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PRICE FIVE CENTS

JACKSON SPRINGS

All those wanting fun, go to the high school auditorium to the "Old Maids' Convention," on Tuesday, August 23, at 8:15 p. m. There will be a double play. The double play first, an Obstinate Family, and Mrs. R. G. Matheson says come and see what is next. There will be jokes, songs and recitations. The proceeds will go towards paying off the indebtedness of the manse.

Rev. A. S. Parker, of Biscoe, has been conducting a very successful revival at the Pleasant Hill M. E. church near here. The meeting will continue on until sometime this week. A large number have confessed their faith in Christ. Sunday School at this church has been reorganized and will be every Sunday at 10 a. m. Rev. Parker will begin a revival next Sunday at Marcus M. E. church near here.

Rev. R. G. Matheson is conducting a revival at Bensalem Presbyterian church this week.

Rev. J. M. Clark, of Statesville, who has been Presbyterian evangelist for Concord Presbytery for the past few years since returning to his native state, will conduct a revival here from November 6th to 13th. "Mac," as Dr. Clark is familiarly known in this section of the state, has many friends and relatives who will be glad to learn of his coming again to his home church where he has conducted some successful revivals.

H. G. Poole spent the week-end at home. Herbert was recently elected cashier of the Bank of Moore at Carthage. He has had considerable banking experience, and is one of our boys who has been making good in his chosen work.

Miss Maggie Clark is at home for her vacation from Durham where she is assistant welfare officer.

C. A. Armstrong, of Troy, is having an addition made to his cottage here.

A large crowd is at the hotel and boarding houses, and seem to be well pleased with our famous resort.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Blue, a daughter, August 9th.

Marvin Poole will go to Highsmiths Hospital at Fayetteville, for a slight operation this week.

Freeman Patterson is at home from State College at Raleigh where he has been doing some work preparatory to reentering college this fall.

We want to see a baseball league in the county next summer, and we hope mistakes and criticisms will help every community that puts out a baseball team another year.

Robert Rankin returned from Charlotte Friday morning where he had been on a visit.

Who would have thought they'd live to see the time when a congressman would speak of a billion dollars as carelessly as most of us speak of a five-cent cigar.

OPENING A NEW LEAD

One of the most significant things that has happened in a long time was the closing, a few days ago, of two big real estate deals by Henry Matthews. One of these was the sale to James Garner and to B. O. Cornelius and John and Ernest Hancock, of the Shaw tract northeast of Vass. This lot contains something over 500 acres, of which Mr. Garner gets 90 acres and the others the balance. Mr. Garner is already living out in the vicinity of the new acquisition; the others are Winston-Salem folks. Mr. Cornelius is a Southern railroad conductor. It is their intention to get the land under cultivation. This tract is out in the territory near the Hoke and Harnett corners on the Moore county line, and on the road that is projected to run from Vass to Pineview over on the Coast Line in Harnett. It is about five miles out from Vass.

Close by this purchase is the big tract of 857 acres known as the Poole land. This Mr. Matthews has already sold, the buyer being John M. Taylor, of Winston-Salem. It is Mr. Taylor's intention to get the ground in order soon and set peach orchards and dewberry vineyards. He is a man of means, and is much interested in the Moore county Sandhills. This tract is also on the proposed new road, and when that road is built will be one of the valuable locations of the county.

Out along the Harnett county line is an empire that awaits development. One of the finest ridges in the state extends from Vass out toward the hill country of Harnett, and from the towering height of Cameron hill, not far below Pineview, clear through into Moore county that ridge dividing Little River and its tributaries from the Cape Fear and its tributaries, is a commanding elevation. On the Poole tract the ridge is the highest for miles, a view from the top of it extending down into Hoke and Cumberland counties on the south, and to the far distance in Harnett and Lee on the east and north. It would be hard to pick a better peach range in all this sandy belt than that one that runs out into the Poole lands, and with a good road to permit easy shipping of fruit from out that way those who know that section predict that it will become one of the most profitable peach belts in the district. Good crops of cotton, corn and tobacco on the farms out that way show that it is good general farming land, as it is heavier in its type than most of the sandy land of the county. Some excellent farms are found on the road out that way.

The region of the new purchases is historic. At one spot is a mound near what is called the Huckleberry pond, and the mound is said to be a burial place used by the Indians in one of their wars in remote days.

The story runs that away back the Roanoke Indians came down this way and encountered the Cherokees, with such disaster that most of the Roanokes never got back. At the mound out on the Poole ridge curio seekers have dug from time to time in search of Indian implements, and even now the ground shows that digging has taken place in recent years.

Another point of interest out that way, but a little farther toward Cameron Hill, is the old race track. A generation or more ago a track was maintained out on the broad table land, and it is told by tradition that many an exciting meet took place there in the depths of the thinly settled pine forests. Much fine land awaits settlement there on the broad high planes, and it is assumed that the beginning that will be made by the new purchasers means the opening of that country to a population that will develop it.

Farther out, and southward toward Lobelia, many new settlers have been going in to plant tobacco, and Mr. Matthews says that if tobacco brings any price this season he will have more folks down here from the mountains to locate out between Lobelia and the Poole place, and he has hopes of filling that region with some good people.

A road from Pineview is talked considerably, and as it would be an easy road to build, with few grades and few bridges, and several miles of the route already in fair shape, it is not beyond the probabilities that the road will be undertaken one of these days. Some day that region, with a good road through it, and a railroad on each side, will be one of the best bits of farming country in Moore county, and it may not be a great while in developing. A few farms are out on the county line, and a little saw mill work is carried on out that way, but aside from that the country is pretty much a new world, and ready to take care of a goodly number of people.

A drive out that way is interesting. The road leads out past the Methodist church, and at several points a turn can be made to cross over to the Lobelia road, or by Cameron, or even if a longer ride be desired, by Pineview and back by Lemon Springs. Some of the road is nothing extra, but it can be negotiated with little trouble all the way, and the trip is worth taking. It gives a broad view of all that wild country after the ridge is reached, and the picture is a great one.

The man who is unable to work and smoke at the same time usually smokes.

Every session of congress is just like the one before it—in the matter of free garden seed.

THE SANDHILL FAIR

The Annual Sandhill Fair will be held at Pinehurst, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 16th, 17th, and 18th.

That it is going to be "bigger, better and more interesting than ever" is a foregone conclusion.

Much more elaborate preparations than ever before are being made for the various exhibits, both agricultural and otherwise, and the exhibits will be on a much larger scale than has ever been shown.

The Berkshire Hog Show is now an established feature which has become famous throughout the Eastern states and is growing larger and more important every year, and we are already assured of a show this year that will far surpass any previous one. The Ayrshire Cattle Show is a feature which was inaugurated last year and which will rival the Berkshire Show this year in size and quality. Some of the finest Ayrshires in the country will be there and you may depend upon it they will be good to look at.

The entertainment features are looming up big and there will be so many of them that there will be "something doing every minute."

The Annual Parade, the Annual Pageant, Baseball Games, Basketball Tournament, Athletic Track Meet, Football Game, Shooting Exhibition, Special Dances by the schools, and the big races, are a few of the attractions that will keep you running from one place to another to see them all.

We expect to be able to announce two or three other big features, plans for which are not quite completed.

Now is the time for every farmer in the Sandhills to lay by some of his products to exhibit at the fair. The Premium List will be out this week and contains very liberal premiums covering a wide range of exhibits.

From now on let every Sandhiller talk Sandhill Fair day and night on every corner, with every neighbor until no one can possibly forget it.

The secretary desires to have a copy of the Premium List in the hands of everybody, but if he misses you, just drop him a line and he will see that you get one.

LET'S GO!

DEWBERRIES FINE

All through this section the dewberry plants are looking fine. They are up a foot high or more, and green as in the early spring. The farmers cleaned out the old canes early in the season after the crop was harvested, and gave the new canes a chance to come up, and they are along well toward a good growth for the coming spring. The good returns this year will lead to preparation for a much bigger crop next year if the weather should prove favorable, and dewberry money can be expected as a feature another spring.