

## Streets Aglow For Christmas

Business Section of City Transformed Into Beautiful Fairyland for Holidays. Santa Claus Arrived Monday and Streets Were Thronged To Welcome Him.

With the arrival of Santa Claus and the turning of the business section into a beautiful and vari-colored fairyland, Clinton took on the real Christmas spirit Monday night.

It was primarily a big night for the kiddies who, with their parents, turned out en masse to meet and welcome Saint Nicholas upon his arrival on the six o'clock vestibule from Atlanta. As he stepped from the train, the real Christmas spirit seemed to descend upon the city and hundreds of joyous shouts went up from the great throng of children as jolly old Santa, attired in traditional red costume, and with flowing white beard, began mingling with the boys and girls and promising them many things, after which he proceeded to the J. C. Penney Company's store where he had his headquarters for the evening, with Mr. Swansen and his busy sales force.

Another big event of interest in connection with Santa's arrival was the turning on of the brilliant Christmas lights. The plan of decorating for the holidays was recently approved by city council and the water and light committee instructed to proceed with the work. The big globes on the white way in the business section, had all been tinted to harmonize with the color scheme on the square. To add to the Christmas setting, four streamers heavily laden with red, yellow, green and blue electric bulbs shining in festoons of lights, had been arranged

around the Confederate monument. Two lovely Christmas trees just in front of the union station, brightly illuminated in decorations, completed the picture and made the occasion a colorful and impressive one.

Many favorable expressions have been heard on the beautiful decorations and the fine display that has been made for the enjoyment of the people of Clinton and this community during the happy Yuletide season. The lights will be turned on every night at six o'clock and will remain lighted all night from now until Christmas.

Credit for the Christmas display is due to Supt. Austin of the water and light plant and his force (both white and colored). The plan of decorating was worked out by him and his force labored untiringly for several days in preparation for the happy occasion Monday evening. The beauty of the colorful scene each evening will add to the joyfulness of the Christmas season. To Mr. Austin and his force, the community is indebted, and The Chronicle has heard, and is still hearing, many expressions of appreciation for those who made the lights possible and gave Clinton for the first time—a real Christmas appearance.

The lights are for the enjoyment of the community. A reward will be paid for any evidence sufficient to convict persons for taking lights from the Christmas trees or in any way abusing or interfering with the decorations.

## How Are You Going To Keep Christmas?

By Edward Conradi, President, Florida State College for Women

The Christmas season is a holiday season to celebrate a birthday. Nearly two thousand years ago in an insignificant little village and in very humble circumstances there was born a little baby boy. There had been born millions of boys before him and there have been born millions of boys since that time. We all know that. There is nothing exceptional in the birth of a baby boy. However, the birth of this boy was exceptional and has marked an epoch in the history of the world. There is nothing like it in the annals of time. The name of the little village where He was born has become a household word around the world, and the country in which He lived has become sacred ground. The currents of history have flowed differently for the past two thousand years because of Him, and the course of human events today is being charted by the light of His spirit and will continue to be thus charted time without end.

The choicest beauty in art and in literature is an expression of His spirit. The loftiest aspirations of the human heart and the most sacred hopes that inspire the human will come from the touch of His life. The loveliness of the life of the spirit which beautifies and sanctifies the human heart is His very life. The richest joys of life come from Him, and it is He who goes with us when we go through the "valley of the shadow of death" with our loved ones, and hallows the pain and the sorrow and transforms them into an asset for nobler and holier living.

This is the One whose birthday we are about to celebrate. To celebrate the day by going through some empty and frivolous festivity of selfish sense enjoyment without a spark of illumination of the higher life of the spirit would be a travesty. To celebrate the day with vulgar carousing, as is sometimes done, is not only out of all harmony with the occasion, but is a brutal expression of animalism.

Now, how are you going to keep Christmas? Above all, let us celebrate Christmas by bringing the Spirit of

Christmas into the hearts of little children. Let them have the joy, the happiness and the cheer which is their birthright. Let their frolic and their mirth be elevated and ennobled by a touch of that spiritual beauty which is always the very essence of life. There is no occasion in a child's life when a touch of the spiritual can be planted into the heart with greater effectiveness, with greater sacredness, and with more touching beauty than at Christmas.

Let me ask you—Can you look into the heart of a child and see there a hunger for joy, see there a divine presence which thirsts for every spark of the spirit which our Heavenly Father gladly sends through your heart into the child's heart?

Can you look into the adult heart, even though cluttered up with the rubbish of the work-a-day world, and see there the presence of God which can and will express itself in heroic and saintly virtue?

Can you go under the dome of heaven on Christmas night, or any other night, and see the "marks of God" amongst the stars, and in the earth, in the trees and in the flowers, in the mountains and in the valleys?

Can you go into the quietness of your own study or your own room, away from the hurly-burly of the day, and see the presence of God in a liberal and aspiring mind and in a forgiving heart that has a boundless faith in the cause of Christ?

Can you go to your task in the morning and place in the background your selfish desires and place in the foreground your own conviction to live Jesus' law of love in every relationship and in every transaction?

And with it all, can you see that your neighbor is just about like you with the same joys and the same sorrows, with the same hopes and the same aspirations, with the same hunger for the finer human touch which in its essence is the life and the light of the Spirit?

If you can do this, you can celebrate Christmas—you are qualifying to be a real ambassador of the Spirit.

## Thornwell Pupils Visit Atlanta

Twelve boys and girls of the orphanage, spent the week-end in Atlanta where they went by special invitation to present a Christmas pageant. In the morning at the Sunday school hour, the young people gave their program at the Central Presbyterian church, and in the evening at the Christian Endeavor exercises they appeared at the First Presbyterian church. Their programs were enthusiastically received by large congregations at both places, and the young folks most royally entertained in Atlanta homes. The children were ac-

## R. O. T. C. Unit Is Inspected

Major Ward E. Duvall, R. O. T. C. officer of the Fourth Corps area, with headquarters in Atlanta, reviewed the battalion at Presbyterian college last Friday morning. The major expressed himself as being impressed and pleased with the improvement over last year, and bestowed many compliments upon the P. C. cadets and their instructors, as well as upon the excellent condition of the armory and its equipment.

accompanied by Miss Anne Hamiter, Miss Annie Lou Miller, Rev. S. P. Bowles and F. M. Stutts.



## Looking for Santa

*I took the candle mother lit  
And went way down the hall,  
And peeked in at the Christmas tree  
So very straight and tall.*

*I'm sure I saw old Santa there  
Just outside was his sled—  
But right then mother came along  
And took me back to bed.*

—by Irene Westbrook  
in Capper's Farmer

## DOCTOR WINSHIP SPEAKS SATURDAY

Noted Boston Educator To Address Teachers of County. Interesting Program Arranged.

The regular monthly meeting of the Laurens County Teachers' association will be held at the Laurens high school building Saturday morning, Dec. 14, at ten o'clock. The program which has been arranged promises to be one of the most interesting of the year. In the high school department S. C. Gambrell, of the Gray Court-Owings high school, will lead a discussion dealing with thrift among teachers. In the intermediate grades department a member of the Clinton city school staff will lead a discussion dealing with methods and procedure in the teaching of reading. A member of the Cross Hill school faculty will lead

a similar discussion dealing with the same subject in the primary department, and Mrs. B. L. Jones, of the Laurens city school, will lead a discussion on the same subject in the first grade department.

The County Teachers' association feels it a distinct honor to have again as a guest and speaker Dr. A. E. Winship of Boston, Mass. Dr. Winship is an internationally known educator. He has been in the field for the past sixty years, and it is useless to say that his passion for education has not been dimmed by the fleeting years. He is still vigorous at eighty-five years of age, and travels extensively to speak before educational conventions in this and other countries. Dr. Winship's subject Saturday will deal with some phase of vocational education. His address will be given promptly at eleven o'clock.

Luncheon will be served at twelve

## Christmas Tree At Renno Wednesday

On Wednesday night, Dec. 18, at 8:00 o'clock, the pupils of the Renno school, will present a play, "The Troubles of the Shoe Family." There will be a Christmas tree immediately after the play. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Schools To Close For Two Weeks

The Christmas holiday season for the Clinton public schools, will begin on Friday, Dec. 20th, and continue for a two weeks period. The schools will resume work on Jan. 6th.

o'clock under the direction of Miss Ayers' home economics class of the Gray Court-Owings high school.

## WATTS GRANTS BOND APPEAL

Chief Justice Signs Writ of Error On Spartanburg Petition and \$65,000,000 Road Bill Now Goes To Highest Court.

Columbia, Dec. 10.—Building of South Carolina's highway system under the \$65,000,000 bond act will be held up until the Supreme court of the United States decides upon the legality of the measure passed by the 1929 general assembly.

A writ of error, asked by J. H. Munro, Spartanburg attorney, who appeared before the Supreme court today for Clarence Johnson and others of Spartanburg, was signed by Chief Justice R. C. Watts here today. An appeal bond of \$5,000 was posted.

Those making the appeal claim the act invalid due to the fact that it was not submitted to the taxpayers of the state and therefore was in violation of Section 14 of the federal Constitution.

The Supreme court, sitting en banc, on October 12 declared the act constitutional. Since that time opponents of the measure have considered appealing to the highest court, but definite action was not taken until today.

Chief Justice Watts said he signed the order because he considered it his legal duty. There is no law against making such an appeal, he said.

Granting of the appeal automatically stopped the sale of \$10,000,000 in road bonds, advertised for December 17 by the highway department. What plans the highway department has for road building between now and the time the United States Supreme court passes on the measure were not divulged.

Governor Richards' comment, when informed of the action taken, was that "this is likely to prove the greatest blow the state has suffered in years."

"I am very much disappointed and I feel that a great majority of the people of South Carolina are greatly disappointed for the reason that this order not only interferes with and delays the work on the highways which is absolutely necessary but it also interferes with our efforts to supply work for the unemployed," the governor said. "There are many places in South Carolina, where, on account of failure of crops, there is actual suffering and this delay will prevent efforts for giving employment where it is sorely needed at this time.

"In my opinion, this order can only result in further delay. I feel confident the matter will be dismissed by the Supreme court of the United States as soon as it is submitted as it is entirely, in my opinion, a state matter and the decision of the en banc court of South Carolina will be respected and upheld by the United States Supreme court.

"It is to be regretted, particularly just at this time when the individual states and the federal government are making a concerted effort in behalf of public construction, this being of material benefit to the masses, that the most progressive measure that has ever been put forward in South Carolina, should be further delayed. The completion of the state highway system at the earliest possible date is of paramount importance and is the earnest desire of a large majority of the people of South Carolina."

## 160 LAND TRACTS SOLD FOR TAXES

In Large Majority of Cases Property Was Bought By the Sheriff for State's Account.

Laurens, Dec. 6.—Sheriff Owens sold at auction Monday morning for delinquent taxes 160 different lots and tracts of land situated in various parts of the county ranging in size from a small lot to one tract of over 5,000 acres. In all but 18 cases, the property was bid in by the sheriff for the state at sums equalling the taxes due through the year 1927. The sales did not include taxes for 1928.

The clerk of court and trustees of estates made the following sales:

Federal Land Bank vs Mrs. Hattie E. Brown, et al, 92 1-4 acres in Lisbon section, sold to O. L. Long, attorney, for \$975.

Southeastern Life Ins. Co., vs Mrs. Alice Martin, Ind. and as Exec., 93 acres in Youngs township, sold to Eric Martin, for \$5,100.

In the settlement of the Harley Franks estate, part of which was bequeathed to charitable institutions, 324 acres in two tracts was bid in by C. A. Jones, secretary of the Baptist Home Board of the state, convention, for \$6,400.

In the case of Mrs. Mattie Mae Arnold vs J. D. Donnan, Adm. of the estate of Lucy T. Sloan, 75 acres were bought by R. E. Babb, attorney, for \$620.