

[Smith, Carl D.]

Ex-Publisher Carl D. Smith Succumbs at 75

Victor—Carl D. Smith, 75, former publisher of four Ontario County weekly newspapers, died yesterday (Apr. 28, 1952) at Clifton Springs Sanitarium. He had been ill for the last five days.

Active in the newspaper publishing field for nearly 50 years when he retired in 1947, Mr. Smith at one time owned the Victor Herald, Ontario County Times, Ontario County Journal and the Clifton Springs Press. He acquired the Herald in 1899 and expanded his interests with the Times in 1929 and the Journal in 1930. It was in the latter year that the two papers, Times and Journal, were consolidated into the present Ontario County Times-Journal. He owned the Press for a time but it faded from existence soon after he sold it in 1946.

Mr. Smith sold the Times-Journal to two Watertown residents in 1947 and although retired, he continued a column in that paper under the title, "As I See It."

He was a staunch follower of the Republican Party and often wrote in its interest. Mr. Smith was president of the Universalist Society, a member of the Victor Historical Society and Lions Club. He was a director of the State Bank of Victor.

Native of Chateaugay in Franklin County, Mr. Smith was born June 19, 1876. He came to Victor 53 years ago. His wife was the former Frances Harris, who once owned the Perry Herald.

Surviving are Mrs. Smith and a sister, Mrs. Albert S. Owens of Utica.

The body is at the Cotton Funeral Home, Maple Ave., Victor. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church. The Rev. Cecil L. Wilson, pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Nelson L. Lobdell, retired Universalist minister. Burial will be in Boughton Hill Cemetery, Victor.

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