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Pine Hills Hotel will formally open tonight.....

Built at a cost of \$ 1,350,000 with furnishings approximating more than \$200,000 new hotel will rank among most modern and beautiful In America . . . (Gordon Huff In Times Picayune)

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When those who financially are back of the Pine Hills-on-the Bay project at Shell Beach on the northern shore of Bay St. Louis meet there tonight for the formal-opening of the Pine Hills hotel. they will have an opportunity to inspect one of the most modern and beautiful and one of the best furnished resort hotels in America. The reception tonight will be for the stockholders in the product only . The hotel will be opened formally for reception of guests Monday (the 20th.)

Built at a cost of \$1,350,000 with Spanish architecture type of structure and the interior constructed along Spanish and the building is in a beautiful setting on the bay Italian renaissance lines , shore near the famous old Indian shell bank. Entrance by automobile is made at the rear of the building, a roadway winding from the Old Spanish Trail through the golf course and residential park on the north. A majority of guest, who will come to P.C. by train, will be transported to the hotel from Henderson Point in yachts purchased by the hotel company for that purpose and for the pleasure of the guests.

Hal Thompson, president of the hotel company, who will be in charge of the project as active manager, announces that more than \$200,000 was put in the hotel furnishings, and it is his boast that nothing can be found in Pine Hills Hotel which will not compare favorably in beauty, value and comfort with that found in the homes of the wealthy who will be quests of the hotel.

FRONTS ON BAY TERRACE .

All the furnishings in the hotel, from draperies, silverware and cutlery to imported furniture and fine linens were supplied by Albert Pick and Company, Chicago and N.Y., whose representatives, Jack Goslar and Jack Lemassan, have been at the hotel for several weeks superintending instillation of furnishing. The money put in furnishings in the hotel was spent where comfort for guests was most needed. The greeting lobby is void of furnishings of any kind, containing only the registration desk, telephone booths and tobacco stand. The elevator lobby also is bare, and only a cast iron fountain is to be installed as a decoration.

The dining room, five steps lower than the ground floor on which is located the lobbies and lounge, is given a pleasing effect through the height of the windows which extend to the ceiling. The dining room fronts on the terrace overlooking the bay, and just across the lobby hall is the Jack and Jill room where children will dine. The Pine Hills Hotel Orchestra will provide music during meal hours and for dinner-dances.

The Spanish Lounge, the most remarkable room in this hotel of remarkable rooms, is furnished in a manner which will please guests coming from the most wealthy home of America. The furniture is of hand carved mahogany made by the best manufactures in the U. S. with exception of several pieces which were imported from Italy and Spain. The floor is covered with 6 specially designed Hartford Saxony rugs and the furniture convening is of the highest grade imported linen frieze and brocade. The golf course to the north of the building can be seen from 6 windows in the lounge and 6 doors open on to the loggia on the bay side of the hotel.

REPLICA OF PALACES

Draperies in the lounge are said to be copied from draperies in one of the European palaces. In addition to opening from the lobby and the loggia, the lounge opens to the arcade, which extends to the east entrance. The loggia extends half the length of the building in a great sun parlor, beautifully furnished, and opens to the terrace which is dotted with umbrella tables. A grill has been provided in the basement for men and a roof tea garden is on the second floor, connected with the elevator lobby by stairway.

The bedrooms are all solid carpeted, with draperies and upholstering in

smooth mohair. The furniture in the bedrooms of an exclusive pattern designed expressly for the Pine Hills hotel. All corridors in the building also are solid carpeted with Axminster rugs. There are 23 rooms with full-size beds finished in a parchment and green combination, 22 full sized rooms finished in oyster and two toned grey, fifty full sized rooms in mahogany and maple, 36 twin bedrooms in parchment and green, and 24 twin bedrooms in oyster and two-toned grey.

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Acting Governor to Be at Opening of Pine Hills Hotel.

Acting Gov. Dennis Murphree was in Gulfport this afternoon, coming down from Jackson today, to attend the opening of the Pine Hills Hotel tonight. He will act as the official representative of the state at this important event in the history of the Coast.

The Gov. said he was glad to visit the Coast, especially for an event such as that which will take place tonight. He will return to Jackson tomorrow.