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Winter Season Opens Auspiciously in Southern Pines and Sandhills

THE PLACES TO GO AND THE THINGS TO SEE IN SANDHILLS

Historical and Scenic Points of Interest Around Southern Pines Numerous

SETTLED BY THE SCOTCH

By Blon H. Butler

"Tell us something about the historical points of The Sandhills and how to find and see them," is a suggestion from a Pilot reader who is interested in a section to which he has come a stranger. Now he means well, but he sets a task that is like the wound of Mercurio, as deep as a well and as broad as a barn door. For history is as old as time and its records are rarely definite, and not always measurable.

Moore county is interesting in its peculiar relation to the early days of the white man in this particular section, for it has been the meeting place of different peoples, like the valley of the Euphrates, where at Nineveh, at Babylon, at Ur in Chaldea, one after another the primitive nationalities touched elbows with each other, succeeded one another, left their impress on the country, Hamite, Assyrian, Macedonian, Israelite, and all the folks that get their names in history.

A common expression in this state is "pure Anglo-Saxon," but that appeals to me like pure hash, or pure anything else made from a mixture of various ingredients, for North Carolina has but little strictly pure stock of any sort. For even the Scotch, which has held its lineage more rigidly perhaps than any other original migrant here from the old world, has its mixtures of ancestry.

But Moore county is not Scotch, nor any other one thing, for this county is the meeting point of two separate Scotch movements of population, one direct from the coasts of Scotland, and the other, that great group which coming first to Ireland reached North Carolina by way of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, which is the mother of Presbyterianism in Moore and the surrounding counties.

In Revolutionary Days

Also into Moore came the Pennsylvania German settlers, the Quakers, and a sprinkling of English, the pottery community up at Jugtown in the northern boundary of Moore, being one of the most striking representatives. There is one interesting historical spot. The Quaker region at High Falls where the Woodys made a highly interesting community for a long period, and other points up and down the river that show Quaker contact, is another area that is historically of much interest. Also that section is woven in with the story of the Revolution, for at Cox's Mills as well as in the Horse-shoe, much clashing and contact of the two armies with each other are recorded. Cox's Mills are just across the river above Hemp, and there the armies of DeKalb assembled on their way to the battle of Camden, and there Fanning made headquarters, and there the troops coming down to help Greene waited a while before moving onto the Cheraw down in the edge of South Carolina before Greene started on his campaign that wound up with the destruction of the army of Cornwallis at Greensboro.

The whole south side of the county was the scene of Sherman's march in 1865. Kilpatrick's cavalry corps passing south of Pinehurst, through Southern Pines, and eastward, with the infantry skirting the south side of the county, the Fourteenth corps crossing the corner of the county near the old Buchanan plantation on Drowning Creek and the Twentieth corps a short distance farther down the creek. Wheeler's cavalry came down the roads of the Little River valley, protecting Johnson's confederate infantry that approached from Carthage.

The Morganton, the Yadkin and (Please turn to Page 6)

Southern Pines in Dogwood Blossom Time



But Handful of Survivors of Early Settlers of 'Vineland,' Forerunner of Southern Pines

John T. Patrick's "Folly" in Attempting to Build a Village in the Sand. "Where a Peavine Will Not Grow and a Grapevine Cannot Sprout," Proved Vision Greater Than That of His Critics

By Charles Macauley

Southern Pines has passed the full half century mark since the days when its founder surveyed its streets and avenues-to-be, and the forerunners of the coming tide of immigration from the north changed its name from Vineland to "The Southern Pines." In fact there is but a brief span before celebrating its half century of incorporation in 1887. Naturally the greater number of these early settlers who aided in shaping the destinies of the town have passed to their eternal resting place, leaving but a handful of survivors.

And of these not all now live here, though many return for seasonal visits. We shall treat only of those who came here prior to the turn of the century.

When John T. Patrick conceived the idea of founding a town in the Sandhills, then known to most citizens of North Carolina as the "Pine Barrens," and described in print by Col. John D. Cameron: "We know that section as we do Fayetteville street in Raleigh. There is no more barren or poverty-stricken belt in the state except Mt. Misery near Wilmington, yet to this region Mr. Patrick has given the name of Southern Pines, a place where a peavine will not grow, and a grape vine cannot sprout; a sand bank where even the thinly scattered pine trees are stunted, and the black jacks are dwarfed, where the wire grass stands in scattered clumps, few and far between, and the white sand is marked with drifts of pine straw washed together by the summer floods that are not swallowed up by the thirsty desert."

His vision was greater than that of his critics, as it did not take long for his pioneers to cover the sand with a new growth, of which surprisingly enough, grapes predominated.

Boyd's Preserved Forest

The immediate site of the village was barren enough, having passed through the successive stages of turpentine and lumbering. There was nothing left but the reforestation begun by the blackjacks, the outstanding exception being the fine growth of long leafed pines afterward preserved by the Boyds. Within the present limits of the town the only resident proprietors from Colonial days had been the ancient McNeill, long since gone, and Charles C. Shaw, with a grant in 1820. His original building was located under Tilghman's hill, and in 1842 he erected the home

we still know as the "Old Shaw House." And there in the time of Patrick's coming lived Charles W. Shaw and his family comprising at that period two sisters, Mary Jane and Christian Shaw; his second wife, the widow of Daniel Blue; her sons Archibald and Daniel, and the children of Charles, Hattie and Kitty, William and John.

W. O. Robinson had "turpented" the Shaw lands west of the railroad track, selling in turn to Buchan and Bland who were lumbering off the pines. They had placed a small dam on the easterly prong of McDeed's Creek to supply water for their saw mill, this later becoming Lake Lauradale, by the Piney Woods hotel. Salter Marks, an employee, lived about on the site of the present Mills house on West Broad street. H. A. Bland lived in a small house, now part of the rear of the C. T. Patch residence, and with the Shaws comprised the permanent population found by Patrick. So wild was the territory that Mr. Marks many times observed flocks of turkeys about the Piney Woods site, and deer about the Boiling Spring. In point of residence Mr. Marks is now the oldest settler in Southern Pines, and probably the oldest in years.

Within the year four of our pioneers and long time residents have died, Charles B. Grout in May, C. J. J. Sadler in July, William F. Junge in October, and Thomas S. Burgess this month.

The Early Pioneers

Charles B. Grout and wife came from Wilson, N. Y., in February, 1886, and were entertained in Patrick's Hotel, a modest frame building then standing on the site of the present Thrower Pharmacy, quaintly painted with lime and molasses, and papered with whatever newspapers came to hand. Mr. Grout served two terms (Please turn to page 2)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE IS BUREAU OF INFORMATION

The office of the City Clerk serves as a Bureau of Information in Southern Pines, Housed in the Municipal Building on East Broad street, it is conveniently located for tourist information for those passing through as well as for information pertaining to hotels, boarding houses and residences for sale and rent. Howard Burns, City Clerk, is in charge.

The Southern Pines Library is also located in the Municipal Building. Mrs. Park Fisher is the librarian.

MANY EVENTS ON SOUTHERN PINES SPORTS SCHEDULE

Activities Start With Equestrian Gymkhana Day After Thanksgiving

GOLF, TENNIS TOURNEYS

One of the busiest seasons in sports in history is promised for Southern Pines this winter, the program covering golf, tennis, roque, shuffleboard, baseball, riding and equestrian events, with the features of Spring Festival Week in April winding up the activities. The opening event is scheduled for Friday, November 30th, the day after Thanksgiving, the first of a series of equestrian gymkhanas at the new Horse Show grounds.

There are nine golf tournaments listed for the winter, three tennis events, one of which calls for the appearance here of college teams from the state; hunter trials on March 23d, a baseball game between Duke and Davidson during Spring Festival Week, and regular roque and shuffleboard events throughout the winter.

The winter's sports program as scheduled will be as follows:

GOLF

Saturday, January 5— New Year's Handicap Tournament, 18 holes, medal play.

Saturday, February 16— St. Valentine's Sweepstakes, 18 holes, medal play with handicaps.

Saturday, February 23— February Sweepstakes, 18 holes, match play against par, handicap.

Saturday, March 2— Spring Sweepstakes. Kickers' Handicap, medal play.

Saturday, March 9— March Sweepstakes. 18 holes medal play with handicaps.

Tuesday, March 18-23— Annual Club Championships.

Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5— Seventh Annual Women's Mid-South Championship, 36 holes, medal play.

Saturday morning, April 13— Collegiate Golf Tournament with teams from Duke University, University of North Carolina, North Carolina State College, Davidson College and others.

(Note—Silver Trophy for low score made on No. 1 course, Southern Pines Country Club, during Spring Blossom Festival Week, April 8th-13th, 1935.)

BASEBALL

Saturday afternoon, April 13— Duke University vs. Davidson College on Southern Pines diamond.

TENNIS

Week of March 11— Spring Tournament in Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

Saturday, April 13— Tennis Matches, North Carolina (Please turn to page 8)

Prospects Bright for One of Busiest Periods in Village History

At a Glance

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

Civic Bodies

Chamber of Commerce—Nelson C. Hyde, president; D. D. Shields, Cameron, secretary. Southern Pines Civic Club—Mrs. W. N. Hutt, president; Mrs. H. W. Gage, secretary. Aberdeen Kiwanis Club—Dr. E. M. Medlin, president; Herbert D. Vail secretary. Pinehurst and Aberdeen included in this club. All-States Association, H. A. Lewis, president.

Churches

Emmanuel Episcopal, First Baptist, Church of Wide Fellowship, Roman Catholic and Christian Science. For hours of service see Page 2.

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. The Home School, kindergarten, first and second grades, Miss Laura M. Jenks, principal.

Library

Mrs. Nellie S. Fisher, Librarian. Hours, 2 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Banks

Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Miss Ethel S. Jones, Cashier. Hours, 9 to 2; Saturday, 9 to 12.

Railroad Schedule

From New York—New York-Florida Limited leaves Pennsylvania Station at 6:45 p. m., arrives Southern Pines 8:48 a. m.; Cotton States Special leaves Penn. Station 9:30 a. m., arrives Southern Pines 10:44 p. m. To New York—New York-Florida Limited leaves Southern Pines 6:42 p. m., arrives New York 9:10 a. m. Southern States Special leaves Southern Pines 5:17 a. m., arrives New York 6:35 p. m.

Postoffice

P. Frank Buchan, Postmaster. Morning mails from North in P. O. at 7:00 a. m. and 9 a. m.; from South, 11 a. m. Evening mails from North in P. O. at 7 p. m. Closing time for evening mail, 6 p. m.; for night mail, 9 p. m., for morning mail, 9:45 a. m.

Hotels, Inns Enjoying Unusual Patronage

Many Already Open, Highland Pines Inn and Southland to Open on December 20

Leading hotels of Southern Pines which have already opened for the winter season have been unusually busy for this time of year, and those not yet open report good reservation lists for their opening dates.

The Highland Pines Inn on Weymouth Heights will open on December 20th under the management of M. H. Turner and W. E. Flynn. The Southland opens the same date. The Jefferson Inn opened recently and has enjoyed excellent patronage.

For years the Hollywood Hotel has opened on November 20th but this season several impatient guests arrived ahead of time, with the result that the Pottle hostelry opened earlier.

The Highland Lodge opened October 1st under the able management of Mrs. M. H. Grearson, and the Colonial Inn opened the same date. The Johnson House on Massachusetts (Please turn to page 5)

FINE PROGRAM OF SPORTS

Birds in Abundance, Golf Courses in Excellent Condition, Equestrian Gymkhanas, Planned, and Hotels Already Filling Up For Winter Months of Sunshine.

By Howard F. Burns

Another season is upon us and Southern Pines and the Sandhills are preparing for an influx of winter visitors which is expected to exceed that of the past two years. Already many houses have been taken for the coming winter, bringing in new residents who will join in resort activities here.

Southern Pines is a village of culture and the winter colony here includes many of the foremost authors and writers of the day who have large estates. It is a friendly town that enjoys a patronage of visitors who return each season.

The town is particularly well known for its beauty, its grassy parkways and abundance of green shrubbery. The city fathers have taken great pride in keeping the streets clean and free from the trash and rubbish found in so many places. It is recognized as one of the most beautiful spots in the Carolinas. Motorists drive from all parts of the state to enjoy the charms of Spring. The blossoms of the dogwood in Springtime are compared to the apple blossom of the Shenandoah Valley or the cherry blossoms of Washington. The town is surrounded with forests of virgin pine. Mother Nature is in her splendor here and the lover of the great outdoors enjoys the singing of birds as well as the beauty of the woodlands.

Southern Pines is considered by the traveling public to be one of the principle winter resorts of the South. Its location on the main line of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, halfway between New York and Florida, and within one night of the principle cities of the East, is one of its distinct advantages. Federal Highway One, the all-paved route from the North to the South, is the main artery of travel this season. The Highway runs within two blocks of the center of town.

Winter Golfing Center

Located in the heart of the foremost golfing center in the country, Southern Pines has two country clubs. The Southern Pines Country Club, located on the east side of town, has one eighteen-hole and one nine-hole course. These are two of the prettiest courses to be found anywhere. On the west side of town is the spacious Mid-Pines Country Club and Inn with one eighteen-hole course which is one of the trickiest in the Sandhills. Within five miles is the Pinehurst Country Club and four very beautiful courses. Here in the Sandhills the nation's golf stars gather to defend their titles. It was here that George T. Dunlap, Jr., former national champion, learned the game.

The horse takes no small part in the resort life in the Sandhills. It is said by leading horsemen that the mild climate and sandy soil make it an ideal spot for all kind of horse events. The woods are dotted with scenic trails and here and there is to be found the old rail fence. Hunting of all kinds is attracting wide attention. Especially is this true of fox hunting which is one of the favorite sports with the private pack of James and Jackson Boyd. The Chamber of Commerce and the town have recently completed a gymkhana field located on the athletic grounds and equestrian events will be held throughout the winter. The first of the events on the calendar is scheduled for the day following Thanksgiving.

Alex Fields, game warden for Moore county, reports an abundance of birds this year. The quail season (Please turn to page 8)