

WEATHER

(Feb. 26-March 5)
High: 57 (March 2) Low: 22 (Feb. 27)
Rainfall: .54 in. (March 1)

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Solons Introduce County Work Bill

Legislation was introduced Tuesday in the General Assembly defining public roads and giving the County Supervisor some guidelines to go by in use of county crews and equipment.

The legislation was introduced by Reps. David Taylor and Paul Culbertson and is expected to be passed in the House this week and the State Senate next week.

After it passes the senate, it becomes effective upon the approval of the governor.

Taylor said, "We hope this legislation will help ease the current situation so we can have continued growth and progress in Laurens County."

A recent court order prohibits the use of county crews

and equipment on private property, including industrial developments, subdivisions, civic and church projects.

The bill introduced Tuesday defines a public road as any road serving two or more property owners or connecting two public roads which have been worked by the County Supervisor or State Highway Department.

It also says the supervisor can perform work 50 feet from the center line of any public road or 35 feet from the edge of the road, whichever is greater.

Taylor said the new legislation would allow the supervisor for example, to install a culvert pipe or cut a driveway so that a property owner would have access to his property.

The bill says that any material or work performed for the purpose of ingress or to egress from property not covered or authorized by the above section may be furnished or performed at cost. Such work may be done without cost in the event it is necessary by reason of death, illness or serious accident to permit the ingress or egress for ambulances or other emergency vehicles.

Section four says the supervisor may work on travelable roads serving two or more bona fide and distinct property owners.

Section five says the supervisor may use work crews of the county "not otherwise needed for public work" to perform services for charitable organizations or cemeteries provided any cost shall be borne by such group.

The legislation leaves it to the county commissioners and the supervisor to determine what costs to the county should be billed to private taxpayers who get work done by the county.

forts by Taylor after a petition was presented by Clinton and Joanna citizens requesting that the local office be re-opened.

The Highway Department previously operated an office in Clinton but closed it last year and centralized its testing program in the Laurens office.

Clinton and Joanna petitioners protested that it was difficult to get to the Laurens office before the office's 5 p.m. closing time.

Taylor said that location of the Clinton office will be announced in the near future.

Drivers' Test Center Planned For Clinton

Laurens County Rep. David S. Taylor announced Tuesday that the State Highway Department has agreed to set up a drivers license testing station in Clinton on a part-time basis.

Taylor said Highway Department officials told him they would operate a drivers license office in Clinton at least one day a week. He said they would keep the office open until 7 or 8 p.m. on that day so that persons who work until 5 p.m. might have an opportunity to visit the office.

The action results from ef-

New Members Named To Plan Commission

Four new members were named to the Greater Clinton Planning Commission Monday night at the regular monthly meeting of the Clinton City Council.

Named to the commission were Richard Bodmer, general manager of the Clinton Bearings Plant of the Torrington Co.; G. Edward Campbell, business manager of Presbyterian College; Thomas F. Hollis, president of Hollis Transport Co.; and W. C. Dobbins, insurance representative and former state senator.

Their terms will expire April 1, 1973.

They succeed T. E. Addison, Roy Holtzclaw, Dr. M. A. Macdonald and David Myers, whose terms expire April 1 of this year.

In other business before council, Mayor Harry Layton announced that the city's applica-

tion for a 701 Planning grant has been made and is in the hands of the State Planning Commission. This grant will include a study for zoning of the city.

Council also approved the employment of Anderson Electric Company to move power lines on Caldwell Street. The State Highway Department is going to re-grade and pave Caldwell Street and the power lines must be relocated to clear the right-of-way.

Council reaffirmed a resolution passed several years ago concerning the enabling act for the Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority. The routine action instructs the three members of city council who serve on the Natural Gas Authority Board not to approve any amendment to the Natural Gas act which was passed by the state legislature unless it is approved by the entire council.

Governor, Three Others To Be Honored At PC

South Carolina Governor Robert E. McNair and three other men will receive honorary degrees at Presbyterian College's 89th commencement exercises on May 18, according to action taken by the PC board of trustees at its annual March meeting today.

McNair, whose son will be getting his undergraduate degree from PC on the same program, will be awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree. Others chosen to be honored at this time are:

The Rev. Charles Robert Tapp, superintendent of the Presbyterian Home in Summerville, and the Rev. Max Milligan, Jr., pastor of the Claremont Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Ga., both honorary doctor of divinity; and John Osman, PC alumnus of Washington's Brookings Institution and a nationally recognized consultant for urban and regional development, an honorary doctor of laws.

The PC trustees also adopted a \$2-1/2 million budget for the 1969-70 fiscal year and reelected as its officers: Dr. Eugene T. Wilson, Atlanta minister, chairman; Industrialist James A. Chapman Jr., of Spartanburg, vice-chairman and William L. Watkins, Anderson attorney, secretary.

Board members arrived on Monday night for standing committee meetings, met with student representatives Tuesday morning before going into their full session. Reports were made by President Marc C. Weersing and other administrative officers.

The specific items of the 1969-70 budget include: instructional--\$778,000; administrative and general--\$317,000; operations and maintenance of plant--\$168,000; student aid--\$170,000; auxiliary enterprises such as rooming and boarding operations--\$874,552; and contingencies and depreciation--\$154,148.

PC Trustees Back Indirect State Aid

Indirect state aid to private colleges of South Carolina has received the unanimous endorsement of the Presbyterian College board of trustees.

The school's governing body, in official session Tuesday, approved recommendations of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education calling for the General Assembly to provide financial help in the form of student tuition equalization grants and other assistance.

Its formal statement added:

"In urging action by the General Assembly the Presbyterian College trustees emphasize to the South Carolina legislators that 26 other states already have recognized both the value and the plight of their own private colleges by authorizing similar types of indirect financial help."

The trustee resolution restated briefly the primary reasons why constitutionally sound indirect

state aid to private colleges is now in the best interest of South Carolina higher education.

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SCOUTING'S HIGHEST AWARD— R. Micheal (Mike) Turner of Clinton, left, receives scouting's highest award for adult scout leaders, The Silver Beaver, Tuesday night at the annual recognition dinner of the eight-county Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America. The award is presented by an Eagle Scout from Troop 57 in Greenwood. Looking on

is Mrs. Turner, the former Marcia Galloway. Turner, active in scouting for 14 years, is a former Explorer advisor, assistant scoutmaster and for the past eight years has been scoutmaster of Troop 111. The dinner was held at Furman University in Greenville. Six Silver Beaver awards were presented at the meeting.

Watch For Bunny-anza!

Bunny-anza is coming to Clinton!

It's the first major promotion by the new Clinton Merchants and Businessmen's Association.

Merchants who have not yet signed up for the association and want to participate in this promotion should contact Tom West, association coordinator.

Rotary Radio Day Slated For April 14

In cooperation with Radio Station WPCG, Monday April 14, has been designated as 1969 Rotary Radio Rodeo.

All revenue realized from the sale of radio time by Rotarians will be retained by the Clinton Rotary Club for the express purpose of promoting worthwhile projects. The project for this year is the YMCA building fund. Rotarians will sell radio advertising for this special day, will prepare all "copy" in cooperation with the staff of the station, and will actually be announcing "on-the-air" from 6 a.m. until sign-off on Monday, April 14.

Rates for the 1969 Rotary Radio Rodeo will be the same for all advertisers: \$5 per spot. These rates will prevail regardless of the present contract rate an advertiser may have with WPCG. Participation in this special Rotary Radio Rodeo will be in addition to any regular schedule of commercial time on WPCG.

Roy Suber To Speak

The South Carolina Retarded Childrens Association will meet on Thursday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room of Laurens Federal Savings and Loan.

Dr. Roy Suber will be guest speaker.

Cornelson Is Named President Of Chamber Of Commerce

George Henry Cornelson, vice president of Clinton Mills, will be installed as president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce Monday night, Feb. 17, at the annual membership meeting.

He has served during the past year as first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Cornelson will succeed Dr. Louis M. Stephens.

A graduate of N. C. State, Cornelson received the MBA degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.



GEORGE CORNELSON



MANUFACTURER SPEAKS AT PC—Malcolm P. Niven of Greenville (second from right), president of the Carolina Manufacturing Co., presents a box of his HAV-A-HANK handkerchiefs to professors of the Presbyterian College economics and business administration department after ad-

ressing their seminar Monday. Shown with Niven, from left, are: James F. Sailors, J. Frost Walker and Dr. Michael Marr. The class is designed to acquaint seniors with the challenges of the business community. Niven is a member of the PC board of trustees.

Mann To Address Annual Chamber Of Commerce Meet

Congressman James R. Mann (D-SC) will be featured speaker Monday, March 17, at the annual membership banquet of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

The dutch dinner will be held at Mary Musgrave Hotel, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Reservation cards will be mailed out next Monday and should be returned by March 14.

New officers and new directors will be recognized at the banquet. Dr. Louis M. Stephens, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will preside.

A native of Greenville, Mann was elected last November to Congress from the Fourth District of South Carolina which includes Laurens, Greenville and Spartanburg counties.

He is a graduate of The Citadel (1941) and University of South Carolina Law School magna cum laude (1947).

He served three terms as solicitor of the Thirteenth Judi-



CONGRESSMAN MANN
cial Circuit of S. C. (Greenville and Pickens counties).

Congressman Mann was president of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce in 1965.

He is married to the former Virginia Thomason Brunson and they have three sons and a daughter.

Two Charged In Jewelry Theft

Two men have been charged with grand larceny in connection with the theft of over \$1,600 in jewelry from J. C. Thomas Jewellers store in Clinton.

The two white men were arrested early Friday morning by Clinton Policeman Roland Tidwell. He said one of the men was coming out of the store, carrying two handfuls of rings. The other man was sitting in a car in front of the store, he said.

Tidwell said the arrests were made at 1:50 a.m. Friday. He said entrance to the store was gained by prying open the front door with a tire tool.

Police declined to identify the two men, saying only that they were from out of town.

World Day Of Prayer Service Sunday

"Growing Together in Christ" is the topic for the World Day of Prayer services to be held tomorrow Friday, March 7, in the sanctuary of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, 701 S. Broad St., at 4 p.m.

The Women's Societies of Clinton churches invite--and urge--the public to join the sponsoring group in observing this day of worldwide dedication to Christ and to promotion of his work.

The brief program emphasizes audience participation and music, including a youth choir and a soloist. Boy Scouts will serve as ushers. Scout and Campfire groups are invited to attend and sit with their respective units.

A nursery will be provided for pre-school children.

Take Vacation

Presbyterian College students will make an enthusiastic bow to Spring this Friday when they head home for the start of a ten-day Spring vacation period.

'Days In Court' Shock Merchant

A Clinton businessman had his day in Laurens County court recently and he was disturbed by what he believes is inefficiency and lack of communication in court.

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Gross said, "I was willing to see the cases through because I've always felt that citizens should be willing to assist the courts."

Gross went to General Sessions Court on a Monday, a day when snow and ice had made driving conditions hazardous. He sat there all day without being called. He returned to court on Tuesday and spent two more hours in court. He spent five minutes before the grand jury during that time.

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However, he was informed on Thursday that the case which had been scheduled for trial on Monday had been postponed until the next session of court because the defense lawyer was serving in the General Assembly.

Gross said, "We hear a lot about the public being encouraged to assist the courts in enforcing the law and meting out justice and I'm certainly willing to do my part. However, if we are to expect public participation in the courts, there must be some consideration shown for those willing to participate."

Gross has a business to run and was considerably upset at the unnecessary time lost in court because of a lack of communication within the court.

Gross said, "I understand this is not an isolated incident."

"On the Monday I was there, there were 20 to 25 policemen,

including patrolmen, deputies and city policemen, sitting in court waiting for cases to be called. I understand some were there for the full five days of court. I don't understand why all those policemen have to be there. Those who work the third shift have to go without sleep to sit in court. It seems to me that any policeman could be in court within an hour after he is notified when his case is coming up."

"I realize the courts are extremely busy. Why can't they have some extra sessions to clear the docket?"

"It appears that we can send a man to the moon but we can't efficiently run a day in court."

Other Memoirs

BY JOE H. SIMPSON

Since my first venture in journalism with "MY MEMOIRS," I have been requested by many friends and relatives to continue recording the many items of interest concerning my generation. So,—here goes—"OTHER MEMOIRS."

As I have previously stated in my book, I am no English scholar, but I do love my fellowman and hope that I can state some other items of interest that will give joy and pleasure to the many readers of this area.

I will confine my facts to Clinton and the surrounding section. If, by chance, someone may become offended in any way, it will be strictly unintentional.

Won't you watch for this space next week and for the weeks to come to read, "OTHER MEMOIRS"?