

## NARRATOR'S NOTES: Chautauqua On My Mind II

The years following introduction of "the Chautauqua-idea" at Fair Point on the shores of Lake Chautauqua in New York State saw proliferation of INDEPENDENT -or DAUGHTER- CHAUTAUQUAS throughout the U.S..

Though these "clones" were not intended specifically for Sunday School Teachers as their predecessor was initially, they were characterized by similar features. Basic to the Chautauqua scheme was a Camp-Ground and a large Assembly Hall. Recreation facilities accommodating a variety of activities was an additional requisite. A majority of them were situated near a sizeable body of water such as a lake or in the case of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, the Atlantic Ocean. Residential Facilities were generally cottages and tents.

Over a period of time each of these INDEPENDENTS developed singular Traditions which set them apart from other CHAUTAUQUAS. At heart though these customs all retained the concept of Spiritual Growth as a common foundation.

### Scene 1:

When John Heyl Vincent, one of the founders of the original Chautauqua in New York State was considering the Fair Point Assembly as a location for his Sunday School Assembly he voiced concern