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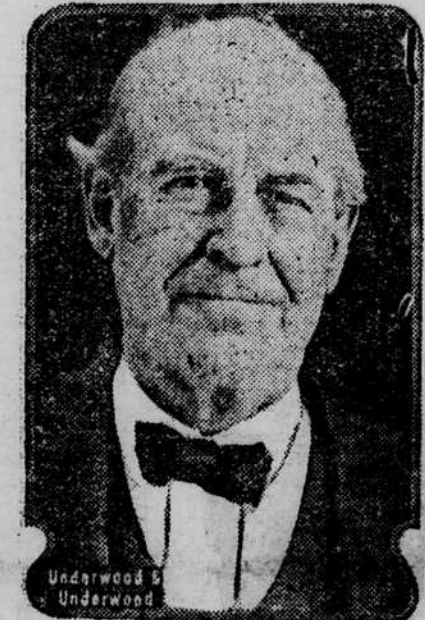
WILLIAM J. BRYAN DIES IN DAYTON

DISCOVERED DEAD IN BED AFTER
EATING HEARTY NOON
MEAL.

Dayton, Tenn.—William Jennings Bryan, three times presidential nominee of the democratic party and known the world over for his eloquence, died here at the age of 65.

The end came while the great commoner was asleep and was attributed by physicians to apoplexy. He had retired to his room shortly after eating a large dinner to take a short rest. Mrs. Bryan sent the family chauffeur, Jim McCartney, to wake him and it was learned then that he was dead.

Dr. W. F. Thomason and Dr. A. C. Bryoles, who examined the body, expressed the opinion that Mr. Bryan had been dead between 30 and 45 minutes before they arrived. The death



Portrait of William Jennings Bryan, made during trial in Tennessee.

occurred in the residence of Richard Rogers which had been assigned to the Bryans during their stay here.

Mr. Bryan's death came on the eve of another crusade he had planned to carry before the American people—a battle against modernism. He returned to Dayton after having made addresses at Jasper and Winchester, Tennessee, and after having completed arrangements for the early publication of the speech he was to have made in closing the trial of John T. Scopes, who recently was found guilty of violating Tennessee's anti-evolution law.

Despite the strenuous program Mr. Bryan had been following as a member of the prosecution staff in the Scopes case and as leader of the fundamentalists, he appeared in excellent health.

Shortly before Mr. Bryan entered his room to rest he told his wife he had never felt better in his life and was ready to go before the country to wage his fight in behalf of fundamentalism.

At 4:30 o'clock Mrs. Bryan said she felt her husband had slept long enough, so she sent the chauffeur, who also was his personal attendant, to wake him. McCartney shook Mr. Bryan twice before he noticed the latter was not breathing. The physicians and A. B. Andrews, a neighbor, then were summoned hurriedly.

Mrs. Bryan accepted the shock bravely and remained calm. "I am happy that my husband died without suffering and in peace," she said.

Mrs. Bryan received a message from her son, William Jennings Bryan, Jr., stating he was leaving Los Angeles immediately for the east. Mrs. Bryan stated that she would inform him of the arrangements for the funeral en route.

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.

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 court-house in Dayton. Another engagement of importance was one at the Hotel Aqua when he would meet with the Progressive Dayton club and lay plans for the Bryan college, a movement which was to be definitely launched with the dinner meeting.

He had planned to leave Tuesday morning for Knoxville.

33 Years Ago —IN— Washington County

Items gathered from issue of
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The new mill of Lamb & Hassell will be started Monday.

At the county convention last Monday the following were selected to comprise the county Democratic ticket: Levi Blount, sheriff; J. P. Hilliard, register of deed; W. T. Freeman, treasurer; H. J. Starr, representative.

The little son of Mr. Thos. Johnson was drowned in the sound at Mackeys last Sunday.

The Baptist church has just been painted.

The colored mail contractor between this place and Windsor, after much trouble has secured the service of the steamer "Frances."

FORT MAGON STATE PROPERTY

Congressman Abernethy Delivers Fort
and Governor McLean Receives
It.

Morehead City.—Historic Fort Magon was formally transferred from the Federal government to the State of North Carolina, for preservation as a place of historic interest and as a recreational center. The address delivering the fort was made by Representative Charles L. Abernethy, of the Third District, who had been designated for this duty by Acting Secretary of War Hines. The fort was accepted for the state by Governor Angus W. McLean in an address in which he lauded the patriotism of those who built the fort and enjoined upon North Carolinians of the present the necessity of practicing a patriotism fully as ardent and self-sacrificing as that of the builders and guardians of the fort.

Major William D. Harris, acting director of the State Department of Development and Construction, was master of ceremonies. He first introduced Dr. George Lay, Episcopal rector of Beaufort, who led in prayer. The speeches of Mr. Abernethy and the Governor followed, after which Hon. A. D. Ward, of New Bern, read a paper giving the history of the fort.

The exercises which were attended by about 300 people, were held under the shade of a tree on the north wall of the fortification. Music was furnished by the 120th Regiment Band and Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts and staff and Colonel Don E. Scott, commanding the 120th and staff, together with a number of other soldiers from Camp Glenn were present for the event.

Charlotte Leads in Building.
Atlanta, Ga.—The cities of North Carolina continued to build greater facilities for their business and commerce during the first six months of 1925, setting a new high figure of \$19,322,275 for the period in building permits, according to figures announced by the surveyor department of G. L. Miller and company, Southern real estate bond house, of this city. This figure was \$2,200,000 in excess of the total during the first half of 1924.

Charlotte again ranked first among the cities of the state, with a total of \$4,450,691, followed by Asheville with \$3,158,996; Winston-Salem, with \$2,717,724; Raleigh, with \$2,438,888; Greensboro with \$2,015,000; High Point, with \$1,431,160; and Durham and Salisbury each a little over a million.

While Charlotte made gratifying gains during the period, the honors in this respect fell to Asheville and Salisbury. Asheville is pointing towards the most successful year in its history, having a very heavy volume of construction centering around office buildings, apartment structures and other highly modern buildings to care for its rapidly increasing population. Salisbury entered the charmed million-

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Fire Destroys Valuable Property

On Tuesday morning fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barn with its contents which consisted of all farming utensils, fodder, corn, three mules, automobile, two carts and other machinery, which were the property of Mr. John W. Snell, who has recently purchased a part of the Ambrose farm about two miles from here on the Roper road.

There was no insurance carried whatever on the barn or its contents, and Mr. Snell is left in rather an awkward position due to this loss. His friends throughout the county are making an effort to assist him in this extremity, and it is a cause worthy of the consideration of the people of this community.

Woman Probably Beaten to Death.
Greensboro.—Mrs. Eunice Stevenson, aged 84, was found hanging by a rope made of old sacks in her home, where she had lived alone, in Sumner Township, Guilford county, fifteen miles south of here.

That she came to her death at the hands of unknown persons was the verdict of the coroner's jury.

That body decided that the aged woman had been beat to death, then hanged up, in order to make it appear a case of suicide.

Only Women Members of Church.
Spencer.—St. Joseph's Episcopal church in Spencer is believed to be the only regularly organized congregation of any denomination in the state and perhaps in the United States composed entirely of women. According to some of the leading women in the church there is not a single male member and the women have things their own way. It may be stated that they are getting along fine considering their numerical strength, of something like two score members.

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Golden Anniversary Observed

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Harrison was fittingly observed by their children on Wednesday evening at their home on Third street. For the entire fifty years of their married life they have been residents of Plymouth.

Mrs. Harrison was born in Martin county near Hamilton while Mr. Harrison is a native of this county.

They have four children, Mrs. Minnie Cahoon, Mrs. J. H. Leggett and Miss Sammie Harrison of Plymouth, and Mrs. J. N. Barden of Cape Henry, Va.

Mr. Harrison's age is 75 and his wife is 73.

They were pleasingly remembered by their children and a number of friends who hold them in the very highest esteem.

Havelock Well 2,380 Feet.

New Bern.—The hole is in better condition and the prospects are brighter than any time since drilling operations were started stated B. C. Banks, engineer and general manager for the Great Lakes Drilling company which is sinking a well in search of oil in commercial quantities at Camp Bryan, near Havelock.

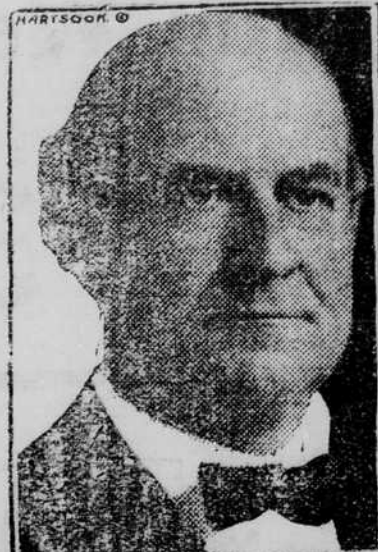
The drill is continually going through rock, gumbo and formation of shell. Mr. Banks stated, but declined to say how thick the strata of rock are. He said that this was one phase of the work that he and his company desire to keep secret. The depth to which the well has been drilled, he said, is 2,380 feet.

Raleigh Post Endorses Manning.

Raleigh.—At the last meeting of Raleigh Post No. 1 of the American Legion it unanimously endorsed the candidacy of John Hall Manning for the State Commandership of the American Legion. Mr. Manning served in the 120th Infantry of the 30th Division and has been active in Legion affairs since its formation in the State. He is one of the leading young lawyers in the State, having practiced for some time in Kinston, but for the last several years has been located in Raleigh where he is associated with his father, who was former Attorney General.

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Memorial Service For Bryan.



WILLIAM J. BRYAN

The public is cordially invited to attend a memorial service for the late Honorable William Jennings Bryan at the Christian church Sunday, August 2, at 11 A. M.

Order of Service:
Song—"Holy, Holy, Holy."
Invocation.
Scripture reading.
Communion; Song—"Break Thou The Bread of Life."
Offering.
Announcements.
Song—"America."
Mr. Bryan as a statesman—By J. W. Darden.
Mr. Bryan as a politician—By W. L. Whitley.
Mr. Bryan as a christian—By W. J. Burrus.
Song—"Onward Christian Soldiers."
Benediction.

Services Sunday at Grace Church.

Services will be held in Grace Episcopal Church Sunday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Theodore Partrick, Jr.

Rev. Partrick, Mrs. Partrick and children have just returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Halifax, Va.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend these services.

Sale Continued

On an inside page appears announcement of continuance of the July Clearance Sale now in progress at Cahoon Quality Shop. This sale has proved a very great success and has been widely attended, and consequently the management has decided to continue same until August 8th.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our appreciation and thanks to all for their many kindnesses, their sympathy and consolation at the sudden death of our dear mother Mrs. Nancy Jane Spruill. We are deeply grateful for the beautiful floral tributes, the use of automobiles at the funeral and every act of kindness to us.

John W. Spruill and Wife.

R. L. Whitehurst D. D. S.

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STATE FIRE LOSS TAKES BIG JUMP

FIRE LOSS IN FIRST HALF 1925
AHEAD OF LOSS IN SAME
PERIOD 1924.

Raleigh.
Fire loss in North Carolina during the past six months was \$3,453,146 or an increase of more than \$600,000 over the loss during the first six months of 1924 which was \$2,804,285, according to a report made public by State Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade. At the same time the number of fires decreased from 1,247 in 1924 to 995 in 1925.

There were 629 dwelling house fires during the first six months of 1925 with a loss of \$600,895 while in the same period in 1924 there were 697 such fires with a loss of \$821,981.

Total fire damage in North Carolina in June was \$202,174 with property at risk valued at \$1,563,100, according to the monthly report made public at the same time. There were 114 fires reported during the month with insurance of \$1,030,898 involved.

Considerably more than half the loss of the entire state during June was caused by five fires, two in Winston-Salem aggregating \$32,000 and three in Charlotte totaling \$91,250. There were only three other fires in which the loss was greater than \$5,000. They were a ferry boat and terminal at Edenton, \$20,000; a lumber plant at Wilmington, \$13,300. The entire loss on the remaining 106 fires was only \$38,124.

Of the total number of fires, 57 were urban dwelling fires with a total damage of \$25,872 and four were rural dwellings with \$1,270 damage.

No fires were reported during the month in the following towns, Bryson City, Fairmont, Mt. Olive, Clinton, Zebulon, Kernersville, Pinetops, Franklinton, Weaverville, Mt. Airy, Concord, Littleton, Aberdeen, Albemarle, Elm City, Pinehurst, Smithfield and Marshville.

Many Counties Want New Loans.

Informal applications for loans amounting to more than \$10,000,000 have been made by counties desiring to borrow from the third \$5,000,000 State school building fund, which will be available on January 1, 1926. It has been announced by A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. "This" said Mr. Allen, "indicates a continued eagerness on the part of the counties to continue the work of rural school building. While the amount informally asked for is over \$10,000,000, or twice the amount of the bond issue authorized, restrictions thrown about the formal applications will greatly reduce them." He said he believed \$10,000,000 could be as satisfactorily distributed as the \$5,000,000 which will be available. The money from this fund, he pointed out, will be loaned counties for a period of 20 years, at the same rate of interest the State has to pay for the bonds.

Census of Highway Traffic.

From Asheville to the Top of the Blue Ridge on Route 10, and from Raleigh to the Durham county line on Route 10 are the two points of highest traffic density on the State Highway System, according to a traffic census made on July 9 by the State Highway Commission and which was made public.

On the road near Asheville 4,322 vehicles passed on the date of the census while on the road near Raleigh 3,479 vehicles were observed. The census covers a large number of points in each of the nine highway districts. In the fourth district, in which Raleigh is situated, 42,182 vehicles were observed on the census day. The totals for the other highway districts were not made available.

More foreign cars denoting tourist traffic were observed on Route 29 between Hendersonville and Asheville. More horse drawn vehicles were seen on Route 211.

Commissioners See Roads Oiled.

Highway Commissioners J. Elwood Cox and A. M. Kistler rode with their chairman, Frank Page, over many miles of the asphaltic oil roads of Lee and Moore counties and the three could almost decree that the state highway commission has found the secondary road for North Carolina.

The commission is building quite a few miles in these two counties. When the Page Packard leaped from the concrete stretch between Sanford and Carthage, it became almost necessary to stop the chariot and introduce the fellow commissioners to the smelly road now being oiled.