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## Southern Pines Prepares for Winter Season With Prospects Bright

### BUSY SEASON OF SPORTS ACTIVITY PLANNED HERE

Hunter Trials New on Schedule of Events; First Golf Tourney December 2.

#### TWO TENNIS TOURNEYS

Southern Pines plans a busy season of sports activities, and in addition to the varied golf events and occasional tennis tournaments the program presents the first annual hunter trials to be held here. Large numbers of horses are expected here for these picturesque events, as well as many of those which hunt in the Sandhills throughout the winter season.

The first golf tournament is slated for Saturday, December 2d, the Opening Sweepstakes at medal play with handicaps, 18 holes. Other events are to follow on the Southern Pines Country Club courses as follows:

Saturday, Jan. 6—New Year's Handicap. Handicaps, medal play, 18 holes.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10—Mid-season Match Play.

Saturday, Feb. 17th—St. Valentine's Sweepstakes. 18 holes medal play with handicap.

Saturday, Feb. 24th—February Sweepstakes. 18-hole match play against par, handicap.

Saturday, March 3d—Spring Sweepstakes. Kickers' handicap medal play.

Saturday, March 10th—March Sweepstakes. 18 holes medal play, handicaps.

Tuesday, March 13th-17th—Annual Club Championship.

Wednesday and Thursday, March 14th-15th—Sixth Annual Women's Mid-South Championship. 36 holes medal play.

The Spring tennis season will open with a tournament the week of March 12th, with events in men's and women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. This will be followed a month later, the week of April 16th, by a similar tournament immediately following the annual North & South tourney at Pinehurst.

#### Hunter Trials Innovation

The hunter trials will be an innovation in Southern Pines. Though this has been a horse center in winters for many years no formal equestrian event has been held and no opportunity presented for residents and winter guests to watch the fine hunters and steeplechasers which winter here in action. It is the purpose this season to arrange trials over a picturesque course to be laid out in the country hunted over by the Moore County Hounds, and to invite all local horse owners and others from Pinehurst, Camden, Aiken and nearby points to compete. A number of prominent stables, among them the Tharndale Stables of Millbrook, New work and Mrs. T. H. Somerville of Virginia have already signified their intention of entering their thoroughbreds in the trials.

In addition to the regularly scheduled golf and tennis tournaments there will be informal events off and on throughout the season. Archery and roque tournaments are also being arranged for devotees of those sports.

#### RECORD PROVES EFFICIENCY OF LOCAL POLICE FORCE

In all its widespread territory Southern Pines is well policed with its force of two men, Chief Jasper A. Gargis and C. E. Newton, the former on day duty, which includes the protection of children crossing the highway at the close of the school sessions, and the latter on night duty. Under their efficient guardianship the town in the past few years has suffered but little from the prevailing nuisance of resorts, petty pilfering, and the wilder element in the nearby colored settlements have learned that criminal acts bring them promptly into court. The police committee of the Board of Commissioners consists of three members, A. B. Yeomans, Charles S. Patch and Frank Welch.

### A Champion Sinks One on the 18th Green



Miss Helen Hicks Putting Before a Large Gallery at the Southern Pines Country Club

### At a Glance

Southern Pines has a Commission form of government with D. G. Stutz, Mayor; H. F. Burns, Clerk-Treasurer. Commissioners: Frank Welch, Geo. W. Case, A. B. Yeomans, L. V. O'Callaghan, Chas. S. Patch. Chief of Police J. A. Gargis. Chief of Fire Department, L. V. O'Callaghan. Tax Collector, J. H. Tilghman.

#### Civic Bodies

Chamber of Commerce—Dr. G. G. Herz, D. D. Shields Cameron, Secretary. Southern Pines Civic Club—Mrs. W. N. Hutt, President; Mrs. H. W. Gage, Secretary. Aberdeen Kiwanis Club—Herbert D. Vail, President; Arthur S. Newcomb, Pinehurst, Secretary. Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen are included in this Club.

#### Churches

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, at eleven; First Baptist Church at eleven; Church of Wide Fellowship at ten thirty; St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church at ten, week days at seven-thirty a. m.;

#### Schools

Southern Pines Public School, high and graded. Frank Webster principal, with fourteen teachers and an enrollment of 500. The Ark, a private school with Mrs. M. A. Hayes, principal. Grey's Kindergarten, Mrs. Julia Grey, principal.

#### Library

Mrs. Nellie S. Fisher, Librarian. Hours, 2 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

#### Banks

Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Miss Ethel S. Jones, Cashier.

#### Mails

Morning mail from the North at 5:00 a. m. From the South at 11 a. m.

Evening mail from the North at 5:00 a. m. From the South at 11 a. m.

Evening mail from the North at 8 p. m.

#### Railroad Schedule

New York—Florida Limited, leaves Pennsylvania Station 6:40 p. m.; arrives Southern Pines at 8:50 a. m.

Seaboard Fast Mail leaves Pennsylvania station 11:20 a. m., arrives at Southern Pines 6:57 p. m.

#### SOUTHERN PINES POPULAR RESIDENCE FOR WRITERS

Because of its proximity to publishing centers and its peaceful atmosphere Southern Pines is the chosen home of a large number of authors and writers, many of whom maintain year 'round residences here. Among the prominent literary men and women of the community are James Boyd, Struthers Burt, Katharine Newlin Burt, Dr. E. M. Poate, Walter Gilkyson, Bernice Kenyon, Ruth Kenyon, Ruth Burr Sanborn, Almet Jenks, Mildred Harrington, Ernest I. White, Ralph W. Page and Maude Parker Child.

### Sandhills Built Up From Barren Waste to Winter Resort Famed Throughout the Civilized World

How Can One Help But Be Optimistic of Future When One Reviews Remarkable Record of the Past in Local Development, Asks Mr. Butler

By Bion H. Butler

I have been asked my opinion of the future of real estate in the Sandhills, and in reply I laugh. I am an optimist, not because of any fanciful emotion, but because when I see a little spear of corn break up through the soil my years of observation and my slight knowledge of biology prompts me to expect later a developed stalk and a final fruition of grain. And that is my answer as to the future of real estate in the whole world.

I go back to my first days in Moore county forty years ago. The country was a sea of white sand from which the timber had been cut, and the name of "pine barrens" was perfect. The Boyd timber, then owned by the Blues, was the one attractive spot in the neighborhood of the laughably hopeful little village of Southern Pines, amusing because of the boldness and confidence of John T. Patrick in his dream of making here a settlement that might attract enough deluded settlers to create a community that would be of significance. No man who does not have a knowledge of utter barren aspect of this community at that time, and who cannot remember the apparent impossibility of any success for Patrick's dreams, can understand the future of real estate in the Sandhills, because he can not comprehend what has been done with what was then an evident dream that had no sensible grounds for anticipation of reality.

#### Greeted by Desolation

My wife and I landed from the caboose of a freight train on February night about 11 o'clock, with a brilliant moon shining on the white sand of Patrick's little village, and the picture was one that painters try to give us of Paradise. A boundless sea of white sand for miles along the railroad, a small group of nondescript houses by the side of tracks made by wagons in the sand, two or three belated villagers waiting to see the train drag in, Capt. Clarke with his two-horse buggy to haul us two squares down to his house. But what a night, and what a sky, and what a moon, and stars that left no doubt of the melodies when morning stars sang together in the early days of creation.

There, surrounded by what by all rules should have been the climax of desolation, we beheld a certain delectable region that was outside of our understanding to realize or to determine. When we went back to our home in Pennsylvania a couple of weeks later my wife had fixed her mind on a tract of a couple of hundred acres

and we bought it and live on it now. Whenever the question of a possible removal to some other quarter of the globe comes up the family, even to Nancy, the dog, says not so. We bought two hundred acres of cut-over timber land, a crime against God Almighty, for nothing in the world is more desolate than cut-over timber land. We paid about two dollars and a half an acre, and taxes ever since and several times the purchase price. But God is good, and trees have grown again on much of the place, which is a point to remember. Forty years ago the policy of man was destructive to this territory. Lumbering was the business and turpentine and resin and tar and the resulting desolation, and it was desolation.

#### The Vision Expands

Then the timber was cut, and Patrick came with his visions and began the absurd job of building what we see now on the foundations he laid. Allison Francis Page, a bold pioneer and prophet, diverted some of the product of his lumber mills to the building of a hotel in Southern Pines, and he was followed later by James Tufts, of Boston, who set a stake in the middle of a pine barren area over on the summit of the mountain of desolation between Horse Creek and Joe's Fork, and there began another dream of the impossible.

Thus the thing started. Wise men laughed at the folly of the fools who undertook to conjure a paradise in the land that had been created a barren sandy ridge, raped by the lumberman, abandoned by the original owners, away from everywhere except for the lonely wood-burning little locomotive that jiggered up and down the rusty sand-ballasted track frequently enough to haul out the lumber and turpentine and such passengers as happened along. But the foolish builders had sufficient power of vision to see what the wise men overlooked—that matchless climate, the charm of these little mountains, the possible escape from the rigor of the Northern

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#### LARGEST ARTILLERY POST IN U. S. LOCATED IN SANDHILLS

Within an hour's drive by motor from Southern Pines is the largest artillery post in America, Fort Bragg, where thousands of troops are stationed and where the government maintains a reservation of hundreds of thousands of acres for artillery practice.

### All in Readiness for Influx of Visitors Seeking Escape from Rigors of Cold North

#### R. R. Fares Cut

Reduction of 44 Percent, Plus Lower Hotel Rates, Should Spell Big Season

If all goes as expected, rates on the Seaboard Air Line Railway will be reduced 44 per cent next month, just in time for the heavy winter travel to the Sandhills.

With railroad fares down and hotel rates reduced, prospects were never brighter for a big season in Southern Pines.

Oh yes, there are those who say they won't come to a dry state—but they probably have never been here. The climate is dry—we'll confess that much.

Mid-South Resort Has Much To Offer in Climate, Sports and Accessibility

#### TOWN A THING OF BEAUTY

By Howard F. Burns

Another season is on and Southern Pines is ready for its influx of visitors seeking escape from the rigors of northern climes.

This friendly village is fast being recognized as one of the foremost winter resorts of the South. Located on the main line of the Seaboard Air Line Railway halfway between New York and Florida, it is within one night of any of the principal cities of the East. It has a climate that is as nearly equable as any place on earth. It is a place where tourists meet to renew acquaintances and to join in a variety of activities in the field of outdoor sports. The village is in the heart of the North Carolina long leaf pine belt. Three hundred fifty miles south of Washington, it is on Federal Highway No. 1, the all-paved route from the North to the South.

Southern Pines is a village of culture enjoying a patronage of winter visitors who return each season. The winter colony includes many of the nation's most prominent authors and writers who own large estates.

Southern Pines is becoming noted for its clean streets, grassy parkways and abundance of shrubbery. It is now recognized as one of the most beautiful towns in the South. Visitors drive from distant points to admire the dogwood of Spring. The Autumn season is rich with radiant colors of the woodlands. The blossoms of springtime can be compared in beauty to the apple blossoms of the Shenandoah Valley and the cherry blossoms in Washington. The town is surrounded with large forests of virgin pine free from the axes of lumbermen. It is here that Mother Nature is in her splendor and lovers of outdoors enjoy the singing of birds as well as the beauty of the woods.

#### Winter Golfing Center

Southern Pines is in the heart of the greatest golfing center in the country. Within five miles are to be found nine very fine golf courses with three spacious country clubs. The courses were designed by Donald J. Ross who makes his home here in the Sandhills. The nation's golf stars gather on the tricky courses each year to defend their titles. It was on the links here in the Sandhills that George T. Dunlap, Jr., national amateur champion, learned the game and he now spends most of his time here during the winter.

With a mild climate and sandy soil, the horse takes a leading part in resort life. The woodlands are dotted with many scenic trails and here and there are to be found old fashioned rail fences. Fox hunting is another of the colorful winter sports that is taking the lead in the field of hunting. Here is to be found an abundance of quail and turkey that offers thrills to the sportsman who gather for a week of shooting. Deer are plentiful along the Little River section of the county. A number of tennis tournaments are scheduled for this winter and spring, and enthusiasts will gather on the sand-clay courts. Archery is also prominent on the calendar of sports and polo attracts large galleries. The sportsman of moderate circumstance as well as the capitalist has no trouble in finding his favorite pastime. Things here tend to moderation. Even winter has just enough tang to make outdoor life ideal.

#### Reduced Rates at Hotels

Southern Pines has many fine hotels that are offering exceptionally low rates this season. They are close enough in to be convenient to the business section but far enough away

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### COMMERCE BODY AIDES IN GUIDING DESTINY OF CITY

Largely Responsible for Planting Program and Many Community Improvements

An organization in Southern Pines which keeps in close touch with civic needs, watches out for essential improvements, endeavors to keep the town growing normally and in the right manner, is the Chamber of Commerce, a body of men and women of the community interested in seeing that Southern Pines is maintained as "An Ideal Town."

The Chamber of Commerce has been largely responsible for the planting program which over a long period of years has encompassed practically the entire village and territory immediately surrounding. It deals with problems of streets and highways, of railroad service, of conventions, of hotel accommodations—in short, of all those things which make for the reputation of the community as a fall, winter and spring resort. It works in close harmony with the city and county officials.

The organization meets annually over the banquet table, with some prominent State or government official as the guest of honor and speaker. This event is a general get-together of the residents of the community, one look forward to throughout the year by the citizenry. At this meeting directors for the new year are elected, these directors in turn electing the officers.

Dr. George G. Herr is now president of the Chamber of Commerce, with Hiram Westbrook vice president and Shields Cameron secretary and treasurer. The present directors are W. L. Baker, P. F. Buchan, Struthers Burt, Shields Cameron, R. L. Chandler, L. T. Clark, Walter Gilkyson, R. L. Hart, Dr. Herr, Nelson C. Hyde, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, J. A. MacPherson, A. Montesanti, George C. Moore, Dr. W. C. Mudgett, M. G. Nichols, Frank Pottle, E. W. Reinecke, S. B. Richardson, Dr. R. P. Shepard, C. J. Simons, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, Carl G. Thompson, Hiram Westbrook and J. M. Windham.

#### UNEMPLOYED AND RELIEF EFFICIENTLY MANAGED

Problems of unemployment and relief, in the forefront during the past few years here as well as throughout the country, are cared for directly in Southern Pines by the Committee on Relief headed by E. W. Reinecke. This committee looks after the allotment of federal and State funds and food, endeavors to procure employment for those in need and succor for those in distress. It is a well managed organization and conditions in the section are improving through the efficient efforts of this committee.