

CHAUTAUQUA IN FULL SWING

First Days Program Presented Yesterday. Good Program To-day

Chautauqua was welcomed to Elizabeth City yesterday with official honors.

The big parade formed gaily in front of the Court House and wended its way to the tent. The long line of automobiles handsomely decorated significantly represented the city's pride and prosperity.

The very entertaining and instructive program scheduled followed the preliminaries of introductions and announcements and the audience left the afternoon performance with enthusiastic expressions of desire to return.

The program for the remaining Chautauqua attractions is given full in The Advance. To-day's program is filled with a variety of entertainment and to-night the distinguished Brooklyn minister, Dr. S. Parkes Cadman will lecture on "Modern Babylon."

Entertains C. M. B. Class

Mrs. H. G. Godfrey entertained the C. M. B. Class of Blackwell Memorial Sunday school at her home on Cypress Street Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. F. White gave an interesting sketch of a great Sunday School Convention she attended while in Charleston, West Virginia.

Mr. Venters spoke on the excellent work done by this class during the recent contest for new members, forty-eight of the 279 recently added to the school being the result of this class' efforts.

After the business had been finished delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those present were: Mrs. G. W. Brite, Mrs. Dennis VanHorn, Mrs. M. E. Davis, Mrs. M. R. Pritchard, Mrs. M. R. Pritchard, Mrs. E. K. Sawyer, Mrs. S. V. Bateman, Mrs. L. C. Ballance, Mrs. J. W. Edney, Mrs. W. S. Chesson, Mrs. M. E. Trueblood, Mrs. Mary H. Brite, Mrs. T. S. White, Miss Serena Williams, Mrs. M. Godfrey, Mrs. S. C. Newbold, Mrs. Joseph Crane, Mrs. Joseph Crane, Mrs. E. White, Mrs. J. B. Whitson, Mrs. J. C. Modlin, Mrs. J. T. Wynn, Mrs. William Godfrey, Mrs. C. E. Overman, Miss Mary Hastings, Mr. R. T. Venters, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Aydlett, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Buffkin and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Godfrey.

It is probable that Rev. S. Parkes Cadman of Brooklyn, N. Y. will preach at the First Methodist Church next Sunday morning. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

VERY DOUBTFUL SAYS MR. SMALL

But is Willing to Lend His Assistance if Appeal is Taken

Washington, N. C.—June 16, 1915.

Editor The Advance:

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th inst. and note your reference to the unfavorable report by the District Engineer against the improvement of the Upper Pasquotank. Like you, I am very much disappointed. The people tributary to that section of the river have been so anxious for this improvement and so persistent that the disappointment is all the keener. You refer to the right of appeal to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, a permanent body in Washington, D. C. to whom the appeal may be submitted at any time within four weeks from June 5th, and ask my opinion as to the probability of having the report of the District Engineer overruled. As anxious as I am to see this improvement made, I do not feel encouraged as to the result of an appeal. In the first place under the general law, after a survey has been authorized as in this case, the District Engineer is directed first to make a preliminary examination with a view to determine primarily whether (1) the proposed improvement is practicable from an engineering standpoint within a reasonable limit of cost, and (2) whether the amount of the commerce involved will justify the expenditure. In other words it is the intent of the law to confine the improvement of rivers to such as are used and utilized sufficiently to justify the expenditure. The District Engineer in his general letter states that the reasons for his unfavorable report are "that the stream is neither deep, wide or straight enough, nor is the commerce on it sufficiently general, or of sufficient importance to justify the improvement of this stream by the United States". You will note that his findings upon the primary questions are unfavorable and expressed quite strongly.

I will say further that the improvement of minor streams with a small commerce has been made much more difficult during the past two years by the criticism indulged in against the improvement of rivers. One of their favorite objects of attack have been small streams serving agricultural localities. Men like Senator Burton in the Senate and newspapers like Colliers and Harpers Weekly, set the pace, and inadvisedly many citizens and newspapers had confidence in their sincerity and joined in the attack. You will recall many of these criticisms. They were absolutely unjust, but they had a strong influence in public

Chautauqua Programme

Junior Chautauqua begins at nine a. m. Afternoon Session begins at two thirty p. m. Evening Session begins at seven thirty.

FRIDAY JUNE 18th
(Afternoon)

Series Lecture..... Superintendent Downey
Magic and Music—Bennett Springer and Chautauqua Entertainers

(Evening)

Magic and Music—Bennett, Springer and Chautauqua Entertainers
Motion Pictures

SATURDAY JUNE 19th
(Afternoon)

Series Lecture..... Superintendent Downey
Concert..... Crawford Adams Trio

(Evening)

Concert..... Crawford Adams Trio
Lecture "Modern Babylon"—Dr. S. Parkes Cadman
Motion Pictures

SUNDAY JUNE 20th

A special program for Sunday will be arranged and announced.

MONDAY JUNE 21st
(Afternoon)

Series Lecture..... Superintendent Downey
Concert..... Colangelo's Italian Band

(Evening)

Concert..... Colangelo's Italian Band
Motion Pictures

TUESDAY JUNE 22nd
(Afternoon)

Series Lecture..... Superintendent Downey
Concert..... Boston Oratorio Artists

(Evening)

Concert..... Boston Oratorio Artists
Lecture "Rebuilding the Temple", Montaville Flowers
Motion Pictures

WEDNESDAY JUNE 23rd
(Afternoon)

Concert..... Varkony-Hines Company
Lecture "Friends of Yesterday"

(Evening)

Concert..... La Salle Corbelle Pickett
Concert..... Varkony-Hines Company
"The Man From Home"

Presented by The Avon Players

Series Lecture..... Superintendent Downey

sentiment. I recall, for instance, that one subject of criticism in North Carolina upon which the vials of their wrath were unburdened was Deep Creek, a small tributary on the south side of Albemarle Sound. The engineers made a favorable report on this stream, because it served an agricultural section which had no other means of transportation, and the improvement was estimated to cost only a few thousand dollars. Even some of our North Carolina papers in the center and west, ridiculed Deep Creek. They did not know that these attacks were inspired by selfish and sinister influences, and that they were unwittingly injuring the cause of transportation and progress in North Carolina.

Now as to whether our good friends should prepare their case on appeal and send a lawyer to Washington to present same, must be largely determined by themselves. If they decide to do so I will very gladly render all the aid in my power.

I will go to Washington with their representative and appear jointly with him before the Board of Review. It is well to state that this board is not in session every day, but only meets at stated times, and that an appointment for the hearing will have to be made in advance.

Very Sincerely,
JOHN H. SMALL.

JACKSON-STEVENS

Miss Marion J. Stevens, daughter of P. W. Stevens, of Camden, was married Sunday afternoon to Mr. Albert Jackson of Nixonton township. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace, J. W. Munden at his home. The bride is the niece of Mr. E. M. Stevens of this city and is only seventeen years of age.

Rev. R. E. Peele of Clarksville, Va., is the guest of his grandson, Master John Peele, and other relatives in the city.

BOAT RACES FOR JULY FIFTH

Annual Event at Manteo Looked Forward to with Great Interest

Manteo, June 15.—The annual celebration of American Independence will be held at Manteo, North Carolina on July fifth and sixth under the auspices of the Manteo Yacht and Athletic Association.

All who wish a good time are invited.

On each of these days there will be boat racing for all classes of boats. Valuable prizes for the winning boats in each class will be awarded. The boats will be properly classed on the day of the races.

The Flying Eagle owned by G. W. Creed, Jr. has challenged all comers in any class.

Two days of enjoyable sport for everybody are guaranteed by those in charge of the day's program.

BOAT IN TOW CAPSIZES

Mr. J. B. Owens and family with Messrs Ervin Griggs and Roy Sumner of Point Harbor after spending several days at East Lake last week started back home in Mr. Owens' boat. Between seven and eight o'clock the boat's supply of gasoline gave out and the party were about to be forced to spend the night floating about aimlessly in the darkness when the Vansiver was sighted and came along and picked them up. The two boys were left in the boat to steer it as the Vansiver towed it along but the big boats wake proved a rough pathway for the smaller craft and the boat capsized giving the two young fellows a thorough ducking, but doing no further damage.

POPLAR BRANCH BRIEFS

Poplar Branch, June 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Gray Griggs, Misses Ethel Gregory, and Mrs. Lydia Owens spent Tuesday at Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Maud Baum and her cousin Beatrice Parker left yesterday for Cape Henry, Va. to attend the marriage of Mrs. Baum's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crank spent Sunday at Manteo, N. C. Mrs. Clarence Bunch of Edenton is visiting relatives here.

The Woman's Betterment Society was held last Friday. The attendance was very good. Plans were discussed for the third of July celebration at the school building.

Misses Mildred Baum, Blanche Griggs and Mildred Doney are spending the week with Miss Inez Reid at Elizabeth City.

Master Elbert O'Neal who had the misfortune to break his arm is improving.

NINE YEAR OLD A MURDERER?

Walter Sawyer of Harbinger Probably Fatally Wounded Saturday

Walter Sawyer, the nineteen year old son of S. G. Sawyer, of Harbinger, was shot by Leonard Swain, the nine year old son of Mrs. Caley Swain last Saturday evening at one o'clock.

Young Sawyer is in a critical condition, having about one chance in a thousand of recovery. The ball entering the temple ploughed its way into the brain tissue and to those who stood by it appeared that Sawyer was killed instantly. Dr. T. Griggs hastily summoned, however, reached the scene in a very short time after the shot had been fired and by prompt surgical attention saved the young man from immediate death.

Whether the shooting was an act of carelessness or recklessness does not quite appear. Sawyer and an older brother were walking along the road about two hundred yards from Harbinger post office and going toward home when they observed two small boys trying to enter the back window of a house which they were passing. The boys were Leonard Swain and a playmate.

The two Sawyer brothers turned inside the yard to investigate. The boys said that some interloper was in the house and asked to be helped in through the window. As soon as Leonard got inside the room he seized the pistol which he found and snapped it a number of times in the face of the older Sawyer.

"Look out, You'll shoot somebody," shouted Walter. Leonard turned the weapon toward the speaker and pulled the trigger again. This time there was a startling report. Walter Sawyer dropped in his tracks and was thought dead.

Prominent citizens from the lower part of Currituck in town yesterday who were interviewed by an Advance reporter stated that Walter Sawyer was a youth of good character in that community. He had been mail carrier on the Currituck star route for a number of months.

IMPROVING AFTER OPERATION

Poplar Branch, June 15—Mr. John T. Williams has been very ill at his home at Poplar his home at Poplar Branch since an operation June 2nd. He is, however, improving gradually. His son Harold has been with him for a week but has returned to continue his work with the Bennett Line. The many friends of Mr. Williams hope for him an early recovery.