, Mrs. W. G. Caldwell, Cameron.
 - Recreation, Mrs. E. A. West, Hemp.
 - Handicrafts, Mrs. R. E. Henterlite, Jackson Springs.
- For the Girls 4-H Clubs the following County Chairmen have been appointed:
- Clothing, Esther Hurley, Jackson Springs.
 - Food Preservation, Mildred Phillips, Glendon.
 - Gardening, Edith Blue, Carthage, R. F. D.
 - Handicrafts, Ruby Tillman, Carthage, R. F. D.
 - Health, Elizabeth Keith, Vass.
 - Recreation and Community Activity, Mary Ruth Harrington.

Arrivals at the Carolina hotel yesterday included D. T. Leahy, Lambert Smith of Millbrook, N. Y., Mrs. F. C. Lochart, Mrs. Levy H. Gates and J. B. Yerkes of Plainfield, N. J.; S. B. D. Gardner of Brooklyn, and Charles E. Murvan and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Beckwith of Brookline, Mass.



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