



THE CLINTON MEN'S CLUB is an active group that welcomes more members from the Clinton plant. Some interesting meetings are held under the direction of the officers above: J. E. Braswell, president; James Crain, vice-president; Cecil Wooten, treasurer and George Campbell, secretary.

## Oil Stoves Demand Care

An oil stove when it is kept clean, installed correctly and watched constantly is a great help and convenience in the kitchen.

Improperly installed, dirty and left unwatched when you leave the house, an oil stove can be one of the greatest hazards to life, furniture and other household goods, not to mention your house, that can be found today. In fact, more than 90 per cent of the fires at Clinton and Lydia villages during the past 10 years were started by faulty or unwatched oil stoves.

Fortunately some of the oil stove fires have been caught at an early stage and total loss of house and goods was prevented, but not before much of the furniture, clothes, etc., were seriously damaged either by fire or smoke and water. In some other cases, the houses and all that was in them was completely lost.

Here are a few simple rules to help prevent oil stove fires:

1. Be sure the stove is completely level and that tank and pipe lines have no leaks.
2. Keep the surfaces of the stove completely clean of grease and oil. Keep paper and other easily burned materials away from stove.
3. Most important of all, don't go away and leave an oil stove or heater burning, even for a few minutes. It only takes an oil fire a moment to start and within minutes the fire is beyond control.

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Try putting your heart into your work—and see how it puts heart into you.



Mrs. Helen Nance, Lydia, and two children have been ill.

The R. E. Martin family at Lydia has been ill with flu. Jonah Brown, Lydia, was ill several days.

Glad to see Mrs. Evie Shockley, Lydia, back after an illness.

Mrs. Josie Boyters has been absent due to the illness of her husband.

Mrs. Geneva Caughman, Lydia, has been ill.

Mrs. H. H. Dalton, Lydia, has been in the hospital.

Myrtis Livingston is out again after an illness.

Mrs. Stacia Cooper, Clinton, has been ill.

Mrs. Abelina Evans, Clinton, is suffering from an injured hand.

Joe Adams, Danny Ivester and Mrs. J. H. Whitmire, all of Clinton plant, have been ill.

Mrs. Willie Mae Riley, Clinton, is ill with flu.

Mrs. Fred Cantrell, Mack Thompson, and Walter Smith, all of Clinton, have been sick.

Mrs. Roy Quinn's daughter has been sick, and David Hughes, Clinton plant, was at Blalock Clinic.

Mrs. Vivian Kuykendall, Clinton, has been ill.

Earl Barton, father of Mrs. Helen Owens, Clinton, has been ill at Langley, S. C.

Frank Owens, son of the G. J. Owens, has been at Hays Hospital.

## Clean-Up, Fix-Up Time Here With Contest

Springtime is "Clean-up, Paint-up and Fix-up" time throughout the nation and that includes all of us in the Clinton-Lydia villages.

Take a look around the place today and see what needs to be done. It's surprising what just a little work can do and how it makes the homeplace look so much nicer for all the Spring and Summer months to come.

Cleaning-up, painting-up and fixing-up will pay off at Clinton-Lydia, too. A contest is being sponsored by the mills at both villages from April 15 to May 1. Three prizes at each village will be given for the nicest looking places in the opinion of outside judges not connected with the mills. Prizes will be \$15, \$10 and \$5 in each village. The outside of all houses and the yards will be judged May 1, so you have two weeks to get things fixed up and win a cash prize.

## The Old Timer Says . . .

Well, we've got a pretty good story for you this time. It seems that one of Lydia's supervisory staff had a tough time with his income taxes this year. We'll just call him Mr. X, but maybe you can guess who he is.

It seems that Brother X didn't even START making out his income tax until March 17, then he found he had no forms. He pretty nearly turned the house out from top to bottom and finally found them. He sat down and then found he didn't have an instruction sheet. His wife found one of these next door.

About 11:30 that night he was through but—wait a minute—then he could not find a blank check. Back went the wife to wake up the neighbors again and borrow a check, and then a mad dash to the post office. At last the forms were in the mail box.

Brother X beat it home and piled in bed for a good night's sleep. Yep, that's what he thought until his wife asked a question, "X, dear, where did you get the stamps for the envelopes?"

"Ding the blast it," said X, "I plumb forgot all about the stamps." Out of the car came that new car again and on to the post office. He had the two stamps, but how to get them into the box and on the envelopes?

"Blast the ding it," said our friend, "I'll just slide them in the box," and that's exactly what he did.

Arriving home, the dear wife came up with the suggestion that there was not much chance of the stamps getting on the envelopes. "Blast the heck," said X, "I've paid enough already. If the collector wants the dinged returns, let him pay the postage."

And with that, we leave you for this month.

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Accidents hurt you—safety helps everyone.



HERE ARE ABOUT 20 OUT OF HUNDREDS of electrical appliances available today to help make your life more pleasant. As you add them in your home, however, remember that each one uses current, some of them a lot more than others. Careful use of electrical devices will help reduce your electric bill.

## Helpful Hints Given On Using Appliances

Electricity is one of the most useful servants a person can have today, giving us more leisure time, more labor-saving devices and a higher standard of living. Electricity goes about its work of helping us with great ease, quiet and simplicity that we never give it a thought. We never give it a thought, that is, unless the monthly electric bill goes up and then we really let out a howl.

Knowing this we decided to dig out some facts about electricity and what it costs for what it does right here at Clinton and Lydia Mills.

### COST IS DOWN

The first thing we found out was that while practically everything else that enters into our cost of living has gone up, electric power has not and actually is 31 per cent less than it was in 1940, according to Duke Power Co. Duke Power Co. sells Clinton-Lydia their power and the mills in turn resell it to village houses at the same rate charged by Duke.

Duke Power Co. tells us that while electric power is 31 per cent cheaper than in 1940, the average bill is twice as much but customers are getting three times as much power for the extra money. The process of adding more and more electric appliances to every home has been a steady but gradual one so that the average person does not realize how many things they have that are using power unless they sit down and start making a list.

There are electric stoves, electric clocks, percolators, irons, grills, toasters, waffle irons, griddles, mixers, radios, television, heaters, washing machines, refrigerators, hot water heaters, electric fans, hair dryers, bottle warmers, electric blankets, not to mention electric lights and scores of other useful electrical items. Every home does not have all of these items, but every home has a lot of them and we wouldn't give them up for the old fashioned way we used to do the same things.

If we use electrical appliances and don't use proper care in turning them on and off, they will use electric power and you may be surprised when the bill comes in.

At the same time if you know which electrical appliances use the most current and use all electrical devices the right way, you can cut that bill down.

Let's look at the Duke Power Co. rates which the mills pass on to you and then we will see how much it costs to operate a stove and other implements. The first 50 kilowatt hours you use are billed at 5 cents each, the next 50 KWH at 2½ cents each and all over 100 KWH at 2 cents. Water heaters have a special rate but we will confine this article to all other equipment which carries the regular rate.

An electric stove turned on full, using all units, burns about 10 kilowatts an hour. Using the minimum billing of 5 cents per KWH, this means it could cost you 50 cents to run your stove an hour. On the other hand, if you turn one or two units on high for quick heating, then turn them down for continuous cooking, this reduces the power used so that cost is reduced.

Let's look at some other devices and see how much power they consume. You can figure the cost by multiplying the kilowatt hours by the rates shown above:

Electric percolator, 2 5th KW per hour; electric iron, ¾ to 1 KW per hour; sandwich grill, 4 5 KWH; toaster, griddle or waffle iron, 1 KWH; electric mixer, 3 20 KWH; television, 1 3 KWH up; reflector heater, 1 to 2 KWH; washing machine, ½; refrigerator, ¼; hot water heater, 1 KWH; electric fan, ¾ KWH.

### WATCH EQUIPMENT

The above figures are for equipment in good condition. If a large electric bulb is used in a refrigerator, or if the rubber gasket around your refrigerator door is worn, it will probably run almost all the time, doubling or tripling the operating cost. This is one reason one house with practically the same furnishings as the next may have a higher electric bill. Leaving a radio or television (and lights) on while you go to the store will do the same. The equipment doesn't know you aren't using (Cont'd. on Page 5)



IT WAS LADIES NIGHT at Panorama Lodge late last month when the Clinton Men's Club entertained their wives at a dinner. About 36 members and their wives attended the enjoyable affair.