

CITY LAKE SITE IDEAL FOR CAMP, MAXWELL SAYS

Carter County Camp Movement Much Bigger Than Believed; Has a Great Vision for Future

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"The Carter county camp movement," said Perry D. Maxwell today, "is a bigger movement than many of us have suspected. The more thought given to it the greater the project grows. I see an opportunity to make Carter county the intellectual center of the state, I see the opportunity here to build a great Chautauqua that would be visited each year by thousands of people. Other great Chautauquas were started just as this movement has been started, little by little they have grown into big camps and have attracted busy intellectual workers from all over the county. It has not been so long ago that a citizen of Dallas visited one of these Chautauquas, it was located more than a thousand miles from his home, but he gave the management his check for \$10,000 as an expression of his appreciation.

"A chautauqua that will attract such people can be built here," Mr. Maxwell continued. "Many of us who cannot go away to these places can attend one at home and we can build one here and enjoy its growth and enjoy the fellowship that it will bring to us."

"The Baptist people have recently been camping in an out-of-the-way place, in a spot that is not accessible and that is unsuited. The place was chosen because the Baptists had nothing better at hand and they must hold these camps. Other churches of the state are doing the same thing. They are holding summer camps in inconvenient places.

Farm Camp and Chautauqua

The matter of a farm camp and Chautauqua is new. Our people are just a little ahead of the times in organizing such a camp but look at what it means and the idea will at once impress itself upon us. It means the bringing of the farmers and especially the farm children together where they can get acquainted, where they can exchange their own ideas, where they can learn the great national games, where they can hear the most famous agriculturalists of the country and where they can hear lecturers on different topics.

"Just as the grocer does not want to talk groceries all the time so the farmer does not want to devote all his time to talking farm. He wants his newspaper to have general news and good pieces of literature along with high class farm help news. So it would be my opinion that a Chautauqua could take a wide range of thought and meet the needs of the farmers and their children."

The City Lake Site

Mr. Maxwell is of the opinion that the city lake site should be selected as the permanent camping place. The city is looking to Hickory creek for its permanent water supply, it will not depend any more upon the city lake. The lake has a dam that would cost approximately \$150,000, the watershed comprises an acreage and a lake that represents an investment of a half million dollars.

"Motor boats and houseboats can be installed on the lake, swimming can be indulged in, there is land for golf courses and tennis courts and other national games. The location is four miles from Ardmore and centrally located with reference to the entire county. It would make an ideal camping place, it would make a site for the greatest chautauqua in all the southwest, no other city or state in this section of the country has ever dreamed of doing anything of the kind. Such a site can be used by a score of different organizations and the camp could be used all summer long.

Mr. Maxwell located the site here for the golf links and he chose a place that, to the uneducated thought promised little, but golfers say the course is one of the very finest in the United States. Chicago golfers who pay a vast sum for membership in their local clubs aver that the course here is better than theirs. The virtues possessed are due to the site selected by Mr. Maxwell. What he has to say concerning the building here of a great chautauqua to meet the needs of the entire state is entitled to the most serious consideration.