

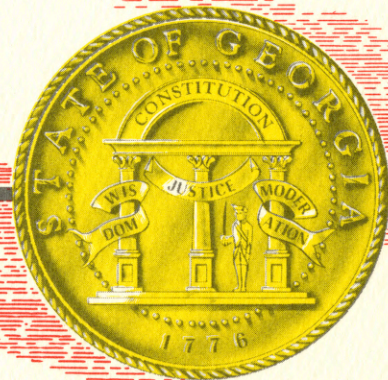
Inaugural Program

Marvin Griffin

GOVERNOR

S. Ernest Vandiver

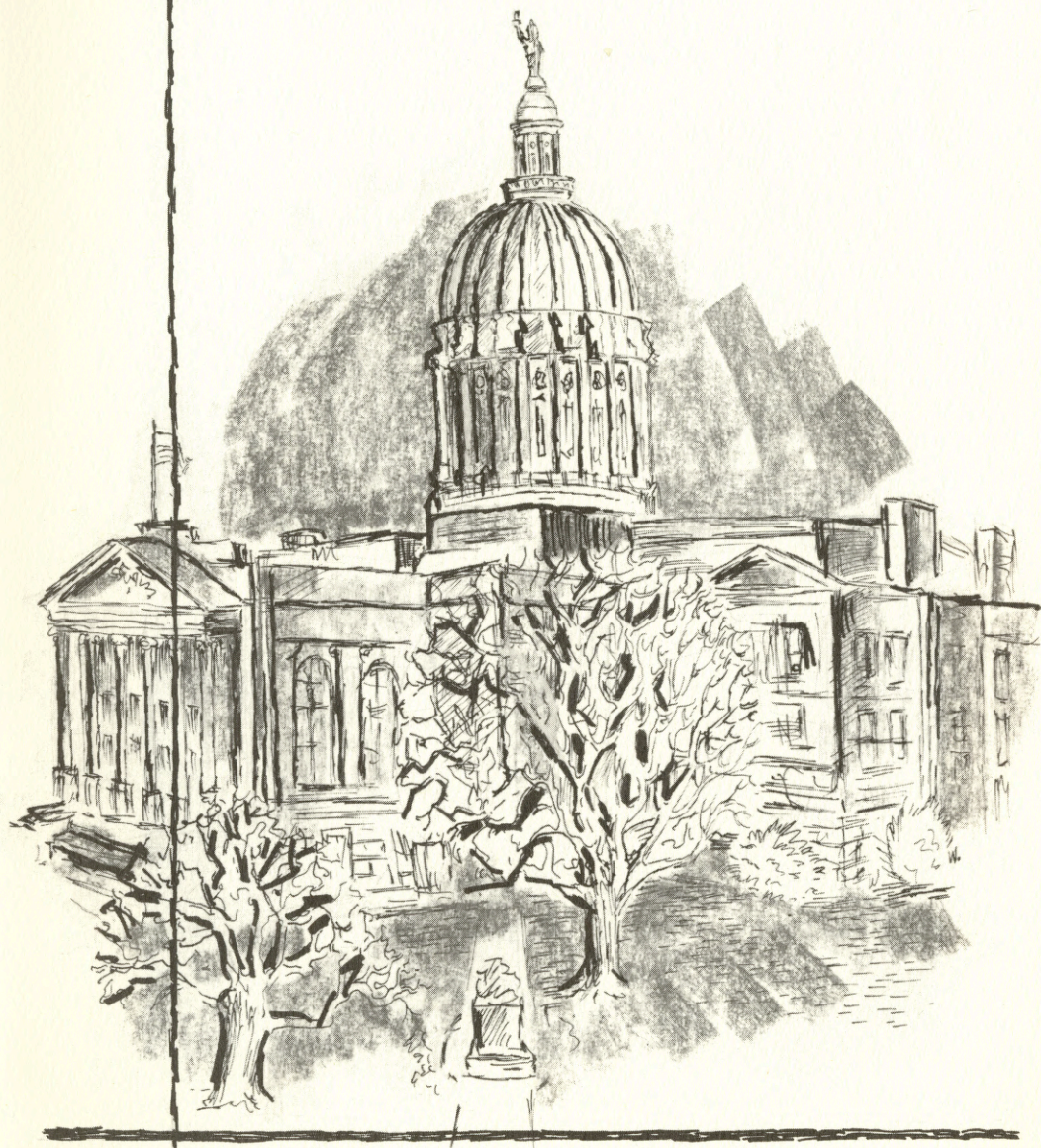
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



January 11, 1955

State Capitol

Atlanta, Georgia



Inauguration of the Governor of Georgia January 11, 1955

Biographical Sketch of

Marvin Griffin, Governor

Samuel Marvin Griffin has distinguished himself as an editor, soldier, public servant and state official.

Forty-seven years old, Mr. Griffin was born September 4, 1907, in Bainbridge, Decatur County, Georgia. He graduated from Bainbridge High School in 1925 and received the A. B. Degree in Political Science and History from The Citadel, military college of South Carolina, in 1929.

From 1933 to the present time, Mr. Griffin has been Editor of *The Bainbridge Post-Searchlight*, one of the State's outstanding weekly newspapers. The publication was founded in 1905 by his father, the late Pat Griffin, who served in the General Assembly of Georgia for more than 20 years.

Mr. Griffin represented Decatur County in the General Assembly in 1935 and 1936. In 1940 he served as Executive Secretary in the State Executive Department.

In October 1940 he resigned his commission as first lieutenant in the Army Reserve Corps and enlisted as a private in the Georgia National Guard. He was commissioned a captain in the Georgia Guard in 1940 and entered active federal service at Camp Stewart, Georgia, on February 19, 1941.

He commanded Battery D of the 101st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion which was composed of men from Southwest Georgia. On February 16, 1942, he embarked with this outfit for the Southwest Pacific where he fought with it in the Netherlands, East Indies, Papuan and New Guinea campaigns. He was subsequently promoted to major and then lieutenant colonel and took command of the battalion during the New Guinea campaign.

Returning to the United States on rotation in August 1944, Mr. Griffin was appointed Adjutant General of Georgia and took office on September 28, 1944. He served as Adjutant General until March 19, 1947.

He was elected Lieutenant Governor for an unexpired term in 1948 and was re-elected in 1950 for a four-year term. On September 8, 1954, he was nominated Governor, carrying 115 counties with 302 unit and 234,690 popular votes.

Mr. Griffin is a Presbyterian and has served on the Board of Deacons of his church. He is a member of the Masonic Order, the Shrine, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the 40 and 8, Loyal Order of Moose, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Woodmen of the World, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Sigma Delta Chi, Gridiron Club, Sons of the American Revolution and The Ahepa. He is a past president of the Bainbridge Lions Club and the Bainbridge and Decatur County Chamber of Commerce.

His wife is the former Miss Elisabeth Smith of Winchester, Virginia. They have an 18-year-old son, Samuel Marvin Griffin, Jr., now a student at the Georgia School of Technology.



Marvin Griffin
GOVERNOR



Georgia's First Family

The Governor, Mrs. Griffin, and Sam



Home of Governor Griffin at Bainbridge



Georgia's First Lady
Mrs. Marvin Griffin

Biographical Sketch of

S. Ernest Vandiver, *Lieutenant Governor*

Born at Canon, Georgia on July 3, 1918. Attended preparatory school at Rome, Georgia, and graduated from University of Georgia with an A.B. and L.L.B. degree. He has demonstrated remarkable qualities of leadership from his earliest youth, and during his years at the University, served as President of five varied Societies, Fraternities and Councils, and was elected a member of nine additional ones.

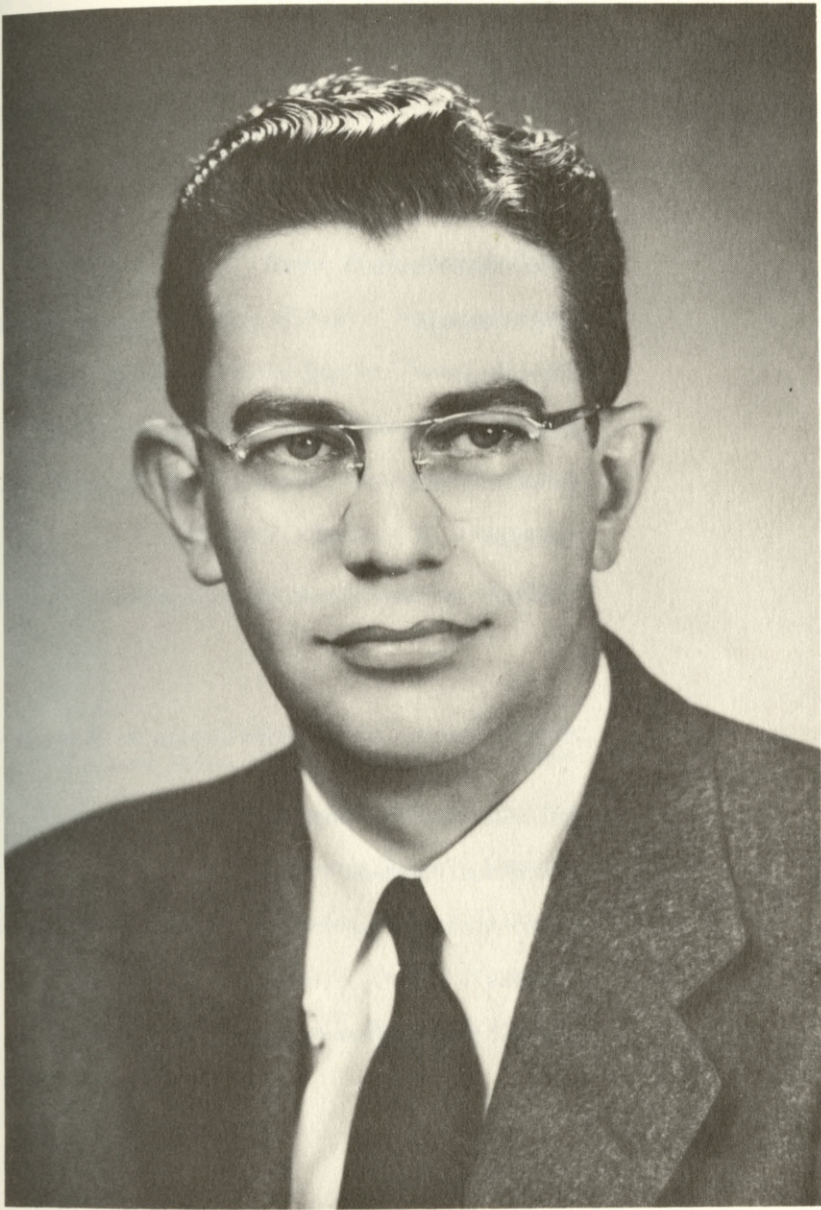
Served as pilot in the Army Air Force during World War II, and immediately after his discharge, was elected Mayor of Lavonia, Georgia in 1945 for the year 1946.

He was admitted to the Bar in December 1946, and practiced law in Winder, Georgia, forming a partnership with the Honorable Joseph D. Quillian, of Winder.

In November 1948 he was appointed Adjutant General of the State of Georgia. In addition to these duties he was Director of Selective Service for the State, and State Director of Civil Defense. At the same time, he served as an active member in the powerful Legislative Committee of the National Guard Association of the United States and was one of seven members elected to the Executive Council of the Adjutants General Association of the United States. In 1952 he also served as Eastern Vice-President of the National Association of State Civil Defense Directors, and in October, 1953 was elected President of that Association. General Vandiver resigned to make the race for Lieutenant Governor,

General Vandiver was federally recognized as Major General in the Air National Guard of the United States on April 17, 1952. He is the youngest individual to receive this honor.

He was one of five young men selected by the Georgia State Junior Chamber of Commerce as Man of the Year in 1952. Is married to the former Betty Russell of Winder, and has three small children.



S. Ernest Vandiver

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Inaugural Program

January 1, 1955

Washington Street Entrance — State Capitol

11:15 A. M.

BAND SELECTIONS *Rome High School Band*
JOINT SESSION *called to order by HONORABLE MARVIN MOATE, Speaker, House of Representatives*
INVOCATION *by the REVEREND JAMES W. WATERS, Pastor, Mabel White Memorial Baptist Church, Macon*
RECOGNITION *of State House Officers and Distinguished Guests*
INTRODUCTION *of HONORABLE HERMAN E. TALMADGE, Outgoing Governor*
ADDRESS GOVERNOR HERMAN E. TALMADGE
DELIVERY OF GREAT SEAL OF GEORGIA TO GOVERNOR HONORABLE BEN W. FORTSON, *Secretary of State*

12:00 Noon

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO GOVERNOR-ELECT HONORABLE B. C. GARDNER,
Presiding Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
DELIVERY OF GREAT SEAL OF GEORGIA TO SECRETARY OF STATE GOVERNOR MARVIN GRIFFIN
INAUGURAL ADDRESS GOVERNOR MARVIN GRIFFIN
ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JUDGE ROBERT L. RUSSELL, WINDER, GEORGIA
ADDRESS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR S. ERNEST VANDIVER
DISSOLUTION OF JOINT SESSION LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR S. ERNEST VANDIVER

1:30 P. M.

INAUGURAL PARADE

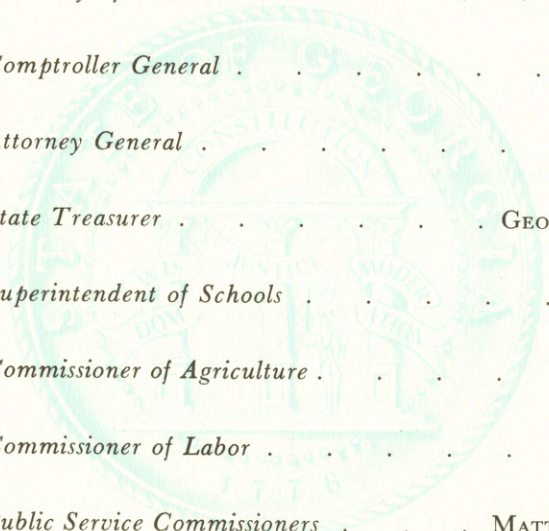
4:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.

RECEPTION Executive Mansion

9:00 P. M. to 12:00 P. M.

INAUGURAL BALL Atlanta Biltmore Hotel

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