

Kiwanis pays tribute to Dr. Griffith

Each year the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club recognizes someone in the community for their outstanding contribution of their time to better the community. This year the recipient is Dr. George W. Griffith.

During a luncheon held last Thursday, Corey Craig, President of Kiwanis, welcomed a group of Rockcastle folks to honor Dr. G.W. Griffith.

Mr. Craig stated that Everett C. Brown (for who the award is named for, because of his love and continued support of Rockcastle County) would have been very proud to know someone like Dr. Griffith was receiving this award this year.

Martha Cox wrote a very special

tribute to Dr. Griffith as follows:

"Former President Herbert Hoover wrote, 'Let us remember that the great human advances have not been brought about by mediocre men and women. They were brought about by distinctly uncommon people with vital sparks of leadership.'"

We are here today to pay a special tribute to an uncommon in our midst who has demonstrated that spark of leadership in his unselfish service to our community. It takes great courage to be willing to step forward and sit on a board that carries such responsibility as that of making decisions that effect the education of our children. It takes time to devote

hours sitting on the Rockcastle County Board of Health making important plans for our communities health. It takes time to sit on the Ce-Rapids Board that helps to create a place of recreation for our community. It takes an uncommon man like Dr. G.W. Griffith, who already has a demanding practice to give up hours of his private life to sit on these necessary boards that receives little or no thanks or recognition.

For those of us who know BG personally, we know he has a giving and caring heart. He has been my doctor and my friend, as was his father before him, all my life. Although I have known him forever, I guess I got to know him better when he sang with my husband and daughter for several years in a gospel quartet. We all traveled many roads together while they shared their love of God through their music. And it was during this time I got a real glimpse of his good heart and saw what was most important to him.

It is not enough in this day and shaky time to just give of yourself to a job you get paid for. It has become increasingly necessary to give of ourselves in many community-service ways. BG has accomplished this in the ten years he was a member of the Rockcastle Board of Education and the many years he spent prior on the Board of Health and other Community Service projects.

Calvin Coolidge said, "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." And today we are happy to honor this very deserving citizen with the Everett C. Brown

award for his much appreciated community service and for what he gave."

Larry Hammond spoke on behalf of the Rockcastle County School System. Mr. Hammond stated how much Dr. Griffith was appreciated for all the time he had given to the Rockcastle County School Board.

County Attorney Jeffrey T. Burdette stated when you spoke of "Doc" everyone in this area immediately knew you were speaking of Dr. G.W. Griffith.



Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond spoke on behalf of the school system. Mr. Hammond thanked Dr. Griffith for the ten years he gave to the school board.



Dr. Griffith with wife, Charlotte at luncheon.



Rockcastle Hospital board member Bill Bailey along with hospital employees Mrs. Jean Clark and Mrs. Noreitta Thompson with Dr. Griffith.



Corey Craig shows presenting the Everett C. Brown Award to Dr. George W. Griffith.



Jeff Burdette thanked Dr. Griffith for his community involvement.



Martha Cox paid tribute to Dr. G.W. Griffith.

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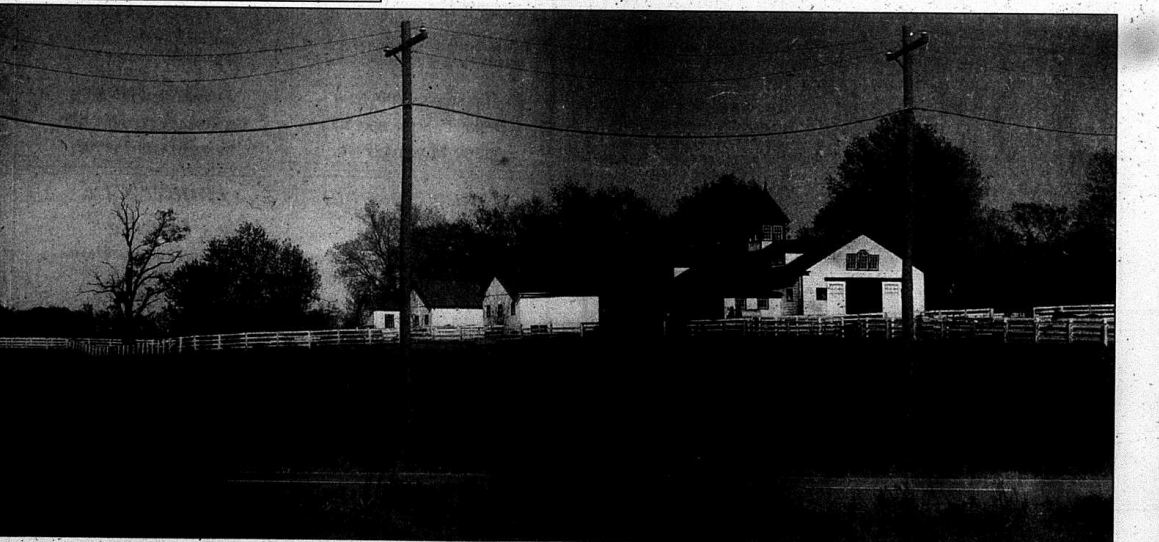
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