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CLINTON FACES QUIET CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SEASON

**Business Firms and Mills
To Close. Crowds of
Shoppers Throng Streets.
Yuletide Spirit In Evi-
dence.**

The streets are crowded as Clintonians are doing their last minute shopping today, Friday and Saturday in observance of Christmas.

Christmas coming on Sunday, Clinton business will be closed down Monday as employees and employers celebrate the season with a long holiday, pointing to a happy observance. Business firms will reopen Tuesday morning and will close again on New Year's Day, the Merchants Committee has announced.

The city schools closed last Friday to reopen January 2nd. The orphanage schools closed yesterday and Presbyterian college closed last Friday for the holidays.

The postoffice will be closed all day Monday and no deliveries will be made.

The Joanna Cotton Mills company, Joanna, will enjoy a Christmas vacation of seven full days for the first time since the beginning of World War II. President Walter Regnery announced the past week. All operation will cease with the end of the last shift on Saturday morning, December 24, and will be resumed on Monday, January 2.

President P. S. Bailey of the Clinton and Lydia Cotton Mills has announced that their plants will close down at 7 a. m. Saturday, December 24, and will resume operation at the same time on Tuesday morning, December 27.

The Halmark Manufacturing company will close Friday at noon, and reopen January 2.

The Gwen-Evan Mills had not announced their closing schedule yesterday.

The Dapper Hosiery Mills will close Saturday and reopen Tuesday morning.

Christmas cantatas and special programs have been presented in the churches of the city and community, and similar music and Christmas sermons are planned for Christmas Day.

Many will spend Christmas out of the city visiting relatives and friends while others have returned to their homes here for the holidays.

Christmas, of course, is the day of days for children, the celebration centering around the Christ-Child. Upon Santa's annual visit here recently he was given a great welcome and reception by the thousands who jammed the streets.

Indications point to a quiet, enjoyable Christmas for Clinton and this entire community. THE CHRONICLE wishes for its thousands of readers a season of joy and happiness, free of sorrow and anxiety.

Thornwell Dunlap Wins Scholarship

Twenty Sears Roebuck Foundation scholarships each worth \$100, were awarded this week to freshmen majoring in agricultural courses at Clemson college by Dr. H. P. Cooper, dean of the school of agriculture.

Included in the list of winners is Thornwell Dunlap, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thornwell Dunlap who reside near the city. Thornwell graduated at the local high school in May past and is a freshman this year at Clemson.

Also listed among the twenty winners is R. T. Hollingsworth of Cross Hill.

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EACH WEEK**

It will pay you. It's thrifty to shop first in this newspaper, then in the stores as prices change and merchandise becomes more plentiful.

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READ THE ADS**

Farm Committees Named To Serve County In 1950

At a meeting of delegates at the Production Marketing Association office on December 6, Hugh B. Workman, of Clinton, was elected chairman of the PMA County committee for the year 1950. Grover C. Roper, of Laurens, was elected vice-chairman, and Wallace L. Martin, of Gray Court, was elected the third member of the committee.

Others elected according to townships and in the order of chairman, vice-chairman, and regular members for the county committees are as follows:

Cross Hill: Charles. R. Turner, Thomas A. Robinson, and William W. Watkins.

Dials: Fred S. Stoddard, Roy Wilton Curry, and Milton S. Woods.

Hunter: Stewart O. Brown, Charles R. Workman, and Milton H. Burns.

Jacks: J. Dial Neighbors, Tan M. Ray, and William E. Bell.

Laurens: John W. Tinsley, Elmore G. Bramlett, and John W. Moore.

Scuffletown: William T. Blakely, Craig Hunter, and C. H. Sheppard.

Sullivan: W. Fred Hellams, James D. Wasson, and Herbert O. Abercrombie.

Waterloo: Joseph B. Odell, Robert L. McPherson, and Chester L. Phillips.

Youngs: William D. Lomas, Hosea M. Cook, and Albert B. Wingo.

H. A. Ropp, of the Production Marketing Association office, stated that the newly elected officials will take office January 1, and serve through the year.

Bank of Clinton To Distribute Dividend To Stockholders

President R. P. Hamer of Bank of Clinton, announced yesterday that a dividend of \$3.00 per share on the capital stock will be distributed at the close of the month to the more than 100 stockholders of the institution. The payment of the dividend was authorized by the board of directors at their December meeting, and approved by the state bank board.

"We are gratified to pay this dividend to our stockholders," President Hamer said, "which is due to the loyalty of our friends and customers, and to the increasing volume of business we have received since the bank opened in the late fall of 1948."

Officers of the bank are: R. P. Hamer, president, T. E. Addison and John T. Young, vice presidents, F. M. Boland, cashier, Harry McSween, assistant cashier, bookkeepers Misses Margaret Holland and Martha Ramage. Board of directors: R. P. Hamer, T. E. Addison, John T. Young, John W. Finney, Sr., F. M. Boland, T. H. Copeland, W. W. Harris, W. Roy Pitts, J. P. Prather, H. D. Henry and S. G. Dillard.

Ordinance Amended Requiring Vehicles To Carry Metal Plate

City ordinance recently passed on making the payment of all taxes on personal property or the owner of an automobile, truck or other motor vehicle to the Town of Clinton, a prerequisite for the privilege of operating motor vehicles within the city limits. The ordinance becomes effective Jan. 1.

The ordinance has been amended it was stated yesterday. The metal plate must be displayed on all cars or trucks but same can be secured without cost by residents of the city who are not on the tax books. Those in this latter group who have paid 25c for the plate may have same returned by applying at the police department it is stated.

Owens To Succeed Sadler On Board

R. S. Owens, local attorney, has been named a member of the Laurens county board of education, succeeding the late R. E. Sadler of this city, who had been a member of the board the past sixteen years. The appointment was made by the state board of education upon the recommendation of the county board.

Under the present law trustees of the Clinton city schools are appointed by the county board of education. In addition to Mr. Owens, the board is composed of R. E. Babb, Rev. J. A. Martin, C. K. Wright and J. Leroy Burns, all of Laurens.

YES, VIRGINIA

"Yes, indeed!
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age — they do not believe except what they see — they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.
"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.
"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.
"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.
"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.
"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe, in fairies!
"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus — the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.
"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.
"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.
"Is it all real? — ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.
"No Santa Claus! Thank God! — he lives, and he lives forever — a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

One December day in 1897, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the New York Sun "I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth—is there a Son's Claus?" The answer to Virginia O'Hanlon's question, written in a moment of deep spiritual insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament reflecting two thousand years of faith. It has been reprinted here because it always will deserve to be read again.

All Contracts Let By City For Expansion Program

All contracts for the City's municipal expansion program as authorized recently in a special election have been let to the lowest bidders. Mayor L. E. Bishop stated during the past week. The water and sewer expansion and contemplated improvements totalled \$336,733.

Ridlehuber and Company, Inc., of Greenwood, was awarded contracts for the water and sewer work. Division One, which entails pipe work, was for \$180,266.50, and Division Two, which includes construction of disposal plants, was for \$113,895.

R. D. Cole Manufacturing company of Newnan, Ga., got the contract for installation of a 250,000-gallon elevated water tank, at a contract price of \$39,600. DeLaval Turbine company was awarded the contract for a new pump at a figure of \$2,972.

City officials state that it is expected to begin work on the projects early in the new year.

WINTHROP GIRLS HOME

The large number of girls from Clinton, Joanna and this community arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays at their respective homes.

County Farmers Vote 94.0% for Cotton Quotas In 1950

Laurens county farmers voted for 90 per cent parity price support by a 94.0 per cent majority last Thursday.

This majority favored a 1950 cotton marketing quota, which means that cotton growers throughout the country will receive next year 90 per cent parity price support instead of the 50 per cent support they would receive if the quota had been voted out.

From the designated boxes 1023 ballots were cast, 962 favoring the quota as against 61 dissident votes.

Growers in the state approved federal marketing quotas on their crop by a 46,439 to 3,297 vote.

Boland To Attend Insurance Meet

R. W. Boland, of this city, will be among the 200 managers and assistant managers of the Liberty Life Insurance Company's combination division attending a series of conferences on agency management during December at the home office in Greenville. Mr. Boland is manager of the Clinton office.

Candlelight Service At Lutheran Church On Christmas Eve

On next Saturday, Christmas Eve, at 9:00 p. m., the traditional Candlelight service will be held at St. John's Lutheran church, according to an announcement by the pastor, the Rev. James C. Dickert.

This beautifully inspiring service in a setting of hundreds of lighted candles tells in a simple but impressive way the story of the Nativity. It will consist of the reading of appropriate scripture texts, the singing of the familiar hymns and carols of the season, and a brief message by the pastor. It reaches its high point of inspiration and beauty as each worshipper lights a small individual candle and the whole congregation leaves the church singing "Joy to the World, The Lord is Come."

The pastor and congregation of the church extend a cordial welcome to the public to share this hour of worship on Christmas Eve.

Kiwanis Club To Act As Santa For Orphanage Family

The Clinton Kiwanis club, following several years practice, will again serve as Santa Claus for the boys and girls of Thornwell orphanage.

Bags will be presented to all the children containing an assortment of fruit. They will bear the greeting, "Merry Christmas" and will be distributed to the large family on Christmas morning.

Bishop-Walker To Have New Location

Bishop-Walker Pharmacy will reopen about February first, W. M. Walker said yesterday, in the store room in the hotel block recently vacated by Roddy's Restaurant.

The firm recently suffered a disastrous fire which destroyed practically all of their merchandise and fixtures and made it impossible to re-open. In their new location they will operate a luncheonette in connection with the business, they have announced.

CHRISTMAS WEEK IN CLINTON 17 YEARS AGO

**Items of Interest Then
About Happenings and
People You Know.**

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Miss Emma J. Crawford, 90, died Tuesday at the home of her nephew, J. Roy Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bozard, of Greenville, are spending the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Henry.

William Moorhead, medical student at Duke university, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moorhead.

Miss Mary Howze Dillard of the University of South Carolina is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Dillard.

Misses Mary Pinson and Mary Ella Bailey, students at Limestone college, are spending the holidays with their parents.

Misses Redge Peake, Evelyn Chambers, Mary Emma Speake, Jamie Little and Beatrice Highsmith of Lander college, are at home for the holidays.

Miss Marian Leske of Bennettsville, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. V. P. Adair.

Miss Emily Ferguson left yesterday for Montclair, N. J., to spend Christmas with her aunt, Mrs. L. H. Jones. Isaac Copeland of Peabody college, Nashville, Tenn., is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Copeland for the holidays.

Miss Mattie L. Copeland of Ware Shoals is at home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Copeland at Renno.

Misses Kaffa Fuller and Odette Mauney and Dudley Jones, students at the Charleston Medical college, are spending the holidays at their homes here.

Miss Sarah Buford of Columbia college, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Buford.

Misses Jean McKee, Mary Anderson and William Blakely, Erskine college students, are at home for the holidays.

Misses Almema Milling and Medora Browning, students at Converse college, are spending the holidays at their homes here.

Robert Vance of the McCallie school, Chattanooga, Tenn., is spending the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Vance.

Mrs. James Pitts and children are spending the holidays in Bishopville with her parents.

Allen and Bill McSween, Fred Oxley, Ned Sprunt and Bailey Williams are at home from the Darlington School for Boys, Rome, Ga., for the holidays.

James O'Daniel of Dublin, Ga., and Miss Frances O'Daniel of Rockingham, N. C., are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O'Daniel for the holidays.

Herman Hunter of College Park, Md., is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Hunter.

Miss Isabel Witherspoon of Columbia, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon.

The following Winthrop college, students arrived yesterday to spend the holidays at their homes: Misses Sadie Chandler, Virginia Kellers, Lillie Leake, Elsie Little, Ella Little and Copie McCrary, Rachel O'Daniel, Roberta Peay, Ruth Todd, Grace Davis, Ione on Hollen, Caroline Martin and Violette Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hatton moved this week to Whitmore where they will make their future home.

A quiet wedding occurred at Fountain Inn Monday when Miss Eva Story and David T. Pitts were united in marriage.

The December meeting of the American Legion auxiliary was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Julia Griffin.

W. Watts Davis left this week for Paris, going with his uncle Dr. L. S. Fuller, Jr., who has been visiting here and in Laurens.

The annual "ladies" night of the Clinton Kiwanis club was held Tuesday evening at the hotel, with President R. L. Plaxico, presiding.

The following students are on the high school honor roll for November: Rosa Little Bailey, Mary Chambers, Suella Denson, Frances Spratt, Roswell Porter, Florence Adair, Vivian Parks Adair, Ruby Woodruff, James Sloan, Eloise Von Hollen, Robert McLees, Margaret Taylor, Margaret Moorhead.

Our Big Christmas Edition

With pleasure we present to our readers today our annual "Christmas Edition" which has been issued under difficulties due to sickness in our staff and mechanical trouble. But here we are on time due to the hard work and faithfulness of our employees.

An unusually large collection of attractive "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" greetings appear in the advertising columns of the paper, together with helpful last-minute Christmas suggestions and grocery news and prices to help Santa. These greetings come to you from the City, Chamber of Commerce, merchants, banks, mills and varied other business firms.

These messages, full of good-will and beautiful sentiment are inserted by Clinton firms as a means of pup-

licly expressing their thanks and appreciation to their many friends and customers for their patronage, confidence and fellowship during the year now drawing to a close. They likewise wish for everyone 365 days of health and happiness in 1950.

Today's paper goes to our subscribers when everybody is busy with last-minute shopping and preparations for Christmas. It comes to you when there will be plenty of time to read its contents after the rush during the long holiday period. And we would point out that it contains much beautiful and appropriate Christmas material in addition to community news. Don't miss this.

Today's 28-page edition is one of the largest we have ever produced. We hope you will enjoy it. Merry Christmas.