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## BIG CHAUTAUQUA COMING JUNE 24-29

**Good Program—Comedy Drama, Friendly Enemies—Big Lecturers—Male Quartet.**

The great comedy drama, "Friendly Enemies," the all-star National Male Quartet; the Nevin Concert Company; notable lectures on timely topics; special children's programs—these are among the many varied attractions which will appear here on the big Redpath Chautauqua which opens in Marion on June 24th and continues for five days.

The Nevin Concert Company will launch the Chautauqua with a grand concert on the first afternoon. This company consists of four artist-entertainers who feature favorite instrumental and vocal selections and character sketches given in costume.

After a prelude by the Nevin Company at night, J. Franklin Caveny, clever crayon artist and modeler in clay, will give a lecture and art revue extraordinary, "Wit and Wisdom of the Chalk and Clay." Mr. Caveny is a top-notch entertainer. Quick sketches of various members of the audience are features of his program.

On the second afternoon, Gretchen Cox and Company will give a grand concert. This company is headed by Gretchen Cox, eminent violinist, who is always a favorite with Chautauqua audiences. She is supported by two accomplished artists, a baritone and a pianist.

This company will give a prelude at night, following which Edward Amherst Ott, nationally-known orator, will deliver his great "Sour Grapes" lecture, which is considered one of the finest lectures ever given from the platform.

On the third day the National Male Quartet will give a popular concert in the afternoon and a grand concert at night. The quartet is an organization of superlative singers and entertainers, and their entertainments will be high spots on the Chautauqua program.

In the afternoon their concert will be preceded by a lecture-recital by Stephani Schutze, "Wizard teller-of-tales," who will re-create some of the world's greatest stories.

On the fourth afternoon Sydney Greenbie, author, editor, and traveler, will lecture on the problems of the Pacific, especially as they affect America, Japan and Great Britain. Mr. Greenbie's recent book, "The Pacific Triangle," has gained for him an international reputation as an authority on Pacific subjects.

On the fourth night comes "Friendly Enemies," an uproarious comedy drama, whose plot grows out of the conflicting convictions of two life-long friends. Audiences in all parts of the country have alternately laughed and wept over this well-known comedy success. It will be presented by a cast of exceptionally competent New York actors.

The Kublick Company with Bernice Van, clever impersonator and entertainer, will appear in a popular entertainment on the last afternoon. The Kublick Company is a delightfully entertaining novelty duo, featuring the human-voiced violin, the piano-accordion and other novelty instruments, as well as charming song favorites.

On the last night, following a concert by the Kublick Company, Dr. Henry A. Adrian, noted educator, will give his inspiring and entertaining lecture, "The Wonders of Burbank." In this lecture Doctor Adrian sets forth powerfully the marvelous achievements of Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, and also asks for better heroes for children.

Three special morning programs for children will be given during the Chautauqua, each program being given on a different morning. These children's programs are a distinct innovation inaugurated this year by the Redpath management. On the third morning Stephani Schutze will give some of the best of the notable

stories for children. On the fourth morning Hughie Fitzpatrick, popular clown, will entertain the youngsters with marvelous feats of tumbling, jokes and fun, and on the last morning Bernice Van, impersonator and entertainer, will give an equally delightful program.

## MISS KIRBY IS BRIDE OF J. WILL PLESS, JR.

The wedding of Mr. J. Will Pless, Jr., and Miss Marjorie Kirby was solemnized at 5:30 o'clock last Thursday at the Methodist church. The beautifully impressive ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. P. Hipps, assisted by Rev. J. C. Story of the Presbyterian church.

Against a bank of palms and ferns were tall white columns crowned with flowers of pink and white and topped with Cathedral candles.

Miss Julia Burton, a gifted musician, presided at the organ and rendered two beautiful selections, previous to the singing of Miss Sarah Kirby, of Charlotte, who sang "Because" and "All For You." During the ceremony Miss Burton very softly played "O Sol Trio." To the inspiring strains of Mendelssohn's march, the ushers, Messrs. Grayson Neal, Roy Giles, Albert Blanton and Floyd Mitchell, entered, proceeding down opposite aisles and crossing in front of the altar. Following these came the bridesmaids and groomsmen, Miss Sara Margaret Neal and Mr. Edwin Pless, Miss Sarah Hudgins and Mr. J. W. Streetman, Jr.; Miss Frances Wood, of Trinity, and Mr. Guy Kirby; Miss Nelle Blanton and Mr. Tom Byrd, of Asheville.

The bridesmaids wore gowns of rainbow coloring with picture hats and carried pink roses. Four dainty little flower girls, Charlotte Winborne, Elizabeth Neal, Carolyn Dysart and Virginia Gilkey, wearing ruffled pink organdy dresses, and carrying baskets of sweet peas, preceded the maid of honor, Miss Mary Yancey, of New York. Then came the tiny ring bearer, Master Jack Noyes, wearing a white suit and carrying the ring in a pink rose. The bride entered on the arm of her father. She looked unusually beautiful in her going-away gown of gray, with accessories to match. The groom, with his best man, Mr. William Shipp Justice, of Chapel Hill, met her at the altar.

Miss Kirby is the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Guy S. Kirby and since leaving school in Roanoke has been one of the most popular girls in the younger set. Mr. Pless is the older son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pless. He is a young man of splendid qualities, and is associated with his father in the law firm of Pless, Winborne and Pless.

The young people left for a trip to Northern resorts, and on their return will live in Marion, where they have a new bungalow ready for their occupancy.

On Wednesday evening there was a reception given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kirby. The receiving line was composed of Dr. and Mrs. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. Pless, Mr. Pless, Jr., Miss Kirby and the entire bridal party.

The house was beautifully decorated and formed a fitting background for the lovely gowns of the young women.

The array of handsome presents served to attest in some degree the esteem in which these popular young people are held.

## 87,000 BABIES BORN IN THIS STATE LAST YEAR

Advance figures from the North Carolina Bureau of Vital Statistics compiled by Dr. F. M. Register, preparatory to the issuance of a general report, show that during 1921 births in this State exceeded deaths by 59,000. During the year there were 87,000 babies born in North Carolina while the number of deaths was only 28,000. This gives the State a birth rate of 33.4 for the past year and a death rate of only 11.6.

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

**Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell—Items About Home People.**

**OLD FORT**  
Old Fort, June 21.—Miss Mary Burgin left for summer school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Greene and little son Jack, of Charlotte, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greene.

Mrs. James Burgin is spending the week at Greenlee with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mackey.

Elizabeth Steen of Monroe, Va., is visiting Mrs. J. O. McDaniel.

C. A. Snyder made a business trip to Marion last week.

Mrs. J. L. Nichols and children of Marion are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. D. A. Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lackey attended the Kirby-Pless wedding in Marion last week.

Mrs. J. B. Johnson, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lafever and children motored to Lenoir last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greene and daughter, Bertha, and Mrs. J. M. Cannon motored to Asheville Saturday.

Mrs. E. J. Evans of Asheville attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Sandlin, here last week.

Mrs. Bettie Sandlin died at her home at Bryson City last Wednesday and interment was made here Thursday. She is survived by one son, Tom Sandlin, of Bryson City.

The many friends of T. L. Grant are glad to know that he is able to resume his duties at the postoffice.

**CATAWBA VALLEY.**  
Old Fort, Rt. 1, June 19.—W. L. Kelley left last week for Akron, Ohio, where he has accepted a position in the rubber factory.

The infant son of H. A. Hensley has been right sick for a few days.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whellon on the 15th and left a little girl.

W. L. Bradley, who has been home for a few days, returned to Swannanoa yesterday.

B. E. Kelley of Oteen spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mrs. Thomas Holtsclaw of Mica-ville is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. W. Griffin.

Miss Anne Bradley left for Asheville last week to enter the summer school.

Mrs. Joe Moody is spending a few days with her parents at Greenlee.

John Porter of Swannanoa was here last week on business.

The farmers have about finished harvesting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scruggs of Cliffside visited the latter's mother, Mrs. S. C. Kelley, last week.

**NEBO.**  
Nebo, June 19.—J. M. Mason has been real sick but is recovering.

R. D. Barnes of Marion was a visitor here one day last week.

Zeb Snipes is at home for a while after spending some time in Charlotte.

R. V. McGimsey made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Mrs. J. C. Mason was shopping in Marion last Saturday.

Glenn Snipes was in Marion Saturday on business.

Misses Sue Tate, Georgie Sigmon, Bessie Cuthbertson and Vivian Parks left last Monday to enter the summer school in Morganton.

Miss Essie Hemphill has entered the summer school at Asheville.

There will be services at the Baptist church next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Forty-third annual convention of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association will be held in Winston-Salem June 27-29.

## GOOD FORECAST FOR CROPS OF SECTION

All crops in the state have an unusually good forecast for conditions of June 1, according to the co-operative crop reporting service. Recent rainfall generally over the state has been too heavy, and delayed needed cultivation, giving grass a start in many sections.

In this, the western mountain district, rye, clover, and other hay crops show a 92 per cent normal condition. This is also the national average.

In this section the apple crops, according to the report, average 90 per cent compared to 73 and 74 for other states.

In McDowell county, the average conditions for June 1, according to the forecast are oats 92 per cent; wheat 74; rye 94; apples 73; hay 94; pasture 97; field peas 92; peaches 69; watermelons 80.

According to the report, prospects for wheat are much better than a year ago, although a prevalence of rust in the eastern part of the state has affected to some extent the prospects, in the opinion of the agricultural experts. In this section no such reports have been made, and it is thought that Western North Carolina may escape rust.

## FIRE DESTROYS STORE HOUSE AND MILL BUILDING

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the store-house and mill property owned by W. H. Hawkins of this place one night last week. The value of the property is estimated by the owner at something like \$7500. A very small amount of insurance it is said was carried. The building containing the mill had not been in operation for some time and contained only the machinery. The store-house was occupied by H. C. Daves, who recently purchased the stock of goods and was operating a grocery business in the store building.

The local fire department responded to the call, but owing to the highly inflammable nature of the buildings, and the progress the fire already had, was unable to be of service.

Mr. Daves suffered a heavy loss, as he had only a small amount of insurance.

## BIG TEXTILE PLANT FOR RUTHERFORDTON

Rutherfordton, June 16.—Rutherford county's latest big textile enterprise is The Spinners Processing Company, Incorporated, of Spindale, the mill village near Rutherfordton. The stock is \$300,000, owned by chain of mills, no individuals having any stock in the new concern.

The new plant will manufacture mercerized yarn by warp, mercerizing process, and also will be equipped to furnish bleached, dyed, and gassed yarns.

The building is to be 240 feet by 135 feet, two stories, and to be of regular mill construction, with brick wall, steel sash, and concrete floor in basement.

The contract for the construction of the building for the new plant was recently awarded to Potter and Shakleford Company, contractors, of Greenville, S. C.

It is understood that contracts for the machinery have been placed for the largest and most improved warp mercerizing machine that has ever been built.

The entire output will be handled by the Johnson Mill Company, of Charlotte, who have offices in the principle centers in the United States.

The names of the officers of the new concern follow: President, C. W. Johnson, Charlotte; vice-president, R. H. Johnson, Charlotte; treasurer, S. E. Elmore, Spindale; secretary, K. S. Tanner, Spindale.

The big chautauqua opens in Marion next Saturday. Buy a season ticket now and help the Woman's Club and stand by the public spirited men on the contract. Season tickets only \$3.00.

## BOARD OF HEALTH SENDS DENTIST TO McDOWELL

**School Children of County to Be Given Free Dental Service During the Summer.**

Arrangements have been made by the State Board of Health for this service and Dr. Griffin, experienced dentist, is already on the ground to do this work for school children not over 13 years of age, free of charge. The State Board of Health has already completed this work in a number of counties and expects to reach every school child in need of dental service in McDowell within the next three months.

Dr. Griffin went to Nebo Tuesday and will be in that community during this week. He will visit other places in the county and parents who are interested in having their children avail themselves of this service are requested to watch the columns of "The Progress" for announcements as to times and places where this dental work will be given. Dr. Griffin will visit ten or twelve places in the county at such points as will be most convenient for the children to reach him.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Dewey Haney, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haney of Canton, was drowned while swimming in Pigeon river a mile from Canton last Saturday.

W. T. Lee was again declared nominee of the Democratic party for corporation commissioner by a vote of 95,567 to 75,299 cast for A. C. Avery. The Lee majority was 20,268.

Kinston was selected as the 1923 meeting place of the Baraca-Philanthia union of North Carolina, according to announcement made at the final meeting of the twelfth annual session in Hendersonville Sunday.

The Fourth of July is to be celebrated in full form at Rutherfordton, with a parade, baseball and races, two or three brass bands, flying stunts and parachute jumps, and a speech by Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi.

Fire of undetermined origin Friday night completely destroyed the Lincolnton creamery and ice cream company's plant, at Lincolnton, and a new ice making plant attached thereto, involving a loss estimated at \$60,000, partially covered by insurance.

## BASEBALL.

The Clinchfield Mill baseball team of Marion defeated Morganton in one of the fastest and hardest fought games of the season, the game being 6 to 0. Nance was on the mound for Clinchfield, giving up only two scratch hits and striking out nine Morganton batters. The features of the game was the pitching and catching of the Clinchfield battery and the heavy hitting of the Clinchfield team. Clinchfield has played fourteen games this season, winning eleven, losing two, and tying one.

The Clinchfield team will cross bats with Hickory on Martin's field next Saturday at 3:30. This game promises to be a battle royal as the pitchers on each team are old rivals.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows:

Maximum, 90 degrees; minimum, 62 degrees; rain, 1.11 inches; sunshine, per cent, .72.

There are counties in North Carolina which spent more than \$1,000,000 last year for imported hay, corn, oats and other feedstuffs. There is no logical reason why any feed of any kind should be imported into any Tarheel county, except in rare instances where prepared feeds may be required for short periods for special purposes.