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DEVELOPMENT ABOUT TO BEGIN

Southern Pines-Pinehurst Road Takes Positive Shape

Last week the News told that the proposition to build the new road from Southern Pines to Pinehurst was taking shape and that work would probably begin soon. Before that paper was printed the plans had been concluded. Leonard Tufts, A. S. Newcomb, Carl Buchan and H. A. Page, Jr., who are the land owners along the route, have concluded to begin the work, and it is expected that the preliminaries will start almost any day.

As has already been announced in the News, this will be the foundation of one of the biggest developments ever undertaken in North Carolina. From Pinehurst a double avenue will start down toward the Van Lindley orchard, following the old railroad line. An avenue will be built on either side of the railroad, with a park alongside the avenue big enough for an extension row of trees for miles. This double avenue will reach to the orchard at the end of the railroad. From there the road will continue to the Osborne farm on the Carthage and Southern Pines road, where it reaches the Page property, and from there it will be extended across the creek to Manly and Southern Pines, the Manly road also going into Southern Pines by way of the new road through Edgemore Heights, and also connecting with the roads the Boyds are making on their new development on Weymouth Heights, so that the drive from Pinehurst to Southern Pines may be continued through the three big developments of Pinehurst and the Van Lindley orchard, the Page property and the Boyd property.

At the Southern Pines end of the road, D. C. Lemons has a force of men and a Fordson tractor opening picturesque roads on the Weymouth Heights on the plan designed by the landscape architect, Mr. Yeomans, who has been for weeks making the survey and maps for this work, and the lots are now ready to put on the market. Right here it might as well be remarked that as at any place that the day of two-dollar land in the Sandhills has gone forever. The lots on the Weymouth Heights will bring about one thousand dollars an acre, and they are going to sell without the slightest hesitation of price. The unparalleled location, the view, the pines, the artistic plan that Mr. Yeomans has followed in laying off the property with a view to picturesque home sites, settles at once any doubt of the popularity of the lots or of their early sale at the prices fixed.

Mr. Page has been selling some of the lots on the Edgemore property at two hundred dollars an acre, but the prospects are that these figures will not prevail very long, for with the new road opened and the property available as it will be for quick movement to all parts of Pinehurst and Southern Pines over one of the most interesting roads in the state, two hundred dollars for an acre building site will look so much like bargain counter prices that it is not possible for the figure to stay down at that sum.

At the Pinehurst end of the road prices are mentioned as around five hundred an acre for locations along the avenues. Figures approximating this sum will probably prevail well out into the orchard region, for the land lies high and in excellent shape for homes of five or ten acres, and for the class of houses that will be built a few dollars more or less will not be questioned when the really desirable location is to be had.

Going out from Southern Pines the shortest route will be the present route out Broad street, west of railroad, unless a Bennett street extension should be built. This will go down into the ten-acre tract that Mr. Page has offered Southern Pines as a park. It will wind among the hills down into the creek valley until it strikes the road that will cross from Manly over to the Osborne farm, and there connect with the road coming from Pinehurst and the orchard. This road from Southern Pines to the Osborne farm will be one of the most interesting roads of the county, as the route down through the valley is through

the little hill country all the way. It will be located by Francis Deston, and nothing further is needed to tell that it will be located right. It is to be noted that the entire proposition from Southern Pines to Pinehurst is in the hands of the most capable of engineers—Waring, the Boston landscape architect, being the chief adviser at the Pinehurst end, Yoemans of Philadelphia, having the Boyd work, and Deaton the Page work.

The second road from Southern Pines will also go through the Page Property passing out May street and joining the Page lands at the town line and then following along the eastern side of the railroad to a point near the Presbyterian church at Manly, where it joins the Yadkin road, which it will follow until it connects with the road above mentioned running through the park. The third road out of Southern Pines will be the Yadkin road through the Edgemore property with the connections from the Boyd property. The Boyd development will be a vast park on the hill-top, its road connecting on the north side with the roads of the Page tract, all leading into the Yadkin road and joining the Pinehurst road at the Presbyterian church in Manly.

The fact is that when the road enters the Page property near the Osborne farm it does not go far until it fans out into a series of roads in what will in time be practically a continuous park all through the entire Page property and the Boyd property on half of the boundary of the present site of Southern Pines.

The most gratifying feature of this ten-mile development is that it is not to be a speculative proposition. The man who buys within the boundary of the various properties along the roads buys to develop. This is one of the most pleasing features of the whole scheme. Every man who gets a location in the territory becomes a factor in the future advancement of the community, and in closing Pinehurst and Southern Pines into one big neighborhood with one common end. The type of development is stipulated, so that the man who gets in knows he is going to be located in one of the most desirable communities that men know how to create.

Mr. Page has been selling farms and building sites, having at the present time disposed of about \$100,000 worth of property from the Von Herf land since he bought it last summer. He has spent many thousands of dollars in building roads, improving the buildings, getting the farms in shape to sell, and opening the country, and he has located some good farmers and citizens in that territory. The Boyds are getting inquiries for locations on their property, as is the case on the end of the road toward Pinehurst. As soon as the plans are completed it is evident that sales are to be made rapidly, and as sales require development it takes no prophet to see that the Pinehurst-Southern Pines road in the immediate future is to be the scene of remarkable activity.

MR. HAMMER IS BUSY

When Mr. Robinson announced that he would not again be a candidate for congress The News wrote to the various candidates asking for a picture, and a brief article. W. C. Hammer writes as follows:

Mr. Bion H. Butler:

I thank you for your letter of the 19th inst., asking for a cut of myself and a little account of my life work and a word to the voters and my plans and ideas, should I care to say anything.

I have no cut of myself now. Later I shall be glad to avail myself of your kindness. My purpose is to reach the voters of the district, but five months is a long time to make a vigorous campaign. I do not mean by this that I shall not make a vigorous campaign from the beginning, but I cannot afford to take any time from my official duties and I am just now engaged in most arduous work investigating the high cost of living. I have some indictments against profiteers, and if the two cases are tried at the approaching adjourned term of the Greensboro United States Court, the first week in February, and they are convicted, as I think they should be, it will have a most wholesome effect on profiteers who sell wearing apparel and some fool stuff.

I hope to see you within the next few weeks. Sincerely yours,
Wm. C. Hammer.

Asheboro, N. C., Jan. 27, 1920.



MISS ELLA MEADE SEAWELL
Author of the Brilliant Book of Verse, "Songs of the Sandhills," Recently Issued from the Press and now on Sale in Carthage.

NORTH CAROLINA COMES SECOND REPORT OF DOINGS IN COURT

State's Tobacco Crop Grand Jury Gives a Few Orders as to Needs Only Exceeded by Kentucky

Tobacco has been the primary crop to make North Carolina rank fourth in the value of all crops among the states of the Nation, according to F. Parker, director of the state's crop reporting service. This condition ranks her next to Illinois and Iowa. This is no idle dream as it is so announced from the Federal bureau of crop estimates.

We hold the first place in the value of the tobacco crop last year notwithstanding Kentucky's large lead in production; so it is but fair to give our competitor first place with the 1919 crop.

We can still bow to her and remark, our weed is recognized the world over as the best, for it sold eight cents above Virginia, who is our nearest competitor in average price, and over fifteen cents a pound higher than Kentucky's crop.

As with cotton, the preliminary estimates were too low, there having been a natural farmers' bias downward in acreage and yield of the tobacco crop. The July estimates were for 264,000,000 pounds but the October estimates survey, together with the sales to that date, indicated a probable crop of 310,000,000 pounds. It now looks like the crop may reach more than 315,000,000 pounds with a total value of \$167,000,000. The bulk of our sales were made during the low and ascending price period while Kentucky is benefiting by the later and higher prices.

North Carolina's sales averaged approximately as follows: July eight millions at \$21.66; August 12 millions at \$25.51; September 79 millions at \$41.10; October 108 millions at \$56.85; November 50 millions at \$67.94. December sales averaged \$53.94 but the drop from November is due largely to big sales of scrap and low grades usually common at the close of the season. It is now estimated that 12,940,000 pounds of the farmers' virgin weed is still unsold. Only two per cent of the crop sales were unreported by warehouses according to the crop reporting service estimates.

The December producers sales all amounted to 33,159,298 pounds which was about two-thirds of the amount sold last December. The season's first hand sales have already amounted to over 300 millions of pounds, which averaged about 52 cents. The average harvested is officially estimated by the bureau of crop estimates at 554,000 acres, and the yield at 560 pounds per acre, making 310,240,000 pounds.

The nation's crop is estimated by the Federal department of Agriculture at 1,901,250 acres; the yield at 781 pounds per acre; the total production 1,485,468,000 pounds with an average price of 39 cents, giving the entire crop a value of \$582,547,000 which is quite a record. Kentucky leads with 455,500,000 pounds averaging 53.50, giving a value of \$174,383,000. The rank in total value among the states is Kentucky first, North Carolina, second; Virginia,

Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases convened Monday, January 19th. Mr. John A. Fry was made foreman of the grand jury. The following cases were disposed of:

State vs. Thomas Ritter, A. D. W., guilty, \$25.00 and cost.

State vs. John Carter, larceny and felonious breaking, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. W. W. Sheffield, assault, \$20.00 and cost.

State vs. Moses Smith, accidental shooting. Defendant pleaded guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Blake Webb, perjury. Defendant tendered plea of nolo contendere. Four months in jail with privilege to hire out.

State vs. Chas. Smith, perjury. Defendant tendered plea of nolo contendere. Four months in jail with privilege to hire out.

State vs. Ompel Barrett, perjury. Defendant tendered plea of nolo contendere. Four months in jail with privilege of hiring out.

State vs. Blake Webb, C. C. W., guilty, \$50 and cost.

State vs. Ivey Morley and Lucy Jones, F. and A., judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. John Miller, L. and R., and felonious breaking, four months in jail with privilege to hire out.

State vs. K. H. Sanders, A. D. W., judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

January Term Court, North Carolina, Moore County.

To the Hon. Judge of the Superior Court of Moore County:

We, the Grand Jury, for January Term 1920 of Superior Court of Moore County:

We have acted on all bills and returned same to the Court.

We have visited the several offices in the court house and find them well kept, except for want of space. We recommend that more room be provided for Register's and Clerk's offices.

We find our county jail in excellent condition, but with only one prisoner, of which we are proud.

A committee visited the County Home for Aged and Infirm and report home in good condition, except some broken plastering. We recommend that repair work be done at once. The inmates are very well cared for. We recommend that the county commissioners furnish hose for fire protection at the home.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Fry, Foreman.

GLEE CLUB AT SOUTHERN PINES

The Civic Club of Southern Pines announces the next entertainment of the course to be the Metropolitan Glee Club, at the Princess on Friday evening, January 30th, at 8 o'clock. Season tickets, \$2.00. Single admission 75 cents.

Ohio, fourth; Tennessee, fifth; South Carolina, sixth.

GIRL SCOUTS SALE AT SOUTHERN PINES

The Girl Scouts of Southern Pines started out to raise money that would go towards buying their uniforms. On last Saturday afternoon they held a sale in the Kings Daughters hall from one o'clock until six. They had a fancy work booth, a table of home-made candy, and one of home-made food, which was all donated by those who were interested in the girls, and this time their friends were many. They sold ice cream, cake, sandwiches, coffee and cocoa at small tables scattered over the room which continued in their popularity as long as the bill of fare held out.

Up-stairs, in the room above, an entertainment was given, with an admission price of twenty-five cents. The entire program was planned by the girls, who arranged every number. And all those who had any ability in providing for an afternoon's entertainment were called upon to contribute. And here the girls found some interesting features and real talent, among the collection of winter visitors and folks of the town. One of the numbers was an interesting trip of young girls, all sisters. They are the St. Maries, who have located in Southern Pines in the Palmer house with their people for the winter. One of the girls played the piano, one a cornet, and the other a fiddle. As it is seldom you see three musicians in one family, and ones so young, they added no small amount of interest for their appreciative audience. Mrs. John Bloxham of New Jersey and Miss Anna Patch of Southern Pines sang a duet, and Mrs. Lewis of New England, a solo. Charlotte Clark, one of the scouts, danced a fancy dance or two that would rank with some of the professionals. Little Helen Blair, in costume, did the Highland Fling. Elizabeth Kimball and Fred Cole recited, and Ethel Day played a piano solo.

Over two hundred dollars were taken in from the sale and entertainment. Their expenses were a trifle over ten dollars, leaving close to two hundred for the uniforms the girls have been working for.

The girls are doing good work, and with a leader as broad and fair minded as Helen Ruggles, they will do more.

TOBACCO SELLING HIGH IN KENTUCKY

Campbellville, Ky., Jan. 20, 1920
Moore County News: I am sending some prices on tobacco in Kentucky, which please publish and let our tobacco planters know the way the tide is coming.

It is going to sell high again this season and if a good crop everybody will make money and be glad.

I tried to get some seed to put at Mr. Miller's Hardware for the people but my check has been returned to me, saying they had more orders than they could fill. However I think most of the people saved their own seed. Here are the figures it is going at out here in old Kentucky:

Lexington.—Another world's record was made when 9,050 pounds in the three crops raised on the farm of Horace Davis in Fayette county, sold at an average of \$1.03 1-2 a pound.

Maysville.—Prices ranged from \$2 to \$105 a hundred pounds.

Flemingsburg.—Sales, 75,000 lbs. at an average of \$54.20.

Mt. Sterling.—Average \$35.59 for 174,250 pounds.

Lexington.—Sales 1,500,000 pounds at average of \$58.

And our Tar Heel farmers will do just as well, if they will only have the faith and stick to it, and attend to it close, and don't over crop so as to neglect it, and do their best to have it good, and they will be in the boat.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Yours truly,
J. R. Hutchings.

A SURPRISE PARTY

Contributed:

One of the most delightful social events of the season took place on the night of Jan. 20th, when a large number of friends in the community gathered at the country home of Miss Helen Turnley on Cameron Route Two, who is just home from her school, to give her a surprise party. An artistic arrangement of Christmas decorations made the home especially attractive and the evening was characterized by an air of genial and cordial hospitality.

After several hours spent in conversation and few piano selections, delicious refreshments were served by Miss Turnley, assisted by her mother.

STATE HIGHWAY LINE SUGGESTED

B. F. Butler Favors the Line by Big Oak and Mt. Carmel

To the Editor of the Moore County News:

A growing discontent has been noticed among the people of the western half of the county concerning the progress and location of the proposed Raleigh-Charlotte Highway. The engineers have now been since September locating the line from Troy to a point about eleven miles east of Biscoe. This progress, however, would not have been so bad, had preliminary surveys been made over several different routes, so that competitive lines and profiles might be had on which to decide the "most direct and practicable route" as called for in the bill providing for this work. We have been repeatedly told by those in authority that the final location was "up to the engineers," and it is hardly conceivable how they could adopt a different method for such a large and costly piece of work than comparing lines and grades of several apparent routes, but it now appears from a letter written by the Hon. R. N. Page to M. A. Monroe, under date of January 16th, that the entire question of the line from Biscoe to Carthage was settled by a single auto trip between these points, including, of course, an investigation of the available materials of construction! Mr. Page stated in this letter that the trip was made by himself, his son, and an engineer. They went by Big Oak, and Bensalem, over the old Troy-Carthage stage road, as now changed into a "neighborhood road," and which does not now follow the old, more direct and feasible route. They found the distance to be 23 1-2 miles from Biscoe to Carthage. They then returned to Biscoe by the Old Plank Road, Garner's and Deaton's stores, making the distance one and a half miles longer, and the statement follows that the distance by the old stage road would be increased by a mile and a half by a proper crossing at Wet Creek, whereas the route by Garner's and Deaton's stores could be shortened by a mile. Any one who has traveled over the latter road with his eyes open would know that in crossing the five creeks and branches between Deaton's store and the Plank road that to obtain a road with the proposed ruling grade would materially increase the distance instead of shortening it. The same argument should hold for both routes.

I have seen a map showing the line of the old stage road (not as it exists today with twists and excessive grades introduced to bring it past several houses) which the supervisors of Bensalem Township, who were naturally interested in the location of this road through Bensalem, had made last summer. This map shows the distance from the Montgomery-Moore county line to Carthage to be 18 1-2 miles. This distance is based on an improved crossing at Wet Creek, and an inspection of the map shows that this distance might be shortened between A. E. Lewis' and Big Oak, with improved grades, and also between Mt. Carmel Church and Carthage. I have talked about this matter with men who are well acquainted with this route, and the entire section, and all agree as to the correctness of this statement. The route from Deaton's store to the Plank Road lies at right angles to the main drainage, whereas on the Old Stage Route, the drainage is crossed diagonally, so it can easily be seen that better grades might be expected on the latter.

The way it looks to me, Mr. Editor, is this. The distance from Biscoe to Carthage by the Old Stage Road with improvements would be not so much as 21 1-2 miles, while the distance by Deaton's and Garner's stores and the Plank Road will be at least 24 1-2 miles, and there will be more bridges required on the latter line.

Our County Commissioners have authorized the spending of money for this road. Is it not up to them to see that the county gets value received for the work they sanction?

B. F. Butler,
Eagle Springs, January 23, 1920.