

T. J. Smith, 85, Succumbs; Rites Held Wednesday

Well-Known Sandhills Resident Had Garage In Vass Many Years

Thaddeus James Smith, 85, of Vass, died Tuesday morning at The Anchorage convalescent home in Southern Pines, where he had been a patient for several weeks. He had been in declining health for several years and critically ill since last week.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Cypress Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Carswell, assisted by the Rev. A. C. Trivette, pastor of the Vass Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pall bearers were four nephews, Alton Thompson and Alex McGill of Maxton, and N. A. McGill and Alex Smith of Vass, Route 2, W. D. McGill of Lakeview and Leon Keith of Vass, Route 2.

Mr. Smith, familiarly known to many as "Uncle Jim," was born in what is now upper Hoke (then Cumberland) County, son of Alexander and Harriet Ann Shaw Smith of Scottish pioneer stock. He owned and operated a garage in Vass for a long period, and handled the Greensboro Daily News for several years.

A lifelong member of Cypress Presbyterian Church, he had served as a deacon and as church treasurer.

He was first married to Loveday Ann McKeithen of Cumberland County and, following her death, he married Mrs. Sadie Bettini, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. N. N. McLean and Miss Agnes Smith, of Vass; one son, Neill M. Smith of Dobson; two stepchildren, Curtis Bettini of Southern Pines and Mrs. George Fulton of Bel Air, Md., three sisters, Mrs. Arch McGill of Vass, Route 2, Mrs. J. M. Norton of Raeford, and Mrs. J. Lee Johnson of Raleigh; three brothers, John William Smith of Vass, Route 2, D. Evander Smith of Perkinston, Miss., and Archie A. Smith of Picayune, Miss.; three grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Johnson and Miss Mary Ina Johnson, Raleigh; the Rev. Zane G. Norton, Cross; Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Byrd and Eugene Keith, Albemarle; Mr. and Mrs. George Fulton, Bel Air, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Smith, Mac Smith, Lewis F. Truesdale, Charles E. Ernest, Richard Hoskins and Sam J. Young, all of Dobson; Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGill and Alton Thompson, Maxton; and Mrs. J. M. Norton, Raeford.

Temperatures In January Moderate

Minimum temperatures went below freezing on only 14 of the 31 days in January, according to the monthly record of weather observations at the official Weather Bureau station here.

Lowest drop was to 16 on January 18. On the 29th, the low temperature of the 24-hour period was recorded as 60.

High readings of 70 or higher were recorded on nine days in January. Lowest high reading of the month was 36 on the 17th.

Rain was measured on only nine days of the month.

Since 1911 a total of 21,166,980 merit badges were earned by the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts of America now has an active enrollment of 4,500,000 boys and men.

Plans Outlined Here For Farm Contest In Area



'FINER FARMS' MEETING—These men met in Southern Pines last week to outline plans for the 1957 "Finer Farms" conservation contest sponsored by Carolina Power & Light Company. Seated left to right are Ward Hill, manager of CP&L's Southern Pines office; Ned Champion, CP&L advertising staff; J. Frank Doggett, extension soil conservationist; N. H. G. Balfour, Hoke County farmer; and A. H. Veazey, assistant state conservationist. Glenn Lee, CP&L district manager at Sanford is fourth from right, standing. Others standing are: J. F. McKinney, Rt. 1, Sanford; James Fulk, Rt. 3, Carthage; W. O. Lambeth, Lumberton; S. Vernon Stevens, Broadway; M. J. Coats, and R. E. Neeley, Raeford; George M. McIntyre, Raeford; Hubert M. Willis, Fayetteville; W. R. Keller, Carthage; W. H. Abrams, Rockingham; Jack Younts, WEEB, Southern Pines; G. F. Moore, Laurinburg; H. N. Kelly, Salisbury; and D. Mack Griffin, Troy.

WILDLIFE CLUB DINNER TUESDAY

3 Named To Legislative Group

Dr. George Heinisch, Ralph T. Mills and W. C. Ruffin are three members of the Moore County Wildlife Club who have been appointed to the 1957 legislative committee for the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

The committee will plan the Federation's legislative program for the session of the General Assembly that opened this week. First meeting of the group will be held in Raleigh February 18.

Members of the Moore County club will meet for dinner at the Carthage Hotel at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Reservations must be made in advance.

After a short business meeting, club members will go to the courthouse at 8 p.m. to hear Frank B. Barick, chief of the game division of the State Wildlife Resources Commission explain the Soil Bank program. The public is invited to the courthouse session.

Pinehurst News

By MARY EVELYN de NISSOFF

Parent-Teacher Meet

The monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. Following a brief business session, Capt. George F. Shearwood will present a showing of pictures taken by him on last summer's safari in Africa. Anyone interested in seeing these pictures is welcome to attend the meeting.

Brief Mention

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Reeves leave tonight for a month's visit in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Boylston A. Tompkins, Jr., and her daughter, Sherrie Dixon, returned to their Glen Cove, Long Island, home Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nesbitt of Philadelphia, Pa., are due in this weekend to occupy the Tompkins' Linden Road home which they have leased for the spring season.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Cooke and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Krafft have returned from a golfing vacation in Sea Island, Ga., and Naples, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien and their children spent several days here last week as guests of Miss May Chapman, en route to their home in Lake Orion, Mich., from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Chapman leave Sunday for several days in Hobc Sound, Fla., after which they will spend a weekend with his son, John D. Chapman II, in Fort Pierce.

Mrs. Robert E. Harlow returned Saturday from a tour of Jamaica.

James Mann also returned this weekend to the staff of Golf World after covering the P. G. A. Seniors tournament at Dunedin, Fla., and the Tampa Women's Open.

Mrs. Mulford Horr is due in tonight after a three-weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Cambridge, Mass., and in New York and New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Foreman are once again occupying their cottage, the Easton Log Cabin, following a stay in Florida.

Mrs. Roger Derby, a former Pinehurst resident now of New York City, is spending the Washington's Birthday holiday with Dr. and Mrs. John E. Elmendorf, Jr., at their Knollwood home. Other members of the house party include Mrs. Victor White of Cedarhurst, N. Y., and Gray Zabriskie and Ben Trask, both of New York City.

Mrs. Heizmann Mudgett returns to her apartment today following an operation at Moore County Hospital.

Mrs. Louis Porteous has arrived at her home here after an extended stay in the North.

Miss Lillian Morris has returned to her home in Wilmington after spending last week here with Mrs. Hulon Cole. Miss Helen Ruth Cole of Greensboro will be the weekend guest of her mother here.

Mrs. Myra Wedlock of Everett, Mass., arrives here Sunday following a trip to Florida and Cuba, and will spend a fortnight as the guest of her son, Keith Wedlock, and Mrs. Wedlock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson left Wednesday for a vacation in Florida.

Mrs. Arthur J. Debevoise arrived Wednesday from Miami to spend several days at their cottage here. Mr. Debevoise and their daughter, Linda, also arrived Wednesday from New York City.

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Avoid rough handling of livestock. Often animals are blamed for injuries and fatalities when impatience and carelessness on the part of the handler are the real cause.

Rector Named To New Church Trustee Board

The Rev. Martin Caldwell, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, has been appointed to serve as one of the charter members of the board of trustees for a proposed Episcopal home for the aging that will be located somewhere in North Carolina.

While there has been no official announcement of any sites under consideration, Southern Pines has been mentioned as a possible and suitable location for the home and a tract of land here offered, as a gift to the trustees.

A charter for the organization has been applied for, it was revealed this week.

BLOCK THAT PASS-AGE

Termite nest in the ground and travel up to wood in order to feed. Control consists of blocking this connection between wood and ground, either mechanically or chemically, or both.

LAST HOME GAMES FRIDAY NIGHT

Blue Knights, Local Girls Win Two, Lose Two In Week's Cage Contests

The Southern Pines Blue Knights and girls play their last home games of the season against Pinehurst at the local gym Friday night. They will go to Hoffman on Monday.

Games of the past week included victories by both boys and girls over Vass-Lakeview Tuesday night and double losses to Aberdeen Friday.

The Blue Knights were knocked out from second to third place in conference standings by the 62-49 win by Aberdeen. Local girls stand seventh in the 11-team league.

Aberdeen's Red Devils led by only two points, 26-24, at the half of the contest in the Aberdeen gym. White, with 20 points, Littleton with 18 and Caldwell, 16, led the Aberdeen attack. Other Red Devil scorers were Holden 3, Carrington 3 and Voss 2.

Verhoeff's 19 points led the Knights' offense. Hamel had 10, T. Parker and B. Parker dropped in eight apiece and Cushman tallied four, to complete the scoring for the local quintet.

In the girls' game at Aberdeen, the undefeated Devilettes, who top the league, won 76-64, holding a lead of 44-34 at halftime. McFarland's 37 paced the Devilettes' scoring. Blue sank 22 and Schnell 15. For Southern Pines, Verhoeff took scoring honors with 23, pushed by Bullock's 22. Britt scored 14 and McDonald 4.

The Blue Knights had their first really easy game of the season Tuesday night in rolling over the Vass-Lakeview Twins. Coach W. A. Leonard used substitutes freely in the last quarter, but the Twins only scored 12 points in the second half.

Vass-Lakeview trailed 18-43 at halftime. Verhoeff's 34 represented the lion's share of the scoring. Other tallies: B. Parker 12, Cushman 10, T. Parker 8, Ormsby 5 and Hamel 2.

For the Twins: Buie 11, Apple 8, Hall 4, Johnson 4, Mashburn 3.

In winning 72-60, Southern Pines girls had a nice 34-23 lead at the half. Scoring—For Southern Pines: Verhoeff 26, Britt 20, Bullock 16, McDonald 10; for Vass-Lakeview: Blue 28, Jackson 22, Thomas 9, McWilliams 1.

4-H NEWS

March 2 through 9 has been designated as National 4-H Club week, a time when members tell the public about the accomplishments of this rural youth organization.

INCOME TAX FACTS No. 3 Tax Hints for Car and Home Owners

(This is one of a series of articles on federal income tax filing. These articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants, and the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.)

Your home and your car may be the source of deductions that will lower your federal income tax. It is important to check all possible deductions because of the savings involved. If you are in the lowest bracket—20%—each \$5 you can find in deductions may mean a dollar in your pocket. For persons with higher incomes the possible savings are even greater.

The interest on a mortgage is deductible on your federal tax return. In most cases, payments to a bank include both interest and principal; as the mortgage is reduced the interest is less and a larger portion is applied to the principal. Only the interest is deductible in the case of your residence.

Sometimes the monthly payment also includes an additional amount which the bank holds for the payment of taxes, insurance, etc. In this case the bank is acting as your agent in paying tax on your property. Real estate taxes paid by the bank for you are deductible as if you had paid them directly.

If your home had been damaged by fire, storm or flood, your loss not covered by insurance is deductible. The amount of the loss is calculated by comparing the fair market value of the property just before and just after the casualty. This loss, or the cost of the property, whichever is lower, is reduced by any insurance recovery to determine the loss for tax purposes.

When large amounts are involved it may be wise to have an expert appraisal made immediately after the casualty.

When You Sell a Home You are not allowed to deduct any loss you may suffer on the sale of your personal residence. However, you may be required to pay tax on a gain resulting from selling the house at a profit.

If, however, you buy and occupy another home within one year, before or after the gainful sale of your former home, you are not taxed on the gain at the time of the sale. Alternatively, you can start construction of a home within a year, and occupy it within 18 months after the sale of your old home. If the new home costs as much as you received for your old one (with allowances for certain "fixing-up" expenses), you are not taxed on the gain. If your new home costs less, the gain is taxable to the extent of the differences. In any event, you are required to submit information concerning any sale of your home at a profit, whether or not the gain is taxable.

When you buy a home you generally agree with the previous owner on a schedule of adjustments for taxes, insurance, water rates and similar items. However, you and the previous owner can deduct this real estate tax in proportion to the number of days of the property tax year that each of you held the property—whether or not you have agreed to apportion the tax. You are considered to have paid your share of the tax when you bought the home. This applies to any real estate you may have purchased during 1956.

Deductible Auto Expenses From the time you buy an automobile you begin to have other expenses which are deductible on your federal income tax return. Any state or local sales tax you paid on the car purchase is deductible. So is the cost of your license plates, state inspection fees and interest on an auto loan.

A common deduction in many taxpayers' returns is for state gasoline tax. It is best to keep a record of your gasoline purchases during the year, but if you don't have such a record you can still make a reasonable estimate. If you had a collision, you may be able to deduct for the damage to your own car not covered by insurance. Although driving may have been faulty, you are entitled to the deduction if the accident was not due to your negligence. Such a loss, or loss from fire, theft or other accidents is determined in the manner described above in connection with damage to a house. The instruction book which comes with your tax forms gives further information. Help is also available by telephone or at offices of the Internal Revenue Service. The Revenue Service urges you to consult a properly qualified advisor if you decide to seek outside help.

Next Article: Claim All Exemptions For Yourself and Dependents.

D. G. Herring Returns To Live In Sandhills

Donald G. Herring, father of Mrs. William J. Stratton, is now living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stratton in Niagara.

Mr. Herring moved here from Jackson, Miss. He plans to make a trip to Mississippi within the next week and will then be in the Sandhills to live permanently.

A resident of Southern Pines a number of years ago, he built the house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Darst, Jr., at 610 Morganton Road.

Each year more than 14,000 Boy Scouts attain the coveted Eagle Scout rank.

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Trying To Get You
Elvis Presley

Your Love For Me
Can I Steal A Little Love
Frank Sinatra

Ballerina
You Are My First Love
Nat "King" Cole

Funeral Held For Mrs. Caroline Cook

Funeral services were held at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel here on Monday afternoon for Mrs. Caroline L. Cook of Pinehurst who died Friday morning at the Pinehurst Convalescent Home.

Dr. A. W. Craig, minister at the Village Chapel, Pinehurst, conducted the services. Interment was at Adams, N. Y., near Syracuse.

Mrs. Cook is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Stuart Cutler of Pinehurst, and a son, Howard W. Cook of Winter Haven, Fla.

For several years prior to entering the nursing home, Mrs. Cook lived at Boxwood Court in Pinehurst.

WITH THE Armed Forces

John C. Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Keith, Sr., of Pinebluff recently was enlisted in the US Army under the Army's Technical School Program. He is scheduled to attend a technical school at the Antiaircraft and Guided Missile School, Ft. Bliss, Texas, upon completion of eight weeks basic training. John graduated from Aberdeen High School in June, 1956. He worked with the A & P Stores in Pinehurst prior to entering the Army. His brother Hugh A. Keith, Jr., also enlisted under the Army's Technical School Program. He is a Crew Chief on an Army helicopter in Germany at the present time with the rank of sergeant.

MARINE RECRUITER

The U. S. Marine Corps recruiter for this area is at the post office building in Fayetteville each Monday and Saturday. Two-year service plans, enlistment for aviation duty only and an extension of reenlistment time for certain ex-Marines are features of the Marine recruiting program.

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