

## Sixty Millions in Gold Mined In North Carolina Since 1799

12-Year Old Boy Out Fishing  
First Made Discovery.—May  
Reopen Moore County Mines

Approximately \$60,000,000 worth of gold has been mined in North Carolina since 1799, when a 12-year-old Cabarrus county boy played hooky from church, went fishing in Meadow creek and stumbled on a nugget considerably bigger than his fist.

In a newly published bulletin, Herman J. Bryson, State geologist, says there's still plenty of the precious metal left in North Carolina and that scores of mines now are being operated throughout the state. New processes have been developed, the bulletin says, that have started a "new period" of gold mining activity in North Carolina. There is a likelihood of the reopening of old Moore county mines.

Among the more important operations, which "apparently are proving successful", are listed:

The Rudisill mine, Mecklenburg county; Howie mine, Union county; Whitney-Ishenhour group in Rowan and Cabarrus; and the Portis mine in Franklin. Important operations also are being carried on in Stanly, Davidson, Montgomery, Randolph, and Rutherford counties.

The boy who first found gold in the state, Bryson said, was Conrad Reed, son of John Reed. The child brought the nugget, which was about the size of a "smallsmoothing iron", to his home, where it was used as a door weight for three years. In 1802, the elder Reed took the nugget to a Fayetteville jeweler, who bought it for \$3.50. Later Reed is said to have recovered \$3,000 from the jeweler.

Soon after the discovery of gold in the South mountains, slaves were

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put to work mining the metal. From four to eight slaves would fill a quart jar with the substance every day near Dysartville, reports indicate.

Old geological reports state that as many as 3,000 slaves could be seen working the gravel deposits along a single stream at the height of activity in Rutherford, McDowell, and Burke counties, the bulletin says.

Discovery of gold in California in 1848 virtually ended mining of the metal in this state, and it is only in recent years that widespread activity has been started again.

## SANDHILLS GOLF CENTER OF U. S. IN WINTER MONTHS

Southern Pines Has Three 18-Hole Courses, Pinehurst Four, To Offer the Enthusiast

### ALL IN PERFECT CONDITION

Southern Pines has three 18-hole golf courses which, with the four courses at Pinehurst make the Sandhills section of North Carolina America's golfing center in winter. These courses are all in excellent condition and in constant use throughout the season. Pinehurst's famous No. 2 championship course has just been the scene of the annual national championship tournament of the Professional Golfers Association of America.

The Southern Pines Country Club has, in addition to its fine 18-hole Donald Ross course a nine-hole layout, somewhat easier and less hilly than its championship course and therefore exceedingly popular with the older residents of and visitors to the community. It has a most attractive clubhouse, open to all, and during the winter this is the scene of many bridge parties, teas, receptions and other social events as well as a gathering place for the golfers themselves. The clubhouse and courses are near the heart of the city, within walking distance of most of the hotels. There are day, weekly, monthly and seasonal golf rates for visitors.

**Pine Needles Course**  
The splendid 18-hole course of the Pine Needles Club has been improved at great expenses during the past summer and has never been in better shape than at present. In addition to the "re-upholstering" of the course, so to speak, the Pine Needles has built a new clubhouse since last year, a most attractive building completely equipped for the comfort and needs of the golfer as well as for parties of all kinds. It has a spacious ballroom which, when not in use for dancing, is furnished in homelike style for the comfort of guests, with a roaring fire to lend an atmosphere of warmth and cordiality. This club has special rates for golf by the day, week, month or season.

Golfers who have played the Mid-Pines Club's 18-hole course this fall say it has never been in such fine condition as at present. The fairways and greens are trim and inviting, the course a sporty one from all angles. The Mid-Pines was formerly an exclusive private club, and only during the past few years has its excellent Donald Ross course been available for play by others than members of the organization. Since it was thrown open to the Sandhills visitor it has been one of the most popular courses in the section. The clubhouse offers every convenience and comfort for the golfer, and special rates are available by day, week, month or season as at the other local courses.

### Sanatorium To Have New Surgical Wing

Board Accepts P. W. A. Grant To Supplant Funds From State Appropriation

Contract is to be let by the middle of December for the construction of the new surgical wing for the North Carolina Sanatorium, three bungalows for members of the institution's medical staff and a new wing for the Negro division, it was revealed after a meeting in Raleigh of the sanatorium's board of directors for the purpose of officially accepting the PWA grant made to supplement funds appropriated by the 1935 General Assembly for this purpose.

Construction is expected to be underway by January 1, and the new units will be completed and ready for occupancy by January 1, 1938.

The surgical wing will be added to the present central wing of the main building and will extend 60 feet, with a 14-foot opening on the ground floor for traffic. It will contain an operating room on the top floor, where major, as well as minor, operations will be performed, and will make available a number of private rooms for post-operative patients.

At the Negro division, the proposed wing will provide an operating room for pneumothorax treatment, an examination room, a diet kitchen, nose and throat examining room, six isolation rooms and quarters for approximately 25 additional patients. An elevator will also be built at the Negro division.

The 1935 General Assembly appropriated \$95,150 for these improvements at the Sanatorium, and an additional \$77,850 has been made available by the Federal government.

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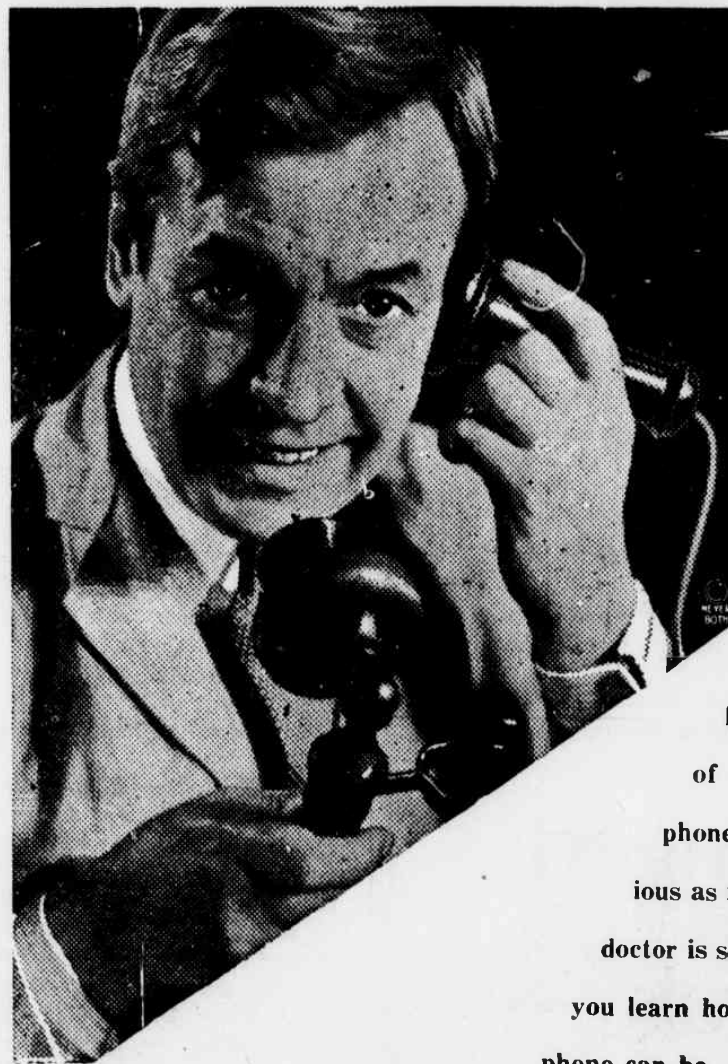
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