

Davis' Life Hanging Over Death Chasm

Participant in Rocky Mount Celebration Victim of Terrible Accident While Passing Thru City.

Rushed To Hospital In Rocky Mount

Motorcycle Collides With Car Driven By Mr. A. P. Petway of Rocky Mount.

George Davis, aged about thirty years, for the past week has been lying in Park View Hospital, at Rocky Mount, suffering with a fractured skull since an accident which occurred in Nashville last Friday afternoon when Davis was returning to Raleigh after having participated in the automobile and motorcycle races held at Rocky Mount, the unfortunate man has never regained consciousness and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

As stated, Davis had participated in the automobile and motorcycle races held at Rocky Mount, on the Fourth, had captured one or more prizes and after the day's festivities, was returning to Raleigh, his home. Just after entering the corporate limits of Nashville and when opposite the home of G. N. Bissett, Davis attempted to pass a car driven by Mr. A. P. Petway of Rocky Mount, who was also coming to Nashville. The Petway car had made a short stop at the home of W. A. Futrell and was moving off at a moderate speed when the motorcycle came up behind him and at the intersection of First street, Davis attempted to pass the car driven by Petway, just as he made the turn into First street, Davis made the attempt to swerve to the left to clear the Petway car, but the wheel of his machine struck the hub cap on the front wheel of the Petway car and the motorcycle was hurled into the air while Davis was thrown against the curbing surrounding the small parkway just in front of the Bissett residence. Davis sustained a fractured skull just at the base of the brain and a cut about the forehead from which blood poured freely. Aid soon reached the injured man, while Dr. J. P. Battle, J. A. Winstead and T. O. Coppedge were soon rendering medical attention. Davis was placed on the car of Mr. L. L. Davenport and Dr. Winstead rushed the unfortunate man to the Park View Hospital at Rocky Mount, where he has been since the accident and in an unconscious condition. His people in Raleigh were notified and some of them have been in constant attendance.

Immediately after the accident Mr. Petway rendered the unfortunate man every assistance possible and summoned medical assistance. To The Graphic reporter he stated that before attempting to make the turn to the left into First street he gave the usual signal by extending his hand and parties near the scene of the accident report that both the Petway car and the motorcycle were moving at a moderate rate of speed. Davis evidently failed to see the signal and the accident is generally regarded as unavoidable under the circumstances.

Losers Now Showing Very Unsportsmanlike Spirit

At a meeting of the directors of The Small Town League at the Cherry Hotel, in Wilson, on the night of July 8th, the directors ruled that the matter of the winner of the first half be left to the opinion of the Sporting Editor of The Washington Post. Nashville representatives argued that they were justly entitled to the first half on account of the fact that they were leading the league by a game and a half at the close of the first split season. And they contend that according to all rules of organized baseball no games can be called for a play over at the end of a season unless the game be tied, postponed on account of rain or death, or any other reason. They offered in support of their claim the opinion of some of the best baseball men in the State including "Coke" Cook, State College Coach, and Leslie Nunnaker, former big league, and now manager of the Wilson Club of the Virginia League. However, the local men were overruled with the result that the matter will be left entirely to the Sporting Editor of the Washington Post. The League Secretary was instructed to forward all

of the data in the matter to the Washington Post Editor at once, and a decision is expected at an early date. The league directors also voted that "Lefty" Strickland was not eligible to play with Nashville and that his name be taken off the local list and that he should not participate further in games of the Small Town League. Mr. G. C. Collins, Nashville representative strongly protested this ruling and argued that it was unfair and unjust to rule Strickland off and further that he could not guarantee



MISS ANNIE AGNES SMITH, Noted Lady Evangelist Now Conducting Great Meeting in Spring Hope.

what the result of this ruling would be with reference to the local club remaining in the League. After much discussion on this point the directors reconsidered this ruling with the result that Strickland will continue to play with the Oaks.

There was a motion made and passed that Selma be allowed an extra player for the Second Half. There was a motion passed that Bailey be allowed two extra players for the Second Half.

After attending to some smaller details the meeting adjourned. Nashville was represented by Manager Clarence Faulkner and directors G. G. Collins and W. H. Faulkner.

Brother of Mrs. Harvey Smith Injured by Automobile

A message from Washington, N. C., yesterday afternoon, about 2:00 o'clock brought the distressing information that Mr. S. H. Reid, a prominent druggist of that city, and also brother of Mrs. Harvey Smith, of Nashville, was probably fatally injured in a collision between an automobile driven by a Mr. Thompson, and a bicycle upon which Mr. Reid was riding while returning from his dinner. A message to The Graphic from Dr. D. T. Taylor at the Washington Hospital, stated that Mr. Reid suffered a fractured skull and was paralyzed on one side and that his condition was indeed desperate.

The friends of Mrs. Smith deeply sympathize with her and other members of the family in this distressing hour that has overtaken them. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left within a few hours after the news of the accident and are now in Washington.

Miss Jackie Austin returned home Tuesday from Smithfield where she has been attending a house party given by Miss Sarah Hooks. Upon her return Miss Jackie was accompanied by Misses Hooks, Pauline Broadhurst and Messrs. Morgan Broadhurst, Nick Ayers, Paul Haines and Tilden Hunsbrett, who spent the night here and returning to Smithfield Wednesday morning.

Spring Hope Enjoying Another Spiritual Revival

Reports from Spring Hope indicate increasing interest in the series of revival meetings now in progress in the large warehouse in that place, and that Miss Annie Agnes Smith, the eminent evangelist from Norfolk, Va., is delivering a series of soul-searching sermons with telling effect upon her hearers. Miss Smith is preaching the old-time Gospel and the services daily are without any of the frills or sensational stunts usually pulled by the average evangelist. Pastor W. E. Trotman, of the Spring Hope Methodist Church, and the entire church membership are heartily cooperating with Miss Smith in making the meeting not only a great stimulus to the Church, but further awakening the people of all that section to a deeper interest in the spiritual growth of the community.

Rev. J. C. Costin, of Hendersonville, who has gained such an enviable reputation as a choir leader, is also helping in making the meetings of unusual interest and effectiveness.

THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS FOURTH

Stunts Galore Keep Great Crowd in Fine Humor Throughout Day.

The "Glorious Fourth" proved a most interesting and pleasurable event in Nashville for the large crowd of men, women and children from a wide area who assembled to witness the stunts scheduled for the forenoon and make merry with their friends and acquaintances, and the whole-hearted manner in which both young and old entered into the spirit of the occasion was gratifying to the promoters of the events scheduled.

The festivities got under way at 10:00 o'clock after a spirited musical concert by Nashville Concert Band. Then followed an old-time "tug of war" between the members of Nashville Fire Department and a team of stalwart men from the country under the captaincy of Jimmie Jenkins, the latter team losing to the fire ladders.

In the "three-leg" race wherein many participated, Paul Batcher and Alvin Jones carried off first honors, winning the prize of \$1.00.

Virgil Dickens showed himself to be some sprinter and potato bug by winning in the potato race, and John Chambliss proved himself to be the champion watermelon eater of the crowd and received a similar prize.

Tom Strum proved beyond any reasonable doubt that he could devour a large slice of blackberry pie faster than any other fellow in the crowd, and was awarded the cash prize of one dollar.

Alvin Jones again came in for honors in the "wheelbarrow" race, demonstrating the fact that he could push a "Georgia burger" as well as he could put a field rock in a basket ball contest.

In the "fire drill" team No. 1 under the direction of Captain J. C. Mayo won over team No. 2, under the captaincy of V. H. Hamlet, the former scoring the run of 1-2 mile and getting on a stream of water in 2 minutes, 15 seconds, team No. 2 losing by a margin of 2 seconds.

The Old Fiddlers' Carnival. Quite a large crowd gathered at the Cooperative Warehouse where this event was staged under the direction of M. W. Lincke and more than a dozen well known musicians taking part in a programme that furnished a great deal of amusement and genuine pleasure for all present. Among the "fiddlers" were, J. G. Bedgood, R. H. Crickmore, John C. Taylor, W. A. Nelms, J. W. Crickmore, Jack Eason, J. V. Holmes, all of whom rendered some special selections that were highly creditable and which evoked rounds of applause from the audience. One of the violinists also took part in the banjo-picking contest, W. A. Nelms, who demonstrated his old-time ability to master both instruments. Other banjoists were A. A. Cooper, Willie Walker and Willie Eatman, while Orin Egan and Jack Eason entered the guitar-playing contest, Eason winning first prize, \$5.00, Egan getting second, \$2.50.

In the "Fiddlers" contest J. V. Holmes was awarded first prize, \$5.00; J. W. Crickmore, second, \$2.50; W. A. Nelms, third, \$1.00. Prizes in similar amounts went to the banjo-pickers as follows: Willie Walker, first; A. A. Cooper, second; Wiley Eatman, third.

A three-piece selection rendered by W. A. Nelms, violin; A. A. Cooper, banjo, and Squire John G. Harper with bones and tambourine, elicited rounds of applause, the venerable "Squire" showing up well in his old-time enthusiasm and ability.

Special mention should be made of the several fine special selections rendered on the violin by J. V. Holmes, who is a real artist in the rendition of music of a more classical nature than the old-time tunes. J. W. Crickmore and his brother R. H. Crickmore, in violin duets were vigorously applauded for their splendid renditions.

Enlivening the occasion several selections were rendered by Nashville Concert Band.

In the afternoon at 4:00 o'clock practically the entire crowd went out to Griffin Park to witness an unusually interesting and hotly contested ball game between Nashville and Bailey, the "Oaks" snatching out the visitors in a score of 3 to 0, the great crowd of more than one thousand people vigorously "rooting" for their favorites and manifesting a fine spirit of genuine enthusiasm and ardor.

Mrs. Gordon Holds Very Helpful Demonstration.

The ladies of Nashville and surrounding country could not have spent an hour or two more profitably or helpfully than to have been present during a very interesting and instructive demonstration of jelly making given by Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon on Tuesday afternoon at the store of the Ward Drug Co. However, during the afternoon quite a number of ladies of the town availed themselves of this opportunity and they doubtless went away feeling amply repaid for the inconvenience sustained by braving the almost constant showers.

This demonstration was held mainly to give the ladies a more thorough knowledge of the art of making various kinds of jellies and the simplicity of making the highest quality of products from peaches, berries, fruits, etc., and the use of "Certo", in accomplishing the very best results within a few moments, and after everything was in readiness, Mrs. Gordon had prepared quite a number of these delicacies and given out many suggestions that should prove indeed helpful to those ladies who take delight in providing a well filled pantry.

Rainy Weather Causes Postponement of Picnic.

To-day (Thursday) was the day set apart by the membership of the Nashville, Deans and Maple Creek Sunday Schools to hold their joint outing and the little folks as well as the older ones anticipated an enjoyable feast and many other merry-making features at Silver Lake. Owing to the continuous rainy weather and reports from the Lake indicating that water conditions were unfavorable, and the further fact that the weather man does not give much assurance of a cessation of present every-day rains, the picnic has been postponed and a new date will be fixed for the annual event, which is always looked forward to with intense interest. In all probability this matter will come up for settlement at the regular meeting of the Nashville Methodist Sunday School next Sunday morning.

Nashville Wallops Bailey—Loses To Roanoke Rapids.

Game of July 3rd, Nashville 17—Tarboro 1.

Tarboro was easy for the Oaks at Griffin Park Thursday. Poor fielding and poor judgment on the part of the visitors helped the locals run up 17 runs. Beal held Tarboro to 2 hits. "Legs" Faulkner led the Oaks in hitting with two doubles and three singles out of five times at bat. Cuther Cooper and T. Faulkner got three hits each, and Griffin connected safely twice.

Only a small crowd saw the game. Tarboro 0-0-0-0-1-0-0-1—2-27 Nashville 0-4-2-3-2-0-1-4-x—17-21-1 Batteries: Hamilton, Deaver, Shaw Taylor and Baker, Foy Beal and Faulkner.

Game of July 4th, Nashville 3, Bailey 0.

A rip snorting crowd of at least 1,000 people saw Bailey bite the dust before "Lefty" Strickland southpaw shoots at Griffin Park on the glorious Fourth. The Oaks scored three runs by hitting "Blondy" Morgan timely in the earlier part of the game. Nashville put up a nifty fielding game behind Strickland, Jones and Earnest Beal starring. Bailey has gone eighteen innings against local pitchers without scoring a run, Harvey Edwards shutting them out on June the 13th.

Nashville's big brass band helped enliven the occasion.

Game of July 5th, Roanoke Rapids 6, Nashville 1.

The Oaks bumped up against the strong Roanoke Rapids club at Griffin Park Monday and lost a hard fought game 6 to 1. Dempsey on the mound for the visitors proved a little too tight for Nashville, Bernard Faulkner being the only Oak able to hit him with any consistency. The local second sacker hit a homer for Nashville's only run in the 4th inning and singled cleanly in the first. Foy Beal pitched a good game, but his own wildness was costly. The visitors presented the strongest team which has been seen at Griffin Park. "Rabbi" Bonner featured in the field.

Batteries: Dempsey and Johnson, F. Beal and Faulkner.

Pedigreed Bull—By "GEB."

Well, if they want to act bull-headed about the first half, we'll take on both. They're the losers anyway.

McAdoo And Smith Switched For Davis

National Democratic Convention Dead Lock Brought to an End When West Virginian Slide Began

One Social Feature Closely Follows Another at Whitakers

Mr. Telfer Rick, of Littleton, was in town Tuesday. We regret to note that Mrs. J. M. Cutchin continues quite sick. Mr. F. G. Vaughan spent Friday night in Washington, N. C., visiting his mother, Mrs. M. L. Vaughan. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Boone have as their visitor this week, Mrs. Boone's brother, Mr. Edwards. Dr. and Mrs. Henry Cutchin and children left Monday for Asheville and Junaluska. We welcome in the younger set Mr. Elmer Anderson, who has recently become assistant cashier of the Bank of Whitakers.

Another surprise marriage was sprung on Whitakers when Mr. Raymond Bradle, of this city, and Miss Aleph Jones, of Belhaven, were quietly married at the home of the bride, on last Sunday morning. They are spending their honeymoon in Western Carolina.

For several days past the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Draughan has been the scene of a series of festivities, the occasion being a house party given to the following guests of honor: Misses Blanche Barringer, of Norwood, Lucy and Sallie Taylor, Stovall; Katharine Coghill, Richmond; Louise Deah Louisburg; Messrs. Lee Davis, Raleigh; Walter Taylor, Stovall, and Fred Cunningham, Fayetteville.

On Wednesday evening a delightful Porch Party was given. The young people had intended going to the lake on a moonlight picnic, but owing to the rain, had to celebrate at home.

On Thursday evening a reception was given at which was gathered the youth beauty and chivalry of our town, and that date, it is certain marks a red letter day in this season's activities among the young set. The refreshments were all that could be desired, delicious cream and cake and don't let's forget the punch! Among the many pleasures of the evening were interesting games, unique contests, etc. At a late hour the gay throng bade the dispensers of such rare pleasures and generous hospitality a happy good night. The following Friday afternoon a barbecue and brunswick stew dinner was given. Now we all know what that means. That was one hungry crowd that gathered about the long table and in the yard at Mr. Draughan's country home at three-thirty o'clock savory odors rose from the wooden plates and the boys and girls sniffed their delights. Having eaten to their heart's content, the crowd piled in cars and returned home. That evening at eight o'clock the guests of the house party were taken to Rocky Mount to see the fire-works and witness the wind-up of the fourth of July festivities over there. On the following Sunday after voting Mr. and Mrs. Draughan, their charming daughters, Misses Lota Lee and Margaret and their attractive niece Miss Ruth King an ideal host and hostesses, the guests departed for their respective homes.

On Monday evening a party of young people were delightfully entertained at a barbecue, given at the country home of Mr. Grady Barnhill. Every one who knows Whitakers needs not be told what rare good times are always had at one of "Grady's" barbecues. After having thoroughly enjoyed all the good things to eat, the crowd repaired to the sitting room, halls and front porch, and many of them engaged in dancing. Later they all assured Mr. Barnhill of their full enjoyment of the occasion and struck for home taking with them many pleasant memories.

Little Miss Pattie Marie Sills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sills, has just received the \$2.50 prize as winner in the state contest for the best poster by a Junior in the Better Speech Poster Contest. It will be remembered that Pattie Marie also won the contest in the county for the best English paragraph in the third grade, which shows she is indeed a bright pupil and reflects credit on the Nashville school and Miss Katherine Galloway, the third grade teacher. The patrons and friends of Miss Galloway regret that she will not return to teach in the Nashville school next session.

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John W. Davis Is Finally Nominated

Convention Adjourned Until 8:30 Last Night To Complete Business.

Yesterday afternoon the nation brought a sigh of relief when over the wires swept the news that the seeming dead-lock in the National Democratic Convention that has been in session for he past two weeks and which has been characterized as one of the most bull-headed conventions of its kind held in history, and which has kept the nation in intense suspense and speculation for all these days, finally decided to "do business" and lay aside their dog-in-the-manger tactics, come together and name a Democratic candidate for President this choice falling to John W. Davis, of West Virginia.

From the time the Convention began voting for he sixteen or more aspirants for this exalted position, Davis cut but little figure until the approach of the struggle and after the McAdoo and Al Smith adherents saw plainly that there was no possibility of nominating either of them. With the smaller lights being accorded a complimentary vote by the delegates from their respective states and who were willing to keep the nation in agony although they at no time had a noticeable degree of hope for them, these same units of strength in the convention and the relentless flight of New York and special interests behind Al Smith and Against McAdoo, made their nomination an impossibility and it was not until both McAdoo, who was without doubt, the choice of the back-horn Democracy of the nation, and Smith, the choice of the liquor element and other un-American interests, had been eliminated that delegates in three short rounds named John W. Davis as the Democratic nominee for President.

As his running mate, an attempt was immediately made to nominate Senator Walsh, of Montana, but the convention adjourned until 8:30 o'clock last night and the result of the session could not be learned. In telling of he final scenes when the nomination was made, he dispatches say: Beginning with this morning's ballot, the movement toward Davis gathered momentum that could not be retarded and gradually and surely through successive balloting the votes flocked over and over into the Davis column as state after state increased their offerings to him and some of them turned over the whole quota.

An attempt by McAdoo forces to make E. T. Meredith, of Iowa, the heir to McAdoo strength commanded a following which made him only a bad third and when the Davis flood was rising so fast that all other candidates were being swept away by it, Iowa, Meredith's home state, withdrew him from the contest and voted for Davis.

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