

Citizens Give Testimonial In Honor of Supervisor

ACCOMAC, Va.—Citizens of Accomac County recently gathered in the Mary W. Smith high school auditorium here to honor Mrs. Mary Nottingham-Smith pioneer supervisor in the county. A testimonial service was presented by outstanding educational leaders and citizens from both Accomac and Northampton County.

Mrs. Smith has been working in the county for more than 20 years. The high school, built in 1935, is named in her honor in recognition of her outstanding work.

The accomplishments of Mrs. Smith during her years of service were noted in an address delivered by Lawyer G. Edward Downing. Supt. Henry A. Wise of the Accomac County Schools also appeared on the program and praised the work of the honoree.

ORIGINAL POEM READ

Also included on the program were an original poem by Mrs. Daisy Western Wise, an acrostic by Mrs. Estella Smith, and a song, "We Honor Mary Smith", sung by Leroy Mapp, accompanied by the audience.

Music was rendered by the Gee club of the High School. The Harmonious Melody Makers and solos by Mrs. Marie Hughes, Mrs. Mary Frye-Pitts, Mrs. Jamie Johnson and Mrs. A. H. Thorpe.

Mrs. Sarah Onley of Franktown, Va., Mrs. Smith's first teacher, told of her early school life. Mrs. H. T. Benjamin gave a history of her church life. Mrs. J. H. Brinkley of Cape Charles, Va. brought greetings from the Supervisor of Northampton County Schools, for Mrs. Margaret McCune, who is ill. Mr. Harry Smith of Painter, Va. read greetings from the Rev. A. D. Weaver, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church who was unable to be present. Mrs. Bessie Smith represented the Pungoteague District; Eddie Godwin, the Atlantic District; and V. A. Orton, principal of Mary N. Smith High School, read the greetings from the Lee District for Mrs. Letitia Roberts.

John F. Banks, principal of Northampton County High School, the Rev. L. S. Roberts of Capeville (Mrs. Smith's pastor) and Rev. Mr. Purnell of Stockton, Md. gave remarks.

GIFTS PRESENTED

Presentations of flowers from the elementary school children were made by Miss Hilda Smith, a purse and gloves by the high school children was presented by Miss Romania Young for Miss M. N. Smith. A fitted travelling bag from the Teachers' Association by Miss Mattie Tyler (who suggested the occasion), and Mrs. M. G. Chanter represented the patrons of Whiteville, with words of praise and a gift of money.

D. C. Rawley, president of the Accomac County Teachers' Association, acted as master of ceremonies.

Opening and closing worship services were conducted by the Rev. L. L. Ford, chaplain, and the principal of Accomac Elementary School.

Mrs. Smith expressed thanks for the co-operation of the friends, patrons, ministers, and the school officials who have helped make the work pleasant and successful for twenty years.

Supervisor



Mrs. Mary Nottingham-Smith, who has been a supervisor of schools in Accomac County for more than twenty years, was honored with a testimonial recently. The affair, sponsored by citizens of the county, was held in the auditorium of the Mary N. Smith High School, built in 1935 and named in her honor.

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