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LAKEVIEW

Mr. J. R. McQueen made a business trip to Hemp, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moffit, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with Mrs. Moffit's sister, Mrs. P. L. Gardner.

Master Alex Stuart and little sister, Sara Worthy, of Maxton, are spending some time with their grandmother, Mrs. D. McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Stutts, who have been at Pinehurst for the winter, are at their attractive cottage, "Afterglow" for the summer.

Miss Lexie Smith, of Durham, is spending awhile with her cousin, Miss Selma Smith.

Miss Nancy Maxwell, of Waynesville, put in the week end with her friend, Miss Hermenia Haynes. Miss Maxwell was enroute to Trinity College where she will attend summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hoke left last week for Chapel Hill where they will attend summer school.

Mrs. S. H. Gardner and daughter, Miss Gladys, returned to Carthage Sunday after spending several weeks with relatives here.

Everything is lively in Lakeview now. The Boy Scouts from Hamlet, about thirty in all, arrived in town last week. Tuesday brought the Boy Scouts from Bennettsville; there are thirty of those and about fifteen girl scouts from Bennettsville, also. This is the fourth year for the boys and the first for the girls. They are having a great time and Lakeview is the ideal place for a real boy. Every day brings a picnic from some source. The dances are well attended and everything is running on a clean basis. All the camp houses are booked for every day until near the end of the season and lots more that would come if we could only accommodate them. We need more camp houses and a hotel.

CAMERON

Miss Dorothy Johnson, of Winterville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean at their beautiful home on Carthage Street.

Mrs. C. R. Badgett, of White Hill, visited Mrs. Doss on Monday.

Mr. Horace Joyner, of Oxford, is on a visit to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Joyner.

Rev. M. D. McNeill and Mrs. McNeill went to Buffalo where Mr. McNeill was called to conduct the funeral services of Mr. Tom Campbell, who passed away at his home in Pocket township.

M. McL. McKeithen, H. T. Petty, Leighton McKeithen, Horace Joyner and Dr. Archie McKeithen went fishing at the power plant Monday evening and caught thirty-nine.

John Gaddy has been made president of the Tonsorial College at Durham.

Mr. Walter Tyndal, of Kinston, was the guest, last week, of Miss Sue Hunter.

A FERTILE REGION

One of the most fertile sections of Central North Carolina is that which is in the Little River valley. This valley is narrow in places, wider in others, with the land sloping from the higher hills. Here and there the slope is so moderate that the valley fertility goes a long distance back from the streams, and the bottoms cover a wide area. It would be hard to find in any place in the state a more desirable fifty thousand acres of land for farming purposes than that which lies around Vass in all directions, especially that which is in the neighborhood of the river and its tributary streams. From up the river all the way down to the Hoke county line and beyond the fertility is high, while the character of the land and of the hill and valley is such that it has the advantages of the hill land as well as those of the lower country farther down, and few of the objectionable features of the low ground of the flat counties.

It is probable that within a radius of five or six miles from Vass is a fair territory that offers a greater total of attractions for a farming community than in the same area in any other part of North Carolina. This being the case the outcome is certain. Such resources will

be brought into use as the big development that is sweeping the whole county reaches more vigorously this way. It is no longer a question of whether the development is to swing this way, but simply one of how rapidly it is coming. Such land as is at the option of the settler as that around Vass is not possible of neglect while other sections are coming. Finding out what is in the river valley is a sure guarantee that what is available will be brought into use, and it is no more a matter of debate than the prospect of winter six months from now.

Yet how many people right here in the community realize the value of the fertile lands of the river section? Always we delude ourselves with the dream that the distant fields are the green ones. But the fact is that right here under our noses is a broad area that could, with a little energy rightly applied, be made one of the most thrifty and prosperous and enviable farm communities on the face of the earth. Between Vass and Morrison's bridge are lands that would easily pay the interest on a thousand dollars an acre, and much of that land could be bought for twenty dollars an acre.

WEST END

Miss Anna Richardson, of Asheboro, is visiting relatives here.

Misses McDonald and Dixon spent last Thursday at the home of Mr. M. C. McDonald.

Mr. W. H. Marlett returned Tuesday from a business trip to Hillsboro.

Mrs. Jenkins, of Norwood, spent the week-end with her husband here.

Mrs. J. E. Patterson spent Sunday here with her brother, Mr. Claude Auman.

Rev. Mr. Matheson passed Saturday night in town.

The baseball game here Saturday with High Falls was postponed on account of the cloud.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lewis and Misses Mary and Bertie Ritter motored over to Lakeview Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Quintin Herndon was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. B. W. Pulliam has returned to her home at Ether, after visiting relatives here.

VASS ROUTE ONE

Mrs. N. C. Blue spent the week-end with her son, Mr. R. S. Blue, of Manley.

Prof. and Mrs. J. D. McLeod made a trip to High Point one day last week.

Prof. F. M. Dwight, of the Farm Life School, is now at A. and E., Raleigh, attending summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Blue, of Manley, were visitors on this route one day last week.

Mr. Wayland Blue, a student at Bethel College, West Virginia, is at home for his summer vacation. While at home he will play on the Southern Pines ball team.

Misses Florence and Lucile Beam, Statesville, are visiting their sister, Miss Lilly Beam.

Misses Margaret McLeod and Rozella McCollum returned last night from an extensive tour of the northern states and Canada.

Mrs. Baldwin and sister, Miss Greenlea, left for Badin Monday where they will visit Mrs. Baldwin's mother.

The Moore County Summer School for teachers is now open at the Farm Life School with a very large attendance.

Mr. Leon Palmer and sister, Miss Elsie, of Laurinburg, spent the week-end with relatives on this route.

JACKSON SPRINGS

Several young college men met at the hotel on Tuesday evening of last week and organized a college club. The following officers were elected: J. G. Stuart, president; J. H. Poole, secretary and treasurer; L. T. Graham, corresponding secretary; R. G. Matheson, Jr., social director. The club has several things in view. One important thing is to encourage high school students to complete their work and resume it at college. Director Matheson will have some tennis courts in shape soon, and young and old will have the privilege of the courts.

N. D. J. Clark is the oldest living alumni of the University of N. C. Mr. Clark has passed the ninetieth mile stone and is very active. He enjoys sports the same as young boys, and is a good marksman with a gun. He does chores about the house, and a stranger to see him at the post office reading his paper would not think him so old. He has an excellent memory and is the champion speller in the community.

A very interesting program was carried out at the Community Club on Tuesday evening of last week. A large crowd was present.

Geo. R. Ross was in Raleigh Tuesday of last week for the meeting of business men, and the organization committee of the co-operative tobacco and cotton marketing associations.

Mr. W. A. Clark plowed his tobacco (Continued on page 8)

Mrs. Agnes Hobbs and little daughter, Margaret, of Fayetteville, are visiting the Misses Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gaddy and little Miss Lula were three of the thirty people who enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Alsa Thompson, Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Hartsell will preach the first Sunday in July at Crane's Creek, at eleven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Doss and children spent Sunday with Mrs. W. H. Simpson near Cypress.

Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Mitchell and children, with their guests, Mrs. J. P. Barefoot and little son, of Raleigh, enjoyed an outing and picnic supper at Lakeview Monday evening.

Mr. A. D. Hartsell, of Lakeland, who has been on a visit to relatives here, returned home last week.

Mr. L. A. Hendricks and family have moved into their new home on McNeill Street.

Mrs. T. C. Gaddy received a handsome clock as a birthday present (Continued on page 8)