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NEW HEALTH RESORT

The Express recently stated that plans were on foot to open a resort at Overhill in Harnett county, similar to Pinehurst and Southern Pines and that a large tourist hotel would be built in the place during the next few months. Mr. Bion H. Butler, who was here last week writing up the Cunnock project, went to Overhill and wrote an article which appeared in last Sunday's News and Observer, setting forth the plans that have been made by the parties who will build this resort. He states that within a few days a contract will be let for the construction of a 180 room hotel on the property and that the beginning of work is expected to follow as quickly as arrangements can be made. It is the desire of the projectors to have the house open and in perfect shape for guests by December 1st. Concrete will be the material of construction, the main building being but two stories high. The hotel will cover much space. Tracy and Swathwout, of New York, are the architects, and they have been asked to make a place that visitors will find attractive and comfortable.

The overhill estate embraces some 40,000 acres of land. This property is owned by Mr. J. F. Jordan, of Greensboro, and Mr. William Kent, of California. Twenty-one miles of improved road these folks have already built on their property, and a lot more they are to build, for they have begun to gridiron the place with roads. Like those other centers of road infection over at Pinehurst and Southern Pines, Overhill has started the road mania. One road runs by Manchester to Fayetteville, and these connect with the road system of the State. One is building toward Sanford where it strikes the Lee county system. Five or six weeks will see the line to Lillington finished, and connection made with the roads Harnett is building. A right passable link of five or six miles, which is traveled by automobile, is the only unimproved between Overhill and Southern Pines, and it is contemplated down by the famous Longstreet church, an ancient center of the Cape Fear settlers in the days of the formation of this country, and from there a road has been built to Fayetteville and one is nearly finished to Reaford. All that is left to make Overhill the center of a number of converging roads is the finishing of a few connecting links, and that will be done by the time the hotel is opened in December.

Overhill will be a town as well as a winter resort. Something over a square mile has been cut out for a town site, and on picturesque roads small plots of ground will be set off for sale to the right kind of builders. Several applications for building sites have been made, but until the work has progressed farther there will be no building lots sold. When sales are made they will be made with certain reasonable restrictions that will influence the creation of the sort of community that the plans have been designed for.

In laying out the roads in the proposed village and designating sites for particular institutions and appointments the highest skill in landscape engineering has been called in, and results are apparent, although not much has been undertaken yet except surface plans.—Sanford Express.

WHAT A VOTER THINKS

TO THE EDITOR:— In these days when the country is prying itself before the mirror of fate, peering this way and that to see where and how it stands in regard to the momentous matters that it is about to face, it occurs to me that the voters of Harnett had best look deeply into the things which concern them so closely.

Forgetting, for the moment, the fight which concerns some but county matters, let us take a peep at the situation as it concerns the two men who are bidding for Harnett's favor in the congressional race—Ernest F. Young and Hamibal Godwin. Looking up my personal feeling that I may have in the matter—both of the gentlemen ranking high in my regard—I would like to see Harnett do what is best for her welfare. Mr. Godwin has represented the district for ten years. By his shrewdness, in politics, he has gotten a strong hold upon the district, and for other parts of the territory he may, or may not have done much of that I do not know, since my observations along that line have been confined to Harnett.

And in Harnett I can not call to mind that a single good has accrued to the county through his incumben-

cy. No recognition from him at all has fallen to the lot of his home county. Aside from the fact that Mr. Godwin's home is in Harnett, I have not discovered that he gives much thought to the county, he has never been identified with any of the progress that the county has made and is making—on the other hand and you recall any real progress that Harnett has made in the last 20 years that Ernest F. Young didn't either start or was one of the real leaders and pushers in it. The charge has been brought that Mr. Young is in the race merely to beat Mr. Godwin, and that he entertains no hope of victory for his own candidacy. That charge is unfair to Mr. Young and is not just to those who would support him, neither is true. Aside from these exceptions the charge is alright. Mr. Young is in this fight to win, and those who know him best, know that when he does go in to win that he is a serious obstacle to any other aspirant's aspirations. Some say he will poll a negligible vote outside of Harnett because he is not known, but those who say that have not taken the trouble to look deeply into the matter. When William Anderson Stewart fathered the candidacy of Mr. Godwin his candidate was about the least well known man in the race, but he put him through. Mr. Young has been practicing law for about ten years, his practice is large, it has taken him to all parts of the district, it has made him a familiar figure in the State Capital and the county seats of many of the counties; his success has made him prominent, and I have yet to hear of a man from any part of the district who has not heard of Ernest Young and who does not think well of his candidacy. I have talked to men from Brunswick, Bladen, Columbus, Robeson and Cumberland counties and they have told me that they would like to see Mr. Young nominated because they felt that the Sixth District needed some one whose abilities fitted him for something besides these things for which many congressmen draw their pay. The district wants a man who combines business qualities with legal training and who has the ability to do what the district needs done, and there are not any who do not recognize in Mr. Young a man who combines all of these qualities. Mr. Godwin has the utmost confidence in himself and professes to believe that his record will keep him in Congress—have you ever stopped to think what that record is—do you know—he talks about his record—what has he done?? The Sixth district needs a bigger

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THE GODWIN REUNION

The Godwin reunion will be held this year at the residence of J. G. Godwin, near Spring Hill church, on May 13th, 1918. All the friends and relatives of the family are cordially invited to be present on the above-mentioned date. It is also requested that all bring baskets. There will be preaching at 10 o'clock by Elder J. T. Spencer, of Petersburg, Va. The Godwin band has consented to furnish music which will add a great deal to the occasion.

THE COUNTY PAPER

The county paper is one of the best channels for reaching all our people. It is inexpensive and but because of county pride. It appeals to the people because it contains local news, matters of interest to our people. It is inexpensive and but few homes are unable to afford it. The editor sees frequently and can appeal to them for their subscription. The paper is more generally circulated than the State paper and is more generally read also. The daily paper has much matter that is nev-

er read. The county paper is usually read all over.

North Carolina has a number of strong men editing county papers. Men like E. E. Hilliard and R. F. Beasley, with college training, fit to serve the State in any capacity, are spending their life in furnishing clean, wholesome reading matter for the homes, improving the farm building better homes, advancing the cause of education, temperance and religion.

Now and then we find men with small ideas in the editor's chair, men whose only stock seems to be to wage political campaigns once every two years, men who are tolerated by their readers only because they can be used as tools by the political leaders to say and do dirty things which they themselves will not say.

No men in Harnett county have more to do in shaping and moulding public opinion, good or bad, than the men who select the matter to fill the columns of our county papers. Sending messages every week from the heart to the heart, directing and suggesting in the thinking of every home, what a power for good each editor should be!

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Why don't you start a Bank Account?

Bank Account

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There is no criticism to be given come into our homes as high standards in morals and religion as we demand of people who come into our homes or refuse them a place in the homes.

Many of us are careful to admit only good company into our homes. That is fine. But it is even more dangerous to admit the dirty newspaper to our homes.—Little River Record.

It matters not to them that the churches are divided if only the party is united; that Right is defeated, if only the party is elected. We hope that the editors of our county papers will see that the campaign soon to be on in our county shall be waged on its merits and not on abuse and bitterness. Let our people demand of the papers that

Wheeler Martin, former United States revenue collector for North Carolina under the Roosevelt and Taft administrations, died at his home in Williamston early Saturday morning, following a stroke of paralysis. He was 55 years old and was a prominent Republican leader. He is survived by two children, a widow, two brothers and a sister.