

Construction Totals \$3,000,000 In Clinton During Past Year

Review Shows Heavy Building Activity, Industrial, At Institutions and Elsewhere. New Homes Third Among Major Expenditures of 1953.

Clinton puts a multi-million-dollar yardstick to its building and expansion accomplishments of the past year.

A review of new construction and major improvements made during 1953 shows a grand total of almost \$3,000,000 expended in this city of just under 8,000.

Activity touched upon many phases of the diverse life that is Clinton. Industrial expansion and city development brought the two heaviest expenditures of the year. But there were also major forward strides in the field of housing, work upon Clinton's institutions and numerous other boosts to the commercial interests of the city.

Natural gas was pumped into Clinton for the first time in 1953. This project by the Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority cost Clinton alone approximately \$900,000 as part of the \$2,900,000 bond sale, and it brings a new low cost fuel into homes and opens the way to making Clinton more attractive as a location for future industries.

The fact that industry thrives in Clinton was underscored last year by another big stride taken by Clinton Cotton Mills in its long-range expansion program. This plant laid down the city's largest single expenditure of the year to expand its facilities by 25 per cent. An estimated \$1,000,000 was spent in increasing the mill's manufacturing space by some 111,800 square feet and adding another 20,000 square feet to its storage capacity.

Residential building, meanwhile, continued at a high rate during 1953. The total sum spent in the construction of new homes locally came to approximately \$335,000 and ranks third among the major

expenditures of the year.

Continued expansion and development of the State Training School near the city found \$300,000 in new buildings and equipment placed here during 1953. A hospital-dormitory was constructed for \$250,000 of this total and an attendants' dormitory for \$50,000.

Among the two other institutions, activity was confined to making major improvements around the campuses of Presbyterian College and Thornwell Orphanage. The college placed approximately \$1,000 into its further renovations of Spencer dormitory and Neville hall, and the orphanage spent an estimated \$12,000 on a duplex apartment.

Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company added its share toward better service for the community by establishing a new group exchange office here and installing additional switchboard equipment.

The Baptists at Lydia completed a new educational building costing \$49,000. The Clinton Livestock Yard is credited with an expenditure of \$40,000 in 1953. Its spacious cattle barn was completed at the start of the year for a cost of \$25,000 and an implement company added shortly thereafter for \$15,000.

Other progress made on Clinton's commercial front during 1953 included four new service stations; new buildings for Colonial Stores, Johnson Brothers Supermarket and Timmerman Motor Company; expansion at Gwen-Evan Mills, Standard Plywoods and the Clinton Paper Box Company, and the remodeling of several stores.

Mrs. Dunlap Is 2000th Clinton Telephone Customer



Pictured above is Mrs. Thornwell Dunlap accepting a telephone installed in her rural home on December 22. It was the 2000th installation by the Southern Bell in the Clinton exchange. Also is shown Donald Longshore, installer-repairman, and L. S. Hart, plant foreman. In the rear is C. W. Underwood, Clinton area manager.

2000th Telephone for Clinton Installed in Home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dunlap

Clinton reached a significant milestone in its telephone history on December 22 when its 2000th telephone was put into operation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dunlap on the Greenwood highway.

C. W. Underwood, Clinton manager of the Southern Bell Telephone company, pointed out that the rapid increase in the number of telephones in Clinton is indicative of the growth and progress of South Carolina and the South.

Mr. Underwood said that the Southern Bell purchased the Clinton exchange from L. W. Floyd on Oct. 24, 1902, and that at that time there were only 56 telephones in operation. From this beginning, the number increased to about 373 on Jan. 1, 1920, 549 on Jan. 1, 1940, and 712 in July of 1945. Since the end of World War II in July of 1945, there has been an increase of around 1288 telephones, or in other words, Mr. Underwood said, Southern Bell has installed more telephones in Clinton in the last eight and one-half years than were installed during the first 43 years of operation of the exchange.

He further pointed out that while Clinton's population was increasing by about 30 per cent from 1940 until today, the number of telephones serving this area has increased about 180 per cent during the same period.

This increase in the number of telephones, coupled with the tremendous increase in requirements for long distance service, has brought about a heavy rise in local and long distance calls, Mr. Underwood stated, as he pointed out that the Clinton operators handle an average of around 10,400 local calls per day and around 700 long distance calls every day.

March of Dimes Annual Campaign Underway In County

Laurens County's 1954 March of Dimes campaign opened Saturday morning with a parade through the town of Laurens.

President Judge J. Hewlette Wasson, chairman of the county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has announced that Clyde Sewaright of Laurens, will head the drive again this year. J. K. Waites of Joanna, vice chairman of the chapter, will lead the drive in Joanna and Mrs. George McDaniels of Laurens has been appointed chairman of the Mother's March on Polio which will be the closing event of the month.

Judge Wasson has announced the appointment of W. W. Harris as chairman for Clinton and Mrs. John Spratt as chairman of the advance mail campaign. He has called a county-wide meeting of directors and interested workers in the cause to be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the directors' room of Bank of Clinton. All who are interested are invited.

The 1954 March of Dimes will be the most important campaign the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has ever conducted, Chairman Wasson stated. He explained that after 15 years of effort, scientists working under grants of March of Dimes money have developed a vaccine against polio which is to be tried out in 200 counties across the nation this year.

"If this vaccine is as successful as our medical scientists believe it will be, victory over polio should be a reality within a few years, Judge Wasson said. "This means that every citizen should support the March of Dimes to the utmost this year, so as to provide the funds needed in carrying out our fight against this crippling disease to a speedy and successful conclusion."

Contributions to the drive will go for research, patient care, aid to polio epidemic areas and the new polio prevention program.

In the coming year, \$26,500,000 will be needed to carry out the prevention program, \$7,500,000 for the nation-wide field test of the new polio vaccine and \$19,000,000 for the purchase of gamma globulin for use in epidemic areas.

PO Receipts Show Gain For Year

Postmaster W. D. Adair said yesterday that the city's post office receipts during 1953 amounted to \$73,209.50 against \$67,263.29 for the year 1952. This is a gain, he said, of \$5,946.21 over the previous year, and is partly due to the postal rate increase effective in the year.

Dunlap Residence Near Mountville Destroyed By Fire

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Walter H. Dunlap home about two miles from Mountville on the Clinton highway last Friday night. The fire was discovered about 7 o'clock after the family had prepared dinner for Mr. Dunlap and his bride who were returning from their wedding trip. They arrived just in time to see the house fall in, leaving only two standing chimneys.

Mr. Dunlap's mother, Mrs. Annie Dunlap, was at home at the time, her son, John P. Dunlap, and Mrs. Eugene Stewart, her daughter, and husband and child, of Fountain Inn. Mrs. Sarah Martin who lives with her mother at the home place, had gone to Greenville.

Mrs. Dunlap and the other occupants escaped unharmed but most of the furniture and contents were lost.

Changes In High School Faculty

Several changes have been made in the Clinton high school faculty for the second semester, according to an announcement by W. R. Anderson, superintendent of Laurens County School District No. 56.

Miss Betty Skinner, former typing teacher, will replace Miss Kathryn Martin, secretary, who resigned at the time of her marriage.

Miss Billie Griggs, who will graduate from Newberry college at the end of this semester, will accept the position in February left vacant by Miss Skinner's change.

Mrs. Ed. Campbell is substitute teacher for typing until Miss Griggs' graduation.

Mrs. Alex Crawford of Joanna, succeeds the late E. Clayte Young as science teacher.

In the music department, Mrs. Caldwell Henderson has accepted the work of Mrs. James Von Hollen, who has resigned.

Mrs. Creswell Fleming of Laurens, is substituting in the mathematics department because of the illness of Miss Eloise Miller, who expects to resume her position at the beginning of the second semester January 18.

Barrons On Guided Tour In Scotland

The Rev. and Mrs. Earl P. Barron, who are spending some time in Glasgow, Scotland, where the former is studying, were on a guided tour in Europe during the holidays.

Mrs. Barron, the former Miss Mona Blakely, in a letter to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Blakely, told of their trip from Glasgow to London and Paris. The tour included Geneva, Milan, where they saw the original "Last Supper" painted by Leonardo De Vinci, and the Milan Cathedral; Venice, Rome, where they walked along the Appian Way, Naples and Nice.

Four Greenville AAA Groups To Hold Open Meet

The four AAA groups of Greenville are sponsoring an open meeting Friday night, February 5, at 8 p. m. in the Greenville county office building auditorium (next to the Poinsett Hotel on South main street).

"Lefty H." will be the speaker. "Lefty" is a prominent former lawyer... at one time county prosecuting attorney... later a special assistant attorney general of his state... former State Commander of the American Legion... a staff member of the National Committee on Alcoholism... at present Industrial Consultant, Yale University Center for Alcohol Studies.

The Greenville groups extend an invitation to anyone interested in the problem of alcoholism.

Lt. Ernest C. Hipp Commanding Officer USS Wheatear

A native of Clinton commands one of the Charleston-based minesweepers currently on duty in the Mediterranean with the U. S. Sixth Fleet.

Lt. Ernest C. Hipp, Jr., commanding officer of the USS Wheatear, was born and raised here and still calls this city his home. The son of Ernest C. and Mae W. Hipp, Lt. Hipp was graduated from Clinton high school in 1937 and entered Presbyterian college almost immediately thereafter.

He earned a B.S. degree from Presbyterian in 1940 and then entered the U. S. Naval Academy in 1940, graduating in 1943 with the rank of Ensign.

Lt. Hipp served extensively in the Pacific theatre during the war and earned eight battle stars. He was executive officer of both the destroyer USS Anthony and the destroyer-minesweeper Doyle, the latter recently transferred to Charleston for its home base.

While serving in Boston, Mass., in 1940, as Aide to the Commandant of the First Naval District, he married the former Miss Shirley Mahar of Westerfield, Mass. Lt. and Mrs. Hipp have one son, David W., born in December, 1951.

Since assuming command of the Wheatear, a unit of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet Mine Force, in July, 1952, Lt. Hipp has guided his ship on extensive cruises to the Caribbean, Quebec and currently to the many ports in the Mediterranean.

Dr. Salter Receives Release, To Return Here

Dr. A. D. Salter will be released from active duty in the naval reserve as a lieutenant, dental corps, this week and will return to his home here Friday.

Dr. Salter will resume the practice of dentistry at his office Monday, which has been closed since he entered service in August. First stationed at Parris Island, he had recently been transferred to the Naval Air Base, Memphis, Tenn.

rites at Lake City

Rites for DuPont Young, brother-in-law of Mrs. Eric Barnes, were held Sunday morning at Lake City Methodist church.

Mr. Young, a prominent farmer and business man of Lake City, with Mr. Barnes, was injured in a car wreck in Rock Hill on December 26. Friends of Mr. Barnes will be glad to know he is recovering from injuries and was able to attend the services.

Christmas Seal Sale Gratifying, Yet Incomplete

J. H. Pitts of this city, campaign chairman for the annual Christmas Seal Sale of the Laurens county Tuberculosis Association, reports gratifying results from the mail campaign which opened November 16, and officially closed December 31. Final totals cannot be given, he said, until reports of all chairmen are made.

Chairman Pitts has issued an appeal to residents of the county to go back through their mail and look up their Christmas Seal letters. "Many persons," he said, "in the rush of Christmas shopping didn't find time to answer their 1953 Christmas Seal letters. It is hoped now, he added, that all those persons will make an effort to send in their contributions without delay."

Kiwanis Officers To Be Installed

The first meeting of the Kiwanis club for the new year will be held on the evening of January 14 at Hotel Mary Musgrove at 7:30.

Newly elected officers for 1954, headed by Reese Young, as president, will be installed. The newly elected lieutenant governor of the division, David J. Watson of Clemson, will be present and have charge of the installation, with a full attendance requested.

A meeting of the board of directors will be held this evening at 7:30 in the college library building.

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MORE THAN 1,000 LAW VIOLATORS, REPORT SHOWS

Sheriff Lowery Gives Report of Office for Past Year. Nine Murder Charges, Drunkenness Leads.

Laurens, Jan. 4. Over 1,000 violators of the law or suspected violators were booked for the Laurens county jail during the year 1953 just closed, according to figures compiled by J. C. McCartney, of the deputy to Sheriff W. A. Lowery.

The compilation was for the period beginning January 6 when Sheriff Lowery went into office and ending December 30 of 1953.

The total number booked was 1,033 of which 400 were on murder charges. Of the remainder, 219 were drunk, 132 on driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, 131 on breaking and entering, 120 on larceny, 112 on assault and battery, 100 on carrying a dangerous weapon, 90 on violation of the motor vehicle laws, 80 on violation of the game laws, 70 on violation of the fish and game laws, 60 on violation of the hunting laws, 50 on violation of the fishing laws, 40 on violation of the trapping laws, 30 on violation of the poaching laws, 20 on violation of the poaching laws, 10 on violation of the poaching laws.

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REV. DAVID MILLER,
City
LAWRENCE HARRIS,
c-o PM, San Francisco
MRS. S. A. MODE,
Joanna
CAPT. HARRY BOLICK,
c-o PM, New York
MISS ELOISE MILLER,
Pauline

DINNER-MEETING TONIGHT
Copeland-Davidson Post No. 56 will have a dinner-meeting tonight at 8:00 p. m. at the Legion Home. Plates will be \$1.25 per person.

Young People To Hold Laurens Meet

The Baptist Associational Young People's meeting will be held Friday night, January 8, at 7:30 p. m. at the Laurens Second Baptist church. All young people, their counsellors and Training Union Directors in all Baptist churches are invited.