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## Scotland Neck To Have Chautauqua

To Be Held In A Large Tent, With Afternoon And Evening Programs For Five Days

### A STRONG LIST OF TALENT

Our Citizens have, as usual, come forward and manfully assumed a responsibility and liability in order to give the people of this community an entertainment the coming summer, that will be clean, elevating and instructive, and Tuesday last completed arrangements with the Community Chautauqua of New York City, through its representative, Mrs. Zue McClary, to furnish a five day programme at a date to be decided upon later.

The men who have undertaken to guarantee this expensive and high class production, and who will have to make good a deficit in the event the people do not take sufficient interest in it, are:

Hon. Claude Kitchin, Messrs. R. L. Hardy, S. C. Pegram, Norfleet Smith, Dr. D. F. Keel, N. A. Riddick, A. L. Purrington, J. B. Ham, R. F. Coleman, J. A. Weathersbee, Ray Boyette, Ashby W. Dunn, Chas. H. Smith, J. E. Vowers, B. G. Neblett, T. R. Smith, L. M. Kitchin, N. H. White, J. C. Tilgham, C. T. Lawrence, Joseph House, B. W. Martin, C. F. Borroughs, T. B. Wheeler, E. M. Cherry, Hugh Johnson, Frank P. Shields, R. G. Shackell, J. H. Alexander, Jr., A. D. Morgan, M. D., Cleve Vaughan, R. C. Josey, Jr., G. Hoffman, Sam Hoffman, E. A. Phillips, Julian Pittman, J. B. Edwards, J. D. Smith, Joe Harrison, F. A. Cherry, W. E. Smith, G. B. Flaucher, R. J. Madry, O. J. Moore, E. L. Brown, Sam A. Dunn, Charles Shields, and the Betterment Association.

The plan provides for a program of lectures, concerts and entertainments to extend over a period of five days with sessions held both afternoon and evenings in a large auditorium tent, and the speakers and artists will include a whole galaxy of celebrities of wide reputation throughout the Chautauqua world.

In order to have such an array of talent appear on the same platform in this city forty or fifty citizens have assumed the obligation of selling 500 season tickets at \$2.00 each. These tickets are good for the entire five days' program and bring the cost of the entertainment within the reach of everybody.

Everything about the Chautauqua is of a high class character. It is under the direct management of the largest Chautauqua organization in the world. This organization maintains offices in New York, Indianapolis, Pittsburg and Atlanta and has under its control more than 500 summer assemblies extending throughout the east and middle west and including also Virginia and West Virginia.

Their Chautauquas are held in many of the oldest and best known towns and cities of the territory covered, one of them being located in the same county as the old "Mother Chautauqua" at Chautauqua Lake, where the movement had its beginning forty years ago.

The Chautauqua management will supply the local committee with a complete line of advertising material, including souvenir program booklets and special advertising features to be distributed in this and nearby towns in the period of four weeks before the opening date. Also advertisements will be run in the newspapers.

In addition, they will send here an advance advertising man for a two day visit, to assist the local organization in the distributing

of the advertising material, in the organization of committees and the important work of selling season tickets.

So short, it is a strong organization. Chautauqua, and if every one will hold and give the affair a big boost the town will have something here of which all may be proud.

The exact time in which the circuit will be operating in this state has not yet determined. The Chautauquas are held in consecutive order, one following the other, and arranged so as to provide the minimum distance between jumps. The date for this Chautauqua will be announced later, also the full program, which is said to include a statesman of national reputation and a band and a host of other good things, will be told about when the plans are completed.

And, oh, yes, there are the children! They'll have a Chautauqua all to themselves—the Junior Chautauqua. It is under the direction of one of the play experts in the American Playground association, and working under her are two dozen or more play leaders who are right now working their best to think up and devise all sorts of games for the boys and girls Chautauqua week. It will be a great week for boys and girls and they ought to begin right now to get ready for it.

This paper will have more to say about the Chautauqua between now and next summer. Watch for it.

### Overland 75 B Delivery Paint Squads Places Lincoln Highway Markers Far West.

The approach of bad weather has brought to a close the work of the Lincoln Highway crew of sign painters who have spent the entire season in the biggest undertaking of the kind ever attempted, that of re-marking and standardizing the road signs along the route of America's most famous road, the Lincoln Highway.

Since early June four men in two Overland Model 75 B delivery cars have been working steadily westward systematizing and re-painting the official markers all along the way, starting at the Weehawken Ferry in Jersey City. They crossed six states and wrea well across the seventh when the trip was ended at North Platte Nebraska.

Lincoln Highway travelers between these two points, a distance of 1750 miles may now follow the best marked long distance thoroughfare in the world.

Approximately 8,000 standard Lincoln Highway markers were placed during the summer. Every right and left turn has been carefully marked. The chief irritating obstacle in the way of motor travel, that of making constant done away with completely on the Lincoln Highway.

Some idea of the extent of the work and the care spent upon it known that 373 markers were placed in New Jersey, 1,450 in Pennsylvania, 1,012 in Ohio, 750 in Indiana, 980 in Illinois, 1,990 in Iowa and about 1,500 in Nebraska, depending upon the mileage of the Lincoln Highway in these respective states.

Without the two Overland cars used by the painters the work could never have been undertaken. The two cars carried a maximum load, made approximately 6 stops to the mile and furnished absolutely dependable transportation for the long drive.

Mrs. Cottie Everett left on yesterday morning train for Wilson on a visit to her son.

### PASTOR RUSSELL.

The death of Charles Taze Russell of Brooklyn, N. Y., on October 31, 1916, is a matter of more than ordinary interest for many seasons. "Pastor" Russell, as he was familiarly known by both of his friends and his enemies, was an independent Bible student writer, lecturer, preacher, well known the wide world around. More generally and heartily loved and honored and at the same time more intensely hated and despised, than any man of his generation. Why was he loved and honored? 1. Because of what he WAS. 2. Because of his entire and complete devotion to what he BELIEVED. 3. Because of what he accomplished in opening up the plan of God for human salvation, as no other man has done since the days of Paul the Apostle.

1. As to what he WAS. All those who knew him at all intimately, know that he was a man of the purest thoughts, words and deeds. In all his voluminous writings for forty years, not one sentence can be found that would teach impurity of thought, cruel and lying words, or unjust, dishonest, or wicked deeds. His actions correspond with his words. While his denunciations of hypocrisy, injustice, dishonesty, error and sin, were strong and clear, yet he had a strong and constant sympathy for every one truly desirous of mending his ways, and seeking a higher life.

2. As to his complete devotion of his life to the highest aims. First of all he devoted a large fortune of several hundreds of thousands of dollars to the gratuitous promulgation of what he believed to be the truth—entirely turned aside his exceptional financial ability from all personal aggrandizement, and spent his whole life in working for the truth, and for the best interests of his fellow-men. His salary in all these years of service was the simple necessities of life, the same as the humblest worker in the publication house, of which he was President. Can there be found a stronger proof of his entire devotion to his principles than this?

3. As to his accomplishments in opening and unfolding God's great plan for human salvation. 1st., Pastor Russell's Scripture Studies have had a larger circulation than any religious books outside of the Bible—parts of all having been published in over twenty languages with an output of over nine million copies.

2nd. Pastor Russell's SERMONS have undoubtedly had a more extended publication in the newspapers than all the sermons of all the other preachers ever published in newspapers. At one time his sermons had a combined circulation of about 15 million issues weekly, in about two thousand newspapers.

3rd. Pastor Russell's sermons in the form of tracts have been published in about thirty languages, and scattered by hundreds of million of copies all over the civilized earth.

4th. Pastor Russell's marvelous condensation of the Bible statements of God's great plan, in connection with the Photo-Drama of Creation, have been declared by wonderful phonograph records easily understood by large audiences and beautifully illustrated by stereoptican and moving pictures, to the delight and instruction of many millions.

5th. Pastor Russell has undoubtedly traveled more extensively and has probably personally preached to more people than any other preacher of the last forty years.

6th. Pastor Russell has accomplished all this, with no solicitation of funds from anybody—no admission charged for his lectures and no collections taken. All his books were sold at cost, with not one penny of royalty, and the millions of tracts were sent entirely

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### DR. REGISTER VISITS STATE SANITARIUM

Praises Efficiency of Staff and Faculty

### WHITE PLAGUE BEING COMQUERED

The great work being accomplished by the various State institutions in combatting tuberculosis, or the white plague, as it is commonly known, is attracting world wide attention, and in this state, where the local conditions at Sanitarium, N. C., are so much in favor of successful treatment, should be a matter of pride to citizens of the Old North State.

We are indebted to Dr. Register for a letter on the subject which coming from a man high in the medical fraternity carries with it great weight and is really an address to the people of this section of the state. His letter is as follows.

The Editor,  
The Commonwealth,  
Scotland Neck, N. C.

Dear Sir:—  
A few weeks ago it was my great pleasure to visit our State tuberculosis Sanatorium at Sanatorium, N. C. As many people in the State know little or nothing of this institution I would deem it a privilege to tell your readers something of my visit and some of the interesting and important facts which I learned.

Arriving at Sanatorium about 10 A. M., I was cordially received by Dr. McBrayer, the Superintendent of the institution, and his two efficient co-workers, Doctors McCain and Thompson. McBrayer is a man large in body and in mind and is eminently fitted for the very important work which is being done in this institution. Under his wise and efficient administration truly noble things are being accomplished in the battle with the great white plague.

In the Sanatorium I had the pleasure of meeting the nurses and patients, and also some former patients who had returned for examination. It was interesting and gratifying to note that all of those former patients had continued to improve after leaving the Sanatorium, thus illustrating the permanent value of the treatment they had received.

Tuberculosis has long been recognized as one of our most dreaded diseases, taking an enormous toll of human life, and being considered both unavoidable and incurable. But in this institution the disease is being treated with courage and success, in the light of the best modern science and medical practice. Patients are being taught how to care for themselves and for others. The sanatorium is a great educational center, whose inmates are being trained for effective war on the plague. It is like a missionary station in a heathen country. It helps not only those who are so fortunate as to go there, but others to whom are carried the glad tidings that consumption is both avoidable and curable.

The great white plague is no respecter of persons. "The sickness that wasteth a noontide" is liable to enter any home, from the highest to the most humble. All our people have a vital interest in this institution that is rendering such good service in fighting a common enemy. It deserves our united and liberal support, and its capacity should be doubled at once.

The Sanatorium is situated in Hoke county in the sandhills, among the long leaf pines. It is high and dry. From the top of the building one can see forty miles in any direction. The soil is so porous that just after a hard rain one can go and walk about without getting his feet wet. The days and nights are equable. All in all the situation and climate are ideal for an institution of this kind.

### OAK CITY ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrell spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. S. V. Sills.

Mr. Zeb Whitehurst of Greenville was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Everett of Robersonville spent a few days here with her son, H. S. Everett and Mrs. John Daniel, her daughter.

Miss Alma House of Stokes spent the week end with Mrs. B. M. Worsley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Davenport of Speed were the guests of Miss Jefferson House Sunday.

Mr. Jim Fleming of Greenville spent Sunday and Monday in the city.

Miss Minnie Whitehead of Bethel spent the week end with Miss Lou Council.

Miss Cora Long spent Sunday night with Miss Jefferson House.

Mrs. Everett left Monday for Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins and Mrs. S. E. Hines were in Tarboro Tuesday.

Mr. Jerry Casper of Wilson is spending some time with his mother.

N. C. Hines of Carey spent the week end with his father, Mr. J. L. Hines.

Mr. B. D. Tew of Port Norfolk was in town Tuesday.

### Honor Roll Oak City High School

First Grade. Rachel Rawls, Willie Johnson, Ruby Hurst, Gaston Cox, Ed House, Marion House, Ernest Etheridge, Ebbie Cross, Milton Harrell, Desmond Cox, Eva Ayers, Leatha Price.

Second Grade. Esther Price, Gladys Everett, Margaret Hines, Sarah Long Johnson, Mildred Davenport, Pauline Davenport, Ethel Bunting, Eloise Ross, Erma Johnson, Mamie Lee Turner, Ethel Brown, Rupert Rawls.

Third Grade. Mattie Thomas, Lucile House, Myrtella Hyman, Margaret Fleming, Erlene Glover, Hazel Piland.

Fourth Grade. Christine Piland, Hazel Harrell, Maurice Early.

Fifth Grade. Reather Glover, Annie Hurst, Virginia Hines, Joseph Faithful.

Sixth Grade. Selma Johnson, Herman Piland, Wheeler Daniel, Paul Turner.

Eighth Grade. Marvin Everett, Edgar Turner, Beatrice Daniel.

The medical profession has been somewhat backward in the diagnosis of tuberculosis. But there is a great awakening in this matter. More than half the cases that are sent to the Sanatorium are inapparent, which means with proper treatment they will get well. Every case of tuberculosis allowed to run to an advance stage means a losing fight for the patient, but also that this person becomes a new center of infection for the spread of the disease. Success in the fight with this terrible plague must be won (1) by preventative measures, to avoid the development of new cases, and (2) by prompt treatment of every case in its early stages. Especial responsibility rests upon the medical profession and upon the heads of institutions to be alert in the diagnosis of tuberculosis and to provide promptly for the isolation and treatment of all cases in their incipient. Institutions where large numbers of people are kept together as fertile breeding places for the development and spread of the disease. Neglect in such institutions may more than counterbalance the good work being done in our State Sanatorium.

I am under special obligations for the gracious hospitality shown me by Dr. McBrayer's wife and daughter. These charming ladies know how to make even a stranger feel perfectly at home. At their table I enjoyed two delightful meals. And at the close of my visit they took me in their car for a drive through the country to Aberdeen.

F. M. REGISTER, M. D.  
Tillery, N. C.

## Money All Raised To Shoot The Well

### GENERAL INTEREST LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

The Episcopal Convocation, which has been in session since Tuesday, adjourned yesterday morning at 11.30.

Messrs. G. C. Weeks, Edward Tillery and Tom Johnson caught the train at Palmyra yesterday morning to go to Greenville and bring back a couple of cars, one of which is expected to be a "Willis Knight", which will be of interest to some of us.

The N. A. Riddick Motor Car Company sent over five automobiles yesterday morning to meet the twelve o'clock train at Palmyra, and bring into town the 25 members of De Rue Minstrels, which was the only way in which a street parade could be arranged.

Dr. H. I. Clark and Mr. Ernest Leggett returned yesterday from Tarboro where they attended the session of the Shriners.

Mr. C. B. Parks motored to Tarboro recently to play a game of Golf with some of the experts there.

Mr. Tom Fenner of Raleigh was in town Wednesday from Raleigh.

The four table card club met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. R. F. Coleman.

Mr. C. B. Riddick of Richmond, Va., arrived in town yesterday afternoon, having reached Palmyra at noon. He comes to visit his mother, Mrs. A. M. Riddick, and see Mr. Hubert Riddick, who is still quite ill.

Mr. Joe Riddick, of Richmond, Va., came into town Wednesday in Mr. J. C. Riddick's car, to see his brother, Mr. Hubert Riddick.

Rev. Francis Joyner, of Lumberton, who has been attending the Episcopal Convocation, left on yesterday morning train.

Recent word from the Rocky Mount hospital states that the condition of Mrs. Peyton Keel is not improved.

Extra freight train No. 313, with 25 cars ran through town yesterday morning, going north, and sidetracking No. 73 at the station.

Mrs. G. C. Weeks drove her six cylinder car to Tarboro, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt, and lunch with them. She was accompanied by Mrs. Henry Gray, and Mrs. J. M. Cotton.

Mr. Frank Spruill of Rocky Mount arrived here yesterday morning, and is the guest of Mrs. Bettie Coughenor. Mr. Spruill was unable to come, though he intended being one of the speakers at the Episcopal Convention this week.

Messrs. Charles Lawrence and J. E. Bowers came into town Tuesday night in their Saxon runabout with seven wild turkeys hanging around the car. This was the car. This was the prettiest kind of decoration for a week before Thanksgiving.

Mrs. T. J. Williford left on the morning train to visit her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harrison, in Wilson county. She will return in about three weeks.

Mr. R. M. S. White of Lumberton was in town for a few hours this week, and left for Tarboro on yesterday morning train.

Mr. J. C. Riddick went to Henderson Monday to deliver a Buick four, and from there went to Richmond, Va., and borrowed a Saxon six from the Virginia distributors, Kehler Motor Company, and drove it back Wednesday to make immediate delivery to a customer who could not wait for delivery from factory.

### Sixty Dollars Subscribed By A Few Business Men

### ENGINEER TO DO THE WORK

Faith in the beneficent value of the water at the deep well, a number of citizens have subscribed the sum of sixty dollars, the estimate fixed by the engineer, to make an attempt to shoot the well on Main street.

The shooting of the well will be accomplished without any inconvenience to the people of the town and none need have any uneasiness about damage resulting.

The money was raised by public subscription rather than ask the city officials to find the money. Those subscribing were:

Mr. Sam A. Dunn	\$2.50
Mr. Tyler Wheeler	\$5.00
Mr. Henry T. Clark	\$5.00
Mr. Hugh Johnson	\$1.00
Mr. J. H. Alexander, Jr.	\$5.00
Mr. J. E. Bowers	\$5.00
Mr. R. C. Josey	\$5.00
M. Hoffman & Bro.	\$5.00
Edwards & Co.	\$5.00
Dixie Furniture Co.	\$2.50
Hardy Hardware Co.	\$2.50
Mr. G. C. Weeks	\$2.50
North End Drug Store	\$2.50
Mr. W. B. Strickland, Jr.	\$1.00
Dr. A. D. Morgan	\$1.00
Mr. Frank Burroughs	\$1.00
Mr. Norfleet Smith	\$1.00
Mr. Frank Shields	\$2.50
Mr. W. H. Jackson	\$1.00
	\$60.00

### OLDEST VOTER IN N. C. IS MR. M. D. ALLSBROOK

The News & Observer recently stated that the oldest voter in the State was a resident of Harnett county, who was ninety-four years old and had always voted the democratic ticket.

Scotland Neck can go our contemporary one better, for we have with us Mr. M. D. Allsbrook, who is ninety-six years old, has voted for seventy five years, and has never scratched the democratic ticket.

Mr. Allsbrook's oldest son is 75 years of age, his next 72 years of age, and two others, the youngest being over 65 years, all of them good and consistent democrats.

Three of these sons, together with their father served through the civil war in the confederate army, representing their township and state with distinction.

This we believe is a record, and certainly carries the palm from the News and Observer's Harnett county man.

### HOBGOOD NEWS ITEMS.

At the Hobgood School House Tuesday evening, November 28, after Thanksgiving exercises by the school children, the Ladies Aid Society will have oysters and other good things to sell.

The school and society cordially in vite you to attend.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Dr. Leggett on Monday afternoon Nov. 20th, 1916. Promptly at 4 o'clock the meeting was called to order, scripture was read by Mrs. Armstrong, and Mrs. W. J. Jenkins led in prayer. After business transactions were in order 6 new names were added to the roll, then the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. C. S. Powell one month later. Afterward the hostess led the way to the dining room which was dimly lighted for the occasion, there the members were served with hot chocolate and wafers. After the refreshments the members departed declaring that they had enjoyed themselves to the fullest.

MRS. W. P. WHITE, Sec.

Mr. J. Baron, of the Bee Hive Department Store, is in Baltimore buying Christmas novelties.