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Lt. Gen. E. F. Griffin

General Griffin To Retire As C.D. Chief

The long and distinguished public service career of Lt. Gen. Edward Foster Griffin of Louisburg is slated to end on June 30 when the popular native retires as Director of Civil Defense for North Carolina. The announcement was made Saturday by Governor Dan K. Moore. Gen. Griffin is eligible for retirement under the state retirement system.

He was appointed Civil Defense Director on March 1, 1954 by the late Governor William B. Umstead, succeeding William F. Bailey, and has served in this capacity for the past 13 years.

General Griffin attended the public schools in Louisburg and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received his law education at Wake Forest College. He has served as Solicitor of Recorder's Court here 1936-1940; as county attorney, 1946-1954; as a State Senator from the Sixth District in the General Assembly of 1933 and 1935.

Born on November 4, 1900, the son of Paul B. and Frances Wilder Griffin, General Griffin began his military career in 1923 after receiving his law license. He enlisted in the 113th Field Artillery Regiment on October 1, 1923. He entered Federal Service on September 16, 1940 and commanded the 113th Field Artillery Battalion as part of the 30th Infantry Division through World War II, participating in five major engagements in the European Theater of Operations.

Discharged in 1946, he again joined the N. C. National Guard in August 1947. He held the position of Division Artillery Executive Officer. He commanded the 30th Infantry Division (Old Hickory) of North Carolina National Guard until his retirement from military service on September 1, 1961, after 38 years of service. He holds the bronze star medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation ribbon and numerous other service awards.

General Griffin, an attorney is a member of the State Bar. He is past President of the Franklin County Bar Association and past President of the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. He was a mem-

ber of the State Democratic Executive Committee 1946-1953 and was President of the National Association of State Civil Defense Directors, 1960-1961. He served as Consultant on Civil Defense Preparedness to NATO Council Meeting, Paris, France, fall of 1960.

He is now, or has been, a member of the American Legion, serving as Past Commander of Post 105, Louisburg; past Chef-de-gare, 40 & 8; Mason, past Master of the Louisburg Lodge 413 A.F. & A.M.; 32nd Degree Scottish Rites; Shriner. He served as Chairman of the county Democratic Committee for ten years.

He is a Methodist, serving as a Steward for twenty years, a trustee and a lay speaker, having served as a Sunday School teacher.

General Griffin is married to the former Mildred Scott of Louisburg, whom he married on June 18, 1925. They have one daughter, Mrs. Glenn (Nancy) Person of Greensboro and two grandsons.

General Griffin said he does not plan to renew his law practice, but instead will enjoy his retirement. "I intend to go fishing as often as I like," he remarked.

He attained the rank of Lt. General upon his retirement.

Farm Policy Meets Set

Weldon B. Denny, State Executive Director for ASCS, has announced two farm policy meetings to be held this month. One meeting will be held on May 24, 1967 in Greenville, N. C., beginning at 1:00 p.m. The other meeting will be held in Winston-Salem.

The meetings are being scheduled as requested by the Secretary of Agriculture in order to learn the current thinking of county, area and State leaders of farm organizations and of individual farmers. Reports will be made to the Secretary on the comments and recommendations of those in attendance. All interested persons in Franklin County are encouraged to attend the meeting in Greenville.

Sidewalk Art Exhibit Friday

Art fanciers in the area are in for a treat Friday, when a sidewalk art exhibit is to be staged just off Main Street in the alley separating the Lumpkin building and Town 'N Campus.

Work by Louisburg High School students will be exhibited. On display will be work in charcoal, pastels, oils, temperas and decoupage. The exhibit begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 5:30 p.m. EDST. In case of rain, the works will be exhibited in downtown store windows.

Louisburg Included In Grant

Salem, N. C.—The North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges, Inc. has just received part of a \$38,000 gift to the Independent College Funds of America from the S&H Foundation, Inc. The S&H Foundation is sponsored by The Sperry and Hutchinson Company, distributors of S&H Green Stamps.

Announcement of the S&H grant was made today in Salem by Paul H. Kolb, Executive Director of the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges. The North Carolina group is a member of ICFA which is receiving S&H support for the seventh consecutive year.

Twenty-Four North Carolina schools will share in the grant, including Louisburg College.

Joseph Harrison, S&H District Manager in Raleigh, said, "we are very happy to be able to continue this annual grant to the Independent College Funds of America. The many private colleges which make up ICFA membership contribute greatly to our country's total program of higher education."

The Independent College Fund grant is part of the S&H Foundation's regular Program of Aid to Education which includes: visiting lectureship grants, national scholarships, special grants, 4-H scholarships and matching contributions, along with scholarships for children of S&H employees.

Historical Society To Meet

The Franklin County Historical Society will meet in the community room of First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Bickett Blvd., Thursday, May 25, at 8:00 p.m. This will be the last meeting of the 1966-67 season. A film on the town of Bath will be shown.



Blaze Destroys Village Drive In

A blaze, of undetermined origin, completely destroyed the Village Drive-In on Bickett Blvd. here around midnight Sunday. The fire was spotted by passers-by and two cars arrived at the local fire station simultaneously to report the blaze. The time was reported as 11:45 p.m. Fire Chief R. G. Person, who lives nearby, said that when he arrived, the restaurant was filled with smoke but no blaze could be seen. A short time later the building was completely engulfed in flames. Chief Person said he believed the fire started in the kitchen portion of the building.

Tom House, operator of the business, said he had stopped by around 10 p.m. to check the place over. The Village was not open Sunday. House also said that Police Officer Gerald Eury checked the doors around 11 o'clock and everything was alright.

Charlie Ford, owner of the building, said he was undecided whether he would build back on the site which is near his tobacco warehouse, a service station and super market. He reportedly estimated the total damages at \$30,000. Both Ford and House reported they were partially covered by insurance.

The Village, a favorite of Louisburg College students for the past ten years, was built in 1957. None of the contents were saved and late Monday, Ford had ordered the remainder of the building razed in order to clear the land.

May Rainfall Exceeds Earlier Months

The month of May, with still eight days to go, has already surpassed the months of January, March and April in the amount of rainfall this year according to G. O. Kennedy, Louisburg weatherman.

The 1.12 inches for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Monday and the .52 inches recorded at 7 a.m. this morning with more in store today, has brought the monthly total rainfall to 3.73 inches. January recorded 2.01; February had 4.41; March 1.26 and April had 2.77 inches.

Low temperatures continue to plague the area with a high Monday of 56 and a low this morning of 48 degrees.

Champion Rites Held

Robert K. Champion, 49, President of the Justice Fire Department and Delegate to the County Firemen's Association, died suddenly at his home last Friday morning following a short illness. Mr. Champion was employed by Fox's Department Store in Louisburg for a number of years.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Funeral Chapel by the Rev. James Estep. Burial followed in Maple Springs Church Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jennie T. Champion; one son, Kurtis Champion, both of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Champion of Rt. 2, Spring Hope; three sisters, Mrs. Walter Savage of Yorktown, Va., Mrs. Grover Taylor and Mrs. Ray Britt both of Norfolk, Va.; one brother, William Louis Champion of Norfolk, Va.

The lowest reading in the area for this late in May, according to Kennedy came on May 28, 1961 when the thermometer fell to 28 degrees.

Rainfall for the first four months this year were below

Dollars and sense lay the foundation for big fortunes.

normal, said Kennedy, but the somewhat heavier than usual May precipitation will help to offset the deficiency.

The area weather forecast calls for rain ending today, to be followed by clearing weather. The low today is expected to be the 48 reading with the high reaching the mid 70's.

Recorder's Court Docket Heavy

The following cases were disposed of during the session of Recorder's Court held on Tuesday, May 16:

William Henry Williams, c/m/56, operating auto intoxicated; no operator's license. 60 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs.

Mrs. Coy Pleasants, w/i, unlawful possession of whiskey; unlawful possession of whiskey for sale. State takes nol pros.

Joe Raymond Smith, c/m/22, assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty.

LeRoy Eaton, c/m/24, breaking and entering; larceny. State takes nol pros with leave.

Coy Pleasants, unlawful possession of whiskey and unlawful possession of whiskey for sale. \$150.00 fine and costs.

Robert W. Kearney, c/m, larceny. State takes nol pros with leave.

Morris Leonard Perry, c/m/42, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Robert Lee Colbert, w/m/51, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Morris Leonard Perry, c/m/43, unlawful possession of whiskey and unlawful possession of whiskey for sale and transporting. \$150.00 fine and costs. Auto confiscated by Court and turned over to lien holder.

Thomas Scott Gardner, w/m/43, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Gary Banwart Troxler, w/m/19, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

James Arthur Luckner, w/m/19, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Willie Pate Thomas, c/m/36, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Joe Raymond Smith, c/m/22, no operator's license; carrying concealed weapon. \$75.00 fine and costs. Deadly

weapon confiscated. Compliance bond required.

Ronnie Layton Johnson, w/m/16, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Geoffrey Harry Jakeman, w/m/18, speeding; no operator's license. Cash bond forfeited.

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Bunn Elects Mayor, Councilmen Today

Bunn voters go to the polls today to select a mayor and four town councilmen from a field of six. Incumbent Mayor W. A. (Bill) Andrews is unopposed.

The polls opened this morning at 6:30 a.m. and will close tonight at 6:30 p.m. EDST.

Candidates for the four council seats include four incumbents, T. W. Bailey, Louis A. Debnam, J. M. Edwards and Wayne Winstead. Two others seeking election are M. Z. Morris, who was a member in 1963-64 and Daniel A. Johnson, who was an unsuccessful candidate in 1963.

Bunn filed to form a town government on May 16, 1963 and the state legislature appointed officers to serve until the elections to be held in July of that year. Named by the General Assembly were: Joe Edwards, Mayor, and P. B. Wilson, G. T. White, Louis A. Debnam and Joe Adams

members of the town council.

In the elections held on July 27, Wayne Winstead was elected Mayor and Adams, Wilson, Morris and H. D. Mitchell were elected to the council.

In 1965, the present incumbents were elected and one interesting note was the fact that Debnam was elected although his name did not appear on the ballot. He received 29 write-in votes while two bonafide candidates fell one vote short polling only 28 to place Debnam on the town board. In 1963 there were nine candidates for the four council seats and 106 of the 117 eligible voters went to the polls. In 1965, only 85 votes were cast in the two-man race for Mayor and the vote is expected to be light today.

Five men ran for the council in 1965 and seven were voted on, by way of write-ins.

Pearce Is New School Board Head

Robert B. Pearce, veteran member of the Franklin County Board of Education was elected Chairman of the new Board last Thursday night as reorganization took place.

Newly elected Pearce, Board members, Bruce Honeycutt and Hubert Senter were sworn into office by outgoing Board acting chairman, Dr. Richard Whitfield, who had not sought reelection. Pearce, who succeeds John Moore, who also did not seek reelection, as chairman, was also sworn to a new term.

Brodie Green, also a veteran member of the Board, was elected vice chairman replacing Dr. Whitfield. The Professional Committee, composed of Pearce, C. H. Weston, and S. L. Colbert were named to check into the hiring of a new school superintendent. Present su-

perintendent Fred Rogers did not seek reappointment to the position he has held since 1963.

In other actions, the Board set August 31 as the first day of school for the 1967-68 school year. Teachers report on August 28 and student registration was set for August 30. School is scheduled to close on May 29 in 1968. Holidays were set as September 4, Labor Day; October 13, Teachers Meeting; November 23, 24, Thanksgiving; December 22 through January 1 inclusive for Christmas; and April 11, 12, 15, 16 was designated as Easter Holidays.

Former County Commissioner Passes

Graveside services for Cephas C. Hudson, 83, who served as a Franklin County Commissioner from December 1932 until February 1934, were conducted last Saturday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Methodist Church. Mr. Hudson died last Thursday.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. E. S. Ford of Louisburg and Mrs. William B. Hoffmann of Lancaster, Pa., three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Palbearers were: C. B. Hudson, Jr., Larry Hudson, H. B. Hudson and Ronald Hudson.



Jambes Post Installs Officers

Newly installed officers of Jambes Post 105, Louisburg Post of the American Legion, are shown above, following a supper meeting at Bea's Restaurant in Bunn last Friday night. Pictured, left to right, are: Retiring Commander Hubert Roberts, Archie Lee standing in for Chaplain T. T. Young, newly sworn Commander George Champion, Jr., Post Adjutant Earlie Tillotson, Sergeant-at-arms Jesse Moon and Lee Johnson, standing in for 1st Vice Commander E. C. Gupton. Legionnaire Lee Murray performed the swearing-in ceremonies.



Receive ASCS Awards

Pictured above are award winners for service in the local ASCS office and programs, who received pins and certificates last Friday at a luncheon here at the Murphy House restaurant. Shown left to right are: J. Ashley Jenkins, five year award; John Davis, ASCS office manager; Mrs. Mildred M. Bobbitt, 10 year award; W. Harold Alford, 5 year award; Mrs. Helen Carter, 10 year award; O. F. Tharrington, 15 year award; Mrs. Ruby F. Abbott, 10 year award; Carl D. Bunn, Field Manager, District 4 and B. C., Chairman of the county committee who received a 5 year award.