

MAJOR E. F. GRIFFIN FILES FOR CONGRESS

Seven Democrats, Three Republicans For Governor

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REPORT SATURDAY

Fourth District Congressional Race May Throw Bomb in Gubernatorial Campaign; Republicans Change Policy And Go In Primary; List of Candidates For State and Congressional Offices; Campaign May Yet Develop Some Real Life

(News-Observer)
Just 15 minutes before the deadline for filing candidacies for the May 25 primaries closed Saturday, Democratic opposition developed to Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of the ninth district, dean of the North Carolina delegation, and to Congressman Harold Cooley, of the fourth district.

Major Edward F. Griffin, of Louisburg, member of the 1932 and 1935 State Senates, filed against Cooley and Jim Rivers, a one newspaperman, filed against Doughton. Rivers announced weeks ago that he would be a candidate, but Major Griffin's filing came as somewhat of a surprise as the most-frequently mentioned opponent for Cooley had been State Senator Willie Lee Lumpkin, of Louisburg.

As the deadline for filing closed, 47 Democrats and 23 Republicans were entered on the books of the State Board of Elections. Only other Democratic incumbent to receive opposition on the closing day was Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney. William B. Oliver, Fuquay Springs attorney, filed against him.

Seven Seek Governorship
No additional candidates for Governorship filed Saturday, leaving the field at seven Democrats and three Republicans. The largest Democratic field in history is composed of J. M. Broughton, Raleigh; Mayor Thomas E. Cooper, of Wilmington; Paul Grady, of Kenly; L. Lee Gravelly, of Rocky Mount; W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro; A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh, and Arthur Simmons, of Burlington. Largest Democratic field in other primaries was four.

Bryant Thompson, of Hamlet, and Edwin P. Hale, of Leaksville, who had announced for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, did not post the \$105 fee.

Republican gubernatorial candidates are Robert H. McNeill, of Statesville, John R. Hoffman, of Burlington, and George M. Fritchard, of Asheville.

Stirs Up Complications
Entry of Major Griffin into the fourth district race is expected to be a complicating factor in the gubernatorial race. It stirs up a congressional fight in the home district of all the gubernatorial candidates except Cooper and Simmons and Mr. Broughton supported Cooley in his races in the past.

There had been attempts to steer clear of a congressional battle in this district because of the gubernatorial situation.

Major Griffin attended the University of North Carolina and Wake Forest College. He has been a member of the National Guard for the past 16 years and now commands the First Battalion of the 113th Field Artillery.

Incumbents Not Opposed
Democratic incumbents without Democratic opponents were:

State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, Labor Commissioner Forrest Shuford, Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin, Attorney General Harry McMullan, Congressman Lindsay Warren of the first district, Congressman John H. Kerr of the second district, Congressman A. D. Folger of the fifth district, Congressman J. Bayard Clark of the seventh district and Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle of the tenth district.

There are four Democratic candidates in the sixth and five in the eighth.

Republicans Break Habit
In putting forth such a wide slate of candidates for State offices, the Republicans broke away from habit of 25 years duration. Only once since enactment of the primary law in 1915 has that party stirred up a real contest for

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County Election Board Named

The State Board of Elections at its meeting in Raleigh Saturday named the various County Election Boards for the State. In Franklin County the same old Board was reappointed and is composed of P. R. Insoce, of Castalla, R. I.; L. O. Frazier, Henderson, R. I.; and Bland G. Mitchell, of Youngsville.

This Board will meet at the Court House in Louisburg on Saturday morning, March 23rd, (next Saturday) at 11 o'clock for the purpose of organizing and to determine whether there will be a new registration of voters, or a re-listing of voters in the County.

This is an opportune time to reduce the size of several of the voting precincts as it will come when a new registration is really needed and will cost little more, if any, than the re-listing method. It might be a great deal cheaper to the County to have smaller voting precincts as the wage and hour laws, adopted by the State and the Federal governments might apply to election officials, which, if it does, might cost the County time and a half and double time, or new crews for all time over eight hour periods.

Franklin Civil Court

Convened Monday With Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton County, Presiding — Many Cases Disposed Of

The regular March term of Franklin Superior Civil Court convened on Monday morning with His Honor Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton County, presiding. Not unlike other Civil Courts there has been little interest shown except by the litigants and no cases of special public importance has come before the court for trial. Quite a number of smaller cases has been disposed of by settlement and trial.

This is a two week's term and will probably last well into next week. The Court recessed last night to observe Good Friday and will not convene again until Monday.

Judge Burgwyn has renewed many pleasant friendships on his trip here this time and Franklin is always glad to have him visit our town and county.

SPRING REVIVAL

Beginning one week from next Sunday, on March 31, there will be Spring evangelistic services at the Louisburg Methodist Church; Rev. H. I. Glass, new District Superintendent (Presiding Elder) of the Raleigh District, will be the visiting preacher. Prayerful reparations are in progress for a great meeting.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Good Friday the service will begin promptly at 12:30 Noon. This will be a service for the whole community and a sincere invitation is extended to all those who care to worship and withdraw from the world on that day.

The services on Easter Day will be as follows: The First Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:00 A. M. Church School at 9:45 A. M. The Second Celebration of the Holy Communion at 11:00 A. M.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, March 23:

Saturday — Double Feature — John Wayne in "The Man From Monterey" and The Jones Family in "Young As You Feel." Also Chapter No. 8 "Zorros Fighting Legion."

Sunday-Monday — Priscilla Lane Rosemary Lane, Thos. (GWTW) Mitchell, Dennis Moore and Alan Hale in "Three Cheers For The Irish."

Tuesday — Merle Oberon, Laurence Olivier, Geraldine Fitzgerald in "Wuthering Heights."

Wednesday — The Dead End Kids and Mary Carlisle in "Call A Messenger."

Thursday-Friday — George Raft and Joan Bennett in "The House Across The Bay."

Local Bar Endorses Griffin

The Franklin County Bar Association at a meeting held yesterday morning passed the following resolution:

FIRST: That the Bar Association of Franklin County heartily endorses the candidacy of Honorable Edward F. Griffin for the Democratic nomination for representative in Congress from this the Fourth Congressional District.

SECOND: That Senator Griffin has twice represented the people of Franklin County in the General Assembly, and has held other positions of trust and confidence. He has proven himself to be a true friend to the people, honest, able and sincere, and we believe that if elected to the Congress of the United States he would stand firmly for all measures conducive to the welfare of the people, the poor as well as the rich, the weak as well as the strong.

THIRD: We therefore commend Senator Griffin to the voters of this Congressional District as being in all respects worthy of their suffrages and bespeak their favorable consideration for his candidacy.

FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION.
W. H. Yarborough, Pres.
E. C. Bulluck, Sec'y.

Prethey Wedding Ceremony

Miss Marguerite Tonkel Becomes Bride of Herman David Berlin, Sunday Afternoon — Reception At Hotel

Possibly one of the prettiest and most elaborate home weddings witnessed in Louisburg in many years was that of Miss Marguerite Tonkel to Mr. Herman David Berlin, on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tonkel on North Main Street. The ceremony was spoken by Rabbi Zen, of Raleigh, assisted by George Kaplan.

The home was beautifully decorated in a profusion of snapdragons, iris and calla lilies, and on each side of an improvised altar was a large basket of calla lilies and fern.

The bride was dressed in a gown of Moire tulle with a long trail, with a finger tip veil that was caught at the front of her head with orange blossoms and had a string of pearls at her throat. She carried a muff of the same material as her gown, which was fashioned of white Killarney roses and valley lilies and showered with valley lilies and Maiden hair fern.

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GRIFFIN FOR CONGRESS



MAJ. EDWARD F. GRIFFIN

The FRANKLIN TIMES joins his many friends in Franklin County and the Fourth Congressional District in extending the heartiest congratulations to Major Edward F. Griffin upon his decision to enter the Congressional race in the Fourth District. In his decision to oppose his friend, Hon. Harold D. Cooley, for this important position he has made it possible for the Democratic voters of the District to make a choice between two exceptionally well qualified contestants.

Maj. Griffin is one of Franklin County's finest citizens. He is a son of Mrs. Fannie Wilder Griffin and the late Mr. Paul B. Griffin. In 1925 Maj. Griffin was married to Miss Mildred Scott, daughter of Mrs. Julia Pleasants Scott, of Louisburg, and the late Mr. Wyland Scott, of Apex, Wake County. They have one charming little daughter, Miss Nancy Carlisle, who divides her parents' popularity and is a leader among her many little friends.

His success is credited to his untiring efforts at doing his duty to his fellow man, strict attention to his tasks and personal consideration for others.

He enjoys the confidence and good will of people in all walks of life as one in whom the greatest exertion can be placed, and from whom the greatest exhibition of energy in the interest of all the people may be expected. He is a Jeffersonian Democrat of the old school both by choice and by training. He is a man of broad mind and liberal views towards all public questions, but believes firmly in individual and State's rights.

Maj. Griffin is fully qualified to make the Fourth Congressional District and our national government a most valuable representative, by his life's training, and ability. He was educated at Mills High School and the University of North Carolina, and received his law training at Wake Forest College, being licensed to practice in the summer of 1923. Besides enjoying a lucrative and active law practice he served Franklin County six years as Prosecuting Attorney for Recorder's Court, and is a prominent member of the local bar and of the Seventh District Bar Association. He has been Chairman of the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee since 1934 and has always given liberally of his time and means to the Democratic party. He represented the Sixth Senatorial District in the sessions of the General Assemblies of 1933 and 1935 being a member of the powerful Finance Committee in 1933 and Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee in 1935, and other important Committees. During the session of 1933 when the big fight was on the Sales tax he prepared and "daddied" the first amendment exempting food stuffs from the operation of the tax. He is a prominent Methodist, being a member of the Board of Stewards of the Louisburg Methodist Church, and is Past President of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club, and Past Master of Louisburg Masonic Lodge and is a 32 degree Mason.

Maj. Griffin's public activity turned largely to Military and early in his career he became a member of Battery B 113th F. A., of Louisburg, as a buck private. From this, through hard work, outstanding ability and good comradeship he worked up through the Captaincy of the Battery and is now Major in Command of the First Battalion of the 113th Field Artillery North Carolina National Guard. During this time he attended and graduated from the Army Field Artillery School at Fort

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EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Paris, March 20.—Paul Reynaud, vigorous little mountaineer, world traveler and skilled doctor of French finance, tried tonight to get together a "push-the-war" government after Edouard Daladier's government had resigned in France's first war-time political upheaval.

Daladier's government, which had prepared the country for war after the uneasy Munich breathing spell for which it was one-fourth responsible and then directed the nation through six and a half months of a conflict of siege, quit this morning.

The reason was a thick atmosphere of dissatisfaction over lack of Allied action in the struggle with Germany. Gentle Albert Lebrun, the President of France, asked Daladier to form a new government. But Daladier, smarting under the hostile refusal by the majority of the Chamber of Deputies to vote on a motion of confidence early today, refused.

Reynaud, whose reorganization of French finance is rated as one of the greatest achievements of the Daladier administration and whose personal political star has been rising steadily, was called in.

London, Thursday, March 21.—Germany's air force hit back last night in revenge for the tremendous bombing which British planes dealt out to the fortified Nazi air base on the Island of Sylt, the Scottish coast, fighting a battle with British warships and naval planes and damaging three neutral ships.

Revising its first estimate of the casualties early today, the British Admiralty said three neutral ships in the convoy suffered damage and that one of them was abandoned by its crew. The German radio broadcast claims that "several" convoyed ships were "sunk or badly damaged."

The abandoned ship was the Norwegian Sinta, of 1,267 tons. Her crew was picked up by another Norwegian vessel. The Swedish Ucklapp, 1,599 tons, was hit by an incendiary bomb and the Norwegian Tora Ellise, 721 tons, likewise was damaged.

Anti-aircraft fire from escorting warships damaged one attacking Heinkel bomber, the Admiralty said. Planes of the fleet air arm, Britain's naval air force, hit two other Heinkels and on one occasion two of the British planes scattered ten Heinkels.

None of the British warships or planes was damaged, authorities insisted.

TO CLOSE FOR EASTER

Practically all stores and businesses in Louisburg, including the Bank, will observe Easter by closing on Monday, March 25th. Hear this in mind in making your purchases on Saturday should you have business with any of the firms in Louisburg on Monday.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AT WOMAN'S COLLEGE

(Special to Franklin Times)
Greensboro, Mar. 16.—The Athletic Association at Woman's College climaxed its winter sports program with a banquet in the "Y" but Wednesday evening. Basketball and gymnastic varieties were recognized, and the new basketball varsity played a game after the banquet.

The following students made the first basketball varsity: as forwards, Misses Frances Radford, of Decatur, Ga.; Bess Galloway, of College; Sarah Walker, of Wayneville; and Connie Edmondson, of Plymouth; as guards, Misses Geraldine Rogers, Clyde; Betty Joan Sander, Raleigh; Nellie Gravelly, Wooddale; Rebecca Pratt, Winston-Salem; and Miss Mary Elizabeth Jordan, Raleigh. Those named to the second varsity are: as forwards, Misses Emily Gravelly, Wooddale; MARIAN SAWYER, Franklin; Alice Sutter, Greensboro; and ANNIE MAE PARRISH, Louisburg; as guards, Anna Stone Lailie, Como; Nancy Blanton, Ellenboro; Cynthia Mendenhall, Winston-Salem; Selma Bender, Norlina; and Emily Hasty, Monroe.

Gym team varsity members are: Misses Dorothy Colby, Raleigh; Alice Calder, Wilmington; Alice Sutter, Greensboro; Edna Gibson, Greensboro; Lora Walters, La Grange; ANNIE MAE PARRISH, Louisburg; Lena MacFadyen, Raeford; Matoka Torrence, Salisbury; and Marian O'Keefe, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Leaders of spring sports also announced plans for the coming season. These leaders are: Bosses Dorothy Dennis of Loch Aboon, New York, golf; Margaret Kanne, of Greensboro, tennis; ANNIE MAE PARRISH, Louisburg, baseball; and Joan Church of New Bern, archery.

Swimming varsity will be announced after the swimming meet March 19-20.