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Dedication.

To Rev. M. E. Johnson, the popular, lovable champion of the young people who has devoted thirty-two years of constant, patient, and devoted service towards the development of Chautauqua and the welfare of its inhabitants, we dedicate this annual.



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A WORD OF PRAISE

We feel that any publication concerning Chautauqua would be incomplete without a mention of the best known and most popular man on the grounds, Mr. Fred Bernet, Chairman of the Grounds Committee. Very few people have devoted themselves so whole-heartedly to the service of Chautauqua as Mr. Bernet. Look around the grounds and see the improvements since last year. The rock triangle garden in front of the springs, the rock wall in front of the Springs Hotel, the gravel walks all over the grounds, the plan of the Wick-e-up, the improved ball field and many other improvements too numerous to mention, are all the products of his untiring efforts.

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF CHAUTAUQUA

For the benefit of those so far unacquainted with the multitudinous joys and recreations afforded by Chautauqua, "the Garden Spot of the Middle West," we feel that it is only fair to give a brief description of the setting and the various features connected with this resort.

Chautauqua is situated thirty-three miles north of St. Louis in a large wooded valley lying between the famous Palisades of Piasa Bird fame. Ample transportation is furnished by regular train service and affording an all-weather road reaching to Chautauqua, so that the commuter may enjoy a cool night's rest far from the heat of the crowded city.

Exceptional recreational facilities are provided, including shuffle-board courts, professional roque courts, three fine tennis courts, a fine, large swimming pool with pure spring water, free first-class talking pictures four times a week in Chautauqua's cool, open air auditorium, a riding academy of fine thoroughbred animals at reasonable rates, and dancing at the station every evening.

Comfortable lodging may be obtained at the Springs Hotel, boarding houses and any of the one hundred and forty cottages in the grounds. A fine cuisine is afforded by the large, airy cafeteria and several fine boarding houses affording fine home cooked chicken dinners at reasonable prices.

Perhaps one of the most notable features of Chautauqua rests in the famous Piasa Springs. These springs played an important part in determining the location of Chautauqua in this valley. These cool springs gushing out of the side of the bluffs in great quantities have by actual test shown to be 100% pure and with traces of Calcium and Magnesium. This Calcium and Magnesium if taken in large quantities will have a wholesome effect on the system and do a great deal toward toning up the system.

All in all, there is a great show of friendship among the people of Chautauqua, a chance for rest for those who so desire it, and a recreation of all types for those so inclined. Visit Chautauqua and carry away with you the pleasantest memories of good fellowship and the happiest moments of your life.

BIG GAME HUNTING ON THE PIASA

Frank C. Woodrow

Many visitors have asked, "Have we any wild animals in Chautauqua?" Evidently these strangers came in over the Elsie road and by the time they reached here, thought they were in the foothills of the Rockies. We have only one animal whose native habitat is Jersey county. Outside of squirrels, rabbits, groundhogs, weazels, mice, skunks, moles, raccoons, possum and chipmunks. With apologies to Mrs. A. Woos, who thinks a Puma lives in her valley.

But what a wild animal we do have. With a ferocious gleam in his beady eyes, he hides in the tall, dry grass his mouth watering with nervous expectancy, as he quietly awaits his victim.

This beast, with a heart as black as a stormy night at Chautauqua twitches his tail, once or twice, licks his cruel jaws and waits. Up the trail comes a care free crowd of people. With a wild scream, this wicked beast plunges at them head first, biting, snarling, tearing into the helpless victim's leg. His countless followers dive recklessly after, come what may.

Then quietly they lie buried in the victim's body, their destiny fulfilled, to go to Chigger heaven, where legs are numerous, but where coal oil has never been discovered.

Scientists, who have put in the best years of their life studying this animal say, "The chigger is a very home loving and law abiding beast." Over each nest in chigger script, neatly printed on calf skin, is the motto "Get your man." From infancy the mother chigger instills this into her favorite son.

Other scientists, who have put in the worst years of their life following the elusive chigger say, "There home life is a disgrace." The papa chigger stays out all night looking for a chance to crash a house party, while little mamma chigger is rarely found at home but prefers to mingle with nice little boys and girls who stray from the beaten path.



**MR. W. K. NORRIS, PRESIDENT OF THE
NEW PIASA CHAUTAUQUA**

Mr. Norris, President of the McQuay-Norris Manufacturing Co., of St. Louis, was elected to the office of President of the New Piasa Chautauqua in August, 1932.

Mr. Norris' term of office has been perhaps one of the most eventful and successful terms of any president thus far to hold office.

During Mr. Norris' administration certain things in particular are to be noted; namely, the new well of pure spring water giving Chautauqua a never-failing source of water supply and solving Chautauqua's most serious problem, the new individual seats in the auditorium, replacing the benches and adding much to the general comfort, the new attractive orchestra pit capable of seating a complete orchestra, the new one hundred by twenty-foot dock affording boat owners for the first time adequate docking space and the services of a boat watchman, the tables with multi-colored umbrellas and chairs around the swimming pool and affording refreshment service to the patrons of the pool, the new rock gardens located at advantageous spots throughout the grounds adding no little to the beauty of the surroundings, and lastly the numerous chat sidewalks throughout the grounds.

We feel that the Chautauqua will realize and appreciate the many advantages that Mr. Norris and the Board of Directors have afforded them and only hope that they will carry on in the future as they have in the past.



**MRS. W. K. NORRIS, PRESIDENT OF
THE LADIES' CIVIC IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

Mrs. Norris, a member of the Woman's Club of St. Louis, assumed office as president of the L. C. I. A. in August, 1930, for a period of two years. At the completion of Mrs. Norris two-year term of office, she was re-elected for a succeeding term of two years.

Rapid strides have been made during Mrs. Norris' term of office. The L. C. I. A. owning and operating the Springs Hotel, the station platform and refreshment stand have taken upon themselves many civic duties and have co-operated wonderfully with the Men's Board in managing and directing the many problems facing those in charge of carrying out the program set for the welfare of the Chautauquans.

The Springs Hotel, during Mrs. Norris' administration has enjoyed the benefits of her zealous efforts as the many patrons of the hotel will testify, and the L. C. I. A. has been a huge success both financially and morally, and under her direction has assumed membership of two hundred ladies anxious to participate in civic duties and to carry on for the success of Chautauqua.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHAUTAUQUA

By F. C. Woodrow

Slowly the ox teams pulled the heavily loaded wagons across the prairie. Herds of deer bounded away, rabbits scurried into the brush, as the little band of pioneers pushed on; from Tennessee and Kentucky they came looking for a place to settle. The prairie land of Green and Jersey counties did not suit them. It was covered with innumerable ponds of water and the little patches of timber belonged to the government.

At last they reached the valley west of Chautauqua. This suited them as the sides of the ridges were covered with trees, while bubbling springs of clear water issued from the rocks above the creek beds.

Years went by and at the southern end of the point that separates the two valleys, John Babcock built a log cabin. It was divided into two rooms, in one he lived—in the other he stabled his old white mare. The two hollows were named after him, Babbs Hollow, west of him, Little Babbs Hollow, east, where Chautauqua now stands.

Fifty feet in front of where the Pauls cottage stands today, under the shade of a large cedar tree, Mr. Sherer erected his cabin of logs. The Piasa Spring was Sherer's Spring. His corn ripened and tasseled on the sunny slope in front of the auditorium.

Across the ridge from Sherer's Spring was another cornfield. At night the raccoons would gather for a feast, but August Grundlock, who was seventeen at that time, decided to save the corn. Loading his cap and ball pistol, he would call his bound dog, "Sharp," and nightly hide in the field. Bang would go the pistol, away would go the hound. If the dog was lucky, two or three coons would be treed. Early in the morning, August would try it again. Despite his efforts in the years 1869, 1870 and 1871, the coons nearly destroyed the corn.

Wild cats were as plentiful as rabbits are today. Many a dark night at the Rice's, Minard's or Claridge's, as the inmates lay in bed, there would come the sound of flapping wings, a despairing squawk or two, then silence. For the chickens roosted outside near the stone fire place, easy prey for the wild cats.

On some days the wood boats tied up to the shore, near where the Beckwith boys have their club house. These boats were huge undecked barges. All the timber on the ridges was cut down and hauled to the river by oxen. Then the rivermen ranked it, tier on tier, until the barge could hold no more. Down the river it would go to St. Louis, to be used by the wood-burning packet steamers. Mr. Schultz, in the years 1871 and 1872 bought most of the wood, while Mr. Jacobmeier did the hauling.

In the fall, when the leaves were turning red and yellow, when a haze hung over the river, and the dying grass, in the early mornings was covered with frost, the settlers would gather for a Turkey hunt. From Lockhaven to the mouth of the Illinois they would pursue the bronzed gobbler. Hunting was good in those days and the smell of roast turkey issued from many a cabin door, the day following a hunt.

Where the quaint town of Elsah now stands, was known as Jersey Landing. The farmers for miles around hauled their grain to a Grist Mill, on the edge of the town. There a Distillery turned out, so they say, a good brand of whiskey. As it was the only outlet for Jersey county, it was a busy little river town. The settlers in Babbs Hollow drove their shoats down the river road to the distillery to stop them on the refuse. There was no railroad in those days, as it was not until 1882 that the survey for the railroad started.

In 1885, two committees were authorized to find a location for a Chautauqua grounds. The St. Louis committee, consisted of Rev. B. St. James Fry and Laymen, J. A. Field and F. M. Doan. The committee from Southern Illinois was J. W. Phillips, R. H. Manier, J. A. Scarrett and F. M. Van Treese, who were ministers. The laymen were M. R. Locke, G. W. Brown and T. Harrison.

Early in July the committees met in Alton. Chartering a steamer they proceeded up the Mississippi. They scanned the bluffs, watching for a valley. They landed near the west bluff and started to search for the Spring. Making their way thru a corn field, they passed the Babcock cabin, entering as they called it a ravine.

The day was hot, the underbrush was thick, and vines tripped them as they walked. Rattlesnakes rattled from the hillside, wasps and bees hummed angrily. On their right was an old abandoned cornfield, then they came to a tumbled down stable on the spot where the Chautauqua store stands today. The remains of a cabin on the hillside, all that was left of the Sherer's farm.

They found the spring and ate their lunch. The spring was not as we see it today boxed in concrete, but flowed out from beneath its rocky home, just as the Indians found it when this spot was their favorite camping ground. The men of the party made a survey of the land, deciding to make the valley a Western Chautauqua. Prayers were offered, a hymn was sung and few speeches were made.

Back they went to the boat, determined to buy the land. They found that the land belonged to a Mrs. McCairn. They also found that they would have to buy four hundred and ten acres, in order to control the whole valley, besides Mrs. McCairn would not sell any part of her land, but insisted that they buy it all. The land was purchased the following year.

On the day of the purchase it was decided to hold the first camp meeting, but

again Mrs. McCairn entered the picture, for she refused to let them use the land until the deal was closed. The committee decided to use Babbs' Hollow so that the first meeting was held in the other valley.

Rev. L. E. Cole, of Elsah, took charge of the preparations. Mr. M. R. Locke, of Jerseyville, was the first publicity agent for the Chautauqua. He sent circulars to all the nearby towns on July 13, 1885, inviting all those interested to attend the meetings beginning Tuesday, August 25, 1885, and lasting one week. The first meeting was largely attended, people coming from St. Louis and Springfield, Ill., as well as from nearby towns.

The Piasa Bluffs Assembly was incorporated according to the laws of the State of Illinois, July, 1885. The incorporators were Rev. B. St. James Fry, J. A. Field, F. M. Doan, Rev. R. H. Manier, G. W. Brown, T. Harrison, M. R. Locke and W. Armstrong.

Now they must look for money to purchase the land. Rev. F. M. Van Treese was elected corresponding secretary. He visited schoolhouses and churches and sold stock at fifty dollars per share. Finally he had enough money to purchase the land.

The second camp meeting was held on the present site of Chautauqua. Rev. J. A. Scarrett was elected superintendent of grounds. It was during his time that the land was plotted, trees were planted and the streets laid out. The auditorium and a few cottages were built. The first cottage was built near the Spring for Rev. Fry. It was painted yellow. Later it was moved to its present location near the Jersey gate.

In the year 1908 the Piasa Bluffs Assembly failed to meet its obligations. In 1909 The New Piasa Chautauqua Association was formed.

In 1889 the Assembly met from August 6th to August 27th. The price of admission was 25 cents per day; \$1.00 per week and \$2.00 for the season. Tents could be rented, 8 by 10, \$4.00; 10 by 12, \$5.00. Floors, \$1.50 extra. All parties not lot owners furnishing their own tents, \$1.00 for the privileges of the grounds.

The old programs show that they had, Old Folks Day, Grand Army Day, Temperance Day, Book Concern Day, Music Day and Recognition Day.

The railroads furnished transportation from St. Louis for \$1.35 the round trip. The steamers, Spread Eagle and the steamer Alton also ran from the Assembly grounds to St. Louis, \$1.25 the round trip.

Concessions were let in 1889 at the following prices: Lunch stands, \$15.00; Photo Galleries, \$5.00; and if one will walk to the Hillside cottage owned by Mrs. Marvel Butler they will see near the back of the building an opening about ten inches square where one of these photographers had his red glass to develop plates. Watermelon stands, \$5.00;

Butcher shop, \$5.00; Coffee stands, \$5.00; News stands, \$3.00; Barber shops, \$3.00; Lodging, \$15.00.

The following men have been presidents of this Association: J. P. Woods, C. Bernet, D. W. Caughlan, J. T. Flint and our present president, W. K. Norris.

So down the years we come to the present day. From the time the little band set foot on Chautauqua ground to the present day, no lovelier spot can be found.

The mighty Mississippi flowing to the sea, the Bluffs on either side, timber covered hillside, wild flowers in bloom, the song of birds in the trees, the lights and shadows across the valley on a sunlit day.

A fairyland under a full moon when the valley is bathed in pale moonlight. To a lover of nature it is the most beautiful place in the Middle West.

To those athletically inclined, there are sports of every kind—baseball, horseback riding, tennis, roque, shuffle-board, horse shoes, boating and swimming. There are trails to the top of the Bluffs, walks thru the grounds for those that like to hike. There are picture shows, plays, music and singing at the auditorium. There are dances at the station, a Wickeup for beach suppers, tables and benches for picnics, in fact the present association has done every thing possible to make your summer at Chautauqua a truly delightful experience.

There are religious services held at the

auditorium and at the Chapel on Sundays and Thursday nights. For this ground was consecrated on that July day in 1885 and no matter how times have changed, it is still a Chautauqua, for the original idea was a summer resort for literary, scientific and religious instruction.

It is interesting to note in closing that Mrs. Nettie B. Rhoades, who died three years ago, but when alive made her home in Chautauqua, and was one of the ladies that helped clear the land for the first camp meeting.

Miss Marie Burrus also remembers the camp meetings and the tents for she is one of Chautauqua's cottage owners that was here from the start of The Piasa Bluffs Assembly.

"ARE YOU LISTENING?"

"The Young Men's Club" is greeting you
And bowing low their "How You Do,"
Chautauqua claims this group of boys,
Who add a heap to our summer's joys
We're proud to know and have them here,
So all together, "cheer, folks, cheer."

Well now folks, we hope you are listening and doing your bit to encourage the "Young Men's Club," of Chautauqua, Illinois, to make a success of the annual they expect to place in every cottage soon.

And girls, you applaud the efforts of our "fellers" and tell them how swell the idea of an annual will be.

And news! Why, dearies, you may have the chance to read something about yourself.

So here is news, dear reader, as we aim to please, young, old, big and little.

Why do young people love Chautauqua? Why are they so happy and content within the gates? Why do they love to wander hand-in-hand about the grounds?

"Meet you at the swings," they call and how sweetly the swings creak upon their hinges and add a charm and romance to the laughter and songs of "our boys and girls."

We are just like a family, a happy family and see so much to love and admire in each other.

Tell us who doesn't like moon-light and star-light, the majestic and grand old man River flowing past our doors, the bluffs who tower o'er us and inspire us to bigger and better things.

The sweet flowing waters of our Chautauqua Spring.

The paths, the trees, the dear people and everything.

Come, join with us the summer long,

Come, walk beside the river wide,

Come, talk and walk close by our side,

And you will love Chautauqua, too,

And spend with us the season through.

—Mrs. Eugene Gaskins.

"STORY OF THE OLD BELL."

By Mrs. M. Edwin Johnson

One beautiful night when the stars were twinkling in the blue canopy above the bluffs and the soft light of the moon came sifting through the leafy trees, I was strolling by the auditorium, near which a whip-poor-will was calling many times to "Whip poor will," I heard a faint voice. It seemed to come from the direction of the bell and it said: "Won't you listen to my story? It is very interesting, although no one ever seems to think of me." I dropped down upon the steps and this is what the old bell told me.

"Many years ago, in 1883, I think, a company of good people gathered in this valley to hold a camp meeting. The year before they met in the next valley beyond, but on account of the wonderful spring here, never ceasing to bubble forth its pure crystal water, they decided to change locations.

"The ground was cleared and a large tent was erected, seating about one thousand. I can't remember, now, just where I came from, but I was suspended in a rustic frame about four feet high in front of the tent and they pulled my arm to make me ring. My tones were measured and solemn for the call was to come to worship God. The people came from far and near, in wagons, buggies and carts. The hills resounded with gospel songs, praises and prayers of thanksgiving and supplication.

"One time the tent blew down during a storm, causing much confusion and almost disaster. The next year the tent failed to come and an auditorium was hastily built, the men starting to cut the timber by daybreak. The hammers made a merry song and the structure was soon completed. Then I was elevated to my present position on top this post and I have ever been faithful to my trust, pealing forth my tones as best I could, calling, 'come one, come all, come, come, come.'"

"Good old father Hallock, Revs. Scarritt and Van Trees, Mr. McAdams and others decided to organize a Chautauqua institution similar to the Mother Chautauqua in New York, thereby giving the tent dwellers intellectual as well as spiritual food. So for nearly forty years I have called the people together to hear many noted divines, among them, DeWitt Talmadge, Sam Jones, Sam Small; great orators, such as William Jennings Bryan, Richmond Pearson Hobson and John B. Goff; lecturers, Col. Bain, Lou J. Beauchamp; musicians, Doubt Family, Libby and McNiel, Hruby Bros., Dixie Jubilee Singers, Hawaiians and Reney's Boys; entertainers, Ross Crane, Jeanette Kling, Chas. Taggart, Germaine, Packard and Laurant and last, but not least, our own Chautauqua talent, in which the "kiddies" play no small part for they can do anything and everything under the sun.

"Years ago on 'big days' the crowd didn't wait for me to ring 'come on, come on.' They gathered before dinner so to get 'good seats' to hear Sam Jones

call them 'lop-eared hounds and sinners.' Yes, and the yellow jackets came too, to get their share of the jellies, jam, cake and pie.

"Not every one understands how to pull the wire on my arm to bring forth my most melodious tones, for sometimes I have been most jerked off my bracket and nobody can do well when jerked any old way. Once some boys were playing pranks and pulled the wire. Gracious! how it startled me, aroused the sleepers and they exclaimed: 'I wonder what's the matter!!' One year I had to sound the 'curfew' at eleven o'clock, also the 'noon hour,' so the croquet players would know when 'dinner is ready'.

"The wildest and most frantic efforts were made to get me to ring faster to tell the terrible tragedy, 'the Inn is burning!' Soon a fire brigade was formed to battle against the wicked flames. One year I was rung by the 'ladies fair,' each one anxious to have a part in the proclamation of the 'glorious news' that the 'Susan B. Anthony Amendment' had been ratified and signed by the President.

"My tones have always been for joy, although some of the 'faithful Chautauquans' have been called to the 'great beyond,' but I mourned their passing in silence.

"From my elevated position I have watched the tent city superintended by Col. Rogers, gradually transformed to keep abreast of the times, and the many beautiful and artistic cottages with modern conveniences would bring a thrill of joy to the heart, were some of the early settlers to revisit the 'old camp ground.'

"I think I remember, now, of being relieved of my duties as a 'dinner bell' on the Moss farm, he having donated me to this beautiful spot for a noble cause.

"Henry is to be my official master this season, and the 'kiddies' think it an especial honor if they can 'please ring the bell.'

"The L. C. I. A are so progressive, I hope they won't say I am too old-fashioned and assign me to the river bottom, for from year to year, through sunshine and rain, I will stand faithful to my task, ringing out ever the same; 'Come, come, come one, come all; both great and small.'

"Thanks, dear friend for listening to my story," and the sweet voice faded away.



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHAUTAUQUA, ILL.

The Men's Board consists of twelve prominent business men of St. Louis, East St. Louis and Alton.

These officers of past and present years have devoted time, effort and money in order to give to the patrons of Chautauqua the maximum in entertainment, education and comfort.

Chautauqua owes to these men, the fact of its growth from a small group of tents to the present status of Chautauqua as one of the best organized and developed summer resorts in the Middle West.

The membership includes the following: W. K. Norris, President; C. M. Horner, Vice-President; W. E. Caulfield, Secretary; W. C. Hilmer, Treasurer and E. Byron, D. W. Coughlin, W. J. Niergarth, E. L. Jacoby, G. Bernet, Herman Schnure and Robt. E. Murray completing the roster.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CLUB

This Club was founded in the fall of 1932 at the request of a group of young men on the grounds in order to stimulate participation in athletics, increase the social activities and other worthy purposes on the grounds. The officers elected were: Gilbert Craig, President; Melvin Norris, Vice-President and Ralph Byron as Secretary-Treasurer.

In the summer of 1933, this organization increased its activity by editing "THE PIASQUAN," the first issue of its kind ever to be produced in Chautauqua. They hope to make this publication an annual issue providing success crowns their first achievement.

THE GIRLS' CLUB

The Chautauqua Girls' Club was organized at a luncheon given at the cafeteria on Wednesday, August 2, 1933, by its sponsor, Mrs. Charles M. Horner.

The main purpose of the Club is to bring the girls of Chautauqua together, and to boost Chautauqua in every possible way. The Club also plans to organize girls' athletics, and to further the interest in swimming, baseball, and other forms of sports among the girls.

Meetings will be held every Tuesday in the lobby of the Springs Hotel. The Club consists of girls from the ages of 16 to 25.

The officers of the Club are: Lucille Miller, President; Virginia Brainerd, 1st Vice President; Grace Schmidt, 2nd Vice-President; Clara Jane Meints, Secretary; and Ruth Paul, Treasurer.

MEN'S CLUB

One of the outstanding organizations on the Chautauqua grounds is the Men's Club. This organization can well be proud of the position it now holds in Chautauqua, inasmuch as a great majority of the improvements in and about the grounds are the product of their zealous efforts.

Among the outstanding improvements and additions to the welfare of Chautauqua are the public weiner roasting kitchen and the all-weather road into Chautauqua. The handsome sweat shirts now adorning the Chautauqua diamond ball team are a donation of this live, active organization.

An annual banquet is held late in the season, and all men on the grounds are cordially invited to attend. The annual dues are very reasonable, consisting of membership and banquet for \$1.00.

Mr. T. W. Gregory is the President of the Club, Treasurer: Ray Grote and Secretary, Frank Woodrow.

THE LADIES' CIVIC IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Ladies' Civic Improvement Association was organized as an auxiliary to assist the Men's Board. The membership at the present time is about 200. Every lady on the grounds is eligible for membership. There are two meetings a year, an annual meeting in August and a semi-annual meeting in February. The officers are the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and six directors who serve 2 years as their term. The social activities of the organization are: sponsors of the card parties, which are held every week during the season. The ladies have several evenings at the auditorium and last they sponsor and chaperon the dances at the station every night except Sunday. The concessions operated by this organization are: the Hotel, the refreshment stand at the station, the children's play grounds and the Gift shop located in the Hotel. The L. C. I. A. built and supervise the chapel, the look-out over the river and furnish and keep up the numerous flower gardens that are around the grounds. The committees are: the Hotel, Station, Program and entertainment, decoration of the station platform, Membership, Chapel, Quilting, Cards, Teas and all parties. Mrs. W. K. Norris, who is President of the organization, is now serving her third successful year as president of the L. C. I. A.

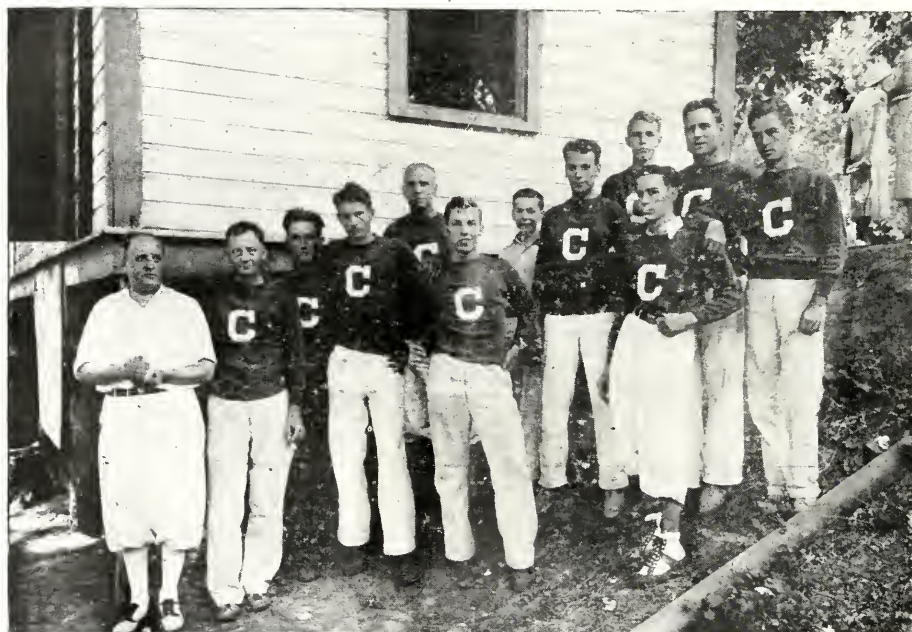
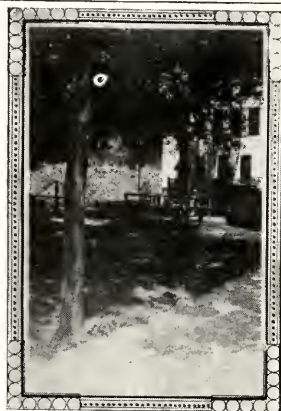
Since its organization the L. C. I. A. has become practically indispensable and has aided materially to the development of Chautauqua.

BIRD CLUB

The Piassa Audubon Bird Club was organized August 22, 1921. The object of the Club is to extend hospitality to the wild birds, song birds and to arouse in the people the desire to preserve the beautiful wild birds and to bring back the balance of bird life.

The present Club is under the direction of Mrs. M. C. Johnson as director, Ethel Lee Niergarth, President, James Butler, Vice-President and Delos Erigle, Secretary.

Chautauqua Sports



BASE BALL

The Sunday morning baseball game at Chautauqua has become a custom and is a big event in the sports curriculum of the resort. Baseball at Chautauqua is very popular and every game is hotly contested. Chautauqua has its baseball idols, for instance, Never - get - sore Kurrus, Slugger Bernet, Spud Lane—the El-sah Flash, Scott "oblivion" Craig, Eagle Stallings and then the common horde who are always ready to do their best in an effort to duplicate the feats of these stars.

This year the Men's Club kindly donated jerseys for a team, which will represent Chautauqua in games with the best teams from surrounding towns. The squad which represents Chautauqua is as follows:

Kurrus, Capt.	M. Beckwith
Clifford	Bernet
Byron	Stallings
Osborn	Paul
G. Craig	Milford
Lane	Brainerd
P. Beckwith	Woas

Umpire:—Niergarth—Becker

TENNIS

One of the outstanding features of the sport season at Chautauqua is the tennis competition sponsored by the Athletic Board. Weekly tournaments, held every Sunday afternoon, provide the necessary development for the players for the annual tournaments held the third Saturday in August. Handsome trophies are provided for the winners of the various classes and are presented to the champions before a large audience on the last Saturday of the season. There are three principal classes in the men's department which are as

HORSE SHOES

Great interest is shown in the horseshoe contests which are held weekly. A magnificent trophy is awarded to the winner of the annual tournament held concurrently with the finals of the various athletic contests. Each week a man by virtue of winning the tournament is made eligible for the annual finals. As this issue goes to press, the champion for this season is undetermined, hence, the lack of results.



ROQUE

Every regular visitor on the Chautauqua grounds is acquainted with the famous Chautauqua roque courts. This game has proved very popular with the older set. Next to Shuffle-board courts in popularity, it attracts both young and old.

Annual tournaments are held each year in the men's, women's and children's classes. Competition is keen and many days before the tournament's enthusiastic contestants are seen practicing for the ensuing conflicts.

The trophies vary from finely finished roque mallets to handsome cups which make a very imposing sight when presented to the winners on the auditorium stage the final Saturday of the season.

SHUFFLE-BOARD

Shuffle-board, a new game for Chautauqua's sport followers, was introduced in the spring of 1931. It has steadily increased in popularity and now ranks with roque and tennis as one of the most popular sports in the resort. Tournaments are held weekly and certain qualifications are necessary for contestants to enter, for instance, boys, girls, 16 to 18 year limit, mixed doubles team, young men's doubles and likewise young women's doubles, etc.

As evidence of the popularity of this sport it is noted that the three courts which are illuminated for night play, the shuffle-board court is always crowded with players even up to the time of closing. If the reader has not tried this game it will be well worth his time to introduce himself to this fascinating game.

WATER SPORTS

One afternoon a year is devoted to the river. Various types of river races are held with handsome awards for the winners of the classes. Two of the outstanding races are the canoe race and the rowboat race. The contestants are towed up the river approximately 1½ miles and then set off by a starting gun. These races are very exciting because of the great test on stamina and courage they require in order that the contestant might finish. An outboard motor boat race is also held.

HUMOR (We Hope So)

MY BONNIE

My tYpust is on her vacation
 My trpist's awu fpr a week
 My typudt us is her varation
 Wgile Thsee damb keys pslly hude and seej

Chorise

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 Oj bvong bosk m% beIndi*-lmx
 oh helk !

Teacher: "Willie give me a definition of home."

Willie: "Home is where part of the family waits until the others are through with the car."

Why do they put so many holes on Swiss cheese when it's the limburger that needs the ventilation.

Marcelle: "Don't you love driving on a moon-light night like this?"

Ward: "Yeah, but I thought I'd wait until we got farther out in the country."

The captain realized that there was no hope for the sinking boat, and said:

"Is there any one among us who can pray?"

A meek man stepped forward. "Yes, sir, I can pray."

"Good," said the captain, "You can start praying while the rest of us get life belts on. We're one short."

PROM

(The future movie publicity man invites his girl to the Prom) Jane Dear:

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Love,

JOE.

Two Jewish pigeons were flying over a large open air auditorium in Berlin, Germany where Hitler was holding a meeting.

"Say," said the first pigeon, "Isn't that Hitler down there?"

"Why, yes," said the second pigeon, "believe it is."

"Well," said the first pigeon, "What are you waiting for?"

"What color bathing suit was Jane Schoef wearing?"

"I couldn't tell. She had her back turned."

Math Prof.: "If I subtract 25 from 37 what's the difference?"

Little Melvin: "Yeah that's what I say. Who cares?"

Byron: "Can you keep a secret?"

Gil: "Sure."

Byron: "I want to borrow some money."

Gil: "Don't worry. It's just as if I never heard of it."

Burt Schmidt: "What's all the noise coming from the girls dressing room?"

Mr. Woas: "They're all talcing at once."

NOSE AWL

The whole populace of Chautauqua is deep in sympathy with Mr. James Miller, Jr. The light over his Lampost has given up the ghost.

Mr. Kenneth Jacoby has been in training for the International Hand-standing contests to be held in Golconda-by-The-Creek. We may also mention that Mr. Jacoby is an alumni of the Dow Institute of Shoulder Development. We have just received the quiet tip that Mr. Jacoby and Bob Murray were the outstanding MIN on the large and spacious campus of the dear old Alma Matrimay.

Do you know that Mr. "Lefty" Bernet has recently met with a none too serious accident. We have gathered from a very reliable source that Mr. Bernet was gazing with interest at the ball game when suddenly without warning a high speed pitched ball loomed up before him striking him unmercifully upon the rear of his cranium. It took him the full amount of five minutes to recuperate from the shock of receiving the ball at a very inopportune time.

Our Nose Awl reporter has had an interview with Mr. Niergarth. The following interesting comment on the new road which is being built into Chautauqua. Mr. Niergarth said that he knew this much—"Nothing." Thank you, Mr. Niergarth, I am sure that our dear readers will receive this bit of news with joy.

A contribution is being taken up so that Miss Virginia Knaub, our somewhat talented pianist, can go to California, (many, many miles away), to take lessons in the pianoforte. We may also add that a California school of music has endeavored to teach Miss Jane Shoaf the delicate touch on the violin. May we wish the school lots of luck. (No hard feeling, we hope, Misses Shoaf and Knaub).

We wish to congratulate Mr. Curly Woas. He is intending to become a great actor. He has just received his first lesson in the mail and his hopes are high. He says that the ad said: "There is great opportunity in store for wide awake young people in acting."

They call her checkers because she always jumps when you make a bad move.

Va. Woas: "Were you the boy that gave my brother the dog last week?"

Bob Schnure: "Yes, I was."

Va. Woas: "Well mother told me to tell you to come over and take them all home."

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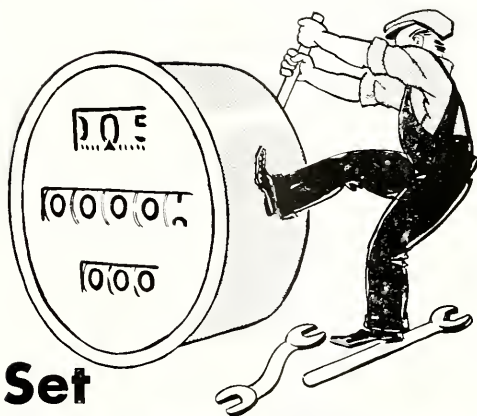
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