

Robert G. Smith

Robert G. Smith Named to New Post At Ohio State U.

A native of Andover, Robert G. Smith, has been appointed vice president for development at Ohio State University. The position is newly created one, according to Ohio State President Novice G. Fawcett.

Mr. Smith, who is executive assistant to Colgate University President Vincent M. Barnett Jr., will assume his new duties Feb. 3.

In making the announcement, Dr. Fawcett noted that the new vice presidency was established July 11 in a move "to develop increased support for university programs and activities and to strengthen relations with its many publics."

Since September, 1967, Mr. Smith has headed an intensive study in the area of long-range college planning under a program supported by the American Management Association through the American Foundation for Management Research.

Editor of Alumni-Parent Publications at Colgate from 1960-1967, Mr. Smith was appointed Director of Public Information in 1963, and served in that post until June, 1966, when he was named Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary of the University's Board of Trustees.

Mr. Smith came to Colgate in 1959 as an instructor in English, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1961.

In addition to his teaching duties, he coached the Colgate varsity debate team to three New York State championships before his initial administrative appointment.

Prior to joining the Colgate faculty, Mr. Smith was an assistant professor of English and speech therapist at the State University of New York at Cortland.

He was a graduate from the State University of New York at Geneseo in 1952, and following two years of service as a Marine Corps Officer, earned the Master's degree at Ohio University where he is a candidate for the Ph. D. degree.

Mr. Smith is chairman of the Colgate Computer Committee and served as a special consultant in business and industrial communications for corporations and government organizations.

Well known in the Hamilton community for his many public service efforts, Mr. Smith served as Director of the Hamilton Community Hospital "Jamboree," as President of the Hamilton PTA (1964); as Secretary of the College-Community Relations Council, (1958-1968); as Chairman of the Hamilton Community Chest in 1965 and 1967.

He is also past President of the Central New York College Public Relations Council, and is currently serving his second year as a Director of the Central New York Arts Council.

Mr. Smith is married to the

Andover School Board Presents Alternate Plan For Consolidation

The most disturbing fact to the Board of Education of the Andover Central School District is the fact that three principals, a district superintendent and a representative of the State Education Department met in the northern part of the county which has little or no contact with our area or understanding of it and decided unilaterally how to divide up the county into consolidated districts. We wonder why the superintendent of schools of Wellsville, New York, the district principal of Andover, N. Y., the district principal of Alfred-Almond Central School and the superintendent of schools in Hornell, New York, which represents the most thickly populated area in all of Allegany County, were not advised or asked for any advice regarding this proposed merger.

At the present time the Alfred-Almond school district and the Andover school district area is the only rapidly growing area in this county. The reason for this is the rapid growth of the Alfred Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred and the growth of Alfred University, both of which are expected to be twice as large as they are now in 1975. No consideration was given to the types of community which were to be consolidated nor their close affiliations and contacts with Alfred, both the technical school and university.

It is interesting to us here in Andover to hear the discussions that the individual child must be considered when the larger the unit becomes the less individual the child becomes. In a decision made by the group in the northern part of the county which did not consult us, we are sure that the children of Andover received no consideration whatsoever and the decision was reached by looking at a map.

We hear that enlarged units are more efficient, they have a larger field of subject matters, but

former Marie Hansen of Penn Yan, N. Y. He is the father of five children, Donald, Lynn, Michele, Paul and Gregory.

as we look at the larger units in the State of New York the subject matter enlargement is immaterial inasmuch as a very large percent of the subject matter in the high school is mandated by the state. The studies that have been made regarding larger units being more efficient and cheaper to operate cannot be defended inasmuch as most of these studies do not relate to our situation whatsoever.

The Andover district has cooperated fully with the old Vocational Board and was one of the original subscribers to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services and all of its services which it provides. The vocational school as it develops will meet entirely the needs of this area for vocational education which eliminates it from discussion regarding the maintenance of the local school. A perfect example as a school and organization increases in size is the increase in administrative costs of the school district to B. O. C. E. S. That is beside the point however and this district is willing to meet these costs and is able to meet any costs that arise in the future as a result of the development of this school at Belmont, New York.

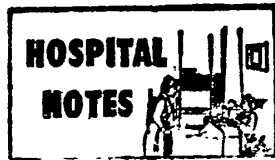
The removal of a school from a small rural community in the State of New York is a very serious social problem because the entire life of the community revolves around the school with use of the building and all of the facilities which it provides. This is not true in larger units. It is time someone made a very careful study of the value of the small rural school to the sociological development in the State of New York. We would like to see a study made sometime of the values of the small school taking into consideration all that is done for the individual pupil compared to the large school where we are sure that all of the activities stem from a monetary basis. This district has provided one of the most beautiful buildings for its pupils in the State of New York and has provided an educational program which is equivalent to any school much larger in the State of New York. It does not need an addition and would handle any future growth foreseen in the future.

This is now planning with a professional planning organization

which includes Wellsville, Scio, Andover Town, the Village of Andover, Alfred, Alfred Town, Almond and Almond Town. This will be a very comprehensive study taking into consideration land use, water facilities, recreational facilities, growth potential and all the things that are necessary in a complete comprehensive plan for an area. The development of roads, proper use of schools and facilities are all to be taken into consideration.

The alternative that the Board of Education of Andover seems to think might have some chance of becoming a reality in the future, an not in the immediate future (either, is a consolidation of the Alfred-Almond school district and the Andover school district. This is our alternate proposal. It is based on the similarity of children, our considerably above average test norms in both schools, the small number of dropouts, the lack of any integration problem, and the use of Alfred University and the technical school for our graduates. All of these things bind our two school districts together very closely and would give probably one of the largest educational areas in the state.

It is as a result of considerable thought on the part of the Board of Education that we request that you remove from being incorporated into the Village of Wellsville which would be impossible ever to carry in a referendum. We are asking that you combine on your map the Alfred-Almond Central School and the Andover Central School which will within the very near future have a pupil population of over 2000.



Mrs. Jessie Whiting was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Friday as a medical patient.

Paul Westbrook, a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, has returned to his home.

Mrs. James E. Burgett is a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital.

Mrs. Ray Harris

Mrs. Helen M. Harris, 80, of Whitesville, died in the Town of Independence Sunday night, Nov. 24, 1968 following a brief illness. She was the widow of Ray Harris, who died Nov. 7.

A native and lifelong resident of Whitesville, Mrs. Harris was born Jan. 19, 1888, daughter of Aaron and Mary Bloss Crittenden. She was a member of the former Universalist Church of Whitesville.

Surviving are two sons, Lester Harris of Wellsville RD 1, and Victor Harris of Whitesville RD 1; two daughters, Mrs. Carl (Mary) Burch of Andover, and Mrs. Eugene (Lois) Bledsoe of Wellsville RD 1; nine grandchildren; two half-sisters, Mrs. Pat Butler of Whitesville and Mrs. Stanley Canice of Schenectady; and a half-brother, Herbert Crittenden of Whitesville.

Funeral Services were conducted at the Wildman Funeral Home this afternoon (Wednesday) by the Rev. Lee Chamberlain, pastor of the Whitesville United Methodist Church and the Rev. Robert Wood, pastor of the Whitesville Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

Burial will be in Whitesville Rural Cemetery.

Vandever-Shaff

Miss Cathy F. Vandever and Daniel H. Shaff were married November 15 at the First Methodist Church in Chula Vista, Calif.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vandever of National City, Calif., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Roland Shaff of Chula Vista, Calif.

The wedding took place at 8 p. m., in a candlelight ceremony. A reception followed the ceremony.

Both are graduates of Chula Vista High School. The groom is attending Southwestern Junior College.

The Shaffs were former Andover residents.

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