



Four-Car Accident on Clinton-Laurens Highway

These four automobiles were involved in chain-action collision Friday morning at a point where the county airport road joins the Clinton-Laurens highway. The two collisions were said to have started when the car in the center of the highway approached from the airport road (at right), skidded and collided with the car at right. The two cars at left were said to have collided when one of them skidded trying to avoid hitting the first two. They were turned completely around in the process. Occupants of the cars were said to be (from left) J. D. Rushton, Alvin Whitmire, Barbara Crowder (in the first three), and Neely F. Hamilton and Randolph Everette (in the car at the right). —Photo by Paul Quinton.

County 4-H Awards Are Made at Banquet Here

About 200 4-H club members and guests attended the Laurens County 4-H achievement College dining hall Friday night.

Awards were presented to 4-H club members and their adult leaders in recognition of their work during the past year.

The meeting was presided over by Mary Hipp, president of the county 4-H Council. Other 4-H club members taking part in the program included Elizabeth Woods, Council secretary Calvin Robertson, vice-president; and Frank Hill, treasurer.

Dwight Patterson, president of the Palmetto Bank of Laurens, sponsor of the banquet, gave the welcome. M. L. Outz, county farm agent, recognized guests, and Miss Myrtice Taylor, home demonstration agent, presented awards to the adult leaders.

Presentation of the 4-H electric awards was made by St. Clair Knight, representative of the Duke Power Co. Other awards were given 4-H members by local extension service personnel.

The following 4-H members were recognized:

Achievement—Carolyn Emery, Barbara Taylor, David Coleman and Ray Balentine.
Agricultural—Mike Parks and Riley Fillingame.
Automotive — Harold McKittrick and Wesley Ward.
Beef—Jim Boiter and Allen Robertson.
Bread—Eleanor Coleman.
Clothing—Libby Taylor, Beverly Jackson, Elaine Morris and Pam Watt.
Dairy—Jimmy Smith, Kenneth Wright, John Hill and Mike Helams.
Dog Care and Training—Michael Stephen Mauldin and Nickie Bragg.
Dress Revue—Mildred O'Dell and Sarah Sims.
Electric — Pam Watt, Betty Cole, William Woods and Johnny Wharton.
Entomology — Tommy Motes and Johnny Hipp.
Field Crops—Gerald Mitchell, Ronald Kellett, Bruce Simpson, and Clarence Abrams.
Foods - Nutrition—Mary Moore, Carolyn Moore, Sue Simpson and Mona Kay Balentine.
Forestry — Steve Benjamin, Jimmy Alexander, Carl Chappell and Robert Lee Whiteford.
Garden—Mike Lollis and Allen Finley.
Home Economics—Elizabeth Woods, Barbara Taylor and Sarah Sims.
Home Improvement—Ann Simmons, Debbie Pitts, Steve Wright and Johnny Owens.
Leadership—Mary Hipp, Elizabeth Woods, Calvin Robertson and Sammy Loos.
Poultry — Carol Ann Jones, Karen Pace, David Ridgeway and Jerome Bundrick.

Recreation—Mary Hipp.
Safety — Cindy Crisp, Danny Nelson and Jerry Roberts.
Swine—Jennings Putnam and Tommy Lynch.
Tractor — Jimmy Sharpe, Charles Stoddard, Ernie Coggins and Ricky Wrenn.
Citizenship—Calvin Robertson and Carolyn Emery.
County medal winners who received certificates were:

Safety, Barbara Taylor; breads, Frances Johnson; foods and nutrition, Elizabeth Woods; entomology, Sue Simpson; dairy foods demonstration, Sara Sims; clothing, Carolyn Emery; boys agricultural, Calvin Robertson; field crops, William Woods; and electric, Jimmy Anderson for an all-electric drill, and Joyce Peden for a steam iron.

Trophies awarded were: Guernsey—Mike Parks.
Jersey—Jack Marlair.
Ayrshire—Gerald Mitchell.
Holstein—Pam Watt.
Tractor—Calvin Robertson.
Beef—Frank Hill.
Horses—Charles Stoddard, first place; and Lila Ott, third place.
Merals were presented to soil judging team members Calvin Robertson, Stan Stanley Cothran, Riley Fillingame and Steve Wright.

Recognized were livestock team members Calvin Robertson, Mike Wickham, Gene Smith and Frank Hill and dairy judging team members Frank Brown, Michael Parks, Jimmy Smith and Riley Fillingame.

Adult leaders who received certificates of appointment were: Mrs. Alice Hunnicutt, Garvin O'Dell, Leonard Crofts, Mrs. Anita Balentine, J. T. Balentine, Don Willis, Mrs. H. A. Marlair, H. A. Marlair and Mrs. Milton Woods.
Two-year seals were presented to James R. Martin, Mrs. Fred Boyd Jr., and Mrs. C. A. Wright.
Three-year seals went to Mrs. H. C. Ladd, Mrs. Roydell Mitchell and Royden Mitchell.
Awarded five-year pins were Mrs. Fuller Motes and Charles Nalley.

Roy E. Benjamin Rites Held Monday

Roy E. Benjamin, Sr., 59, died Saturday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles D. (Virginia) Bell, in Columbia after two months of illness.

He was a native of Laurens County, son of the late John Elbert and Janie McQuown Benjamin. He was a resident of Clinton for many years until he moved to Augusta, Ga., a few years ago. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton.

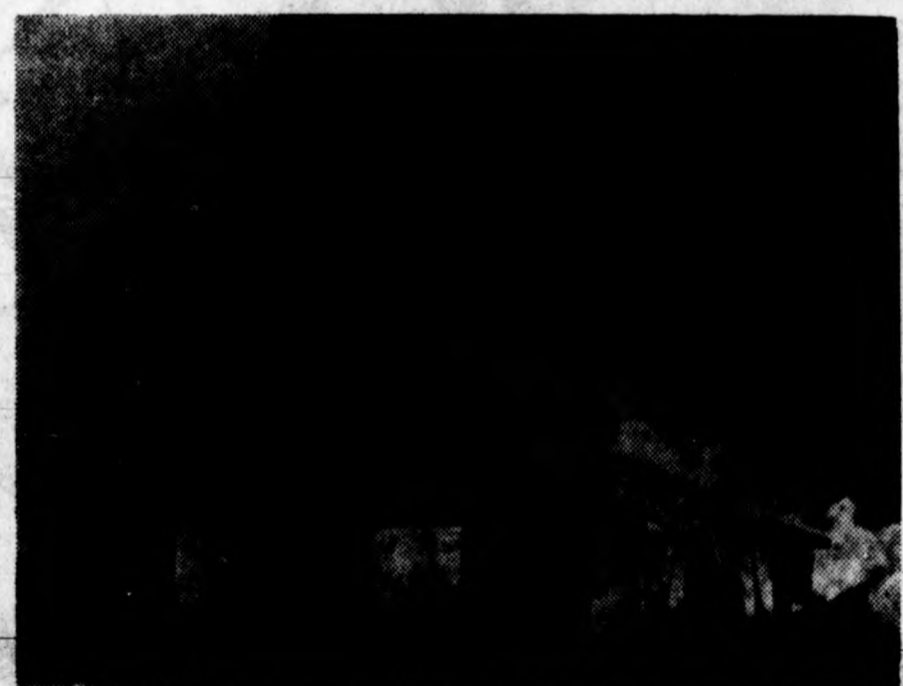
His wife, Mrs. Mary Lou Bagwell Benjamin, died in 1951.

Surviving are a son, Roy E. Benjamin, Jr., of Rt. 1, Clinton; three brothers, Arthur and Ralph Benjamin of Clinton, and Paul Benjamin of Columbia; two sisters, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. William (Pauline) Schwintek of Columbia; and a grandson.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 3:00 p. m. at the Gray Funeral Home by Dr. Wm. Redd Turner. Burial was in Rosemont cemetery. Pallbearers were Wyman M. Shealy, Marvin DeYoung, Frank E. Cauley, Kenneth McCrary, Dan Yarborough, and Roy Workman.

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The Country Shop Burns

The Country Shop, a furniture store located on the Princeton road above Laurens, burned to the ground last Thursday. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cook, the loss was said to be about \$75,000. Only a few pieces of stock were saved. The fire was first noticed by the Cooks' four-year-old son who saw smoke coming from a box in the back of the store. The Laurens fire department was called to the scene. Due to strong winds and propane gas which was feeding the fire, the firemen could not save the building, it was stated.—Photo by Mason Motes.

Community Chorus Schedules Rehearsals

The Clinton Community Chorus will hold a rehearsal Friday evening, December 13 at 7 p. m. at the First Presbyterian Church Recreation hall. There will be another practice on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 at the Recreation hall in First Presbyterian Church. On December 19 the practice will be at 7:30 in Belk auditorium.

Calvary Baptist Slates Christmas Cantata

Calvary Baptist Church will present a program of Christmas music Sunday at the morning service by the four Youth Choirs. The service will begin at 11 o'clock. The Celestial and Cherub Choirs are under the direction of Miss Marie King and Miss Nancy Bagwell. The Carol Choir is under the direction of Mrs. Eva West and the Youth Choir is directed by Mrs. Eva Land and Earl Martin. Musicians are Marcia Turner, Jane Trammell, Janice Caughman, Jo Carol Terry, Cheryl Lancaster, and Kathy Foster.

Sunday evening at 7:30 a Christmas cantata, "Dawn of Redeeming Grace" by Robert Graham will be presented by the Adult choir. Mrs. Joe Lands is director of music and A. D. Lancaster is assistant director. Musicians are Mrs. Vernon Trammell and Mrs. Frank Lee.

Joanna Children To Receive Gifts

W. K. Waits, chairman of the children's annual Christmas party hosted by Joanna Cotton Mills Company, announces that Santa's helpers have received a big shipment of giant stockings filled with toys and games.

Annually, between 1200 and 1300 stockings and bags are presented to the children under ten years of age of the big Joanna family consisting of employees of the mill, Kaywood Corporation, Community Corporation, and Mansure Division, as well as children of the immediate community within that age group.

Santa Claus in person will be at the Joanna Club House and at Woodson Club House and the parties will begin at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Stores To Remain Open Until 7 P. M.

Retail stores in the city will remain open until 7:00 p. m. each evening beginning Monday, Dec. 16, and continuing through Tuesday, the 24th.

Stores will close on Saturdays as usual, at 6:30 p. m. The schedule was announced by Charles G. Bulce, chairman of the Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

Last Chance At \$50

Next Saturday is your last chance to win a \$50 bill!

Progressive Clinton merchants will put up four of them to be given away in their drawing Saturday night at 6:45 on the parking lot of M. S. Bailey & Son, bankers, on W. Pitts St.

All you have to do is produce matching ticket stubs with numbers to match those called at the drawing. The tickets may be secured from any of the sponsoring merchants whose names appear in a half-page advertisement appearing in this issue of The Chronicle.

In addition, someone will receive a reclining chair which will be given away.

The following Saturday, the grand prize, a new 1964 Ford Falcon 4-door sedan will be given away.

So, get set for the final two drawings. The more tickets you have, the better your chances are to win one of the prizes.

Six persons won \$50 bills in last week's drawing. They were Dial Meadors of Joanna, Peggy Templeton of Lydia, Joe Steiner, Charlie Smitherland, Linda Red and Mrs. Ovell Woody, all of Clinton.

Christine McLendon of Clinton and Nelly Jester of Joanna were winners of radio sets.

County Farm Bureau Reaches 335 Membership

The Laurens County Farm Bureau helped the South Carolina Farm Bureau establish an all-time high membership record for 1963, according to T. J. Copeland, County Farm Bureau president.

Laurens County closed its membership year Saturday, November 30, with a total of 335 members. This figure, together with those memberships from 45 other county Farm Bureaus in South Carolina, helped the State Farm Bureau attain an all-time high record of 22,680 members.

This was the sixth year that Laurens County has attained its state membership quota and it was the fifth consecutive year that the South Carolina Farm Bureau has reached its national membership quota. The state Farm Bureau has also set all-time high membership records for the past three years.

Mr. Copeland said the records of both the county and state Farm Bureau are a tribute to the work and special efforts of county Farm Bureau leaders. Without local cooperation and local participation, these records could not have been established, he stated.

State President David H. Sloan, Jr., of Marion, also had a word of praise for county leaders.

A total of 36 county Farm Bureaus reached their 1963 membership quotas. There are 46 organized county Farm Bureaus in South Carolina.

First Baptist Choir To Have Christmas Music

The Adult Choir of the First Baptist Church will present a program of Christmas Music at the morning worship service Sunday, December 15 at eleven o'clock.

Included in the program will be four Chorales from Christmas Oratorio by Bach and three French Carols.

Mrs. Grace Conner is organist and Mrs. Caldwell Henderson, director.

Rev. J. H. Darr cordially invites the public to attend this program.

Council Declares Area To Be Annexed to City

The area voted on in an annexation election on Nov. 19, which received an overwhelmingly favorable vote, was declared a part of the City of Clinton at a special meeting of City Council on Nov. 20.

City Attorney Cecil E. White presented a declaration from the Laurens County Board of Elections certifying the favorable 329 to 13 vote in the election.

A resolution describing the area to be annexed, including boundaries, etc., and declaring the area to be included in the

city limits, was adopted unanimously by the Council.

The annexed area lies in the southeastern section of the city and includes about 200 residents.

The Clinton Jaycee Chapter was instrumental in seeking the annexation election. Members of the club circulated the petitions and did much of the pre-election work.

City Council ordered immediate collection of garbage in the area and has begun plans for the installation of an adequate number of street lights. The 50 per cent surcharge on out-of-city users of electric and water services will be eliminated with the January billings. City police are already patrolling the area.

Other city services and installations will be instituted as soon as feasible, officials stated.

At the regular session of Council Friday night, it was voted to present Christmas gifts of \$25 to salaried employees of the city and \$10 to hourly paid employees. Aldermen George Bagwell, Harry Layton, S. A. Pitts and Boyd Holtzclaw voted for the move, while Aldermen L. W. Cooper and James Craine voted for \$50 and \$25.

Council will take action at a later date on the application of a Mr. Franklin for a permit to operate a taxi.

Post Office Open Saturday Until 5:00

Service windows at the post office will be open on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14, until 5:00 p. m. to provide service for Christmas mailers, Postmaster W. D. Adair stated.

"If you use Christmas stickers or seals, put them on the back of your Christmas cards and packages so that they will not conflict with the address on the front," he said. "Make sure that correct postage is firmly affixed to each card and package. When mailing gifts, it's a good idea to place a piece of transparent cellophane tape over the address portion of the label to prevent defacing it in transit," Mr. Adair suggested.

The postmaster reminds us that Christmas cards for out of town delivery should be sent before December 15, and those for local delivery should be mailed at least a week before Christmas.

The postmaster also said he is most appreciative of the interest and cooperation shown by the mailing public so far, and reminds us that "Do It Now" is the slogan from here on in.

"Don't put off your Christmas mailings while you still have time because this means that dreaded pile-ups will occur at the post office, causing unavoidable slowdowns in deliveries as the holiday approaches," he said.

Chorus To Present Christmas Cantata

A chorus composed of Clinton Senior and Junior High School students will present a Christmas cantata in the high school auditorium at 8:00 p. m. on December 17.

One hundred and thirty-three voices will participate in the presentation of "Love Transcending," by John W. Peterson. Miss Nannette Young will accompany the group, and Mrs. J. F. Giffilian will direct the presentation.

College Receives \$3,000 From Esso

Presbyterian College has received a \$3,000 grant from the Esso Educational Foundation, President Marc C. Weersing announced today.

He said the funds are given as part of the national program of financial aid to higher education conducted annually by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Presbyterian College has shared in this program a number of times in recent years, having received \$2,000 from this source last year.

Dr. Weersing pointed out the Esso grants are given without restriction as to their use by the college.

Joanna Baptist Church Announces Christmas Programs

Sunday evening, December 15, at 7:30 p. m. children 8-12 at the First Baptist Church, Joanna, will present a program of Christmas music and a pageant. The program is entitled "The Christmas Story."

On Sunday evening, December 22, at 7:30 p. m. the church choir and players will present "Night of Miracles," a Christmas cantata and pageant.

The public is extended an invitation to attend these programs.

Community Chorus Program on Dec. 22

The third annual Christmas program of the Clinton Community Chorus will be presented Sunday, December 22, at 4 p. m. at the Belk Auditorium.

The chorus, under the direction of Robert B. Wassung, numbers 65 voices from Clinton, Laurens and Joanna areas.

The program is similar to last years' and will include a group of familiar Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. James Von Hollen, organist.

The program will be presented to the public with no admission charge as it is sponsored by the City Recreation Department.

Second Polio Feeding Response Good

School District 56 residents, 14,000 strong, turned out Sunday despite the rain, for the second "Stop Polio" feeding, again showing their concern for their own immunity to polio and that of their neighbors.

Dr. James L. Walker, chairman of the local polio steering committee, said returns from the six school feeding sites indicated that approximately 80 per cent of the area's population is now immunized against Type 3 polio, the vaccine given Sunday.

Visit Doctor's Office
Those unable to get to the polio centers Sunday are urged to visit their family doctors' offices.

TB Contributions Reach \$9,431.33

Mrs. John T. Young, chairman of the Clinton "Returns Committee," announced a total of \$9,431.32 contributed for Christmas Seals in Greenwood and Laurens counties through December 8.

Mrs. Young and her committee processed the returns at the Bank of Clinton. She was assisted by Mrs. Harry Ayers, Rhett P. Adair, George W. Copeland, and John Holland Hunter.

Mrs. Young serves as a director of the Tuberculosis and Health Association.

A supply of vaccine on hand will be administered through office hours Saturday, December 14. The County Health Center at 104 Woodrow Street, also has vaccine available this afternoon (Thursday) between the hours of 2:00 and 4:30 p. m.

The vaccine is available at the doctors' offices and health center on the same basis as it was at the clinics Sunday. No

Changes Made In Scout Staff

L. L. Stanley, of Greenville, executive of the Blue Ridge Scout Council, this week announced several changes in the staff of the council.

Everett Shell of Erwin, Tenn., has become executive in the Keowee District, replacing Wallace Potts, who has accepted the post of district executive in the Oconeechee Council; Irvin Tingen, who has been district executive for four years in the Greenville District, has been appointed executive in the Greer-Paris Mountain District.

Bill Brackett, who has been executive for about three years in the Clinton-Laurens-Newberry District, has replaced Mr. Tingen as executive in the Greenville District. The Laurens-Newberry District post will be filled by an executive to be named later, Stanley said.

vaccine will be available after Saturday.

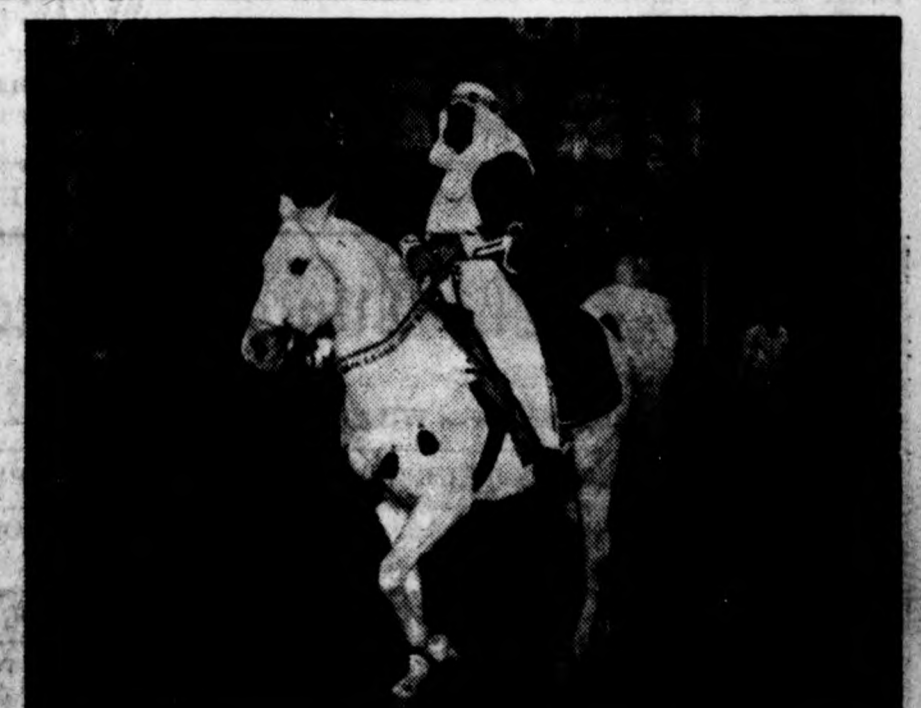
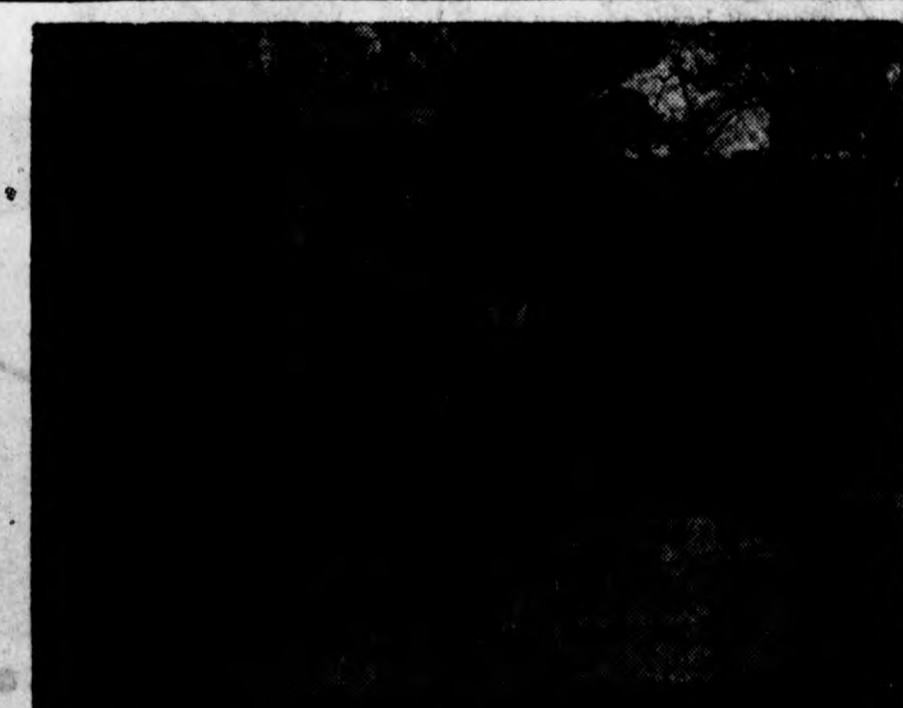
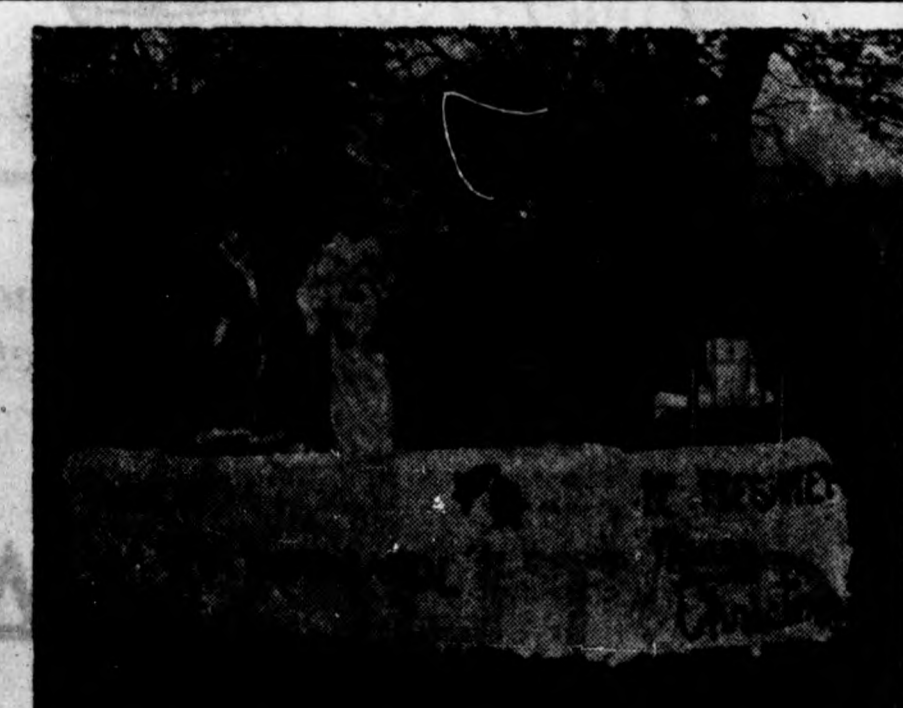
The third and final "Stop Polio" Sunday will be held January 2, 1964, at the same school sites and during the same hours, 12 noon until 6:00 p. m., as the first and second feedings were held.

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Blazer's, On Lake, Is Destroyed

Blazer's, a popular restaurant on Lake Greenwood, was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The owner, L. M. Blazer, had operated the place for 20 years, and estimated the loss from about \$50,000 to \$75,000. The fire apparently started in the rear. A passing motorist noticed the blaze about 2:45 a. m., but the fire had gained such headway that the building could not be entered. The restaurant probably will be rebuilt. Mr. Blazer is reported to have stated.—Photo by Mason Motes.



Winning Float in Clinton's Christmas Parade Last Thursday

These floats were the winners of the first three places among Christmas theme floats in Clinton's mile-long parade Thursday. They won prizes of \$40, \$30 and \$25, respectively. At left is the entry of White

ten Village, which won first place. Next is that of the Presbyterian College freshmen, and at right is the float of the Clinton Camp Fire Girls. Other winners were Clinton Kiwanis Club, fourth, \$20; First Presbyterian

Church, fifth, \$15; and First Baptist Church, sixth, \$10. At right is Leonard Crofts, marshal of the parade, manager of Shelton J. Riner's Arabian horse farm near Clinton, astride one of their fine animals.

Approximately 15,000 persons viewed the parade, which was termed one of Clinton's best.—Photo by Dan Yarborough.