

## Thornwell Schools To Open Aug. 25

The Thornwell schools will open Tuesday, August 25, with a teachers meeting at 8:45 a. m. J. K. East, Supervisor of Audio-Visual Education in South Carolina, will meet with the teachers and discuss "How Visual Aids Will Improve Our School."

All students will report Wednesday, August 26. School will start at 7:50 a. m. and dismiss at 1:45 p. m.

The following will teach at Thornwell during the school year:

Mrs. Mary Alyce Brown—Kindergarten.

Mrs. Phoebe Schaible—First grade.

Mrs. Margaret Davis—Second grade.

Mrs. Edgar Blakely—Third grade.

Mrs. Marvin E. Royster—Fourth grade.

Mrs. Mary A. Fields—Fifth grade.

Mrs. J. Turner Martin—Sixth grade.

Mrs. William Cannon—Seventh grade.

Mrs. Rollie Bannister—Home Economics and social studies.

Mrs. Frank Boland—Math.

Mrs. Nancy Harrison—Commerce.

Mrs. Laura B. Earle—Social studies.

Mrs. Pauline Fanning—English.

Mrs. Annie M. Lee—Social studies and guidance.

Miss Helen Porter—English, reading and Bible.

Miss Julia Porter—Library and French.

Miss Luva McDonald—Music.

Ben M. Crabtree—Science and coach.

Miss Salena McCarter—secretary.

D. S. Templeton—Principal.

## School Opening Schedule For District 56

August 25—First Grade Report at 8:30 A. M.—All Elementary Schools.

August 26—General Faculty Meeting 10:00 A. M.—Clinton High School.

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Building Meetings at 2:00 P. M.

August 27—Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 report at 8:30 A. M.

August 28—Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12 report at 8:30 A. M.

August 31—Regular Schedule (Lunches will be served)

September 7—Labor Day—Holiday.



## Hear Chest Agencies' Request

The 1965 Clinton Community Chest Budget Committee met last Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 6:30 at Hotel Mary Musgrove to hear requests for financial support from 24 agencies desiring to participate in the Chest this year.

The committee interviewed each agency representative relative to his agency's programs and projects in the Clinton area.

Agencies' requests were taken under advisement by the committee for thorough review and study prior to making

their recommendations for 1965 budgetary needs to the Board of Directors for approval.

Shown with Brigadier Hazel Pownell of the Salvation Army, appearing for her organization's request, are A. R. Hamilton, budget chairman, and L. A. Warren, seated, Francis Blalock, Jim Von Hollen, chest president, and Ed Campbell, vice-president. Absent when photo was taken was R. S. Truluck, Mrs. Carl Wessinger, and Harry Bedenbaugh.—Photo by Yarborough.

MRS. WRIGHT AND HER CROW

"It's Time To Get Up!"

## Talking Crow Rouses Family In Clinton Area

Most people use an alarm clock to get them up in the morning. But not Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wright, of RFD. 1, Clinton. They have a crow.

That's right—just a plain black crow.

And he won't take no for an answer.

He keeps calling, "It's time to get up, it's time to get up!" until the Wrights answer and let the bird know they are up and about the house.

The crow is kept in a cage in the yard, where he has been since May of 1963. The Wrights captured the bird when he was about three weeks old and he has been like a member of the family for about a year and a half.

He is a rather large bird, evidently having been well cared for, and eats anything the Wrights have on their table—bread, potatoes, meat, grits, eggs, etc. He refuses to eat grain of any kind.

And he has to have a bath every day—in fresh water. He won't get in unless the water is clean.

He is an affectionate bird, and likes attention from the Wrights. But he indicated in no uncertain

terms that he has no use for strangers when a reporter came near his cage. He ruffled his feathers and made a great to-do in poking his sharp beak through the openings in the wire cage.

Mrs. Wright said the bird's vocabulary increases as he gets older. His "speech," she said, is "as plain as day—easily understood." He claims up when strangers are around.

Mrs. Wright said that Jo-Jo (that's his name) is somewhat of a weather prophet. She and Mr. Wright may be nearby in the yard, working in their apple orchard, when the sky begins to get cloudy, and the crow will yell, "It's gonna rain! It's gonna rain! Ya'll come on!"

The Wrights have two white dogs, part Spitz, and she said the crow knows their names, one being Snowball.

The dog may walk past Jo-Jo's cage, away from the house, and the crow will call to the dog, "Snowball, where ya going?"

Or, if Mrs. Wright is feeding Jo-Jo, he will call, "Snowball, come get something to eat!"

Last December, Mrs. Wright said, after returning from a visit with her sons in Alabama, the crow greeted her with "Where ya been?"

The Wrights let Jo-Jo out of his cage from time to time. He can fly very well, Mrs. Wright said, but not with great power.

He vents his anger occasionally on the dogs, attacking with beak and flapping of wings, and the dogs run for cover, Mrs. Wright said.

The only things that get the best of Jo-Jo, she stated, are the mocking birds about the place. As long as the crow is on the ground, the birds will leave him alone. But when he attempts to fly around the home, or from tree to tree, the mocking birds will gang up on him and give him a rough time.

Then Jo-Jo will return to the safer area of the house and yard. But even with his almost human "speech," he still recognizes his kinsmen of the nearby forest. Monday afternoon he answered the call of some wild crows near the house.

The Wrights have a 10-acre apple orchard, with about 300 Red Delicious and Golden Delicious trees. The place is about two miles to the rear of Lydia Mill.

## Two Prisoners Escape; Captured By Posse, Dogs

Laurens—Two bedraggled, dirty and hungry prisoners were returned to jail here Saturday after escaping from a work truck and eluding a large posse all day.

James L. Manley, 19, of Greenville, and Charles Anthony Tucker, 21, of Enoree, serving 30 days for petty larceny, were recaptured about 10 p. m. Saturday, when bloodhounds sniffed them out on U. S. 76 by-pass.

Reports they were seen throughout the city after escaping about 7:30 a. m. kept Laurens Police Chief J. W. Power's men hopping all day.

The two were seen walking down the drive-way of Mayor Ike Griggs about 11:30 a. m. The mayor sentenced the two in city court Friday morning.

The escapees, dressed in prison garb, jumped from a moving county prison truck in the Watts Mill area.

Besides city police on their trail were Sheriff R. Eugene Johnson and his deputies, County Supervisor Furman Thomson, SLED Lt. Harold Fortson and Agent Otis Robert Hilyer, and members of the Laurens County Rescue squad, and a pack of bloodhounds.

## Trio Arrested At Still Near Mountville

Federal agents and Laurens County sheriff's deputies destroyed an illegal liquor distillery in the Mountville area Monday and arrested three men at the site.

Federal Agent Ben Bishop said the two white men, Truman Hardy Knight, 18, and Michael Gault Knight, 36, and a Negro, Ulysses Pulley, were charged with violation of the liquor law.

A fourth man was being sought by officers.

Destroyed were a 280-gallon still and boiler, five vat fermenters, 2,600 gallons of mash and 67 cases of gallon jugs.

A 1963 Chevrolet pickup truck was confiscated by officers at the wooden site about 200 yards from a dwelling.

Raiding officers were Bishop and Federal Agents T. D. DuBoise, D. L. Haddon and C. E. Vaughn and Sheriff's Deputies Ted Ward and Jimmie Stevens.



A. R. HAMILTON

## Hamilton Heads Community Chest Budget Committee

A. R. "Lex" Hamilton, Torrington, plant superintendent, is chairman of the 1965 Greater Clinton Community Chest Budget Committee.

Hamilton, a native of Arkansas, has been associated with the Torrington Company for 25 years. Prior to moving here in 1961, he was resident engineer of Torrington's Piedmont-Oconee Plant in Walhalla. He came to Walhalla from the South Bend, Indiana plant where he was plant engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and son Phil have their home on Calvert Avenue, are active in the community and church life of Clinton.

An older son, Robert, is a concert pianist. He lives in Stamford, Connecticut, with his young family. Phil attends St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, N. C.

Mr. Hamilton is currently serving as president of the Clinton Community Concert Association. He is a Kiwanian and a member of the First Presbyterian Church choir.

## To Attend Ford's New York Showing

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Baldwin will represent Baldwin Motor Co., Inc., in New York City August 21-23 at meetings with executives of Ford Motor Company and a preview of the line of 1965 Ford Division products.

## Benjamin Reunion

The annual Benjamin family reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 23, at Beavertown Baptist Church. Those attending are asked to bring lunch and tea, which will be served at 1:00 p. m. Church service is at 11 a. m.

## J. H. Witherspoon, S. C. Educator, Dies In Columbia

Columbia—James Harvey Witherspoon, 83, pioneer in the development of modern concepts of public education in South Carolina, died Wednesday, August 12, in the Providence Hospital.

He was born at White Plains Plantation in Laurens County, son of the late Dr. James Harvey Witherspoon and Phoebe Young Williams Witherspoon. They early moved to Yorkville, the original home of his father, and there he was reared.

Mr. Witherspoon was graduated from Davidson in 1898 with an AB and from South Carolina College, now the University, in 1900 with two more degrees—an MA and LL.B. He then went on to Columbia University where he received a M. A.

While at Carolina he was a star on the football team, and was also a champion debater.

While he had a law degree, he gave his life to public education in the high schools. He was superintendent of schools at Gaffney, Fort Mill, York, and Clinton. He also taught at Limestone and Winthrop and was at one time supervisor of schools for Lancaster County.

Mr. Witherspoon was a pioneer in the modern concept of education and long before certification came he was fighting for it as he was for a living wage for teachers.

Before it became standard for schools to have athletic teams, wherever he went he emphasized sports and would go out and coach football teams.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia and a Presbyterian Elder.

While in Clinton, he was president of the Chamber of Commerce and at both York and Gaffney, he helped organize chambers of commerce.

Surviving are his widow, the former Anabel Darby of Columbia; two daughters, Mrs. Louis McNeil Bailey of Spartanburg, and Mrs. Charles F. Clinter of Columbia; two sons, James Harvey Witherspoon, III, of Greenville, and Lt. Col. John A. Witherspoon of Duke University; and one brother, Hamilton Witherspoon of York.

Funeral services were held at noon Thursday in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church. Interment was in the church yard.

## To Speak At Graduation

The Rev. E. B. Keisler, S. T. D., D. D., former pastor of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, will make the address at summer commencement exercises at Newberry College Friday at 3:30 p. m. in Holland Hall.

He recently retired as president of Central Lutheran Theological Seminary, Freemont, Neb., after 17 years in that position, and is currently serving as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Clinton.

Approximately 20 students are scheduled to receive degrees. Dr. C. B. Park, dean and vice president, will be assisted by James C. Abrams, registrar and director of admissions, and Prof. T. E. Epting in conferring the degrees.

## Homecoming Sunday At Fairview Church

Homecoming services will be observed at Fairview Baptist Church this coming Sunday, Aug. 23. Preaching services will begin at 11 o'clock with special music featured.

Dinner will be served on the grounds at 1 p. m. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to be present. The Rev. William Willingham is pastor of the church.

## Barbecue Tonight For Republican Group In County

A barbecue will be staged tonight (Thursday) to launch the "Goldwater for President" campaign in Laurens County.

J. Drake Edens, of Columbia, state party chairman, will be the keynote speaker at the barbecue which will be held at the Laurens County fairgrounds at 7:30 p. m.

At a meeting held in Laurens Monday night of last week, Niles Hanna, county Republican chairman, read a copy of a letter sent to Gov. Donald S. Russell and Sen. King Dixon in which he asked that a Republican be appointed to the county board of election commissioners.

Hanna's letter said statistics show that 40 per cent of the votes cast in past general elections were for Republican candidates. He asked that for the good of the party members "help us get a paid poll worker at each precinct."

Precinct organization was discussed briefly by Asbury Lawton, a Republican candidate for the State House of Representatives from Greenville County. He stressed the importance of efficient precinct organization and voter registration.

## Alcoholics Anonymous To Hear Dr. Weersing

Dr. Marc C. Weersing, president of Presbyterian College, will be the guest speaker at the regular meeting Tuesday, August 25, of Alcoholics Anonymous. The meeting will be held at the Clinton Health Center on Woodrow Street at 8 o'clock.

This is an open meeting and anyone interested in the rehabilitation and problems of the alcoholic, and the general public are invited to attend.



R. L. PLAXICO



MRS. CLAUDE COOK

## To Attend Democratic Meet

## Two From County Are Convention Delegates

Two representatives from Laurens County will attend the sessions of the National Democratic Convention in Atlantic City, N. J., next week.

They are R. L. Plaxico, of Clinton, former county chairman of the party, and Mrs. Claude Cook, of Laurens, current vice-chairman.

They will leave by plane Sunday from the Greenville-Spartanburg airport. The convention begins Monday and is expected to last for three or four days.

Mrs. Cook is a member of the National Committee of Permanent Organization of the convention.

Plaxico is a delegate, and Mrs. Cook is an alternate, representing the Fourth Congressional District.

The nomination of President Johnson as a candidate for Presi-

dent by the convention is a foregone conclusion, and about the only other business of importance is the nomination of a candidate for vice-president, to be selected by President Johnson, and the adoption of a platform. Plaxico said his first choice of a candidate for vice-president is Adlai Stevenson, ambassador to the United Nations, former governor of Illinois, and former Democratic candidate for President.

Plaxico stated, however, that he thought the Democratic processes would be better served if three or four prospective candidates for vice-president were nominated, all acceptable to President Johnson, and one of them selected by free vote of the convention.

He deplored the practice followed by both parties of having the presidential candidate select the nominee for vice-president.

Plaxico said, in his opinion, Stevenson is the one man in the party best fitted to serve as president in the event the vice-president is called upon to serve in the capacity of chief executive. Further, he said the candidate for vice-president should be selected with that in mind.

## Fowler To Graduate From U. of Colorado

Julian Larry Fowler, of Clinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fowler, is listed as a member of the summer graduating class of the University of Colorado. Commencement exercises will be held Saturday morning.

Fowler will receive a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

## Carol Copeland Joins Clemson Drill Team

Carol D. Copeland, Clemson University student, will join the Clemson Pershing Rifles, drill unit, upon returning to Clemson for the fall term.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Heath Copeland of Clinton.

## Work on College Building Moves Along

This view shows the site of work on two new buildings, a women's dormitory, and a dining hall, at Presbyterian College. A science building will go up nearby. All three are scheduled to be completed for the 1965-66 term. The site is on both sides of South Holland Street, which will be closed as a public thoroughfare.—Photo by Paul Quinton.

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