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Mrs. Nancy Caroline Gragg

Born June 14, 1837; Fell Asleep December 28th, 1919

(E. N. Joyner in Lenoir News-Topic.)

There passed out, from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Coffey, in the Rosborough Settlement, Avery county, on the Lord's Day, December 28, 1919, the soul of one of "Our Fathers" most faithful daughters. This was Mrs. Nancy Caroline Gragg. She was the mother, and grandmother and the great-grandmother of the whole settlement. A life like hers deserves more than a passing notice, by reason of its own quality, and as a guide-post to other way-farers.

Mrs. Gragg was born June 14, 1837, in the neighborhood of what is now Pineola. At sixteen she was married to Madison Gragg twenty years her senior who died in November 1893. With him she came to his home, within a few hundred yards of where she fell asleep in her 83rd birthday. She was the mother of thirteen children of whom four are living: N. Madison, Mary wife of Mr. T. C. Gragg, Mrs. Norah Philyaw, and L. Carroll, all except Mrs. Philyaw in the same neighborhood of their birthplace.

She was a true and faithful member of the Baptist Church. But she was even more than that for her Christian heart was as wide as the compass of all the churches, for she tried to follow in the footsteps of her Lord Jesus the Christ, whose greatest distinction was that "He went about doing good." She gave her busy years to her children as long as they needed her, helping them to live and showing them how; she was always ready for any kind of service, as far as she knew of its need; and could go. She was never idle. Whatever her hands found to do, for her own support or the benefit of others, she did it with her might. There has scarcely been a child born in all that region for many years whose coming she did not welcome with a tender skillfulness. Everywhere she was affectionately known as "Granny Gregg." She was an example in all robust virtues, as well as denying herself some of the most common vices, for, among other things, she never used tobacco in any form, and she felt a contempt for liquor, and for those who let them come under its slavery. Industry was a habit with her; in one chief thing she ever rejoiced, and that was to "sow and reap." Every year, even the very last, she "made a garden." No one could keep her from it, and now some are enjoying the fruit of her planting after her spirit has fruited in the Paradise of God.

Under the burden of her years she had grown more and more feeble until last summer she had a sudden and very serious attack. This, to the surprise of all, she survived, and was able to go around again, even to dig in her old garden at the house where she lived so many years; and it was according to the spirit and custom of her life that the day before she found rest she compelled them to put her on horseback that she might go several miles to minister to one of her friends in trouble, whom she had promised. She returned on Sunday afternoon from this "Good Samaritan" visit, and was tired, ate a bit of lunch, laid down to rest, and went to sleep. Yes, "asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep," and the more blessed because it came to her wearied old body, and on the Sabbath Day, just after she had forced it in spirit to

take a hard journey that she might be "going about doing good."

She had made her home with her grandson, Mr. Kelley Coffey, who, with his wife, left nothing undone for his comfort. Her funeral was conducted by her good friend, the Rev. Oscar Dellinger, according to the rites of her own church.

He who writes this incomplete record of her noble life regards it a sacred privilege to have known her, to have rejoiced in her cherished friendship, and to have had again and again the assurance of her prayers. He thinks it an hour to thus bear sincere testimony to the beauty of her character, and to those who stand nearest to her in ties of blood, nor to any, could he wish a greater fortune than to find and to follow in the path she trod, of which the Book says: "The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more until the perfect day."

Mrs. Caroline Gragg died December 28, 1919, and her obituary written by Rev. E. N. Joyner for the Lenoir News-Topic, is as true, I believe, as could be written. Mrs. Gragg was a daughter of John Gragg, Sr., he being a son of William Gragg, a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Wm. Gragg, with his family, came to North Carolina soon after the Revolutionary war, and settled on John's river, Caldwell county. John was born in Appleton county, Va., in 1781. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Mayns and second to Susan Barrier. To the first marriage were born 7 boys and one girl. Nicey, mother of ex-Sheriff W. H. Calaway, of Watauga. To the second marriage were born seven girls and four boys, making in all nineteen children. John Gragg, Sr., died in 1852, sitting in a chair in the house where Jack Smith now lives at Vilas. Mrs. N. C. Gragg left surviving her two brothers and a sister, Emsie Gragg, of Watauga, W. W. Gragg, of Farmington, Wash., and Mrs. Margaret D. Qualls, of Overton, Tennessee, mother of J. Lee Qualls, of Boone. Mrs. N. C. Gragg was a twin sister of Mrs. Adeline Presnell, wife of W. W. Presnell, who died Feb. 12, 1907. She was the aunt of the Rev. E. M. Gragg, Mrs. Will Henson and others.

W. W. PRESNELL.

Another Angle to the H. C. of L. Situation.

Manufacturer's Record. Every decrease in the price paid to farmers for foodstuffs will only serve to hasten the day of a food shortage so acute as to endanger the safety of our government.

In lessened food supply may be hatched the egg of revolution. Every consumer who rejoices in reports of decrease in prices paid the farmers for grain, cotton, livestock and dairy products will soon realize that his joy will be turned to mourning. Cheap milk or bread or meats today will merely mean a smaller supply and famine prices later on.

The question of the league of nations, of soldiers' bounty, Democratic or Republican supremacy are merely soap bubbles blown by children as compared with the mighty food supply question. Heavy pay to industrial workers and short hours of labor are like great magnets drawing men and women from the farms to the cities, decreasing the number of farm producers and increasing the number of food consumers.

Economic forces will eventually push foodstuffs so high that the pendulum must swing back and force people from the cities to the farms to avoid starvation, but ere the swing turns that way food scarcity and the misinformation about it may, unless we are wise, wreck our government and our civilization.

This is the nation's supreme problem. To its solution the people must address themselves with a full realization of its import.

Dr. N. Y. Gully for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

MR. EDITOR: I very seldom take an active part in the campaign for any one for the nomination for an office at the hands of the Democratic party, either in the county or State, for the reason that I do not wish to antagonize any one of my political friends or brethren, nor do I have anything against any candidate aspiring for political office before the people at the primary to be held on the fifth day of June of this year, but I am especially interested in the candidacy of Dr. N. Y. Gully, of Wake Forest College. I know of no man in North Carolina who has rendered greater service to the lawyers of the State than has Dr. Gully. Since 1895 he has been at the head of the law department of Wake Forest College, and in order to fully appreciate the service he has rendered the State in general and of his profession particularly, you would have to know the hundreds of men whom he has prepared to take their station in the legal profession.

Professor Gully has never aspired to political office but once in his life, having represented Franklin county in the legislature in 1885, but preferred to follow his chosen profession of preparing young men of North Carolina for the duties of life. From 1903 to 1905 he served on the Commission to revise the Statutes.

Dr. Gully is a christian gentleman, taking an active part in church and Sunday school work and is teacher of the largest Sunday school class at Wake Forest. Without doubt Dr. Gully has one of the best and most profound legal minds in North Carolina, and if elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina would add dignity and distinction to that august body.

As I said in the beginning of this letter, I have nothing against any other candidate, but anything the citizens of this county may do for Dr. Gully will certainly be appreciated by him and I will esteem it as a personal favor to myself because of the friendship I have for this great and good man.

Very truly,
JOHN H. BINGHAM.

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GARDNER THE FRIEND OF ALL PEOPLE



O. MAX GARDNER
For Governor

Saturday, June 5, is the day set by the Democrats of North Carolina for the selection of a candidate for governor. Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner is a candidate for the nomination. In asking the support of the citizens of the state, Mr. Gardner stands upon the platform of fitness and his friends commend him as being, by training and experience, equipped for the position.

Max Gardner is a self-made man, started life without means, worked hard to secure an education and graduated at the A. & M. Later he studied law and graduated at the State University.

Having worked on the farm and in the cotton mill, Max Gardner is in hearty sympathy with the workers and desires to aid in the advancement of the people of the farms and factories of this state. A practical farmer, he has applied the principles studied at the A. & M. to his farm in Cleveland county and has been successful. With years of experience in business affairs, he will be able to lead the state in an economical administration of the state business.

UNFETTERED.

Max Gardner has refused repeatedly to make any pledges or promises to either organizations or individuals. Some leaders of Organized Labor are fighting Gardner bitterly because he would not make any pledges to that organization. Max Gardner proposes to serve all the people, if nominated and elected, and will not be tied to any previous promises.

ENDORSEMENTS.

Max Gardner has a great number of friends in all sections of the state. Hundreds have written letters endorsing his candidacy. There is no room here to print them all. But the endorsement of two men—both former governors are of interest.

FORMER GOVERNOR KITCHIN SAYS

"I favor Max Gardner for governor of North Carolina. He has public spirit, ability, personality and character. He has strength, vigor and courage. His activity in council and on the hustings for Democratic principles has been long and effective. His opinions, conduct and history have given him a statewide popularity. His service as legislator and Lieutenant-Governor has been patriotic and faithful. His record, his qualities and his attainments assure to the people of this state an honest, useful and successful administration as governor."

FORMER GOVERNOR GLENN SAYS

"If Gardner is nominated and elected, I vouch for him. He will, in the discharge of the duties of the office, know no man, no color, no creed, no party, but will treat all alike, doing equal justice to all rich and poor, high and low, friend and foe. A splendid speaker, a diligent student, a practical farmer, a leader of experience, a successful business man, an

able lawyer, a strong and patriotic citizen, and above all, an upright Christian gentleman, he ought to win, and for these reasons and many others I will vote for Gardner, work for Gardner and do all I can, in an honorable way to help make him the next governor of North Carolina."

SOME OTHER LETTERS.

Mr. R. M. Gidney, farm demonstrator and agent for Cleveland county, is certainly well informed concerning the standing of Cleveland county farmers. Mr. Gidney says:

"During the past six years I have become acquainted with the farming activities of Hon. O. Max Gardner. For four years I have been co-operating with him in farm work. Mr. Gardner is one of the largest and most efficient farmers in Cleveland county. He has not only made a success of farming but his interest in better farming methods and his activity along this line, have inspired many other farmers and caused them to succeed. The height of Mr. Gardner's ambition is to promote the agricultural interest of his county."

Mr. Ambrose M. McWhirter, a man of high character, who is a weaver and loom fixer, employed by the Ila Manufacturing Company, of Shelby, and one of the most prominent textile workers in Cleveland county, writing of O. Max Gardner, says:

"If there is an industrial laborer in Cleveland county, who is a Democrat and is not for Mr. Gardner, I have never heard of him. We all know Mr. Gardner and he knows us. We all trust Mr. Gardner and believe in him. He is a fair and square man and we who know him would trust his judgment to the limit on any question between right and wrong. He knows what is right and does it. He has helped personally more tenants and poor men to buy homes than any man in the county. I can safely say that practically all of the cotton mill workers in this section are going to vote and work for Mr. Gardner for governor. He believes in and practices the Golden Rule."

Hon. George A. Holderness, Tarboro, chairman of the appropriations committee of the state senate, farmer leading live stock raiser, banker and broad-visioned citizen, says:

"After deliberate consideration of the claims of the candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor, and adverted to the claims of other candidates, I am firmly convinced that Hon. O. Max Gardner will give North Carolina better service as governor than any other candidate—therefore I am supporting Max Gardner for governor. Max Gardner has made a record, in youth, in college, in private life and in public life that commends not only my support, but that of every voter."

Gardner combines the rare qualities of a scientific and practical farmer, sound business judgment and seasoned legislative experience. His record in both private and public life appeals to me and should appeal to every voter. I am firmly convinced that if elected he will prove an able governor."

Mr. Albert Escott, Editor Mill News, Charlotte, one of those most interested in the welfare of the workers in the cotton mills of the Carolinas, in a letter to the workers says:

"I wish to testify to my knowledge of the fitness of Hon. O. Max Gardner for governor of this state. He has recovered his vigor. He has a big, powerful body, a resourceful mind, and a well-known integrity of character, all of which would make him a great governor of all the people."

"My paper is non-political, but my personal vote will be for Gardner. I hope yours will be too."

IN CONCLUSION.

Max Gardner is clean, honest, straight. Max Gardner believes in the application of the Golden Rule to the affairs of community, section, state. Max Gardner seeks this office on the ground of merit. He is not aligned with any political or party faction, but seeks the support of the virile manhood of the state, whose hope is the successful development of North Carolina, in this new day of opportunity. Max Gardner's friends appeal to men of every class and every section to look ahead rather than backward at this crucial hour.

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The defendant W. P. Hendrix, above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Watauga county to obtain judgment for the plaintiff and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear ON THE 3rd DAY OF JUNE 1920 before the clerk of the superior court of said county and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 11th day of May 1920.
A. W. Smith, Clerk Superior Court

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as administratrix of J. C. Horton dec. all persons having claims against the said estate will present same within 12 months from the date hereof or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate settle the same at once. This May 15th, 1920.

CARRIE R. HORTON,
Administratrix

E. F. LOVILL, Atty.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

For Commissioner of Labor and Printing
I announce my candidacy for Commissioner of Labor and Printing in the June state-wide Democratic primary to succeed Hon. M. L. Shipman, incumbent, and will appreciate your vote and support at the poll. Ask any one who knows of my services in and about the legislature since 1909.

DAVID P. DELLINGER,
Gastonia, N. C. April 22, 1920.—m65tp

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