

SMITH

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RONALD CAMPBELL SMITH

(1900 - 1971)

Ronald Campbell Smith joined the Tasmanian Government Railways as an apprentice in 1916 and worked for them until 1943 when he was transferred to the Commonwealth Department of Labour and National Service, as an industrial officer and later the District Employment Officer. He was an active member of the Australian Railways Union and the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and was employees' Advocate on the Appeal Board. He was also a member of the Hobart Trades Council. Active in the Australian Labor Party, he was elected President of the Tasmanian Section in 1936. He served on the Hobart Hospital Board from 1936 and was Vice-Chairman 1936 - 1950, and on the Peacock Hospital Board of Management from 1941 until 1971, being Chairman from 1952. He was appointed justice of the peace for the Hobart district in 1934. He also served as a stipendiary steward for the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club for ten years, and in his younger days he played football.

PERSONAL PAPERS

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- 1 - Testimonials and application for job 1915 - 1928
- 6 Testimonials from Central School, Hobart (1915),
Smallhorn and Sons printers ?1915, E.L.C. Watkins (1915),
A.J.Todd Electrical Engineers (1916), acknowledgement of application
for railway apprenticeship (1916), testimonial to his knowledge of steam
engines (1928).
- 7 Certificates of competency as enginedriver, first class 1928
(parchment rolled)
- 8 - First Aid certificates 1923-1926
- 12 Certificates from St. John Ambulance Association and Railway
Ambulance Corps
(5 certs)
- 13 Appointment as J.P.Hobart district 1934
(paper certificate, rolled)
- 14 Admission as Free Mason 11 Apr. 1935

 Certificate of admission as Free Mason of third degree of
Tasmanian Union Lodge, No. 3.
(paper certificate, rolled)
- 15 Tasmanian Railways Gazette June 1936

 Including photograph of R.C.Smith as a prominent Unionist with
note of his career (p.19) and Union news.
- 16 - Coronation Medal - Department of Labour 1953
- 19 Letter of congratulations from Henry Bland, letter from Department
of Labour and Social Service, Melbourne, enclosing medal, medal in box,
certificate of award.
- 20 Acknowledgment of resignation from Amalgamated Engineering Union, as he had
some years ago entered another sphere of employment 1958.
- 21 Hobart Hospital Board 1959

 Certificate of merit for 23 years service.
- 22 - Retirement 1965
- 25 Letter enquiring entitlement from Tasmanian Government Railways;
Letter from Henry Bland with thanks and congratulations for service and best
wishes for retirement; Department of Labour and National Service. Staff
'Regional Notes' including farewell to Ron Smith; folder of autographs of
colleagues, photographs and newscuttings of farewell presentations and
presentation from Hospital Board.

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- 26 - Peacock Convalescent Hospital 1966, 1968
- 27 Report and history (typed), 1966; 25th Anniversary booklet.
- 28 Joseph Batt Estate 1969
- Article from 'Mercury' on Joseph Batt (d.1897), who left a bequest to the Royal Hobart Hospital and the Presbyterian Church R.C. Smith was one of the trustees.
- 29 A.G.Ogilvie 1967
- Article in 'Horizons', March 1967, referring to Ogilvie's Labor policy speech in 1934, R.C.Smith being chairman.
- 30 Notes on R.C.Smith's career by Mrs. M.L.Smith c 1971
- 31 Copy of memorial inscription, All Saints Church, 1973
- 32 - Photographs 1918-1946
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- 32) Naval Cadet football Club (Beattie Photo) 1918 (2 copies)
- 33) Naval cadets standing by gun 1918
- 34) Group, probably railway men, in work cloths ND.
- 35) Southern Railway football team 1922
- 36) Masonic club officers and committee 1945 - 6
names printed below, signatures on back.

(mounted photographs)

See also presentation photographs DX4/25