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Staunch Citizen Goes Unawares

J. W. Griffin, Aged 73, Passes Quietly Away—General Regret—Funeral Attended by Throng of Friends

As a child drops to sleep, fell asleep Mr. J. W. Griffin Sunday night, to awake no more in the land of mortals. For several months he was aware of heart trouble and calmly apprehended his possible passing at any time. Death came easier than he could have conceived. Early in the night, after eating supper as usual, he complained of a pain, and Mrs. Griffin placed a hotwater bottle over his seat. She lay down near and when about one o'clock she was impressed by his utter quiet, she found he had quietly passed away. She was alone in the house with her dead, but called her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Brooks, from the window, and they heard and responded. Soon the children and friends were at the stricken home.

Mr. Griffin was a man of fine physique, and to those unaware of his heart trouble appeared as hard as nails, though he was well past his seventy-third birthday. Up to a few years ago he had lived a most active life and even in recent years was a devotee of hunting and fishing. He was once known as one of the best farmers in the county, if not the best. He had in every respect a staunch and stalwart citizen, and his ability was earlier recognized by his election to the board of county commissioners for several terms.

He was a man who made and held friends, and his death is regretted by a multitude of them in this county and in other parts of the state and country. He was a member of the Pittsboro Methodist church, and was faithful to his obligations to the church.

He married Miss Olitipa Holt, a daughter of the late Samuel Holt, who served for a term of years as clerk of the court in this county. Three sons and three daughters grew to maturity. Five of the children still survive and are noteworthy for their high character. Mrs. Smith, one of the daughters passed away two or three years ago, leaving one child. The survivors are Mrs. W. L. Farrell of Pittsboro, Mrs. G. G. Dorsett of Sanford, Sam and Carey Griffin of Pittsboro, and Clyde Griffin of Moncure Rt. 2. There are several grandchildren, and they were devoted to their grandfather. One brother, Mr. E. E. Griffin of Keeling, Va., also survives, who with his wife was present for the obsequies.

The funeral services were conducted at the Pittsboro Methodist church Monday afternoon, being conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. A. Dailey, assisted by Revs. R. G. Shannonhouse, R. R. Gordon, and Geo. R. Underwood. The house was packed with friends and relatives. The array of floral tributes was most beautiful. A feature of the services was a character sketch of his friend, and companion on many hunting and fishing outings by Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse. Mr. Shannonhouse depicted him as a man intent upon whatever business or sport he was engaged in, satisfied only with the very best equipment and with his own utmost attention to the details of his work or sport. Pastor Dailey appreciated him as a friend and member of his church upon whom he could rely. Prayers were offered by Revs. Gordon and Underwood, the latter a former pastor of the deceased, as Mr. Griffin had long, in earlier life, been a member of Hanks Chapel Christian church.

The burial was at Hanks Chapel. The active pall bearers were W. R. Thompson, E. B. Hatch, E. E. Williams, Grady Pichard, R. M. Connel, and R. M. Farrell. Honorary pall bearers were W. P. Horton, G. H. Brooks, A. T. Ward, C. D. Moore, and E. E. Wilson. Much sympathy is felt for the family and especially for the devoted wife. A fine citizen, a devoted husband, and a loving father is gone.

Tucker Selected For Parole Post

Former District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker, of Whiteville, who was a candidate for the Senate a few days ago, has been named to an important federal post as a member of the newly created Federal Parole Board, with headquarters at Washington, which will take over the duties formerly imposed upon the attorney general and the director of the bureau of prisons.

This responsible position pays \$7,500 yearly, four year appointment, and carries an opportunity for constructive work.

Three-Fourths Peach Crop Is Estimated

(Sandford Express) It is estimated that there will be about 1,500 cars of peaches shipped out of the Sandhill belt of Lee, Moore, Richmond and Harnett counties this season. This is three-fourths of a normal crop, 2,000 cars being the average movement from the belt. The Mayflowers, the early peaches, have been shipped. They sold at fairly good prices. The main crop will begin to move in two or three weeks.

Brickhaven News

Messrs. W. A. Griffin and Salter Utley, of Yanceyville, spent the week-end here with the latter's mother, Mrs. J. W. Utley. Miss Frances Thompson left last week for an extended visit with relatives of Lynchburg, Va. Miss Ruth Kennedy, a student of Meredith College the past year, is at home here for the summer with her mother, Mrs. O. C. Kennedy. Miss Mary Roberts Seawell, who taught History and Math. in the Jacksonville high school the past winter, is spending the summer months here with parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Seawell. Her sister, Miss Ester Florence, who was a member of the graduating class of the Western Carolina Teachers College, is also here for the summer. Mr. Ben. M. Utley, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting relatives here.

Little Master Jack Myrick, of Sanford, is here again to spend the remainder of the summer with his aunt, Mrs. J. W. Utley.

Miss Cecil Seawell, the popular 7th grade teacher, of the Moncure high school, left this morning to enter the N. C. State College Summer School. Miss Seawell plans to attend the second summer term at Chapel Hill.

Mr. W. R. Cranford, visited friends here during the week-end. Mr. Cranford was a former resident and it is always a pleasure to have him with us.

The annual Children's Day exercises were given at the Corinth M. E. Church Sunday evening. The program was beautifully rendered and much enjoyed by the large audience. The committee wish to thank the people for the interest and enthusiasm displayed and especially for the generous donation of flowers for the occasion.

Mrs. Beatrice Marks Moore was a visitor here during the week-end. Miss Mary Lee Utley, of Seaton Hall, Kingston, is spending this week here with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Utley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harrington have added another attractive feature to their lovely home here. Mr. Harrington is an ardent devotee and follower of Dr. Poe's matchless periodical for progressive farm folk and the results are most gratifying for he has one of the most attractive homes in the community. His farm, too, shows careful planning and foresight.

It will be gratifying to relatives, especially those living at a distance, to know that the old Marks-Harrington family burying ground here has been recently cleared off.

State and General NEWS

Twenty-five members of the New Orleans Athletic Club introduced "shorts" for formal wear at a dance Sunday night at New Orleans. Prizes given for the most bowlegged, knock kneed and shapely legged men.

The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon Mrs. Grace Goodhue Coolidge, wife of former President Calvin Coolidge by the University of Vermont at commencement exercises held Monday at Burlington, Vt.

Elmer Sperry, inventor of the gyroscope, died Monday at St. John's Hospital at New York. He was 70 years old. In addition to the gyroscope he invented several other items.

Sudden storms over the week-end in the Southwest took a toll of nine lives in Texas and caused damage in Oklahoma estimated unofficially at several thousand dollars, chiefly at ripened wheat. Week-end drowning accidents took the lives of nine New Englanders with the deaths of three others attributed to the heat.

Ralph J. Capone, brother of Al "Scarface" Capone, Monday was sentenced to three years in federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans., and fined \$110,000 for having defrauded the government by filing false income returns.

Savannah. — Henry Ford now owns Fort McAllister, which figured in the Civil War. He has bought a plantation of 2,300 acres which includes the fort.

The greatest of all paradoxes is civilized warfare.

MRS. H. A. LONDON, A TRUE DAUGHTER OF CONFEDERACY

By Harrietta Hammer Walker in Winston-Salem Sentinel



MRS. H. A. LONDON

Active and alert, keenly interested in the affairs of North Carolina and the world at large, is Mrs. Henry Armand London, of Pittsboro. Mrs. London, passing her 77th milestone this past April, was born in Asheboro. Her parents, J. J. Jackson, well known attorney of Pittsboro, and Lucy Worth Jackson were on a visit to the late Governor Worth, grandfather of Mrs. London, thereby giving Randolph as well as Chatham County a claim to this very wonderful woman.

While Mrs. London plainly states that the work next to her heart is that of United Daughters of the Confederacy. Aside from the real love of this fine woman for the cause of the Confederacy, her love was strengthened by the fact that her husband, Major London, was active in the war as were members of her family on both sides. Organizing the Winnie Davis Chapter U. D. C. in Pittsboro in 1898, she remained president until 1927 when she retired, and became honorary president for life. So interested is this woman in all who took part in the conflict, that she is always in attendance when a veteran dies to place a Confederate flag and wreath on the casket, and mourn with the family. Not only has she figured in county affairs, but she held the office of State president in 1905. Since that time she has held the office of Chairman of the Pensions for Veterans and Widows, laboring tirelessly in this cause, making joint speeches in this behalf before the State Legislature and Senate. Her efforts usually bore fruit. Each year the Pittsboro U. D. C. celebrates the birthday anniversary at the lovely old home of Mrs. London, which is a fitting background for the woman, from the front walk hedged about with very old box bushes, through the rooms filled with rare pieces of furniture. This is always a gala and memorable event in the life of the organization. A part of the entertainment is always centered around the old square piano with Mrs. London and her sister, Miss Carrie Jackson, enlivening the party and entertaining with duets, making the old square piano alive with melody as their nimble fingers strike up Dixie, Lorena, Turkey in the Straw, and many other songs popular during the War Between the States.

But the interest of this remarkable woman does not stop with U. D. C. activities, for during the World War, she played an active part, and in the activities of the Episcopal church of which she is a staunch and devoted member. Politics also share her mind and interest, as well as Woman's Club and Colonial Dames work. Her most recent undertaking was the presentation of the Virginia Dare baptismal painting to the Hall of History. Mrs. London was chairman of the committee from the Colonial Dames and secured a large part of the funds from friends and private subscriptions thereby making the presentation possible. Mrs. London stood erect on this occasion and made the presentation speech before a representative and distinguished audience, speaking with fire and enthusiasm in a clear and bell-like tones, in spite of the fact that the day before she celebrated her 77th birthday.

Not only is Mrs. London interested in the affairs of the world but she is perhaps at best in her own home surrounded by pictures of her children and friends, to say nothing of the pictures painted by her own hand. Several very remarkable pictures are included in this collection, one of the old home at Pittsboro where Cornwallis spent the night, and one of Natural Bridge, Va. A study of a cotton plant, an original idea of Mrs. London, shows the various stages of development of the plant, first the tiny green buds, then the bloom, and the cotton boll, and later the husk after the cotton has been picked. The lovely tobacco plant also is painted in a similarly interesting manner. In this old fashioned parlor filled with its historically interesting relics, the London family gather often for reunions, for in spite of her interest in public affairs Mrs. London found to first be a perfect mother and has reared three fine sons and four splendid daughters, all prominent figures in the state. To the Confederate Veterans of the State she is affectionately known as "Miss Bet," but to her children, she is a wonderful mother.

Cannon Incident Is Closed by Senators

The controversy between Bishop James Cannon, Jr., and the senate lobby committee was officially ended a few days ago when the investigators agreed they would not compel him to answer questions about his 1928 anti-Smith activities, and voted to report to the senate.

875,000 Children Put Away School Books

Raleigh, June 11.—The last 2 weeks witnessed the final exodus of the nearly 875,000 public school children of the State from the 26,428 classrooms, where they have recited, studied and engaged in all those activities characteristic of the public schools.

For the past several weeks commencement exercises—speeches, play readings, recitations, declamations, orations, and graduation exercises—have been given in the nearly 6,000 public schools of the State. Public speakers have been secured from every source to make the many commencement addresses. State officials including the Governor, Attorney-General and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, county officials, ministers, and other public men, all have been engaged in addressing the youth of State.

These 875,000 school children will put away their books, and no longer listen for the daily ringing of the bell or watch the hands of the clock for "school time". Instead, some will take to the fields and give the day's time to agricultural pursuits. Others will find odd jobs or summer positions, from which they hope to make a little extra money.

What has the year meant to these 875,000 children? The answer to this question will probably be as many as there are children. To the first grader it has probably meant an initiation into the social life of the school and the beginning of new and varied activities. To some of the approximately 15,000 high school graduates, it has probably meant the end of their "goal", whereas for others it has meant the reaching of only the first rung in the ladder of success. And to the remainder of the total, it has meant only "another year", for they expect to return again and again until in turn they, too, will pass out by the door of "high school graduation."

Greensboro News Buys Greensboro Record

The purchase of the Greensboro Daily Record by the Greensboro Daily News Company, publishers of the morning paper, was announced Saturday by E. B. Jeffress, president and manager of the Greensboro Daily News Company.

The character of the two papers will be maintained intact and separate. No changes in the personnel will be made for the present.

BOOK CLUB MEETING

The McNeill Book Club met at the home of Mrs. W. B. Chapin on the afternoon of June 12.

A very enjoyable program was given by those present, the topics for which were as follows:

The Laughing Boy and its Author, Oliver La Forge—Mrs. D. B. Nooe. The Bystander and its Author, Maxin Gorki—Mrs. W. P. Horton.

Sir Richard Maisefield and his poem, On Growing Old—Mrs. W. B. Chapin.

A critical review of a recent prize winning short story by Miss Chase, entitled Salesmanship—Mrs. George Brooks, Sr.

An experiment recently tried by a famous young violinist of Chicago, Prof. Gordon, which proved to him that people really love good music was the subject of Mrs. Victor Johnson's contribution.

The plan of the club is to have a camp supper, followed by a theatre party, at the time of the next meeting which will be on June 22nd.

MRS. W. P. HORTON,

Nothing is so gentle as that which is strong.—French proverb.

County Court in Session Friday

The recorder's court was in session Friday, June 13, and disposed of three cases, and the day proved unlucky to the accused.

Will Eaton, charged with a violation of the prohibition laws, owned up and took a sentence of six months on the roads.

W. C. Booth was convicted on a trespass charge and was let off with half the cost. No witness fees were allowed.

Mack Barker, on a charge of prostitution, entered a plea of nolo contendere. The judgment of the court was that the judgment pay the costs of the case and \$5.00 for the benefit of Jessie Lee Norwood.

Bear Creek News

There was an all day singing rally at Sandy Branch Baptist church last Sunday, June 15th, which was greatly enjoyed by the very large audience from various churches in the Western part of Chatham. A choir was present from Glenola, National "B" Quartet, from High Point and a Quintet from East High point, all of whom did very fine singing. Rev. A. H. Porter, of Bonlee, made a short talk in the afternoon.

Mrs. W. G. Andrews and daughter, Hazel, of Asheville, and Mrs. G. M. Thomas, of Greensboro, are spending sometime with Mrs. H. E. Stewart, of town.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Hancock were business visitors in Mount Airy last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Vestal, of Greensboro, were week-end visitors in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley M. Hart, of Burlington, were Sunday visitors at Miss Belle Beal's.

W. H. McChesney, of Atlanta, Ga., has moved to the C. G. Sharpe place, recently vacated by W. M. Moody. We are glad to welcome these people on our route.

Miss Elizabeth Woody is attending Summer School at Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nall and family, of Greensboro, were week-end visitors at T. F. Beaver's.

J. L. Straugham, of Greensboro, was a recent visitor at his father's, F. C. Straugham.

The Bear Creek baseball team defeated the Coal Glen team at Coal Glen, in a 10-inning game, 6 to 3. Bear Creek will play Hickory Grove at Bonlee next Saturday.

R. W. Dowd, who lives on Boone Trail highway, one and one-half miles north of Goldston, will have a public ice cream supper next Saturday night, 21st. Everybody invited.

Attendance of School Children Vary in State

Raleigh, June 11.—School attendance by white and colored children in the county systems varied widely—from 93.2 per cent in Dare county to 62.4 per cent in Scotland County for white pupils, and from 92.5 per cent in Wilkes County to 50.6 per cent in Halifax County for colored pupils—according to the current issue of State Schools Facts, publication of the State Department of Public Instruction.

It is interesting to note from School Facts that in the matter of school attendance of white children Dare county has made the highest record for three of the past six years—in 1923-24 with 87.6 percent, in 1926-27 with 92.9 per cent, and last year, 1928-27, with 93.2 per cent. Carteret, Northampton and Camden school children made the best school attendance record for the other three years, 1924-25, 1925-26, and 1927-28, respectively.

During the year 1928-29, the year for which attendance figures are presented in detail by School Facts, two counties, Dare and Camden, made an average of more than 90 percent in white attendance, 16 counties made from 80 to 89.9 per cent, 79 counties made from 70 to 79.9 per cent, and three counties from 60 to 69.9 per cent. As pointed out by the departmental publication, the largest number of counties, 79, are in the group making an attendance record of more than 90 per cent, 16 counties made from 80 to 89.9 per cent, 38 counties made from 70 to 79.9 per cent, 35 counties from 60 to 69.9 per cent, and nine counties from 50 to 59.9 per cent. The lower attendance record made by colored children is no doubt partly due to a greater changing school population by that race, for School Facts points out that those systems having a shifting population show a lower attendance record.

Palm Beach.—The Palm Beach anglers and sports club is to celebrate the Fourth of July by making President Machado of Cuba an honorary member.



Photos from Wide World Photos

Paris, France, came to the United States when a New Englander farmer recently completed a replica of the Eiffel Tower in the back yard of his home. The above picture shows that while this reproduction does not approach the size of the original, it is of such proportions that it may be seen for some considerable distance.

Odd and Interesting

Philadelphia.—An "ideal American girl" hopes to be a missionary in India. Given the title at the sesquicentennial celebration, Miss Laice M. Thompson spurned opportunities to make money from it. She has been graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and has become director of religious education in the Oakland M. E. Church in Philadelphia, but her goal is the foreign missionary field, particularly India.

New York.—Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink has an idea of a beautiful way to die. She told of it on her 69 birthday: "Out on the stage I would sing the last note of a song. Oh, no, I wouldn't want to die before the audience and create a disturbance. But after the last note I would go off the stage and then out of sight, I would die. That would be the most beautiful way to go."

Johnstown, Pa.—Having caught 53 trout of which 46 were undersized, Blair Berger, of Nanty-Glo, is in jail for 491 days. He was fined \$488 and costs which he was unable to pay.

Gaffney's Creek, Victoria.—They've turned the police station into a florist shop in this thriving town in the foothills of the great Diving range. Nobody has been arrested for seven years. The State Government has found other duties for three policemen.

New York.—On their honeymoon Dr. Morton C. Kahn and Miss Ruth D. King are to study natives in the jungles of Dutch Guiana. They will be married Thursday. Dr. Kahn, a member of the faculty of Cornell University Medical College, is to undertake an expedition for the American Museum of Natural History.

New Haven.—The favorite outdoor sport of Yale seniors is golf. Football rates second.

Philadelphia.—Here's something for the long-hitting girl golfers in their twenties to shoot at. Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, veteran has done North Hills in 38-38-76 in a tournament.

New York.—William Bebbe, who is studying things underneath the sea off Bermuda, has cabled The New York Times that he has gone down 1,426 feet in a steel ball, "checked and double checked."

Rome.—Vincent Sorrentino, a young marine captain, is to try to row across the Mediterranean in a light skiff like a racing scull.

Middletown, N. Y.—In four years Grant Roe has travelled some 100,000 miles to earn a law school degree. He delivered mail mornings over a 40-mile route, then went to New York for classes on a back, a round trip of 134 miles.

New York.—The disadvantages of the automobile are being offset by the radio; in the opinion of Dr. Walter Damrosch. He told the music industries convention that the automobile has been a most potent factor in disrupting home life and expressed the belief that its influence would be offset by radio bringing to the home music, "the very cornerstone of civilization."