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TREE LAND PAYS GOOD INTEREST, SAYS ROBERT PRESNELL

Presnell has just cut a tract of timber which was 45 years old. This land has averaged paying \$13.50 an acre per yard for the past 45 years.

Presnell also had this to say, the land before volunteering in white pines had been strip mined and was unsuited for pasture. One thing more, if the land had grown up with scrub oaks and rhododendron as much of land was in Yancey County the land would have still been worthless.

Presnell's advice is, work the worthless woodland we now have to get desirable trees growing. By this, he means, to poison undesirable trees, and set out white pines, or fence the more suitable sites to allow yellow poplar to grow.

The Yancey County Soil Conservation District has a tree injector it will lend to poison undesirable trees.



control, shelter belts or other forestry purposes.

5. Water storage for any purpose, including fish or wildlife habitat.

6. Wildlife food plots or habitat when plantings are for wildlife food plots, or establishment of wildlife habitat.

7. Volunteer cover including any natural growth, provided any prescribed weed or erosion control measures are carried out.

8. Protected summer fallow, provided prescribed protective measures are carried out.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Under proclamation of Governor Terry Sanford, North Carolina is joining in the annual observance of Library Week. The following by the North Carolina Committee for observance of the week is timely:

READING

Not everyone can read as rapidly as our President, but given enough incentive and access to enough books everyone can read. By spending as much as 15 minutes each day, the average reader can read 21 books a year. This can mean 21 new ideas or more, new friends and more information to live by. It was James Russell Lowell who so aptly described reading as "The key which admits us to the whole world of thought and fancy and imagination, to the company of saint and sage, of the wisest and the wittiest at their wisest moment."

Studies show that about 90% of what we learn comes through reading. Thus reading is as necessary to learning as eating is to life.

What joy must be lacking for the individual who has never experienced the discovery of a new idea found in the printed page, or shared the thoughts of great men recorded for all generations in the printed record, or the sheer ecstasy known in the listening to or the reading of beautiful poetry. What a priceless heritage parents can give their children by leading them into the wonderful world of books. Even a fretting baby will respond to the sound of rhythm of a familiar voice reading. Lasting images are made by the father and the mother who read. Evenings when family members read aloud together become cherished memories and inspiration for life time reading habits. FOR A RICHER, FULLER LIFE — READ.

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KEEPING UP ON FARMING WITH UNCLE WALT

I learned somethin last week I sure was surprised at, and from what I gather it's been a goin' on for about five years now. The funny part about it is I still wouldn't know about it, I don't guess, if it hadn't been for old Nancy, our brood sow. Bless her heart, she's brought us 43 pigs in the four litters she's farrowed since we've had her, but blame her time, she still gits out of the pasture ever once in awhile.

I'd jest come in the house after runnin her for about 30 minutes before gettin her back in the pen an' fixin the fence. I was so near give out that I set down to sort of catch my breath. Fannie had the radio on a listenin while she was doin some patchin, so while I was blowin, I turned one of my ears to what was bein said over the radio. It weren't but a minute though before I had both ears tuned in.

Yessir, when I heard this feller Towner sayin that people weren't eatin as many eggs as they used to, I thought either he's a lyin or he don't know what he's talkin about, one or the other. By the time he got done talkin though, he had pretty well made up my mind that what he was sayin was the truth. He let go with a whole string of figures about how many eggs is bein laid in the state each year now and how many are bein eat, but I can't remember none of 'em. One of 'em that did stick with me though was the one he used in tellin about the difference in the number of eggs we're eatin now against what we were eatin 5 years ago. He kept talkin about some kind of per-percapitol, per captain or somethin like that. Fannie said he was a sayin per capita, which she says is one person, but I don't know whether she knows any more about it than

I do. Anyhow, if that's what it means, then each per capita is eatin three dozen less eggs than he was a eatin five years ago. That's what surprised me so. Why, I bet I'm eatin three dozen more than I was five years ago and Fannie, why she eats that many ever month in egg-nog alone.

It's funny how people's habits change. Accordin to Mr. Towner, and he ought to know what he's a talkin about he's one of them marketin fellers with the Agriculture Department, over at Raleigh, a lot of people ain't eatin no breakfast a tall now. Them's bound to be people who work in a office or who don't work, one or the other. By Ned, if they spent most of their days a doin what I do, I promise you they'd start the day off with a good breakfast in their stomachs.

Why, I don't even go out to feed my stock of a mornin until I've had at least one egg to eat. These people who can drink a cup of coffee, eat a piece of toasted light-bread and call that breakfast ought to come stick their legs under mine and Fannie's table one mornin. Ever once in-awhile we'll have some oatmeal or mush, and maybe on a Sunday mornin we'll have some pancakes, but regardless of what else we have

there's always some eggs on the table. They may be boiled one mornin, scrambled the next and frico whole the next, but they're fried whole the next, but they're always ate.

Just as Mr. Towner finished talkin and they told us what the weather was goin to do for the rest of the day, I turned off the radio. Fannie asked me what I did that for and I told her I wanted to talk to her while I was restin. So, I asked her what she thought about people a cuttin down on their egg eatin. Fannie's a right outspoken sort of person and she upped and said, "Well, everybody's got a right to their own opinion but save my life I can't understand why people who can have a good breakfast of eggs ever mornin don't eat 'em."



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