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THE GINORYS — Dr. and Mrs. Alfredo A. Ginory are shown above with their children, Elizabeth, and Alfredo Jr. They came to the United

States 18 months ago from Cuba. He is a member of the staff at Whitten Village.

Ginorys Trade Material Things For Freedom

You are hereby allotted four ounces of meat per week for each member of your family.

You may use one pair of shoes, three shirts and three pairs of pants this year.

If you want to buy an automobile tire, you can get an old one that is recappable for about \$60.

You're right, most Americans would scream bloody murder about such restrictions but those are some of the facts of life in Cuba today, according to Dr. Alfredo A. Ginory. Dr. Ginory, a member of the medical staff at Whitten Village, and his family are refugees from Castro's Cuba.

They left Cuba about 18 months ago to come to America. The process of trying to leave Cuba usually takes about a year but Dr. Ginory and his family had to wait for three years. The Ginorys and their parents had applied to leave Cuba at the same time but they are still waiting for their parents to be released.

Upon leaving Cuba, the Ginorys were not allowed to take any money or possessions other than 30 pounds of clothes.

Dr. Ginory says, "The government is in complete control of every move in Cuba. Meat is rationed out at four ounces per person each week. Clothes also are issued. A man

usually receives one pair of shoes per year, three shirts and three pairs of pants.

"If a person wishes to purchase something extra, he might be able to buy it at a very high price. Most buying and selling is done through the black market. An old automobile tire that is recappable sells for around \$60. A new tire may cost around \$100.

Dr. Ginory says that education has suffered in Cuba. The prime qualification for becoming a teacher is to be a dedicated Communist, he said. As an example, he said that he knew of one teacher who has a second grade education but is now a school teacher because she is a good Communist.

Dr. Ginory and his family—wife Maria and children Alfredo Jr. and Elizabeth—are making their home at Whitten Village and he said they are very happy in Clinton.

"Upon arriving in America, we could speak little English but everyone at Whitten Village has been very good and has helped us to learn and understand. The children's teachers also are very helpful."

He said, "We left many material things behind in Cuba—things such as money and possessions—but we believe we are giving our children an even more precious gift — freedom."

Mayor Discusses His Hopes City Has Busy Slate For '68

What is in store for Clinton in 1968?

Construction work may start on the proposed city hall. There may be some improvement in the downtown traffic situation. Preliminary plans may be in the works on moving the CNL railroad line from downtown Clinton.

Those are some of the things Clinton Mayor Noland Suddeth would like to see happen and are goals toward which he will be working in 1968.

1968

Asked what he hopes to see the city accomplish in 1968, Suddeth said:

"We hope to hire architects in the near future to draw up plans for the proposed city hall. If things go alright, we hope to take bids on the proposal sometime next summer."

During 1967, the city purchased a lot on Broad Street as the site for the city hall.

Listing other things he'd like to see the city accomplish, he said, "We hope to improve the fire department by providing them with more equipment if we can afford it. We'd also like to improve the traffic situation downtown. Plans already have been drawn to widen the intersection at Broad and Carolina Avenue and we believe this will do much to relieve the traffic situation."

"We would like to improve all city departments in both personnel and equipment but this is a day-to-day project that we're working on constantly."

"We hope that at least some preliminary work can be started on using to the city's advantage the CNL Railroad's plans to remove its tracks through the downtown area. The Planning Commission is working on that."

1967

Looking back on 1967, Mayor Suddeth can see numerous accomplishments by the city. These include:

—Appointment of the City Planning Commission. Mayor Suddeth believes this is one of the key accomplishments.

"We have some fine business men working on this commission and anytime you can get such men to contribute their time and efforts toward planning for the city's future, you have done much to assure a healthy, orderly growth," Suddeth said.

—Purchase of the property for the City Hall.

—Preliminary planning toward construction of a sewage lagoon on the north-east side of town which will put the city completely on a lagoon system since three already have been constructed on the other three sides of town.

—Purchase of land for construction of a 100-million-gallon reservoir to be constructed by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service as part of the Duncan Creek Watershed project. This reservoir, which will cover about 70 acres of land, will provide water for the future growth of the town which has an average consumption rate of 2 million gallons daily. The contract may be let next spring.

—Filed an application for a federal grant to finance a land use and population study

for the city. This study will show the city exactly where it stands now and will be a guide in planning for the future.

—Instituted a three-year program of changing the street lights from series incandescent to mercury vapor. The vapor lights give about three times as much light but operate on less wattage. There are about 400 to 500 street lights in Clinton and the project already is about half completed. City officials

hope that by the end of next summer, only about 150 will remain to be changed.

The city is running ahead on the project primarily because of the copper wire market. The price on used copper wire has soared in recent months. The city has been taking down copper wire, selling it and using the proceeds to purchase new vapor lights. Thus far, the city has purchased about 30 extra lights with its extra copper income. The

lights cost about \$35 each. —Negotiated for awarding the city's cablevision franchise. Suddeth said that if current proposals go through, the cablevision system might be in operation during 1968.

OTHERS

Suddeth added, "There are several accomplishments which the city didn't have much to do with but which I feel are significant."

"Such as completion of the Laurens - Clinton highway. Credit for that must go to

the Chamber of Commerce and Sen. W. C. (Bill) Dobbins. Also, the YMCA organization got off the ground during 1967 and this is something that will have a major and wholesome influence on the town in the future. The Jaycees started that.

"Also, the business climate in Clinton was extremely good in 1967 and we expect it to continue in 1968. We are attracting shoppers from a wider area now and the business community is thriving."

Roberts Promoted At Clinton Mills

David H. Roberts has been named to the newly created position of assistant vice president in charge of manufacturing for Clinton Mills, effective January 1.

Roberts, who was president of the Southern Textile Association in 1962-63, has been manager of Clinton Mills' Lydia Plant.

J. B. Templeton, vice president in charge of manufacturing, announced Roberts' appointment and other management changes. He said the new appointments were made at this time to bring about an orderly transition pending his scheduled retirement June 1, 1968.

Templeton said the following appointments were also made effective January 1:

John R. (Dick) Swetenburg, Jr., superintendent of Clinton Plant No. 1, will succeed Roberts as Lydia Plant manager.

Sam S. Williams, overseer of carding at Clinton Plant No. 1, will succeed Swetenburg as superintendent of Clinton Plant No. 1.

A successor to Williams will be named shortly, Templeton said.

Roberts came to Clinton Mills in 1953 as Lydia Plant superintendent after service with Spartan Mills, Springs Mills, and Monroe Cotton Mills. A native of Laurens, and graduate of Laurens High School, Roberts attended Clemson University and began his textile career in 1935.

In addition to his close association with industry matters through STA, Roberts is a Mason and a past president of the Clinton Kiwanis Club. He was a Clinton School District trustee for 10 years. He is married to the former Evelyn McKibben of Fort Mill. They have two daughters and are members of the Broad Street Methodist Church, where Roberts is chairman of the finance committee.

Swetenburg, a native of Anderson and a 1956 graduate of Clemson University, joined Clinton Mills in 1963 after several years with Pacolet Industries.

Williams was born in Great Falls. He is a 1954 graduate of Presbyterian College, and did additional study at Clemson University in 1968. He joined Clinton Mills in 1963, while still attending Presbyterian College.



D. H. ROBERTS



J. B. TEMPLETON

Delegation Plans Open Meeting

LAURENS — An open meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Jan. 8, by the Laurens County legislative delegation for the purpose of receiving budget requests from various departments.

The meeting is to start at 10 a. m. and will be held in the courtroom of the Laurens County Courthouse.

Representative David S. Taylor, secretary for the delegation, said that anyone who would like to appear before the delegation will be heard at this meeting.

He requested that all persons who want to address the delegation should contact him so that an agenda can be drawn up for the meeting.



BRUCE GALLOWAY . . . Sang For His Supper

Bruce Galloway Makes Recording

A Clinton school teacher who once literally sang for his supper has made a recording of hymns and spiritual songs.

Bruce Galloway, a civics teacher at Clinton High School who also is a well-known local tenor, made the recording under the Emerald label.

The songs include "In The Secret Of His Presence"; "Pilot Me"; "Precious Lord"; "In The Garden of My Heart"; "Is My Master Satisfied with Me"; "When They Ring Those Golden Bells"; "Blessed Redeemer"; "Over-shadowed"; "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"; "How Great Thou Art"; "I'd Rather Have Jesus"; "On Calvary".

Robinette-Goldman Recording Studios of Greenwood label Galloway is accompanied on the organ by his daughter, Mrs. Ryan (Betty) Eklund whose husband is pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Greenwood.

The records may be purchased from Galloway or at The Chronicle office.

In 1927, Galloway sang for his supper at an Atlanta hotel one summer while playing professional baseball.

Galloway and a teammate were sitting on the porch of the hotel, listening to the orchestra which was playing in the dining room. On a wager, Galloway went up to the orchestra leader and asked if

he could sing a number with the orchestra. He sang one number, was encouraged to sing another and the dining room manager then made Galloway the offer to sing each night for his supper. Members of the baseball team were allowed \$2.50 per day each for meals and Galloway said, "That's about all I had so I gratefully accepted the offer."

Galloway, an outstanding athlete, played professional baseball for several years and managed to combine it with a musical career on several other occasions. The owner of the team in Hagerstown, Md., also produced a musical show so Galloway worked for him both as a baseball player and a singer. A native of Clinton, Galloway was athletic director and teacher at Joanna for 17 years as superintendent of schools for 17 years. He returned to Clinton three years ago.

While at Furman, he studied voice during his senior year and also took voice lessons in Hagerstown, Md.

Most of his singing now is in connection with church activities. He usually sings at five or six revivals a year and is called on often to sing at various other church functions.

Ashmore Says He Won't Run

Congressman Robert T. Ashmore announced today that he will not be a candidate for re-election to congress from the Fourth District of South Carolina, which includes Laurens County.

Ashmore said, "Reaching this decision, has been difficult; however, after thoughtfully weighing all the factors involved, I have concluded that I should retire at the end of my current term of office, that is, Dec. 31, 1968. At that time I will be almost 65 years of age and will have spent 36 years or more than half my life, in public service.

"I shall continue to serve to the best of my ability during this last year of my eighth term in Congress. I am announcing my retirement at this time so that the people of the Fourth District may have more than ample time to consider and choose my successor."

The Congressman noted the increased "demands, pressures stresses and strains" upon legislators and said, "Frankly, my physical endurance is not what it was when I was younger. I became tired and fatigued much faster now."

The only announced candidate for the seat now occu-

ped by Ashmore is Charles Bradshaw, a Republican, of Spartanburg. Bradshaw is a former All-American football player at Wofford College and is president of Spartan Investments, Inc., parent firm of the Hardee's restaurant chain.

1st In '68—It's A Boy!

The first baby born at Bailey Memorial Hospital in 1968 is a boy.

Robert Dwayne Patterson isn't exactly a New Year's baby although he was the first in '68. The Patterson boy was born at 7:10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Weighing in at six pounds, seven ounces, he is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Patterson of 205 E. Ferguson St.

Beaverdam Church 161 Years Old

By BILL QUARLES

Laurens County's oldest Baptist Church will observe its 161st anniversary this year.

Beaverdam Baptist Church of Mountville, built in 1807, still stands on the same lot where it was first constructed.

The land to build the church was given by John Bailey. The first meeting house was built of logs and obviously all of the work was done by hand. The second building to be constructed was built just before the Civil War. All of the bricks were made by slaves on a nearby farm.

In the old days, Baptist preachers were called elders. A preacher was a member of a church and received no salary. Most of the time he made his livelihood by farming. Elder Nathaniel Hall was the first pastor of Beaverdam Church. On the long list of honored pastors is Dr. R. G. Lee, a noted Baptist author.

The name, Beaverdam, was suggested by Mrs. Ogilvia Fuller, wife of Solomon Fuller, members of a prominent family in the community. In

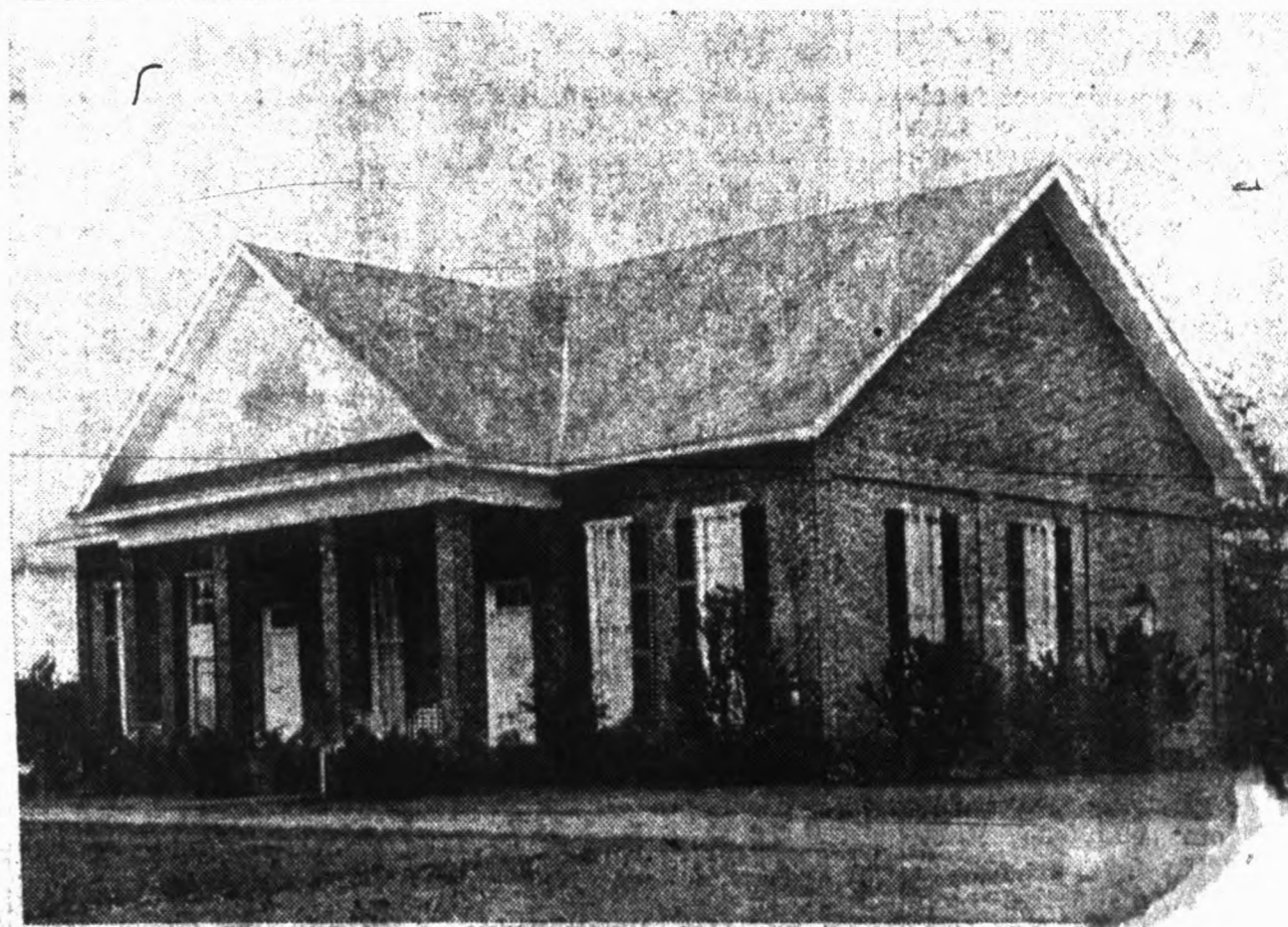
those early days the Post Office was also named Beaverdam.

Pastors' salary first began in the 1830s. The church tried a Sunday School program in the 1840s but failed. Their efforts were continued in 1863 and their Sunday School is still thriving today.

On each side of the present church, are old graveyards. The white masters were buried in coffins made by their slaves and their tombstones were hand-carved. The slaves are buried in the same plot as their owners. Their graves are marked with just piles of rocks.

White members brought their slaves to church with them. A special section was designated for the slaves. In 1851 there were 64 whites and 16 colored members. Colored membership was at its peak in 1865 with 76 recorded. The colored members began withdrawing to form separate churches soon after the Civil War.

Beaverdam has been a mother to many churches in Laurens County. It is the "grandmother" of Laurens First Baptist, Clinton First Baptist, and Holly Grove Baptist.



SITE OF OLDEST CHURCH—The current building shown is the site of the oldest Baptist church in Laurens County. The