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## CHAUTAQUA HAS PLEASING PROGRAM

### Ben Greet Players on the Program

### STORY HOUR IS RETAINED

Successful Comedy-Drama, "The Man From Home" to be one of strong attractions this year. Ben Greet Players to give "As You Like It."

The successful comedy drama, "The Man From Home"; the famous Ben Greet Players in Shakespeare's immortal comedy, "As You Like It," Katharine Ridgeway and Ralph Bingham, popular entertainers; a musical recital by the artists of the Mercer Company; significant, informative lectures and exceptional musical entertainment companies—these are notable attractions which will appear on the 1921 Redpath Chautauqua to be held in Laurens April 20-27 inclusive. Music, drama, fun and philosophy all blend into an exceptionally superior seven days' program.

The Nevins Concert Company, appearing on the first afternoon, is composed of five young artists of personality. They feature with distinction and versatility the tuneful and melodic compositions of the great American composer, Ethelbert Nevin. Their truly artistic program will be varied with clever impersonations and popular ensemble numbers.

"America Looking Ahead" is the lecture, on the opening night, by Montaville Flowers, eminent publicist. This compelling speaker emphasizes the principles upon which the future life and happiness of the nation depend.

The Chapel Singers, on the second day, feature representative sacred music, beautifully sung. Their program also offers a splendid variety of popular numbers and will be sure to please the entire audience.

Lewis A. Convis, lecturing on the second night, presents an interesting and vital informative address on Bolshevism in Russia and Siberia. His interpretation of the soul of the Slavic race is authoritative and challenging. Of exceptional interest are his experiences as a member of the famous Polish Legion.

The artists' recital by the Mercer Company, on the third afternoon, will be highly appreciated and enjoyed. Harry Yeazelle, Mercer, well-known tenor, and Harold Ayers, violinist, are the feature artists of the company.

The third night will be "Artists' Night." A concert by the Mercer Company will be followed by an interpretative recital by Katharine Ridgeway. Miss Ridgeway has been enthusiastically received in all parts of the United States. Pathos, fire and love of outdoor things, all contribute to one central theme in her program "Crime—Its Cause, Practice and Prevention" will be the subject of a thrilling and constructive lecture by Detective Harry J. Loose. His astounding information is based on first hand experience with the "system" in crime and the activities of criminals.

The famous Ben Greet Players with a splendid cast appear on the fourth night in Shakespeare's great comedy, "As You Like It." Sympathetic interpretation of the dramatist's subtle humor and brilliant characterization distinguish this excellent production which possesses all the witchery of the poet's genius.

A popular concert by the National Male Quartet is the feature of the fifth afternoon. This organization is notable for an unusually harmonious blending of exceptional solo voices, and for rare musical and entertainment ability. Quartet music of the highest type, as well as humorous impersonations by Charles Cox, manager of the company, render the program thoroughly delightful.

A big Chautauqua feature will be Dr. Frederick Monsen's lecture on the fifth night. "The Truth About Mexico" is especially valuable because it includes a vigorous presentation of personal experiences with such men as Diaz, Huerta, Villa, Carranza and Obregon. The lecture is illustrated by magnificent pictures.

Dr. Frank L. Loveland's challenging address on "The Perils of Democracy" is the result of extensive investigations both at home and in Europe.

## TO SELECT ORATORS FOR SCHOOL CONTESTS

Preliminary Contest to be held in Court House Friday Evening. Public is Invited.

Preliminary contests for selecting representatives of the Laurens high school in the Laurens County Oratorical Contests on April 1st, the Piedmont Contest in Greenville on April 15th and the State Contest in Columbia on April 21st, will be held in the courthouse on Friday, March 25th at 8 P. M. The following is the program to which the public is cordially invited:

Raymond Gaston—"Lest We Forget."

Fred Clifton—"America, a World Power."

Winifred Sitgreaves—"College Oil Cans."

Katherine Meng—"Boots."

Margaret Knight—"The Story of Patches."

Frances Knight—"The Unfinished Story."

Nancy Meng—"The Lion and the Mouse."

Music will be furnished by a chorus of high school girls, Dorothy Fairry, Miss Mildred Laney, and Messrs. Cecil Roper and J. B. Parker.

## ATLANTA STIRRED BY WORK OF BUNCO RING

Atlanta, March 19.—Following an address before a mass meeting attended by several thousand Atlanta citizens, in which Solicitor General Boykin repeated his sweeping accusations that the Atlanta detective department allowed an organized gang of confidence men to conduct their swindles in Atlanta for more than four years, and allowed a syndicate of gamblers to operate a big gambling house in various downtown buildings without molestation a resolution was adopted pledging the united support of those attending the meeting to Solicitor Boykin, "and other public officials charged with responsibility in their efforts for the preservation and enforcement of law and order."

Boykin charged that the "bunco ring" inaugurated a conspiracy to get rid of James L. Beavers as chief of police and put Lamar Poole, chief of detectives, in his place, and to put Detective D. T. Shaw in Poole's place as head of the detective department. He declared that Floyd Woodward, a well known local man was at the head of the "bunco ring."

## President of Student Government

In the election of officers of the student body of Winthrop college, held recently, Miss Martha Franks of this city was elected president. This is said to be the most coveted honor in the institution and is an indication of personal popularity as well as studious habits.

His lecture on the sixth afternoon stimulates a patriotism based on a sane and sturdy Americanism. It fills a genuine need in these days of economic unrest.

"The Man From Home," on the sixth night, is one of the most successful of modern comedy dramas. The plot centers around the adventures of an eccentric young lawyer and his efforts to save his ward, a romantic title-hunting girl, from a conspiring family of the "fine flower" of Europe. Thrilling situations, bubbling humor and clever acting make this play an exceptionally popular Chautauqua feature.

Following a delightful musical program on the last afternoon, Wallace Bruce Amsbury, author and interpreter, will give a lecture-recital. He renews for his audiences the elusive charm and wholesome humor of James Whitcomb Riley. Entertaining sketches from the life and works of Riley are interspersed with interesting personal reminiscences of the beloved Hoosier poet. Mr. Amsbury is both an entertainer and lecturer.

As a fitting close to a delightful entertaining and up-to-the-minute program comes Ralph Bingham, one of America's greatest fun-makers, a humorist of the highest order.

In accordance with the long standing policy of the Redpath Bureau a special story hour will be conducted each morning or afternoon for the children. Thoroughly trained young women will have charge of this work. The stories will prove an unending delight to the youngsters.

## LAURENS BAPTISTS HEAR DR. MULLINS

Speaker Tells of Conditions in Europe; Great Need for Workers Now.

Speaking before a large assembly of Laurens county Baptists gathered here Monday in their annual conference at the First Baptist church, Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Seminary told in an impressive way how he found conditions in Europe during a recent visit to that continent and how an opportunity had been opened to the Baptists which makes the war-torn countries one of the most inviting fields for Baptist missionary work in the world. Every church in Laurens association was represented and the meeting was presided over by Rev. S. H. Templeman, pastor of the First church. Dr. Mullins congratulated the churches of the association for their one hundred per cent representation, the state for furnishing the birthplace of the seminary and for having the reputation of keeping faith with the pledges the Baptists made in supporting various causes. The main feature of Dr. Mullins' address was the sketch of his travels in Europe with Dr. J. B. Gambrell. At a great convention of Baptists held last July in England five countries of Southern Europe had been allotted to the Baptists of America to do missionary work in. It was while touring those countries that Dr. Mullins was thoroughly convinced of the position he had already taken that the world war does not prove that religion is a failure but rather it proves everything else a failure except religion. Enough Baptists were found in the countries visited for a nucleus for a good beginning and these Baptists were eager for missionary aid from this country.

Dr. C. E. Burts, general secretary of the State Mission board, followed Dr. Mullins and made a strong appeal in behalf of keeping faith in the matter of pledges for the 75 Million Campaign. Dr. Dill of Greenville and Dr. Grandberry of Gaffney made brief addresses along the same lines.

## COUNCIL HOLDS SESSION

Routine Matters Occupy Attention of City Fathers.

With the exception of the "dog incident" referred to in another column of this paper, the City Fathers in the regular semi-monthly meeting Monday night gave their attention largely to routine matters. Discussions of the finances of the city take place at every meeting of the council, but little headway has been made in securing a loan to tide the city over until taxes are collected. The stumbling block as referred to in letters to local bankers is the financial statement gotten up by the city clerk which shows a floating indebtedness of considerable proportions.

Mayor Franks was authorized to take up with the school trustees the matter of the needs of a school building with a view of ordering the bond election authorized during the last session of the legislature. The Council expects to have an estimate of the cost of proposed improvements before ordering the election.

The mayor and chief of police were authorized to confer together and secure spring suits for the police force. The license paid into the city by Dr. G. C. Albright before his death was ordered repaid to his estate.

The city clerk and treasurer, Stanley Crews, was presented with a wedding present of \$25 as an expression of appreciation from the Council.

## JOINS CARRIER FORCE

J. Allen Barksdale Gives Up Selling Clothes to Deliver Mail.

J. Allen Barksdale, who has been with the clothing department of the Wells Clardy Company for several years, has given up his place there and joined Uncle Sam's forces as a mail carrier on R. F. D. Route 1, Louis Anderson, who has been on Route 1 goes to Route 4, while W. L. Taylor, who has been on Route 4 goes to Route 5, awarded to him on account of priority of service. Route 5 has been served since last December by N. J. Anderson, relief carrier.

## For Near East Relief

The Philaetha class of the First Baptist church, has made a contribution of \$100 to the Near East Relief cause the check being sent to headquarters in Columbia.

## MR. R. F. FLEMING, SR., DIES AT GREENWOOD

Father of Messrs. R. F. and H. C. Fleming Passed Away at Age of 80.

Mr. R. F. Fleming, Sr., father of Messrs. R. F. and H. C. Fleming of this city, passed away at his home near Greenwood Sunday afternoon and was buried in the family cemetery there Monday afternoon. The funeral services were attended by his two sons and his two sisters, Mrs. E. J. Garlington and Mrs. W. W. Jones, besides other relatives.

Mr. Fleming was born and raised in this county and had many friends here who were deeply affected by his death. For a long time after the war he was in business here with his brother, the late J. O. C. Fleming, doing business in the old stand on the west side of the public square where their father, Samuel Fleming, conducted a similar business in the 40's and 50's.

The following account of his death was taken from the Greenwood Index-Journal of Monday afternoon:

Mr. R. F. Fleming, Sr., one of Greenwood's best known and most substantial citizens died at his home at Scotch Cross, four miles south of Greenwood Sunday afternoon about six o'clock. He had been ill for some weeks and his condition had been critical for some days before the end came. The grief and distress over his passing was none the less to the large circle of relatives and friends in this and Laurens counties where he was so well known and so highly esteemed.

Mr. Fleming was born at Laurens, this state, on the eleventh day of October, 1840, and therefore was in his 80th year. His parents were Samuel Fleming and Harriet Jane Williams, both of Laurens county.

As a boy Mr. Fleming attended the old Laurensville Academy and when prepared for college entered the freshman class of the then South Carolina College, now the State University, in January 1859 at the age of nineteen.

In April 1861, he joined a company composed entirely of South Carolina College students and was with this company on duty on Sullivan's Island during the time of the bombardment of Fort Sumter. The company of college students returned to Columbia in May and remained in college until the summer vacation began in July of that same year. In September following he enlisted for Confederate service in Company A Third S. C. V., then known as the State Guards. When the company was re-organized in 1862, he was elected orderly sergeant and remained in that capacity until elected lieutenant in December, 1862. He fought in the battles of Savage Station, Malvern Hill, Harper's Ferry, Sharpsburg and Fredericksburg, taking part in all the skirmishes and battles fought in by his company until wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg.

Early in life Mr. Fleming united with the Presbyterian church at Laurens and for a number of years was an active deacon in this church. At the time of his death he was a faithful member of the Greenwood Presbyterian church, and devoted to the Brotherhood Class of the Sunday School of this church.

He was married on November 5, 1873 to Miss Zemilla Estelle Creswell, daughter of Capt. H. H. Creswell, of Scotch Cross, four miles south of Greenwood. She with three children survive him, Messrs. R. F., Jr., and H. C. Creswell, of Laurens, and Miss Louise Fleming. He leaves also two sisters, Mrs. E. J. Garlington and Mrs. W. W. Jones, both of Laurens.

Mr. Fleming was a constant sufferer from the wound received in battle and suffered greatly because of it. In 1905 an operation was performed on this wounded foot and a piece of shoe leather from the shoe worn at the time of the wound was removed from his foot, having been carried by him for fifty-eight years.

He bore his suffering through all these years with Christian fortitude and patience. His vitality was most wonderful and though he had many cases of severe illness in which his life was despaired of by the family, he always felt that he was destined to recover and this hopeful feeling had much to do with his having lived through so many years.

On account of ill health he and his family moved from Laurens to Gainesville, Fla., where they lived for

## CLAIM AGAINST CITY FOR DEATH OF DOG

T. C. Owings and E. W. Martin Claim \$50 Damages Against City for Shooting of 'Opossum Dog.'

Varied and conflicting were claims made before City Council Monday night when Messrs. T. C. Owings and E. W. Martin appeared to support a claim for \$50 which they filed against the city on account of the shooting of a dog which they owned. Mr. J. C. Owings, father of T. C. Owings, was also present at the meeting to protest against liberties taken on his premises when the dog was shot.

The trouble grew out of a report to the city police Monday afternoon, March 7th, that a mag-dog was at large on West Main street in the vicinity of Mr. Owings' home. The report was telephoned in by Charlie Barksdale, who testified to that effect at the council meeting, and Policeman Martin received the report. On account of the absence of two policemen in Rock Hill and the expectation of a long distance telephone call from Greenville, Policeman Martin deputized Rufus Barnett, a young man about 23 years of age, to go to the scene and shoot the dog. Mr. Barnett was absent from the hearing Monday night, but Luddie Nelson, a small boy who accompanied him with a number of other boys, testified that when they arrived on the scene they saw the dog in the alley leading to the rear of Mr. Owings' home, that Barnett followed the dog down the alley and shot at him but evidently missed him, that the dog went through a hole in the fence into either the pasture or garden behind the house and that he lost sight of him there. Mr. Barnett, he said, came back up the alley and shot through the fence in the corner of the garden immediately in the rear of Mr. Owings' residence and killed a dog, though he did not say that it was the same dog that had run down the alley. The report from Mr. Barnett was that the dog that he first shot at ran into the garden and was killed by him at the second shot near the house.

The contention of the Messrs. Owings was that the dog which was killed was not a mad dog and had not been outside of the garden nor away from the spot where he was killed. They stated that the dog had been sick for several days and had only been released at dinner time of that day and that they were quite certain that he had not been outside the yard. Besides this, they complained that the city policeman had exceeded his authority in deputizing a young man and a crowd of boys to perform the duties of a policeman and that the privacy of their home had been disturbed by the shooting in addition to the loss which had resulted from the killing of the dog.

Policeman Martin called several witnesses to substantiate his position in the case, saying that he felt that in the case of a mad dog anybody had a right to kill one and that he had apologized to Mr. Owings the following day for the shooting on his place.

Following the hearing of witnesses the council took the case under consideration but decided to consult the city attorney for advice.

## Laurens vs Clinton

The first game of baseball of the season will be played on the local diamond on Friday afternoon, when the team representing the Laurens high school will meet the Clinton high school team. The game will be called at 4 p. m. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

four years. In 1888 they moved back to South Carolina, locating at Scotch Cross the home of Mrs. Fleming's father and where she had spent her girlhood. Since 1888 Mr. Fleming has been engaged in farming with marked success. Of late years he has left the management of the large farm in great part to his son, Mr. H. Creswell Fleming.

Funeral services will be held at the home this afternoon at half past five o'clock, the burial to follow in the family burying ground near the home.

Following is a list of pall bearers: Active: A. S. Hartzog, B. B. Milling, Marshall Sanders, R. F. Jones, A. C. Todd, Charles Fleming, Bruce Barksdale, and J. P. Stockman. Honorary pall bearers will be Confederate Veterans, members of the Brotherhood Class of the Presbyterian church and the Robert A. Waller Chapter, U. D. C.

## ROBERT BURDETTE CLEARED BY JURY

### Young's Township Farmer Cleared of Murder

### FOURTH TRIAL OF THE CASE

Case of Claude Owens, Charged with Killing His Father, Continued to Next Term on Account of Absence of Material Witness. Many Cases Disposed of.

Robert Burdette, tried for his life four times for the killing of D. D. Stoddard near Owings Station in the early summer of 1917, was cleared by a jury of twelve men Thursday after deliberating in the jury room a little more than three hours. The case which has taken from two to four days to try on previous occasions took less than two days this time, going to the jury at noon of the second day. The first trial of the case in March of 1918 resulted in a mistrial. The second trial in March of 1919 resulted in a conviction of manslaughter and a sentence of five years. On an appeal to the supreme court the case was remanded for trial again and on the third trial in June 1920 a mistrial again resulted. The case was heard the fourth time Thursday, resulting in an acquittal.

The case of Claude Owens, charged with killing his father, Allen Owens, near Gray Court last fall was continued until the next session of court on account of the sickness of a material witness.

Robert Gilliam, a negro boy, was acquitted of the charge of killing a negro girl near Goldville last November he putting up a plea of accidental killing. The gun with which the killing took place was placed in evidence and was shown to have been defective.

Garrett Phelps was convicted of simple assault and given 30 days or \$100.

Liddie Fuller, colored, charged with murder, entered a plea of mercy. He was given a life sentence. Fuller was charged with killing a negro woman near Gray Court several months ago.

Clarence Glasgow, convicted of burglary and larceny, was given two years.

Yancey Ouzts, convicted of simple assault, was given 30 days or \$50.

Horace Elmore, charged with murder, was convicted of manslaughter and given three years, Caroline Leaman indicted along with Elmore was acquitted.

The following entered pleas of guilty:

Wister Davis, house breaking and larceny, 6 months.

Lizzie Simpson, violation of prohibition law, six months or \$100.

Liddie Workman, assault and battery, two months or \$100.

Jim Boiter, violation of prohibition law, six months and 4 suspended during good behavior.

Furnap Sullivan, assault and battery, 1 year.

Ed Robertson, house breaking and larceny, 1 year.

Alonzo Robinson, larceny from the field, 2 months.

Will Hiltson, violation of prohibition law, 6 months and four suspended.

The court adjourned Friday night after disposing of much business.

Judge Townsend, who held court here for his first time, made a pleasing impression upon court officials and the public generally. He was commended for his consideration for all attaches of the court and his firmness and fairness in meting out justice.

## Patents Auto Deceive

Mr. James Y. Milam returned from Detroit Sunday after displaying to manufacturers there his specification for a rotary sleeve valve motor for automobiles on which he has secured Washington patents. Mr. Milam said that he was very much pleased with the reception accorded his invention and that he is confident that it will be proven a success. A large manufacturer agreed to have a model and tests made at the factory's expense, Mr. Milam to receive a handsome reward in case the model proves out well.