

Plants and Firms To Mark Holiday Period

All Clinton industries, business houses and retail firms will be marking the holiday season during the coming weekend with vacation periods for their employees.

The Clinton and Lydia plants of the Torrington Co., also will cease operations Friday at midnight, reopening Monday at midnight.

The Clinton Paper Box Co., will close on Thursday, resuming work on Wednesday, the 28th.

Anderson Hosiery Co. will also close on Thursday, with employees returning to work on Tuesday.

Hallmark Shirt Co. will close Friday at noon, reopening at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday, the 28th.

Mayflower Mills will cease operations Thursday at midnight and reopen Tuesday morning.

The E. L. Mansure Co., will close its plant Wednesday at midnight, resuming work Monday at midnight.

Banks will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, as will the post office.

District 56 schools closed Friday and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Retail merchants of the city will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2, remaining open on Wednesday afternoons of these weeks. After the second week in Jan., regular store hours will be observed.

Local Men Named To Scouting Posts

Several Laurens County and Clinton area residents were named to posts and received awards at the annual meeting of the Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America, held in Greenville Tuesday night.

The session was the usual reorganization meeting, when leaders are named and plans announced for the coming year.

L. L. Stanley is scout executive for the council, and president of the council for the coming year will be Lamar S. Chapman of Greenville.

Dwight F. Patterson of Laurens was named vice-president.

Dr. D. O. Rhame of Clinton was named a national representative. Members at large on the council are J. B. Templeton and W. C. Baldwin of Clinton and Jake Rasor of Cross Hill.

Don Creighton of Clinton is Laurens district chairman and Dick Swetenberg is district commissioner.

The Silver Beaver Award was presented to J. B. Templeton of Clinton for his long-time service to youth through scouting, his church, civic and other groups in the community. Mr. Templeton is vice-president of Clinton Mills, Inc.

A Cubmaster's key was presented to Ramon C. Murrain, Jr., of Joanna, of Pack 75.

Stallworth Named League President

Thomas A. Stallworth, assistant professor of religion and faculty athletic committee chairman at Presbyterian College, has been elected president of the Carolinas Conference.

He will take office in January to head the governing body of this athletic league which is composed of PC and ten other colleges in North and South Carolina. Each school is represented by its faculty athletic chairman and athletic director.

The conference meets twice annually, in the spring and fall, to plan activities and establish policies by which the member colleges compete in a full program of sports. Carolinas Conference members, in addition to PC, are: Newberry, Appalachian, Catawba, Elon, Atlantic Christian, High Point, Guilford, Pfeiffer, Lehigh and Western Carolina.

Courthouse Offices To Close for Holidays

The Laurens County Courthouse offices will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24, through Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holidays.

However, the county treasurer's and auditor's offices will remain open Saturday until 12 noon for the purpose of collecting taxes.

College to Offer Adult Art Course

A non-credit course in painting and drawing will be offered by Presbyterian College during the second semester, starting in January, and interested adults of the area are encouraged to enroll in the once-a-week program.

The course will be taught by Miss Mary Ann Pennington, instructor in art at PC and one who holds both her bachelor's degree and master of fine arts degree from the Richmond Professional Institute.

Dean Joseph M. Gettys announced today that the course will begin on Thursday, January 12, and will be taught each Thursday from 4:25 p. m. to 6 p. m. until the close of the semester on May 4. Tuition will be \$50. Dr. Gettys urged all interested persons to contact him or Miss Pennington for further details.

With the inauguration of this course, Presbyterian College offers a painting studio for adults of the area. The course will be concerned with the techniques of oil painting, and each student will work at his own level of comprehension and ability.

In Miss Pennington, the college has a well-qualified instructor who began this year to develop an art program on campus. Dean Gettys said her initial efforts among the student body had met with marked success. Persons interested in taking one of these credit courses in art also are requested to contact Dr. Gettys.

First Baptist To Have Vesper Service on Sunday

The First Baptist Church of Clinton will have a special vesper service on Sunday, Christmas Day, at 5 p. m., according to an announcement made earlier this week by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Darr.

The public is invited to attend the service and the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:45 a. m., followed by morning worship at 11. The evening worship and training union meeting have been cancelled.

County Health Dept. to Close

Dr. Von A. Long, director of the Laurens County Health Department, states that the department will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Dec. 26 for Christmas holidays.

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On \$120,000 Project

County Airport Gets \$55,750 Appropriation

Candlelight Service At Lutheran Church On Saturday Evening

The annual candlelight service, which has become a tradition at St. John's Lutheran Church, will be held on Saturday evening, Dec. 24, beginning at 8:30.

In addition to the symbolic lighting of the candles, the program will consist largely of the singing of Christmas carols and a short meditation by Dr. E. B. Keisler, interim pastor.

The offering at the service will be equally divided between the Lowman Home and the Lutheran Children's Home.

The public is cordially invited.

Liquor Still Near Clinton Raided

There will be less illegal Christmas cheer in Laurens County this season as a result of a raid on an illegal distillery near Clinton Wednesday.

One Laurens County White man and four Negroes were arrested and arraigned before U. S. District Commissioner Jesse M. Ray in Greenville and charged with violation of liquor laws, according to Federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Agent Ben Bishop.

Bishop said Richard Johnson, White, and Elbert Byrd, Robert Price, Henry (H a c k) McMorris and Benny Simpkins, Negroes, were arrested.

The still, in the kitchen of an abandoned four-room house about five miles northeast of Clinton, was raided Tuesday about 9 p. m., Bishop said.

He said the house had been under surveillance for two weeks and that officers had seen the equipment being brought in and set up.

"They apparently weren't familiar with what they were doing," Bishop said. "They had a lot of trouble getting going."

The officers moved in during the first run of the distillery and arrested the men. They returned Wednesday and destroyed a 250-gallon tank-type still, plywood vats with a 2,000-gallon mash capacity, 500 gallons of whiskey and seized a 1965 Pontiac.

Taking part in the raid were federal agents Bishop, Robert Briggs and Wade G. Lord; SLED officer J. V. Morris; and Laurens County Sheriff's Lt. C. D. Benjamin Jr. and Deputy Houston Crawford.

Kiwanis Club Meet On Thursday

The Clinton Kiwanis Club will meet at the Mary Musgrove Hotel at 7:00 p. m. Thursday, December 22. This meeting is the special Christmas wrapping for the Thorne family. After the bags are prepared, sandwiches and coffee will be served.

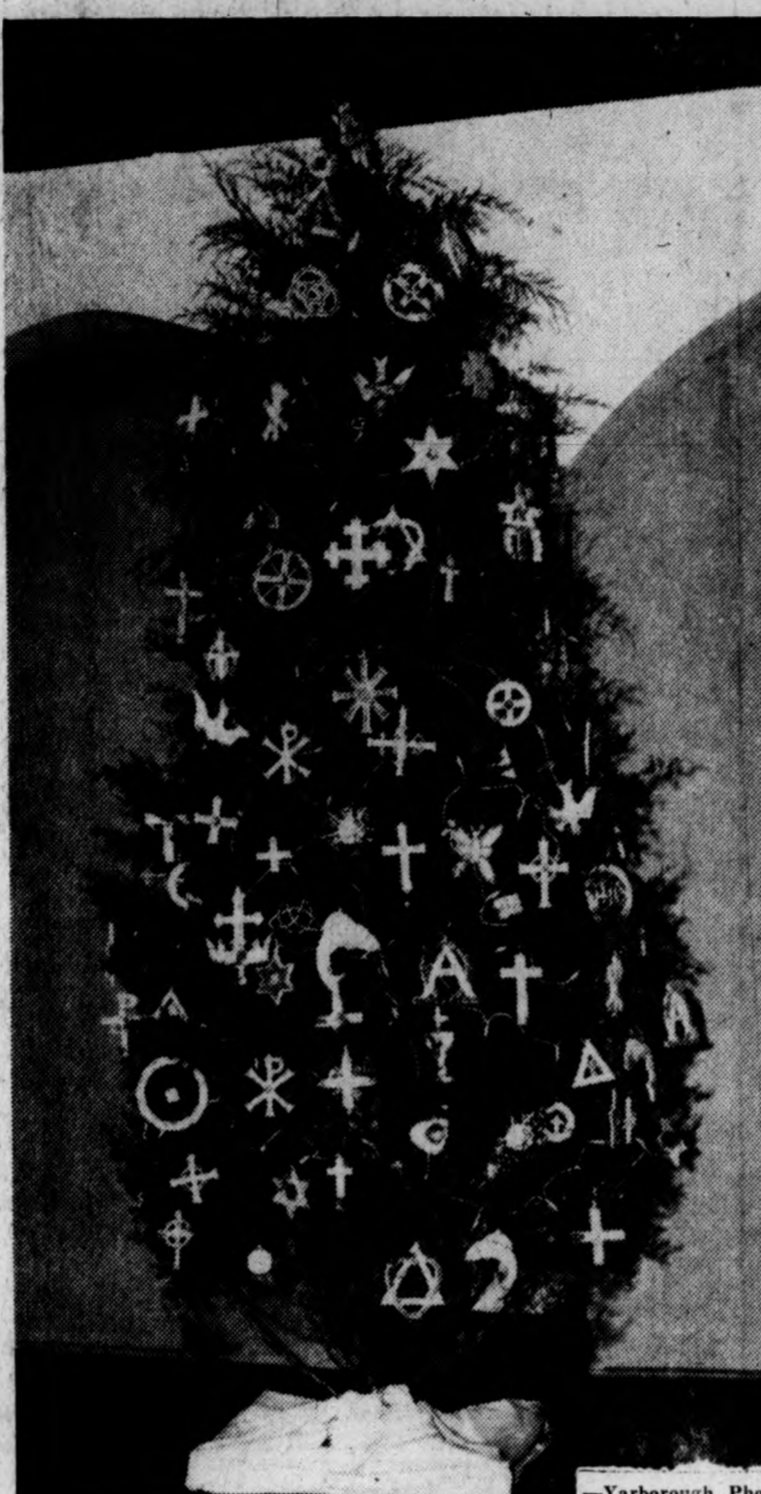
Cross Hill Man Critically Hurt

Memphis, Tenn. — A Cross Hill, S. C. man, Perry Tughes Simpson, 21, is in critical condition in a Memphis hospital as a result of a two-car collision near here Friday night.

Tennessee officers said the wreck took the lives of two Millington Tenn. men. The wreck apparently occurred when the two cars involved in the collision were attempting to avoid two other vehicles on the highway.

Two 17-year-olds have been arrested and charged with reckless driving, police said. Simpson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Alexander Simpson of Cross Hill, is stationed at a U. S. Naval Air Station near Millington, was expected home for Christmas on Tuesday.

Killed were William R. (Buddy) Stocks and James R. Welch of Millington. One occupant of the car in which Simpson was riding, Steve M. Thorne (also stationed at the Naval Air Station), is in critical condition. A third occupant, 15-year-old Michael L. Wiley of Memphis, was listed in fair condition.



—Yarborough Photo

"Chrismon" Tree Introduced To Community by Lutherans

St. John's Lutheran Church is introducing to the community this Christmas season the Chrismon tree - an ordinary green tree decorated, not with the usual ornaments, tinsel and colored lights, but with many Christian monograms and other symbols.

The committee responsible for decorating the tree and the church consisted of Mrs. Rhett Adair, Mrs. Gladys Boland, Mrs. Mildred Bowers, Mrs. E. B. Keisler, Mrs. Shelton J. Rimer, Mrs. Walter A. Sigman, Jr., Mrs. W. S. Werts and Mrs. A. C. Workman, Jr. Mrs. Rimer was named chairman.

The tree will enrich the congregation's annual candlelight service on the evening of Dec. 24, beginning at 8:30, the regular Christmas Day service and probably the Holy Communion service Jan. 1.

On Thursday evening of this week, anytime between 7:30 and 8:30, members and friends may view the tree. The same opportunity will be afforded on next Monday and Tuesday evenings at the same hour.

P. Adair, Mrs. Julian R. Reynolds and Mrs. Walter A. Sigman, Jr., the latter serving as chairman. Other members of the organization, as well as Mr. Sigman, lent valuable assistance.

The idea originated in 1957 with Mrs. Harry W. Spencer, a member of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Danville, Va., when she was thinking of appropriate ornaments for the tree in her church for Christmas that year.

The concept has caught the imagination of Christians of all denominations and in practically every land. At least the standing committee in Danville has received requests for instructions from every continent except one. Last year the Atlanta Episcopal Church of the Incarnation had a tree in its sanctuary for the first time in its 84 years of existence - because it was decorated with Chrismons.

The Weekly Church Bulletin Service of the Lutheran Church in America said in its bulletin for last Sunday, "Where Chrismons are used and their meaning understood, the good news of Christmas is presented with beauty, dignity and power."

More than one hundred ornaments are on the local tree which stands in St. John's sanctuary and were made under the direction of and largely by the committee of the local women's organization which consisted of Mrs. Rhett

Adair, Mrs. Julian R. Reynolds and Mrs. Walter A. Sigman, Jr., the latter serving as chairman. Other members of the organization, as well as Mr. Sigman, lent valuable assistance.

The site of the meeting will be the court room in Laurens, and the public is invited to attend and make requests for services and suggestions for better government.

Department heads of the county are requested to present their budget needs at the meeting and file a copy with the delegation secretary.

Mrs. Martin to Head March of Dimes Drive

A team of community leaders has been named to direct the March of Dimes fight against birth defects in the Clinton - Joanna - Mountville - Cross Hill area of Laurens County.

Heading the January 1967 campaign will be Mrs. D. Harold Martin of Clinton.

In discussing the campaign Mrs. Martin pointed out the growing number of March of Dimes supported centers where birth defect children receive superior treatment from teams of trained medical professionals. She noted that

there are 77 of these centers in operation.

In planning for the coming campaign, Mrs. Martin named leaders to the following committees: Mothers March, Mrs. George Frady; Teen Age Program, Mrs. Ben Ivey; Mailers, Mrs. Fred Keighn; Special Gifts, the Reverend E. W. Rogers; Business and Industry, J. R. Swetenberg and Publicity, Mrs. Miles P. Powell.

Last year's campaign netted over \$2,000 in the Mother's March alone, according to Mrs. Martin, who expressed hopes for an even more successful drive in 1967.

The proposed \$120,000 airport construction project for Laurens County became a step nearer reality this week when the Federal Aviation Agency announced the allocation of \$55,750 for the program.

The county will supply \$30,000 and S. C. Aeronautics Commission will appropriate another \$30,000 for the work.

According to the announcement from Washington, the local airport project calls for land clearing zone, construction of an east-west runway 3200 feet long and 60 feet wide, connecting taxiway and apron, and installation of wind cone and segmented circle.

Fourteen applications for airport funds were received from South Carolina, but only eight were approved.

According to Laurens County Senator William C. Dobbins, a 75-ft. wide runway was originally included, and also a \$60,000 federal appropriation. Federal specifications, however changed the width to 60 feet, and a \$55,750 appropriation. Standards set up by the FAA require the 60-ft. width, it was stated.

Dobbins stated that if, upon later determination, a 75-ft. wide runway is found to be more desirable to better serve the needs of the airport, he would be in favor of the county supplying the additional funds to make up the \$60,000 total, which would amount to \$4,250.

John Talbert and Associates, Inc., of Wilmington, N. C., are consulting engineers for the project.

Dobbins stated that as soon as he receives official notice of the allotment of funds from the FAA, he will send a copy to the engineers, and they will proceed to draw up plans and specifications for the proposed construction. Bids will be taken and the contract let as early as practicable. Dobbins said construction is expected to get underway as the weather permits next spring.

Senator Dobbins stated that this initial building of the airport to federal standards will insure further expansion as needs may require, the cost of which is expected to be borne by the Federal Aviation Agency.

Dobbins further said that once the airport is constructed, no expense for upkeep will be required from the county, since it will be maintained by the State Aeronautics Commission.

Laurens County Conservationists At State Meeting

District supervisors W. P. Wickson, Ryan F. Lawson, J. W. Tinsley and J. B. O'Dell, work unit conservationist, were Laurens County's representatives at the State Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors' annual convention in Columbia last week.

Lawson, chairman of the Board of Laurens District Supervisors, is a member of the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee. He also served as chairman of the Legislative Committee and took an active part on programs at the meeting last week.

District supervisors serve as the governing officials for the Conservation District. The Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture is the technical arm of the districts.

Merry Christmas