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SECOND SECTION

## Another Winter Season Opens Auspiciously in Southern Pines

### Historic Roads Played An Important Part in the Development of Sandhills

Only Sections of Yadkin, Peedee and Morganton Remain in Use Today

#### TWO WERE INDIAN TRAILS

By Charles Macauley  
Now forty eight minutes to Fayetteville. Once upon a time in the not so long ago, 48 hours consumed in conveying a light load was considered fairly rapid transit. Why Fayetteville as an illustration? Because under the name of Campbelltown, Cross Creeks, or Fayetteville, that city was the point of departure for many of the settlers in the Sandhills, and their market, and more and more roads converged there as the tide of settlement spread. A prestige not impaired until the thrust southward in the early seventies of the Raleigh and Augusta Railroad, now the Seaboard, and when that road reached the Sandhills our contiguous territory contained no villages. The present Vass, Pinebluff, Pinehurst, Niagara, Southern Pines, Manly and Aberdeen were non-existent.

In our vicinity three roads are historic, the "Peedee", the "Yadkin" and the "Morganton". The Peedee road, the highway from South Carolina to Virginia; the Yadkin road, the highway from Fayetteville to the West; the Morganton road, a State planned road from Fayetteville to the mountains and Tennessee. The first two were possibly buffalo trails in pre-historic times; they were actually well defined Indian trails long in use when found by the roving hunters and trappers preceding the advent of settlers.

The seasonal resident of our Sandhill territory motoring in cars running miles to minutes over wide, hard surfaced roads, rarely sees and perhaps never thinks of the "roads" of the pioneers; sandy trails connecting widely separated homesteads, and leading to a market town, to which a journey was planned and outfitted almost as an exploring party being well equipped with forage for the mules, provender and bedding for the drivers, for it was not always possible to gain the ever welcome hospitality of a roadside dweller by nightfall.

Deeply rutted sandy trails, climbing long hills to pass stream heads, long slopes descending to treacherous fords, sometimes impassable during heavy rains, the haunt of swarms of enormous flies, a menace to all live stock, weary trails for even the well mounted horseman.

#### The Yadkin Road

The "Yadkin", followed by the aborigines from far beyond the head waters of the Yadkin River to the sounds and bays of the coast was a trail traversed and fashioned into a road, first as the "Wagon Road" and then as the "Cape Fear Road" by the first settlers penetrating the wilderness beyond "Cross Creeks", now Fayetteville, and into the present counties of Cumberland, Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Montgomery. The Moravian settlers at Bethabara sent their wagons laden with produce to exchange for salt in Fayetteville, and down its way marched Flora McDonald's contingent for the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, followed a few years later by the stragglers from Cornwallis' army in the retreat from Guilford Court House. Following the years of the Revolution both old and new settlers used this road to transport their produce, wheat, corn, cotton, beaves, sheep, hogs, honey, tallow and beeswax to their only market. Still later, their tobacco packed in hogheads was literally rolled to the same market, and with the establishment of many post offices in 1832 the Yadkin became a post road.

The Yadkin trail coming out from Fayetteville was settled for several miles by early Scotch settlers, the Smiths, Munroes, McKays, and Rays

#### Modern Airport

Improved Flying Field Here Brings North, South and West Close to Sandhills

With the assistance of the Works Progress Administration, the Knollwood Airport has been enlarged and improved during the past year, making it a field approved by the Department of Commerce for all types of planes from the smallest to the great liners which fly the commercial airways.

It is only a question of time before the regular air lines make the Pinehurst-Southern Pines field a regular stop on their schedule during the winter season, bringing the far west, the midwest and the north into closer proximity than ever with the Sandhills winter resorts.

### ACTIVE SEASON IN REAL ESTATE IN SOUTHERN PINES

Many New Homes Constructed, Many Sales of Residences, and Numerous Rentals

From week to week more and more rentals of houses and apartments in Southern Pines have been noted, all showing an increased influx of people for the winter season. Adding to this upward trend has been a marked increase both in building, and the acquirement by purchase of homes by former renters.

Beginning early in the summer Reinecke & Dillehay began the construction of the Lee R. Page home in Knollwood, as well as a house for the Patuxent Corporation. The Page house is a copy of a New Bern residence of 100 years ago; the company house is a monitory type. Not far from these buildings, and near the Pine Needles Inn, is the new golf clubhouse designed by A. B. Yeomans and constructed by C. L. Austin of Southern Pines. These three buildings are finished and make a considerable addition to the Knollwood section.

In Southern Pines proper R. F. Potts has under construction, and nearly finished, a handsome Cape Cod cottage located on Vermont avenue, near May street. Contractor Austin has completed the rebuilding of the Lachine house on Pine Grove road for

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who built good dwellings and opened up the red top lands. This stretch of road suggested the name of "Longstreet" from whence, upon its founding in 1758 the Presbyterian church of this settlement became known—first as McKay's Meeting, then as Longstreet Church.

From this locality, once known as Argyle, the road went on to Nicholson's creek where one of the Munroes erected a mill upon the property known as "Battlefield Farm", thence through the pass between Blue's and Johnson's mountains, and around the heads of Piney Bottom, where in 1781 occurred the "Piney Bottom Massacre", to the fords of Silver Run and James Creek, thence to the present Young's homestead where it made a sharp left turn then through Manley, non-existent then, to the homes of the McArthur's and Munroes just this side of the ford of McDeed's creek, and then up the hill nearly as the present Midland road where it crossed the Peedee road, thence to the John Allen McDonald

#### A Prize of the Hunting Season



This fine specimen weighing 209 pounds and with nine points was shot down recently near Southern Pines by George Colton, left, and Ben Bradin, two enthusiastic local hunters. The Animal is one of many reported in the section since the opening of the season on October 1st. The local season closes December 31st.

Lawson, travelling through North Carolina shortly after 1700, found game of all kinds here, particularly deer, turkeys and quail. The Indians seldom used more than a club to kill enough to supply their wants. Instead shortly before the Civil War found the inns along the post roads with numberless casks of turkey breasts, all other portions of the noble bird being thrown away or fed to the slaves. Until the destruction of

the local pine forests, game was so plentiful in the Sandhills that the veriest tyro armed with an old muzzle-loading gun could within a few hours supply enough for a family, but their came a time when a day's tramp might or might not secure a turkey or a brace of birds. Now, owing to the protection afforded by Fort Bragg and the establishment of many protected areas, and short open seasons with a strict legal enforcement, game is coming back.

#### The Sandhills Weather Story

Temperature a Happy Mean, With Plenty of Sunshine, Not Too Much Rain, Occasional Snow That Rarely Lasts—The Past Year's Figures

By Charles Macauley

One sometimes wonders what reaction the slogan "Mid-South Resort" produces in the mind of a prospective visitor to our favored Sandhills. Does he, or shee, as it may be, visualize a land of perpetual sunshine, where snow and sleet are never known and from morn till dewy eve there's just a perpetual succession of mild and charming days, summer amid a winter, or does this prospective visitor's cautious mind revert to that oft-sung line "In Dixie Land—early on one frosty morning," and prepare for the hegira southward with clothing enough for an Arctic voyage?

It so happens that we enjoy a happy mean. We lack the dewy eves, but we have rainfall enough to freshen the air and keep the foliage green; once in a great while a snow storm to transform our hollies, pines, cedars and magnolias to towering castles of green and white beauty, but alas, 'tis gone all too quickly; or rarely, an ice storm wherein every tree, branch, twig, stalk and blade is armored in magnificent crystal glistening in the sunshine.

But these rare days are infrequent, and the bright days with an utter lack of the keen and boisterous winds of the Northland make out-of-door walks or pastimes a real pleasure. For a snowfall lasts but a few hours, and the sand is never muddy. Long time weather averages have been recorded in The Pilot for years, so by the way of change let us transcribe the actual records of the past year, month by month. A

year by the way, with a much colder winter than normal, and four snowfalls to its discredit.

Month	Aver.	High	Low
Dec.	52	73	25
Jan.	33.6	61	10
Feb.	25	61	06
Mar.	53.5	85	25
Apr.	56	86	25
May	71	95	42
June	77	103	52
July	81	102	61
Aug.	80	98	62
Sept.	73.6	91	46
Oct.	61	85	39

November's temperature was normal, but December fell 11 degrees below the long-time averages. January's abnormal fall of 19 degrees, February's 4 degrees, and April's 5 degrees, shattered records of long standing.

#### 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.

The estimated population of Moore county, of which Southern Pines is the largest municipality is 30,000

### Hotels, Homes Prepare For Annual Invasion of Visitors From the North

#### At a Glance

Southern Pines has a Commission form of government with D. G. Stutz, Mayor; H. F. Burns, City-Treasurer. Commissioners: E. C. Stevens, George W. Case, Dr. L. M. Daniels, 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 — Shields Cameron president, H. J. Betterley, secretary; Southern Pines Civic Club—Miss Florence Campbell, president, Mrs. H. W. Gage, secretary. Aberdeen Kiwanis Club—J. Fred Stimson, president; Nelson C. Hyde, secretary. Pinehurst and Aberdeen included in this club.

#### Churches

Emmanuel Episcopal, First Baptist, Church of Wide Fellowship, Roman Catholic, Christian Science and Presbyterian. For hours of services see elsewhere in this issue.

#### Schools

Southern Pines Public School, high and graded, Frank Webster principal, with 15 teachers and an enrollment of 500. The Ark, a private school with Mrs. M. A. Hayes, principal. Southern Pines School for Girls, a private school, Miss Valerie Doucher, principal. The Home School, kindergarten, first and second grades, Miss Laura M. Jenks, principal.

#### Library

Mrs. Nellie S. Fisher, Librarian. Hours 10:00 a. m. to 12 m. and 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. daily except Sunday.

#### Banks

Citizens Bank and Trust Company, N. L. Hodgkins, Cashier. Hours 9 to 2; Saturday, 9 to 12.

#### Railroad Schedule

##### Northbound

The New York-Florida Limited Train 192 for Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York leaves Southern Pines 7:17 p. m.

The Robert E. Lee, Train 6, for Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York leaves Southern Pines 10:47

No. 4 Local for Washington and Norfolk leave Southern Pines 10:45 p. m.

##### Southbound

The Southern States Special, Train 107—The Cotton States Special, Train 107-9, for Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, Miami, Tampa, St. Petersburg and other Florida points, also for Athens, Atlanta, Birmingham, and the West leaves Southern Pines 10:17 p. m.

The New York-Florida Limited, Train 191, for Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Miami and other Florida points leaves Southern Pines 11:03 a. m.

The Robert E. Lee, Train 5, for Athens, Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis with excellent connections for the West and Southwest leaves Southern Pines 7:06 a. m.

#### Postoffice

Mails in boxes at Postoffice: From the North, 8:30 a. m., 12:00 m., 8:30 p. m.; From the South: 8:00 a. m., 12:00 m.

Mails close at postoffice: For the North: 10:15 a. m., 6:00 p. m., 9:00 p. m.; For the South, 6:00 p. m., 9:00 p. m.

General Delivery window opens at 8:00 a. m., closes at 6:00 p. m.

Note: If 7:30 p. m. train from the north is over one hour late the mail will not be distributed until the following morning.

Busy Program of Sports and Entertainment Arranged for Old and Young

#### COTTAGES IN BIG DEMAND

By Howard F. Burns

With the outlook for a good season the brightest in many years, preparations are being made for the busiest winter in Southern Pines since the record-breaking one of 1929.

Already most of the cottages have been taken, a record for the early season. A number of new houses have been built during the summer and others are under construction at the present. Among them are the Wiedersheim house on Indiana avenue, the Richard P. Davidson home in Weymouth Heights, the Lee Page and the Patuxent Development Co. cottages in Knollwood, the J. W. Atkinson home on West Broad street, the R. F. Potts cottage on Vermont avenue and the Henry Dorn cottage on Indiana avenue.

The spacious new Pine Needles Club and ballroom have been completed for the opening of the season. They were erected by Charles Austin according to plans drawn by Alfred B. Yeomans. The club has been completely furnished in maple and will, no doubt, be one of the social centers here this winter.

#### Golfing Center

Southern Pines, in addition to being one of the prettiest towns in the mid-south, is noted especially for its grassy parkways and abundance of shrubbery. It is located on the main line of the Seaboard Air Line Railway and U. S. Highway No. 1, halfway between New York and Jacksonville. It is in the heart of one of the greatest golfing centers in the world. Southern Pines offers the visiting golfer the choice of four picturesque golf courses. Adjoining the Weymouth Heights section is the Southern Pines Country Club with fast eighteen-hole and nine-hole courses. During the past summer the management has completely resodded a number of the fairways. In addition, grass tees have been built around the entire No. 1 course. The course is in excellent condition.

On the northern edge of town in the Knollwood section overlooking Southern Pines is the new Pine Needles Club with another beautiful eighteen-hole layout, rated by experts as one of the finest golf courses in the section. The entire course has been retrapped and revamped during the past summer, particularly the last nine holes which have been resodded with Bermuda turf. Ralph Kennedy of the Winged Foot Golf Club, of New York, when playing his fifteenth hundred and fifty-fourth golf course in this country and Europe, stated that the eleventh hole at Pine Needles was the best designed hole of any on all the golf courses he had ever played.

Across the road from the Pine Needles is the Mid-Pines Club owned by John Sprunt Hill and his associates of Durham and operated by John J. Fitzgerald. The eighteen-hole course at the Mid-Pines is one of the most scenic to be found anywhere. It requires the steadiest of golf by the best golfers to equal par, yet the average golfer gets plenty of thrills while playing the course.

#### Ideal Horse Country

It is said by leading horsemen that the sandy soil and mild climate of the Sandhills are ideal for all kinds of horse events. The building of the new steeplechase course on Midland Road has done more to stimulate bringing horses to Southern Pines than anything else. The Third Annual Steeplechase meet, of which the main event is for the Sandhills Cup, three miles over timber, will be held in early

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