

Sandhills Building and Real Estate Activities

RAYON INDUSTRY KEEPS 300 BUSY IN MILL AT HEMP

More Than 200 Looms Operating to Lick Depression in Upper Moore County

SOME GOLD PROSPECTING

At least one spot in Moore county is not worrying much about the financial depression, and Edgar Brown smiles as he talks about Hoover prosperity. He has built a score of new houses at Hemp, and will probably build more, for the increasing number of employes at the Pinehurst Silk Mills at Hemp calls for houses as well as for hands. The 264 looms now in operation at the mills find work for about 300 hands, which number of people is recruited from out of the village as well as in, and not enough new houses are yet available and some of the hands live in other places and come and go in their cars. When the new management took hold of the plant last year 96 looms were in place. Since then a large addition has been built to the mill, making room for the extra machinery, and also enabling the plant to undertake its own throwing of yarn under its own roof, which employs a force of hands in that department. The expectation is that the number of looms will be increased, for the demand for the woven goods is active, about 90,000 yards of cloth going out weekly. This material is moved to New York entirely by trucks running on express schedule. The mill runs day and night. The whole product is woven goods, and the inroad that rayon is making on cotton cloth is apparent if you stop to think how long it is since you have seen ginghams used for any purpose. Rayon is the commoner textile.

Good Living Conditions

The mill at Hemp has been enlarged because various conditions make it desirable to operate at this point. Intelligent, energetic labor is available, and the neighborhood is one in which farm products are raised in quantities, which means that living is reasonably cheap. The mild climate enables the employes to live at less cost than where cold winters require much heavier clothing, more fuel, more expensive houses, and many other things. The rolling, hilly country with its excellent water, sunshine and air are conducive to health.

Many of the folks at Hemp own their homes, but a number of houses have been built by the citizens, so that the mills have no housing problem on their hands. More will be built, as the substantial status of the mill indicates a long life for the industry with its accompanying need of shelter far into the future.

Hemp is surrounded by a community of solid folks. It is from somewhat farther north that Mr. Hoover's kinsmen came and Joseph G. Cameron, for many years the picturesque speaker of the national House of Representatives. Quakers are encountered in the Deep River here and there, and with them the descendants of good English stock, Scotch-Irish, Pennsylvania migrants who followed down the Cumberland valley and the Shenandoah, Germans among them, hardy, industrious pioneers, who builded broadly in the wilderness and laid some of the most substantial foundations of North Carolina. The farms up that way are fertile. The fields of grain are generous in their offering. Many good cattle are on the hills. And many an odd dollar is tucked away in the treasury of some of the old householders against that proverbial day when it may be needed.

At the talc mines some forty or fifty hands are digging up from two or three hundred feet below the surface a couple of car-loads of the ground product that goes all over the country to meet a great variety of demands. Possibly the talc you put in your tire comes from Hemp, and possibly the white sediment you wash from your rice has the same origin. Maybe you put in on your face after it has gone to New York and come back with a fanciful name on the package. Maybe you use it for a hundred things.

Gold Prospecting

Not far from the talc mines several hundred thousand dollars' worth of gold has been mined in the days gone by, the old mill equipment showing at two or three places where the treasure was yielded up to the comfort of the older generations. A lot of gold is still in the ground up that way, perhaps in quantity to pay for



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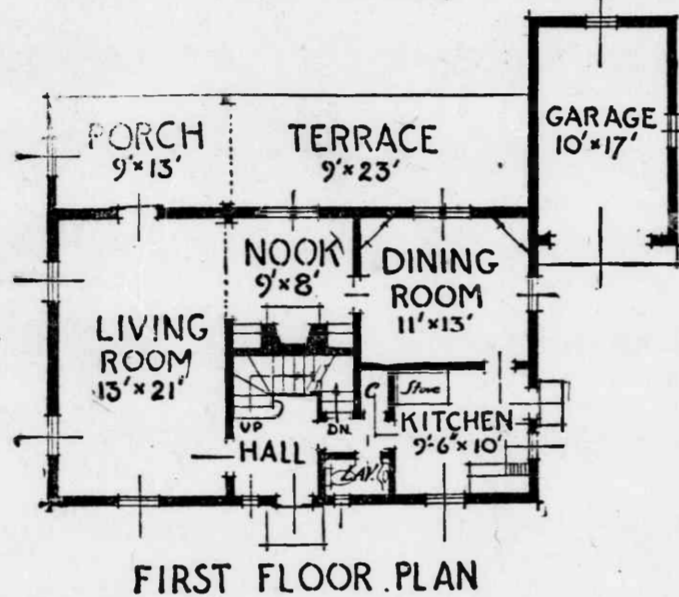
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CONSERVATIVE architectural handling of New England Colonial types of houses is always appreciated. It is the simpleness and plainness of these houses that make them so appealing. Painting of these houses is never a problem, for nothing ought to be used but white and green. And, on the inside, when it comes time to furnish, there are available in every furniture store just the right things to have. Complete harmony of background is possible.

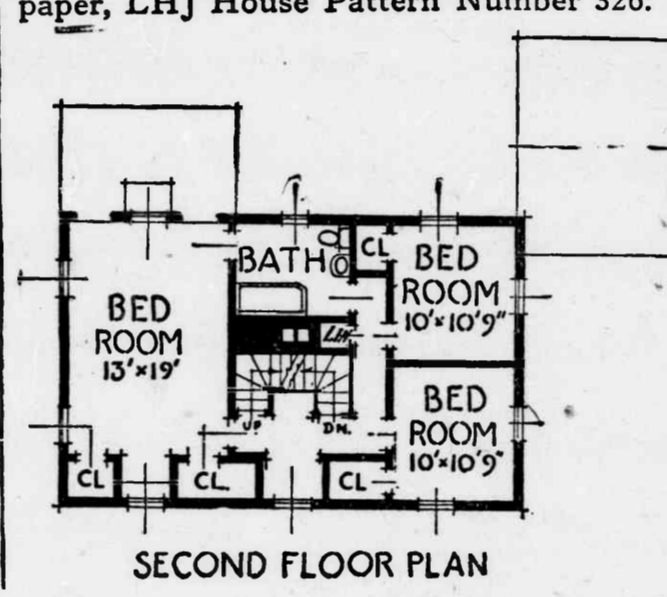
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architect, carries the proper traditions of its ancestors. And at the same time is so laid out that the modern family finds nothing wanting for convenience and comfort.

Complete building plans and specifications are available for this house for \$1.00. Included with the plans is a cardboard cut-out model of the house, architecturally drawn to scale. The model can be colored, and it will visualize for you exactly what the completed house will look like. Address your requests for plans and model to the editor of this paper, LHJ House Pattern Number 326.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

further mining, perhaps not. At the present prospectors are looking into the possibilities. For many years the shipment of poultry and other products from the Hemp country helped the south end of the county along, but of late Hemp has been providing the market for a lot of the country stuff, and the farmers are correspondingly happy. Hemp is happy in its good schools, the Presbyterian institution in the village working with the local school board in affording high school privileges to all the children of the district.

This is the community that is preparing to hold a fair in a few weeks, and to make that fair interesting.

Building Notes

The tearing down of the Southern Pines Hotel, destroyed by fire last Spring, will begin next week. E. V. Perkinson, contractor, has the job. Mr. Perkinson says he has some bargain lumber, bathroom fixtures, etc., for anyone contemplating building in the near future.

The new swimming pool constructed by E. Webster Knight II on his Bethesda Road estate outside Southern Pines has been completed and filled with water. The pool is hooked up with the Southern Pines water supply.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pavenstedt plan to move into their newly remodeled house near the Southern Pines Country Club on their return from Roaring Gap, where they are spending September. Mrs. Pavenstedt purchased the Herring house about a year ago and has made a number of changes under the supervision of Architect A. B. Yeomans. Austin was the contractor.

Dr. I. M. Medlin expects to be in his new office building in Aberdeen before November 1st. The attractive building on Poplar street is nearly completed under the direction of Contractor Pickler of Pinebluff. Mr. Pickler has a number of new jobs pending.

Prospects are said to be bright for an early start on a new Postoffice building for Southern Pines. All public building authorized by Congress is to be rushed to provide employment for the idle, and Southern Pines is on the preferred list. A site is yet to be selected.

SANFORD FIRM TO BUILD NEW PINEHURST SCHOOL

A. L. Boykin & Son of Sanford were awarded the contract for construction of the new Pinehurst colored school this week, under authorization of the County Board of Education. The cost will run slightly under \$12,000, it is said. Work will be started at once on a modern, fire-proof school building.

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On Weymouth Heights, where you have the neighbors you know you will like to see about you, where you have the harmonious surroundings that go to make the desirable community you look for when you pick your winter home.

On Weymouth Heights, the locations are being reserved, which says the best way to be sure always of what you want on Weymouth is to procure a building spot and have your own house for all time.

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