



MR. DAVID HENLEY

David Henley, Former Guilford Business Manager, Spry at 91

If looks are the measuring stick of Father Time you would never know that one of Guilford College's grand old gentlemen, David V. Henley, recently celebrated his 91st birthday.

Although he has snow-white, neatly parted hair, wears glasses and sports a well trimmed grey mustache, David Henley is as agile as some half his age. To prove this you have only to ask how he celebrated his 90th birthday.

"I observed my birthday as usual; why, I of course rode my favorite horse. I'd have ridden him this year (November 3) if he was at the house but it seems he was at the other farm. Anyway it ain't safe to go on the roads since they are so crowded with automobiles."

"In fact," he continued, "folks still ask when I meet up with them if I still ride a horse."

Guilford Business Manager

One of the first business managers of Guilford College, Mr. Henley loves all kinds of animals. Although horses are at the top of the list, he replied with his ready wit, "A sturdy mule is a good thing to have—just for work, that is."

In addition to his riding abilities, a phenomenal feat for anyone his age, Mr. Henley could, up until a year or so ago, jump into the air and knock his heels together three times—a trick few spry youngsters can do.

Mr. Henley has had numerous hobbies, including the making of pewter spoons, modeling covered wagons, spinning wheels and split bottom chairs. He began pursuing most of these hobbies after his 75th birthday. At the last count he had built 54 covered wagons resembling the type his father had when he lived at Deep River.

Keeps a Diary Also

He also keeps a diary which he began in 1936 when his wife died. Daily the "grand ole man" continues adding to his historical scrapbooks which contain newspaper articles ranging from the election of Greensboro's mayors to religious poems.

One of Mr. Henley's other pastimes is collecting gravestone inscriptions of people he once knew. He has sayings from burial plots located throughout the state and also from California.

Besides his hobby activities, the Guilford citizen is a regular Sunday School and church member. One of his first loves is athletics and he attends all of Guilford's home football, basketball and baseball games that he can.

"Hard labor and good habits." To these Mr. Henley attributes his health which up until only last month was excellent. At present he is having trouble with his eyes and hearing, according to Mrs. W. A. Coble, the daughter with whom he lives. "He really never has been seriously ill, but he did catch the flu last year when he attended a basketball game and got caught in the rain."

Unbent By Age

The spry blue-grey-eyed gent, unbent by age, was born in 1859, the son of David V. Henley and Eleanor Lassiter Henley near Farmers in Randolph County. His mother was a Quaker minister and father an elder. Mr. Henley is the seventh generation of Patrick Henley who came from England with William Penn.

Mr. Henley came to the Greensboro area in 1907 as Guilford College business manager. While working at the college, he remembers the construction of the library in 1910, the boy's dormitory and New Garden Meeting House.

Alumni returning each year remember him. "It's impossible for me to remember them, but they recall their pony-riding business manager," he smiled.

Operated Grocery Store

In 1914 Mr. Henley operated a grocery store in the Guilford community. Following this he went to Richmond, Indiana, where the Five Years Meeting employed him to act as business manager of Southland Institute, a colored school.

Unlike many of his contemporaries, he is a firm believer in the value of education, and describes it as "something you can never take from anyone." He practices what he preaches, too.

Undoubtedly David Henley shines with friendliness; this can readily be proved by the amiable smile which trickles across his face when he opines, "There's really nobody I wouldn't like to meet and make friends with."

Christians Nose Out Quakers By a Score of 6 to 0

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and another incomplete pass on fourth down gave the ball to the Christians.

Clocks Run Out

After driving to the Quaker 49, the clock ran out and that was the ball game.

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— By Barbara McFarland

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