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BREVARD'S CHAUTAUQUA

For the first time in the history of the town Brevard is to have a Chautauqua, not a lot of cheap, repulsive attractions, but a series of fine high class, educational and entertaining programs that are calculated to do the town good. A few of the business men of the town have had the matter of securing such attractions in hand for some time, and contracts with the "Booster Club Chautauqua" have been signed and the three days program will be given on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 3, 4 and 5. It has not been definitely determined yet whether the entertainments will be given in the Auditorium or in a large tent, but this will be decided at an early date and will be announced next week.

Among the various attractions and entertainments during these three days are the following: The Bessie Leigh Concert Company, composed of Miss Leigh, reader, Miss Nell Whayne, formerly with the Metropolitan Grand Opera Quartette, soloist, and Harry S. Robinson, violinist; Frank B. Vrooman, who will deliver two lectures—"The New Agriculture" and "Armageddon and After"; Charles B. Hanford, who portrays various Shakespearean roles; the Mysterious Millburns, magicians; the Lyric Glee Club of Philadelphia; Dr. J. W. Frizzell, Chautauqua director, and other attractions of merit.

Never in the history of the town has such an opportunity been offered for so many high grade entertainments, and when the unusually low price of a season ticket is considered it is hard to understand how so much talent can be brought here at such a price.

The committee in charge plan to make the first day an agricultural rally and in addition to the regular Chautauqua program have addresses by county, state and national farm experts in the morning, with the address of Dr. Frank B. Vrooman on "The New Agriculture" in the afternoon, followed by a concert by the Bessie Leigh Concert Company and a war lecture "Armageddon and After," by Dr. Vrooman in the evening.

The second day will be educational day, with lectures by local, state and national educators, with forty-five minutes of fun and magic with the Mysterious Millburns and impersonations, stories, recitations, grave and gay, by Charles B. Hanford, the famous actor, in the afternoon, followed in the evening by magic illusions and prestidigitatorial performance by the Mysterious Millburns, and scenes from Shakespeare's comedies and tragedies by Charles B. Hanford, the celebrated tragedian, in the evening.

On the third day it is hoped that arrangements can be made to make this a town boosters' day and neighborhood picnic with addresses on boosting "the old home town." If this feature is carried out on Friday the merchants and business houses will be asked to close so as to give everybody an opportunity to join in this feature of the program. In the afternoon of the third day the program will be a grand concert by the Lyric Glee Club and a lecture, "Visions and Ideals," by Dr. J. W. Frizzell, the Chautauqua director, with another lecture on "Some Twentieth Century Problems," by Dr. Frizzell, and another concert by the Lyric Glee Club at night.

The price of a season ticket, allowing the holder admission to all these attractions, will be \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children under ten years old, thus making a charge of sixteen and two-thirds cents for attractions that would usually cost from one to two dollars apiece.

The promoters of this Chautauqua do not expect, nor can they make any money out of the proposition, and their sole idea is to give the town some first class attractions at a low price, and it is the duty of all our citizens to rally to the support of this new venture in order to insure it becoming an annual event.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR

The usual difficulty in following the story of the great European war—conflicting reports—has been unusually noticeable this week. No sooner had we become reconciled to one statement until another story entirely different would come along. The following, in brief, appears to be the most important news of the week:

According to British authority the Turkish forces entirely failed in the big attack which they began on July 10th, against the Anglo-French forces on the Dardanelles. In this fight the Turks lost heavily.

By receiving reinforcements the Russians were able to stop the German advance toward Warsaw the latter part of the week. The Russians claim a serious defeat for the Austro-German army in the region of Krasnik.

The province of Bukovina is said to have been offered to Romania if she will remain neutral until the end of the present war.

The Italian navy suffered its first serious loss last Thursday when an Austrian submarine torpedoed the cruiser Analdi in the Adriatic. Most of the crew were saved.

As an offset to the above it is claimed that a French warship sank a German submarine in the British Channel, and that a British submarine torpedoed a German warship in the Baltic.

In view of the arrest of five men in San Francisco charged with enlisting recruits for the British army, the British ambassador at Washington has applied to the state department for a definition of the American government's view as to whether English patriots, societies or other unofficial agencies violate neutrality laws in sending British subjects from the United States to volunteer in the British army.

American naval officers last Friday took charge of the powerful wireless telegraph station at Saville, L. I., and will operate the plant until the close of the war to insure against violations of neutrality. This is one of the two stations in the United States maintaining direct communication with Germany. The other at Tucker town, N. J., has been under control of the navy department since last fall.

The complete surrender of German forces in German Southwest Africa to General Buller, commander of the forces in the Union of South Africa; the French advance in the Vosges of 700 yards and the capture there of upwards of 800 Germans, and the stand being made by the Russians in Southern Poland against the Austro-German forces are the announcements of importance in Saturday's papers, and according to British military critics mark the turning point in the war.

After battling for 120 days for the hill country between Bethune and Arras, French forces now hold all the eminences looking out on the plain of Flanders, Lille, Douai and Cambrai. The most desperate fighting has been along a short ten-mile front from Arras to Aix Noylette.

TEACHERS TAKING EXAMINATIONS

The following teachers are this week taking the examinations required by the state board of education:

For renewal of high school certificate: J. B. Bridges and Oliver H. Orr.

For five year state certificate: Miss Julia Deaver, Miss Sarah E. Shipman, Miss Gertrude Zachary, John B. Summey and J. L. Osteon.

For county certificates: Miss Mary R. Barrett, Miss Florence Capps, Miss Edie Matthews, Miss Bessie Alexander, Miss Bertha Dipp and Jeter Matthews.

THE GERMAN REPLY

The German reply (?) to the second American note in regard to the destruction of the Lusitania was received at Washington last Saturday and after a careful study proves to be as evasive as the first one in reply to the first note.

After setting out Germany's high regard for everything American the note calls attention to the fact that the Fatherland was willing at the beginning of the war to abide by the declaration of London and thereby subject itself in the use of its naval forces to all the restrictions provided therein in favor of neutrals.

As a special favor to this nation Germany declares her willingness to allow American passenger steamers to travel on the high seas unmolested if distinctly marked, provided this government will assure the Germans that nothing of an offensive nature to them is allowed on any vessel, and in the goodness of her nature she even goes further and says she has no objection to our placing not more than four enemy (to Germany) passenger ships under the American flag if we have not enough neutral ships at hand to accommodate all who want passage to foreign countries.

The press of America is unanimous in declaring that this note is not an answer to the American note, and is not at all satisfactory to the American people, but as yet President Wilson has given no indication as to what his position will be. He is giving the subject the grave consideration it demands and his answer will no doubt contain all that is expected by the American people in this crisis.

GENERAL NEWS

Frank Holt, the lunatic who last week placed a bomb in the capitol building, resulting in considerable damage, later making an attempt to assassinate J. P. Morgan in New York, and who later committed suicide by jumping head first from the top of his cell door to the concrete floor below, has been definitely identified as Erich Muenster, the Harvard German teacher who disappeared after being indicted as the murderer of his wife in Cambridge, Mass., in 1907.

A three inch disappearing gun for submarines has been perfected by the U. S. navy ordnance bureau. Secretary Daniels has announced, and in future all American underwater craft will be equipped with these weapons for surface fighting.

State department officials have taken steps to secure the release from the British army of Steve B. Tossier of Franklin, Mason county, N. C. Tossier, a boy of nineteen years, went to England on a cattle ship and along with several companions got drunk, and when he came to himself he found he had been enlisted in the British army.

At the regular meeting of the Jackson county commissioners an appropriation of \$300 was made for the employment of a farm demonstrator. The government will supplement this fund with \$700. How long will the people of this county be content to do without a farm demonstrator?

More than fifty persons were killed and scores were injured by the violent storm which swept the middle west from Ohio to Nebraska last week.

The Marshall Field interests awarded contracts last Saturday to the Galvan Co., of Greenville, S. C., for the construction at Spray, N. C., of a 2,000 horsepower steam power plant, a bleachery, the fine arts gingham mills and the erection and completion of mills for making bed sheets and pillow cases. This will be the largest plant of its kind in existence, and will represent an investment of \$500,000 of foreign capital in this state.

RESOLUTIONS BY TEACHERS

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Transylvania Teachers' Club at the Cullowhee Summer School, at a meeting of that body held on July 15th:

"Realizing the importance of the educational work in our county at this stage of progress in such matters, and appreciating the valuable work done by Mr. T. C. Henderson, our worthy county superintendent, we offer the following resolutions:

"1. That we fully recognize and value greatly the efficient services that Mr. Henderson has given the schools of the county during his term of office.

"2. That we recall with pleasure the esteem in which he was held by the citizens and teachers of our county.

"3. That we respectfully urge our fellow teachers to do all in their power, if the position is still open, to have Mr. Henderson re-elected as county superintendent of education.

"L. C. BLAKELY, Chairman,
"Transylvania Teachers' Club,"
Cullowhee, N. C.

MICHAEL SCHENCK ASSAULTED

Solicitor Michael Schenck while accompanied by Mrs. Schenck and son to Greensboro last Saturday was assaulted by F. E. Tipton, formerly of Hendersonville, who conducted a tombstone and auction sale business for some time.

The assault is described in the Greensboro News as follows:

"The only unpleasantness that marred the celebration at the Guilford battleground yesterday was an attack by F. E. Tipton, of Greensboro, upon Michael Schenck, of Hendersonville, solicitor of the Henderson-McDowell judicial district, brother of Paul W. Schenck, of this city, president of the battleground association. The trouble occurred just as the parade was being organized in front of the president's cottage, and quite a scene was precipitated for a few moments.

"The cause of the trouble dates back over a period of six or seven years, it is stated. Mr. Schenck declared that he had once prosecuted Tipton in Henderson county, and he attributed the attack to this fact. The latter avers that differences in politics between the two had engendered ill feeling, and that both had anticipated the trouble of yesterday. Tipton was taken before a justice of the peace, where he posted bond for his appearance on a charge of assault.

"Mr. Schenck was with his wife and child when the trouble occurred and he declared that Tipton attacked him from the rear, first elbowing him away from Mrs. Schenck and then striking him several blows in the face. This statement is borne out by several eye-witnesses. Tipton claims that he did not attack from the rear, although he admits to striking the first blow. He says that they came face to face and that he allowed Mrs. Schenck to pass before striking.

"Occurring as it did in the very midst of a crowd of men, women and children, the affair caused quite a bit of excitement, but it also had the effect of bringing the affair to a sudden end, as friends of Mr. Schenck intervened and separated the men. Tipton gave himself into the custody of an officer immediately afterwards."—Western Carolina Democrat.

Best Diarrhoea Remedy.

If you have ever used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy you know that it is a success. Sam F. Guin, Whatley, Ala., writes, "I had measles and was caught out in the rain, and it settled in my stomach and bowels. I had an awful time, and had it not been for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I could not possibly have lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy, I am now well and strong." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

STATE PUBLICITY BUREAU

The North Carolina State Publicity Bureau, temporarily organized at a meeting of seventy of the states' representative citizens, representing twenty-three counties at Raleigh on June 29th, is receiving the endorsement of the citizens of all sections of the state. It is the purpose of this organization to set on foot a campaign of publicity that will place before the world a true representation of this state's matchless resources and advantages, agricultural and industrial, to the settler and investor.

The object of the state bureau, as set forth in full in the plan of organization at the Raleigh meeting, follows:

1. To study the needs, resources and community progress of the state by sections.

2. To secure and create such publicity as will promote the development of North Carolina by bringing people of thrift and industry to us, especially to our agricultural lands.

3. To acquaint people in one section of the state with the advantages and progress in other sections.

4. To aid in offering homes at fair and reasonable prices, and protect prospective settlers from unjust speculators and false representations.

5. To assist each section in securing the class of settlers suitable to that locality.

To cooperate with local community organizations and civic organizations, railroads and any other organization, corporations or individuals interested in promoting the purposes set forth.

The officers elected to serve until the first annual meeting to be held on the first Tuesday in October are as follows: Henry A. Daze, Aberdeen, president; E. C. Beanson, Chapel Hill, C. A. Tapp, High Point, F. R. Hewitt, Asheville, Clarence Pock, Raleigh, A. W. McLean, Lumberton, and O. G. Jevner, Greensboro, vice-presidents; All A. Thomas, Jr., treasurer, and J. C. Farnester, Greensboro, secretary.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

On August 15th a farmers' institute will be held at Blountville under the auspices of the state department of agriculture. In view of the fact that only one day has been given this county this year, it is important that farmers from all parts of the county plan to attend the meeting, as through this medium much valuable information may be secured.

The farmers' institute has passed the experimental stage. The development along all agricultural lines is a silent testimony to their worth to the farmers of the state. This year special emphasis is being placed on diversification of crops, soil improvement, more live stock, more dairies, sheep, cats, hay, etc., so as to make the farmers self supporting and enable the farmers of the state to keep the money at home that has heretofore been going to other states to purchase the things that we should grow at home.

It is to be hoped that a large number of farmers will attend the meeting at Blountville on August 15th.

IT ONLY COSTS THREE

The North Carolina Press Association met at Mount Airy last week. We could not afford the time nor the five dollars for dues, so we remained at home. Hope to join by another year. For about ten years we attended these meetings and found them helpful. We once persuaded the editors to meet here and our town entertained them free at the Haywood White Sulphur Springs and gave a free carriage ride to Eagles Nest on top of Junaluska. Waynesville does things right when she undertakes to do them. Hope to have them again soon.—Carolina Mountaineer.