

# CHAUTAQUA, BIG SEVEN DAY EVENT, OPENS IN MONROE TOMORROW

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### SEASON'S GREAT EVENT BEGINS IN TOWN TOMORROW

Chautauqua, Which Year In and Year Out Has Been Instructing and Amusing, Here

#### SEVEN DAY PROGRAM OF FINE FEATURES

The Redpath Chautauquas, growing bigger and better every season, opens its seven day program in Monroe, Wednesday afternoon, in the big auditorium tent erected on Fowler and Lee grounds.

After introductory exercises on Wednesday afternoon, the opening day, a concert will be given by the MacFarren Symphony Quartet. This organization renders individual and ensemble selections from the compositions of the old masters, as well as those of the more recent composers, through the medium of violin, viola, cello and piano. Following a prelude by this company in the evening, Charles H. Plattenburg, editor and humorist, will deliver his highly constructive lecture, "The Old Town in a New World."

Thursday, the second afternoon, the Betty Booth Concert Company will present a costume recital. In her exquisite costumes, Miss Booth, formerly of the Vienna Opera Company, features a number of Hindu, Chinese, Japanese and Gipsy songs. Hugo Brandt, Polish composer of note and pianist, and Paul Clark, concert violinist, complete the company. At night, following a short concert by the Betty Booth Concert Company, Dr. Hilton Ira Jones, eminent scientist, will give a notable address on "The Wonders of Science." He will discuss in an intensely interesting lecture-demonstration, the marvels of such phenomena as electricity, sound light and thought, and their application to the business of living.

The third day, Friday afternoon, will present Sidney Greenbie, who delivers an address on "The Pacific Triangle," after a prelude provided by Mr. Mundy, cellist, and Mr. Davis, pianist. Mr. Greenbie's lecture treats especially of the inter-relations of America, Great Britain and Japan with regards to Pacific questions.

Elsie Baker, noted American contralto, will appear in recital with assisting artists on Friday night. Miss Baker, who has secured great success singing so beautifully heart songs and sacred selections, is an artist widely known for her concert work and through records she has made.

Saturday, May 12, the fourth afternoon, the Russian Cathedral Choir will present a program of Russian chants, folk songs and operatic selections sung in the original Russian, while favorite American numbers are rendered in English. The stately and dignified garb of the Russian church and quaint peasant costumes create an atmosphere that is impressive. This Russian singing ensemble also gives a short program in the evening prior to the lecture, "Arma Geddon," by John Temple Graves, the distinguished southern journalist, author and orator. Mr. Graves is a word painter of great power, presenting a plea for universal peace.

A novelty concert Monday afternoon, May 14, by S. Bellino, Italian accordion player, precedes the lecture demonstration by J. Smith Dammron, potter-craftsman. During his lecture, "The Potter and the Clay," Mr. Dammron demonstrates to the audience the interesting art of pottery making. Monday, the fifth night of Monroe Chautauqua week, comes a treat for all lovers of clean cut American comedy. One of the most recent comedy successes, "The Meanest Man in the World," will be presented. This popular play, in which Geo. M. Cohan played the stellar role in the original New York production, will be one of the big features of the coming Redpath Chautauqua, the cast being composed of New York actors.

The Merrilless entertainers will give a delightful program of music, pantomime, dummies and well-selected readings preceding the lecture, "The Lecture," "The Four Square Builder," by Capt. T. Dinsmore Upton, Tuesday afternoon, May 15, the sixth day of Chautauqua week. Capt. Upton's lecture is a plea for clean, wholesome recreation for children as a foundation for better citizenship.

Tuesday night brings magic and mystery extraordinary to Chautauqua patrons by the great Laurant. With the aid of his capable assistants and lavish and spectacular stage equipment, Laurant presents a series of mysteries which arouse and surprise his audiences.

On the last afternoon, Wednesday, May 16, a lecture by Dr. E. T. Hagerman on "The Man with One Window," will follow a short concert by Mata's Blue and White Marimba Band. Dr. Hagerman presents an everyday, stark philosophy, seasoned with wit.

As the closing number, Wednesday evening, Mata's Blue and White Marimba Band will give a grand concert. This is a most unusual musical feature, presenting seven Central American musicians, playing the Marimba, a huge instrument of Aztec origin. This premier organization is known for its successful appearance at the New York Hippodrome.

There is this year, as last season, the special features for the children's chautauqua. Friday afternoon, May 11, Hughie Fitzpatrick will perform for the children. Saturday morning

### YOUR BILLIE GOATS ARE WORTH ONE DOLLAR

The township list-takers met yesterday with the county supervisor, R. C. Griffin, and fixed the price at which certain classes of personal property will be listed all over the county. The list takers are: Monroe, F. H. Wolfe; Marshville, Smith Medlin; Lanes Creek, W. L. Thomas; Buford, Thos. L. Hinson; Jackson, W. R. Steele; Sandy Ridge, J. M. Clark; Vance, Joe Rogers; Goose Creek, C. J. Braswell; New Salem, A. A. Gaddy.

The valuations which will be observed are as follows: Mules, \$150 down; horses, \$125 down; cows, \$50 down, except registered cows upon which the price will be fixed according to value; sheep, \$8; goats, \$1; Hogs, to be left to each list-taker; old field lumber, \$15 per thousand at mill; cordwood, \$2; fodder, \$2; Cotton, 27 cents; seed, 60 cents; cow peas, \$2; corn, \$1; wheat, \$1.25; oats, 60; meat, 15 cents.

### THE CLOSING EXERCISES WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL

The closing exercises of Mineral Springs graded and high school were a complete success.

On Wednesday night the primary and grammar grades had their program which was well rendered. Plato Winchester and Miss Medlin rendered their part most excellently, and the plaudits of the audience.

Thursday night there were six promoted to the high school all of whom appeared very much pleased and happy at their year's work. Friday night was made memorable by the presentation of a play, "The Little Childholder." Miss Viola Polk as Mrs. Chiggeron Boggs and Mr. Clyde Helms as "Acy Dump" did themselves proud in the manner in which they acted their respective parts. The play pleased the crowd and it is fit to be put on the road as a traveling comedy drama.

The school is in a fine and prosperous condition. The patrons confidently look forward next session as a better and more progressive year in the school and community life.

The measles is an unwelcome visitor in town.

Vacation has begun and the children are free and easy.

Among the prominent and interested spectators to see the play were Rev. Mr. Crowder, pastor of the charge, and Mrs. Crowder.

The farmers are much delayed with their work on account of the continued cold and rainy weather, though we have not a doubt but that they will overcome all these obstacles and make a fine success.

The boll weevil seems not to score at all.

### Wingate Happenings

Miss Sarah Bivens leaves Wednesday for an extended visit to her sisters, Mrs. J. G. Carroll, Wake Forest college, and Mrs. B. Y. Tyner and Miss Willie Bivens, Fredericksburg, Va., and other points.

Mrs. Summerlin and children of Mt. Olive are visiting the former's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Perry.

Miss Julia Jerome, who is teaching at King's Mountain, spent last week-end with relatives here.

Misses Bess and Rose McIntyre are spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McIntyre.

Mrs. Ira Mullis of Washington, D. C., is a visitor at the home of Mr. Lee Chaney.

Messrs. Sam, Percy and Joe Beach of Wake Forest college were weekend visitors here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lamb, a daughter, Helen Pickett.

Miss Charlotte Waits of Bethune, S. C., has been visiting at the home of Mr. J. W. Bivens.

Miss Mary Jones has returned from Sylva where she has been teaching.

Miss Bess Bogan, who has a position in Washington, D. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. M. Bogan.

Monday night closed the last feature of the High School commencement here. Wingate has been filled with visitors since last Thursday, and each day and night the building would not accommodate all the people. The people here and the country around come to Wingate for they know they will hear something worth while.

News From Union Grove  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman of Charlotte visited Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Furr Sunday. Mrs. Furr has gone to Charlotte to wait on her daughter, Mrs. W. Sams, who is confined to her bed with measles.

### Biggest Commencement Wingate School Came to Close Last Night

The exercises of the Wingate School commencement closed last night with the largest crowd that ever assembled in Wingate. The play "The Wanderer's Return," was rendered twice to overflowing audiences, and scores of people left because there was no room for them at the second performance. The play was greatly enjoyed, and showed careful training in the hands of Miss Rose Futrell. The cast of characters was well selected, and each played his part with credit to himself and the institution.

The program began Friday evening with the reciters' and the orators' contests, both of which were of a very high order, and were enjoyed by the large crowd present.

The class day exercises were given Saturday afternoon. This was one of the most interesting programs ever rendered by a senior class of the school. The gitorian, Mr. Forrest Young, furnished one of the most interesting features of the program in his unique way of presenting gifts to his classmates and faculty.

The exercises Saturday evening consisted of declaimers' and debaters' contests. The young men taking part in both of these contests delighted the large audience which filled the auditorium in spite of the downpour of rain.

Dr. McGlothlin, who was scheduled to preach the commencement sermon Sunday morning, was unable to be present on account of sickness, but sent as his substitute Rev. F. K. Poole of the department of religious education of Furman University. Mr. Poole preached a strong sermon to the largest audience ever gathered in the new church.

Monday was an exceedingly full day, beginning at 10:30 with a great address by Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson of Raleigh, on "Enduring Prosperity." This was followed by the presentation of diplomas, awards, and medals. In the afternoon the annual meeting of the alumni association with address by Honorable T. D. Maass, of Concord, and inspirational

talks by former students and friends of the institution, emphasized the need of a new auditorium to accommodate the hundreds of friends who attend the closing exercises of the school from year to year.

There were forty diplomas from the literary department and four from the music department. This is the largest class ever graduated from the school. This class presented the school with a beautiful chandelier which has already been placed in the library.

Those receiving medals and prizes were as follows:  
The O. M. Saunders Essay Medal given by Mr. W. C. Saunders of Monroe, Miss Blanche Funderburk, Kannapolis, N. C.

The Reciters' Medal given by the O'Henry and McNeill Literary Societies, Miss Ruby Perry, Wingate, N. C.

The Declaimers' Medal given by the Gladstone and Philosopher Societies, Mr. Platt Russell, Albemarle.

The Debaters' Medal given by Mr. W. J. Rudge of Monroe, Mr. Charles Helms, Marshville.

The Latin Medal given by Mr. Boyce Funderburk of Tradesville, S. C., Miss Annie Baucum, Monroe.

Gladstone Improvement Medals: Mr. Basil Worthington, Greenville, N. C., Mr. Perry Bowers, Lancaster, S. C.

Philosophian Improvement Medals: Mr. Benton Edwards, Marshville, Mr. Roy Cahal, Ridgeway, Va.

Best All-Round Music Medal given by Stieff Piano Co., Charlotte, Miss Verdie Perry, Wingate.

Improvement Music Medal given by Music Faculty, Miss Mary Raley, Bethune, S. C.

Five dollar gold piece for best average grade from Senior Class given by Dr. W. R. Burrell, of Monroe, Miss Bertie Holt, Albemarle, N. C. Five dollar gold piece for best average grade in Junior Class given by Dr. W. R. Burrell, Monroe, Miss Sallie Trull, Monroe, N. C. Five dollar gold piece for best average grade in school given by the school, Miss Blanche Funderburk, Kannapolis.

### Wall Street Admits That Henry Ford Is Richest Man in World

New York, May 5.—"The street" was generally agreed today that Henry Ford is the richest man in the world, following publication yesterday of the Ford Motor company's statement of its financial condition as of February 28, 1923, showing assets of \$536,351,939. Actual cash on hand was \$159,605,687.

The figures were revealed in a statement filed with the Massachusetts commissioner of corporations in Boston.

Twenty years ago the Ford Motor company was established with a capital stock of \$100,000, a factory floor space of 23 of an acre and an average number of employees of 311. The first year 1,780 cars were built. Last April 7, it was reported that the company had built more than 6,000,000 cars since its organization.

Last February 28, the statement shows, the profit and loss surplus was \$259,777,598. Wall street estimated net profits approximated \$119,000,000, equivalent to more than \$90 a share on the 72,465 shares of \$100 par value capital stock outstanding, which Henry Ford and his son, Edsel, own outright. Wall street further estimated that the Ford fortune totals something between \$600,000,000 and \$750,000,000.

Ford is said to replace John D. Rockefeller as the world's wealth leader, the Rockefeller fortune being depleted to \$300,000,000 by the oil man's various gifts, estimated in round numbers, at \$100,000,000.

Andrew Carnegie's wealth once totaled an estimated \$300,000,000; the Marshall Field estate climbed to \$120,000,000 and the John Jacob Astor estate was \$70,000,000.

### Boy Happy to Get Home From the Army

Monroe route 5, May 7.—The farmers of this neighborhood have not planted more than fifty per cent of their cotton on account of the cold and unfavorable weather. Now that the big rain has come it will take something like two more weeks of favorable weather to finish planting cotton, with no corn at all planted.

Mr. James Leonard Helms of Peachland was up Saturday evening on special business.

Mr. and Mrs. Kern Price and Mrs. W. E. Halms spent Sunday in Monroe with friends.

Misses Leota Whitaker and Lenora Godfrey of Mineral Springs route one spent Sunday with the family of the writer.

Miss Dora Irby of Monroe spent the week end with Miss Lillie Hannah of Houston.

Born, April 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Page Alexander, a daughter, Annie Lee. Mr. and Mrs. William McManus of Sandy Ridge spent Sunday with the daughter, Mrs. Alexander and their new granddaughter.

Sergeant Leroy Helms, son of Mrs. J. B. C. Helms, is a happy soldier boy for he is at home with an honorable discharge after three years in the army. He was stationed at Camp Lewis, Seattle, Wash., with a tank company. He says there is no more joining the army for him unless Uncle Sam forces him to.

The illness of Mr. Stewart Spittle has been mentioned by the writer from time to time, and we are sorry to say that he is no better at this time.

Preaching at Corinth next Sunday at the usual hours by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Canale.

Attention, Camp Walker.  
Beg to call your attention to the fact that Thursday, May 10th, is memorial day. You are earnestly requested to meet at 10 o'clock a. m. on that date in the American Legion hall over the Bank of Union. Business of importance to be transacted, after which we will be addressed by Mr. W. B. Love. Dinner will be served by the Daughters of the Confederacy. Please be on time.

Rev. J. E. K. Commander

### HOW TO EAT YOUR CAKE AND HAVE IT TOO

Shall we have the bond issue and complete the roads of the county, and pay less tax, or let the bonds go by and pay more tax for keeping up the roads for the next several years?

Unless the bonds carry there will have to be levied a thirty cents tax this year for upkeep of roads and bridges, and completion which cannot be left alone.

If we have the bond issue the tax required to pay interest and create a sinking fund and for up keep will be less than thirty cents.

If the bonds are voted the road commissioners propose to issue only \$250,000 the first year. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be put in the banks on interest bearing certificates. One hundred thousand will be spent in the next few months on building lateral roads which can be made good and sufficient for the traffic they will have to bear at a cost of two hundred and fifty to three hundred dollars a mile, and the other \$150,000 spent as needed.

While these roads are under construction there will be no upkeep charge against them, and the levy for last year, twelve cents on the hundred, will be sufficient for the next two years.

The bond proposition is the cheapest in dollars and cents and beside this we will have the money to at once complete the roads and, give those sections of the county that have not yet received any benefit the roads that they are due.

Good financiers know that bonds are the most economical means of carrying on public works. By their use at this time we will be able to eat our cake and have it too. Folks who fear increased taxes can well afford to take a look at this side of the question.

### Commencement Exercises of the Marshville High School

The commencement exercises of Marshville High School will begin Thursday, May 10th, and continue through Tuesday night, May 15th.

On Thursday night at eight o'clock the recitation and declamation contest will be held. The reciters are as follows: Poe Society, Glennie Morgan and Leland Little; Lanier Society, Virginia Griffin and Ethel Station.

In the declamation contest the Lanier Society will be represented by Rommie Pierce and John Ashcraft; while James Morgan and Hoyte Hamilton will represent the Poe Society.

On Friday night at eight o'clock the annual debate will be staged by the Poe and Lanier Societies. The question for discussion is Resolved: That the government should own and operate the railroads of the United States. The affirmative will be upheld by Zeb Strawn and Haskell Bivens of the Poe Society, Margie Marsh and Hal Griffin of the Lanier Society will defend the negative.

The sermon will be preached in the school auditorium Sunday afternoon at four o'clock by Rev. Jesse Rowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Concord, N. C.

On Monday night at eight o'clock the graduating exercises will be held, when sixteen students will receive their diplomas. This is the largest class in the history of the school.

The exercises will close Tuesday night when "The Wren," a drama in four acts, will be presented by the high school students.

### News From Monroe Route 7

We had a nice rain Friday and Saturday night.

Mr. Fuller Medlin was the guest of Miss Ada Pigg Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lowery of the Trinity community spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. J. B. Davis.

Messrs. Mark and Charlie Crook were the guests of Misses Bill Melton and Leslie Threat: Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ada Pigg spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. Will Porter of Monroe.

The many friends of Mrs. A. W. Funderburk will be sorry to learn that she is not any better. All of her children are at her bedside except Miss Ruby Arlenia and Mr. Lemuel Funderburk, who is at Camp Bragg, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tomberlin and daughters, Misses Julia Lois and Alice were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor Melton spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Melton's mother, Mrs. Emmaline Melton of Prospect section.

We are glad to say that the measles are somewhat better.

Death of Mrs. J. W. Matthews.  
Mrs. J. W. Matthews of Weddington died Sunday, at the age of seventy-four years, of complications resulting from an attack of influenza. She was a member of the Providence Presbyterian church and a Christian woman of the highest type. Funeral services were held from the church with which she had long been affiliated Monday afternoon and were conducted by Dr. H. E. Gurney, assisted by Rev. T. J. Higgins, pastor of the Weddington Methodist church. Surviving Mrs. Matthews are her husband and six children, Miss Allie Matthews, registered nurse of Charlotte, Mrs. Ernest Jones of Alta Vista, Va., Miss Helen Matthews of Weddington, and Messrs. D. W. J. H. and J. Y. Matthews, all of Weddington. Mrs. Matthews' brother-in-law, Mr. N. S. Matthews of Charlotte, formerly lived in Monroe.

### COTTON DOWN AND SUGAR UP ON TIPS FROM GOVERNMENT

Secretaries Wallace and Hoover Are Blamed for Rise and Fall of Products

#### WOMEN OF COUNTRY ARE RUNNING A BOYCOTT

(Special to News & Observer)  
Washington, May 7.—With Secretary of Agriculture Wallace saying that his venture in cotton acreage forecasting was all right and not intended to depress the price of cotton, and with Secretary of Commerce Hoover saying that his forecast of a decreased sugar production was intended to increase the price of sugar, cotton went down and sugar went up as the result of these two officials butting into the matter without rhyme or reason, according to their own statements. Certainly, the only persons benefitted in both cases were the speculative gamblers in sugar and cotton. It is only because the women of the country are holding up on purchases of sugar that the prices have fallen a little from the high peak of a short time ago and now the sugar gamblers are prophesying that the women will soon tire of their fight on prices and submit to the extortions.

Additional Proof  
Today's cotton market gives additional proof of the damage done the cotton producing states by the increased acreage forecast of April 20. There was a break in cotton today of five dollars a bale, the New York Cotton Exchange stating that there was a weakness in the market all during the day, and in part laying the responsibility of this upon the Department of Agriculture because of another report and forecast from it. In this correspondence in The News and Observer of Monday morning there was published an extract from the Department of Agriculture report just made public which in part told that "increased acreages are indicated in many areas" of the cotton producing states, and as might well have been expected this acted in driving down the price of cotton. Commenting upon the matter, the Associated Press in its wire of this afternoon from New York, says with regard to the decline in cotton on the New York Exchange:

Partly Responsible  
A statement from the Department of Agriculture that cotton planting while still backward, is advancing rapidly, with increased acreage indicated in many areas, was considered partly responsible for the decline, which, however, was generally referred to as a continuation of liquidation.

Here we find the Hoover and Wallace combination in the Harding Cabinet playing havoc with the cotton farmers on the one side and the people of the country generally on the other. The Department of Agriculture, which is supposed to operate to aid the farmers, continues to hand them solar plexus blows in reports and forecasts which drive down the price of cotton, while the Department of Commerce has taken millions of dollars out of the pockets of the people by its utterly uncalculated and erroneous statement that there was a shortage in sugar production. The American people have been the victims in both these cases, while the sugar and cotton gamblers have had a picnic of it in reaping profits to which they were not entitled.

#### MATTHEWS MAIL CARRIER MISSING

The Charlotte Observer this morning says:

Notifying the Matthews postmaster that he was leaving and would have to cease his duties as rural mail carrier for route 27, telegraphing a son in Georgia to come home immediately, but saying nothing to his family, W. L. Hatfield, of Matthews, disappeared Monday with his automobile. The cause of his departure has not been determined.

Hatfield left his home early in the morning, telling his family he would be back in about half an hour, it was reported. After securing a substitute to take his R. F. D. route for several days he came to Charlotte and telegraphed his son, who is connected with the Indian Refining company at Savannah, Ga., to come home immediately. The postmaster at Matthews received a letter from Hatfield saying that he was leaving and that the postmaster would have to secure another mail carrier. It was not stated why the mail carrier was quitting or where he was going.

Charlotte police were notified of the man's disappearance and Monday night were searching for him. It is reported that he is a man about 45 years of age and that a finger on his right hand is partly missing.

Hatfield took his car with him, but it is not believed that he was prepared for a long journey. It was said that he was not concerned with any financial or mental difficulties. Police believe the missing man is still in the vicinity of Charlotte and that he will be found or will return to his home within a few days. However, his family and friends are greatly concerned in his sudden disappearance.

MATTHEWS