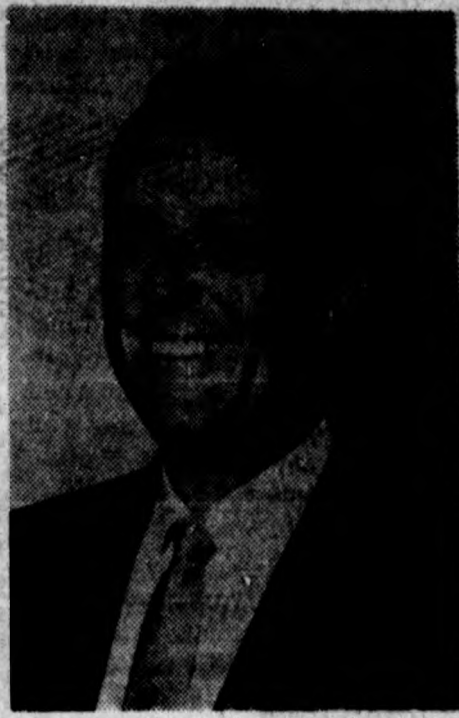


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The partner and general manager of the Industrial Supply Co. at Clinton, former president of the Duke University Foundation, more recently president of the General Alumni Association of Duke, died of a pistol bullet wound in the right temple, according to Sheriff R. Eugene Johnson.

The body was found about 9:40 p. m. Monday in a wooded

area of the farm he owned about five miles southwest of Clinton. Officers said a .32 caliber pistol was found in his right hand.

The discovery ended a search that began when Harold Crow, tenant on the farm, reported about 9 p. m. Monday that Ferguson stopped a car near his house and walked into the woods along a log trail at about 2 p. m. and never returned to the car. Sheriff's Deputy Ralph Riddle and Clinton police officers Chesley Richards, Allen Simmons and J. V. (Turp) Lowe walked about a mile along the trail until they came upon Ferguson's body. Riddle said it was believed Ferguson had been dead possibly six hours.

Coroner Marshall Pressley said no decision had been reached on whether an inquest would be scheduled. He said investigation had indicated no evidence of foul play.

Native of Ware Shoals who had lived in Clinton most of his life, the victim was the son of Mrs. Florence Jones Ferguson of Clinton and the late Richard Edward Ferguson Sr.

He attended public schools in Clinton, received the A. B. degree from Duke University in 1938, and attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

He was a trustee and chairman of the executive committee of Thornwell Orphanage at Clinton and served as chairman of the National Council of Duke University during 1952-53. More recently he was named president of the Duke General Alumni Association.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church at Clinton, where he was a deacon, he was a veteran of World War II and held memberships in Pi Kappa Phi, the Kiwanis Club, the Piedmont Club, Lakeside Country Club, Southern Industrial Association and the Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Abernathy Ferguson; two sons R. E. (Dick) Ferguson III and John Ramsey (Jack) Ferguson of the home; a brother, Lawrence R. Ferguson of Greenville; and a sister, Mrs. Emily F. Beckman of Lodi, Calif.

## Clinton Legion Team in 1st Place

The league-leading Clinton American Legion baseball team, fresh from two victories over Laurens last Friday and Saturday nights, defeated Greenwood Monday night 9-2. Clinton scored 8 runs in the 6th inning. In the 5th Joel Whitsett stole home which gave Clinton its first run. Going into the 6th it was 2-1 in favor of Greenwood.

Thirteen men came to bat in that big inning which was highlighted by several walks, 2 errors, and doubles by Mike Norris, Mike Williamson, Gary Laney, and Joel Whitsett stealing home for the 2nd time. Johnny Rushton who relieved Mike Osborne in the 2nd inning struck out eleven and pitched superbly with men on base.

Clinton overcame a 0-7 deficit and outslugged Newberry, 11-9, here Tuesday night to protect their League Eight lead with a 5-1 record.

Catcher Mike Williams got the hometowners' attack unbogged with a two-run shot in the fourth frame. Larry Trefegar connected twice for the losers for two-run homers in the third and sixth innings.

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Cromer and Cavanaugh; Osborne, Elrod (3) and Williamson.

In League 8, Greenwood is in 2nd place followed by Ware Shoals, Newberry, and Laurens.

Presbyterian College is one of the principal objectives of a fund-raising campaign being planned for the Synod of Georgia next year, President Marc C. Weersing announced today.

He said recent synod action set a minimum goal of \$3,500,000 for its drive to be conducted in 1966 in behalf of PC and other agencies supported by Georgia Presbyterians. It is the largest single campaign ever attempted by this group which owns Presbyterian College jointly with the South Carolina Synod.

Dr. Weersing said PC hopes to secure sufficient funds from this campaign to construct a new men's dormitory, underwrite the cost of renovating Neville Hall and classroom building and make substantial additions to the endowment.

He emphasized that all are emergency needs of the college as it endeavors to fulfill its responsibility to the mounting numbers of church youth people seeking to enroll here.

The Georgia Synod has authorized its Council to set the specific amounts to be raised for each agency, based on recommendations of a special campaign planning committee. This latter group has been at work for the past year investigating needs, through on-the-spot visits to PC and the other agencies, and making preliminary plans. It is headed

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## To Construct Six Tennis Courts on School Property

Plans are underway for the construction of six tennis courts at Clinton High School as a result of a fund-raising campaign being waged by a group of interested citizens who are sponsoring the project in conjunction with School District 56. The purpose of the drive is to provide a place for play and practice of Clinton High School teams, as well as for public use.

Total cost of the operation is estimated at \$20,000, according to a spokesman for the group. The six courts are to be surfaced with a non-maintenance type material such as that now being used in the finest courts in the country. In addition to this, they are to be lighted.

The group of local business and professional men who, with R. P. Wilder, superintendent of Laurens County School District 56, instigated the project, announced that contributions in the amount of \$16,170 have been paid or pledged to date. Anyone interested in partici-

## Surplus Is Seen

The Laurens County appropriation bill, enacted in the closing days of the recent session of the South Carolina General Assembly, lists expenditures for the 1965-66 year which begins July 1, at \$655,140.95.

Estimated revenues are stated as \$702,815, which will leave an apparent surplus of \$47,674.05.

Included in estimated revenues is \$190,000 which will be raised by a county-wide 14-mill tax levy, which is the same as for the current year.

Other estimated revenues are: fines, \$70,000; gasoline tax, \$162,000; alcoholic liquor tax, \$48,000; beer and wine tax, \$12,500; income tax, \$62,000; delinquent taxes (county), \$11,000; recording fees (office clerk of court), \$24,000; dividends, \$3,000; Library Board, \$5,000; bank tax, \$5,500; Service Office, \$4,815; insurance license fees, \$3,000; miscellaneous fees, \$8,000; unappropriated surplus, \$66,000.

Following are the amounts appropriated for the various county offices and agencies:

**Board of Commissioners** — \$285,153.68  
Salaries — Supervisor, \$8,912.16; Commissioners (two at \$108.14 each), \$1,750.96; clerk, \$3,612.98; assistant, \$3,284.52; travel for Supervisor, \$2,400; travel for two Commissioners (\$350 each), \$700; office supplies, \$800; court house—water, fuel, lights, telephone, janitor, supplies cleaning, grounds—\$10,000; beautifying lawn and building walks, \$100; ladies' rest room, \$1,023.74; insurance—for court house, jail, county home, agriculture building and chain gang camp buildings, \$2,010; salaries for operating employees, \$65,744.98; maintenance of roads and bridges and supplies, \$80,000; equipment and supplies and for patching and otherwise improving blacktop roads, \$50,000; county home—supt. salary, \$2,543.52; assistant's salary, \$505.81; additional help to care for inmates, \$3,815.31; food, clothing, fuel, lights, etc., for inmates and for farming expenses, \$11,000; South Carolina retirement system for county employees, \$11,200; county's part of social security, \$10,200; county's part of Travelers Insurance, \$350.00; South Carolina Industrial Commission — premium for workmen's compensation insurance, \$3,000; county attorney, \$500; South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System, \$4,700.

**Clerk of Court** — \$49,175.42  
Salaries—Clerk of Court—\$6,912.16; deputy clerk, \$3,612.98; clerical assistant, \$3,284.52; second assistant, \$3,284.52; janitor for court house, \$3,071.24.

Mr. Edwards is a native of Greensboro, N. C., starting in the garment industry in 1941. He attended schools in Greensboro; also had extension study in motion and time study, work simplification at North Carolina State College.

Mr. Edwards and his wife reside on Sunset Boulevard. Two of their children, Jenny and Patti, are at home and attend the local school, while son, Larry, is enrolled at the University of South Carolina. Mr. Edwards is a member of Broad Street Methodist Church where he is a member of the official board and superintendent of Sunday school. He is also a director of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Lions Club.

Deputy Wilbur Traynham of Sheriff R. Eugene Wilson's office said the report was compiled from accounts of a Negro woman, Mrs. Ollian Vance, 45, and her three children, 10, 12 and 15.

Mrs. Vance, he said, put the time of the incident at about 7:30 a. m., Monday, near the intersection of Secondary Roads 46 and 43 about a mile west of Clinton.

She and the children, she said, were walking to visit a neighbor, Mrs. Connie Miller, when a car passed and she heard loud voices and cursing. Suddenly, she said, the car seemed to stall and the white youth jumped out. He appeared to be about 15 years old, she said.

The car's driver—there were two white men in it—seemed to have trouble starting the vehicle again and was almost in collision with another car, light blue and cream colored, before

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travel for Clerk of Court, \$300; court house custodian travel, \$360; office supplies, \$5,350; photostat machine supplies, \$3,000; Circuit Court and Civil and Domestic Relations Court—expenses, including jurors, witness and bailiffs, \$20,000.

**County Auditor** — \$19,266.37  
Salaries — Auditor, \$2,174.35 (the State of South Carolina also pays the Auditor \$4,161); first assistant, \$3,284.52; third assistant, \$3,284.52; extra help, \$700; office supplies (including \$250 IBM maintenance), \$1,500; Board of Assessors and Equalization, \$3,750; travel for Auditor, \$600.

**County Treasurer** — \$14,865.36  
Salaries—Treasurer, \$2,174.37 (the State of South Carolina also pays the Treasurer \$4,161); assistant, \$3,612.98; extra help, \$100; travel for treasurer, \$300; supervisor tax collector's office, \$788.29; deputy delinquent tax collector, \$4,729.72; office supplies, \$3,100.

**Supt. of Education** — \$8,405.90  
Salaries — Superintendent of Education, \$953.82 (the State of South Carolina also pays the Supt. of Education \$5,202); assistant, \$3,612.98; attendance teacher, \$433.55; supervisor of school lunch program, \$433.55; travel for Supt. of Education, \$800; travel for lunch room supervisor, \$522; travel for attendance teacher, \$600; office supplies, \$350; attendance teacher—aid for needy children, \$200; County Board of Education, \$400.

**Sheriff** — \$113,092.34  
Salaries — Sheriff, \$6,912.16; chief deputy, \$4,531.93; deputy sheriffs (nine at \$3,815.31), \$34,337.79; deputy for day work, \$3,815.31; deputy for night work, \$3,815.31; jailer, \$3,815; deputy sheriffs for mills (three at \$245.67), \$737.01. Total, \$57,964.82.

Travel—Sheriff, \$2,400; deputy sheriffs (ten at \$200 per month), \$24,000; deputy sheriff (one at \$100 per month), \$1,200; day and night clerk—\$125 per month, \$3,000; two deputies at Joanna, transporting prisoners and witnesses to jail and trial at magistrates' courts—\$100 per month, \$2,400; head deputy at Lydia Mill—transporting prisoners and witness to jail and trial at magistrates' courts—\$150 per month, \$1,800. Total, \$24,800.

Uniforms and overcoats—July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1966—thirteen at \$175 per year, \$2,625; office supplies, \$1,400; radio system—maintenance, \$1,200; supplies, \$700; payment on sheriff's radios, \$2,402.52; jail—water, lights, fuel, disinfectants, plumbing, returning and dieting prisoners, \$12,000.

**Judge of Probate** — \$16,209.66  
Salaries—Judge of Probate, \$6,912.16; clerk, \$3,612.98; assistant, \$3,284.52; office supplies, \$300; travel for Judge of Probate, \$300.

**Domestic Relations Court** — \$7,793.32  
Salaries—Judge, \$5,400; stenographer, \$1,733.32; office supplies and rent, \$600.

**Laurens County Library** — \$30,545  
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Health Department — \$23,000  
County's part of salaries and travel allowance of county employees, office supplies, and maintenance of building, \$23,000.

**Magistrates** — \$10,069.32  
Salaries — Laurens, \$1,971.37; Clinton, \$1,589.71; Cross Hill, Waterloo, Gray Court, Youngs, Scuffletton, Sullivan, Jacks, Joanna, each \$364.28; stenographic help in holding inquests and preliminaries, \$800; (magistrates are also paid \$10 for each jury trial and each inquest at which he presides); office rent, Clinton, \$144; office supplies, \$450; stamps and stationery (\$10 each magistrate), \$100; payment of jurors in criminal cases, and for miscellaneous expenses, including payments to magistrates for holding jury trials and inquests, \$2,300.

**Agriculture** — \$8,585  
Supplement to State income—County Agent, \$600; secretary to county agent, \$420; stenographer for Home Demonstration Agent, \$360; assistant County Agent, \$600; second assistant County Agent, \$600; demonstration materials for Home Demonstration Agent, \$120; air conditioning and repairing auditorium, \$2,000; travel for County Agent, \$300.

Agriculture building—janitor supplies, plumbing, etc., fuel water, lights, telephone, postage, \$1,475.

Club work, \$300; FFA, \$175; travel for Negro County Agent, \$300; rent for AAA office, \$800, and FHA office, \$300; County Cooperative Breeding Association, \$200.

**Dept. of Public Welfare** — \$14,575  
Maintenance, office expense and mileage for child welfare worker \$5,515 (board members \$25 per month for this fund); emergency assistance, \$2,400; boarding care, \$2,000; aid for indigent aged, \$1,000; travel expenses for employees on prorata basis, \$3,360; heart fund, \$300.

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## Rev. A. E. Smith To Preach Sunday At Sandy Springs, Lydia

The Reverend A. E. Smith, who was appointed to the Sandy Springs-Lydia Methodist Church by the recent Annual Conference held at Wofford College in Spartanburg, will hold his first services Sunday, June 27. He will preach at the worship hour at Lydia at 10 o'clock. Church school will be conducted at 11 o'clock.

Church school will be conducted at Sandy Springs at ten o'clock with the Rev. Mr. Smith preaching at the 11 o'clock worship hour.

Mr. Smith hopes to be able to meet all the members of the churches at those hours.

The public is invited.

## County Escapee Sought By Police

Laurens County officers are seeking a prisoner who escaped Monday from a work unit in the Hopewell community south of Clinton about 3:30 p. m., according to Sheriff R. Eugene Johnson.

The escapee was identified as Berry Kennedy, Jr., 19, of Joanna, who was sentenced in General Sessions Court the previous Tuesday for housebreaking and larceny.

Kennedy received a two-year sentence, to be suspended after he serves one year, and two years probation.

After his escape, Kennedy was said to have gone to his home at Joanna and hurriedly got together some clothes. He was seen by relatives as he left the house and disappeared. He has not been seen since. He was wearing prison stripes when he escaped, officers said.

## Financial Drive in Georgia To Benefit Presbyterian

by Dr. Davison Philips, pastor of the Decatur First Presbyterian Church.

Georgia interest in Presbyterian College has grown steadily since that synod assumed a share of responsibility for PC in 1928. At that time, Columbia Theological Seminary was moved from Columbia to Decatur, Ga.

The most recent Georgia campaign in behalf of PC was in 1956-57, when \$281,287 was raised toward the Diamond Jubilee development program.

**Lutherans To Manage Their Own Building Campaign**  
At the request of the Council, the official board of St. John's Lutheran Church, Shelton J. Rimer reported to the congregation last Sunday that the Council had unanimously decided not to employ the services of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement in conducting a later date a campaign to raise funds for the building and furnishing of the new church edifice and educational facilities to be erected on its recently acquired lot in Baldwin Heights.

Instead, it was stated, the campaign will be organized and conducted by the local Lutheran Church.

Mr. Rimer is chairman of the congregation's committee on plans and construction, and as such is a member of the executive building committee. Of this latter committee, Ratchford W. Boland is chairman. Other members, besides Messrs Boland Rimer, are Dr. N. Carl Wessinger, Herman L. Shealy, Robert I. Boland, and Mrs. F. M. Boland, Sr.

## PC Gets \$2,000 Grant from 3-M Co.

A \$2,000 maximum grant in teaching tools and reference materials has been awarded Presbyterian College by the 3-M Company of St. Paul, Minn.

This gift is made by the company's visual products department under a special \$1,500,000 program designed specifically to assist future teachers now enrolled in undergraduate training.

Grants are made to the education departments of accredited institutions which certify more than 12 graduates each year as teachers. The purpose is to expose the recipient institutions and their students to modern teaching tools which offer them greater flexibility in their classroom presentations. The materials provided under the grant include both classroom and portable overhead projectors, transparency maker and copier, a variety of transparency film and reference material on visual aids.

**To Attend Meeting**  
O. F. Furr and G. F. Lyda, Clinton representatives for Pilot Life Insurance Co., of Greensboro, will attend a company agents meeting at the Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N. C., July 7-11.

## Laurens Boy Drowns in Swollen Little River

Laurens—One of three young Negro boys out for a midday swim in rain-swollen Little River last Wednesday drowned in spite of rescue attempts by his companions.

## AT SCENE OF DROWNING

Laurens County officers, a doctor and members of the County Rescue Squad are shown as they attempted to revive a young Laurens Negro. Sheriff R. Eugene Johnson is at top center in civilian clothes and Coroner Marshall Pressley is second from right. — Photo by Paul Quinton.

James Edward Foster, 12, disappeared under the water although James Mars, 14, tried in vain to reach his hands, just beyond his grasp. Mars went to the shore to find a limb and returned to find that Foster

tree eight feet out from the opposite bank. Foster drowned two feet from the tree. It was there that Paul Barnett of the Laurens County Rescue Squad found the body at about 1:00 p. m. in five feet of water. Attempts to revive the boy failed.

Foster was pronounced dead by the county physician and Coroner Marshall Pressley empaneled a jury but no inquest date was set.

## Teen-Age Youth Reported Run Down Near Clinton By Automobile Monday

Laurens County officers were still investigating yesterday the bizarre report of a white teenager run down by a car he had jumped from to flee, then scooped screaming into the back seat by two white men and hauled away.

The report was supported by at least four witnesses, but officers Wednesday had no report of any such youth being treated for injuries.

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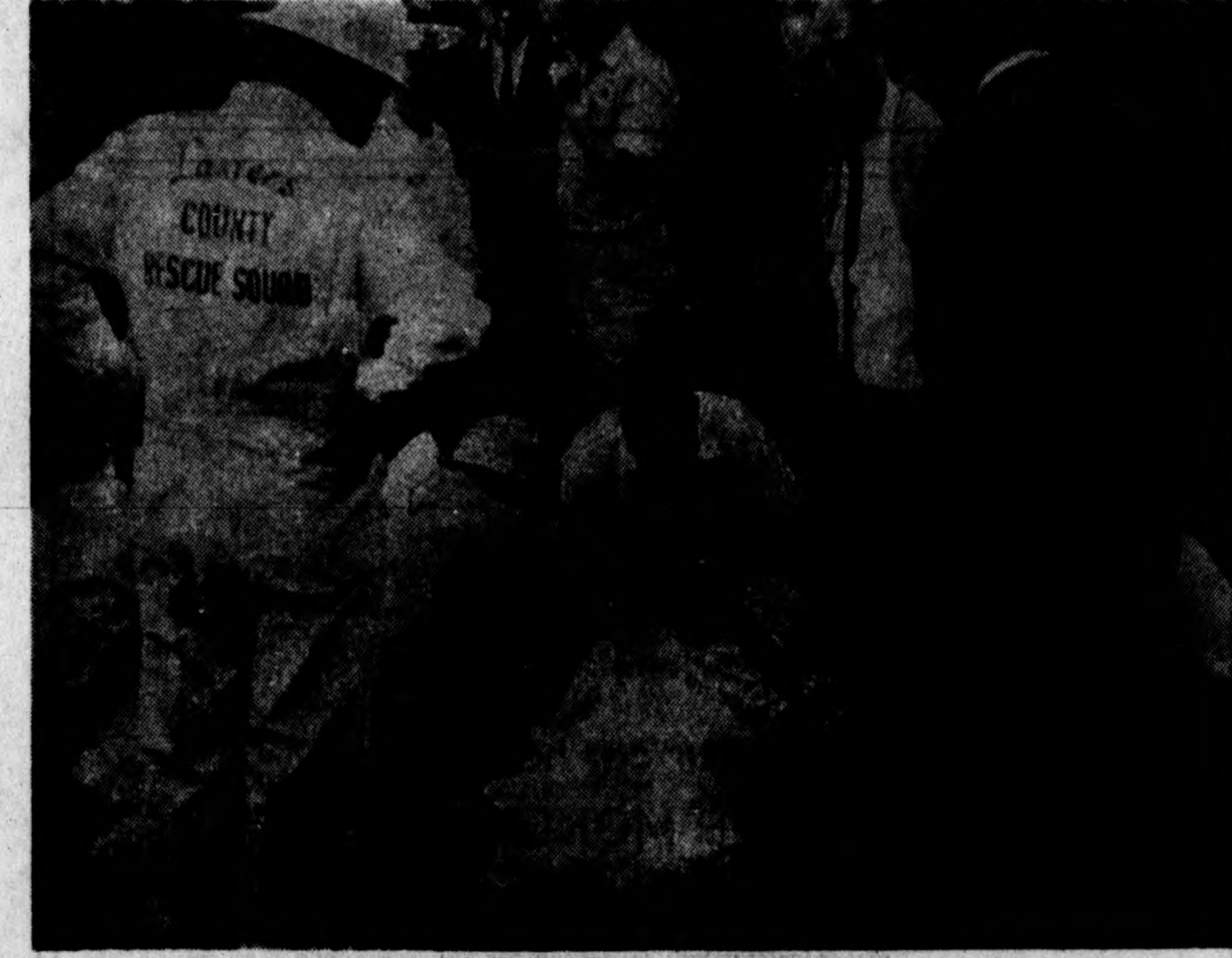
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