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S. Newton Smith Dies In Train-Car Collision

Hillsboro Stock Buyer, Passenger, Killed In Crash At Goldsboro

Samuel Newton Smith, widely known stock and poultry buyer of Hillsboro and a native of Queen Anne's county, was instantly killed at a railway crossing in Goldsboro when the Pennsylvania's Wilmington-to-Easton "Bullet" gasoline train struck his car Friday evening at 6:35 o'clcok. A passenger in his car, Miss Elizabeth Bittle, of Ridgely, was also killed.

Mr. Smith's car was proceeding north from Greensboro at the time of the collision. The train, a single gasoline car, was proceeding south, had stopped at Goldsboro to discharge a passenger and was just picking up speed at the impact. The crossing, known as "Old Bloody", has been the scene of eight deaths in the past two years.

A native of Queen Anne's, Mr. Smith was born at Willoughby 48 years ago, son of the late Samuel Newton Smith and Sarah Bishop Smith, and a grandson of the late John Bishop. He attended Willoughby school, graduated from Centreville high school in 1907, and attended St. John's College.

His father died while Mr. Smith was at St. John's and the latter left college to assist his grandfather, the late S. Newton Smith, in the management of a general merchandise store at Willoughby.

He also was engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, James Smith, now of Queenstown. During this time he built up a small stock-buying business. Upon the death of their grandfather they sold the store to an uncle, the late Chaires E. Bishop, and thereafter centered upon stock and poultry buying under the firm name of Smith Brothers.

In 1923 Mr. Smith married Miss Helen Fleming of Hillsboro, in which town they have since made their home. He ws a member of the Denton Masonic Lodge.

Besides his wife he is survived by a sister ,Mrs. Philemon H. Thompson, of Centreville, and a brother, James Smith of Queenstown.

Funeral services were held from his late home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. John White, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Hillsboro officiating, assisted by the Rev. John York, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, South, Queen Anne, and the Rev. A. W. Strickland, pastor of Hillsboro M. E. Church.

The bearers were Clifton Hicks, Dewart Bishop, Milford Kline, Fred B. Sylvester, Joseph Eaton, Arthur Holt, Reynolds Murphy and Vernon Baker.

Interment was in Hillsboro cemetery.

Mrs. W. Marvin Barton Heads Garden Group

Lecturer Discusses, Imitates Birds. Committee Chairmen Are Named

Mrs. W. Marvin Barton was installed as president of the Queen Anne's Garden Club as the organization commenced its sixth year with a largely attended meeting at the home of Mrs. Thomas J. Keating on Monday afternoon. Chairmen of standing committees were announced at the session.

The feature of the day's program was a highly interesting address on Birds as Objects of Beauty in Gardens, delivered by Dr. North of the University of Maryland. Dr. North added to his lecture by imitating the songs and calls of a wide variety of birds.

The officers for the year, in addition to Mrs. Barton, comprise Mrs. W. Edward Barton, vice-president; Mrs. Alfred M. Green, treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Cross ,secretary; Mrs. T. Rigby Valliant, assistant secretary.

Mrs. Walter C. Lee was again appointed chairman of the committee for the annual Spring Flower Show. Other chairmen of standing committees comprise Mrs. T. Rigby Valliant, publicity; Mrs. Philip W. Reeves, Civic Improvements; Mrs. George de Canavarro, program; Mrs. Nicholas Nides, education; Mrs. E. B. Emory, program for encouraging improvements by colored residents of the Sandy Bottom area; Mrs. Thomas Marsalis, billboard elimination.

Following the business meeting refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Keating.

DISTRICT LIONS MEET

Lions from the 22nd District will assemble at Hurlock Tuesday evening for their regular district meeting. The Queenstown Lions expect to attend in a body in place of their usual meeting Wednesday night. Guy E. Harmon, president of the Queenstown club, is chairman of the Cecil, Queen Anne's and Caroline zone of the 22nd District.

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Stable, Horses

George Wise Suffers $10.000 Loss In Destructive Fire. Origin Unknown

Fire of undetermined origin swept the stable, granary, corn crib and other outbuildings on the farm tenanted by George Wise on the Hope Road, a few miles out of Centreville, shortly before 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, destroying the stable, granary, and corn crib, damaging two other structures, killing four mules and two horses and wreaking damage estimated at above $10,000. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Other items of loss include some twenty-five tons of hay, about fifty barrels of corn, a spreader, binder, harness and considerable equipment. A cow barn and an implement shed caught fire but were saved by the Good Will Fire Company which responded to the alarm.

A flock of fifty or more sheep penned at one end of the cow barn were saved as was a herd of sixteen or eighteen cattle in the pound.

Cause of the blaze is a mystery. The buildings set well back from the house on the farm and according to Mr. Wise, no lights on fires were kept in any of the structures. Mr. Wise visited the buildings about dusk at milking time and observed no sign of fire.

The stable, granary and corn crib were a mass of flames reddening the sky when the alarm was sounded at 1:57 a. m. Despite a quick run by the firemen the stable, a large, two-story gambrel roofed structure 30 by 50 feet, the granary, a two-story structure 20 by 30 feet and the corn crib adjoining had fallen in. The horses and mules had been killed by fire and smoke and the huge pile of hay and the corn were ablaze.

The cowbarn and implement shed were also in flames but the firemen, centering their efforts on these, were able to save them together with much of the larger implements.

The flock of sheep were penned at the opposite end of the cowbarn from that afire and Mr. Wise was able to drive them out. The cattle in the pound beside the barn were also turned loose in time.

The hay and corn destroyed represent practically all of the season's supply. Destruction of the horses and mules also means a serious loss to Mr. Wise, who will be forced to haul fodder now mean of a small tractor. The stable and granary were buildings in good condition. Several of the larger pieces of equipment were damaged but not beyond repair.

The farm is owned by Mrs. Nannie McKenney Jacobs.

Officers Arrest Turkey Thieves

Talbot Negroes Lift Gobblers Near Wye Mills

Three Talbot county negroes charged with larceny of a pair of stock turkey gobblers from the farm of Miss Ella Denny on the road near Wye Camp Grounds were arrested Monday by Sheriff Edward E. Coursey and Constable Louis Perkins and placed in jail pending a hearing before Magistrate J West Thompson in Police Court next Monday evening.

The negroes were Roland Wilkins, 21; his brother, Elmer Wilkins, 23; and John Harris, 20. Elmer Wilkins was released from the House of Correction last year after serving a year's sentence for larceny of turkeys from the farm of Dulin Covey.

Roland Wilkins and Harris signed confessions admitting the theft of the Denny turkeys. According to their statements they met at Wye Mills about 9 o'clock Thursday night, drove past the gate on Miss Denny's farm, parked on the dirt road. Elmer Wilkins and Harris were said to have crossed a field to a fence where the turkeys were roosting and to have seized two gobblers. These were later taken to a store in Grasonville and sold.

The turkeys were stock gobblers which Miss Denny bought to build up a flock for the coming season. At the time of the theft she had just turned out her light preparatory to retiring when she saw the negroes cross the field and seize the birds. She notified the Sheriff's office of the theft, although she did not recognize the thieves. Quiet sleuthing by the officers disclosed the identity of the negroes.

Vicar To Preach At St. Paul's Church Sunday

The Rev. Joseph C. Wood, Vicar of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral at Wilmington, will conduct the service of Morning Prayer and preach the sermon at St. Paul's Church, Centreville, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

BACK AT WORK

John Palmer Smith, Centreville attorney, is recovered from a severe attack of streptococcus infection and has resumed his practice.

Maryland's New Leadership

An Editorial

The government of Maryland is in new hands.

After four confusing years, a new force has emerged in state government and politics. Not since the ascendency of Governor Ritchie has there been such definite and forceful leadership.

Governor O'Conor was inaugurated yesterday in most favorable circumstances. He is popular. He is capable. We believe he is sincere. The voters and the legislature have confidence in him. Behind him stands Howard Bruce, a man of sound business judgment and an astute politician.

Beyond question, these two men and their close followers now hold the reins in their hands. They are strong hands. For this reason they can either help or hurt us greatly.

Immediately on his election in November, Governor O'Conor appointed a committee of able men, headed by Dr. Isaiah Bowman, President of Johns Hopkins University "to study the structure of the State Government with a view to effecting economy and to increase efficiency." The report of this committee was made public last week. In the present chaotic condition of our state, the recommendations of this committee point the way out of our troubles. The recommendations are intelligent, practical and sound.

With the courage of a leader, Governor O'Conor had approved these recommendations and indicated that the reorganization of state government along these lines would be his policy. Apparently, he means also to pursue "further intensive and technical studies necessary to achieve maximum economy and efficiency of operation" which the Bowman group advised but were unable to do themselves in the short time alloted them.

The test of leadership is to come. Ignorance and selfishness will challenge such procedure in the legislature. There will be stubborn resistance to any attempt to eliminate highly paid state offices and to decrease state spending. However, we expect the Governor to hold his ground because the people of the state will rally to his support. Any citizen who is in doubt as to his own actions should read carefully the Bowman report and keep in touch with what happens in this session of the Legislature.

Remove Conservation From Politics

As a tidewater county with a large interest in conservation of seafood and game we urge the Governor to go beyond the recommendations of the committee for reorganizing the Conservation Department.

The Bowman committee said "the first requisite of any attempt at conservation of natural resources are continuity of policy and technical competence." We agree with this objective without reservation. We do not quite agree with their method of obtaining this objective.

They recommended that a Director of a newly created Department of Natural Resources be appointed by the Governor as well as an advisory committee to the Director composed of seven unpaid members. As long as the Director is subject to appointment and removal by the Governor there can be "no continuity of policy." With each new Governor we would likely get a new Director and hence a new policy in conservation, for we assume that the salary of such a Director will necessarily be attractive and naturally politicians will use such an appointment for their purposes. This very condition has been the curse of our past conservation policy.

We thencefore urge the Governor to remove this appointment as far as possible from political control. We suggest that the seven man board who will be perpetually in office should have the power of this appointment.

Many details of the Bowman report such as the one mentioned above must be carefully considered by the Governor and the Legislature. We believe this will be done so that the best of this report will be retained and improvements added to it and that the final result will bring only good to the State of Maryland.

We urge the members of the present Legislature representing Queen Anne's County to support the new administration at Annapolis and to follow their leadership so long as intelligence and sincerity controls their policy.

Past Masters In Session Here

Masonic Heads Hold Annual Dinner Meeting

The annual meeting of the Tri-County Masonic Past Masters Association including Kent, Talbot and Queen Anne's counties was held in the Little Theatre at Centreville Friday night. Pastmaster degrees were conferred upon the newly Worshipful Masters of Easton, St. Michaels, Chestertown and Centreville Masonic Lodges.

J. W. Covington of St. Miachels was elected president of the Tri-County Past Masters association for the ensuing year. Other officers included Paul N. Adams, Chestertown, 1st vice-president; William S. Seymour, Easton, 2d vice-president; E. Harper Fesmyer, Centreville, 3d vice-president; W. C. Fink, St. Michaels, secretary; William R. Huey, Chestertown treasurer.

The dinner for the meeting was served by members of the Centreville Eastrn Star.

The next meeting of the Tri-County Past Masters will be held in St. Michaels.

Queenstown Adds Six Honoraries During Week

The business of enrolling honorary members in the Queenstown Fire Company struck a post-holiday slump during the week as an even half-dozen supporters joined the ranks and scores of others stayed in hiding. The additions bring the total of the drive thus far to 124, still a considerable distance short of the quota of 200.

The newly-proved friends of the company were Dr. G. L. Timanus, Dr. Samuel J. Price and William Gerlach, Queenstown; W. J. Baker and Frank C. Thomas, Stevensville; Moe Messing, Grasonville.

Reminders are being sent out this week by Secretary-treasurer George W. Aldridge to all of last year's honoraries still unenrolled, urging them to join the fire company's colors for 1939.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The regular January meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Hall Covell Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

County Banks Retain Officers

Centreville Church Re-elect Boards

No changes were made in the officers and directors of the Centreville National Bank and the Church Hill Bank as stockholders' meetings were completed this week.

The Centreville National Bank held its election at the banking house Tuesday. The official staff which was reelected consists of former Senator William R. Wilson, president; Dr. H .F. McPherson, vice-president; W. Ray Tabler, cashier; Henry T. Deaver, assistant cashier.

The board of directors includes John P. Corcoran, Elmer Golt, Alfred M. Green, L. Tilghman Hayden, Thoms J. Keating, jr., Dr. H. F. McPherson, J. Olin Pippin, Howard W. Ryland, E. Stephen Valliant, Senator William R. Wilson.

The Church Hill Bank held its meeting on Wednesday. Officers re-elected were James P. Brown, president; Harry E. Walls, vice-president; William W. Rhodes, cashier.

The board of directors comprises James P. Brown, Harry E. Walls, R. J. Smith, Ernest B. Brown, Charles L. Roe, E. Stephens Valliant.

HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Last Friday evening a group of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Ella Hoxter to help her celebrate her birthday. The guests present were: Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mrs. Louis Kelley, Mrs. Mary Stallings, Mrs. Frank Thomas, Mrs. John P. Roe, Mrs. Horace Wilson and daughter Elizabeth, Mrs. Deborah Hoxter, Miss Lulu Weston, Mrs. Eugene Herbert, Mrs. Meta Rembold, Mrs. Kenley Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Orem Thompson. After spending a very enjoyable social hour, delightful refreshments were served. Mrs. Hoxter was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts.

FARM BUREAU ELECTS

Merton R. Shawn of Queenstown was elected president of the Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau at the annual organization meeting held in the Farm Bureau Store Tuesday afternoon. W. Royal Merrick of Barclay was chosen vice-president and Robert T. Newell secretary-treasurer.

Sen. Roe Named Floor Leader In State Senate

Wins Over Senator Lindsay. Post Rated Next Below Senate Head

Queen Anne's county's senator, Dudley G. Roe, was selected majority floor leader of the Maryland Senate yesterday by virtue of his appointment as chairman of the powerful Finance committee.

Chief competitor of Senator Roe for the post, second in importance only to the presidency of the Senate, was Senator James J. Lindsay of Baltimore county.

For about a week the view prevailed in Baltimore that Senator Lindsay might emerge victor. Senator Roe's early suport, however, stood firm and came through victorious.

Two factors contributed to his appointment as floor leader. One was his support of Governor Herbert R. O'Conor in the Primary contest in which Senator Roe swung Queen Anne's to the O'Conor standard.

Another was his backing by Senator Arthur H. Brice, of Kent county, president of the State Senate. In the caucus of Eastern Shore Senators at Salisbury a few weeks ago to select a candidate for Senate president, Senators Brice and Roe were the rival candidates. At the caucus Senator Roe stepped aside and moved to make Senator Brice's endorsement unnimous, thereby practically assuring the Kent Senator's election.

Leadership in the State Senate as a consequence centers upon the adjoining counties of Kent and Queen Anne's Kent supplying the president and Queen Anne's the Democratic floor leader.

Red Cross Nets Fewer Members, Less Cash Total

Church Hill, Crumpton Make Fine Response Queenstown Gives Money

Smaller returns both in members enrolled and in money contributed were shown in the Annual Rd Cross Roll Call for 1939, according to a summary of returns made by Mrs. Howard W. Ryland, county chairman of the Red Cross. Returns have now been made by all but one of the community chairmen.

The membership list for 1939 showed 474, a decrease of 20 from the total of 494 in 1938 while the cash contributions amounted to $746, as against $808 the year previous.

Centreville naturally showed the greatest enrollment, 206, followed by Church Hill, 54, and Stevensville, 50. Both Church Hill and Crumpton gave unusually fine support, according to Mrs. Ryland, with Crumpton school children making a cash donation which was not counted among the memberships.

Among the several communities Queenstown reported a very heavy money contribution which was not reflected by the number of memberships but which went far toward building up the cash total.

While fifty cents of each dollar membership went to the National Headquarters, individual donations above that amount swelled the proportion of money remaining with the county chapter so that Mrs. Ryland estimates at least two-thirds of the total contributed will be available within the county.

The membership returns by communities were as follows: Chester, 22; Queen Anne, 24; Church Hill, 54; Ingleside, 13; Crumpton, 23; Price, 7; Templeville, 8; Sudlersville, 38; Stevensville, 50; Queenstown, 23; Ruthsburg, 6; Centreville, 206.

Part of the good showing made in the upper county was attributed by Mrs. Rylnd to appreciation of the life-saving and swimming classes conducted the past summer.

Pre-Season Muskrat Pelts Again Draws Fine

The second penalty for beating the gun on the opening of the muskrat season was inflicted by Magistrate J. West Thompson in Police Court this week when George Thomas, Crumpton negro, paid a fine of $30 and costs for posession of muskrat hides out of season.

Thomas was summoned by Game Warden John W. Perry and Constable Wilmer Teat on December 3 when a raid on his premises uncovered nine muskrat hides. He pleaded guilty in court. The fine called for $25 and costs plus $5 for each pelt seized. The fine for eight of the pelts was suspended.

ROCKFISH HAUL

Hauling a seine off the Chester River Monday, Captain Honk Thompson of Queenstown caught a thousand pounds of rockfish running from 3 to 10 pounds each. The haul netted approximately $100.

Herbert R. O'Conor Takes Office As 60th Governor

Impressive Inaugural Ceremonies Attended By Record Throng. Queen Anne's Marches First Among Counties In Parade, Displays New County Flag

His Excellency

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor

Herbert R. O'Conor was inaugurated 60th Governor of Maryland in impressive ceremonies at Annapolis Wednesday Wednesday in the presence of perhaps the greatest throng ever to witness the induction of a governor.

The oath of office was administered to Mr. O'Conor by Chief Judge T. Carroll Bond in the Senate chamber. So great was the throng anxious to view or hear this ceremony that the chamber, the corridors and the stairs were jammed to capacity. Among those attending the inauguration was Postmaster General James A. Farley, who joined the Governor's official party.

Immediately after taking the oath of office Governor O'Conor delivered his inaugural address from the portico of the Capitol, his words being transmitted to the huge audience by a public address system and to the people of the State by radio.

Queen Anne's county, one of the very few to support Governor O'Conor in the primary fight, was well represented at the ceremony. William R. Horney, chairman of the county inauguration committee,was unable to be present. His place as marshal of the Queen Anne's delegation in the parade was taken by J. R. E. Turpin.

Approximately fifty members of Company K under Captain Victor P. Gillespie marched with the First Regiment.

The Queen Anne's delegation was honored with third place of all groups in the impressive inaugural parade and first place among all the counties of Maryland. Ahead of them were two clubs only.

For the first time Queen Anne's displayed a county flag, a banner of blue and purple with the orange and black shield of the Calvert arms and a crown symbolic of Queen Anne. This flag made especially for the inauguration, was provided by William R. Horney and was carried by Harry C. Reynolds.

It flanked on the right the American flag, carried by Dr. James W. Crowl, president of the County Commissioners. On the left of the national flag Royden N. Powell marched carrying a Maryland flag.

Among the Queen Anne's contingent at the inauguration were Howard Welch, J. H. Eliason Legg, F. Bennett Carter, Harry C. Reynolds, Marie Tull, Daisy Thompson, B. C. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tilghman Bishop, Dr. James W. Crowl, Walter Denny, Herbert Thompson.

Fred C. Wood, B. R. Crowl, Mrs. Thomas Cook, Thomas Price, Mrs. Iona Jones, J. Edward Connolly, E. S. Strong, Oscar Briscoe, O. K. Nelson, F. Asbury Bartlett, James H. Carter, William Harris, William E. King, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davidson.

Milton Seney, Charles C. Mickle, Webster Moore, E. O. Willis, Bedford Yates, J. Grant Yates, J. Olin Pippin, Sam Sapia, Harry Moore, George Legg, jr., J. Clay Stevens, A. Temple Blackwood E. R. Jester, William H. Nash.

Miss Genevieve Long, R. B. Baker, Miss Dorothy Connolly, Haston Wood, Roy Whitby, Thomas Callahan, jr., Sally Whitby, Miss Gertrude Davidson, Mrs. T. White, Miss Bertha Durney, Mrs. John W. Perry, Mrs. J. H. C. Legg, Frank W. Brower.

Cooling Station Passes Hardest Approval Test

Marion Township Inspector Okays Plant. Widens Market For Milk Sale

Efforts of the Centreville Cooperative Milk Producers to obtain the highest possible rating on the Eastern Shore for their plant were rewarded on Friday when Dr. Grimm, representative of the Pennsylvania Board of Health for Marion Township, approved the plant for his district.

Previously the Pennsylvania Board of Health had examined all plants on the Shore. The Centreville plant met their requirements and received the highest rating of any on the Shore in their books.

Dr. Grimm is considered to place the most stringent requirements of any examiners in the Philadelphia area. He came unannounced to inspect the Centreville Cooling Station Friday, said it was the cleanest and best plant he had ever inspected, and gave it his approval in the event that any milk should be shipped into his territory. No other Shore plant has been passed by him.

The committee in charge of the Cooling Station have been working since the plant was started to be able to pass Dr. Grimm's inspection, since that rating would give it a preferred spot when dealers are changing their sources of milk. They say the plant can now pass any requirements in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and elsewhere. The approval widens the possible market of the plant to include the most difficult areas and raises the chance of selling milk since the product is the best anywhere.

With the milk market glutted the committee in charge is moving slowly, seeking a sound agreement with a well-established and reliable company only.

Building the cooling station and installing equipment to meet all requirements has meant considerable extra expense in money and a great deal of effort on the part of the committee. Chief credit for the excellence of the machinery installed is given to Royden N. Powell, who has checked every inch of the building and every part of the equipment to insure its satisfactory qualities.

Plan Badminton League For Centreville Players

Plans are being made to organize a Badminton League of six or eight teams under the auspices of the Centreville Recreational committee. Each team is to consist of two players, open to both sexes for all-men's, all women's or mixed teams. It is hoped that each team will represent some organization or business firm.

Each match will be for eleven points with total points rather than matches to determine the winner. Those desirous of entering may get in touch with A. Temple Blackwood or the Recreation committee. A prize for the winning team will be presented by the Record-Observer. If possible, the league will start within the next two weeks.

Badminton classes will continue to be held each Wednesday and Friday evenings at the Armory.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Miss Elizabeth McClyment will lead the Epworth League at Wye Mills M. E. Church Sunday evening beginning at 7 o'clock.

Collect 90% Of Taxes By Jan. 1

Treasurer Reports Payments Equal Last Year

Despite stringency of money last year Queen Anne's county taxpayers continued their good record of prompt payment of taxes says County Treasurer J. William Keith.

Ninety percent of the 1938 taxes were paid by January 1 of this year, the date on which interest begins on unpaid county and school taxes. This proportion is about the same as existed on January 1, 1938. Mr. Keith expects practically all of the outstanding 10 percent to be cleared up before the fiscal year ends in May.

Unusually high collection of taxes have marked the three preceding years, according to Mr. Keith. The tax levies for these years approximated $196,000 each. Of these amounts $12 remains uncollected for 1935-1936; $26 for 1936-1937; and $315 for 1937-1938. The percentage of collections is 99.99 percent for the first two years and 99.98 percent for 1937-1938 figures which will compare very favorably with the best county tax records in Maryland, says Mr. Keith.

The treasurer expects that the small balances oustanding, including items awaiting court procedure, will be cleared up entirely.

SEES DENTISTS

Dr. Norman P. Chanaud attended the annual meeting of the Delaware Dental Society which was held in Wilmington on Wednesday.