

Area Men Are Caught In Theft of Copper Wire

Four Clinton area men were arrested last Wednesday night at Sumter following a stake-out and charged with theft of copper wire.

The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announced the arrests and revealed launching of a concerted drive against widespread wire thefts from construction yards, outgrowth of the increase in copper prices.

SLED Chief J. P. Strom said his agents and deputies of Sumter County Sheriff J. Byrd Parnell had the equipment yard of Sumter Builders surrounded at 2:30 a. m. Wednesday when four men arrived, broke the lock off a gate and entered.

On the yard, Strom said, were four trucks loaded with 8 to 10 tons of the valuable copper wire. In less than two minutes two men were driving trucks out of the yard when they and two

others inside suddenly were confronted with sawed-off shotguns as the officers moved in.

Strom identified the men arrested—and freed under \$5,000 bond each on charges of breaking and entering—as: Jack Ballew, 46, Rt. 3, Clinton.

John Broadus Bagwell, 29, Peachtree St., Clinton.

William Lewis Baker, 31, Joanna, and his brother, Charles F. Baker, 39, Rt. 1, Clinton.

The SLED chief said William Lewis Baker also posted \$1,000 bond on a charge of unlawful weapon (pistol) possession.

He said a second pistol was found at the arrest scene but could not be connected with the suspects who were arrested.

Strom said copper wire theft has reached major proportions as the price increased. The wire can easily bring 50 cents a pound on the illicit market, he said, and it is believed one ring is operating in several states.

SLED, its chief said, is making a concerted drive to end raids on construction projects and supply yards, working to assist local law enforcement officials.

Sometimes, insulation is burned away from the wire before it is sold. But in the more illicit markets, the brand new wire is sold on its huge spools, and apparently with profitable ease.

"One of the best safecrackers in the state told me the other day he saw more promise now in copper wire than in peeling safes open," the chief said. "The guy said the risk of a 10-year certain sentence on a safe cracking conviction is too much to take when the sentence is lighter for stealing wire and the money is better."

Johnson Seeks Office of Mayor

Charles H. Johnson, men's clothing store proprietor, on Wednesday qualified to enter the May 17 Democratic primary as a candidate for mayor.

Johnson, a native of Clinton, is the son of Mrs. Hubert Johnson and the late Mr. Johnson.

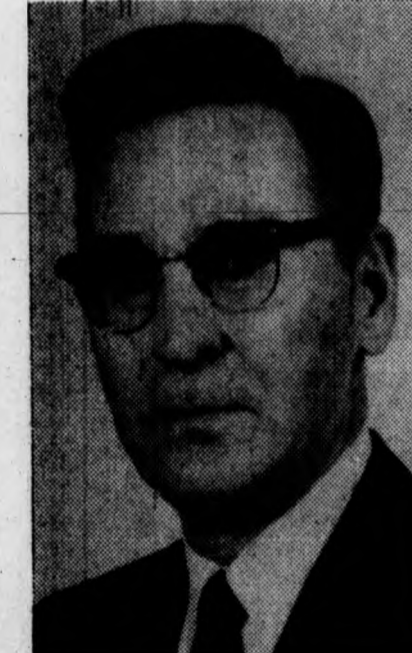
He was educated in the city schools and has been a local merchant for a number of years.

Special Service For Good Friday

A three-hour long service will be held in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Clinton on Good Friday, from 12 noon until 3:00.

Seven local ministers will lead the various sections of the program, to be based on the seven last word of Christ on the Cross. The public is invited to come at the beginning of any section, and stay for as many as they desire.

The complete schedule is as follows: 12:00 noon, Rev. J. Thomas Miller; 12:25, Rev. J. W. Spillers; 12:50, Rev. J. Roscoe Bryan; 1:15, Rev. J. H. Darr; 1:40, Rev. E. W. Rogers; 2:05, Rev. E. B. Keisler; 2:30, Rev. Alfred L. Bixler.



Simpson Retires From Banking Post

Goyle L. Simpson, vice-president of M. S. Bailey and Son, Bankers, retired on March 31.

Mr. Simpson's career with the local banking firm began on October 1, 1919, and during his more than 46 years of service he held positions of teller, assistant cashier, cashier, and vice-president.

A lifelong resident of the Clinton area, Mr. Simpson has been active in the civic and church affairs of the community. He is married to the former Jessie Wall of Ozark, Ala., and they reside at 304 Walnut Street.

Lucas Announces For Council Seat

Gene S. Lucas has stated that he will be a candidate for Alderman from Ward Four in the approaching city Democratic primary.

Lucas, employed at Thornwell Orphanage, is a graduate of the Thornwell schools and attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College at Tifton, Ga., Clemson University and the University of Georgia.

Cancer Society Meeting Tonight At Musgrove Hotel

The Laurens County Chapter of the American Cancer Society will hold its annual educational banquet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p. m. at the Mary Musgrove Hotel.

The event will kick off the 1966 Cancer Crusade, according to Dr. C. E. Barnes, president.

Maj. Gen. O. P. Newman of Columbia, Crusade director, will be the principal speaker. Harney Mills of Newberry, will also speak at the banquet at which it is expected approximately 100 persons will be present.

Mrs. Sarah D. DeLoach, county commander, will preside and make an annual report.

Truman Owens Is Ward Two Candidate

Truman Owens is an announced candidate for City Council from Ward Two in the Democratic primary to be held May 17.

Owens, well known in athletic circles, is a graduate of Clinton High Schools and is assistant personnel director of Clinton Mills.

Clinton-Laurens Road Plans Are Continuing

Consummation of plans for construction of Highway 78 between Clinton and Laurens into a four-lane super-highway moved nearer to reality last week, according to Sen. William C. Dobbins.

Dobbins stated that in a conference with Chief Highway Commissioner S. N. Pearman, easements signed

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Bishop Magal Singh, the resident bishop of the Methodist Church of India, will preach at the evening worship service at Broad Street Methodist Church Sunday, April 17, at 7 p. m., according to an announcement by the Rev. E. W. Rogers, pastor.

Council Directs Street Surfacing

Sections of three streets will be resurfaced according to direction of City Council at its April meeting Friday night.

Jefferson, Florence and E. Beauregard Streets, which were recently involved in a drainage system repair project, will get the surface-treatment. Street Supt. Gus Blakely said if weather permits the work will be done within two to four weeks.

No immediate action was taken on a motion to change the city firearms ordinance to prohibit the use of air rifles and pellet guns inside the city limits. The guns may be used at present for target practice.

The motion arose from reports of recent vandalism which required the replacement of 23 street lights and several store windows.

Council approved a request from the Chamber of Commerce to make a \$250 contribution to the fund set up by the chamber to be presented to the Clemson University Foundation in appreciation of their 20-year projected study for Clinton. The Chamber of Commerce will contribute an additional sum.

In other action, council: Authorized R. G. Gredler, superintendent of combined utilities, to install street lights in Woodland Acres, west of the city limits, on a rental basis to property owners.

Approved a motion that all city taxi companies be required to operate only 1963 and later model cars.

Approved an approximate \$1,000 repair job on the city's street sweeping machine.

Authorized the hiring of an additional worker for the combined utility department.

County Board To Register Voters

The Laurens County Registration Board will be in session during the month at the following places between the hours of 9 a. m. to 12 noon and 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

April 12, Baldwin Motor Company; April 13, Clinton Mills Community Building; April 19, Joanna Company; April 20, Lydia Mills Office; April 25, Watts Mill, Eureka Drug Company; April 27, Cross Hill, Leaman's Store; Gray Court - Owings, Abercrombie - Owings Store, April 29.

Persons who expect to vote in the city and county elections should have certificates dated at least 30 days prior to the elections.

Greenwood Mills Officials Hosts To Leaders In Joanna

Business men and women leaders of Joanna were entertained at lunch Tuesday in the Joanna Club House by officials of Greenwood Mills.

The Greenwood Corporation last year purchased the Joanna Cotton Mills and since have been making changes in personnel and operating procedures.

The session was to acquaint business leaders of the Joanna community with some of the changes and plans for the future. The occasion also served as an opportunity to introduce Greenwood officials to many of the residents of Joanna.

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Prior to the date set for the hearing, Dobbins said, notices will be sent to individual property owners who have not signed easements to give them an opportunity to be heard.

The movement to rebuild the Clinton-Laurens highway has been underway for several months, spearheaded by the Chambers of Commerce of both cities.

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Robert Hamilton, Pianist To Give Concert on Monday

Pianist Robert Hamilton, one of the brightest young stars of the international concert stage will perform at Presbyterian College next Monday night in a program which will also serve to dedicate the college's new Steinway concert grand piano.

The program is scheduled to start at 8:15 p. m. in Belk Auditorium, and the public is invited to attend. It is sponsored by the PC music department under the chairmanship of Professor Charles T. Gaines.

Hamilton, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hamilton, live in Clinton, just last month won the International Piano Competition Festival in Montevideo, Uruguay. He is to represent the United States at Russia's Third Tchaikovsky International Competition in June, will play in New York's Town Hall next fall and has major orchestral appearances scheduled for Boston, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Chautauque, N. Y.

His concert at Presbyterian College will include these selections: "Organ Prelude in G Minor" by Johann S. Bach-Siloti; "Sonata quasi una Fantasia, Op. 27, No. 2" by Ludwig von Beethoven; "B allado No. 4 in F Minor" by Frederic Chopin; "Rumanian Folk Dances" by Bela Bartok; "Sonatine" by Maurice Ravel; and "Sonata No. 4 in C Minor, Op. 29" by Serge Prokofioff.

Born and reared in South Bend, Ind., Robert Hamilton began piano study at the age of 4, was graduated with highest honors from the Indiana University School of Music in 1959 and since then has been winning the increasing acclaim of audiences and critics both here and abroad. He is praised especially for his instrumental technique and musical instinct combined with taste and imagination.

Vocal Students From Clinton Get High Rating

Clinton High School was the only school awarded 100% rating in the annual contest sponsored by the South Carolina Music Education Association which took place March 30 at Belk Auditorium.

The four Clinton High School students who placed first with ratings of I in solo competition were Shelia Gilliam, soprano; Annette Kitchens, alto; Johnny Fulmer, tenor, and James Meadows, bass. They were accompanied by Nancy Hollis, pianist.

Dusty Jones, junior high school student, received an advanced rating of II plus. He was accompanied by pianist Linda Suddeth.

The local students participating in the competition are members of the Clinton High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. J. Frank Gilfillan, who was in charge of the all-day meeting in which choruses and soloists from schools throughout the state were judged.



Democratic Club Officers Named At Session

Above are officers and executive committeemen of the Clinton City Democratic Club who were elected at the biennial reorganization of the club Monday night. They are (front) J. Herbert Hughes, vice-president; Roy L. Holtzclaw, president; V. Parks Adair, secretary - treasurer. Standing: Committeemen J. J. Clark, Ward 1; J. R. Braswell, Ward 2; L. Ray Pitts, Ward 3; Milford Smith, Ward 4; Joel R. Cox, Ward 5; E. P. Taylor, Ward 6.—Photo by Truman Owens.

To Name Mayor, Six Aldermen

Democratic Club Orders City Primary for May 17

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Approximately three million dollars will be allotted this month in federal grants to aid in more than ten million dollars of construction on the campuses of three technical institutes and six colleges, it is announced today by Dr. Marshall W. Brown, co-ordinator of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Facilities.

Dr. Brown, whose office is located here in the Jacobs Building, was in Washington two days last week to confer with officials of the U. S. Office of Education.

Recently, Governor Robert McNair asked Dr. Brown to add to his present duties the co-ordination of a new program to improve college instruction by federal grants for television, laboratory, and other equipment.

Senior Class To Give Play April 15

The senior class of Clinton High School will present a play, "Her Kissin' Cousin", Friday, April 15, at the High School auditorium. The performance will be at 8 p. m., with admissions 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for students.

Thursday Fire Destroys Home

On Tuesday, April 5, at approximately 10:00 p. m., the four-room frame house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bradley and family on the Clinton-Laurens Highway was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin.

All personal possessions were lost and the family had no household insurance. Anyone wishing to contribute clothing and other household articles are asked to call Mrs. W. R. Abee, 833-3793, who will pick them up. Children in the family are three girls, ages 9, 8 and 4.

Church Officers To Reenact First Communion Rite

The ministers and elders of the First Presbyterian Church will re-enact the first communion service instituted by Jesus Christ in a special Maundy Thursday service at the church this evening at 7:30.

In addition to appropriate music by the sanctuary choir, the elders will assist the ministers in a reverent re-enactment of that memorable scene in the upper room 2,000 years ago.

The elders who will participate are J. B. Templeton, Tom Plaxico, Dr. B. O. Whitten, Grady Chandler, William Jacobs, Harry McSween, W. C. Baldwin, Reese Young, A. C. Young, John H. Hunter, Harry Nettles, and Tommy Hollis. The ministers are Alfred L. Bixler and Joseph A. Greer. Church extends a cordial invitation to communicants to attend the service.

Sunrise Easter Service Slated 6 A. M. Sunday

The Clinton Kiwanis Club, in cooperation with the Clinton Ministerial Association, has announced a Clinton community sunrise Easter service Sunday morning at 6:00 o'clock on Johnson Field at Presbyterian College.

Reverend J. H. Darr, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon. His subject will be "He Is Not Here, He Is Risen".

Other ministers participating in the special service will be Dr. M. A. MacDonald, president of Thornwell Orphanage, who will read the Scripture, and the Reverend E. W. Rogers, pastor of Broad Street Methodist Church, will offer prayer.

Special music will be provided by the Clinton High School Band under the direction of Harry A. Bouknight. The Whitten Village children's senior choir, under the direction of Joe Shay, will present special choral selections.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this service on this day climaxing the Easter season.

The service will be moved to Belk Auditorium in case of bad weather.

Heuble Seeks Ward Two Post

W. Alvin Hueble has announced his candidacy for alderman from Ward 2 in Clinton.

Hueble, who is associated with the Bailey Agency, was born in Clinton and reared in Joanna. He was graduated from Presbyterian College with a B. S. degree in business administration.

A member of Calvary Baptist Church, he is also a member of Campbell Lodge No. 44, AFM. His wife is the former Miss Rachel Wilson, also of Clinton.



To Re-enact Communion Service Tonight

Shown above are the elders who will participate in a special Maundy Thursday candlelight communion service at the First Presbyterian Church tonight at 7:30. From left are Tommy Hollis, Harry Nettles, John H. Hunter, A. C. Young, W. C. Baldwin, Reese Young, Rev. Alfred Bixler, Harry McSween, William Jacobs, Grady Chandler, Dr. B. O. Whitten, Tom Plaxico and J. B. Templeton.—Yarborough Photo.