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Mendel L. Smith Died Friday Morning

Camden was shocked Friday morning to learn of the death of Judge Mendel L. Smith, who died suddenly at his home of apoplexy at 1 o'clock.

Judge Smith was born at Smithville, then a part of Sumter, now Lee, county, South Carolina, July 5, 1870. His parents were LaFayette M. Smith and Medora (Bradley) Smith. His father, merchant and planter, died in January, 1888. His mother, died only a few years ago.

Judge Smith was educated in the Camden schools, at Wofford college and at the South Carolina military academy, known as The Citadel, at Charleston, where he was graduated in 1889. He received his legal education at the University of Virginia and was admitted to practice in the courts of Virginia May 29, 1894, and in the courts of South Carolina January 11, 1895.

In his nearly 50 years at the bar Judge Smith was engaged in the trial of more famous cases than any other lawyer in South Carolina during that period. He was engaged in 253 capital cases. He defended 214 homicide cases, and of these defendants not one received the death penalty, only eight were convicted of murder with recommendation for mercy, a small fraction were convicted of manslaughter, while the vast majority were acquitted.

He was one of the best civil lawyers in the state. His records show that he was employed in 647 cases in the court of common pleas and in the supreme court, 80 per cent of which were contested, and of which he lost only 24.

Judge Smith was a great student and was meticulous in the preparation of his cases. He was widely known outside South Carolina and was engaged in many large cases in the neighboring states, his services being sought as far away as Texas.

As a young man Judge Smith was a great athlete and he never lost his fondness for athletic sports. In his college life he was recognized as one of the greatest college athletes in the country, being especially prominent in baseball at Wofford. The Citadel and the University of Virginia. He was a member of the famous team that the University of Virginia sent as the representative of the south to take part in the intercollegiate tournament held at the world's fair at Chicago in 1893. He was thereafter sought by managers of major league teams, but declined these offers. He was said by many of the great professional ball players to have been the best first baseman they ever saw. He was president of the South Carolina State league for two seasons and was often spoken of as president of the South Atlantic league, but his practice and public service made it impossible to give athletics more of his time.

Judge Smith was the first captain of the reorganized Kershaw guards, then Company A, second regiment of infantry, now Company M. Upon his retirement he was presented a handsome gold and silver trimmed sword by the members of the company.

Always interested in education, he served when quite a young man as a member of the board of trustees of the Camden city schools and throughout his long career he was one of South Carolina's greatest advocates of public school education. He served as a member of the board of trustees of the South Carolina medical college in Charleston.

He was elected to the house of representatives from Kershaw county in 1900 by the largest majority ever given a candidate in this county, and he served continuously for a long period with the exception of one term (1907-1909) when he did not offer.

At the beginning of his second term in the house he was elected speaker of that body by a tremendous majority, and served in that capacity for eight years from 1908 to 1915.

He was a candidate for governor in 1914 and would probably have been elected had it not been for the concentration of the anti-administration forces on another candidate.

In 1915 at the age of 44 he was unanimously elected judge of the fifth judicial circuit, being the first judge from this county since the late

Camden Makes Bid For State FERA

In contemplation of the possible removal of State Headquarters for the Relief Administration from Columbia to some other locality, the following telegram was sent last week to Malcolm J. Miller, Administrator:

"Mr. Malcolm J. Miller, Administrator, Columbia, S. C. Appreciating the wonderful good done in this State by the Relief Administration and, assuring you of the hearty and cordial cooperation of our citizens; We extend to your organization an urgent invitation to remove to Camden; your office organization, warehouse force and other function.

We offer you office space, rent free, excellent railroad and highway facilities, sprinklered warehouse space and a congenial and delightful social atmosphere for your workers. Camden is the most central location in the State and is fully equipped to take care of your work in all its phases.

We beg your consideration." The telegram was signed by Mayor J. H. Osborne, Shrine Club, Rotary, American Legion, Merchants Association, Chamber of Commerce, The Camden Chronicle, The Water Messenger.

Joseph B. Kershaw. He served until the entry of this country into the World war. Since the World war he has on numerous occasions been called to sit as acting associate justice of the supreme bench.

Upon the entry of this country into the World war he resigned the judgeship and served as judge advocate with the rank of lieutenant colonel in the American Expeditionary forces in France throughout the war. Judge Smith was ever in demand as a public speaker and he was known as one of the greatest orators of the south. While other engagements would not permit his acceptance of more than half of the invitations coming to him for public speeches, he made more than 3,000 public addresses.

He ranked high in fraternal affairs in South Carolina. After being elected successively to the minor state offices in the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias, domain of South Carolina, he was, without opposition, elected grand chancellor at Anderson in 1907 and was supreme representative from South Carolina from 1909 until 1920. He was elected grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of South Carolina in 1914, and was elected grand representative to the sovereign grand lodge in 1915. He took a prominent part in the deliberation of the supreme lodges of Knights of Pythias in its meetings at Milwaukee, Wis., Denver, Colo., Winnipeg, Man., and Portland, Ore., holding a number of the most important offices in the supreme grand lodge during that period. He was a Mason and a Shriner and a great lover of Masonry having been adopted by the grand lodge of Masons of the state of New York as the official lecturer of that degree in that state.

Judge Smith was a member of the First Baptist church of this city. He served for a number of years as deacon and held that position at the time of his death. He was, too, for a long while superintendent of the Sunday school and for years taught the large men's Bible class of that church.

In April, 1895, Judge Smith was married to Miss Anna Dixon of this city. They had four children, two of whom survive. They are Mrs. W. W. Bates, Jr., M. L. Smith, Jr., B. M. Smith, and Mrs. W. P. Heath, Jr., all of Camden. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Stuart Long of Indianapolis, Ind., and two brothers, W. F. Smith of Sumter and Sidney Smith of Columbia. Three grandchildren also survive him.

Funeral services for Judge Smith were held Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the First Baptist church. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. B. Caston of the First Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. C. F. Wimberly of the Lytleton street Methodist church. Interment was in the Quaker cemetery.

Prominent lawyers and officials from all parts of the state mingled with men of humbler walks of life in

Liberty Hill News

June 18.—The extremely rainy weather of two weeks ago has given place to more suitable farming conditions—we had rain only one day last week—and quite a lot of farm work has been done, but grassy crops, both cotton and corn, are in evidence almost everywhere and much corn and forage crops are still to be planted, and much damage has been sustained by washing of lands and souring and drowning out of low places on many farms.

Mr. R. C. Jones has a field of fine spring oats, sown after the freeze, which are about ready for the harvest.

The meeting at the Court House in Camden on Saturday in the interest of Prohibition and Law Enforcement was attended by former Governor and Mrs. John G. Richards, Miss Margaret Richards, Mr. R. C. Jones and your reporter—who wishes to extend thanks to Mr. Jones for a pleasant ride with him, to and from the meeting.

Our community was deeply shocked on Friday morning to hear of the death of Judge M. L. Smith. An eloquent and gifted speaker, an able lawyer, a genial friend, he had many admirers here, and throughout the County and State, who will be grieved at his sudden passing.

Ex-governor and Mrs. John G. Richards and Mr. N. S. Richards attended the funeral Saturday evening. Mrs. F. J. Hay, Mrs. A. L. McCaskill and daughter, Miss Annie Righton, are here from the eastern part of the State, where Mrs. McCaskill has been teaching—to spend the vacation at their summer home and were joined Sunday by Mr. J. C. McCaskill of Camp Hilton for a short visit.

Hon. R. B. Cunningham and Miss Sophie Richards of Allendale came up Saturday and returned on Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Baker Warren, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wardlaw. Mr. Cunningham's daughter, Miss Camille, remained over for a longer visit with relatives before returning to her Allendale home.

A number of our young folks enjoyed a party given last week by Miss Charlotte Wardlaw in honor of her cousin, Miss Camille Cunningham, who is spending some time with her. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. Deorze and little son of Charleston are guests in the home of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Perry.

Miss Callie Jones, popular and accomplished school teacher, went to Columbia on Wednesday to receive her degree from the South Carolina University. She was accompanied over by her sisters, Misses Louise and Jennie, and Miss Clara Johnston.

Miss Phoebe Richards who has been spending a couple of weeks with her parents has returned to her position at Greensboro, N. C. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Edith who will spend a while with relatives in the "old north state".

Mr. A. W. Matheson of Longtown was a visitor one day last week in the home of his sister, Miss Laura Matheson.

Miss Julia Hilton has returned home after several weeks spent with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Jones of Greenville.

A moonlight picnic was given one night last week by a number of our young folks and the C. C. Camp boys, and a pleasant time enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry are receiving the congratulations of their friends upon the arrival of a "brave" baby girl in their home.

doing last honor to Judge Smith, whom they all had known and esteemed. The floral display was one of the largest ever seen here.

The following acted as honorary pallbearers: board of deacons of the Baptist church, supreme court and circuit judges, Kershaw County Bar Association, James Leroy Belk post American legion, C. C. Whitaker, Dr. John W. Corbett, Dr. S. C. Zemp, W. L. DePass, Sr., officers of Kershaw county, and J. S. Lindsay. The following were active pallbearers: Arthur Clarke, Lambert DePass, J. B. Zemp, Gay Baum, Dr. T. B. Bruce, Henry Niles, J. H. McLeod, Solicitor A. F. Spigner, and G. T. Little.

Old Cotton Must Be Tagged Advises Green

Such old cotton on the farms, in gin yards, and elsewhere, in small lots in Kershaw County must be tagged without delay. A representative of the federal government is to tag these bales of old cotton. It is very urgent, therefore, that all persons in Kershaw County who have old cotton must notify the county agent immediately and must make application to the county agent for bale tags to be placed on such old cotton. Regular forms for making application for tags may be secured from the county agent's office or from any bank in Kershaw County, or from other public officials in the various communities.

Please note the following rule: "The Bankhead Law places on the person holding such old cotton the burden of making application for tags and the failure to receive or procure a form of application will not be held to excuse any failure to file an application for bale tags." It is not necessary that the regular form for making application for tags be used. It will be satisfactory for the holder of old cotton to simply write a letter to the county agent requesting bale tags for his old cotton.

It will be necessary for an application to be made for each separate lot of cotton stored or held. That is, if a person has cotton stored in 2 different places, he should make 2 different applications stating clearly in each just where the cotton is stored and how many bales are in each lot.—Henry Green, County Agent.

FOR RE-ELECTION TO HOUSE

To the Democratic Voters of Kershaw County: I hereby announce myself for re-election to the House of Representatives from Kershaw County. I will appreciate the continued support of the people of this county and will endeavor to serve every interest for the betterment of my county and state if sent back to the Legislature for another term.

Very respectfully yours,
JAMES R. BELK.

FOR TREASURER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Treasurer of Kershaw County subject to the rules and regulations governing the Democratic Primary.

JOE OUTLAW.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The following services are announced for week beginning June 24th at the First Baptist Church:

Sunday school at 10 o'clock with C. O. Stogner, superintendent in charge. Public worship conducted by the pastor J. B. Caston at 11:15 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. Morning subject: The Young Woman, evening subject: The Road to Success. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:30. Senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday evening at 8:30. Junior B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening at 7:30.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of this church.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examinations for furnaceman, foundry, and loftman, U. S. Navy Yard, Charleston, S. C. Closing date June 23, 1934. For further information apply at the Post Office, Camden, S. C.

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching both night and morning by the pastor. Morning subject will be: "Our Panacea for Time and Eternity." Evening hour: "Do We Need a Prophet?" Services will be at 11:15 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. We invite the public to worship with us.

C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

Mrs. R. D. Williams and son, Raymond Williams of Atlanta visited Mrs. Etta I. Williams at Park View Inn this week.

Mrs. J. S. Lindsay is visiting her daughter Mrs. H. K. Hallett in Charlotte.

Jurors Are Drawn For Criminal Term

Following is a list of the jurors drawn to serve the first week of criminal court, which convenes Monday, July 2, with Judge W. H. Townsend, of Columbia, presiding:

U. N. Myers, W. D. Barrett, F. C. Moseley, Henry Eichel, Yancy Threath, B. T. Davis, B. R. Truesdale, Jr., T. G. Arrants, H. C. Hasty, G. W. Campbell, L. A. Shiver, Camden; Roy D. Croxton, J. N. Taylor, F. K. Jones, T. C. Jones, R. L. Crawford, S. D. Catoe, C. W. Burns, Waddy Kirkley, L. L. Hasty, C. M. Broughton, W. N. Gay, V. A. Humphries, G. F. Taylor, Kershaw; H. B. Huckabee, R. L. Gaston, G. W. Rabon, Frank J. Rabon, Lugoff; J. H. Rabon, Joe Nettles, Blaney; W. D. Ray, L. T. Anderson, Cassatt; J. R. Jones, J. W. Raley, Bethune; L. P. Thompson, E. L. Jones, Liberty Hill.

NO TAX ON USE OF PLEASURE BOATS AFTER JULY 1

The tax on pleasure bats was repealed under the Revenue Act of 1934, effective July 1, 1934. No tax will be due on and after that date.

Under the Revenue Act of 1932 was imposed a special tax on the use of yachts, pleasure boats, sailing boats and motor boats measuring over 28 feet in length, not used exclusively for trade, fishing and national defense.

This tax was imposed upon the use of a boat and not merely as the result of ownership or possession and was computed proportionately from the month in which the boat was put into use until the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

BETHUNE SCHOOL

GRADUATES FIFTEEN
room before the bridge games. Mrs. Graduating exercises of the Bethune school were held Thursday evening, May 17, in the high school auditorium. The following boys and girls received diplomas:

William Lawson Brannon, Leslie Keith Josey, Dalton Lawrence McLeod, LeRoy Harris Oliver, James Milton Elmore, Mary Alice Baker, Marguerite Murph Foster, Ruby Frances Gardner, Lillie Mae Hildon, Myrtle Elizabeth Horton, Filio Mazalee, Myrtle Grace King, Sara Ruth McKinnon, Mary Ellen McLaurin, Eva Aline West.

DR. HOFFER TO SPEAK AT ORANGEBURG

Dr. Jerome M. Hoffer, Camden, will speak on "Robbing Peter to Pay Paul" at the educational meeting of the Central Zone of the South Carolina Optometric Extension Program in Orangeburg Monday evening June 18th at 8:00 P. M.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

As the Farm Credit Administration rounds out its first year's work Production Credit Commissioner S. M. Garwood reports that the farmer's production credit associations, which were organized last winter and began to do business in volume in April, have handled about \$44,500,000 of spring financing.

"The associations have advanced \$27,300,000 of this amount," Mr. Garwood said, "and the balance of \$17,200,000 has been allocated to the accounts of borrowers. Most of this balance goes to farmers who are getting their loans in a series of payments during the season, so they will have the money when they need it and meanwhile save on interest charges.

Most of the loans made this spring have been for crop production," Mr. Garwood continued, "and while the spring seasonal demand for crop production loans has now passed its peak, the gradual increase in the size of loans indicates that farmers and stockmen are turning their attention to livestock loans and loans for general farming purposes.

"The extremely low cost of money this spring is very encouraging to new agricultural financing. The production credit associations have been able to reduce the interest rates on new loans to 5 per cent; and this factor is enabling many farmers to get loans who up until now have postponed the purchase of needed work-stock, horses, equipment, machinery, repairs and improvements.

State Campaign Opened Yesterday

Lexington, June 18.—In all probability a woman will wield the gavel when the 24 candidates for state offices launch their state-wide speaking campaign here tomorrow.

She will be Mrs. Julius Adams of Leesville, Lexington county Democratic vice chairman. Solicitor T. C. Callison, the chairman, is absent holding court at McCormick, leaving the duty of presiding to the woman vice chairman.

Political leaders said it would be one of the few times if not the first time for a woman to officiate at a state campaign meeting.

Arrangements have been completed to give the contenders for the nine state offices a rousing send-off on their county to county quest for votes in the August 28 primary.

The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. The candidates will meet before this time to elect a secretary, arrange the speaking order and make other arrangements for the state-wide tour which will occupy them for the next ten weeks.

In addition to the state candidates the three seeking the Second district congress seat also will be heard here.

A large attendance is expected for the opening meeting of what by all portents will be a spirited state political campaign.

Chief interest centers in the governor's race with its eight candidates—all of them able campaigners and capable of putting plenty of fire into the contest.

Sharp fights are in prospect for other state positions. There are four contenders for lieutenant governor, three for superintendent of education and two each for attorney general, adjutant general and commissioner of agriculture. The incumbents have no opposition for three offices—secretary of state, treasurer and comptroller general.

SEEKS ADDITIONAL AID FOR FARMERS OF FIFTH DISTRICT

The following telegram was received last week from Congressman J. P. Richards by County Agent Green:

Have had conference today with Farm Credit Administration and Emergency Relief seeking additional help for farmers of Fifth District on account of recent excessive rains and flood. Please have survey and forward statement concerning conditions your county to Coleman, State Supervisor, at Columbia, and S. M. Garwood, Commissioner, Farm Credit Administration, Washington. Have been informed that conditions are serious. Will help in every way possible.

PROF. LANDRUM, THE BLIND ARTIST, TO APPEAR IN CAMDEN

The people of Camden will have an opportunity to hear one of South Carolina's great piano artists in the person of Mr. John Landrum, of Greenwood, S. C. Prof. Landrum will give a recital on next Monday night at the High School auditorium, under the auspices of the High School Band Boosters. This will be entertainment of the highest type, and to hear the equivalent, would cost many times more than this will cost. Let every one patronize this worthy proposition, as it will be a musical treat and at the same time help boost of the much needed High School Band. Some one will call on you to buy a ticket. Remember next Monday night June 25th.

PREPAREDNESS

This will be the theme of the address of Dr. Wimberly, next Sunday morning before the Bible Class. It will be remembered that this was his subject last Sunday; but this one will have no reference whatever to the line of thought in the last. Don't fail to hear him next Sunday at 10:00 A. M. This is a fine opportunity for hearing a timely and valuable address.—Jack Moore, Secretary.

"Such loans must be secured by first liens on sufficient livestock or equipment, owned or purchased, to secure the loan adequately."