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Jackson Springs

Forest fires are doing lots of damages to timber and land in the western part of the state. That reminds us that all should protect our homes and forests by burning the wire grass some damp afternoon at this season of the year. It will not damage the timber, and fire will do less harm to the land now than it would if the land was burnt over in late spring.

At the Community Club meeting on Tuesday evening. Poultry was discussed. This is a very important subject now. This product is selling for a good price while cotton, tobacco and other products are selling low. Does the farmer ever think what profits chickens are? No doubt he is not ashamed to carry a dozen eggs to the store to exchange for necessities during these days. Young chickens bring a good price in the summer and one can preserve eggs for the winter. We always have a good market at our winter resorts for poultry products. The farmers should pay more attention to their chickens. Pure bred flocks of chickens are more beautiful than scrubs and yield greater profits. One young farmerette, living near West End, sold her eggs for 90 cents a dozen, when the farmers thought they were getting a good price for their eggs at 60 cents per dozen.

At the next Community Club meeting there will be a debate. Resolved: "That Jackson Springs should be incorporated." Our village supports a bank, several up-to-date stores and is an enterprising and progressive little town, and has a population that one would not feel ashamed of in the census reports, yet, we have not the protection that smaller towns have.

M. W. Wall, our county agent and Mr. Bartell, drainage engineer, were here for the Community Club meeting on Tuesday and gave a terrace demonstration on the Fletcher farm, and on the Manice farm Wednesday.

Mr. George R. Ross, our representative from this county, is in Raleigh attending the session of the legislature. Mrs. Ross and children are visiting her people in Graham.

The Derby Memorial School Girls basket ball team defeated the West End girls on the former's court Friday morning.

Milton, the 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. McLeod had the misfortune of dislocating his right arm at the elbow on Monday while playing with other small boys at school.

The Ellerbee High School boys basket ball team will play the Derby Memorial boys on the latter's court on Friday afternoon.

The road between here and Eagle Springs is being repaired. Bensalem Township has clayed the road to the township line. This will open up a section that has not been developed and will give a nearer and better route to Eagle Springs and Hemp.

Mr. Bill Ellis who has held a position with the Jackson Springs Hardware Store for several months has resigned and has gone to his home at Star. Bill made a

Lakeview

Mr. D. W. McNeill, of Cameron, was a business visitor in our village Monday.

Mrs. P. L. Gardner spent a part of last week with her children in Pinehurst.

Mrs. S. A. Newcomb, of Pinehurst, was a very pleasant guest in the home of the Misses Bacon and Littlefield last week.

Mr. P. L. Gardner spent the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. R. P. Andrews, of Raleigh.

We are glad to report Mr. I. J. Tayntor, who was right sick last week is able to be out and about his usual duties.

Mr. A. C. Wood has recently purchased two lots adjoining those of Mr. E. P. Burr, and we understand he will build and remain in Lakeview.

Even tho we hear hard times and money scarcity daily, it seems that the real estate business is much alive in this section. Mr. W. H. McNeill has just sold a lot of land here, in this town, to Mr. I. J. Tayntor and has purchased a large tract of land from Mr. N. A. McKeithen, of Carthage. This land lies south of Lakeview and joins the McQueen and Seward farm. Mr. McNeill means to have this cleared immediately and about one-half of the tract put in peaches. This orchard joining the McQueen and Seward orchard will make an extensive one, as they have just planted out several thousand trees this winter.

An Enjoyable Afternoon

On Friday afternoon of last week, at Mrs. W. D. Ferguson, the members of the Ladies Missionary Society, of Eureka Presbyterian Church, delightfully entertained the trustees and faculty of the Sand Hill Farm Life School. After the rendering of a very interesting program the guests were invited into the dining room by the hostesses were a sumptuous feast had been prepared by the ladies of the community. The table fairly groaned under the weight of the good things to which all did ample justice. The trustee's and members of the faculty wish to express their hearty appreciation to the ladies of the community for their kind and thoughtful hospitality. Besides members of the society, trustees and faculty, the guest list included Misses Bertha Proffitt and Mable Craft and Rev. Taffee, of Carthage.

number of friends here who regret very much to lose him.

Revenue officers raided a blockade still over the line, in Montgomery county, one day last week. Beer was left for the officers, but the still had been moved for future use in supplying the demand for strong drink, and giving revenue officers more work.

Parties did not die during the holidays. Miss Sallie McKenzie gave one on Friday night in the old Betsy McKenzie house, near her home. This old fashioned house with large hall and fire place is a good place for the young people to have square dances and enjoy games during the long winter.

Where the Laugh Comes In

There are very few people who seemingly give the proper or sufficient amount of credit to a good, hearty, earnest whole soled laugh, to which it is in reality entitled, for the reason that there is no tonic so inexpensive, so satisfactory, nor so beneficial both in a physical and mental sense as a natural burst of laughter, it increases healthfully the circulation, improves the digestion, stimulates the liver to increased normal action and elevates the spirits in a most remarkable manner.

Such has been for ages to be the case. Mention is made by Socrates or Diogenes or some other "Antique" who when a man in his presence spoke derogatorily of another saying "He is a fool he laughs too much" rebuked the speaker by remarking "He is a wise man, you are the fool."

The celebrated London physician Dr. Abernethy who when a young widow called upon him for advice, she having become quite thin and decidedly melancholic since the recent death of her husband, said to her "weep less and laugh more and you will regain both flesh and health."

You may recall the lines written by that poetic delineator of human passion Ella Wheeler Wilcox—

"Laugh and the world laughs with you
Weep and you weep alone."

Or what is very much to the point in:

"It is easy enough to be pleasant
When life moves along like a song
But the man worth while
Is the man who will smile
When everything goes dead wrong."

Whoever came in contact with a fat man as a rule found a hearty laughter, you would as soon expect to see a rough and tumble pig sty on the deck of an ocean liner, as to find a grouch evident on the face of a fat man, the old saying "Laugh and grow fat seems to be well put."

Now I appeal to all old bach's old maids and everybody whether they know anything more pleasing to hear than the merry laughing of children at play, and how we enjoy a group of merry makers with their shouts of hilarity, we desire to fraternize at once.

A woman who had married a widower sometime after her marriage met the sister of her former husband's wife, who asked her if she did not find it hard to get along with her husband, "he was such a grouch you know." "Oh! no not at all" she answered promptly "I made no reply to him back, but only laughed, in fact laughed him out of his habit." Now there is "where the laugh comes in" and it fitted just right too.

Again a man having a real or fancied grievance against another, sent by a "go-between" a insulting message, on the return of the messenger he asked how he received it, the reply was "He did not say a word only laughed." Another in stronger language was sent, the same thing occurred, a third attempt as violent as could be composed was carried to him and the result was no different, it was then that he threw up his hands and surrendered, the laughs were too much for him.

People enjoyed the writings of Mark Twain so much that he made two fortunes, one which he lost in a business operation, the other that enabled him to pay his

Upper Hoke

We notice everybody is getting busy again after the holidays. While there is not much doing in the way of public work there is some private work going on. The power plant force is busy putting in new and expensive machinery and are working a number of men. J. P. McQueen who is bossing the job stated that he could not tell when the work would be completed as it is a big undertaking.

G. O. Rodgers, county superintendent of Hoke schools and D. K. Blue, register of deeds, from Raeford, visited the schools of Upper Hoke last week.

J. A. Keith, of Vass, was looking over his property in Upper Hoke last week and was much surprised at the rapid growth of the timber on his land, it being some time since Mr. Keith walked through the woods. About fifteen years ago Mr. A. Cameron of Vass, cut and sawed all the timber that was large enough on this land for mill purposes, and Mr. Keith stated that he believed it would cut as much lumber now as it did fifteen years ago. We once heard a man say that it was mighty poor land that would not pay ten per cent. each year in timber growth, and from what Mr. Keith says, regarding his forest, this gentlemen's theory is true.

This place, mid-way between Fayetteville and Sanford is owned by the Rockefeller's and is one of the largest game preserves in the state, consisting of 30,000 acres of sandhills, they have a large club house, where several hundred guests can be accommodated. Horses are plentiful with dogs, guns, fishing tackles and golf links in abundance to entertain those who are looking for sport. Quail, wild turkey, deer, etc., is plentiful. There are several fish ponds stocked with the finest fresh water fish.

Another large and up-to-date barn with dog kennels attached is now being built, which gives employment to a number of men.

A horse trainer, whose whole time is taken up in training fine blooded horses is a resident of the place. He teaches them all kinds of tricks.

It would pay any reader of the Pilot to take a trip to our hills and look at what is going on. Something that the average country fellow never even thought or dreamt of.

As our letter is somewhat lengthy we will ring off with best wishes to all Pilot readers. S.A.C.

business debts and left him a nice surplus.

An extract from a Health Magazine may be worthy of your attention. "I have spoken of joy as a cause, as of tonic value to health, as an effect, an end, it needs no justification, for the life that is fundamentally joyous needs none, it is fully achieved."

So if you want to be well and happy, laugh, laugh if you stub your toe, if you strike your thumb with a hammer, if you bark your shins, if your bank fails, if your best girl turns you down, if a mule should kick you why! just laugh—if you can. P

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