

New Maps of the Sandhills Reveal Interesting Topography Here

County Distinguished by Two Conspicuous Ridges.—So. Pines Highest Point on Seaboard

By Bion H. Butler
Rassie Wicker and James Swett are closing in on maps of the entire Sandhill country which are carried to such a detail that they will serve in that big job on national survey the government is prosecuting from Maine to California. One thing the new maps disclosed is the pronounced prominence of the Sandhill ridge that cuts through the lower townships of Moore county, and which afford the highest summits of any section in the coastal plains region of the state. The bench marks at the station in Southern Pines show that there is the highest point on the Seaboard Airline railroad between Florida and Richmond, and probably the highest point of the road any place until the Piedmont uplands are reached on the Atlanta division where the road has left the coastal plain and started into the lower reaches of the approaching mountain country. Immediately in front of the station at Southern Pines the railroad in either direction begins to drop from the high altitude of 516 feet, and that altitude is nowhere attained again on the main lines.

A glance at the maps shows that Moore county is distinguished by two conspicuous ridges, one running from the northwest to the southwest, the other cutting across from west to east near the center of the county. In the northern townships the drainage is to the Deep River, and all the streams flow in that direction. The south side of the county has two outlets, one by Little River to the Cape Fear, the other by Drowning Creek and the Pee Dee River through South Carolina to the ocean. The drainage of these two outlets divides by that ridge which enters the county at Ashley Heights, continues past Southern Pines, Pinehurst and West End and finally is lost up in the Samarand country into Montgomery county. On

Bang Peace of Southern Pines Upset by Mysterious Explosion on Tuesday Night

The coming of real springtime was announced in Southern Pines shortly after supper time Tuesday evening when the dull reverberation of an explosion shattered the calm of a peaceful eventide and brought an inquiring multitude from the solacing Camel to a common center in the square back of the Grey building on Broad street. There a still flaming incinerator announced the place if not the cause of the explosion. It is supposed that a can or so of flash light powder swept out of Putnam's Photo store was responsible for the salute and general commotion.

the west side of that ridge the streams flow to the Pee Dee, east of it they go to the Cape Fear. From Eagle Springs the east and west ridge goes out by Carthage to Lee county, the drainage to the northward going into Deep river.

The Deep River valley is low. Hills line the stream but they do not attain great heights. Except for the survey of the river itself elevations are not available to determine the height of the different places, but at the county line where the river crosses into Moore from Randolph the benchmarks at the tail race at Howard's mill show an elevation of 320 feet above tide, and about 200 feet lower than the station at Southern Pines. Carthage is 581 feet above tide, which is not quite as high as Pinehurst, while the summit of the Weymouth hill in Southern Pines exceeds 600 feet.

Altitude Valuable Asset
This matter of altitude is one of the most valuable assets of the Sandhills country. With the porous sandy

soil it gives the resort section of the county a high level along with its immunity from humidity afforded by the good drainage, for the fall from the villages of Pinehurst, Knollwood and Southern Pines is pronounced, giving the streams a rapid flow, and carrying away surplus moisture. The contour of the ground presents a diversified surface that appeals to home makers, for it permits a type of landscaping and park creation that is impossible in the monotonously level sections. Shelters against winds are found in the hill tops, while the interesting covers and valleys are picturesque. The outlook from the higher knobs is one of the finest things in the state, and especially as the forest growth is of the kind that adds to the picture. At no point are the hills too steep to permit the construction of roads that are agreeable to the travelers. The valleys are limited in their extent, yet from the higher summits the range of vision from one ridge to another is broad enough to be impressive.

It may not have come to the minds of many people, but it is possible to follow from Southern Pines up the

ridge that goes by Pinehurst, by West End, on up along the watershed between the Pee Dee and the Cape Fear tributaries through Randolph, Forsyth and Stokes counties to the State line, and from there through Patrick county, Virginia, to the top of the Allegheny mountains and along that summit to the Potomac on the border of Maryland without crossing a bridge. And to the southward the journey can be continued under similar conditions to the ocean through Hoke, Bladen, Columbus and Brunswick counties. Pinehurst and Southern Pines are on the summit of that continued ridge which is the watershed throughout that whole distance, the altitude rising from ocean level at the coast to over 4,000 feet in the Virginia mountains. Were I a young chap, with no more to do than I had to do when I was young enough to make the journey, I would get a dog and a knapsack, and some day set out on that trip. It would be worth while, for a great variety of the world is spread out in that few hundred miles, much of it under conditions that few people have knowledge of.

attended graduating exercises here Friday.

We are looking forward to the fifth Sunday in May with pleasure, for on that day the "Singing Folks" of Leaflet Presbyterian Church will be in town, and render some of their choice selections. The program will be announced later.

The Rev. M. D. McNeill will fill his regular appointment here Sunday, and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on that day.

Mrs. L. B. McKeithen, Mrs. Jewell Hemphill, Miss Mollie McKeithen and Miss Jacksie Muse were in Fayetteville for the day Tuesday.

NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK

The week of May 4th, as has been the custom for several years will be observed nationally as Music Week, when musical programs of various character will be given in schools, churches and concert halls.

Plans are being made for at least one musical event to be given during that week that will be representative of the talent in the Sandhills.

SLACK IN SO. CAROLINA
Deputy Sheriff T. N. Slack is attending court in Florence, South Carolina this week.

Cameron and Community

Commencement exercises of the school began on Sunday, April 19, with the class sermon delivered in a masterly manner by the Rev. Frank Hare of Jonesboro, pastor of the Baptist church. On Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, the Recitation and Declamation contest was held, four girls and seven boys participating. Miss Ruth Stutts, in a "Telephone Romance," winning in recitation, and Francis Thomasson in "Our Flag" winning in declamation. These prizes were presented to them by Miss Loula Muse.

On Friday Morning Judge George H. Humber of Carthage, made a splendid address on "The Pursuit of Happiness" to the graduating class. Judge Humber gave Biblical authority for every rule of happiness which he presented. Rarely has an address of this kind so pleased the people.

The Scholarship medal—one of the most coveted honors—was awarded Miss Virginia Cameron, while the D. A. R. American History medal was won by Miss Flora Phillips and was presented to her by Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, member of the Alfred Moore chapter. Some twenty members of the seventh grade received their certificates of promotion. Miss Jessie Thomas was salutatorian and Miss Flora Phillips valedictorian.

Diplomas were presented, by Supt. E. S. Temple, to the following seniors, who were dressed in caps and gowns: Andrew Muse Hemphill, Clovis McDonald, Flora Phillips, Jessie Thomas, Eula Flynn, Montie Pearl Bullock and Jessie Cooper.

"Miss Adventure," a farce comedy—was ably presented by the Senior class, on Friday evening to a large and appreciative audience.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church held a special meeting in the church Tuesday afternoon to review their missionary Study book.

Mrs. Henry Maples of Route 1 returned Friday from Faulkner, where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed Snow, for the past two weeks.

Miss Flora Cole of Washington, D. C., visited her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Phillips, last week.

Miss Mary Emma Thomas and Mrs. A. J. McRae attended the Teacher's Assembly in Raleigh. Mrs. McRae returned Saturday but Miss Thomas remained until Monday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gibson of Rockingham and Mrs. Loula Muse were supper guests of Mrs. Janie Muse and daughters Sunday evening.

Mrs. Pearl Joyner and children of Fayetteville spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wooten.

The following teachers have returned to their respective homes: Miss Inez Wannamaker to Holly Hill, S. C., Miss Mary Hentz to Spartanburg, S. C., Miss Flora Morrison to Louisville.

M. J. McFadyen of Fayetteville spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Flora McFadyen.

Miss Vera McLean spent Saturday in Carthage with her uncle, John McDonald, who is suffering from a slight stroke of paralysis.

Miss Louise Thomas of Broadway was week end guest of Miss Jessie Thomas of Route 1.

Prof. and Mrs. E. S. Temple were Sanford visitors Sunday.

Robert Wooten, Andrew Muse Hemphill, John Matthews, Pete and Jack Phillips spent Sunday afternoon in Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wooten spent Sunday afternoon with their daughter, Ruth, in Aberdeen.

Miss Ruby Wooten is visiting her sister, Mrs. Paul Joyner in Fayetteville.

Miss Lillian and Thurla Cole, Margaret McLean, and Mesdames George

McDermott and J. D. McLean spent Tuesday in Vass with Mr. and Mrs. Neill McLean.

The Rev. J. W. Hartsell is visiting his son, Z. V. Hartsell of Morven.

Miss Flora McLeod of Carter's Mills is guest of Mrs. Milton Thomas.

The Rev. and Mrs. M. D. McNeill spent Sunday with Mrs. Alex and Miss Mary Cameron of Manley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Warner of Lakeview were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McKeithen Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. R. C. Thomas had as dinner guests last Friday Miss Inez Wannamaker, her sister and brother, Jefferson Wannamaker.

At the meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery in Dunn last week, the Rev. M. D. McNeill was appointed delegate to the General Assembly which meets in Montreat in May.

Dr. H. O. Averitt spent Sunday in Louisville.

Mrs. G. V. Patterson, Synodical President of the Woman's Auxiliary, will deliver an address on "Living for Christ" to the Fayetteville Presbyterial next Wednesday, May 6, at 3 o'clock.

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Auction Sale

Saturday, May 2nd, 10:30 a.m.

PEMBROKE LODGE

in Southern Pines will be sold at auction to the highest bidder—Terms announced at the sale. All the furniture will also be sold at auction. This property is located on the corner of Bennett St., and Conn. Ave. Lot 100 by 100 feet.

Don't Forget the Date

Saturday, May 2nd, 10:30 a. m.