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Little Miss Clinton Contestants Announced

Twelve pretty little girls will be contestants in this year's Little Miss Clinton contest which will be staged in conjunction with the Miss Clinton Pageant.

The pageant is scheduled for May 3 in Belk Auditorium on the Presbyterian College campus. The pageant is to start at 8 p.m.

The Little Miss Clinton contest will be held during the Miss Clinton Pageant.

Little Miss Clinton contestants are:

Lena Dale Gilliam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Gilliam; Janice Faye Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cook; Mandy Hairston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hairston Jr.; Patti Lea Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lowe;

Also, Missi Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Cooper Jr.;

Kerri Gates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Gates; Susan Owings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Owings; Patsy Ellison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ellison; Jerrie Lanette Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerre A. Smith; Cindy League, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry League Jr.; Alicia Leigh Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox; Lydie Lois Pitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitts.



SUSAN OWINGS PATSY ELLISON JERRIE SMITH CINDY LEAGUE ALICIA LEIGH COX LYDIE LOIS PITTS

ROUND THE TOWN

Carole Draws Raves

Carole Perry of Clinton High School's band drew rave notices recently from a former member of John Phillip Sousa's band.

John J. Heney, Sr., the tympni player with Sousa's last band, was the judge at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Aiken last Friday.

After hearing Miss Perry perform on the tympni (kettle drums), Heney commented, "I've been all over the country, judging tympni players but this is the best I've ever heard from your age group."

Miss Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Perry, performed a selection written by William J. Schinstine.



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Carole Perry, CHS Junior

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In judging Miss Perry on Rudiments, Heney commented, "Amazing. I know Mr. Schinstine and everything he writes is difficult. You played perfectly. Every accent, etc. . ."

Under "interpretation", he wrote, "You knock me out. This grand performance was perfect."

Under "music and general effect", he wrote, "Just great. Again I congratulate a true, tympni artist, yes, artist."

Clinton High School Band Director Herry Bouknight was button-popping proud of Heney's comments, saying, "I've never heard such rave notices from such an authority."

Carole also is a member of the All-State Orchestra and will perform this weekend at the South Carolina Music Educators Association conference at Myrtle Beach.

Any Questions?

The Presbyterian Church Kindergarten visited the Clinton Fire Department Tuesday. Chief Engineer Thomas Owens showed the youngsters around and patiently explained how the department operates and also explained various gadgets on the fire trucks. Finally, he asked, "Are there any questions?"

There was a long silence before young Richard Dowdle asked, "You know John Dowdle?"

Mr. Owens replied, "Yes, I do. Why?" Richard answered proudly, "He's my daddy."



REIGNING QUEEN—Pat Davis will be the reigning Miss Clinton at the May 3 Miss Clinton Pageant. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Epps Davis, she will crown her successor at the pageant. She will represent Clinton in this year's Miss S.C. Pageant to be held in Greenville and her successor will represent Clinton in the 1970 pageant.

CHS Band Uniform Drive Gains Momentum

"Make your checks payable to the 'Clinton High School Band Uniform Fund' has been the battlecry all week," Mrs. A. C. Workman, Jr., general chairman of the uniform drive said Wednesday. And according to Mrs. Workman the battlecry is going to get "louder and louder" until the \$9,000 project is completed.

Reports from various solicitors for the uniform fund drive indicate a good response in cash contributions and the addition of several more donations of complete uniforms.

At Chronicle press time it was not possible to give a complete report on the amount collected, Mrs. Workman stated, but she said she hoped an up-to-date report could be made next week.

"Since the funds collected by the band members' parents will be turned over directly to Clinton High School to purchase the band uniforms, by making your check payable to the 'Clinton High School Band Uniform Fund' the amount becomes tax deductible," Mrs. Workman said.

--How They Voted--

PRECINCT	COURTHOUSE		SITE	
	YES	NO	Central Elementary School	Todd Property
Bailey	16	6	2	17
Barksdale-Narnie	18	25	35	2
Brewerton	8	30	38	0
Clinton No. 1	101	53	11	163
Clinton No. 2	169	103	13	214
Clinton Mill	21	23	2	37
Cook's Store	3	10	11	2
Cross Hill	16	25	5	11
Daniels' Store	8	20	2	6
Dials	2	6	3	2
Ekorn	17	14	22	6
Gray Court	52	37	45	14
Gray's	10	3	7	0
Hickory Tavern	18	40	42	0
Hopewell	6	27	0	30
Joanna	38	27	2	57
Jones' Store	8	16	23	1
Lanford	11	18	21	2
Laurens No. 1	44	45	69	7
Laurens No. 2	22	17	26	10
Laurens No. 3	75	17	11	74
Laurens No. 4	55	55	66	26
Laurens No. 5	155	232	285	46
Laurens No. 6	112	117	163	32
Long Branch	27	6	1	27
Lydia Mill	14	14	1	19
Maddens	22	31	34	7
Merna	6	8	8	0
Mt. Olive	10	17	19	3
Mt. Pleasant	3	16	14	2
Mountville	7	26	24	9
Ora	10	28	20	14
Owings	7	18	7	0
Pleasant Mound	3	15	17	1
Poplar Springs	17	15	18	4
Princeton	9	12	10	6
Renno	3	4	0	7
Shady Grove	13	7	0	19
Shiloh	6	16	19	1
Stewart's Store	4	13	17	0
Tip Top	11	4	15	0
Trinity Ridge	31	52	65	7
Waterloo	11	5	10	5
Wattsville	43	31	38	26
Woodville	15	60	59	6
Youngs	11	13	14	8
TOTALS	1246	1411	1301	735

Voters Reject New Courthouse For 3rd Time

For the third time in 18 months, Laurens County voters have rejected a proposal to build a new county courthouse.

In a referendum Tuesday, 1,411 voters cast their ballots in opposition to the courthouse proposal. There were 1,246 votes in favor of the courthouse.

If the courthouse proposal had been approved, the \$1.8 million building would have been constructed on the Central Elementary School property in Laurens. A total of 1,301 voters cast their ballots in favor of the Todd property, there were 935 votes cast in favor of the Todd property on the outskirts of Laurens.

Clinton-Joanna area voters, who had opposed the first two proposals, voted in favor of the proposal Tuesday, 392 - 296. They also voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Todd property, 559-30. The Todd property is located on the south side of Laurens and would have been more accessible to Clinton-Joanna residents. Also, the Todd property would have offered more acreage at less money.

Clinton Mill voters voted against the courthouse proposal by a narrow margin (21-23) and the vote was split (14-14) in Lydia Mill but the proposal carried in Clinton No. 1 (101-83); Clinton No. 2 (169-103) and Joanna (38-29).

Other Clinton-Joanna area precincts which favored the courthouse proposal included Long Branch (27-6) and Shady Grove (13-7). Opposed were Hopewell (27-6) and Renno (3-4).

The courthouse proposal was opposed by a 20-vote margin in Laurens city boxes, 483 opposed and 4-63 in favor. The largest vote against the proposal came in Laurens No. 5 where 232 votes were cast against the courthouse and 155 in favor.

Political observers believe that the Laurens vote might have been influenced by the fact that Laurens voters face potential

school and hospital bond issues in the near future.

In addition to the vote in Laurens No. 5, the proposal also was opposed in Laurens No. 6 (117 against, 112 in favor); and Laurens No. 1 (45 against, 44 in favor). There was a split 55-55 vote in Laurens No. 4.

Laurens voters also overwhelmingly favored the Central Elementary School property, 620-197.

Delinquent City Tax Notices Mailed

Notices will be mailed within the next two weeks to all persons owing taxes to the City of Clinton which are now delinquent.

Notices of delinquent taxes for the years 1965-1966-1967 and 1968 will be mailed, giving the Taxpayer until July 1st, 1969, to pay all taxes owed the City.

Council has directed that executions be levied against all taxpayers who do not pay their outstanding taxes by July 1, 1969.

Daylight Saving Time Approaching

Sunday morning you probably will lose one hour of sleep. That's the day Daylight Saving Time begins.

When you go to bed Saturday night, move your clock AHEAD one hour. If you go to bed at 11 p.m., set the clock ahead to midnight.

But don't worry about that hour of sleep you'll lose. You'll get it back next October when Standard Time is resumed.

Local Hospital Gets 3-Year Accreditation

Bailey Memorial Hospital in Clinton has been approved for accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. The hospital has been accredited for a three-year period.

The letter of accreditation says, "The Commission wishes to commend you for maintaining standards deserving of accreditation and for your constant effort to improve the quality of patient care. . ."

This is the second straight three-year accreditation received by the hospital.

The accreditation program is voluntary but accreditation assures that the hospital has a safe and sound building, good facilities

and equipment, certain special hospital services, particularly a good dietary department, good medical library, competent and qualified medical staff, and well-trained nursing staff and adequate hospital personnel. Accreditation also means the hospital has good administration.

Members of Bailey Memorial Hospital's Board of Directors are Dr. George R. Blalock, chairman; E. W. Roberts Jr., vice chairman; W. C. Neely, secretary; Ryan F. Lawson and John M. Simmons.

Dr. Louis M. Stephens is chief of the medical and dental staff and Dr. D. H. McFadden is assistant chief of staff. Dr. James Macdonald is secretary.

Governor Named As Commencement Speaker At PC

South Carolina Governor Robert E. McNair will deliver the commencement address at Presbyterian College's 89th graduating exercises on May 18, President Marc C. Weersing announced today.

The board of trustees last month designated the state chief executive, whose son, Bob, is a graduating senior at PC, to receive one of four honorary degrees on this occasion. His meritorious service to South Carolina and to higher education will be recognized with an honorary doctor of humanities degree.

Governor McNair is scheduled to address 145 graduating seniors and their guests at the 4:15 p.m. commencement exercises in Belk Auditorium. This program will be the culmination of the day-long activities which begin with the 11 a.m. baccalaureate sermon.

Governor and Mrs. McNair have been frequent visitors to the PC campus during the four years their son, Robert E. McNair, Jr., has been a student here. On one occasion he delivered the main address at the dedication of Clinton Hall women's dormitory in late 1965.

McNair recently completed his fourth year as governor, having moved up from lieutenant governor on April 22, 1965, upon the resignation of Governor Donald S. Russell. He was elected to a full four-year term in 1966.

His four years in the chief executive position have been



GOVERNOR ROBERT E. MCNAIR

marked by special emphasis on public school and higher education. His interest in this area was recognized by the fact that the National Governors' Conference named him chairman of its education committee. Last summer, in rapid succession, McNair was elected chairman of the Southern Governors' Conference and chairman of the National Democratic Governors' Conference.

Recognition by his political peers began for Bob McNair when he was a leader in the State House of Representatives from

Allendale County, 1951-62. He later served as chairman of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors.

A Navy veteran of World War II and native of Jamestown, S.C., McNair received both his BA and his law degrees from the University of South Carolina, which bestowed an honorary doctor of laws degree upon him in 1967. He is married to the former Josephine Robinson of Allendale, and they have three daughters in addition to their one son.

Other Memoirs

BY JOE H. SIMPSON

Clinton has always had good transportation. For many years there were eight passenger trains in and out of Clinton each day and several in both directions at night. There were four I want to mention. One in each direction on the C. N. & L. Railroad, one went in each direction on the Seaboard that arrived and departed from around twelve-thirty to two o'clock P. M. The two Seaboard trains were called "Short Dogs" in contrast to the two fancy pullman trains that came through at 11:30 A. M. and 6:00 P. M. These four trains met in Clinton about the time of the noon meal. There was not a diner on either of them. Mr. B. L. King operated the Clinton Hotel close by the Union Depot. His dining room was famous for its good food. Each day, the kitchen department prepared a number of paper bag lunches. One of these helpers would walk beside the train yelling, "Get your hot lunches, only 25c!" He would soon sell out. The helper was named "Genie Bee." That is the only name I can recall. Do you know his last name? If so, let me hear from you.