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THE GRIM REAPER

Death Calls Prof. J. L. Smyth, Elmer E. Leary and Others.

Amid the quiet hush of God's holy day the sweet spirit of Jefferson Lawrence Smyth took its flight to that Haven of Rest for which he lived and toward which he wistfully looked many times. It was about 6 a. m., at his home on High street, surrounded by his devoted wife and daughter, that he passed away, sleeping himself out of this world into the Great Beyond. The life of the deceased has been an interesting study in many ways. Broken down in health a few years ago, he gave up all hope of ever continuing his work, but by careful nursing at the Sisco Sanitarium, he was enabled to return home and for two years occupied his accustomed position and doing his work in a most satisfactory manner. His old trouble came back during the holidays and he had been housed for a week previous to his death. Saturday he complained of a pain that proved to be pleurisy, which, added to his chronic trouble, ureamia, was too much for his weakened body to overcome, and he fell asleep about 2 a. m., Sunday, from which he did not awake.

The deceased was born at Fairlee in 1867, his father being the late Jefferson L. Smyth. He attended the public school as long as he could, then drove every morning for four years to Washington College, where he graduated with honors. He was the only member of his class to finish of a membership of five, thus showing early in life his indomitable energy and perseverance to succeed.

He began to teach at Kennedyville and then was called to Townsend and a few other places, but finally accepted the principalship of the new High School in Chestertown, where his work will ever remain as a monument to his ability and upright character. Upon the retirement of Prof. Milton Melvin as examiner in 1912 the subject of this sketch was elected to succeed him, which position he held at the time of his death.

Jefferson L. Smyth was our Fellow Citizen. As a citizen he exercised a strong influence for those principles which make for the good of any community and in which he always took an active part without fear or favor. He was a member of the Junior and Patriotic Orders, a Mason and Modern Woodman, through which organizations he tried to help his fellow men.

He was our Friend, Companion, and Neighbor; side by side we traveled for three years to college, then kept in close touch with each other in business life and for many years living side by side with him and his family. In all these years he has been faithful, true and considerate, winning our esteem and binding us closer and closer to him. He was our Friend in all that the word implies.

As Teacher he won the respect of his pupils by his kindly bearing and cheerful helpfulness, while his sympathetic heart drew them in loving cords to himself. As Superintendent he gave his whole time to the work and has brought the schools of Kent county to a high point of efficiency. He was a friend to every teacher and they felt free to bring to him their school troubles assured that they would find help. He made himself a burden bearer for them and no doubt his early demise was caused by his devoted labors in the school work of Kent county.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a pillar of strength in all its work. He loved his church and was faithful to the end.

The deceased leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. James Brice, of Betterton; two brothers, Wm. G. and Richard Smyth, of Fairlee, and a devoted sister, Miss Caroline I. Smyth.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon in the Chestertown M. E. Church, Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, assisted by Rev. J. L. Ward, officiating. The burial was conducted in a most impressive manner by Chester Lodge A. F. & A. M., S. Scott Beck, Worshipful Master, in charge. The bearers, all Master Masons, were John P. Ahern, M. A. Toulson, M. W. Thomas, Prof. Davis, of Rock Hall, Prof. Bruehl, of Centreville, Prof. O. C. Blades, of Chestertown. The honorary bearers Prof. Mark Creasy, Prof. Robinson, Prof. Grimes, Messrs. John D. Urie, C. S. Smith, Romie Skirven, J. P. Ahern, Thomas S. Bordley.

W. H. Krusen, undertaker, had charge of arrangements. The floral designs were beautiful.

Elmer E. Leary died at his home near Rock Hall early Sunday morning after a short illness of pneumonia, aged 56. He was only sick three days and his death came as a great shock to this community. The deceased was the son of the late George E. Leary, with whom he was associated in business early in life and by whom he was taught every detail of the lumber trade. Upon the death of his father some years ago, the deceaesd assumed the business with skill and has brought success to it as never dreamed of by the senior. Scores of men have been given employment in the factory at Grey's Inn, while a market for timber and logs from the neighboring farms and the South was furnished. He was a liberal man, providing a way for many citizens of Rock Hall to build their own homes and by easy payments to clear them of all debt. He was an incessant worker, giving his undivided attention to his business and amassing a snug sum counted in six figures. He was equally industrious and solicitous of the welfare of Rock Hall and that community, and was always ready to do his part for same. He was a moral man, and played an important part in the success of Wesleyan Church and all its enterprises. He was unostentatious in his charities, and helped many a distressed family without a soul knowing it.

He was a good business man and a director in the Third National Bank. He was a pioneer in the planting of oysters, but his experiment proved a failure, because of the saw dust in the creek; but he believed that with proper conditions, it was practical to cultivate and raise oysters, and tried to encourage his neighbors to give the subject more attention.

He leaves a widow, an unmarried daughter, Mary, and a son, Ellsworth, who is a skilled mechanic employed in the mill, and who will likely continue the business. The funeral was held Wednesday morning from his late home at Grey's Inn, Rev. C. E. McCulloh officiating, interment in Wesley Chapel cemetery, Casey Bros. being the undertakers. The bearers were:

Mrs. Katharine A. Jones, aged 60 years, a widow of the late Thomas Jones, of Centreville, died at her home on Commerce street Monday afternoon, following a stroke of paralysis, which she suffered Saturday night. Mrs. Jones was a daughter of the late William H. and George Anna Smith, of Queen Annes county, and had lived there all her life. Besides one son, Clarence Jones, of Philadelphia, Mrs. Jones is survived by eight brothers and six sisters, viz: Messrs. A. S. Smith, R. J. Smith and Alexander Smith of Roberts; Washington Smith, Samuel Smith and Sudler Smith, of Baltimore; William T. Smith, of Easton, and Frank Smith, of Chestertown. Mrs. Wm. J. Story, of Price; Mrs. Geo. Tarbutton, Mrs. Wilbur Ruth, Mrs. Louise Ruth, Mrs. Louise Summers, of Baltimore; Mrs. Emma Sparks, of Washington; Mrs. Pearl Shew, of New York.

Wm. W. Copper died near Baltimore last Friday, aged 80 years. He was the husband of the late Sarah R. Copper and spent most of his life in Chestertown. He was an expert at harness making, and served in the Union Army. Funeral took place from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Chas. W. Hilgartner, 1803 Presbury Street, Baltimore, last Sunday, interment in National Cemetery. He was a brother of Mrs. Daniel Cox, Chestertown.

Joshua Conner, one of Wilmington's most respected business men, died at his home in that city Thursday aged 75 years. He had suffered a stroke of paralysis about a week previous. He was a native of New London, Pa., and was well known to many people in this section. For 50 years he was engaged in the harness and leather business. He is survived by his wife and two children, Miss Alice B. Conner at home, and J. Christy Conner, who was associated with him in business.

Uncle Ben Phillips, a well-known and faithful colored man of Worton, died this week. He was 77 years old.

Mr. James M. Kelly, one of Kent's oldest citizens, died Sunday, Jan. 6, at the home of his nephew, Mr. J. H. Kelly, Quaker Neck, aged 86 years. He is survived by one brother, Mr. Decatur Kelly, of Rock Hall. Funeral was held yesterday at 11 a. m., services conducted by the Rev. Mr. McCullough interment in Wesley Chapel cemetery. Undertaker C. L. Dodd had charge of arrangements.

The bearers were Hero Kelly, Harry Kelly, Adam Kelly, Geo. Mench, Oscar Faucett, John E. Hadaway.

Mrs. Gertrude Barcus, aged 64, wife of Thomas H. Barcus, died at her home in Church Hill Tuesday morning of last week of a complication of diseases. The deceased was a daughter of the late George and Eliza Thawley, and was born in Queen Annes county, where she spent all her life. She became a member of the M. P. Church early in life and remained a faithful and devoted christian until the end. Besides her husband she is survived by one brother, Albert Thawley of Marcus Hook, Pa. Funeral services were held at her late home on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Church Hill cemetery.

Mr. Lawrence B. Biggs, a well-known citizen of Worton district, died at his home in Melitota last Monday. aged 57 years. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. G. Monahan. Funeral was held Wednesday morning, interment at Union burying ground. Undertaker W. T. Hicks had charge of funeral.

The pall bearers were: A. C. Wilson, M. L. Maslin, F. A. Coleman, H. C. Wilkins, W. H. Hadaway and J. D. Ayres.

Warrie O. Anthony passed away at 3 o'clock Thursday morning, Jan. 3, 1918, in his 70th year, at the residence of his son, W. Gaylord, near Millington, of heart trouble. The funeral service was at ten o'clock Sunday morning at the home of his son, conducted by Rev. Coe, of the S. M. E. Church, of Millington, and laid to rest by the side of his estimable wife, who died several years ago, in the Westminster Presbyterian cemetery at Georgetown. The deceased was always ready to visit the sick and suffering. He leaves seven devoted children, two daughters, Mrs. Dellia Wallace, Mrs. Maggie Duram, and five sons, J. Glen, Wm. B., W. Gaylord, John W. and Howard, beside a number of grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Henry Cooper Beck died Sunday evening, January 6, 1918, at six o'clock, age 22 years, born in Kent county, son of Mrs. Carrie Beck and the late John C. Beck; interment in Westminster Cemetry, Philadelphia.

Frank J. Fallowfield, aged 58, died in Baltimore Jan. 8. He leaves a widow, Margaret A. Fall wfield.

OBITUARY

CLEAVER—In loving remembrance of our dear husband and father, Oliver H. Cleaver, who departed this life two years ago, Jan. 3rd, 1916.

Peaceful be thy rest, dear husband,
It is sweet to breathe thy name;
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

I never can forget you, dear
While in this world I stay,
And my heart has never been the same,
Since you passed away.
BY HIS LOVING WIFE.

The month of January now is here,
To me the saddest of the year,
Because it took from me away
My dear father one year ago today.

Gone in the best of his days,
Blighted in manhoods bloom;
Torn from the hearts that loved him,
To sleep in the silent tomb.

There is one who still will linger
To the spot where you are laid;
Who will come and scatter flowers
On the grave that Christ has made.
BY HIS LOVING DAUGHTERS,
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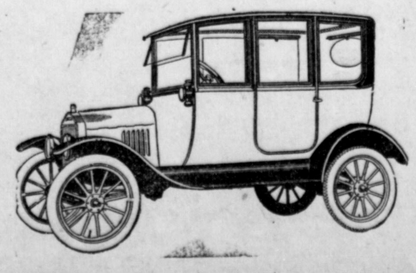

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