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Dr. G. C. Smith Is Buried From Home Saturday

Well Known Centreville Dentist Died Thursday. Library, Church Trustee

Dr. George Cook Smith, widely known Centreville dentist and lifelong resident of the county seat died at his home on Chesterfield Avenue last Thursday morning about 3 o'clock after an illness of six weeks. He was 69 years old.

The son of the late John T. Smith and Carrie Boone Smith he was born in Centreville on October 27, 1868. Except for theperiod when he was studying dentistry in Baltimore he made his hme in Centreville, was deeply interest in the progress of the town and in a quiet fashion played a consistent part in community affairs.

He was a Charter trustee of the Centreville Free Public Library and a trustee of Centreville M. E. Church. He had been active in the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of Pythias which once flourished here and was a member of the old St. Tammany's Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Early in life he was engaged in a tinning business, being associated with Frank Phillips under the firm name of Phillps & Smith in Dandy Hall. Later on the advice of the Dr. James M. Corkran he undertook the study of dentistry, graduating frm the University of Maryland Dental Schol and returning to Centreville to engage in practice.

When the destructive fire broke out in Centreville in January, 1904, Dr. Smith resided where the Opera House now stands. His home was one of those destroyed. Shortly afterwards he built the house subsequently known as the Arrington property which was the first dwelling erected beyond the town limits on Chesterfield Avenue or Wharf Lane.

He was a lover of flowers and raised many beautiful specimens in the garden at his late home. He was also fond of gunning and at one time took particular interest in beagles.

On December 21, 1892 he married Roberta Palmer, who survived him. Their children are John Palmer Smith, prominent Centreville attorney, and Paul Boone Smith, clerk in the Centreville National Bank. In addition to these Dr. Smith is survived by two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from his late home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Harry V. Branford, officiating.

The bearers were T. Harold Davis, Harry W. Chambers, G. Aldred Walls, L. Herman Meredith, E. Stephens Valliant, Ralph C. Baynard, Bascom Eaton and E. S. Walls.

Interment was in Chesterfield cemetery.

Mrs. Horace Morgan Host To D. A. R. Ladies

The Major Samuel Turgutt Wright Chapter, D. A. R., met at the home of Mrs. Horace Morgan in Queen Anne on Thursday afternoon for its regular monthly meeting. Reports were given and plans for State Conference discussed.

Mrs. Morgan was made representative of the Chapter in the Queen Anne's county WPA Recreational program. A marker was placed on the Rossburg Elm at the Hillsboro School.

The 33rd State Conference of the Maryland State Society is to be held at the Hotel Belvedere in Baltimore on March 16 and 17 with Mrs. Frances P. Keyes, editor of the National Historical magazine and noted author and lecturer to be guest speaker on the opening night. Plans for the conference are being prepared by the State Regent, Mrs. Wilbur B. Blakeslee.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH

Services for St. Luke's Parish, the Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, rector, for this week will be as follows. At St. Andrew's Chapel, Sudlersville, today, (Thursday) Holy Communion, 10 a. m.; the Litany, Penitential Office and Address, 7:30 p. m.; on Sunday, Church School, 10 a. m.; Holy Communion and Sermon, 11 a. m.

At St. Luke's Church, Church Hill: On Friday, the Litany, Penitential Office and Address, 7:30 p. m.; on Sunday, Morning, Prayer and Sermon, 9 a. m.; Church School, 10 a. m.

FARM HAND NEEDED

The final note in the horse stealing episode in the Big Woods area early in December came Tuesday when Foster Sudler, the negro charged with the theft, was released from jail when the damages resulting were accounted for. An employer who considered Sudler a valuable farm hand paid the costs including the thirty dollars which the negro received from the sale from an unsuspecting farmer.

GUERNSEY TILTS MARK

A new official record exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a six and a half year old cow, Beechwood Rosebud, Maryland tested and owned by the Blakeford Farms at Queenstown. Her record supervised by the University of Maryland is 14,287.4 pounds of milk and 625.3 pounds of butterfat in class A.

Postoffice May Be Improved, No Building Likely

Delegation Told No Money Available. Official May Inspect This Office

Definite indication that the time was not ripe for securing the erection of a postoffice in Centreville was given to a delegation representing the Centreville National Bank and others who journeyed to Washington on Monday to take up the question of proper and better postal facilities with Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough and Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Smith W. Purdum.

Senator William R. Wilson, who is also president of the Bank, headed the delegation. Others who made up the group were Joseph M. George, J. William Keith, James P. Brown, W. Ray Tabler, Francis E. Thomas, Dr. H. F. McPherson and Franklin D. Day.

While the prospects for a postoffice were dashed indications were given that something might be done to improve the situation in Centreville. Mr. Purdum expects to visit Centreville on Saturday, March 19, during his two-day trip to postoffices on the Upper Shore and Delaware.

A number of reasons were given as to why no postoffice would be erected but the basic one was that no money was now available in this Congressional district for the purpose.

Town Election Due April 4th

Deadline For Filing Is March 19

The biennial election of Town Commissioners will be held on April 4 this year with the deadline for entering candidates on Saturday, March 19.

Under the charter any male resident assessed with $300 or more of real estate or whose wife is so assessed is eligible to run, provided he has been a resident for the six months preceding election. The question of women running for the office has never come up since the passage of the suffrage amendment.

Candidates may file either by signing a statement to that effect themselves or may be placed in nomination by any voter, merely by the voter signing a statement that he places that candidate in nomination. Nominations must be filed with Town Clerk Percy Tucker.

All persons assessed for $100 or more of real or personal property are eligible to vote provided they have been residents for six months just prior to the election. Untaxed husbands may vote if their wives are assessed for $100 or more.

Peace Talk To Be Given At Stevensville

Mauritz A. Hallgren, for a number of years associate editor on the Baltimore Sun, wil address a meeting of the Queen Anne's county local of the International League for Peace to be held at Stevensville high school on March 2. Mrs. H. C. Reynolds of Queenstown is president of the Queen Anne's county chapter.

Mr. Hallgren, who is making a speaking tour of the Eastern Shore during the next several weeks, is a Howard county dairyman and a nationally known writer on politics and economics.

Mr. And Mrs. J. M. George Return From Western Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. George of Sudlersville returned Monday from an eight-weeks' motor trip to California. They followed the southern route through Arizona and New Mexico, met considerable snow, but missed the floods which hit the West except for the changing of the route back to avoid the floods at Dallas, Texas.

BELL—BROWN

Miss Mary M. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Brown of the vicinity of Barclay, was recently married to Mr. Rodney H. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Bell of Dover, Del.

At the wedding the bride was gowned in wine and brown with matching accessories. A reception followed the wedding at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. A. Donovan, of Dover.

The young couple will reside in Dover.

LIONS PLAN DINNER

The Queenstown Lions will hold a dinner meeting at Greensboro this evening, Thursday to which leading business men of that town have been invited and which may result in the formation of a Lions Club in that town. The Daughters of Pocahontas will serve the dinner.

RECOVERING

J. Grant Yates, popular Centreville business man who underwent an operation in Baltimore several weeks ago, was brought home Saturday much improved in health. He is able to be up and is well on the road to recovery.

The Town Election

An Editorial

On Monday, April 4th, the eligible voters of Centreville will elect three Town Commissioners to manage the affairs of Centreville for the ensuing two years.

Those eligible to vote according to Section 43 of the Town Charter are men and women above the age of twenty-one years and assessed with one hundred dollars worth of real or personal property on the tax books of said town and who have also resided in the town for six months next preceding the election. It is understood that wives whose husbands are assessed with the above value of property are eligible voters and vice-versa.

To be eligible to run for the office of Town Commissioner a person must reside in the town and own real estate above the value of three hundred dollars. He must also file his intentions with the Town Clerk at least fifteen days before the election. The last day for filing this year is March 19th.

At the time of going to press only two candidates had definitely declared their intentions to run; Harry F. Callahan and A. Marion Green both members of the present board. Although it had been rumored that Howard E. Price the third member of the board would not stand for reelection, he has stated that he has not made up his mind definitely.

Efforts have been made to bring other candidates into the election but without success. Most of those who have been invited to do so by interested parties have refused as long as the present Board wishes to return to office. Many are said to have refused because they would not assume the heavy responsibilities of the offices.

A TOWN MANAGER

Business men are discussing the advisability of a Town Manager or executive to work under the direction of the Board of Commissioners. There is much to recommend it.

At present it is recognized that few if any busy men can give the necessary time and energy to the town affairs. Mr. Price has done so for the past quarter of century. He has sacrificed his own business and health for it. This is more than can be expected of any one, and we have asked far too much of him.

With the electric plant, water works, sewerage system, cemetery, garbage collection, street cleaning and lighting, tax assessments and collection, purchasing supplies, policing, and a hundred other duties the taxpayers have a large and complicated business. It is easily a half million dollar enterprise, the largest in the county. Yet we expect three men busy with their personal affairs to run it particularly without remuneration. It cannot be done.

Where is there a business of this size without a full time, trained executive to run it? If such a business were yours how would you manage it? And it is yours.

Such an executive would save the town more than the amount of his salary. This is business logic. And it has been proved over and over again in towns no larger than Centreville, in all parts of this country.

Under such a system the three Commissioners could give their attention where it would mean most, to the advisory and consulting end of the job. The commissioners would employ the manager and be responsible for his work.

We suggest that the Town Manager plan be thoroughly discussed. If it is approved the newly elected Commissioners should be strongly urged and advised to try it for their convenience and for the financial welfare of the taxpayer.

Homemakers Council Meets At Sudlersville

Flower Mart To Be Held In May. Old Homes In County Studied

An all-day meeting of the Queen Anne's County Council of Homemakers was held in Cox Memorial Hall in Sudlersville on Tuesday of last week when business of a varied nature was considered. Mrs. Clifford Harbidge, president of the Council, presided and welcomed the guests.

A decision to hold the annual Flower Mart in May again this year was reached and Mrs. William Green was named chairman of the committee in charge.

Mrs. Wendell E. Shawn was made chairman of a committee to prepare a cook book of favorite Queen Anne's county recipes. Reports were given by Mrs. Algernon Carter of the reading committee; Mrs. Elmer C. Kessler of the music committee; and Mrs. Walter C. Eastburn of the cultural program.

An exchange plan for books is being planned by the reading group for the coming year. In the music project each club will be urged to secure copies of books of favorite songs for group singing.

Mrs. Eastburn gave an account of the study of old homes in Queen Anne's now being made, showing watercolors of seven prepared by George Hall, and inviting information on the study from any one. Others on this committee are Mrs. Algernon Carter, Mrs. Percy Bittle, Mrs. Howard Anthony, Mrs. Lee Bell and Miss Elizabeth Bell.

Miss Venia M. Kellar, assistant director of the Extension Service was present and discussed the reports, details of the coming Short Course for Rural Women and the Constitution of the Homemakres' Clubs. Miss Ruby Kirk, home demonstration agent, also spoke briefly.

TROOP CONFERENCE

A conference for Boy Scout Troop Committeemen and Scoutmasters of Queen Anne's county is to be held at Centreville high school on Monday evening.

College Youths Present Debate At Womans Club

Labor Question Discussed. Welfare Group Broke; Seeks Donations

An unusually large attendance marked the meeting of the Centreville Woman's Club on Monday when students from Washington College presented a debate with the audience as judges of the winners. A large number of guests were present from Ridgely where the Community Club of that town postponed its meeting to accept an invitation from the local club. Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing, presdent of the Centreville organization, presided.

The question for debate was "Resolved, That the National Labor Relations Board should be in power to enforce arbitration of all industrial disputes" The affirmative side, which was declared victorious, was represented by George Eisentraut and Luther Bergdoll while the negative speakers were William Johnson and Ernest Shockley. Considerable approval was expressed by the audience for the manner of presentation by the students and their very evident deep research for facts on the problems.

At the business session a nominating committee was appointed to name candidates for the election of officers to be held next month. On the committee are Mrs. E. Hall Covell, Mrs. Franklin D. Day and Miss Meta Barton.

A decision was reached to sponsor a fashion show in May again this year.

W. S. CROSS CHOSEN

W. Stedman Cross of Queenstown was elected vice-president of the Board of Trustees of the Queen Anne's County Home at its meeting last week. Mr. Cross fills the post left vacant by the death of Senator James E. Kirwan of Chester.

ROOST ROBBERS

Thieves were reported to have invaded the chicken house on the farm of Algy Neighbors, sr., near Starr one night last week and to hove stolen his entire flock of chickens numbering about forty.

Pointers, Tigers Spring Upset, Whip Leaders

Pitch League Tightens As Lower Teams Smash To Big Triumphs

The worm turned, the downtrodden stood up, the sleeping giants awoke and the underdogs in the Centreville Pitch League came back from a season of beatings to flail the leaders to their heart's content when the third-place Pointers roared back to whip the Aces 9-4 and the rampant Tigers swatted the Wildcats 8-5 in two surprising matches Monday night.

The triumphs of the Pointers and the Tigers came at a crucial spot to keep the Pointers, and possibly the Tigers, in the scramble for the championship buttons. Only two more matches remain but the race tightened up considerably on Monday.

The Aces are out in front by one thin game and the hot puffing of the Wildcats came harder on their necks. The Pointers need decisive victories in both matches remaining if they are going to sit at the deacon's table at the coming banquet. Matters are hotting up considerably.

The standings to date are: Aces, 50 won, 41 lost; Wildcats, 49 won, 42 lost; Pointers, 44 won, 47 lost; Tigers, 39 won, 52 lost.

House Burned At Matapeake

Joe Grollman Property Razed By Flames

The home house on the Ben Shawn farm below Matapeake owned by Joseph Grollman and inhabited by Albert Rusk, a colored man, was destroyed together with all the outbuildings but one in an early morning fire on Tuesday. Very few of the furnishings were saved. The loss was estimated at about $3,500.

The fire was believed to have been caused by hot ashes spilled into the cracks of the floor. When the family came home before midnight on Monday the pan of ashes was removed from the living room stove and set on the floor temporarily before being emptied. About three o'clock in the morning the family was awakened by the fire. Rusk went to Matapeake for help in battling the blaze and was forced to go back again to telephone the Queenstown Fire Company when the fire was beyond his control. The buildings were too far gone for saving by the time the firemen arrived.

May Improve Channel At Kent Narrows

At the request of Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough, the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, House of Representatives, has passed a resolution authorizing a review of the reports on the existing project on Kent Island, with a view to the consideration of further improvement of the channel from Chester River to Eastern Bay.

Congressman Goldsborough secured the dredging of the channel in 1929 at a cost of $75,000, and in 1934, an allotment of $11,500 to restore the Kent Island Narorws Channel to a depth of eight feet.

Legion To Feast On Commander's Oysters

Jeff Davis Post of the American Legion will indulge in an oyster feed at their regular meeting at the Armory on Friday evening. Post Commander Earle Coursey is furnishing the bivalves which will be served from fried to stewed.

The Sons of the American Legion squadron will meet the same evening when it is expected taht their state commander, Detachment Commander Herbert Rhodes of Baltimore, will be present.

AGED COLORED WOMAN

Annie R. Fletcher, elderly Pondtown colored woman, died last Thursday at an age believed to be close to the century mark. She outlived all her children and the current talk in her neighborhood was that she was 123 years old and was born in 1815. At least she was very old. She leaves eleven grandchildren and twenty-three grandchildren.

POOL CHAMP

Elmer Pierson, Grasonville pool expert who claims the pocket billard championship of the county, wants to meet all comers from Queen Anne's in matches. Pierson asserts he has beaten champions from a few towns outside the county. Those wishing to dispute his title may get in touch with him or his Centreville manager, Bill Roe, 3d.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Substance" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday. The Golden Text will be from Psa. 4:19—"My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Dr. E. W. Sterling Seeks Road Post

Says County Should Get State Notice

Dr. Elmer W. Sterling, Church Hill druggist and leader in Republican circles in Queen Anne's county, is one of the candidates being considered for the post on the State Roads Commission made vacant by the death of C. Nice Wilkinson recently and which Governor Harry W. Nice has intimated will be filled from the Eastern Shore, in deference to the new law which makes representation of the Eastern Shore on the Commission obligatory after May 1, 1939.

Dr. Sterling, who was a presidential elector for his party in 1936, is the only candidate from Queen Anne's seeking the place. He bases his claim for consideration upon his record in the party and the county. He states that as Queen Anne's has been overlooked in important state appointments for a number of years, it is time to recognize the county by appointing a Queen Anne's man.

P-TA Chooses Mrs. J. P. Smith As 1938-9 Head

Staff For Coming Year Named. State Leaders Due March 31

Mrs. John Palmer Smith was elected president of the Centreville elementary school Parent-Teachers Association for the coming year at the March meeting of the organization held at the school on Friday evening.

Other officers chosen were Mrs. Vachel A. Downes, 1st vice-president; Mrs. William F. Green, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Edward Voshell, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. M. Wilson Harris, recording secretary; Mrs. T. Rigby Valliant, corresponding sceretary; Mrs. Charles A. Anthony, treasurer. The new staff will assume office September 1.

Reports at the business session showed that through the efforts of the P-T A $100 worth of required reading and reference books are being distributed among the the school classrooms. Athletic equipment for badge tests to be also available for the Recreational program is to be purchased by the association, including dodge balls, speed balls and bats, basket balls and a stop watch.

A quartette consisting of Peggy Walcott, Bessie Ireland, Elizabeth Powell and Warren Slemmer accompanied by Mrs. Milton B. Wolcott, provided musical entertainment. Checkup of attendance of parents resulted in the association award going to Miss Ivy Jewell's room.

Calvary Ladies' Aid Chooses Officers

Mrs. Spencer Walls of Sudlersville was chosen president of the Ladies' Aid Society of Calvary M. E. Church at a meeting and entertainment held in the Community Room of the church on Tuesday evening of last week. The hostesses for the gathering were Mrs. Robert Clendening, Mrs. Walter Paynter and Mrs. Elwood Walls.

Other officers chosen were Mrs. Dell Foxx, vice-president; Mrs. Franklin Green, secretary; Mrs. Theodore J. Walbert, assistant secretary; Mrs. George Hart, treasurer.

The nominating committee included Mrs. Oscar Roe, Mrs. Wesley McKnett and Mrs. John Wiest.

Following the business meting a social hour program arranged by Mrs. George Farr and Mrs. George Hart was presented.

Ingleside Homemakers Receive Books

A talk on Wood Trim and Floor Varnishes by Miss Ruby Kirk, home demonstration agent, marked the meeting of the Ingleside Homemakers' Club at the home of Mrs. Clifford Harbidge on Wednesday evening of last week at which twenty books were given to the club for their library.

At the session Mrs. William Spencer was elected parliamentarian and Mrs. Harbidge book chairman. On the recreation Mrs. Mary Dorman was named chairman with Mrs. William Spencer and Mrs. John Walls as aides. A report was given by Mrs. Clarence Eley on the meeting of the County Council at Sudlersville and plans for the forthcoming Flower Mart in May were discussed.

Committee For Sugar Loaf Ditch Chosen

Two managers and a treasurer to compromise the tax ditch committee for Sugar Loaf Ditch were appointed at a meeting held at the home of Oliver C. Newnam at Price on Tuesday of last week.

Those chosen were Oliver C. Newnam, H. J. Stant, managers, and C. V. Clough, treasurer. A meeting of the tax ditch organization is required at least once a year.

Commissioners Hear Groups On Painting, Doors

Clubwomen Discuss Courthouse Improvements. Men Want Stray Dogs Curbed

Two delegations appeared before the County Commissioners at their session on Tuesday, one to discuss improvements on the Courthouse and the other to seek possible assistance in curbing the stray dog and sheep killing problem.

A joint delegation from the Centreville Woman's Club and the Queen Anne's Garden Club conferred with the Commissioners on the latter's plans for treating the exterior of the Courthouse as well as on the question of the type of doors suitable for the offices of the Clerk of Court and the Register of Wills.

The delegation included Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing, Mrs. Alfred M. Green, Mrs. Oliver C. Jones, Mrs. W. Marvin Barton, Mrs. Howard W. Ryland, Mrs. Edwin H. Brown, jr., and Miss Betty Earle.

Regarding the exterior of the building the Commissioners pointed out that the Courthouse was completed with two additions at different times to the original structure and that three different grades of materials were used. Because of the difference in brickwork and the doubtful quality of material used in small repairs at various portions the Commissioners felt that stripping the paint and reverting to the original brick was inadvisable.

The delegation agreed with the Commissioners as to the retention of a painted exterior. As to the colors the tentative decision was arrived at to paint the Courthouse a light ivory with wihte trim and the ironwork finished in laurel green, similar to the color scheme employed in restoring Colonial structures in several parts of the county.

A petition signed by Mrs. Brown and others was presented to the Commissioners requesting that solid doors be again placed at the offices of the Clerk of Court and Register of Wills. On the petition the Commissioners deferred action.

While the delegation from the two Woman's Clubs did not appear in connection with the petition the matter was threshed out in their conference with the county board. Admitting that the solid doors were probably not the original ones placed at the offices, the ladies sought to retain the solid type as harmonious with the architectural style of the Courthouse.

Upon the suggestion of one of the members of the delegation it was agreed to await a report of an architect upon the question of door types and to abide by his decision.

The conference was very harmonious and the Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the interest taken by the two ladies' organizations in the improvement of the Courthouse.

A group including Mordy Price, Oliver C. Jones, D. Hawkins Everett, B. P. Stafford, Harry C. Flowers, J. Edward Connolly and Parvis Sparks appeared before the Commissioners asking that the State law licensing dogs be enforced in Queen Anne's county.

The question of curtailing stray dogs came into sharp notice during the past few months because of the inroads of dogs upon sheep flocks in the Starr-Wyey Mills area as well as earlier losses to turkey flocks. Estimates have been made that upwards of $1,000 worth of sheep have been killed near Starr and Wye Mills recently. Mr. Price lost all but four of his flock, is selling those four and retiring from sheep raising, his loss alone being estimated at $275.

The Commissioners pointed out that the present State Dog licensing law is hard to enforce since there is no penalty for unlicensed dogs unless the owner admits the dog to be his property. A change in the law was said to be necessary before any headway could be made.

Negro Starts Jail Fire, Found Insane

Roosevelt Tilghman, Centreville negro recently sentenced to fifteen months in jail, was adjudged insane after an examination by Dr. H. F. McPherson and Dr. William H. Fisher and was committed to the Crownsville State Hospital on Tuesday.

Tilghman gathered some loose ends together at the jail last week and started to set fire to his cell. Other inmates extinguished the blaze which was lighted on the steel floor before it reached the cot in the cell. A fair amount of smoke was raised but jail authorities say the cell block is fireproof with the cots the only thing that will burn.

SHEEP KILLED

Roving dogs that have been killing sheep in and about the Starr neighborhood invaded the farm of Hazel Calloway of that vicinity and killed a sheep and a lamb.

TAKE STAR ROUTE

David Hurlock of Crumpton took over the star mail route from Church Hill to Roberts formerly operated by Roy Cole. The change was effective on the first of the month. Mr. and Mrs. Hurlock are moving to Church Hill.