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## JNO. W. DAVIS

### Nominee For President.

Democratic  
Governor C. W. Bryan, Of Nebraska,  
Nominated For Vice-President—  
He is Brother Of William J.  
Bryan, Of Political Fame.

(Condensed Associated Press Report)

The Democratic national convention brought its tempestuous session to a close early Wednesday morning, electing before the country a ticket headed by John W. Davis of West Virginia, with Governor C. W. Bryan, of Nebraska, in second place. Nominated on the 103rd ballot after the final dissolution of the deadlock which had gripped the convention for 10 days, Mr. Davis began his service as the leader of his party by accepting precedent and addressing the convention at its evening session, and then going into conference with convention managers over choice of a nominee for the vice presidency.

#### The Running Mate.

Governor Bryan was chosen for second place on the ticket after his friends had placed before Mr. Davis and his conferees an argument for selection of a western man of proven executive capacity, familiar with agriculture and in sympathy with the general sentiment of the country. The nomination of the Nebraska governor, who is a brother of William Jennings Bryan, took only one ballot receiving 709 votes.

#### Davis Epitomized.

Born Clarksburg, W. Va., April 13, 1872; Graduated Washington and Lee University, 1892; Taught school, West Virginia, 1893; Graduated Washington and Lee Law School, 1895; Served on law faculty, Washington and Lee, 1896; Engaged in law practice at Clarksburg, 1897; Party floor leader, West Virginia Legislature, 1898; Democratic County Chairman, Harrison County, W. Va., 1909; Delegate Democratic National Convention, 1904; President West Virginia Bar Association, 1906; Member Democratic State (W. Va.) Executive Committee, 1908; Delegate Democratic National Convention, 1910; Elected to Congress, 1910; Re-elected to Congress, 1912; Unanimously recommended by House Judiciary Committee for appointment United States Circuit Court of Appeals, 1912; Appointed Solicitor General of the United States, 1913; Elected Trustee, Central Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg, 1916; Appointed member American High Commission on treatment and exchange of war prisoners, 1918; Appointed Ambassador to the Court of St. James, 1918; Member law firm of Johnson, Jennings, Russell and Davis, New York City, 1921; Elected President of American Bar Association, 1922.

## N. C. UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### Mr. H. H. Lewis Is a Member Of the Board Of Directors.

Richard Henry Lewis of Oxford has been appointed to membership on the new board of directors of the National Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina according to the announcement made by the association. W. N. Everett, president of the association.

Mr. Lewis was graduated in 1898 from the magna laude. He was with the Citizens Bank of Raleigh for seven years and later with the Durham Tobacco Manufacturing Company and the Erwin Cotton Mills. He is now treasurer-treasurer of the Oxford Tobacco Mills.

The new members are: Alexander W. Andrews, '03, of Raleigh; W. W. Umstead, '04, of Durham; Richard Henry Lewis, '08, of Oxford; Francis Edward Winslow, '09, of Asheville; Thomas Bragg Hildreth, '05, of Atlanta, Ga.; Frank Cox, '05, of Asheville; Leslie Weil, '05, of Salisbury; Luther Hartwell Hodges, '10, of Stray; Samuel Eakin Stewart, '08, of Stroudsburg, Pa. W. N. Everett, '11, and C. P. Harvey, '02, of Durham, and C. W. Tillett, Jr., '09, of Charlotte, first and second vice-presidents, respectively will be ex-officio members of the board.

## NEWS OF 50 YEARS AGO

Thomas Tilley Was a Pioneer In Flouring and Lived In Dutchville. (From the Tobacco Exchange yesterday. Granville County, N. C., to T. Blackwell Company, of Durham, the manufacturers of "Durham Smoking Tobacco"—one pack at \$1.50, one hundred; one at \$34.

## SOME INTERESTING ANCIENT HISTORY

COPY OF "PRO BONO PUBLICO," PUBLISHED AT SASSAFRAS FORK, GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Copy of the Little Paper and the accompanying Letter was Gladly Received From Colonel William T. Gregory, Leamington, Ont. Editor Public Ledger: Doubtless many of your readers know that the now thriving little town of Stovall was once known by the euphonious name of SASSAFRAS FORK, but there are few, very few, if any, among them who remember that a real live newspaper was published there half a century ago. Thinking that it would interest you, I am enclosing copy number two of volume number one of "PRO BONO PUBLICO" published on July 21st, 1874, at Sassafras Fork, Granville County North Carolina by Eugene L. and Frank S. Harris. As will be noted the leading item was

(Facsimile of First Page)

## PRO BONO PUBLICO.

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**THE COMET**  
We have learned during the last half century that many comets which come in the reach of our vision are not, as was once supposed, erratic bodies, but belong to the solar system and move in paths as fixed as the orbits of the planets. Certain comets, having a brief period, return to the field of vision precisely at the predicted time; but one of these, Biela's comet, has lately mysteriously and totally disappeared. But in addition to these comets that belong to our own system there are others which either move in orbits so vast that they make but one revolution about the sun in millions of years or else are really wanderers in the interstellar spaces. To this class the new comet belongs. It has

never before visited us within historic times, and it may never visit us again. Probably it comes from the inconceivably remote regions of space, and is now for the first time subject to the sun's attraction. Be it how it may, the advent of a comet is of more importance now than ever before. Since the invention of the spectroscope no comet has appeared of sufficient size or near enough to the earth to permit of a close examination with that instrument. If the new comet proves to be as brilliant as claimed it will be, the vexed question of the nature of cometary matter will doubtless be decided. The spectroscope will tell us what materials are in its nucleus and tail—whether it is solid or gaseous and incandescent or not.

about a Comet which was the first of any size that had appeared since the invention of the "spectroscope" and the editor expressed the opinion that the hitherto vexed question of cometary matter would soon be decided. It will also be noted that "Biela's comet had mysteriously and totally disappeared about that time. Possibly this was the identical comet that the celebrated humorist advertised for and described as "being about fifteen hands high, with flax mane and tail and slightly string halt etc." (Will the editor kindly tell

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## DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF DR. HORSEFIELD

Last Tuesday Professor Earnest E. Smith, of the History Department of the High School System of the Borough of Brooklyn, New York City, with his wife, paid a flying and most unexpected call on the Rev. Mr. Horsfield and daughter. Years ago, Prof. Smith was a member of Mr. Horsfield's parish in Cambridge, New York, and the value superintendent of the School System of that town. Prof. Smith and wife were touring from Northern New York to Asheville, N. C. Of course they thought Oxford the most beautiful town they had passed through on their journey. As the day was one of the innumerable birth-days that have fallen to the lot of the rector, he took it for granted from past experience that something pleasant would happen to him on that day; and it sure did. Exchanging personal experiences, admiring the scenery, and recalling incidents in the old life of the Cambridge High School, Miss Mona Horsfield was a pupil in those days, filled the hours with interest and merriment.

## A MAD TOURIST

They Are At It Again At South Hill. All tourists do not swear, but once in a while you will find one that expresses himself in the foreign language of old Satan. The highway between Oxford and South Hill is in splendid condition, but the agent that stands at the forks of the road at South Hill still insists that it is not, and he advised the tourist the other day to come to Oxford via Henderson. The road force is relocating the Oxford-Ford-Henderson road at a point in Vance County, and there is plenty of mud at that particular point, according to the statement of the tourist who got stuck and broke the axle of his car, and he blames it all on the man at South Hill, who he described in language not fit to print.

## DR. SPRUNT DIES IN WILMINGTON

Prominent Business Man and Leading Citizen Of Lower Cape Fear City. Wilmington, July 9.—When Dr. James Sprunt passed peacefully away in his sleep at the home of his nephew, Walter Sprunt, on Greenville Sound at 10 o'clock today. Wilmington lot an honored and beloved citizen and North Carolina one of her foremost and most distinguished sons. While the end had been momentarily expected for the past three days his demise nevertheless has saddened Wilmington in a way that no other death in many years has done. It is realized here that Dr. Sprunt had made for himself a place in the hearts of this community peculiarly his own, and that in a business, social, literary, charitable and civic sense the niche cannot be filled.

## Oxford Boy Wins Medal

Daniel Dudley Moses of Lynchburg, grandson of Mrs. Della Bonitz of Oxford, led the graduating class at V. M. I., and also received the first Jackson-Hope Medal, the most prized award in the whole year's work. Oxford people are proud of this fine young man who often visits in Oxford.

## THE CAROLINA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

B. S. Jerman Succeeds the Late Col. Chas. E. Johnson As President. (Raleigh Correspondent) At a special meeting of the Boards of Directors held in New York July 9th, Mr. B. S. Jerman, of Raleigh, was elected President of the Carolina Power & Light Company and its subsidiary, the Yadkin River Power Company. Mr. Jerman succeeds the late Col. Chas. E. Johnson of Raleigh, who was president of the two companies, and who served in this capacity for many years.

## CAPT. WILL FLEMING BUYS THE GRANVILLE WAREHOUSE LOT

THE CONSIDERATION WAS \$8,300. To Erect Business House At An Early Date.

That devastated area fronting on Hillsboro street and extending back along side of the old cemetery, caused by the big fire last spring, will be built up at an early date. The lot fronting Hillsboro street, on which the Granville Warehouse stood, has been purchased by Capt. Will Fleming, the consideration being \$8,000. The Cooperative Tobacco Association owned the property and transferred it to Capt. Fleming. He states that a business building, or buildings, will be erected on the lot at an early date. Horner Bros. Co. has also bought a valuable lot in the burnt district. This well-known and progressive firm has not intimated as to what use they will make of the property, but they will probably build a warehouse to store the large shipments that are constantly arriving.

## SYMPATHY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY

The Remains Of Their Son Rests In a Little Cemetery In Vermont. Washington, July 9.—President and Mrs. Coolidge tonight took their boy Calvin back to Vermont to be buried in the family plot of the little cemetery at Plymouth. A simple but impressive funeral was held in the East room of the White House late this afternoon, attended by government officials, ranking military officers, members of the diplomatic corps, and intimate friends of the family. On the White House lawn several thousand persons stood with bowed heads during the ceremony, having come to give visible expression of their sympathy. Typical of their New England reserve, President and Mrs. Coolidge repressed outward manifestation of their grief. Opening the service, the pastor read the twenty-third psalm and then other verses of scripture. These included John XIV verses 1-3; 15-20 and 25-27 and Romans VIII. A brief stop this morning will be made at Northampton, Mass., where Calvin was born and where services will be held for him. From there the party, including members of the President's cabinet and others close to him in personal and official life, will proceed to Plymouth. Burial will be there late in the afternoon in the lot where the President's mother and sister lie.

## Local Legion Will Picnic Next Monday

E. C. Gunter, of Durham, addressed the Earnest F. Hart post of the American Legion at its regular monthly meeting held last night in the Granville Grey's Club, on the value of joining the Legion. He expressed the opinion that every soldier of the World War should identify himself with the Legion in order that the soldierly brotherhood might be perpetuated in the lives of the American citizenry. Mr. Gunter made a strong sympathy with the Legion as he has been instrumental in the erection of a memorial in Durham to the soldiers that fell in the War.

C. D. H. Fort and Waverly Harris, the committee on "eats," made a report. It was unanimously decided to have a picnic supper at Gholson Pool Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock July 14th.

Much discussion was given to the filling of application for adjusted compensation. The chairman of the committee on adjusted compensation earnestly requested that all veterans eligible for compensation make application at an earlier date as possible in order that the committee might get this work through before the fall when other work will be pressing.

## Home Demonstration Agent For Granville

Nothing of importance engaged the attention of the County Commissioners at their regular meeting last Monday. A number of women with a progressive turn of mind called on the board and suggested that a Home Demonstration agent for the county would be a step in the right direction. The question was not pressed at this time and the Board deferred the matter. A home demonstration agent, it is said, would greatly strengthen the Granville County Farmers' Exchange and also the Curb Market. It is understood that the State would pay \$1,200 annually if the county would raise a similar amount to establish the home demonstration work.

## THE JULY TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT ONE WEEKS TERM

Will Convene Monday, July 21, Judge J. H. Crammer, Of Southport, Presiding. The one weeks' term of Granville County Superior Court will convene Monday, July 21. Judge J. H. Crammer, of Southport, who is one of the most popular and able jurists of the State, will preside.

## MR. LEON HINES, TOWN CLERK, RESIGNS

Position Is Tendered To Mr. Walter Stradley. Mr. Leon Hines, who has been the efficient and obliging clerk of the town of Oxford for two years, has resigned his position and will enter upon his duties as traveling salesman for the Oxford Manufacturing Company on and after August 12th. His territory will be the whole Southern States. He will take orders for the sale of auto tin tags and other lines of printing on metal and wood, it is said. In accepting the resignation of Mr. Hines the Town Board tendered the position to Mr. Walter P. Stradley.

## Miss Frances Webb Sails For Paris

Miss Frances Webb, the talented daughter of the late Mr. John Webb, sails for New York tomorrow for Paris on the S. S. Minnetonka. Miss Webb is an artist and she is associated with the New York Home Pattern Company, a manufacturer of patterns for the Ladies Home Journal. Miss Webb will be a guest at the Hotel de Crillon, while in Paris. Her company is sending her abroad to attend the fall openings of the French model houses; she will visit Deauville, the fashionable summer resort of France, where she will be joined by Miss Martha Dodson, fashion editor of the Ladies Home Journal and the two will go over to London to visit the British Empire Exposition and will sail on the Homeric from Cherbourg on August 20th and reach New York on August 27. Oxford people are justly proud of this distinguished young lady artist.

## Mr. W. B. Taylor Laid To Rest

He Was a Promising Young Man. Stovall, N. C., July 9.—The death of Mr. W. Boyd Taylor, which occurred in a Richmond hospital last Sunday night, brings sorrow to a large number of people who knew him. He was a graduate of the State College, and during the World War was attached to the Aviation service. The remains reached the home of his mother, Mrs. Alice Boyd Taylor near Soudan on Monday. The interment was at Tabernacle M. E. Church, near Townsville, Vance County, Tuesday afternoon. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Gladys Newton, one daughter and one son. The surviving brothers and sisters are: John J. Taylor of Soudan; Mrs. Chesley Morton, Oak Hill; and Misses Alice and Anne Taylor, Soudan, Virginia.

## ON EXTENDED JOURNEY

Mr. and Mrs. Jagers and Miss Daisy Smith Are In Europe. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jagers, of Hillside, New Jersey, and Miss Daisy Smith of Oxford, who sailed from New York last week, reached Havre, France, July 8, according to a cablegram received by Mr. L. F. Smith, father of Mrs. Jagers. They will visit Italy, France, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, Belgium, Scotland and England and return to New York September 6.

## ENROUTE TO FLORIDA

Two New York Boys Pass Through Oxford On Bicycles. Jack Pierson and Roger Graillat, Brooklyn boys, are cycling from New York to Florida, a distance of 1,275 miles. To win the wager they must make the trip in 17 days, traveling not less or more than 75 miles per day. They passed through Oxford Wednesday on schedule time.

## Thomas Pool Draws a 15-Year Sentence

Richmond, Va., July 10.—Thomas G. Pool, former cashier of a bank at Virginville pleaded guilty yesterday to two counts of an indictment charging him with misappropriating the bank's funds and by agreement of counsel will be sentenced to 15 years imprisonment. Pool was taken into court on a stretcher.

## HICKS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS NOW OPEN FOR INSPECTION

Mr. R. L. Brown Invites the Public To Inspect the Splendid Equipment. The first intimation that the Hicks Memorial Hospital at the Oxford Orphanage was completed came last Sunday morning when Mr. R. L. Brown requested the ministers of the town to extend an invitation to all good people to inspect the splendid equipment. Many have accepted the invitation and are loud in their praise of the plant.

As one enters the front door he sees the spacious reception room, to the right of which is the room to be occupied by the head nurse. Passing on into the long hall there are two wards of 10 beds each, one on the right and the other on the left, on either side of the long hall that leads to the convalescent play room are a number of private rooms, the dental office and a number of closets. The convalescent play room opens up into a spotless white dining room for the use of convalescents, and on the left is the kitchen. Taking the elevator near the front of the hall one passes up to the second floor, where he finds another long hall, at the rear of which is a sun parlor and nurses' room, on either side is a ward with 12 beds each. Passing from there on down the hall one sees more private rooms and on the left side a well lighted operating room. The hall leads into the contagious disease ward, which is cut off from the rest of the building. This ward is divided into two wards with eight beds each and opens to a porch at the rear of the hospital.

Gifts Of Friends. York Rite guard of Charlotte gave a modern dental equipment which represents about \$1,600. The following private rooms were furnished as follows: Oxford lodge No. 396 in honor of Dr. Sam Booth and Dr. Thomas L. Booth, both of whom are much loved by the people of the orphanage; Mrs. Beverley S. Royster furnished one room in honor of her father, the late Dr. Frank P. Hobgood; one room furnished by the Lydia chapter No. 109, O. E. S. of Rocky Mount; and on the second floor there are two private rooms furnished by George S. Holderness, of Tarboro.

Dr. Daniel In Charge. Dr. N. C. Daniel is in charge of the hospital; Mrs. Bell Austin is the head nurse, and Dr. R. F. Waller is the dentist.

## TOBACCO CROP NOW AT CRITICAL STAGE

The Estimated Yield In Granville County Is 65 Per Cent Of Last Year's Crop—Mr. Eugene Moss Hands Out Some Good Advice. The tobacco crop in Granville county is in a very critical state now, and only has a few more days time left before the plants will be advanced to a stage from which it cannot materially change. At present the most liberal estimates cannot place prospects at more than 65 per cent of the 1913 crop in either yield or quality. It is true there are a few individual farmers who have very good prospects, but the great majority are in very bad shape. We did not have a day that was dry enough for plowing in crops last week and it has thrown everybody badly behind with their work. Similar conditions that prevail in Vance, caused by wet weather, led a group of farmers of that county last week to visit the Granville County Test Farm and advise from Mr. Moss. Those making the trip were J. G. Puckett, David Hoyle, M. T. Greenway, H. Stewart and O. H. Farham. Among the interesting observations relative to fertilized test plots, perhaps the most outstanding single feature pointed out by Mr. Moss was the benefit derived from magnesialimestone. One half of each plot was limed and the other half left as a check. The benefit from the lime could be seen from a distance. Another very noticeable thing was the benefit of acid phosphate in hastening the growth and maturity of the weed.

## CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

The Seaboard Air Line Railway announces in this issue of the Public Ledger a change in the arrival and departure of trains for Henderson and Durham from Oxford. The revised schedule to go into effect Sunday, July 13th.

## AERIAL PICTURES

Scenes In and Around Oxford. Messrs Fillmore and Porter, who are doing commercial flying here, will take several aerial photos tomorrow of scenes in and around Oxford if the weather will permit.