

Nature and New Deal Combine to Provide Park for the Sandhills

Vast Area Opened Up Along Fort Bragg Boundary East of Southern Pines

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In these days when the mountains are talking about parks and the government is spending money to provide work and to make parks from North to South and from East to West natural conditions and a type of development that is somewhat automatic is making here under our noses one of the most interesting and picturesque and attractive big parks on the face of the globe. The thing started with John T. Patrick and James Tufts and has been growing ever since, the location of Fort Bragg giving it one of its most important impetuses.

When Fort Bragg set aside 122,000 acres of land between Southern Pines and Fayetteville for a military reservation it also set aside a certain marginal boundary automatically that Nature long ago devised as a natural park area, and with the removal of habitations inside the military territory the peculiar growth of the villages of Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Pinehurst introduced a feature that is not to be found elsewhere, the inclination of the community to develop natural resources for the furtherance of outdoor sports and recreation. Golf started the outdoor sports idea. Old Capt. A. M. Clarke had been brought up in a section of Pennsylvania where folks liked to ride horseback and to have a little brush with each other on a suitable stretch of country road, and he encouraged saddle horses here. The clay roads stimulated the sport, and it was found that this is a country suited to horses. The old Scotch liking for a fox chase was broadened in to the English sport of riding after hounds instead of going on foot and we have become a fox hunting territory with considerable of a reputation and with increasing interest in the hunt.

Game is Abundant

With the vast acreage of Fort Bragg, a wild territory in which the fox finds shelter, no place on earth has more to offer the hunt club than here in the Sandhills, and along with that deer are multiplying and other wild creatures, until it is doubtful if any other place in North Carolina is a more abundant reservoir of wild creatures accessible to the lover of wild life than southeastern Moore county. It is a curious anomaly. In the boundary of the military territory these wild animals multiply at swift gait, but hunters are not allowed within the army boundaries, and only the overflow that comes outside the army reservation are subject to the hunter's guns. In consequence the animal life is steadily multiplying, and deer have been seen almost within the territorial limits of Southern Pines, while squirrels, rabbits, quail, and occasional wild turkeys are almost as plentiful and friendly.

The opening of the fire lane along the boundary of the camp has made an excellent road from the Saunders home on Ashley Heights along the camp line about a dozen miles in length on the Moore-Hoke county line, and in all that distance the country is almost wholly woods lands. A few small openings, and one or two rather large ones are all that break the continued stretch of forest and the forest attributes. The country traversed is the hill section of the Rockfish and James creek valleys, with ridge and valley succeeding each other, and including the dividing ranges between the Cape Fear and the Yadkin valleys. One part of Pinehurst and one part of Southern Pines drain into the Yadkin river, while another part of Pinehurst and another part of Southern Pines drain into the Cape Fear. The summit of the ridge between these water sheds continues on down through Southern Pines past the Sanatorium, and the three points of the Sanatorium, Pinehurst and Southern Pines are the lofty summits of this section, approximating 600 feet at the top.

New Sandhills Park

Over the United States parks have been set aside for the enjoyment of the people, but the most of them are in mountain countries, serviceable only in summer time. But here in the Sandhills is developing a park that is interesting at all seasons, and especially in winter when other parks are closed by inaccessibility or cold weather, and when if ever a park is wanted it should be then. The Sandhills park is a play ground when the other parks are unavailable. It is a playground in summer when other parks are play grounds. It is always accessible, always attractive, always green in its pine covered foliage, always alive with wild creatures, always in easy touch of traffic with good roads at

Clothing Needed

Many Children in Section Without Warm Garments For the Winter

In some 50 American families in the neighborhood of Southern Pines boys and girls are without underwear and sufficient footwear, as well as outer garments. A local missionary society is working to relieve this pressing need and asks for contributions of clothing, whether partly worn or new, or of money for the purchase of the essential garments.

Contributions, which will be thoughtfully placed, may be taken to Mrs. H. S. Knowles of Ridge street, Mrs. Roy G. Swindell on S. E. Broad street and Indiana avenue, or Mrs. Robert Leathan, 39 North May street.

all season, and with a good neighborhood with fine homes, attractive villages and all the comforts of life in sight.

Here winter sports and occupations offer all the time; all the conveniences of community developed life are available. Flying field, railroads, highways, yet in the midst of all these modern features is the big forest of Fort Bragg with its outlying fringe of wilderness of three or four miles of automatic park land that has developed a park without suspecting it and without intention and with little likelihood of that park doing anything but growing into more of a park even though more of it should be settled, for the settler becomes a part of the park existence.

It is worth while one of these days to take a little journey out through this big self-created park, Pinehurst and Southern Pines, which are a part of this big park are well known. But the journey may begin at either of these places. It can lead out the road by Route One to the Sweet orchard on top of the hill above Manly and thence out the Sweetheart lake road until the Patterson home is reached. There a new fire lane turns down toward the Healy place or to the former Daniels farm, now the Snugg farm, and from either of these points the road will lead into the new lane along the county lines which can be followed southwest with the county line to the Saunders farm at Ashley Heights.

Vantage Points

The road along the county line goes down one hill and up another, giving access to the hill tops between the creeks, and amazing pictures of the country from the hill tops. At each summit it is worth while to get out of the car and drift about and observe the scenery and the distant pictures. When the Raeford road is reached at the Saunders home a short run westward brings the traveler to a cross road leading in to the summit on which Capt. Reine has developed his farm on that magnificent view point of Mt. Helicon, one of the vantage spots of the park area. Through the woods road the route may be pursued, some of the trails good, some of them nothing to boast of but most all of them passible with a little swearing at times, and the trip is most enjoyable. The roads are many enough to afford several outings on the ridges and no time is more attractive there than now. A good road is out Connecticut avenue, past the Boyd orchard, past Hoyt Shaw's, turning just beyond Shaw's to right or left on the newly made fire road, that to the right going down through the park to the Raeford road, through a hilly picturesque region, good roads all the way, while the road to the left from Shaw's goes out through the forest to the Little River country, picturesque at every turn.

It is a fine park, and bound to be one of the interesting features of Sandhills development, for all the territory is in hands that are interested in helping the park to develop itself as it has been doing since the government laid the permanent foundation of it by creating Fort Bragg, a basis that other parks are lacking, and which is the solidest foundation possible, for Fort Bragg is a permanent wilderness, and foundation for the wild character that will always predominate out that way.

We had a real adventure looking over this new park. After our first trip down one of the county line park roads and we found ourselves at home as the sun was going down we concluded that we were only half through with our explorations. So another fine afternoon saw the family out on the left hand turn. Nancy, the Sealyham dog is a great explorer. On top of the ridges she sniffed deer tracks and found a wild turkey had

Town's Governing Body



Left to right, standing: Mayor D. G. Stutz, Commissioners George W. Case, Alfred Yeomans and Frank Welch. Below, Commissioners Charles S. Patch and L. V. O'Callaghan, and City Clerk Howard S. Burns.

The Week in Aberdeen

Mrs. Lizzie Thomas, who has been visiting her son in Clover, S. C., returned home last week.

Miss Frances Wimberly is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Chandler, in Greensboro this week.

A. A. McKeithen, who went to Columbia, S. C., to visit his son, Dan I. McKeithen, is recovering from an emergency appendicitis operation in a hospital in that city.

Miss Frances Pleasants, who teaches at Sedgewick, spent the past week-end in Aberdeen visiting her parents.

Mrs. Inza Tillman of Putnam is visiting—her aunts, Mrs. J. B. Fagan and Miss Mary Johnson.

Friends of Mrs. David Knight, Sr., regret to learn that she suffered a paralytic stroke last Saturday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Barber of near Morganton, spent a few days last week as guests of the Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Barber.

Mrs. Queen of Fort Valley, Ga., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jack Taylor.

Mrs. Belle Pleasants and Mrs. C. C. Bethune spent last Friday in Raleigh visiting relatives.

John Maurer of Florence, S. C., spent the last week-end in town as the guest of his sister, Miss Edna Maurer.

Nat Weaver is confined to his home this week suffering from an injury to his hip.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gunter and children spent last Sunday in Columbia, S. C.

C. C. Bethune is recovering from a slight stroke, when he fell and sustained a badly sprained ankle, on last Sunday.

The Rev. W. C. Ball is attending the Methodist Conference at Washington, N. C., this week.

Mrs. Belle Pleasants, Mrs. W. D. Caviness, Mrs. Ella Juat and Malcolm Pleasants attended the funeral for Captain John W. Blue in Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor announce the birth of a son, Jack Taylor, Jr., Thursday, November 15th.

Book Club

Mrs. E. L. Barber was hostess to the Thursday Afternoon Book Club at the Community House. The subject of study was "Science and Inventions," and Mrs. W. E. Freeman read a paper on "Improved Transportations" followed by another paper by Mrs. Forrest Lockey on "New Types of Houses."

The out-of-town guests at the meeting were Mrs. Fred Barber of Morganton, and Mrs. McKelway and Mrs. I. C. Sledge of Pinehurst.

P. T. A. Meeting

The Aberdeen-Pinebluff P. T. A. held its November meeting in the auditorium of the grammar school Wednesday afternoon.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$32.19 in the bank at present and Mrs. Doub, chairman of the grade mothers reported \$31.45 cleared from the Hallowe'en party, which will be used in Welfare Work in our Schools. Miss Vanessa McLean, reporting for the Hot Lunch Committee, stated

been along recently. A stop for her to get a drink at Rockfish, and frequent other stops made a ride different from some of those high speed flashes where when some one calls your attention to an object you turn around and glance out the back window and find you are a mile and a half from where you were told to look. Ease along and enjoy the roads and things you see.

PINEHURST

Miss Ada Reeves Oglesby entertained for Miss Katherine Cole, bride-elect of the week, at luncheon on Wednesday at the Berkshire Hotel. Guests were Miss Katherine Cole, Mrs. Frank McCaskill, Mrs. Roy Kelly, Miss Hope Spivey and Mrs. A. J. McKelway.

Thursday evening at his home here John Oglesby entertained a large party for dinner and later in the evening at a dance in the Little clubhouse. Guests included the Misses Edla Best, Evelyn Gilliam, Dorothy Cross, Frances Cox, Mary McGinnis, Gertrude Kelly, Neva Carter, Verdun Shaw, Ada Reeves Oglesby, Natalie Wheeler and Miss Hope Spivey of Chicago. Messrs Bob Shaw, Bob Barrett, Travis Wicker, Charlie Spencer, Bill Gouger, Lewis Johnson, Verland Smith, Norman Calcutt and Nick Oglesby.

Mr. and Mrs. James Quale and their son Donald Quale of Banner Elk have been guests for a week of Mrs. Quale's mother, Mrs. Eva Dunlop and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dunlop. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graves of Florence, S. C., were also guests in the Dunlop home for the week-end.

Among those attending the Duke-Carolina game at Chapel Hill Saturday were W. P. Morton and E. S. Webb.

Miss Dorothy Ehrhardt, member of the Junior class at Queens-Chicofa College, Charlotte spent the past week-end at her home here.

Mrs. Thomas Burton of Nashville, Tenn., is making an extended visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ivey Sally.

Mrs. Bertha Freeman attended the game at Chapel Hill Saturday and was a guest for the week-end of friends in Raleigh.

BENEFIT BRIDGE TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS AT SANATORIUM

A benefit bridge party will be held at the Nurses Home at the State Sanatorium on Tuesday, December 4 at 8:00 p. m., to provide Christmas joy for 47 children of the Children's Division; 108 patients, including 16 children of the Negro Division, and 37 men at the Prison Division. Reservations for tables can be made to Mrs. P. P. McCain at the Sanatorium, or at the Sandhills Drug Co., Southern Pines. Twenty-five cents each will be the charge.

ENGAGEMENT OF MISS LILLIAN ROSS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Ross of Pinehurst and Little Compton, R. I., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lillian, to Mr. Richard Pippitt, of Port Jervis, N. Y., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pippitt of that city.

Mr. Pippitt is a graduate of Hamilton College, class of '32, the same year that Miss Ross was graduated from Mount Holyoke College. Mr. Pippitt was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Hamilton. He now is attending Harvard Medical School, where he belongs to the Lancet Club.

No date has been set for the wedding.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. A. M. Oglesby of Pinehurst announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Ada Reeves, to Norman B. Caulcutt, also of Pinehurst. The wedding will take place in the early winter.

"FLAPPER GRANDMOTHER" AT HEMP GRADED SCHOOL

"The Flapper Grandmother," a musical comedy in three acts, will be staged in the Hemp Graded School Auditorium this Friday and Saturday nights under the auspices of the P. T. A., of the Graded School. The cast will be composed of local talent, including a chorus introducing fifteen novelty songs and dance in attractive costumes.

The title role is being played by Mrs. C. M. Ingram, who as an old lady sixty years "young" goes to Paris to retain her youth and fortune, playing opposite Mrs. Ingram is Edgar Alexander as Dr. Joy, the village doctor who is in love with Grandma.

The remaining members of the cast include Mr. Hicks as Andrew Spiggins who believes in nothing modern; Mrs. J. F. Davie as Mat, his wife; Loreta Purvis as Lena; the wildchild; Mrs. C. M. Loy as Belindy, the old fashioned girl; Carson Maness as Dick Tate, the motor cop; "Doc" Allen as Jimmy Swift, the auto salesman; Mr. Patterson as Bobby Smith, the bashful boy; C. S. Swindell as Count Spekum, rich, an Englishman; C. M. Ingram as Rastus, the negro servant; Wiley Nance as Lilly White.

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