

Clinton Merchants Invite You to Four Dollar Days

County School Trustee Election Slated March 9

Two men will seek one post on the board of trustees of School District 56, and five will seek two posts on the board from District 55 in an election scheduled March 9.

Petitions for their candidacy were filed with Supt. of Education J. Leroy Burns prior to the deadline at noon Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Candidates will be vying for four-year terms, beginning April 1.

Official notice of the election from District 56 appears in the Chronicle today. Boxes will be placed for voting precincts at Clinton City Hall on North Broad Street, the Armory on South Broad Street, the Community House at Clinton Mill, and the old Long Branch School House. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Persons desiring to vote will present a valid registration certificate.

District 56
The contest in District 56 will be between George M. Huguley, resident member of the board, and Frank Sherrill, in the Clinton attendance area.

No petitions were filed for election of single trustees in District 55 whose terms expire April 1, James T. Addison in the Joanna attendance area and James Coleman in the Cross Hill attendance area.

The two posts, according to law, will be filled by appointment of the County Board of Education. It is expected that Addison and Coleman will be reappointed.

Other board members in District 56 whose terms do not expire this year are James Von Hollen, chairman, appointed by the County Board; J. A. Orr, representing the Clinton Attendance area; D. H. Roberts, of the Lydia attendance area; and S. C. Blackmon, of the Mountville attendance area.

District 55
P. W. McAllister and Dwight F. Patterson, present trustees from the Laurens attendance area, are up for reelection. Three other candidates for the two posts are Lloyd H. Smith, R. E. (Bob) Burns, Jr., and J. W. (Billy) Hamilton.

The terms of the two Laurens area trustees expire April 1, as does that of James D. Wasson of the Hickory Tavern area. Wasson is expected to be reappointed by the County Board, since no petition for another candidate was filed.

Terms of the other four members do not expire this year. They are W. E. (Red) Hunt, chairman, appointed by the County Board; Ray Bishop, of the Garlington Street Elementary School area; Raymond E. Robertson, of the Ford School area; and Horace Martin of the Gray Court-Owings School area.

Members of the County Board of Education are J. M. Babb of Gray Court, chairman; J. E. Burns, secretary; W. L. Patterson and W. J. Brown of Laurens; W. S. (Buck) Mahon of Hickory Tavern; J. C. Thomas of Clinton; and J. D. DeLany of Joanna.

Utilities Must Report Electrical Connections Made

Legislation modifying the requirements for building permits in Laurens County was offered in the State Senate Thursday by State Sen. W. C. (Bill) Dobbins.

Dobbins' bill would amend a code section dealing with a county requirement that building permits must be filed for new construction and additions to building.

One amendment would make it unlawful for any public utility company or rural electric cooperative to make a connection for electrical energy to a building requiring a permit unless the permit was acquired for the contractor or for improvement to the building.

Another amendment would require a company or cooperative making a power connection within the county or one of its incorporated towns to report the location of the building to the auditor on or before the 10th of each month.

The bill requires the county auditor to issue the permits instead of magistrates as the law now requires.

Dobbins said the county hopes to get all property subject to taxation on the books by tightening the building permit restrictions.



Receive Awards For Service

Robert Carlson, center, of Columbia, Field Director of Carolinas United, is shown presenting the president's award to James Von Hollen and to Reese Young, local campaign chairman, the outstanding service award for their participation in the 1964-65 Community Chest campaign.—Photo by Yarborough.

Begin Today, End Monday

Special bargains will highlight "Dollar Days" in Clinton today, Friday, Saturday and Monday—four big days this time.

"THAT BIG FOUR"—big value days—have been carefully planned with the customer in mind. And the aim is to make the event the most interesting in Clinton's history of big dollar days.

Participating merchants will offer free gifts and prizes, the drawings to be held at the individual stores Monday at 8:00 p. m. Names of winners will be posted on store windows.

Charles Buice is chairman of the special promotion committee and W. C. Baldwin is chairman of the Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, under whose auspices the big dollar days event is promoted. Many of the retail merchants of the city are participating and their advertisements may be found in The Chronicle today.

Officials in charge of plans for the semi-annual event emphasized the fact that participating merchants have agreed that outstanding values will be the drawing card for shoppers.

Displayed in the windows of firms will be special dollar day banners to show their active participation in this special sales event.

"Shoppers are certain to find the merchandise they want at prices they can afford in Clinton during dollar days," according to Mr. Buice.

So—come to Clinton Thursday, Friday and Saturday—and don't forget to come back Monday—if you want to find the kind of merchandise values you have been looking for, for many a day.

Creighton Is President Chamber of Commerce

Don Creighton has been named president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce for the coming fiscal year, it was announced by Chamber officials after an election by the Board of Directors.

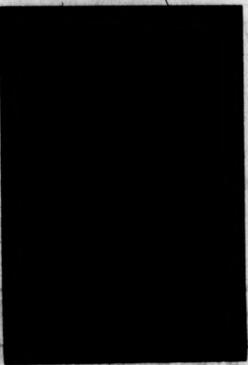
Claude Crocker will serve as first vice-president, and Dr. Dan E. Orr, retiring president, will automatically become a vice-president. M. Dillard Milam, Jr., will continue as treasurer.

The new slate of officers will assume their offices April 1, together with five new directors recently named in a mail ballot.

The new directors, elected for a three-year term extending to 1968, are I. Mac Adair, W. C. Baldwin, Tom Plaxico, Shelton Risher and Robert B. Wassung.

Continuing directors are T. Health Copeland, Creighton, J. Robert Orr, and James Von Hollen, with terms expiring in 1966; Pringle Copeland, L. O. Edwards, Crocker, L. V. Powell and R. S. Truluck, with terms expiring in 1967.

Creighton, active in other civic, community and church affairs, is a member and current president of the Lions Club. He is district forester for Catawba Timber Co., being manager of the Clinton office of the company, a subsidiary of the Bowaters Company.



DON CREIGHTON

The annual dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for March 16. The committee in charge of arrangements includes Creighton, D. B. Smith and James Von Hollen.

Woodland Fires Damage Areas In Four Sections

Laurens — Four woodland and grass fires in widely separated areas of Laurens County kept state forestry personnel busy Sunday and raked some 50 acres before being brought under control.

Forestry fire-fighting units from neighboring counties had to be called in to help.

Biggest of the blazes was a northeast of Laurens, just off Conway Avenue, where some 30 to 40 acres were burned. Several homes in the area were threatened by the fire as personnel of the S. C. Commission of Forestry and volunteers battled for around three hours.

Earlier, fire spread from a burning outbuilding about two miles east of Camak School. (Continued on page 4)

National Guard Unit Gets Superior Rating

Battery "B" of the First Automatic Weapons Battalion, South Carolina Army National Guard, received the coveted rating of "Superior" on its latest annual general inspection which was held on January 27.

The inspection, which is a highlight in National Guard activities was conducted by a Lieutenant Colonel from Third United States Army headquarters and covered all phases of military operations at the local Army.

During the afternoon phase of the inspection, the inspector looked into administrative matters, supply procedures, maintenance activities, and inspected all equipment and facilities. In the evening phase of the inspection

all personnel were inspected in ranks and the inspector visited the various classes which were being held. Great emphasis was placed on the conduct of military instruction.

Battery "B" is commanded by Captain Van C. Oxner Jr., who expressed thanks to the enlisted men and officers of the battery for their efforts which he felt were so instrumental in attaining the "Superior" rating which is the highest that is awarded.

Captain Oxner also expressed his appreciation to the various employers throughout the area who cooperated so splendidly in allowing many of their employees to be off from their jobs in order to be present at the inspection.

32 PC Students Make Dean's List

Thirty-two Presbyterian College students made the Dean's List for the first semester of the 1964-65 session, according to an announcement by Academic Dean Joseph M. Gettys.

He said four of this group achieved all-A averages—James A. Bell of Copperhill, Tenn.; Thomas E. Hearon III of Bathune; James H. Johnson, Jr., of Georgianna, Ala.; and Mary Ann Kirkland of Moncks Corner.

Four others came close to the perfect average, with grade-point ratios of 3.75 out of a possible 4.00. They include: David P. Berry, Jr., of Union; Phillip W. Burns, Jr., of Rock Hill; Carlos Julio Emanuel of Guayaquil, Ecuador; and Paul Evans of Ludowici, Ga.

Finishing with 3.50 averages for the semester were: Melinda Gaines and Amelia Nichols, both of Clinton; Gene F. Couch, of Owings; Nancy L. Harvey of Monticello, Ga.; Daniel L. McLemore of Surrency, Ga.; John S. Mebane of Dunwoody, Ga.; David B. Rosey of Jacksonville, Fla.; John L. Setzler of Kingstree; Henry M. Smith, Jr., of Marietta, Ga.; and Frances C. Tuminison of Valdosta, Ga.

The 3.20 bracket includes: Cecil Y. Brown and John C. Jones, both of Laurens; twins James M. and Joseph F. Singletary of Conway; Joseph H. Coleman of Tifton, Ga.; William C. Gillespie of Newport News, Va.; Joseph P. Goldsmith of Lancaster; Jack W. Greene of Spartanburg; Susanna P. Jeanes of Lyman; Kenneth N. Lewis of Nahunta, Ga.; William D. Loeble, Jr., of Waynesboro, Va.; Alexander M. Patrick of Taylors; George A. Salvo of Summerville; and Sarah E. Strubling of Atlanta.

Clinton Lawyer on Defense Panel

Trial of Bell Ordered Moved to Greenwood

The trial of Willie James Bell, 30-year-old Greenville Negro charged with the slaying of Mrs. Beaufort Campbell Bridges, will be held in the Greenwood County Court, according to an order issued by Judge Clarence E. Singletary of Charleston, who was presiding over a term of court at Laurens last week.

Judge Singletary ordered the case shifted upon the plea of court-appointed attorneys, Cecil E. White of Clinton, and Thomas A. Babb of Laurens.

After appointing White and Babb earlier in the week, Judge Singletary late Thursday, as the court term was adjourned, also appointed Matthew Perry, Columbia Negro attorney, a member of the defense panel.

Judge Singletary said he named Perry, often NAACP legal counsel, to assist in the case at the request of the two white lawyers, Babb and White.

Perry, Babb and Bell conferred in the grand jury room at the court house for about a half hour after court was adjourned. The murder indictment against Bell was among the true bills returned Monday, the first day of the court term in Laurens last week.

Judge Singletary, in ordering the case shifted, overruled the objections of Solicitor (District Attorney) William T. Jones of Greenwood. Jones stated that "We can obtain a fair and impartial trial" from the citizens of Laurens County.

Babb told Judge Singletary, "I don't believe any juror in the courtroom could honestly in his heart give him (Bell) a fair trial."

Babb argued that Bell "is charged with a particular brutal killing of the wife of a prominent citizen and practicing attorney in the county" who is closely associated with court officials and law enforcement officers.

Babb also cited what he termed widespread newspaper publicity as a reason for a change of venue.

Bell is charged with slaying

the wife of Justin A. Bridges, prominent Laurens attorney, in Clinton on Aug. 23, 1963. The murder was one of the most brutal and most publicized crimes in the county's history.

The slaying occurred in Bridges' Clinton branch law office, staffed by Mrs. Bridges.

The courtroom in Laurens was heavily guarded by law enforcement officers Tuesday of last week as Bell was arraigned.

Three State Law Enforcement Division agents returned him to the state penitentiary in Columbia where he is serving a four-year term for a firearms-pointing offense.

Judge Singletary ordered Clerk of Court Walter E. Dunlap to transfer the case records to Greenwood County in which the next term of criminal court convenes in April.

Gov. Russell To Deliver College Finals Address

Governor Donald S. Russell will deliver the commencement address at Presbyterian College's 85th graduating exercises on May 30, President Marc C. Weersing announced today.

Gov. Russell is scheduled to speak at 4:15 p. m. in Belk Auditorium as the feature of the full, one-day program. Graduating seniors will receive their degrees and various awards at that time.

Donald Russell, now at the midpoint of his four-year term as governor of South Carolina, has long been recognized as one of the state's outstanding public servants. He was assistant secretary of state for the United States from 1945 to 1947 and served as president of the University of South Carolina, 1962-67.

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Russell received both his BA and law degrees from the University of South Carolina and has made Spartanburg his home for many years. He was a law partner of James F. Byrnes, and



GOVERNOR RUSSELL

served as his assistant in various offices with the national government during World War II and immediately thereafter. Before becoming assistant secretary of state under Byrnes, he was assistant to the director of war mobilization and later deputy director of the office of war mobilization reconversion.

In announcing the forthcoming commencement speaker, Dr. Weersing pointed out that Governor Russell has addressed the Presbyterian College student body on numerous occasions over the past years. He said Dr. Russell has a special interest in the problems of higher education.

'World Day of Prayer' At Broad St. Church

The annual observance of the World Day of Prayer with the theme "What Doth the Lord Require?" is to take place here Friday, March 5, at 3:30 p. m. at the Broad Street Methodist Church.

A special program of worship for young people will be presented in Hodges Hall of the church simultaneously with the service for adults in the church auditorium.

This year's observance of the World Day of Prayer, when Christians unite in fellowship around the globe, is to be based upon material prepared by the United Council of Women, with additions to the program provided by local participants.

Mrs. J. B. Hart will act as leader, with others on the program including Mrs. Lewis Lancaster, Mrs. Henry Gilbert, Mrs. Hugh Ray, Mrs. R. L. Plaxico, Mrs. Mildred Bowers, and Mrs. Irene Pitts. The Rev. A. S. Harp. (Continued on page 4)

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 Dodema Chesney, an 18-year-old Woodruff High School senior in the leading role of Dorothy, the play opens tonight (Thursday) 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 Blare, 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 Mill.

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

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

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 engineer and announcer at WLBG in Laurens.

Members of the cast from the Clinton-Joanna area are Brenda Campbell, Susan Campbell, Beth Johnson, Janice Weir, Johnny Fulmer, Patie Plowden, John Ledford, Angela Birchmore, Patsy Sadler, Nancy Sadler, Susan Chinatti, Susie Keller, Francine Audia, Lou Ledford, Bobby Susan, Kathy and Lynn Wassung.

A 16-piece band is under the direction of Harry Bauknight, band director at Clinton High School. The unit is made up of music teachers and students of the area.

'Wizard of Oz' Cast Enacts Scene

These three members of the giant cast of "The Wizard of Oz" register the look of fear on their faces when they see a cyclone coming toward their house. The scene was enacted in one of the rehearsals last week of the production to be presented Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights by the Laurens Community Theatre at Central Elementary School. Left to right are Carl Mullins of Laurens, "Uncle Henry"; Mrs. Mattie Chesney of Woodruff, "Aunt Em," and Lodema Chesney of Woodruff, who plays the part of Dorothy. The Chesneys are mother and daughter and widely known vocalists.

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Lutherans Plan Services for Lent

According to announcement by Dr. E. B. Keisler, interim pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, the season of Lent will be observed again this year in his church with special and appropriate services.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, this year, March 3, the season continues into Easter glory, on April 18.

Each Wednesday, through April 7, a service with brief sermon will be held, beginning at 7:30. On Ash Wednesday the Holy Communion will be administered.

During Holy Week, the week immediately preceding Easter, services will be held each evening through Friday. Holy Communion will be administered on Thursday evening of that week.

Dr. Keisler states that prior to Ash Wednesday all members of the church will receive a letter from the pastor and that included will be a copy of the entire program for the season. The program announcement carries the statement, "All these services have been prayerfully planned with a view to the deepening of the spiritual life of the members and friends of the congregation."

Dr. Keisler's subject next Sunday morning will be, "Forward to Jerusalem."

Meeting Slated At Bell Street Tuesday

Farm and non-farm families are invited to attend an economic opportunity meeting to be held Tuesday evening, March 2, at 7:30 at the Bell Street High School. W. M. Dees of the Farm Home Administration of the county will speak to the group, according to Fred W. Gist, of the Bell Street agriculture department.

Community Concert Drive For Members Slated Mar. 1

The membership drive for the Clinton Community Concert Association will begin Monday, March 1. Workers will contact members for renewals of the 1965-66 season.

Artists scheduled for the 1965-66 season are Michael Maulle and Colleen Corker in their classical and popular "To Go Danc-ing"; Soprano Doris Deryek and Basso Richard Cross; and the San Pietro Orchestra of Naples. Members also are invited

to attend concerts in both Greenwood and Anderson. Special membership holders are invited to attend the following Greenville Concert Series: Music of Richard Rodgers, Piano's Pete Nero and his Ensemble; Anna Moffo, Soprano; the Houston Symphony; Die Kammermusik (a string quartet) together with the Riverside Cappella Singers. The membership campaign for new members will begin on March 8.