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Negro Man Loses Life In Fire

Jesse Suber, 67-year-old Negro tenant farmer, lost his life in this fire which destroyed the house he occupied on the Frank C. Young place south of the city. The fire occurred at 4:00 a. m. last Thursday. Suber, who lived alone, had worked on the Young place for 36 years. Clinton firemen are shown putting water on the embers preparatory to removal of the body.—Photo by Paul Quinton.

Community Chorus In Well-Received Program

By Marcia G. Turner

The Clinton Community Chorus presented its Christmas gift to the town of Clinton in "The Song of Christmas," an annual holiday concert, sung before a warmly receptive audience Sunday afternoon in Belk Auditorium.

The chorus is under the direction of Robert Wassung, with Mrs. James Von Hollen, pianist, chorus accompanist. Mrs. L. S. McMillan, organist of the First Baptist Church of Laurens, accompanied the chorus at the organ.

The program included Christmas music from Bach to spiritual in an effective blending of 52 voices. The concert, the third annual presentation of its kind here, featured more unusual harmony and minor key music than the concerts of the two previous years.

From the first soft, solemnly moving strains of "The Creation" (Willy Richter), enhanced by a dramatic lighting effect from darkness to light, the Clinton Community Chorus once again heralded the true spirit of the season, giving by means of time and talent, an enriching holiday experience to its listeners.

Two selections from the "Christmas Oratorio," by Bach, were sung with organ accompaniment implementing the piano. The chorus expressed the full beauty of the composer's stately measures, quietly in "Beside Thy Cradle Here I Stand" and majestically in "Rejoice and Sing." "Christmas Day" (Gustav Holst) began in the rousing tempo of the familiar "Good Christian Men Rejoice" and continued through a medley of carols in a blending of tempos and tones of unusual beauty.

The group of songs in lighter treatment was especially well received by the audience, which liked particularly Willson's "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas." "The Sleigh" (Richard

Kountz), which literally raced across the keys, was accompanied with brilliance by the pianist, Mrs. Von Hollen.

The spiritual, "Go Tell It On the Mountain," arranged by Harry Simeone, was sung with a syncopated rhythm and a change of key, ending in a round, combining features which made it a highlight of the performance. This group was concluded by the minor tones of "Snow, Snow, Beautiful Snow" (Sigman Feller).

The "Song of Christmas," by Roy Ringwald, featured narration by Dr. T. Layton Fraser, and organ accompaniment again by Mrs. McMillan. This was the story of Christ in scripture and song, beginning with the solemnity of "Adoremus Te Christe," Prophecy, the annunciation, the birth of Christ, Herod's wrath, the visit of the magi, the flight into Egypt, a lullaby, and the final triumphant "Gloria" were included in the arrangement. The chorus was particularly stirring in its capella presentation of "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Soloists included Mrs. Ed Sadler, Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. Tom Taylor, sopranos; Harry Bolick, George Cobb, and Mike Turner, tenors; and Tom Taylor, bass.

Mrs. T. Heath Copeland, organist, played Christmas carols as a prelude to the performance, which was given in a traditional setting of magnolia leaves, centered by a wreath of red berries and bordered by red tapers in brass candelabra.

Committees in charge of program arrangements included: staging, George Cobb; music, Harry Bolick, Mrs. James Von Hollen, Mrs. Caldwell Henderson, Tom Taylor, Mrs. Ed Sadler; programs, W. P. Jacobs; publicity, Mrs. L. H. Savelkoul; and ushers, J. D. McKee.

The Clinton Community Chorus is composed of volunteer singers from throughout Laurens

Seal Campaign Goes Over \$15,000 Mark

The Christmas Seal campaign in Greenwood and Laurens Counties is running ahead of last year by nearly 16 per cent, Mrs. John T. Young, Clinton chairman of returns, announced today.

Receipts as of December 19 total \$15,617.88, she reported, compared with \$13,502.00 on the same date last year.

"The Christmas Seal Association is highly gratified at the increase shown so far," Mrs. Young said. "Of course the campaign isn't over. Our goal is \$18,000. It's our hope that all those who haven't yet answered their Christmas Seal appeals will do so promptly and help maintain this lead right to the finish line. The Tuberculosis and Health Association is anxious to expand its activities aimed at wiping out TB and controlling the other respiratory diseases, which disable more Americans than any other groups of illnesses. In order to make this hope an actuality the need for funds is greater now than ever."

Other volunteers assisting Mrs. Young included: Rhett P. Adair, George W. Copeland, J. H. Hunter, Mrs. Harry H. Ayers, and Mrs. Locke Simons.

City Fire Truck And Car Collide

The city fire truck and a car driven by William Woody of Rt. 3, collided Sunday night at the intersection of Stonewall and Liberty Streets. The car was said to be considerably damaged. The right front fender on the truck suffered some damage. The truck, driven by Fireman Marvin DeYoung, was answering a call to extinguish a fire in a tree in the area. No alarm was sounded.

Clinton, Lydia Mills Have Holiday Parties

Clinton and Lydia Mills initiated celebration of the Christmas season with all-day parties on Monday.

Bountiful gift boxes were distributed to employees and their families and Santa visited with the children. Music and refreshments were furnished.

Clinton Mill employees gathered at the M. S. Bailey School cafeteria, while the Lydia personnel held their party in the cafeteria of Providence School.

To Broadcast Chorus Program

Radio Station WLBG will broadcast the Clinton Community Chorus Christmas program on Christmas Day at 4:00 p. m. The program was taped earlier for presentation at this time.

SAVINGS BONDS SALES
Combined Series E and H savings bonds sales for November in Laurens County totaled \$25,981, reports D. F. Patterson, county savings bonds chairman.

County. It is under the sponsorship of the Clinton Recreation Department.



Clinton's Business Section Turned Into Fairyland

—Yarborough Photo

Laurens and Clinton

(From "Palmetto Pathways," a Feature Release by the Palmetto Oil Marketers' Association, Columbia.)

Up in the Piedmont, just eight miles apart on U. S. Highway No. 76, are Laurens and Clinton, two towns which exhibit that friendly "home-town atmosphere for which South Carolina is famous.

Laurens, at the intersection of U. S. Highways 221 and 76, is a town of interesting historical anecdotes. One of the main features is the stately old court house in the center of the town square. Here you might listen to stories of the War Between the States or of a later period in the life of the community.

Although no passenger trains enter the town today, there was a time when it was the busiest railroad "hub" in South Carolina. In the late 1800's, the Charleston and Western Railroad built a line from Augusta, Ga., to Spartanburg through Laurens. Another line was built from Columbia to the community by the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens Railroad. It still bears that name today, although it's owned by the Atlantic Coast Line.

After the ravage and despair of the Civil War subsided, Laurens began to prosper again. Local interests attempted to develop a large silicon deposit nearby setting up a glass factory. At one time, it was the largest commercial glass factory in the world.

On the east side of the town square stands an old building which replaced a tailor shop. An itinerant tailor from Tennessee came to Laurens one winter and dated one of the local girls for a while. He eventually went back home, and later got involved in national politics. When Lincoln was assassinated, this former tailor, Andrew Johnson, became President of the United States.

There are many interesting things to be learned by talking to the local people. It's a town with a heritage and a bright future.

Clinton is sometimes called "the most strategically located town in the Piedmont." Located at the intersection of U. S. 76 and State Highway 72 just off Interstate 26, it has circular city limits extending in a one-mile radius from the center, which has recently been extended in the southwestern area. It's on the main line of the Seaboard Airline Railroad between Washington, D. C., and Birmingham, Ala.

The railroad era provided the impetus for the founding of the community. The rail line from Laurens to Newberry crossed an intersection known as Five Forks, just nine miles from Laurens. This became the site of Clinton.

Clinton is in the heart of fertile farming country, and major crops include cotton, corn, grain and hay. Having a nearly ideal climate, residents enjoy fishing and boating on nearby Lake Greenwood or golfing at the Lakeside Country Club. In the warmer season, there are two fine public swimming pools.

Two well known local points of interest are the Thornwell Orphanage and Presbyterian College. In 1862, a minister by the name of William P. Jacobs came to town to be pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Full of zeal and determination, he established the Thornwell Orphanage in 1875, and founded Presbyterian College in 1880.

The Thornwell Orphanage is supported by the Presbyterian Synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. It provides a wonderful atmosphere for 400 children, and pioneered the "cottage plan" of living, to get away from the colder institutional image.

The college is a four-year, liberal arts school with an enrollment of 500 students. It is on a modern fifty-acre campus, with many attractive buildings. Presbyterian College is supported by the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia.

Both Laurens and Clinton are in the heart of the nation's textile belt, and serve together as the trading, cultural and educational center for a rapidly growing area. They combine the wonderful features of small-town living with the progressive development of a metropolitan area. Our suggestion — go there and learn more about this section of our state!

Send Gifts To Whitten Village

On December 9 the Wecanea Horizon Club held their monthly meeting and made flower arrangements for their homes.

On December 18, the girls held their Christmas party and exchanged gifts. At this meeting they wrapped Christmas gifts to be taken to Whitten Village.

Chronicle To Carry Babson Forecast In Next Week's Issue

The Chronicle will publish Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1964 in its next issue, to appear on Thursday, January 2.

This forecast on what the business world may expect by the nation's foremost business analyst and commentator is an annual feature in The Chronicle and readers are urged to look for it next week.

Roger W. Babson has probably done more than any other man to create among his millions of newspaper readers an interest in simple business problems, and to instill a broader vision in business men, enabling them to keep up with the ups and downs of business cycles.

Mr. Babson's weekly releases are used by more than 400 newspapers, and his financial reports by 20,000 corporations and estates. His research is carried on by a large staff of experts.

Mission Movies To Be Shown Sunday At ARP Church

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Mitchell of Fayetteville, Tenn., will show movies and slides made on a recent trip to Mexico at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Sunday, December 29, at the 7:30 service. Particular emphasis will be given to the missions which the denomination has in that country. Visitors will be welcome.

Freak Accident Brings Death To John Floyd Workman

Laurens — A 34-year-old Laurens County man, trying to help a neighbor repair his car, died from head injuries Wednesday in a freak accident which occurred in the neighbor's yard about five and one-half miles south of here in the Cold Point community.

Laurens County Sheriff R. Eugene Johnson said John Floyd Workman, father of three children, was dead on arrival at the Laurens District Hospital where he was taken after his car's motor fan struck him as he leaned over the hood of the vehicle to accelerate the motor by hand.

Sheriff Johnson said his investigation showed that the water pump shaft of Workman's car had wrung off and the two-bladed fan struck Workman as he leaped forward from the front of the automobile.

Marshall Pressley, Laurens County coroner, said Ralph J. Nelson, the neighbor, told him that the generator of his car was not operating properly and that he and Workman went to Workman's car to see how the generator on Workman's 1966 Ford functioned.

Pressley said Nelson related that the two men were standing side by side and Workman, using his right hand, reached and raced the motor with the control rod to the carburetor. Something flew up and struck Workman, who fell backward, Nelson said. The victim was carried to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Funeral services were conducted at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at 3:00 p. m., Friday, by Rev. John H. Turner and Rev. J. C. Burrell. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Workman was a native of Spartanburg County, son of the late Landrum D. and Rebecca Montjoy Workman. He was employed at the Laurens Glass Works.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Betty Jo Rogers Workman; a son, Tommy Workman of the home; two daughters, Kathy and Marie Workman of the home; three brothers, Leroy Workman, Sr., and William H. Workman of Laurens; and James H. Workman of Latta; two sisters, Mrs. Sam Baynes of Gray Court; and Mrs. William Powers of Ninety-Six.

Local Plants and Firms To Mark Holiday Period

Most industries, businesses and commercial firms of the Clinton area will be marking the holiday season with vacation periods for their employees.

Joanna Cotton Mills closed Saturday, December 21, and will resume operations at 8:00 a. m., December 26.

Clinton and Lydia Cotton Mills closed at midnight Monday and will resume operations Dec. 25.

Mayflower Mills closed Monday and will resume on Dec. 26. C. W. Anderson Hosiery Co. closed Monday for the holidays and will resume operations Thursday morning.

Local banks will be closed only for Christmas Day, it was stated, and again on New Year's Day. The post office will observe the same holiday period.

Offices in the county court house will close Tuesday at noon, and will reopen for business on Friday morning.

The Merchants Association has announced that retail stores will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Wednesday afternoon closing will resume on January 8. For the remainder of this week, stores will observe the usual closing hours—Thursday, 5:30; Friday, 6:30; Saturday, 6:00.

All Available Patrolmen Set For Holidays

Columbia—All available South Carolina Highway patrolmen have been assigned duty during the Christmas holiday period.

State troopers have been instructed to place special emphasis upon enforcement of laws dealing with reckless driving and drunk driving.

Radar equipment will be in full use to enforce speed laws.

Patrol activity will be concentrated in those areas of the state where traffic has proven the heaviest and violations the most numerous.

Employees Get Paid Vacation

The Hallmark Shirt Corporation closed December 20 for Christmas holidays and will reopen December 30, giving paid vacations to all employees with five years of continuous service. \$3,640.00 was distributed to 68 employees.

School Lunch Menu

THURSDAY
Milk, sliced cheese, sliced Bologna, turnip greens, navy beans, corn bread, butter, and apple pie.

FRIDAY
Milk, fish sticks, green beans, stewed tomatoes, corn bread, butter, and jello.

Mrs. Wallace Wins 1964 Ford Falcon

Mrs. Ione Wallace, of Missallie Drive, was the winner of the 1964 Ford Falcon 4-door sedan given by local merchants in the final drawing for prizes Saturday night.

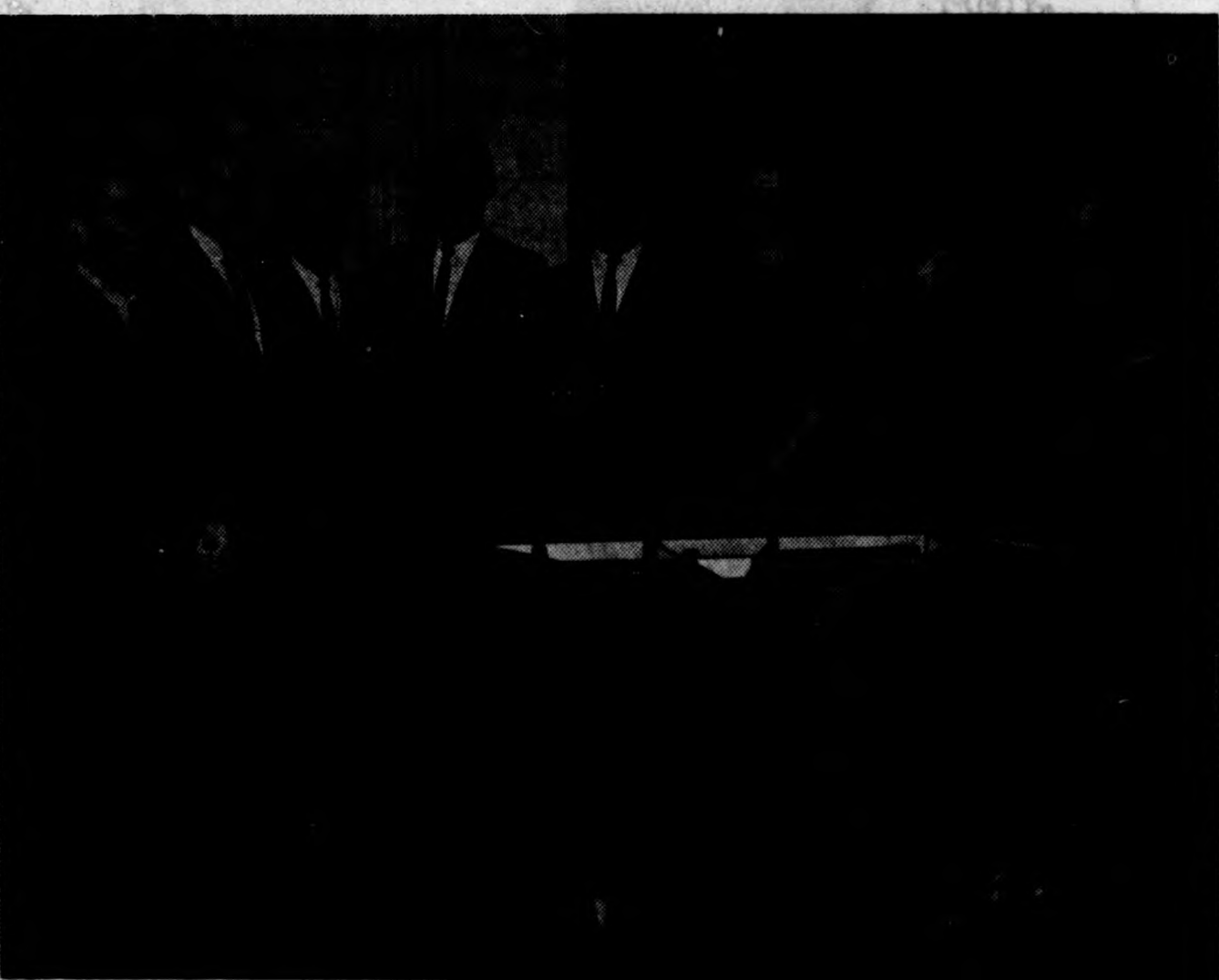
Winners of \$50.00 bills were: Jenny Watkins, 300 N. Sloan St.; Mrs. Audrey Estes, 144 Pine St.; Lydia; Harold Johnson, Lydia; R. B. Amick, 402 W. Main St.; Melvin Bailey, North Adair St.; and Mary Lou McDaniell.

Winner of a \$100.00 lounging chair was James Gary of Route 1.

Saturday was the final night for the weekly drawing for prizes by merchants who participated in "Loyalty Days," a fall trade promotion event that began in October.

Mrs. Wallace Is Winner of Car

Closing the "Loyalty Days" trade festival conducted by Clinton merchants over the past several weeks, Mrs. Ione Wallace, of Missallie Drive, was awarded a 1964 Ford Falcon 4-door sedan in a drawing Saturday night. Above from left to right are W. C. Baldwin, representing Baldwin Motor Co., who sold the car to the merchants; Mrs. Wallace; Charles G. Buice, chairman of the merchants group; and Jimmy Dutton, auctioneer, who called the numbers during the several weeks of the drawing.—Photo by Dan Yarborough.



Soloists in Community Chorus Program Sunday

These were the soloists in the third annual Christmas program of the Clinton Community Chorus Sunday afternoon in Belk Auditorium. Left to right, they are Harry Bolick, tenor; Robert

Wassung, director; Mike Turner, tenor; George Cobb, tenor; Tom Taylor, bass; Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Ed Sadler, and Mrs. Robert Jones, sopranos. Mrs. James Von Hollen is the accompanist.—Photo by Dan Yarborough.

