

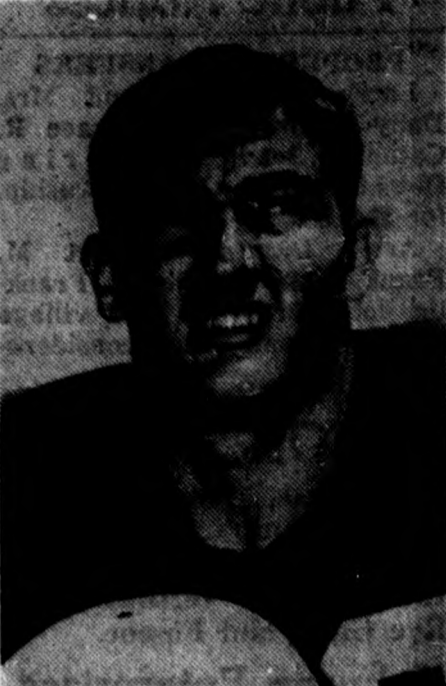
Named on All-Conference Team

These five Thornwell High School football players get their awards upon being named to the All-Conference I Class B team. Left to right, they are Lennis Smith, Jerry Chandler, Frank

Elkins, Larry Cockerel and Ray Rowe. The presentations were made by Bud Teaster of Spartanburg (right), secretary-treasurer of the conference.—Yarborough Photo.

Audience Is Impressed By Italian Orchestra

By ZEB WILLIAMS as the San Pietro, each member has to be well chosen and be of equal calibre. The members were all students of Conductor Rutilo and most of them are teachers in their own right. This is a young group of musicians ranging in age from the middle twenties to the early thirties. There is very little turn-over among the members except for the men's fulfilling their military obligation in the Italian army. The 13-week tour, which ends soon, is their fourth in the U. S. They have also toured South America, Europe, and Asia. Due to the excellent acoustics of Belk Auditorium, Paggi's Variations for Violin and Strings on a theme by Rossini was substituted for the number printed in the program. This was a rare treat for the audience for one seldom hears this number performed "live." Soloist Gligino Maestri displayed his great skill in this playful number in which he used only one string of his violin. And the light pizzicato passages in the orchestral accompaniment clearly demonstrated why near perfect acous-



Billy Nelson Is Standout Guard For S. C. University

Clinton's Billy Nelson, who got his chance as a starter in the Gamecocks' second game of the 1965 football season, was a steady performer in the University of South Carolina's drive to the co-championship of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Nelson, who lettered as a reserve interior lineman as a sophomore in 1964, opened the 1965 season ticket for second team duty as an offensive tackle as the Gamecocks went to platoon substitution. However, Billy got his chance to start when senior guard Wilbur Hodge sustained a leg injury in the season opener at The Citadel.

The 6-3, 229 pound Clinton native switched over to offensive guard and by the time Hodge recovered was doing such a good job that Hodge never did get his starting job back. "Billy did a fine job for us," Coach Marvin Bass said in assessing the lanky 21-year-old's contribution to the Gamecocks' championship year. "He was one of several unheralded boys who came through admirably for us and we are looking forward to having a fine senior year from him in 1966."

Bass said Nelson played exceptionally well in the Clemson game when the Gamecocks ended the season with their second straight victory over their arch rival and in so doing earned a share of the conference title as well as knocking Clemson out of contention. "We lose a lot of linemen by graduation, but Billy Nelson is one of those who will be back next year," said Bass. "With his experience and the good young backs who were sophomores this fall, we are optimistic about the Gamecock future."

Nelson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Nelson of N. Adair St., Clinton.

a shotgun," she testified. Telling her husband to go to the bedroom because Craig had a gun, the young woman testified she then locked the back door. Craig came to the door, she said, opened the unlatched screen door and not being able to open the door, he called for her to let him in. "He looked just wild-like I knew he had been drinking," she said. After conversing with him through the closed door, Mrs. Beck said she finally opened it and Craig entered, inquiring as to Beck's whereabouts. Mrs. Beck testified she remained near the back door as Craig entered the house, walked past her, then "I heard all the shots."

She testified she was crying near the fireplace when Craig re-entered the living room and said, "Patsy, get the doctor, I am shot." She testified that she told Craig to leave and he did. Entering the bedroom she said she saw her husband and "he didn't say anything and I ran out of the house."

Coroner Presley questioned Mrs. Beck as to whether there was a pistol in the house and she said, "Yes, sir, in the bedroom where Walter was." She said the gun was kept for protection. County Deputy A. S. Hope testified to what he found when he arrived. He went to the home after receiving the call, he said, and Mrs. Beck told him when he drove up that "Craig had shot Walter."

A physician's statement read at the inquest said the victim had a groin wound and two wounds in the right chest.

District Farm Bureau Session Held Here

Leaders of 17 counties, which make up District 1 in South Carolina Farm Bureau, were present at a meeting held December 6, at the Mary Musgrave Hotel in Clinton. The counties are Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, York, and Oconee. Frank M. Flowers, director of field services from the Columbia office presided. Work for the forthcoming year was outlined. "Farm Bureau's new year starts December 1," stated Mr. Flowers, "and there is much work to be done for 1966."

This was the first of three such meetings scheduled in South Carolina, the other two to be held in Orangeburg and Darlington. Dan F. Wheeler of Saluda County, who was elected at the recent State convention in Charleston to serve as state vice president of District 1, brought greetings to the assembly. Others present from the state staff were Alex Gieger of the tire and battery program and Emory Bishop, District I field representative. Laurens County was represented by Mrs. Agnes Bailey, secretary, T. J. Copeland, county president, and C. R. Workman, state director.

Godfrey Serves With Marines in Viet Nam Da Nang, Viet Nam.—Marine Private First Class David L. Godfrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Godfrey of 900 Musgrave St., Clinton, was promoted to his present rank, while serving with Company "L," 3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division in the Da Nang sector of Viet Nam. His promotion was based on time in service and rank, military appearance, and his knowledge of selected military subjects. Before entering the service in November 1964, Godfrey attended Clinton High School.

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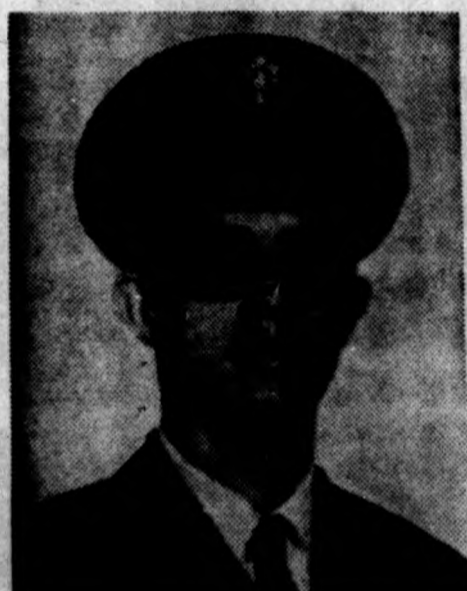
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G. W. Copeland

Funeral services for George Watts Copeland, 61, who died Tuesday, Dec. 7, was conducted Friday at 3:30 p. m. at the ARP Church by Rev. Zeb Williams and Dr. Paul L. Grier. Burial was in Rosemont Cemetery. Pallbearers were Charles and Frank Pitts, Pat Langston, John M. Hudgens, Bucky Drake and Bill Godshall.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank friends and relatives for the flowers, cards, and many acts of kindness shown at the death of James Robert Jackson. Mrs. Tom Horton



Airman Blackwell Goes to Calif. Base

San Antonio, Tex.—Airman James M. Blackwell, son of Mrs. Inez M. Blackwell of 400 Francis St., Clinton, has been assigned to Travis AFB, Calif., after completing Air Force basic training. A graduate of Clinton High School, he will be trained on the job as a transportation specialist with the Military Air Transport Service.

Gunshot Wounds By Craig Caused Death Of Beck, Jury Rules

Joanna—A coroner's jury ruled Wednesday that the Nov. 13 death of Walter Junior Beck, 18, of Rt. 1, Laurens, was "from gunshot wounds by the hand of Wesley Craig," 55-year-old Wattsville man.

Craig is still in Laurens District hospital recovering from pneumonia and pistol wounds received in the shooting fray that took place at Beck's mother-in-law's home in Joanna. The victim's 16-year-old wife, who was staying with her mother, was one of the two witnesses to testify at the inquest conducted by Laurens County Coroner Marshall N. Presley at the fire station in Joanna.

Mrs. Beck testified the shooting happened about 3:30 p.m. She said she and her husband were the only persons at the dwelling when Craig drove up in a pick-up truck. As he got out of the truck he "pulled out

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