

**SKETCH OF L.**

**WARDLAW SMITH**

(Greenville Piedmont.)

The "Carolina Alumnus," official publication of the University of South Carolina, in its October number contains this sketch of L. Wardlaw Smith of Greenville, one of the Carolina Alumni who gave his life for his country:

In beginning this sketch of a very dear friend my mind drifts back many years to our boyhood days. I love to think of the times when the subject of this sketch and I, together with other boys in our neighborhood, would each mount a mule and dash madly over the red hills of Abbeville county impersonating a band of Indians. Then the next day perhaps with one single barrel Iver Johnson shotgun for the two of us, we would start out on a hunt. Well do I remember the joy that came to us as we killed our first rabbit, and the pride we felt in our marksmanship when we brought in our first partridge. Those were happy days, and whatever else may happen I can never be deprived of the memory of those times.

Lewis Wardlaw Smith was born in the historic old town of Abbeville, South Carolina, on September 4, 1888. His early education was received in the school of the town of Abbeville. For a while he attended a private school conducted by Mr. Edward McCrady, pastor of the Episcopal church. When Wardlaw was thirteen or fourteen years of age his family moved to Woodruff, S. C., in Spartanburg county, at which place his father A. W. Smith, built a cotton mill. Here Wardlaw attended the graded school for a year or two and then went to Woodberry Forest school at Orange Va. While attending this school he had the misfortune of breaking his shoulder bone while playing a football game, but he entirely recovered from the effects of that injury and seemed to suffer no ill effects therefrom. After two years at Woodberry Forest he entered the Sophomore class at the University of South Carolina. There he took an interest in everything worth while and as a star pitcher of the champion team of 1909, established his place in the athletic history of the University. He was a member of the Clarisophic Literary Society. He had a genial, pleasant disposition and made friends easily. His high sense of honor and his gentle manner endeared him to the entire student body, and to those of us who knew him best, he was very close. He stood well in his studies and was well regarded by the members of the faculty. During his three-year stay in Columbia he made innumerable friends among the residents of that city.

Upon his graduation in 1909, he entered his father's office in the city of Spartanburg as his private secretary. Because of his varied business interests his father had moved from Woodruff, S. C., to Spartanburg, and it was here that Wardlaw began his fight for a place in the business world. Under the loving guidance of his father he developed into a successful mill man and was fast assuming his place among the leaders in this line in this section of our state. A few years later the election of his father as president of Brandon and Carolina Mills in Greenville, S. C., necessitated the moving of his family from Spartanburg to Greenville, from which place he managed the affairs of Woodruff Cotton Mills and was his father's first assistant in the management of the two mills in Greenville.

In July, 1914, he was married to Miss Julia Barrow of Concord, N. C. Among a group of his intimate friends and the families of the parties at interest the wedding ceremony was performed in a little church in Black Mountain, N. C. In June, 1918, Lewis Wardlaw Smith, Jr., was born and was a source of great joy and pleasure to Wardlaw.

During the fall of 1918, Wardlaw felt the call of his country in the great crisis it was facing at that time. In spite of the fact that he was a married man and under the regulations of the draft law passed by the Congress of the United States, it was not necessary for him to enter the army at that time, he volunteered his services. He was sent from Greenville to Camp Zachary Taylor near Louisville, Ky.,

where he began the intensive training incident to being developed into an officer. His splendid educational training, his natural ability insured the success of his undertaking. However, it was never destined that he should go to Europe. Within two weeks from the time that he entered the camp he developed influenza and within one short week thereafter a noble soul had passed into the great beyond. He fought a hard fight as is best shown by a remark of one of the physicians attending him who said, "Boy, if you fight the Germans like you have this 'flu' it will all be over within a short while." This was but an evidence of the type of a man that he was. He lived an upright, righteous life; was loved by those who knew him best and admired and respected by all those he came in contact with.

He leaves to his young son a rich heritage and one he may well be proud of. A useful life was offered upon the altar as a sacrifice for his country. It was the thought of protecting the innocent women and children of his country that prompted Wardlaw to take the step he did.

From Camp Zachary Taylor his body was brought to Greenville, S. C., where he was buried with military honors. Friends from all over the state came to pay their last respects to their beloved friend.

L. W. PERRIN.

**GENERAL WOOD MAY BE NEXT WAR SECRETARY**

Washington, Oct. 16.—The positive statement was made in high official circles here today that should Senator Harding be elected, Major Gen. Leonard Wood will be the next secretary of war. It is also understood that in such event either Major Gen. J. G. Harbord or Gen. James W. McAndrews will be chief of the general staff.

Senator Harding, it was stated, has already made up his mind about General Wood. It was pointed out that in making the tentative selection the senator is following the precedent set by President McKinley, who named Gen. Russell A. Alger, his opponent in the convention, to head the war office.

Should General Wood be named it will be the first time since the Civil war that an army officer has ever occupied this post. His backers in the department indicted today that if he accepts he will make a startling number of changes in the military personnel.

The bitterest humiliation suffered by any American officer during the late war were those heaped upon General Wood, his friends assert. The one that hurt most was an order directing him to return to the United States after he had a trained fighting force in France and expected to be assigned to the battle line. The officer

responsible is still in high authority at the war department.

**HARDING'S SISTER RESIGNS TO HELP IN CAMPAIGN**

Washington, Oct. 16.—Mrs. Carolyn Votaw, sister of Senator Harding, resigned as probation officer in the woman's bureau of the police department so she can take an active part in politics. So far as is known, she is the only person in Washington who has seriously regarded the warning by government officials that an employe who is found busy in politics will be dismissed.

Mrs. Votaw, it was stated today, is going to Marion to help her brother win the presidency. She hopes to get her job back after March 4.

**TENNESSEE PARSON FIRED AT IN PULPIT**

Chattanooga, Oct. 17.—Bloodhounds were rushed from here to Harriman tonight on receipt of word that an attempt had been made to assassinate the Rev. C. L. Ledford while he was in the pulpit of the Southern Harriman Baptist church addressing a meeting of the Baptist Young People's union.

Six or seven shots were fired through a window of the church, one of the bullets ricocheting and painfully injuring Mrs. W. W. Whalin. It is thought that the attack was made by some one whose enmity had been aroused by the Rev. Mr. Ledford.

**MASTER'S SALE**

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C. L. Pressly, D. E. Pressly and others against Plaintiffs Leila E. Ramey, F. J. Sutherland and others Defendants

By authority of a Decree of Sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at Public Outcry, at Abbeville, C. H., S. C. on Saturday in November, A. D., 1920 within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Abbeville County, Cedar Springs Township, in the State aforesaid, containing One Hundred and Forty-Two (142) Acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of J. F. Miller, M. E. Hollingsworth, Long Cane Creek and known as the McCartney place.

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**ASKS GOVERNMENT TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE FARMERS**

And Place Same in Banks for Lending to Farmers at a Profit of One Per Cent to the Government.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Declaring that "some one" must finance this year's crop, George P. Hampton, managing director of the Farmers' National Council, today wrote the Federal Reserve Board suggesting that in event the board definitely decided against making an effort to get its members to discount farm paper and warehouse receipts, the government borrow money and deposit it in national banks to be loaned to farmers at not more than one per cent. in excess of the rate the government pays. Farmers thus would be able, Mr. Hampton said, to hold at least a part of their crops until they can get cost of production plus a reasonable profit or until there is an effective consumption demand.

Either the primary producer or these who are seeking to get control of farm products and who are able to get credit from some source must finance the crop the letter said.

"The men seeking to corner agricultural products will not reduce the prices at which they sell crops any lower than they have to, Mr. Hampton declared. "The law of supply and demand will be unavailing in case these hoarders can obtain an embargo on importation of farm products in crude condition as it is intimated to do."

**ALL CITY DWELLERS ARE INFECTED WITH TUBERCULOSIS GERMS?**

St. Louis, Oct. 14.—Practically all persons, especially those living in cities, are infected with tuberculosis germs before they reach middle age, according to Dr. T. C. Hempelmann of St. Louis, who addressed the American Child Hygiene Association at the eleventh annual convention here today.

Infection generally takes place in childhood, he asserted.

To provide against infection, he said, mothers should guard the milk supply and prevent promiscuous handling and kissing of the baby.

"Don't kiss the baby on the mouth" he emphasized.

**TO WED ASSISTANT TO A BARBER**

London, Oct. 16.—Announcement is made that Charles Saunders Dundas, sixth Viscount Melville, will soon marry Miss Marguerite Todd, an assistant in a barber shop in Edinburgh, says the Times. This will be the third marriage of the Viscount, who is 77 years of age.

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**COTTON SEED OIL MILLS MAY HAVE TO SHUT DOWN**

Columbia, Oct. 14.—It is expected that some of the cotton seed oil mills of the state will be forced to shut down temporarily. Prominent crushers of Columbia state that the mills are buying very little seed and that it will not be surprising to see

them shut down any time now. So far, however, no mills have closed down in this state, according to the office of the crushers association here.

The Isle of Pines promises to become an important producer of iron, copper and other ores, as 11 mines have been located.



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