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## WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN DIES AT DAYTON

### End Comes While Asleep Without Warning-- Funeral Friday

### REMAINS TO REST IN NATIONAL CEMETERY

Dayton Almost Unable To Realize That One of Nation's Foremost Citizens and Picturesque Figures Has Passed Away In Her Midst; Man Who Was Candidate for President Three Times and Secretary of State in Wilson Administration Played Powerful Role in Every Political Contest in a Generation; Religion and Defense of Fundamentalism His All-absorbing Mission During His Last Days

Dayton, Tenn., July 26.—William Jennings Bryan was discovered dead in bed here this afternoon by a servant. He had retired to his room in the early afternoon for a nap and was found dead at 4:30 o'clock. Heart disease was given as the cause of death.

#### IN BEST OF SPIRITS

He was in the best of spirits and expressed himself as "feeling fine" when he retired shortly after luncheon, about 1:30 o'clock. He had attended services at the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church before lunch and had partaken of a hearty meal before retiring to his room. The companion of Mrs. Bryan passed through the room and noticed him breathing heavily and rushed for the nearest neighbor, A. B. Andrews, who, on reaching the scene, summoned a doctor.

Drs. W. F. Thomason and A. C. Broyles, on examination, said Mr. Bryan had been dead probably fifteen minutes. Mrs. Bryan, the chauffeur and Mrs. Bryan's companion were in the house when he died.

Mrs. Bryan was writing on the porch when her husband passed away. Efforts are being made to locate the son, William Jennings Bryan, Jr., who is in California. Also a daughter, who resides in California.

#### THEIR PLANS

Mrs. Bryan was preparing to leave Dayton in the next day or so for Idaho, where she expected to spend the summer with her son. Mr. Bryan was to leave Dayton Tuesday for Knoxville, where he would deliver two speeches, then go to Nashville for a similar engagement before going to Florida. He expected to join Mrs. Bryan in the fall.

Mr. Bryan was in Chattanooga yesterday morning, after having spent the night at the Ross Hotel, en route to Winchester. He arrived Saturday evening at 6:30 from Winchester, where he had spoken twice during the day. His first speech Saturday was delivered at Jasper, Tenn., followed by an address at noon to the Civitan Club in Winchester.

He was taken to Dayton Sunday morning by A. W. Lessly, owner of the Ross Hotel, and they reached there about 9:30 a. m. Mr. Bryan stayed at home during the morning and made arrangements for the speech to be delivered at the courthouse in Dayton tomorrow night. Another engagement of importance was one at the Hotel Acua tomorrow at 6:30, when he would meet with the Progressive Dayton Club and lay plans for the Bryan College movement, which was to be definitely launched with the dinner meeting tomorrow night. He planned to leave Tuesday morning for Knoxville.

#### Town Shocked

The town was shocked by the tragedy and within five minutes after the doctor's examination revealed that Mr. Bryan was dead, the streets near the home were thronged with people. Mrs. Bryan is said to be entirely composed, and is bearing up wonderfully under the terrible blow.

Mrs. Bryan expressed the desire that her husband be buried in Arlington Cemetery and feels it may be arranged, in that he holds the title of Colonel. She also said she had heard her husband express a desire to be buried there. No arrangements will be made however, until W. J. Bryan, Jr., is located and communicated with.

#### Evolution Final

In conversation with the Associated Press representative here last Friday night, Mr. Bryan expressed surprise that the Southern press had not taken cognizance of the criticism by representatives of the Eastern press at the Scopes trial at Dayton of the people of Tennessee because of passage of the anti-evolution act. Mr. Bryan said that while much ado was being made about the Tennessee law, nothing had been said concerning the act passed by Congress regulating the teaching of evolutionary theories in the District of Columbia. He declared that while the Tennessee law was specific in this, it prohibited teaching that mankind originated from the lower form of animals, the District of Columbia law prohibited teaching of anything that would reflect upon the Bible.

Mr. Bryan expressed pleasure that the Scopes trial had suddenly collapsed before he was permitted to make his prepared speech, declaring that now he could present it to the people of the country just as he wanted it without interruptions from opposing counsel and without having to make extemporaneous replies to preceding speeches. He appeared concerned over the coming battle between fundamentalism and modernism, and seemed eager for the fray.

Mr. Bryan came here and made arrangements to publish his speech and

ing the body of William Jennings Bryan to Washington is the regularly scheduled Southern Railway train Number 42, from Chattanooga to the National Capital. The car will leave Dayton at 8:40 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Leaving Chattanooga at 11:20 a. m. Central Standard time, the train has these scheduled stations and hours of arrival:

Knoxville 2:45 p. m.  
Bristol, Tenn.-Va. 7:05 p. m.  
Roanoke, Va., 12:45 a. m. Thursday (Eastern Time)  
Lynchburg, Va., 2:10 a. m.  
Washington, 7:30 a. m.

#### REV. MILLER PREACHES FINE SERMON

At Open Air Services Sunday Night—Attendance Continues To Increase—To Pay Tribute To Bryan as a Christian Sunday Night.

Sunday night witnessed the largest crowd this season in attendance at the Open Air Union Services at the College campus. The special music by the band and orchestra was fine and greatly enjoyed. The sermon by Rev. J. D. Miller was on the subject of "God the Creator of all things and Jesus Christ the builder of his Church." It was a strong sermon, entertainingly and forcefully delivered.

Rev. O. W. Dowd is in charge of the services for Sunday night, and announces that it has been agreed to turn the service into an appreciative service of William Jennings Bryan as a Christian gentleman. This service will be provided with special patriotic music by the band and orchestra and speeches and talks by many prominent citizens. Hon. Ben T. Holden will be the main speaker for the occasion.

It is expected that even a larger crowd than last Sunday night will be in attendance and all are invited who enjoy good music and splendid oratory to come and take a part in this service.

#### SMALL DOCKET MONDAY

In Franklin Recorder's Court—Only Five Cases.

Judge G. M. Beam with the assistance of Mr. S. A. Newell, County Attorney, prosecuting in the absence of Mr. W. M. Person, disposed of the five cases on the docket of Franklin Recorder's Court Monday in short order. The cases were as follows:

State vs J. E. Wright, disposing of mortgaged property, continued by consent to next Monday.

State vs Jonas Hayes, nuisance, defendant being under sixteen years of age, case was dismissed.

State vs Jonas Hayes, assault, defendant being under sixteen years of age, case was dismissed.

State vs Joe Brown, adw, pleads guilty, fined \$50 and costs, and to pay into the Court \$25 for doctors bill.

State vs Jim Kearney, vpl, pleads guilty, 6 months on roads. Upon payment of costs, execution not to issue until further orders of this court.

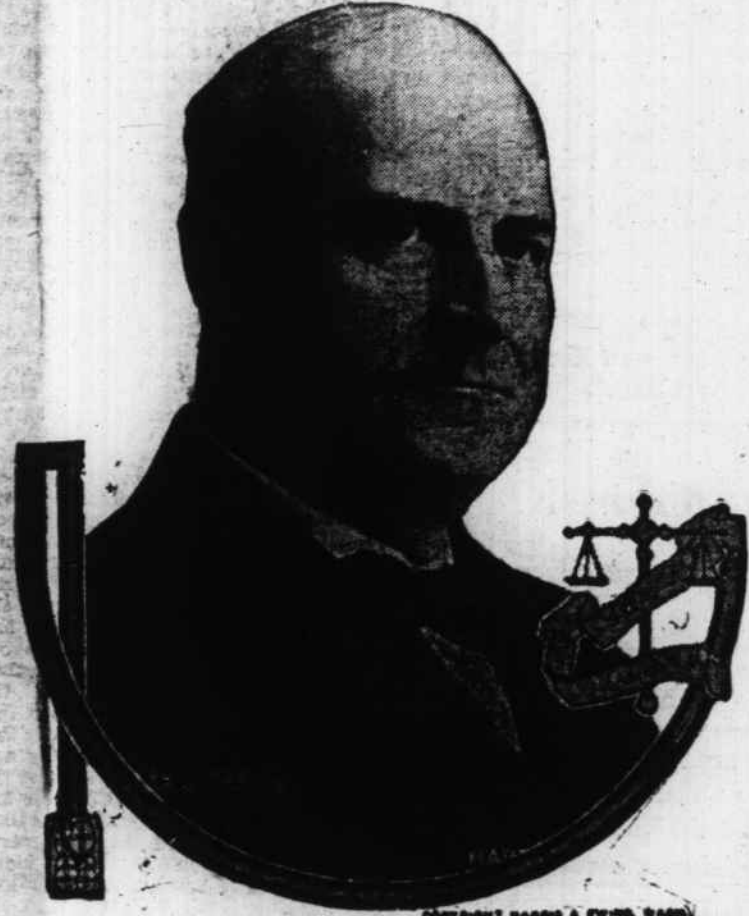
#### ANOTHER HAIL STORM PLAYS HAVOC WITH CROPS

On Sunday afternoon another hail storm visited the southwestern section of Franklin county, playing havoc with crops of all kinds, especially tobacco. From the information we have been able to get it seems that the hail began near Wake Forest and made its path through by Oak Grove on by Roberts out near Royal and Clifton's Mill section on to the river. The path of the storm was not so very wide but the wind and hail together did considerable damage. The worse crop damage reported so far was at Bud Murphy's and John Woodliff's near Youngsville, and at Joe Youngs near Royal. Tops of tobacco barns were torn away and trees were uprooted and twisted off in the wacks. The damage is not possible of estimate.

With the hail and wind storms coming as late in the year as they have this year makes their damage a great deal more as the crops will not put out to any practical advantage, and the farmers who are the losers are without the possibility of recovering this season.

#### MR. W. J. COOPER MARRIED

An item in Saturday's News-Observer stated that marriage licenses were issued in Raleigh on Friday to Mr. W. J. Cooper, of Louisburg, and Miss Mary J. Spain, of Middleburg. Mr. Cooper is one of Louisburg's most successful business men and enjoys a wide friendship. Miss Spain is a most popular young lady having been one of Franklin County's efficient school teachers the past several years.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

#### APPEAL FOR HAIL STORM SUFFERERS.

Owing to recent hail storms in parts of Franklin and Wake counties there are a number of families in destitute circumstances and in many cases there is actual suffering.

Until the bread-winners in these families can get work they have no means of supplying food and clothing for the women and children dependent upon them and it becomes the duty and privilege, of those who are more fortunate, to help them.

A representative of the American Red Cross is on the ground and a careful investigation of each case will be made. Their loss can not be repaired but actual suffering can and should be prevented by a generous response on the part of our people.

THE FRANKLIN TIMES will receive contributions and make acknowledgement by publication and every cent contributed will go to relieve the needs of these unfortunate. The American Red Cross has not only made a donation to this cause but will bear all expense of their workers in the affected area.

Checks may be made payable to FRANKLIN TIMES Relief Fund or E. C. Perry, Welfare Officer. And it is urged that these contributions be made at once.

E. H. MALONE,  
of Relief Committee.

#### COTTON JUMPS \$5 TO \$7.50 PER BALE

Indicated Yield Is 13,588,000 Bales, Compared to 13,627,536 in The 1924 Crop.

Washington, July 25.—This year's cotton crop, which early in the season gave indication of being one of the largest ever grown, declined during the week ending July 16 to the extent of 751,000 bales. In its second forecast of the season the department of agriculture announced the judicial crop to be 13,588,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, as compared with 13,627,536 last year.

The forecast was based on the condition of the crop on July 16, which was 70.4 per cent of normal, indicating an acre yield of 140 pounds. Condition on June 25 this year was 75.9 indicating an acre yield of 147.7 pounds, while last year's July 16 condition was 68.5 per cent.

#### HARRIS CHAPEL B. Y. P. U.

Sunday, August 2, 1925.

Topic for the week, Cultivating the Spirit of Faithfulness.

Opening hymn, Loyalty to Christ. Prayer, Charlie Fuller.

Hymn, Help Somebody Today. Quiz, conducted by Winston Pearce.

Program presented by Group 1, Audrey Young, Captain.

Scripture reading, Margaret Young. Introduction, Audrey Young.

Statement Regarding Responsibility, Violet Frazier.

Faithful or Unfaithful to Our Obligations, Which? Winston Pearce.

The Measure of Our Worth, Mrs. A. T. Lancaster.

Faithfulness the Same with Two or Ten, Lizzie Harris.

Recitation, Joseph Harris.

Rich Rewards for the Faithful, Beatrice Barham.

Faithfulness Requires Effort, Joe Frazier.

Song, Faith of Our Fathers, by Margaret and Christine Young.

Secretary's report.

Hymn, God Be With You. Dismissal.

This program will be given at Rock Springs, Saturday night, August 1st.

#### REUNION

A most unexpected but happy reunion was had at Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wilder's in Cypress Creek township on last Sunday when all of their children, who had previously arranged the occasion without the knowledge of their parents, began to arrive and unload their large boxes of good-to-eats. The big dinner which was served on the lawn in true picnic fashion, although much enjoyed, was almost lost sight of in the happiness of the social gathering of the entire family.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Wilder and children of R. 2; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Howell and children, of Rock Springs R 1; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Creech and children, of R. 2; Mr. and Mrs. George Burnette and child, of Raleigh.

#### FOU TO SPEAK TO KIWANIS

Hon. E. W. Fou will speak before the Louisville Kiwanis Club tonight at Franklin Hotel in a Memorial to William Jennings Bryan.

#### SUIT REGARDED AS ANNUAL FIGHT

### "Old Stuff" For Co-ops

Timed As Usual Before Tobacco Season Begins In South Carolina Belt.

(S. D. Frissell)

The suit filed against employees of the Tobacco Association by J. A. Wade a farmer of Halifax County Virginia has created only mild interest among the members of the association, according to all accounts.

What has become an annual barrage of hostile and sensational publicity against the organized tobacco growers is timed as usual to precede the opening of the association's markets in South Carolina. Members wearisomely recall the bungling attempt of three young men from South Boston to start an insurrection and collect "subscriptions" to "show up the association" which occurred at just this time last year.

According to the news from Danville where the present suit is filed "There is a shrewd suspicion that the action has been fostered largely in South Boston by the same element which sought to destroy the association last summer."

The saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars for the association and its members by the men who came to its aid and redried its tobacco for from 25 cents to 50 cents cheaper per hundred pounds than the price which other redriers would have forced the association to pay, was "good business, good morals and good economy for the association" according to Oliver J. Sands of Richmond, Public Director for the association in Virginia.

Public officials from three states who were invited to investigate the affairs of the association stated many weeks ago in their report that they had gone very thoroughly into its re-drying policies. In the words of the Directors of Extension, the Commissioners of Agriculture, the Chiefs of the Bureau of Markets and editors of farm papers from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

"The committee believes that the association saved its members at least 25 cents per hundred pounds in re-drying costs on the 1923 crop and perhaps 50 cents per hundred in re-drying costs on a part of the 1924 crop. The association got a large part of its tobacco redried at \$1.75 per hundred in 1923 due to this basic price. During 1924 the Edmondson Tobacco Company further reduced its charges for re-drying to \$1.50 per hundred pounds."

Director Sands when told of the suit last week declared "It is ludicrous to allege that a net profit of \$500,000 has been made by the very parties who effected a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars for the association." The public director for Virginia characterized the suit as a last ditch fight to discredit the association and impede its further progress.

According to the statement of Robert Wade, the young attorney who is most active in the suit, representatives of Henry Ford's legal staff will come shortly into the tobacco section, for the purpose, he says, of securing data to contest Sapiro's damage suit filed against Ford.

The recent warning of Dr. J. Y. Joyner to the farmers which was made by the veteran worker and organizer of the association when he announced that he would retire from a salaried position with the association to serve it without pay, seems especially timely in view of the efforts now being expended in the annual attack against the farmers of Virginia and the Carolinas who are organizing their own business. "In this fight for economic freedom and economic justice for our farmers, we are now standing at the Marne," said Dr. Joyner, in bidding his associates farewell, and declared that "arrayed against us are powerful forces, strongly entrenched, perfectly organized, powerfully financed, determined in their own interest to destroy us this year if they can."

#### PICNIC AT PUNKIN CENTRE

On last Friday afternoon, the Young Peoples Missionary Society of the Methodist church and of which Mrs. W. E. White is leader, had a most delightful picnic supper at Punkin Center. The long table on the hill above the pavilion was spread with all kinds of good things, and everybody greatly enjoyed the out-of-door meal.

The members and invited guests who were present were: Miss Sadie Meadows, Lottie Meadows, Ida May Yow, Marguerite Harris, Jessie Taylor Harris, Katherine Pleasant, Frances Egerton, Ruth Early, Mrs. W. E. White, Mrs. E. K. Allen, Mrs. and Mrs. Dowd, Mr. and Mrs. George Cobb, and Allen Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Egerton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leonard, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Griffin.

Virtue never draws any weekly salary, presumably because it is its own reward.

Actual Held-Up  
Smithson: "Were you ever held up?"  
Decker: "Yea-ho! I took two circus girls to dinner once."