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## DR. TOM SMITH DIES IN HOSPITAL

HAD BEEN ILL FOR SIX MONTHS — FUNERAL AT WESTFIELD TODAY.

Dr. J. Thomas Smith died at the age of 61 at a Mount Airy hospital Tuesday at 3:13 p. m.

He had been ill with anemia and complications for more than 6 months, and spent nearly all this time in the hospital. He had taken 44 blood transfusions.

He had hoped to regain a part of his strength and a little over three weeks ago said in an interview that he didn't expect to be able to resume his practice, but "I hope to get on my feet and mingle with my friends of the years."

A native of Surry county, Dr. Smith was born at Westfield November 25, 1877, a son of Captain John L. and Anne Cobb Smith. He spent his entire life in that section with the exception of the time he was obtaining his medical education. He was graduated from Davidson College and Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pa.

### Returned to Home

After obtaining his license, Dr. Smith returned to his home community in 1899. He remained there throughout the remainder of his life. He was married to Miss Betty George, of Westfield, in 1899.

While a young man, Dr. Smith entered the ministry of the Baptist Church and served pastorates of the Missionary Baptist Church for many years. During the past few years his practice had grown so large he was forced to give up his pastorates, but he did not stop preaching.

Serving for years on the Surry county board of commissioners, he was ardent advocate and promoter of the good roads movement. He wielded a powerful influence for the cause of public education and was a leader in the movement for standardized schools.

### Gave Aid to All

For "his children—" the almost three thousand he ushered into the world and gave a start in life—he performed many services. He instructed parents along important health lines he gave public talks in the interests of health in the schoolrooms. From the pulpit and privately he pointed to them the paths of righteous living. He officiated at their weddings and hurried to their bedside in time of illness and if the malady proved incurable he was the one called upon to perform the last rites.

Dr. Smith—he was "Doctor Tom", "Tom Smith" or just plain "Doc Smith" to thousands in Surry—was one of the best-known men in Surry county. He was always cheerful and ready with a joke.

Surviving are one son, Anelle R. Smith, one daughter, Miss Lillian Smith; one sister, Mrs.

## CRIMINAL COURT BEGINS APRIL 3

JUDGE FELIX ALLEY AND SOLICITOR RALPH SCOTT WILL BE IN CHARGE—SCOTT'S FIRST TERM AS SOLICITOR HERE—BIG CRIMINAL DOCKET AWAITING—NINETY FIVE PER CENT LIQUOR CASES.

Judge Felix Alley will be on the bench when the April 3 criminal term of Stokes Superior Court convenes here 2 weeks from next Monday.

Solicitor Ralph J. Scott will prosecute for the State in his first term of Stokes court.

There are about 110 cases on the docket, at least 95 per cent. of them for liquor violations.

There are two murder cases listed for trial, to-wit: State vs. Russell Nelson and Reuben Tillery, white, charged with killing Watt Smith, and State vs. Marshall Mitchell, indicted for the murder of Albert Mitchell, both colored.

The term will doubtless last a full week or longer.

The second week of court, beginning April 10, will be devoted to civil actions. This also is a large docket, and will probably consume a week.

### Mr. Davenport

W. Y. Davenport, of Young's school, attended the teachers' meeting here Saturday. Mr. Davenport has been teacher at Young's for 7 years, and when asked by the Reporter, why, he said he reckon he had them fooled.

Old Abe Lincoln said: "You can fool part of the people all the time, and all of the people part of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time."

Mr. Davenport must be pretty smooth to fool all the people all the time.

He has not fooled the people of Young's school, they know him to be a real, sincere and honest and capable teacher, and that's the reason they keep him.

## Register of Deeds R. L. Smith Gets His Tonsils Out

Register of Deeds R. L. Smith has returned from the Stone-Helsabeck Clinic at King where he underwent a tonsil removal operation. He is getting along fine.

R. K. Simmons, and two grandchildren, Louise and Geraldine Smith, all of Westfield.

The funeral will be held at Westfield Baptist Church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. R. W. Hovis, the pastor, and Rev. James B. Ficklin 3rd will conduct the services. Burial will be in the church graveyard with Masonic rites.

The body will lie in state at the church from 1 until 3 o'clock. The casket will not be opened after the service.

## SOUND OF THE SAW AND HAMMER

MERRY MUSIC FOR THE CITIZENS OF KING—SIDNEY L. PULLIAM ILL AT ASHEBORO—SHELL SERVICE STATION ROBBED.

King, March 16—A force of men are at work excavating for the foundation of a new home to be erected on North Depot street for Debs Holder.

The ring of the saw and hammer is heard from all sides in King. Work on the new addition to the high school building is about fifty per cent. completed.

Work on the new home of Austin Garner on Dan River street is well underway and will be pushed through to completion at an early date.

Relatives here have been notified of the severe illness of Sidney L. Pulliam at his home in Asheboro.

Dr. Isaac A. Booe and family are on a vacation trip to Atlanta, Ga., and Tampa and Miami, Fla.

Howard and James Wolf of the Neatman section, formerly of King, were visitors here Saturday.

Esker Pulliam has returned to his home in High Point after a short visit to relatives here.

Mr. Ellis Conrad's friends will be pleased to learn that he has recuperated from a severely injured hand the result of an accident, and is now able to resume his farm work. Mr. Conrad resides in Walnut Hills.

The following patients underwent tonsil removal operations in the Stone-Helsabeck Clinic last week: Mrs. Riley Boles of Mountain View, Miss Eunice Shamel and Harvey Shamel of Tobaccoville.

The work of remodeling the four-room bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Conrad in Walnut Hills has been completed and is now being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Binkley of Winston-Salem.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mounce, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Esker Smith, a daughter.

The continued rains in this section are putting farmers behind with their work.

Jessie Shamel, who resides in the Payne's Mill section, is reported to be quite sick.

The Shell Service Station on East Main street was broken into Thursday night and about \$20.00 taken from the cash register. Entrance was gained through a back window. There is no clue to the guilty party.

## Sam Jessup Is In Hospital

Deputy Sheriff Sam Jessup of Francisco is in a Tennessee government hospital receiving treatment for a leg injured while in France in World War service.

## SANDY RIDGE P. T. A. MEETS

INTERESTING PROGRAM IS RENDERED — DEATH OF PEGGY ANN HAWKINS—PERSONALS.

Sandy Ridge, March 12.—The Parent-Teachers Association met in the Sandy Ridge school auditorium, Thursday night, March 9. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Laura Ellington. The program was read by the secretary, Mrs. Lowell Poore. The following program was given by Miss Rebecca Taylor's first graders; Miss Pearl Johnson and Mrs. Edith P. Hill's second graders, and Mrs. A. E. Garner's third graders:

Song—"Work For The Night Is Coming." Devotional—Mrs. Ernest Steele. Pantomime—Polly, Put the Kettle On. Duet—A Paper of Pins—Angela Vernon and Winfred Corns. Song—The Jolly Huntsman. Guitar Solo—Mrs. Charlie Eaton. Dolly's Bazaar—Betty Jean Hutcherson. Rhythm Drill—A Minuet.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and stood approved.

During the business session a committee composed of Mrs. Rosa Hutcherson, Mrs. Lee Joyce, and Miss Rebecca Taylor was appointed to elect a new president for the P. T. A. Everyone present was asked to suggest some person that they wanted to be president by writing their name on a piece of paper and presenting it to a member of this committee. Since the next P. T. A. meeting will be the last one for this season. A committee composed of Miss Mae Hunt, Miss Kathleen McIver, Miss Bessie Joyce and Mrs. Hilary Chapman was appointed to assist the program committee in whatever they might do. Mrs. A. E. Garner's third grade won both banners. Mr. C. R. Darr closed the meeting with a prayer.

### DEATH

Peggy Ann Hawkins, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hawkins of this community, died at a Stuart, Va., hospital early Saturday morning March 11, of burns suffered late Friday afternoon.

The little girl was playing in a field which her father was burning off. Mr. Hawkins said he did not know the child was in the path of the flames until he heard her screams.

Mr. Hawkins ran to the aid of his daughter and found her clothing in a mass of flames. She was taken to the Stuart Hospital where she died eight hours later.

Surviving are the parents, three brothers, James, Oren and Jackie Lee Hawkins, and two sisters, Lois and Polly Hawkins, all of the home.

The funeral was conducted at Oak Ridge Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. A. Joyce. Burial followed in the church graveyard.

## COUNTY HOME PER CAPITA COST

STOKES HOME HAS POPULATION OF 32. EACH COSTS \$13.08 PER MONTH—FIGURES FROM STATE WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

Out of the total of \$713,221 spent by 85 North Carolina counties in fiscal year 1938 for care of indigent and aged in almshouses, Stokes county had a monthly per capita cost of \$13.08 in taking care of an average daily population of 32, according to figures of a survey by the division of institutions and corrections of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

Expenditures for permanent improvements to 23 county homes ranged from slightly more than \$200 to \$100,000 spent by Edgecombe county on its new home and sanatorium. Statewide expenditures for permanent improvements during the fiscal period cost the counties \$170,210.39, the survey showed.

Average annual per capita cost in the 85 county homes came to \$213.54 or \$17.76 a month exclusive of expenditures for permanent improvements, while the average daily population for the 85 homes collectively was 35 inmates.

The average daily population, total yearly maintenance and monthly per capita cost for almshouses in adjoining counties was as follows:

"North Carolina's public assistance program lowered the cost of operating the county homes \$65,000 in 1938 over the previous year by reducing the total average population 390 inmates," W. C. Ezell, director of the division of institutions and corrections, and in commenting on the survey.

"County home care is still a five million dollar enterprise with the counties reporting an investment of \$3,691,532 with permanent improvements and annual maintenance cost amounting to \$883,434.

"Per capita costs of operation of the institutions are still climbing, having jumped from \$13.66 in 1934 to an average of \$17.76 during the last fiscal period, and the rise may be expected to continue in view of the fact that the able-bodied have to some extent been removed from the homes through public assistance aid while the physically and mentally infirm have been left in the institutions.

"One-half the present almshouse population is bedridden or needs considerable personal attention, while a third are blind or have seriously defective vision.

"Small counties will find it much more economical to unite with adjacent counties and form district infirmaries homes, following the lead of Forsyth, Edgecombe and Craven counties in opening new homes which at-

## THE STATE-WIDE LITERACY DRIVE

MRS. DAY, STATE FIELD SUPERVISOR, VISITS DANBURY—GOV. HOEY AND STATE SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROVE — SCHOOL TEACHERS PLEDGE SERVICE.

Mrs. J. M. Day of Raleigh, state field supervisor of adult education, and also connected with WPA and State department of public instruction, was here Monday instituting for Stokes county the State-wide literacy drive. This movement is approved by Gov. Clyde R. Hoey and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin.

The 1930 census gives 2104 illiterates for Stokes, 1645 white and 459 negroes. This amounts to 13.2 per cent. of the county's population.

Public school teachers of Stokes are pledging to give 8 hours per month teaching school patrons.

Principals of each school are acting as group leaders. Special materials are furnished by the State department of schools.

All groups are asked to participate in the drive, including the churches, the parent teachers associations, the women's and civic clubs, etc.

Superintendent of Schools J. C. Carson endorses the work and asks his teachers to give service.

## Protected Birds and Unprotected Birds

It has come to our attention that a lot of people are unknowingly killing owls and other wild birds that are harmless, and are protected by law. Let's try to remember the following list and not kill these birds that are harmless.

### Unprotected Birds and Owls

English Sparrows, Great Horned Owls, Cooper Hawks, Sharp-shinned Hawks, Crows, Jays, Blackbirds, Starlings, and Buzzards.

CHARLIE MARTIN, Stokes Game Protector.

Jesse George of Westfield was a visitor here Tuesday. Mr. George is a progressive citizen. He is one of the backers of the fine Reynolds school near his home.

tempt to provide special medical and nursing services.

"The proportion who are bedridden and incapacitated from physical or mental infirmities will gradually increase because the able-bodied will be granted public assistance aid and will remain in private homes. This will make it necessary for the counties to provide adequate medical attention which can be done more economically if the institutional units are sufficiently large as they are in the case of a district home with the cost of operation pro-rated among the participating counties," Ezell pointed out.