

## WILLIAM J. BRYAN AIRS HIS VIEWS

Ready for Scopes Trial, Says "Christianity and Evolution are Engaged in Duel to the Death."

Dayton, Tenn., July 7.—The contest between evolution and Christianity is "a duel to the death," William Jennings Bryan declared tonight in an address at a dinner given in his honor by the Progressive Dayton Club in the dining room at the Hotel Aqua.

"It has been in the past a death grapple in the dark," said Mr. Bryan, who arrived here today in preparation for the trial of John T. Scopes, who is charged with violating the Tennessee statute against teaching evolution theories in the schools of Tennessee.

"From this time on it will be a death grapple in the light."

Mr. Bryan, who is associated with counsel for the prosecution of the young high school instructor, was guest of the club which two weeks ago entertained Clarence Darrow of defense counsel in the same dining room. The fundamentalist leader was introduced tonight by Wallace Haggard, member of the prosecution counsel. A welcome to Dayton was extended by John L. Godsey, local member of the defense counsel.

One issue of the coming trial which is scheduled to begin next Friday is whether the people shall rule in the United States, the speaker asserted. The people are the only source of the power he said, and will in the end control.

The dinner ended a day which for Dayton has been one of the busiest since the coming of Darrow, Bainbridge Colby and Dudley Field Malone. The arrival of Mr. Bryan shortly after noon followed the return of John T. Scopes and Dr. John Neal, chief defense counsel, from Cookeville where yesterday they filed a petition for injunction to remove the case from the state to the federal courts.

Mr. Bryan, from the train, was escorted to the home of Richard Rogers where he will make his headquarters. During the afternoon, he held a brief conference with Sue K. Hicks, Wallace C. Haggard, Judge J. G. McKenzie and Herbert Hicks, local members of the prosecution staff.

He viewed the court room in which the trial will be held and visited the newspaper club room. Mr. Bryan told newspaper men he was "prepared for the trial."

Mr. Bryan spoke following the dinner which was attended by John T. Scopes, member of counsel for both parties to the suit, leaders in Dayton's civic life, and newspapermen. He avoided details of the Scopes case, saying the case would not be tried in the newspapers, but in the courts. Three points, he said he could discuss with propriety.

Referring to the size of Dayton, Mr. Bryan said that "some of the city papers" have spoken disparagingly of the town "as if it were too small a place in which to hold to great a trial."

"Why should the size of the town be a matter of importance in the trial of a religious case," asked the speaker. "Christianity began in a small town (whether we date the beginning with the birth of Christ in Bethlehem or with the youth of Christ in Nazareth. Why should not this peaceful community furnish a fitting environment for the trial of a case that involves the two greatest subjects that interest mankind—education and religion."

"The newspaper critics who have been making fun of Dayton should read the front page of the book which gave rise to this trial."

"The biology which the defendant was teaching has as its frontispiece a picture of a crowded city street and just below it the picture of a farm house on a quiet country road. Beneath the pictures is a suggestion upon which the city editors might reflect with profit. This is the comment that the author of the book makes upon the two pictures contrasted: "Compare the unfavorable artificial environment of a crowded city with the most favorable environment of the country."

"What is the secret of the world's interest in this little case?" the speaker asked. "It is found in the fact that this trial uncovers an attack which for a generation has been

## LOCAL KLANSMEN WILL STAGE CELEBRATION

Local members of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are laying plans for a celebration to be held in Boone on July 23.

Klansmen from all over the adjoining counties and towns will be here by the hundreds and will form a grand parade and march in full regalia to the music of the fife and drum.

Some of the most prominent speakers of the State will deliver addresses from the court house lawn.

An old time fiddlers convention will be one of the many features of the entertainment. They will play in the court house and the theatre. The best fiddlers of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina will be here. Activities will start at sundown.

## GENERAL MOTORS MAY ENTER BUS AND TAXI FIELD

Chicago, June 29.—The Tribune says that a consolidation of the Yellow Cab Manufacturing Company and six other companies of John Hartz Chicago, with the General Motors Corporation, is being worked out and will be announced next week.

Negotiations have been under way in Chicago and Detroit among bankers and officials, says the newspapers.

The basis for the merger, which LaSalle street gossip says, would be a sixty million dollar deal, is reported to be the desire of the General Motors Corporation to enter the motor bus and taxicab manufacturing field, the Tribune continues.

Yellow manufacturing shares sold around \$46 in the stock market yesterday, on which basis its 600,000 shares would represent around \$27,000,000. General Motors common sold above \$83. The respective market prices gave rise to opinion in financial circles that General Motors would give an share of its stock for somewhere between one and a half and two shares of Yellow Manufacturing.

made more or less secretly upon revealed religion, that is the Christian religion. We have no knowledge of it outside the Bible, which Christians regard as the revealed will of God. The Bible is our only standard of morality. It gives us our only conception of God and our only knowledge of Christ, the only begotten son of God.

"Anything that attacks the Bible attacks revealed religion. A successful attack would destroy the Bible and with it revealed religion. "The contest between evolution and Christianity is a duel to the death. It has been in the past a death grapple in the dark; from this time on it will be a death grapple in the light. For this trial is going to give information or be the means of bringing out information upon which this controversy will be decided.

"If evolution wins, Christianity goes—not suddenly, of course, but gradually, for the two cannot stand together. They are as antagonistic as light and darkness, as antagonistic as good and evil. Heretofore evolution has been like the 'pestilence that walketh in darkness.' Hereafter it will be 'the destruction that wasteth at noonday.'

"Opponents of Christianity understand the character of the struggle," Mr. Bryan declared and from henceforward Christians will understand its character he said. Christians, he said believing that "revealed religion offers mankind the only abiding truth . . . will fight evolution as their only great foe." If they are wrong they will of course be defeated and will be compelled to abandon the Bible as the word of God, he declared.

"If information furnished at the trial and brought out afterwards because of the trial shows evolution to be unproven and therefore unworthy of acceptance, science will have to fall back upon demonstrated truth, which has no terrors for Christianity."

"Christianity is not afraid of the truth," Mr. Bryan exclaimed. "It only opposes hypothesis put forth in the name of science but unsupported by facts."

Mr. Bryan's third point concerning the fundamental principles of our government. "Shall the people rule?" he cried. "—if not who shall?" He insisted that the basic principles of the Tennessee anti-evolution law was the theory that the people speaking through the legislature had a right to control the public schools.

## Report of County Agent Tells of Much Progress

The following is a report of the activities of the county agent as submitted to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday.

### REPORT OF STEELE

Farm extension work is a method of education, not a business management and must be considered as any other educational work would be considered. To be open minded with a desire to learn is conceded to be the foundation of an education. My work as county agent in Watauga has failed or succeeded according as it has: First, caused the farmers to become interested in the problems of proper crops, proper methods and proper handling. Second, given the farmers instruction and demonstrations that will, if given time, tend to produce better economic and social conditions.

The method of teaching is by the use of demonstrations. I am not a demonstrator but a demonstration agent and it is my work to find farmers who are willing to demonstrate some practice so that the whole population can see it. My work is not for the individual who does the work any more than for his neighbor.

On coming to the county three years ago, I found of course, no work upon which to base plans or methods. A great deal of experimental work with crops and folks had to be done (and much is yet to be done) before a great deal of constructive progress could be made. I first started with potatoes and gradually added other things, either as demonstrations or experiments, until I am now carrying on twenty three lines of work.

It will be impossible in a short report to discuss with thoroughness all of these lines of work. I shall therefore say only a few words about each but am ready at any time to give further information to any who are interested. It should be remembered however that the object of this work is to reach the masses of the folks and is not intended to be confined to those with whom the demonstrations are conducted. No statistics can be available as to the number influenced by each demonstration.

Since the work of county agent began with potatoes it is logical to begin this report in the same way. The need was for better quality and larger yield. This was best attained through an effort to produce certified seed and thereby being able to direct more attention to the quality of seed planted, proper treatment, cultivation and grading. Whether this work has been successful in causing farmers, those who are not growing seed as well as those who are, to give more attention to these things the members of the Board are in a position to say. It is also the object of this work to assist the farmers in developing a commercial crop in seed potatoes. Seed from this county planted in eastern Carolina, have during the last two years, given an average of 12 per cent better yield than seed coming from northern states. I have this morning received

a letter from Elizabeth City, the center of the potato growing industry in eastern Carolina, stating that the indications are that our potatoes will make a favorable comparison again this year. I have a letter from Rowan county which says, "I have met up with a number of farmers that planted of your seed in the spring and the reports all agreed in one particular, namely, that the crop of Cobblers they are now digging is the most uniform that they have ever grown and the yield is highly satisfactory, notwithstanding one of the driest spring seasons ever known in many years." We also have a letter from Georgia which states: "This car of potatoes was the nicest which we have ever seen, and this has been the expression of every man out of the 200 who bought these seed potatoes." Another letter from Mount Olive says: "Mr. S. L. Warren, Manager of the East Carolina Produce Exchange, asked me to find if your association would now make a contract with him for 1,000 bags of your Seed Cobbler potatoes for delivery next December or January. He said he would be willing to contract for that many bags delivered at Mount Olive—" and so on. From all of our shipments we have had only one grower complain as to the results obtained.

The handling of these potatoes has necessarily been expensive because of inadequate storing facilities and machinery for handling. However in spite of these severe handicaps and the fact that the business was new and the seed had to be introduced the 1922 crop netted the farmers \$1 per bushel, the 1923 crop \$1.67, (counting the 5c set aside for operating capital) and the 1924 crop will net the farmers as soon as all bills are collected \$72. Present indications are that the 1925 crop will be as good or better than the crop of 1923. All price averages for potatoes must be considered by taking two years together as the price fluctuates from year to year with great regularity.

All of the above indicates the possibilities of developing a large business growing seed potatoes but whether or not the seed business develops, the attention directed toward the potato crop and the results obtained will multiply the potato business in the county. This year we will start shipping eating potatoes to southern markets. Dealers are already lined up.

In connection with the potato work it is logical to mention freight rates. I have made two trips to Washington two to Johnson City and have written countless letters in an effort to obtain more equitable freight rates from Boone to cities where we should likely sell our potatoes and other crops. These efforts have been successful in most cases so that we now have a freight rate to most cities in

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## BANNER ELK SCENE OF BEAUTIFUL WEDDING

A simple but beautiful wedding took place at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. West, when their daughter Ethel Elizabeth became the bride of C. D. Graham of Gadwin, N. C.

The living room was decorated in white and yellow, the color scheme being carried out with native shrubs and flowers, ferns and daisies predominating. The improvised altar was beautiful with ferns and canelabra holding white tapers.

Rev. C. M. Triplett, brother in law of the bride, officiated.

Just before the bridal party entered, Miss Edna Triplett sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. Edgar Tufts, who rendered the bridal music.

The bride was attended by her sister Mrs. Rosa E. Jones as dame of honor. She was attired in flowered georgette and carried an arm bouquet of daisies and fern.

The groom was accompanied by Mr. John H. Triplett of Charlotte as best man.

The bride entered with her dame of honor, joining the groom and his best man at the altar, where the solemn and impressive ring ceremony was performed. During the ceremony "To a Wild Rose" was played softly and sweetly on the violin by Miss Margaret Tufts.

The bride was lovely in a simple gown of white chiffon, her veil was worn coronet style, and was trimmed in daisies. She carried an arm bouquet of daisies and fern.

Relatives and a few intimate friends attended the wedding.

Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception was held, after which Mr. and Mrs. Graham left for a motor trip to Asheville and other points in western North Carolina, after which they will be at home in Savannah, Ga.

Out of town guests for the wedding were Mrs. L. S. Inace, Nashville, N. C., Mrs. Lurline Inace, Castalia, N. C., Mr. D. A. Graham, Ohio, S. C., Mrs. J. C. Triplett, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. West, Boone, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Triplett and family, Charlotte, N. C.

## ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10 A. M. AT THE COURT HOUSE.

Preaching service at 11 o'clock by Marion Browning. Music by the Cuban band, with two saxophones, melophone and violin, and good singing by all. Services Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited.

## DIRECTORS WATAUGA BANK HOLD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Directors of the Watauga County Bank was held on Monday the 6th. Money is very close in the county now but conditions are considered sound and a little more economy on the part of the people generally should put the county in good shape. A four per cent semi-dividend was paid to the stockholders.

## WEST LOOKS TO MORE ROAD WORK

State Will Concrete Highway No. 69 Through Boone and Westward into Tennessee

Sparta, July 2.—Captain C. S. Currier, seventh district highway engineer, stated here today that his forces are ready to go to work laying paving through the town of Boone just as soon as the city commissioners of that town install sewer and water lines. The town of Boone, it is understood, now has a bond issue obligation of upwards of \$100,000 for the purpose of giving the town an up-to-date system of waterworks and sewer lines.

Of interest also to residents of that section of northwest North Carolina is the statement made today by Captain Currier that his road forces will soon start the laying of tarvia on the gravel surface of the Boone Blowing-Rock highway and as soon as that is finished the highway from Boone city limits to the Tennessee state line will be treated with a like covering of material.

The seventh district engineer's work on the Boone Blowing Rock highway has been the subject of wide comment of a favorable nature and chief engineers from Georgia who visited North Carolina to get a first hand idea of this state's road work, complimented both the Blowing Rock road and the one leading from Boone to the Tennessee line. The latter has been constructed some time and it has been withstanding the heavy mountain traffic well, being in fine condition at the present time. A coat of tarvia for both roads will insure their permanency.

## BOONE TEAM DEFEATS NORTH WILKESBORO TWINS

The North Wilkesboro baseball team blew into town last Tuesday full of confidence, expecting to give our local team a severe trouncing as they had licked them in their own back yard to a tune of 3 to 5. This game however was a much better one from the local standpoint, the final score being 6 to 2 in favor of Boone.

It was a pitcher's battle between Higgins of the Twins and Jenkins of the locals up to the sixth inning. At this stage of the game Higgins was jerked in favor of Reins their big speed ball artist. Our boys fell upon his offerings and coupled with his wildness pushed over four runs before the side could be retired.

The feature of the game was the heavy hitting of the entire Boone team led by their flashy short stop Bare, with four clean hits, including a four bagger and the airtight twirling of Jenkins.

Batteries—N. W. Reims & Hendren Boone—Jenkins and Bean. Umpire McBane—Guilford. Official Scorer—Isaacs.

## SPRINKLE OIL MAN SELLS FOR CASH AND SKIPS

On Tuesday a young man by the name of Hartley of Lenoir, driver for the Sprinkle Oil Co. of that town made his round as far as Boone, selling for cash—no checks taken—until he had accumulated about \$250. He returned as far as Blowing Rock put the company's oil wagon in the storage and left for parts unknown. Officers from Boone gave chase but without results. So far as is known he is still at large. We are told that the young man is a son of Walter Hartley, formerly of Watauga.

## BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

We are always glad to see you at the Baptist church. We hope to have all our own people out next Sunday. We need your help and the services will be a great blessing to you.

Many of the teachers will be leaving this week. We are glad you have been with us, and hope that you may return. We are always glad to have the teachers attend our church.

Next Sunday we have Sunday School at 10 a. m. and worship at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

B. Y. P. Us meet at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Come out and be with us.

## IN THE NEWS

### Had Wife Shot



C. B. Davis, of Concordia, Kansas, confesses that he paid gunmen \$2,000 to shoot his wife in a pretended holdup. Seven Kansas City women are under arrest—two admitting they were implicated. Davis is a retired merchant.

### Wants 70,000,000 Dimes



Doris Mercer Kreage, second wife of the Chain Store Magnate, has spent for \$7,000,000 of stock in the stores, which she says her husband promised her—before they were married.

### Your Friend?



If your income is under \$5,000 a year—this fellow is your friend. He is U. S. Senator Harris of Georgia, who plans to put through a measure exempting married folks with incomes under \$5,000.