

Bell Indicted in Bridges Murder By Grand Jury

An indictment charging murder was brought out Monday against a 31-year-old Greenville Negro in the Aug. 23, 1963, beating stabbing death of the wife of a Laurens attorney.

The indictment against Willie James Bell was among the true bills returned by the Laurens County Grand Jury during the opening day of a scheduled one-week term of General Sessions Court.

Presiding Judge C. E. Singletary, of Charleston, sentenced 11 defendants on Monday and 20 on Tuesday after they entered guilty pleas.

Bell is accused of slaying Mrs. Beaufort Campbell Bridges, 45, whose body—stabbed and beaten viciously—was found in the second-floor branch law office which she staffed in Clinton for her husband, Justin A. Bridges, former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Bell, currently serving a four-year sentence for a firearms-pointing offense, was returned to Clinton from the State Penitentiary January 22 and formally charged with murder, 17 months almost to the day after Mrs. Bridges' body was found by her husband.

Judge Singletary is expected to appoint Bell's defense attorneys this week, but the case is not likely to be tried during this term of court.

Religious Emphasis Week At College Is Now Underway

Five Presbyterian leaders are visiting the Presbyterian College campus this week to participate in the college's annual Religious Emphasis Week exercises.

The program opened on Wednesday and will extend through Friday, with daily attention given to religious activities.

Principal speaker for the occasion is Dr. Jorge Lara-Braud, a native of Mexico who serves as assistant professor of missions at Austin (Tex.) Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In this capacity he is responsible for the development of a department of the Presbyterian Church's ministry to Latin America. Dr. Lara-Braud addresses the PC student body in the chapel assemblies on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 10 o'clock.

Four Presbyterian ministers join the main speaker in leading the students' religious thinking in a series of discussion sessions. They are: the Rev. Robert Debbins, pastor of Purity Presbyterian Church of Chester; the Rev. William Klein, pastor of Rock Hill's Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Jerry Hammet, Presbyterian minister to students at the University of South Carolina; and the Rev. Hugh Eichelberger, Clinton native who currently is serving as chaplain at Eggleston Children's Hospital in Atlanta.

Religious Emphasis Week at Presbyterian College is under the sponsorship of the Student Christian Association. Its president this year is Ike Cobb, a senior from Decatur, Ga.

Wreck Is Fatal To James H. Smith

James H. Smith, 53, of Rogersville, Tenn., died about noon Monday following an automobile accident at Ft. Payne, Ala.

Funeral services and burial were at Gadsden, Ala.

Mr. Smith was manager of the Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority for a time after it began operations in the early 1950's. Later he was manager of the Fort Hill Gas Authority with headquarters in Easley.

Following are the sentences handed down upon submission of guilty pleas:

Charles E. Gunter, larceny, six months.

Joe Wise, non-support, once year or \$1,500 fine, suspended on support payments of \$35 a week, probation five years.

Jimmy Leon Clark, non-support, one year or \$1,500, suspended on support payments of \$12.50 a week, probation five years.

Monroe Williams, Ollie James Barksdale and Thelmar Goggin, non-support, one year or \$1,500 each, suspended on support payments of \$15 a week, probation five years.

George Oscar Mosley, non-support, one year or \$1,500, suspended on support payments of \$4.00 a week, probation five years.

James Monroe James and C. E. Barnes, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants, one year or \$1,000 each, suspended on service of six months or payment of \$250 fine, probation one year.

Carl E. Cullens, Jr., non-support, one year or \$1,500, suspended on support payments of \$20 a week and probation five years.

Roy Parker, violation of bad check law, six months, suspended, one year probation.

S. B. Briggs, carrying concealed weapon, \$100 or 30 days.

James Kenneth Hunter, Grady McCoy Hunter and Robert Lee Schronce, housebreaking and larceny, one year each to run concurrently with a sentence they are now serving in Greenville County.

Luther J. Franklin, assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, one year, suspended, two years probation.

Larry Hart, Roger Painter, Carl Crawford and Kenneth Bush, housebreaking and larceny, three years, suspended.

Harry Clamp and Bonard Davis, larceny, two years each, suspended, five years probation.

Harry Theodore Lollis, Frank Owens and Robert Earle Craine, driving a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicants, \$1,000 or one year, suspended on payment of \$250 or service of six months, one year probation.

Enoch Richardson, assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, one year, suspended, and two years probation.

Audrey Lee Lucas, larceny, six months.

Jess Willard Jackson, larceny, one year.

Thomas McDowell, housebreaking and larceny, three years, suspended on service of one year and three years probation.

Ray McCall, two cases of forgery, one year.

Bobby Gene Riddle, using a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, three years, suspended on service of one year and three years probation.

Leroy Gary, using a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, one year.

D. S. Davis, Stanley Duff and James W. Griffith, housebreaking and larceny, one year each.

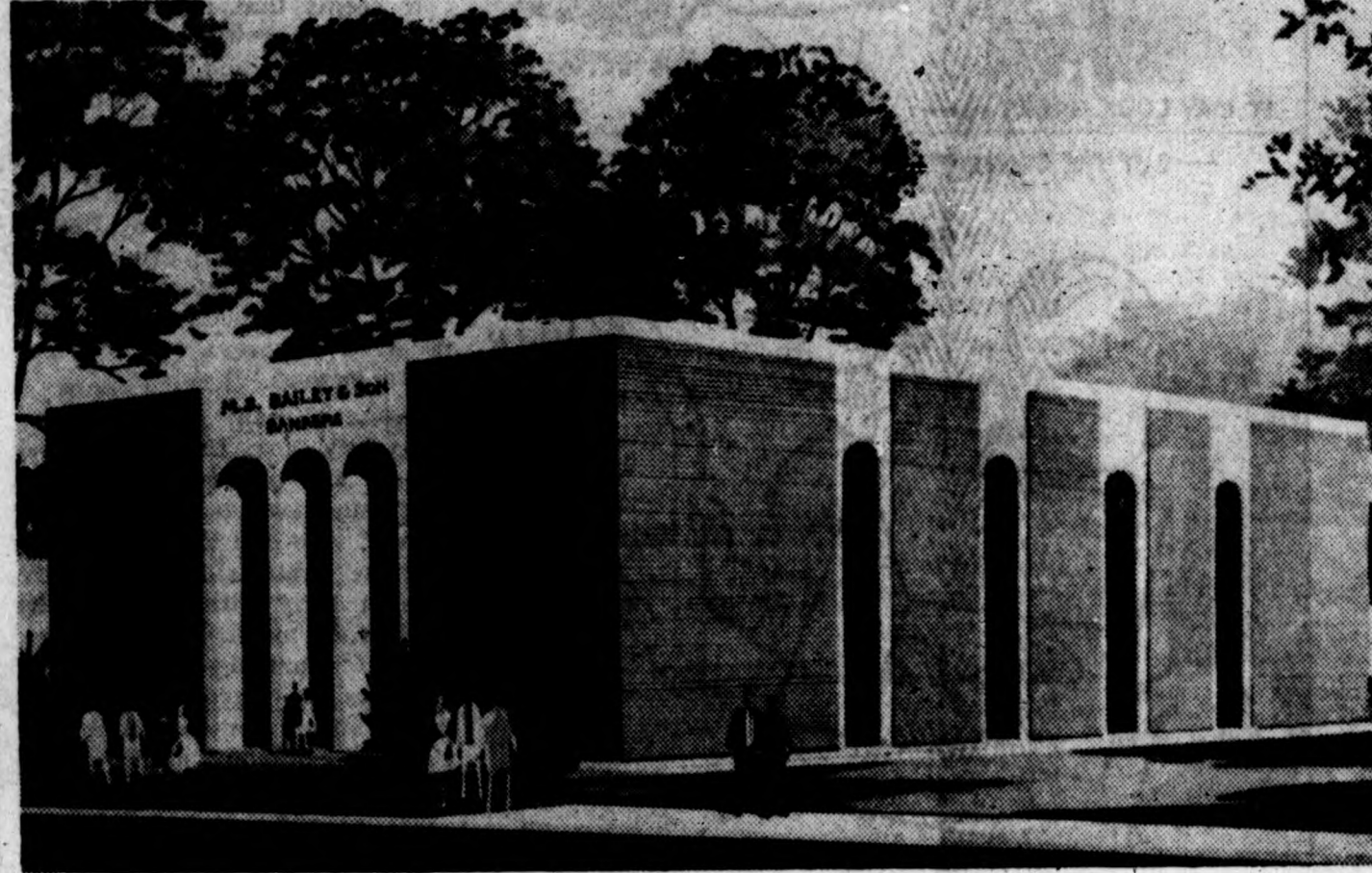
Johnnie Franks, violation of liquor law, \$300 or three months.

Emerson Johnson, violation of liquor law, \$1,500 or one year.

Thomas Ouzts, violation of bad check law, one year to run concurrently with a 400-day sentence he is now serving.

Wayne Washington Ridge, driving under the influence of intoxicants, \$3,000 or four years, suspended on service of one year and five years probation.

Paul Woody, two cases of violation of using obscene language to a woman, suspended on service of six months and three years probation.



Exterior and interior views show the new building of M. S. Bailey & Son, Bankers, to be erected on N. Broad St. Contractors started work Monday.



Photos by Dan Yarborough from Architect's Drawings.

Cast of 150 To Perform In 'The Wizard of Oz' In Laurens

Laurens — Laurens Community Theater will stage the most elaborate production in its three years of operation next week when it presents "The Wizard of Oz" with a cast of 150 drawn from the surrounding area.

The production is hoped to spark greater interest in the community theater and its building fund. The organization already has purchased a site. The school building, which has been used by the group in the past is scheduled to be torn down this year.

Starring Lodema Chesney, an 18-year-old Woodruff High School senior in the leading role of Dorothy, the play opens Thursday, Feb. 25, for a three-day run. Performances will be each night at 7:30 p.m. at Laurens Central Elementary School.

Aunt Em is played by Mrs. Carl Chesney, mother of the play's star. Both are soloists at North Side Baptist Church in Woodruff.

The Scarecrow is played by Jim Blore, a native of England who took part in many R.A.F. shows during World War II and is now a development director for Laurens Mills.

Gordon Collins of Laurens plays the Cowardly Lion and Carl Mullis of Laurens, Uncle Henry.

In addition to Laurens and Woodruff, the cast includes members from Clinton, Enoree, Watsville, Gray Court, Hickory Tavern and Joana.

The production is under the direction of Joe Arsi, a native of New Jersey, who has been connected with every Laurens Community Theater production since its founding. He is chief

Mrs. Davis Graduate Of Clemson University

Mrs. Linda Taylor Davis, wife of Jack H. Davis, III, was a member of the graduating class at Clemson University in January. She received an AB degree with a major in English. A "cum laude" graduate, she is a member of the English department at Westminster High School.

Congo Missionary To Speak Feb. 21

Miss Ann Anderson, missionary to the Congo, will speak to the Lydia and Rock Bridge Presbyterian Churches at their morning worship services on Sunday, February 21.

Miss Anderson will speak at Rock Bridge at 10 o'clock and at Lydia Presbyterian Church at 11:10 a.m.

The public is invited to attend.

County Would Get \$457,848 in Federal Funds Under Bill

Laurens County would get \$457,848 from a federal aid-to-education program now before Congress, according to the South Carolina Education Association.

A 14-county area of upstate South Carolina would get a total of \$7.1 million.

The formula for distributing the anticipated funds is based on the number of families with less than \$2,000 income a year and the number of school-age children.

The area spreading from Oconee to Saluda County has a total of 53,625 children between the ages of six and 17, according to association figures.

The federal aid program under Title 1 of HR 2362-S would pump \$25 million into South Carolina to improve the education of children of low income families.

Greenville County would get \$1,388,998, the most in the upstate, followed by Spartanburg with \$1,317,051, Anderson County with \$881,298, and McCormick, the least, with \$121,371. Other counties in the upstate would receive varying amounts.

Six counties in the state would get over a million dollars each, including Charleston, \$1.8, and Richland, \$1,324,205.

510 Students Are Enrolled For Term

A total of 510 students are attending Presbyterian College during the second semester of the 1964-65 session, Registrar Roslyn Martin announced today.

She said the current enrollment includes 467 men and 43 women. It compares to a first semester registration of 540, of whom 39 were women. In addition to the normal first-semester attrition, 18 students completed work on their degrees at the close of this period. On the other hand, 30 registered as new students for the second semester.

The current semester will extend through final examination next May 28, with the annual spring vacation scheduled for April 1-7. Commencement exercises on May 30 will close the school year.

Dobbins Speaks At PCA Meeting

Senator W. C. Dobbins was guest speaker at the 31st annual stockholders meeting of the Clinton Production Credit Association. Senator Dobbins' speech paralleled the changes in agriculture and government over the past years; pointing out that the machine age in agriculture required a diversification in farm operations, the political atmosphere today made it more imperative than ever that Americans exercise their voting privilege.

The meeting was held at the Florida Street School auditorium and the program was presented by the following: Hugh B. Workman, association president; Lawrence F. Davis, director; L. B. Bedenbaugh, general manager; and Rev. J. R. McAllister, pastor of the Hopewell Methodist Church.

Davis was re-elected as a director for Laurens County. The Clinton Production Credit Association is a farmer owned and operated co-operative. It was formed in 1933 and has been serving the credit needs of farmers in Laurens and Newberry Counties for 31 years.

Thornwell Gives \$161.21 In Drive For March of Dimes

The Thornwell staff and children contributed \$161.21 in the recent March of Dimes campaign, according to D. S. Templeton, chairman for the drive at the institution.

Templeton stated the contribution is the largest ever made at the school for a polo campaign.

Art Editor

Mary Jane Jacobs, Clinton junior at Coker College, Hartsville, is art editor of the college yearbook, The Milestone, which is about ready for the press.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Marion Jacobs.

M. S. Bailey & Son, Bankers To Construct New Building

M. S. Bailey & Son, Bankers, on Monday began construction of a new building on N. Broad St., which will serve as headquarters for the financial institution which has served the community since 1886.

Robert M. Vance, president, stated that growth of the bank's business and expansion of its facilities in recent years necessitated the expansion of its facilities. Construction of the building will require about a year, he said.

The structure will be two stories and basement and will occupy the large lot adjoining the Broadway Theatre on the west side of the street, and will contain approximately 19,000 square feet. The building will be 58x110 feet.

The existing building on W. Pitts St. will continue to house the Bailey Insurance Agency and the drive-in banking facilities.

The basement of the new building will contain the bookkeeping department, safe deposit vault, conference rooms and employees lounge.

The main floor will contain the banking room, executive offices and small loan department.

The mezzanine will house the trust department and conference rooms.

Architects for the new building are Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolf of Columbia. Contractors are LaFaye-Tarrant of Columbia.

The present building, constructed in 1935, is on the site where the bank opened in February, 1886, and part of the original building is incorporated in the present structure.

Dr. Carter Named On Group To Alot Science Board Funds

Dr. K. Nolen Carter, chairman of the Presbyterian College chemistry department, has been named for the second straight year as a special panel to help distribute funds of the National Science Foundation.

He is in New Orleans this week meeting with other members of the selection panel. They will select a limited number of institutions to receive matching grants from the Foundation for undergraduate scientific equipment. Decisions are made from among a larger group of colleges making application for the grants which will total approximately \$10,000,000.

The Presbyterian College chemistry department received a matching grant of \$5,680 from the National Science Foundation when this program was inaugurated in 1962.

Printing Craftsmen Entertained at Dinner

The Board of Governors of the Greenville Club of Printing House Craftsmen was recently entertained at dinner at Hotel Mary Musgrove, with Jacobs Brothers, Clinton printing firm, as hosts.

C. W. Bridges, superintendent of the plant, is a member of the board.

Wildlife Association To Meet Tuesday

There will be a meeting of the Wildlife Federation Tuesday night, February 23, at 7:30 at Johnnie Young's Spring.

All members, former members and sportsmen interested in wildlife conservation are urged to attend this meeting.

Daugherty Goes To Abbeville County

The Rev. Lawton Daugherty was installed as pastor of Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church in Abbeville County Sunday evening.

Mr. Daugherty until recently was pastor of Little River-Dominick Presbyterian Church in Newberry County south of Clinton.

Dr. Keisler Assists In Writing History Of Lutheran Synod

Dr. E. B. Keisler, interim pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, has agreed to assist in the writing of the history of the Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, now in preparation. A volume of several hundred pages including narrative, biographical and statistical sections is planned.

Dr. Keisler's assignment is that portion of the narrative section covering the life-span of the United Lutheran Church in America, 1918-1962. The synod was organized in 1824, with eight pastors and fourteen congregations.

The preparation and publishing of the history is sponsored by the synod, through a committee charged with the direct responsibility, the chairman of which is the Rev. Paul McCullough of Prosperity.

The copy should be ready for the printer by the end of the year.

Cornelson Featured In N. Y. Trade Paper

George H. Cornelson, Clinton Mills vice-president, was featured last week in a special Daily News Record article.

Staff writer A. T. Pederson chose the Clinton executive for his subject in "The Futures Market . . . In Textiles," a special pictorial feature on outstanding young textile executives.

The daily New York textile trade publication is distributed nationally.

Officers Take Still Near Clinton

This outbuilding at the rear of a dwelling in the Long Branch Community three miles north Clinton was raided by Laurens County sheriff's deputies and federal agents. They smashed a 1,000 gallon vat-type still and arrested Hoyt Blackwell and Gettis D. Blackwell, white men. From left to right are Chief Deputy Sam Reid, Federal Agent Ben Bishop, Deputy C. D. Benamin, Jr., Federal Agent T. D. DuBoise and Deputy Ted Ward. The vat is shown in the lower photo with the liquid pouring out after it was smashed by officers.

—Photos by Paul Quinton.

Petitions Seek School Trustee Elections In County

Laurens — Petitions have been filed in the office of the Laurens County Supt. of Education Leroy Burns requesting school trustee elections in one of five attendance areas in each of the county's two school districts.

The attendance areas are Laurens in School District 55 and Clinton in School District 56. The areas are each represented by two trustees on two seven-member boards.

Terms of the two Laurens area trustees will expire April 1, 1965. In the Clinton area, only one trustee's term will expire on that date.

Three petitions nominating three candidates for the two posts in the Laurens area have been filed. Petitions carry the signatures of 12 or more qualified electors as required by law.

Two of the petitions from the Laurens area endorse for reelection the trustees now serving. They are D. F. Patterson and P. W. McAllister. The third petition nominates Lloyd H. Smith.

Two petitions have been filed in the Clinton attendance area, one for the reelection of Trustee George Huguley. The other petition nominates Frank Sheriff as his opponent.

No petitions have been filed for election in the other two areas, Joana and Cross Hill, in District 56. The terms of a trustee from each area will expire April 1. The term of the Hickory Tavern attendance area trustee also will expire then and no petitions have been filed in that area.

In the event petitions are not filed, the posts will be filled by appointment by the County Board of Education as provided by law. Deadline for filing petitions was noon Tuesday.

Florida Couple Are Charged With Grand Larceny

Laurens — Jesse Willard Jackson, 49, and Audrey Lee Lucas, 34, both of Orlando, Fla., were charged in warrants here Wednesday, Feb. 10, with grand larceny in connection with the theft Tuesday of about \$60 from a grocery-service station at Landford.

The warrants were sworn out before Magistrate Sam McCrary and signed by Laurens County Sheriff R. Eugene Johnson.

Sheriff Johnson said the man and woman were apprehended in a car by Deputy Sheriff Sam Bishop about a half hour after Earl Patterson, operator of the business, reported the theft to the sheriff's office.

Deputy Bishop said Patterson told officers a man and woman stopped at the station to buy gasoline and that the man entered the building while their 10-year-old son was being served.

Patterson said he discovered the cash was missing from an unlocked safe soon after the two drove away.

PC Alumni Directors Plan For 1965

A goal of \$85,000 for the 1965 Annual Giving Program of Presbyterian College was set by the board of directors of the PC Alumni Association meeting in a special winter session on campus this Tuesday. Other plans for the operation of the alumni program throughout the coming year were discussed by the group which included, left to right: seated—Julius Wannamaker of Charleston, director; Secretary Rion Vassey of

Greenville; Vice-President Tommy Todd of Laurens; President-Elect Walter Gonnell of Spartanburg; and Dr. Hubert G. Wardlaw of Kingstree, director.

Standing—John Newsome of Decatur, Ga., Blair Baldwin of Columbia, L. L. Holladay of Greer, William P. Jacobs, III, of Clinton, and A. S. Quinn of Augusta, Ga., all directors; and Dr. J. Edward Graham of Charleston, current president of the Alumni Association.

—Yarborough Photo