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JOHN W. DAVIS FORMALLY NOTIFIED OF HIS NOMINATION AT HIS HOME IN CLARKSBURG, W. VA. TUESDAY NIGHT

Made Speech of Acceptance Which Lasted For One Hour And Three Minutes' Speech Interrupted By Much Applause

At his home town, Clarksburg, W. Virginia, John W. Davis, who has been a practicing attorney of New York City for the past several years, was formally notified of his nomination by the Democratic party to be their candidate for the Presidency of the United States, Tuesday night.

His speech of acceptance, which lasted for one hour and three minutes, was constantly interrupted by the rousing applause of the thousands of visitors and home folks assembled to hear his message.

Beginning his speech with a tribute to his people, his ancestral home, town and state, he then said that he had fought unceasingly for the principles and ideals of the Democratic party and the things that he would say now would be in keeping with his ideals of the past.

"The Democratic party has invited me to take the reins of leadership and I have read its platform and can heartily approve it" was his first utterance in regard to his adoption of the policies of the party as adopted at the convention.

He then turned to the chairman and thanked him for the introduction in which he had given the past history of Davis as a lawyer during which time he had sold his services to his clients but not his soul.

He continued, "I have no client but the Democratic party and with its support and approval I expect to lead it to victory. Many and varied are the problems of the hour but the supreme need is to bring back the confidence of the people in the government. All the forces of discontent are fanning the coals of discord into angry flames. The policy of the party in power during the past four years has not only put the American people in a state of disregard for the government but it has humiliated us abroad."

"And even with all the disruption and disregard for the law and the constitution as a result of their policy, we see no repentance nor do we hear any promises of reform from that party."

"And we see the Secretary of the Navy and the Attorney General, who were forced from the Cabinet of the President, charged with fraud."

"Is our memory so short that we fail to remember the trying years of 1917 and 1918 and contrast the management of the party then in power and the way the government has been handled in the years since."

I charge fraud and favoritism as the direct cause of the condition of affairs and I assert that no party has the right to the reins of government that cannot maintain the respect of the people.

Under four years of Republican rule, our government has reached the point where it does not dare to speak its mind beyond the three mile limit. And upon its record, I shall ask the people to say whether such principles be tolerated or not.

"I would hold in contempt any public official who would not uphold the Constitution of the United States and enforce the laws of the Country."

I promise, if elected to the Presidency, in the appointment of the thousands of officials to carry on the work of the government, to appoint only those who are honest, competent and faithful to the Constitution."

GAME WEDNESDAY RAINED OUT.

The game of base ball scheduled to have been played here Wednesday afternoon with Edenton was postponed until Monday on account of rain. Despite the rain a great many fans went to the park eager to witness the game.

The team played yesterday in Edenton, but at the time going to press we could not get the particulars.

WESTOVER NEWS

Mrs. Carrie Baldwin of Washington, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Skiles of Bertie County, were guests of Mrs. B. F. Skiles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bateman of Plymouth, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Sarah Sitterson.

Miss Mildred Vail, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Norfolk and Suffolk, returned home Monday.

Master B. F. Skiles is spending some time in Bertie County as the guest of his uncle, Mr. Edward Skiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jackson and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Skiles Sunday.

Master J. Walter Hardison of Norfolk, is visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Vail.

Mr. C. E. Swain and sons, Jasper Ned and Paul, motored to Farmville Saturday.

Miss Ella Peal of Plymouth spent the week-end with Miss Hildred Swain.

Master Chesson Thomas of Windsor, spent a few days with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam Chesson, last week.

SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Everett and family left Sunday for Aulander to visit Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Saunders.

Mrs. Roland Spruill is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spruill in Windsor.

Mrs. Henrietta Swain and Mr. Jack Swain have returned from a trip to Black Mountain.

Miss Louise Bateman of near Columbia is the guest of Miss Donnie Blount.

Messrs. Percy Everett, Eli Brewer and son, Thomas, of Belhaven were in our midst Sunday.

Captain Noah Tarkington of Norfolk, is here visiting his family.

Mrs. Graham Bond of Norfolk, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Davenport this week.

A revival is being held at Rehoboth Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Hethcox.

We are greatly pleased to announce the camping parties on the Albemarle Sound from the Baptist and Methodist Sunday Schools of Creswell. The Baptists held their camping party at the old Norman landing and the Methodists at W. E. Blount's fishing beach. Both places are well known throughout the county.

Dr. T. L. Bray and Miss Stella Ayers motored to Smithfield Sunday, and returned Monday with Mrs. Bray and little daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth, and Mr. Richard Bray.

Mr. Louis Horton made a business trip to Williamston Tuesday.

WHAT DOES A COUNTRY DOCTOR KNOW AT SEVENTY-NINE?

[By C. S. Sawyer]

It was January sixth, and I was baking my feet in front of the ancestral hearth. The thermometer stood at ten above—a reminder that although "Old Christmas" is no longer observed in Tyrrell County—winter had not failed to bring the Christmas-weather. The gate rattled. The man who has been our family physician for twenty years was making for the hospitable hearth. The family made way for him to take a place in front of the open fire.

The Doctor had a far away look on his face. He was reminiscent. For fifty-six years, in all kinds of weather, William Hardy Hardison has responded to the call of the suffering. At seventy-nine years of age, on the coldest day of the winter, he was making his rounds; humming a snatch of song while his mind grappled with the problems of his profession.

As I sat looking at him, I could only wonder, "What does a country doctor know at seventy-nine?" When one thinks of the things that he has seen in this age of change, he becomes a character more interesting than the heroes of fiction. He has lived through two great wars and the revolution of Medical Science. He has had the experience of living in the greatest century of discovery that the world has ever known.

William Hardy Hardison is but little known outside of two counties in Eastern North Carolina. But if the people of upper Tyrrell and lower Washington Counties were called upon to name the man who has best served their community in the last half century, the name of William Hardy Hardison would stand without a rival. He is the living incarnation of all the virtues which have been ascribed to the country doctor.

Doctor Hardy Hardison of Washington County married Miss Mariah Boyle—to this union a son, William Hardy, was born, March 1, 1845. William attended a private school near Saint David's Episcopal Church until he was sixteen years of age. He was a student at the University of North Carolina during the first year of the "War between the States." The second year of the war he left the University and entered the Confederate Army. He served as a Sergeant Major in Daniel's Brigade, thirty-second North Carolina Regiment. He was in the battles of Gettysburg, Petersburg, the Wilderness, and Appomattox. After Lee's surrender he returned home and was for a short time engaged in the mercantile business. But the following year he entered the Medical School of the University of Maryland, from which he graduated in 1886. Returning to his old home he began the practice of medicine. When he was thirty-five years of age he married Miss Harriett Nixon of Perquimmons County. Five children were born to this union. Of whom only one, Mrs. Myra Hardison Peele has lived to comfort him in his age.

Doctor Hardison is living at Creswell, within two miles of his birth-place and is now entering his fifty-seventh year as a county physician. He is a living witness to the truth, "Whosoever would be first among you, shall be servant of all." He has never refused his services to any person in pain. Silver and gold he has acquired but little, yet he is rich. Such a life should be an inspiration to all who serve humanity. The Spirit of the Great Physician working through Hardison has made him the "beloved physician" of two counties.

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BEST GAME OF SEASON

The best game of base ball played on the local diamond this season was witnessed here Tuesday afternoon when Plymouth won from Edenton by the score of one to nothing.

The outstanding features of the game were the pitching of Smith for Plymouth, the pitching of Ferree for Edenton, and in the last half of the ninth inning when neither team

RECORDER'S COURT

Session of Recorder's Court Here Monday Closed at One O'clock.

The first case to come before Recorder Bailey Monday morning was that of John Smith for assault on his wife, Lillian Smith, and carrying concealed weapon. This crime was perpetrated August 23, 1923, immediately after which sheriff Reid chased John Smith up Washington street as far as Peel's garage, and when Smith ran his hand in one of his hip pockets and began to run, the sheriff shot him through the left shoulder. At that time Sheriff Reid was not certain that his bullet had taken effect, and it was some time later that he received advice that L. S. Mitchell a local colored physician had dressed the wound. Smith made his getaway despite his wound, but was apprehended in Norfolk last week, at which time sheriff Reid was notified.

The sheriff returned from Norfolk with his prisoner Sunday and placed him in jail to await trial the next morning. Smith plead guilty of assault and was adjudged guilty by the court of carrying a concealed weapon, and was given two years on the county roads.

William Paxton, colored youth of near Mackeys, was arraigned for assault on his mother, Adeline Paxton, and for being drunk in public. The case of assault was dismissed, but he was found guilty of being drunk and fined \$15.00 and costs.

Ed Sawyer, young white man of the Skinnersville, was hailed into court on four charges. One for assault on Sheldon Chambers; one for stealing water melons from B. F. Chambers; one for affray with Will Patrick, and for assault on his wife.

This case consumed more time than all the others combined, was submitted to a jury which returned a verdict of guilty in all four counts in a few minutes of private deliberation. For assault on Sheldon Chambers he was assigned to the county roads for thirty days; for stealing water melons he was given thirty days; for affray with Will Patrick he was given thirty days or a fine of five dollars and his portion of the costs. Patrick was also given a fine of \$5.00 and his portion of the costs. For assault on his wife he was assigned to the road for eighteen months. Mrs. Sawyer testified in his behalf on this charge and stoutly denied that she received a beating at his hands on the occasion named in the warrant. Two boys, Harold Patrick and Sheldon Chambers, claimed that they witnessed his assault on his wife.

Mr. T. C. Burgess, Sr., of Rocky Mount is visiting his son, Mr. T. C. Burgess, Jr. here this week.

had scored with Plymouth at the bat, two men out and the bases full when Jacobs smashed out an easy two-base hit to center field scoring the winning run.

From beginning to end the fans supporting both teams were kept in fever of excitement. Twice during the game Ferree pulled himself out of a seemingly impossible hole.

The game was thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators.

The condition of corn, which was reported July 1st as 84 per cent of normal, dropped to 75 per cent. This indicates a reduction of 45,918,000 bushels for this state. This is 5,510,000 bushels less than the crop expected July 1st, and 12,650,000 bushels less than the crop harvested last year. This reduction in corn is due principally to the severe rains during the first of July and the crop has shown little improvement since that time. Fields are reported as very grassy and the plants are small and curing poorly.

The condition of tobacco declined during July from 77 to 68. This indicates an average yield of 537 pounds per acre and a prospective production this year of about 270,000,000 pounds. This is 53,000,000 pounds less than was expected July 1st and 116,000,000 pounds less than the crop harvested last year. These estimates are com-

pared on a basis of 10 per cent reduction in acreage over last year. Tobacco was damaged considerably by the continued rain and during the past two weeks the excessively hot and dry days have continued to decline. The plants are small and the quality of the leaves is reported as light and thin. Much of the crop has ripened before the plants fully matured which is resulting in light yields.

Peanuts

Peanuts declined 14 per cent from the 82 per cent condition of July 1st and this condition of 70 per cent indicates a yield of 375 pounds per acre and the total production for the state of 130,830,000 pounds. This is 22,170,000 pounds less than was produced last year.

General Conditions

The following are comments from reporters which were most general throughout the state. These give a good idea of conditions at present: "Dry weather damaging hay and pastures." "Crops are improving some now." "Gardens are about out." "Excessive rains helped hays and pastures." "Crops are grassy." "Farm labor scarce and wages high."

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FAIR COMMITTEE TO MEET MONDAY.

Mr. W. R. Hampton president of the Washington County Fair Association, has requested us to announce that a meeting of the fair committee will be held Monday night at eight o'clock in the commissioners' room at the court house. It is desired that the committee from all parts of the county who were appointed last year attend this meeting as there will be many important topics discussed.

The fair association is very desirous of putting on an occasion this year that will be in keeping with the progress of our enterprising farm folks, and it is thought that our exhibits will at least equal those of our neighboring county fairs.

We are informed that plenty of amusements will be provided for the fair visitors, and it is planned to obtain that kind of amusement that will leave a pleasant thought in the mind of each person who attends.

AUGUST CROP REPORT

The general crop conditions in North Carolina August 1st show that a substantial decline took place during the month of July. This is contrary to the improvement shown by most of the state. The weather during the last several weeks has been extremely hot and dry. There have been scattered storms which damaged crops in spots, but at present many farmers report the need of rain. The month of June and the first of July were unusually rainy and crops started off at a disadvantage. Heavy rains flooded the soils and much repanting was necessary. Soon after July 15th the weather changed, and the nights became warm and the days excessively hot so that at present many report a condition approaching a real drought.

According to the summary of the 2500 farmers reporting to the State's Crop Reporting Service and to the official estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture, the condition of corn in the state declined from 84 per cent July 1st to 75 per cent August 1st; tobacco from 77 to 68; sweet potatoes from 82 to 75; peanuts from 84 to 70; tame hay from 89 to 87; wild hay from 89 to 87; alfalfa from 98 to 90; pastures from 94 to 93.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. John A. Gurkin of Norfolk, is in the city on business this week.

Recorder's Court was well attended by the people of Skinnersville township Monday.

Mr. Jack Weede and family motored to Belhaven Sunday.

Mr. L. A. Peal and family made a motor trip to Belhaven Sunday.

Mr. Walter Moore and family and Mr. T. L. Satterthwaite motored to Belhaven Sunday.

Mr. L. W. Gurkin made a business trip to Roper Monday.

Mr. J. W. Buchanan of Roper, was a business visitor here Monday.

Messrs. L. L. Owens, W. L. Hassell, W. B. Cox, J. S. Brown, J. M., and L. O. Horton and J. R. White motored to Norfolk Saturday returning Sunday. Mr. Owens purchased a new Hudson sedan while there.

Messrs. Herbert Bonner and Mark Dixon of Washington, were in town on business Tuesday.

Mr. B. F. Read made a business trip to Richmond the past week-end.

Mr. A. B. Litchfield and family made a motor trip to Belhaven Sunday.

Mr. A. L. Owens and family left Sunday for a trip to Morehead City.

Mr. L. P. Hornthal made a business trip to Beasley Tuesday.

Mr. Willford Norman and family of Norfolk, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Dorothy Willy of Johnson City, Tenn., is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Clayton, who have been touring the western states on their honeymoon are expected to return today.

Mr. W. O. Norman of Roper, was in town on business Tuesday.

Glad to see or old friend, Mr. T. W. Snell, in town this week.

Mr. Jatha Marsh, manager of Marsh Motor Co., spent the week-end in Bath with his family.

The colored base ball team won here Monday from Windsor by the score of nine to six.

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