

Phyllis Arnold (Third Director from 1958 - 1977)

Mrs. Phyllis Arnold (Ashby) was born May 12, 1911 in Red Oak to Charles Looker Ashby and Iona Opal (Worthington) Ashby.

Mrs. Arnold was a long-time resident of Creston and later moved to Afton. She graduated from Creston High School in 1929.

In 1927 as a sophomore Phyllis was described as, "one of those nice quiet girls." The Crest from 1928 stated, "short and sweet and hard to beat, she's trim and neat from head to feet, that's how you know it's Phyllis; but she'll tease enough to kill us." In 1929 though, Phyllis was described more seriously as, "always smiling and willing to work."

Her favorite subject in school was English, she was a part of the French Club and was the secretary on the Girl Reserves with their slogan being, "To Face Life Squarely" and the groups purpose defined as, "To Find and Give the Best."

Mrs. Arnold was the third Library Director at Gibson Memorial Library and worked for the library 26 years until her retirement on December 31, 1977.

Mrs. Arnold married Joe E. Arnold on November 19, 1951 in Union County. In 1980, Mrs. Arnold and her husband moved to a farm near Afton.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR).

Mrs. Arnold was laid to rest at Graceland Cemetery on December 17, 1993 at the age of 82.

