

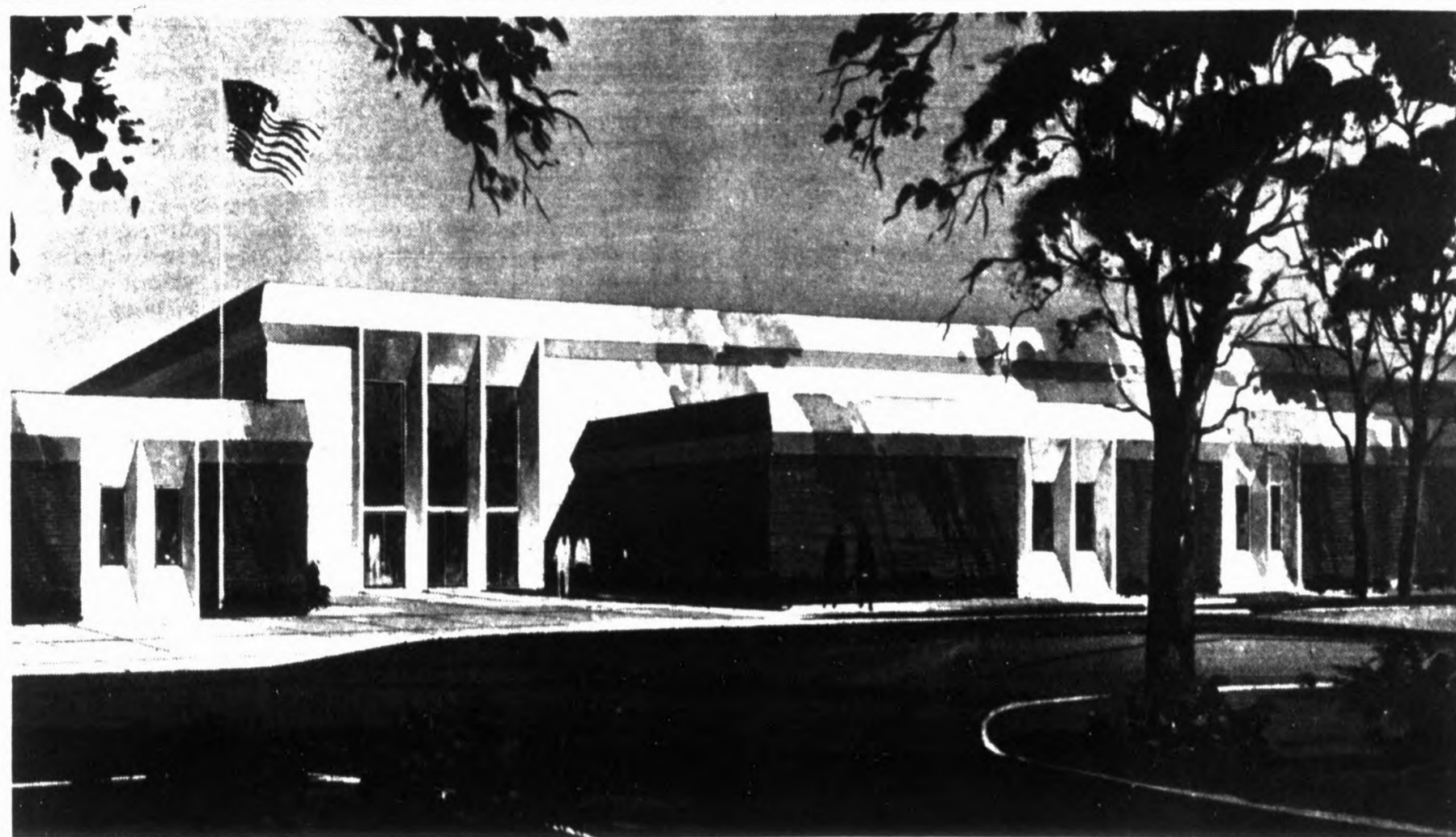
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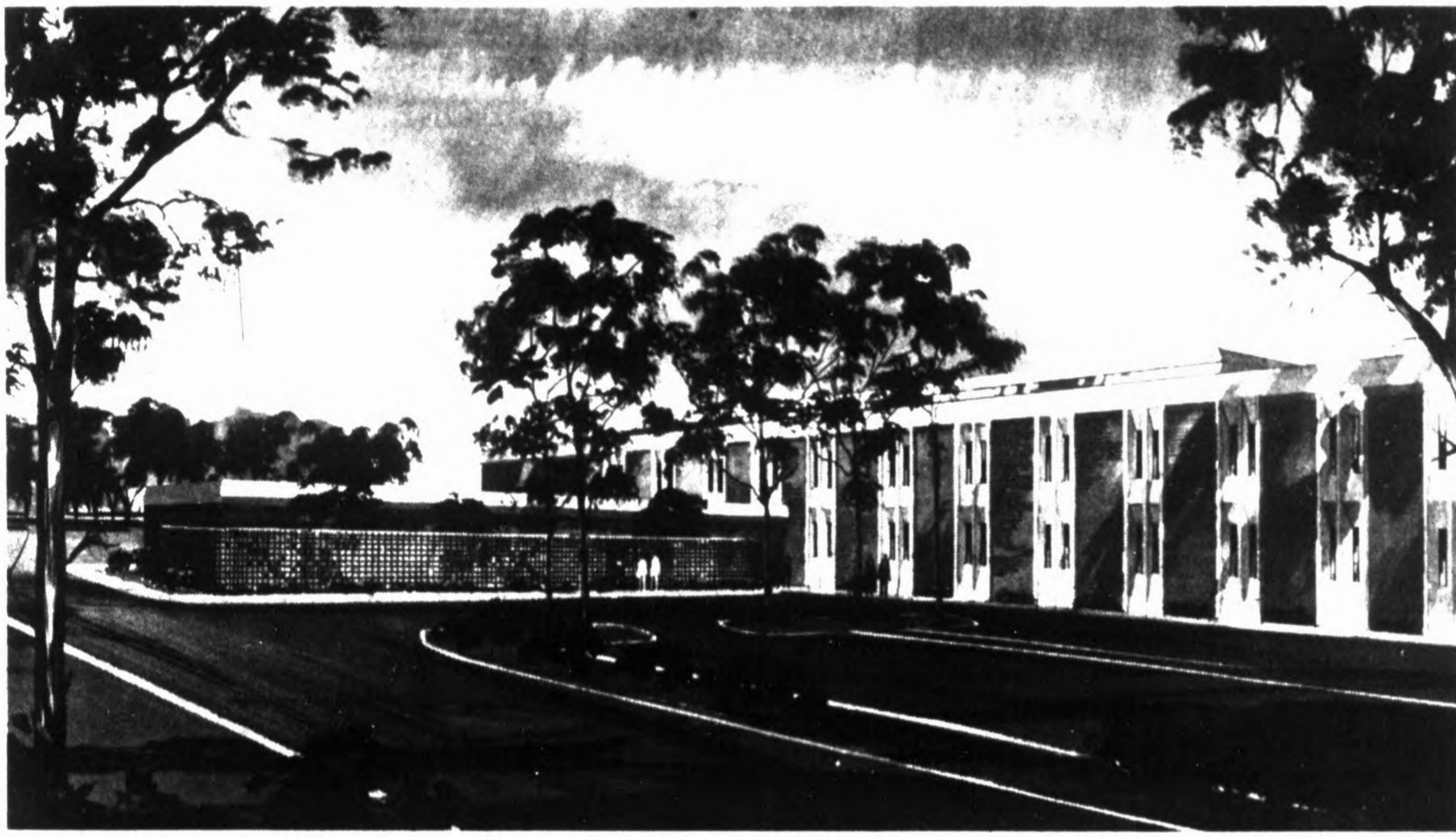
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PROPOSED COURTHOUSE — Shown above are architects' drawings of the proposed new Launrens County Courthouse. Above is the front and below is the rear. County voters will go to the polls on April 22 to cast ballots on issuance of up to \$1.8 million in bonds to finance construction of the courthouse. Voters also will be asked if they prefer that the new courthouse will be located on the 22-acre Todd property at the corner of Garlington Street and U.S. Highway 76 By-Pass or the

site of the former Launrens Central Elementary School located at the corner of Launrens Street and Church Street. The county's legislative delegation issued a statement saying, "The need for a new courthouse has been documented many times. The delegation is not taking a position as to site, however, we are taking a strong position in favor of the new courthouse. We urge every property owner and voter to go to the polls on April 22 and vote in favor of a new courthouse."



\$240,000 Referendum City Hall Vote April 15

The referendum on a new city hall for Clinton has been officially scheduled for Tuesday, April 15.

Clinton City Council met Monday night to hear protests about the proposal and to set the referendum date. No protests were presented so council proceeded with the official action of calling for the referendum.

City officials originally had said the referendum might call for issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$250,000. However, it was determined that only \$240,000 will be the maximum needed.

The city already has about \$260,000 in its building fund. The building fund is composed of the city's share of revenues from the Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority. City officials intend to use part of the Natural Gas revenues for the next few years to retire the proposed general obligation bonds.

The referendum question will be:

"Shall the City Council of the City of Clinton be empowered to issue and sell not exceeding \$240,000 of general obligation bonds of the City of Clinton, the proceeds of which shall be used for the purpose of defraying a part of the cost of constructing a new City Hall for the City of Clinton?"

Polls will be opened at 8 a.m. and will close at 7 a.m. on April 15. Polling places are: Clinton No. 1, City Hall; Clinton No. 2, National Guard Armory on South Broad Street; Clinton Mill, Clinton Mills Community House.

CHS Band Uniform Drive Gets Underway

A \$9,000 fundraising campaign for the purchase of new uniforms for the Clinton High School band got off to a flying start Monday night when an executive committee was selected at a meeting of band students' parents.

The meeting was held at Clinton High.

Mrs. A. C. Workman Jr. was named general chairman with Dr. R. H. Dawson as a project chairman. Others selected to serve on the executive committee are

Leaman Jones, treasurer; Mrs. Guy Tumlin and Mrs. Len Ledford, secretary; and Len Ledford, publicity chairman.

Named as area chairmen were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Perry, Clinton area; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy, Joanna area; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Finley, Mountview area; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Simpson, Cross Hill area.

These chairmen will name various committee members to work in conjunction with the executive committee. Mrs. Workman said, "Through this coordinated effort lies the success of the fund raising campaign for the much needed band uniforms."

Another meeting of area chairmen and the executive committee was held Tuesday night. Dr. Dawson outlined a schedule of coordinated events to take place in an all-out drive throughout School District 56.

Dr. Dawson said, "Among the events to take place will be public appearances of the Rev. Devil band, public solicitation of funds, a 'Band-A-Rama' of Rock and Soul groups in the area and projects which the Clinton High band members themselves would conduct."

Dr. Dawson announced Tuesday night that tentative plans already have been made to conduct a bake sale in front of Belks and Community Cash and for a car-stop solicitation campaign. No dates have been set for the two projects.

At the Monday night meeting, CHS Band Director Harry Bauknicht introduced a representative of a band uniform manufacturing firm who displayed uniforms similar in design to the proposed new CHS uniforms.

Bauknicht said, "We will have a uniform distinctly different from most in the area since several unique features of other leading and 'eye-catching' uniforms have been incorporated into the new CHS uniform."

"This is a uniform befitting the splendid students musicians who make up the Clinton Red Devil Marching Band and a uniform of lasting quality which School District 56 can be justly proud of."

Mrs. Workman and Dr. Dawson expressed their hope that area residents will enter into this fund raising drive with enthusiasm and that their response will make possible the purchase of the uniforms before the May 1 deadline. The uniforms must be purchased by May 1 in order to be available by next September.

Other Memoirs

BY JOE H. SIMPSON

Clinton, like most all other cities in this section, was at one time a city of many BELLS. First, to my way of thinking, were the Church Bells. Most every Church had a bell tower. Early each Sunday morning these bells notified both saint and sinner alike that it was the Sabbath and each had the privilege or duty to attend religious services of his choice.

Another bell that is still enjoyed by all Clintonians was the clock at Thornwell Orphanage. It rings forth the hours day and night, in fair or foul weather.

There were many trains on both of our railroads and each sounded its bell as it crossed Broad Street. Another bell that sounded good to the clerks and other employees of the city merchants was the ten o'clock Saturday night closing time bell. This notified one and all that the week's business was over.

One other bell, that I want to mention, was the dinner bell. Are these used any more? Or, does the lady of the house just yell, "Soup's on, come and get it."



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AABCO Acquires Azalea, Empress 2 Other Companies

AABCO Industries, Inc., a newly formed Delaware Corporation, has acquired all of the outstanding stock of four existing corporations. The acquired companies include Azalea Homes, Inc., in Clinton, Empress Homes, Inc., in Kinards, both mobile home manufacturers; Queen City Mattress and Upholstery Co., Inc. of Charlotte, N.C., a furniture manufacturer; and Federal Investment Corporation, a real estate holding company in Laurens.

operating three plants, produce a variety of quality models under the brand names of Azalea, Abby, Empress, New England and Countess. The primary distribution of the companies' units is through dealers in 15 Southeastern, Midwestern and Mid-Atlantic states.

The furniture subsidiary, Queen City, is an old well-established name in the industry, having been in existence since 1922. It manufactures primarily medium-priced sofas, chairs and mattresses for retail dealers throughout the Eastern half of the United States. The company plans to rapidly expand this segment of the business.

AABCO operates its own fleet of 40 mobile home and furniture delivery trucks and trailers.

According to Norman Pulliam, President of AABCO, "The purpose of combining the companies was to establish a large, well-integrated company that would be a dominant factor in the industry. Combined, the companies have the necessary resources and management to become a national leader in our markets. As far as the future goes, we plan to go public with our stock in 1969. We also intend to immediately build a large, modern mobile home plant that would give us a substantial increase in production capacity. We are presently making plans to enter the sectional housing market on a large scale basis. A large portion of our future growth will come from establishing new plants and making acquisitions in our existing and related fields."

The combined companies presently have annual sales close to \$15 million and employ approximately 500 people. Corporate offices for AABCO will be established in Greenville. Each company will be operated as autonomous subsidiaries of AABCO.

Norman F. Pulliam of Hartsville has been named as President and Chief Executive Officer of AABCO. Prior to joining AABCO, Pulliam was manager of Industrial Development for Sonoco Products Co., a major diversified paper company with corporate headquarters in Hartsville. He is a graduate of Clemson University and received his Masters from Harvard Business School. Before attending Harvard, he was associated with the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation as an industrial engineer. He is married to the former Jo Carol Padgett, a native of Gaffney. They will establish their new residence in Greenville.

Shelton J. Rimer of Laurens, formerly president of the mobile home companies, was elected chairman of the board of directors of AABCO. Mr. Rimer is well known in the mobile home industry, having over 20 years experience as a leading manufacturer and retailer. For the last 12 years he has owned mobile home manufacturing companies and prior to becoming a manufacturer, he operated a chain of retail lots throughout the Southeast under the name of Rimer, Inc., with the famous upside-down sign.

Joe J. Pulliam, Jr. of Augusta, Ga., is a vice-president and director of the parent corporation, AABCO Industries, and president of the furniture manufacturing subsidiary, Queen City Mattress and Upholstery Company. He brings to AABCO a broad background of furniture experience, having been associated with Rhodes, Inc., a leading retail furniture chain for the past 20 years.

The mobile home companies,

All persons registered in their

Governor Helps Launch PC's State Campaign

Governor and Mrs. Robert E. McNair will join Thursday night in the Presbyterian College dinner in Columbia to launch officially the state-wide campaign toward underwriting PC's immediate need for \$5 million, its largest fund-raising drive in history.

More than 300 persons will attend the affair, which also honors Mr. and Mrs. James H. Thomas, Sr., of Mountview for their recent \$250,000 gift to the proposed new library. The Laurens County businessman and farmer is expected to make another dramatic announcement in support of the project at this time.

The dinner is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at Columbia's Forest Lake Country Club. James Chapman, Jr., Spartanburg industrialist and PC trustee vice-chairman, will preside over the occasion, and President Marc C. Weersing will speak on Presbyterian College.

As the EXCEL capital funds campaign prepares to kickoff its state-wide effort, almost one-fourth of the \$5 million need already has been secured. The local Laurens County drive of last fall and special gifts since \$1.2 million. Subscriptions for these sources: Laurens County, \$776,689; advanced gifts, \$273,099; trustees, \$137,934.

The Synod of South Carolina has authorized \$2 million to be raised among the Presbyterian churches of the state. The remaining \$3 million needed for the proposed new library, physical education center, infirmary and endowment additions is being sought from other individual, corporate and foundation sources.

For the next two months, churches will focus on achieving their specific goals among their individual members. A series of area meetings for the church leadership has been held in the various presbyteries during March, pointing toward the local drives for Presbyterian College.

Postmaster General Visits Laurens County

U. S. Postmaster General Winton M. Blount was in Laurens County Wednesday, attending the opening of the Benjamin F. Shaw Company plant near Laurens.

Blount addressed a joint session of the S. C. General Assembly in Columbia prior to attending the plant opening Wednesday afternoon. He was guest at a dinner at Lakeside Country Club Wednesday evening.

Blount was to be accompanied by U. S. Sen. Strom Thurmond and Ernest F. Hollings, Congressman James Mann.

Former president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Blount was sworn in as the 59th Postmaster General of the U.S. on Jan. 22. Before his appointment as Postmaster General, he was president and chairman of the board of Blount Brothers Corporation, general con-



WINTON BLOUNT

tractors in Montgomery, Ala. He also was chairman of the board of Benjamin F. Shaw Company, piping contractors.

Education Leader To Address Kiwanians

Dr. James A. Morris of Columbia, commissioner of the S. C. Commission on Higher Education, will be featured speaker tonight, Thursday, at the Clinton Kiwanis Club meeting.

The meeting is to start at 7 p.m. at Mary Musgrove Hotel. Dr. Morris, a native of Lawrence, Mass., is a graduate of Northeastern University and received the A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University.

Prior to assuming his present position, Dr. Morris was dean of the graduate school of the University of South Carolina. He also was vice president of Advanced Studies and Research and was professor of economics.

He is married to the former Marjorie Frampton of Charleston and Columbia and they have two children, Stephen, 20, and El-



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izabeth, 15. They are Episcopalians.

'ROUND THE TOWN

Man Vs. Horse

"A man can outrun a horse for 100 yards," said Phil Rogers, Jr., recently at a National Guard meeting in Laurens.

"Oh, no, he can't," replied a horse owner. From that exchange has come a challenge race — Rogers vs. a horse for 100 yards.

A definite date for the race hasn't been set but Rogers feels he is in too deep to back out now. The race probably will be held at one of the future National Guard meetings. Rogers admits, "Before I get out there for the big race I'm going to run against another horse just to see how it goes. Maybe I need to plan some strategy."

Rogers is an apt contestant. He runs the 100-yard dash in about 9.8 or 9.9 seconds. A former football star at Clinton High School and Clemson University, he was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. His pro football career was interrupted last season when he was called for six months' active duty with the National Guard.

He is now working in the stamping department at The Torrington Co., but is scheduled to report in July to the Cardinals' Lake Forest, Ill., College training camp.

Concerning the horse vs. man race, Rogers said, "Of course, a horse can outrun a man over a distance, but in a short sprint from a standing start, I believe a man could win over 100 yards. I think Jesse Owens, the Olympic star, did it one time."

There's an interesting article in Southern Advertising and Publishing magazine's February issue concerning Jacobs Advertising Agency of Clinton.

Written by Mr. J. F. Jacobs, the article traces the founding and growth of the agency.

Of particular interest is a recount of some of the agency's accounts which have become famous. For example, the agency introduced the Edison Phonograph in the South. Thomas A. Edison gave J. F. Jacobs, Sr., a large color portrait of himself which still hangs on one of the office walls of the Jacobs Building.

One of the agency's salesmen sold a Greensboro, N. C., druggist, Dr. Dunsford Richardson, on the idea of advertising a salve in the religious weeklies of North Carolina. The prescription was given the name Vick's Croup and Pneumonia Salve.

Other early accounts included Maxwell House Coffee and Coca-Cola Company.