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CHAUTAQUA WEEK

Chautauqua week in Asheville begins Friday, July 10th, and runs till the 17th, inclusive. In that period there will be a number of lectures, and musical recitals of various kinds. Distinguished men and women will appear on the platform, and concerts will be given by orchestras, bands, and singers.

The name chautauqua carries with it now the suggestion of all that is best, most elevating in the literary world. It is an American institution, a kind of "people's college," democratic in spirit, thoroughly educational in aim. Connected with it are the names of some of the most famous Americans.

The program for the week beginning July 10th is most attractive and inviting to lovers of literature and music. Many of our readers will be anxious to hear the lecture by Hon. William Jennings Bryan, who has identified himself with the great chautauqua movement. Lovers of high class drama will be glad to hear the celebrated Shakespearean actor, Frederick Ward, who has devoted his life to the study and interpretation of the world's greatest dramatist. Mrs. Pickett, widow of the great Confederate leader, will give a historical lecture, entitled "The Battle of Gettysburg," a theme always arousing the interest of Americans.

In music the program will be so varied as to make the week almost a music festival. A glee club, an Italian orchestra, the New York city marine band, a concert party will offer opportunities for hearing music of the best kind rendered by musicians of ability.

It is seldom that we have so near us such a wealth of entertainment at a season so convenient. The programs will begin every afternoon at four o'clock and every evening at 8:30, making it possible for Brevard people and visitors to attend many of the numbers without inconvenience.

Special railroad rates will be offered during the week.

RECITAL FRIDAY NIGHT

As announced in last week's issue of the News, Mrs. May Putnam Clayton and Miss Mary Stewart Blair will give a recital of "Enoch Arden" Friday night of this week, July 10, at the Auditorium.

Mrs. Clayton will give a reading of the poem in two parts: Part I, "Either fixed his heart;" Part II, "A Shipwrecked Sailor." Miss Blair will accompany on the piano with musical themes adapted to the changing scenes.

Following are some press notices of the work of these ladies:

"Mrs. Clayton is a dramatic artist and held her audience throughout the evening."—Lexington (Mo.) News.

"Her stage presence is splendid. She articulates every word distinctly and portrays with natural simplicity every character in her poem."—Lexington (Mo.) Intelligence.

"Mrs. May Putnam Clayton presented last evening in the Pattee Park Baptist church the beautiful melodrama 'Enoch Arden.' Accompanying the reading, music written by Richard Strauss intensified every scene. Mrs. Clayton is a finished reader and strongly presented this elegant gem of literature."—St. Joseph (Mo.) News.

"Mrs. Clayton is a reader of marked ability, showing keen insight and interpretation."—Sadie Le Grande, Director of Voice, Mars Hill College.

"Miss Blair has played in this city at various public events, to the delight of the audiences."—Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegraph.

"Miss Blair is endowed with a velvet touch."—From Coker Academy.

"Both in design and execution the commencement concert was the best ever given before the public in Brevard."—Sylvan Valley News.

The opportunity of hearing this beautiful melodrama should not be missed by the public.

CAMP SAPHIRE

Camp Sapphire opened for its second season on July 1st, and quite a number of boys have already enrolled for the summer. They come from various parts of the country, all the way from New York to Texas, but mostly from the southern states. The largest bunch from any one place is from Memphis.

This year the camp is under the management of Messrs. R. A. and W. McK. Fetzer, the former holding a position in the chemical department at the North Carolina A. & M. college, the latter being connected with the Fishburn Military Academy at Waynesboro, Va. Both the Fetzers were here last year. In all, there are about a dozen counselors, or directors, with the prospect of a few more to come. All these are college men, acquainted with boys, and devoted to their training.

The fifty odd boys now in camp, ranging in age from ten to twenty, have the advantage of a daily program of exercises and activities. They rise at 7:30 a. m., have an athletic drill and a plunge in the lake and then get ready for breakfast. During the morning there are study hours and classes, track practice, boxing and swimming. In the afternoon base ball holds sway, followed by the late swimming. While in the lake the boys are carefully watched and cared for by some member of the council.

Deer Park lake is an ideal place for the camp. It is fast becoming a popular resort for visitors in Brevard and townspeople. A well graded road leads from Deer Park Home over the hill to the lake and along the dam, making an excellent driveway. The beauty of the place, the boating and swimming, the coming and going of pleasure seekers, make a very pleasant scene in the late afternoon.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His allwise providence to remove from us by death our beloved brother, A. J. George, June 26, 1914, aged forty-five years. He was a consistent member of the Little River Baptist church for twenty-eight years, joining at the age of seventeen. His body was interred in the Little River cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. Allison, pastor.

Thus to show our love and esteem, we, the members of Little River church,

Resolved, first, That we bow in humble submission to the will of God, who never makes a mistake and who doeth all things well.

Resolved, second, That in the death of Brother George our church and community have sustained a great loss. He was true to his church and true to his friends. His absence will be deeply felt in the church and vicinity. He was a consecrated Christian, always present at the service of his church when possible. For several years he was church clerk and Sunday school secretary, was always prompt, cheerfully and faithfully performing the work for his Divine Master. Brother George had a happy spirit and genial nature which made him a favorite in his church and community. He was a kind, affectionate father and husband and a meek and humble follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolved, third, That we earnestly endeavor to emulate his virtues and Christian graces and his diligent attendance at the house of God.

Resolved, fourth, That we may extend to the bereaved family our tenderest sympathy and earnest prayer that God may bless, sustain and comfort them and that they all may meet in the happy beyond where suffering and sorrow will be no more.

Resolved, fifth, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the church book and copies of the same be sent to the Biblical Recorder and Sylvan Valley News for publication and to the bereaved family.

Done by order of the church.
MRS. LOU OSBORNE,
MRS. LIZZIE MCCRARY,
Committee.

There will be preaching next Sunday morning and evening at the Baptist church by Rev. M. M. Wamboldt. Mr. Wamboldt will supply the church throughout this month and probably longer. Rev. A. T. Howell has declined the call to this church.

CAMP FRENCH BROAD

Camp French Broad, which was opened on July 1, although just entering upon its first season, already presents the appearance of a permanent establishment. Camp life, its duties, regulations and recreations fill the days with activities from which dull monotony is banished.

The camp is located near Wilson's bridge on a twenty-five acre tract of land extending to the crest of a small peak north of the river. On the top of a beautifully rounded knoll, shaded by bushes and white pines, the club house, green-walled, wide-plazzed, overlooks the camp and commands a view of mountains and green hill-tops along the river. Beyond this knoll is the dining hall and kitchen, also painted green, well screened, and equipped inside with electric fans.

In front of the club house on the slope of the hill are the tents, below them the three fine tennis courts, and between these and the river a level field containing two splendid base ball diamonds, an encircling quarter-mile race track, and a straight track of 220 yards.

At the river landings are several canoes and a motor boat. Rowing up stream is strenuous exercise, but the trip back repays for all the trouble. Recently some canoes were carried in a wagon for about a mile and a half to a place just below Rockbrook Farm, where the river runs near the road. There the boys launched their boats and drifted back to camp, making a water trip of about twelve miles.

Capt. H. E. Raines, who is now well known in Brevard, is business manager. The other directors are Capt. L. S. LeTollier, athletics, and Capt. John W. Moore, academic. These three are connected with the Citadel Academy. There are also nine associates, who live with the boys, direct their athletic sports, and give instruction during the morning hours.

The boys come from all over the South, principally from South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. In all there are about forty in camp, with the prospect of several additions.

Capt. Raines is enthusiastic over camp and its prospects, and much pleased with the fine spirit existing among all the dwellers at this beautiful spot.

ETOWAH ITEMS

Rev. S. W. Hall passed through our village recently on his way to the Boyleston section where he is spending his vacation. Mr. Hall is well known in this county and it was a delight to his many friends to hear him preach last Sunday at Boyleston.

T. G. McClain of Wellford, S. C., is spending some time here.

Rev. O. C. Orr occupied the pulpit at the local church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Pless, who is visiting his parents at Canton.

Geo. H. Taylor spent the weekend with his parents returning to Tuxedo Sunday night.

Mr. Jacobson of Asheville came up last week for the purpose of purchasing some lumber.

Mrs. Loveda A. Orr of Asheville is visiting at Laurel Retreat, the home of her brother, R. I. Taylor.

The jolly Fourth has passed, but the memory lingers still. A large number of men and boys ranging from sixteen to sixty-five years of age gathered near the depot and imbibed so much of the "joyful juice" that at least one had to be carted home. May the time soon come when such scenes will be a thing unknown.

Wanted—To know what has become of Jack Stephens and the many others whose names were familiar to us all.

BILL WRAY.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

The county commissioners met on Monday and Tuesday of this week and transacted a large amount of business, most of which consisted of making orders for payment of claims, payment of road overseers, etc.

A petition, filed at the last meeting asking for a road beginning at James Powell's on the South Carolina road, coming down Shoal creek to East Fork road, was continued till the first Monday in August. A counter petition asking that the petition be not granted was also filed.

The petition for amendments on the public road up East Fork from Tom Galloway's place to the old F. M. Jordan place and to make public the private road leading from Bradley's creek to Flem Scisson's was favorably acted on. The sheriff was ordered to summon a jury to lay out road and make reports.

St. Philips church, fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 12, 1914. Early celebration at 7:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer with sermon at 11. Subject, "The Descent of Faith." Vesper service with address at 8:15 p. m. Subject, "God's Temple." Friday, July 10, evensong with address at five p. m.

MR. AIKEN FOR SHERIFF

I would like to suggest the name of Mr. W. L. Aiken as the democratic nominee for sheriff. He is well known throughout the county and is capable of filling the office with credit and honor to the party. In the opinion of the writer he has never been rewarded for his services and now is the time to give him proper recognition.

A HOGBACK DEMOCRAT.

THE BOY SCOUTS OF BREVARD

Some sixteen boys assembled on the camping ground opposite the Presbyterian Church on Monday morning July 6th and gave in their names for membership in the new patrol of Boy Scouts to be organized in our town.

The boys were well pleased with the site chosen for the camp. The lofty oak trees give ample shade and form a perfect canopy of green.

Everybody at once went to work: the old chimney on the lot was soon prostrated and the boys busy building a dry wall with the large flat stones. The accumulation of rubbish was raked up and hauled away as were also the piles of oak leaves all over the lot. The old vehicles which have long disfigured this part of town were piled in a neat row next the fence and all the loose rocks removed.

There is an old stable on the place which can be repaired and used as a council room.

Any boy over twelve years of age may join this organization; the dues will not be burdensome. The idea is to help boys to be trustworthy, kind, brave, polite, industrious and frugal.

The motto is: "BE PREPARED."

The oath which all members are required to take is as follows:

"On my honor, I will do my best:

1. To do my duty to God and to my country and to obey the scout law;

2. To help other people at all times;

3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

The Scout laws are:

1. A Scout is Trustworthy.
2. A Scout is Loyal.
3. A Scout is Helpful.
4. A Scout is Friendly.
5. A Scout is Courteous.
6. A Scout is Kind.
7. A Scout is Obedient.
8. A Scout is Cheerful.
9. A Scout is Thrifty.
10. A Scout is Brave.
11. A Scout is Clean.
12. A Scout is Reverent.

Rev. E. H. Norwood will tell more of what the Boy Scouts are doing and what the Brevard Boy Scouts may do in our next issue.

NORTH CAROLINA SLOPPY WITH OPPORTUNITIES.

Address of Bion H. Butler before the North Carolina Press Association at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. President and Friends of the Association:

Recently I said one day in the News and Observer that North Carolina is sloppy with opportunities. That expression has been brought back to me to set the pleasant task of pointing out some of those opportunities and telling how the newspaper men may help in the development of them.

Thirty two years ago this summer I caught my first glimpse of North Carolina. At that time I had seen enough of the industrial development and progress of the United States from Texas, Kansas and Minnesota east to New England to appreciate what development means and to recognize the opportunity for development where it appeared. Fifteen years of my newspaper work was passed as a writer of the progress of the big industrial expansion in the Pittsburgh territory where big things are done. That gave me a further insight into what opportunity is and what it is worth. It is more than twenty years ago that I commenced to write in the Pittsburgh Times stories of opportunity in North Carolina. In that twenty years I have been showing people what I see here, and in going out to show them I continually fall over more things to show. I did not discover North Carolina all of a sudden. It has been a gradual finding of new possibilities until it is easy to see that no state in the union today can present so much of opportunity as North Carolina. This is said in all deliberation, for unsupported claims are of no use to anybody. It is folly to deceive ourselves. I make this claim after an acquaintance with almost every community of consequence in the United States.

The chief factors that are putting North Carolina in the front are climate, rainfall, waterpower, transportation, convenience to the markets of the United States and of the world, the permanent supply of raw material for factory use, and a population of intelligence and upright character. I do not include those temporary resources like timber, mineral deposits, etc., which, valuable in themselves, and of great importance, are still temporary, and not in the same class with those permanent things that are of everlasting worth.

In hunting a place for a permanent home for myself and my family I picked North Carolina deliberately from all the rest of the country because it offered a bigger inducement in natural advantages. It has the best climate and the best rainfall. Climate makes a state fit to live in. Rainfall and mild climate make it an agricultural possibility. Soil is a factor, but California and other states of the west are not so fertile now as when I first know them. North Carolina is more fertile. Fertility is under the control of man. Climate and rainfall are not.

Therefore we must regard North Carolina as one of the foremost agricultural possibilities on earth. The story of the last fifteen years bears this out. In the last census period the state more than doubled its farm products. In the last five years it has almost doubled again. This surprising record if kept up another ten years will put North Carolina among the first three or four states of the union.

Mill development is fully as rapid. Fourteen years ago the state factories produced about eighty-six million dollars' worth of goods. Now they make three times that value. Factories are springing up to build the widest variety of products. The factories are diversified to scores of different lines. They will diversify more because they have the power. In a dozen years the development of waterpower in North Carolina has been one of the marvels of the industrial world. What is ahead nobody can guess, but almost any guess seems Continued on page four.