

WEATHER

(Week of April 30-May 7)
High: 86 Low: 45
Soil Temp. Range
65-76 degrees
Rainfall: 0

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ROUND THE TOWN

The 'Spooking'

(Editor's Note: Today's column is written by Scoutmaster Mike Turner who recently received the Silver Beaver award for his dedication and contribution to scouting. The incident reported here happened last weekend and Turner said, "I might as well tell it before they tell it on me.")

BY MIKE TURNER
Scoutmaster, Troop 111

Last Friday night, Troop 111 took off for an overnight fishing trip to James Jacks' farm pond. After fishing, cooking, snipe hunting, etc., the troop gathered around the campfire for a ghost story session.

When things got pretty spooky, the scoutmaster slipped over to talk with some of the older boys, and it seemed like a good idea for several of them to go up and haunt the upstairs of James' old abandoned house near the dairy barn in preparation for a visit by the rest of the troop later. Several scouts thereupon departed (the scoutmaster not knowing how many) to get on with the spooking.

Afer several minutes, scouts "Mud" Jacks and Jimmy Audia reappeared at the campfire breathless and white as you-know-what, and proceeded to tell that upon arriving at the old house, they saw lights upstairs and heard noises and that verily, the house was already adequately haunted.

With the other scouts admonished to remain around the campfire, the scoutmaster accompanied Mud and Jimmy up to the house to disprove the tricks that their eyes and ears had played on them. When we arrived at the house, other would-be-spooks were hiding in various places, peeping at the house and watching the goings on. About this time, the scoutmaster looked up towards the middle upstairs window and sure enough, there was an eerie light moving around. He then decided that Mr. Jacks should know about this, after commissioning several scouts to watch for a safe distance, he went to solicit Mr. Jacks' good help.

James was playing bridge with his kinfolk so we loaded up Phil, Fran, Mud, Jimmy and others and headed for the scene of the mysery. When we arrived we turned the car lights full on the house and James challenged in a loud voice for whoever might be in there to come on out and then we all jumped behind silos, grain bins, rocks, cars, or whatever was handy. The only reply was a window raising and we felt there were escaping from the side or back so we had another car shine lights on the back of the house to prevent escape from this direction.

Imagination, mysery and excitement were all running rampant at this point and when James and Mike discussed all the bad things going on in the world today, we dediced this was a clear case for the law. James then departed to telephone the county sheriff and our very efficient county deputies appeared within minutes.

After a brief explanation as to how all this happened, they turned their lights on the house and marched straight in with all bravery while the rest of us hid.

Within minutes, they had the culprits in hand. Out marched three very frightened scout spook types who had beaten Mud, Jimmy and Vernon to the house by just enough time to create this comedy of mysery.

The scene was made possible by darkness, confusion, some scouts at campfire, some in bushes, scoutmaster behind grain bin, Jacks behind everything, and a count of noses impossible.

Exit scout spook type, goodbye and thank you nice lawmen, good night most Jacks', exit red-faced practical joking scoutmaster, and good night James Jacks, wherever you are.



'MY FAIR LADY'—Claire Duncan plays the lead role of Eliza Doolittle in 'My Fair Lady' which opens tonight, Thursday, at Clinton High School for a three-night run. The two-act musical play will be presented by the music department and senior class of CHS. Performances start at 8:00 p.m. each evening, tonight, Friday and Saturday. The senior class voted to donate its share of the proceeds to the CHS band uniform fund campaign.—(Photo by Jerry Holland)



MISS CLINTON AND HER COURT—Virginia Rogers, center, is shown with her court after she was crowned 'Miss Clinton of 1970' Saturday night. Shown above, left to right, are Polly Ann Adair, Miss Congeniality; Ginger Crocker, first runner-up; Miss Rogers; Pat Davis, Miss Clinton of 1969; and Dale Nabors, second runner-up.—(Photo by Jerry Holland)

Virginia Rogers Crowned As 'Miss Clinton Of '70'

Virginia Adair Rogers, a sophomore at Clemson University and a native of Clinton, is the 1970 Miss Clinton.

Miss Rogers, a 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Rogers of Clinton, was crowned Saturday night at the Clinton Jaycee-sponsored Miss Clinton Pageant. The pageant attracted a near capacity audience to Belk Auditorium on the Presbyterian College campus. It was the largest crowd to attend the pageant in at least the past three years.

Miss Rogers will attend the Miss South Carolina pageant in July as an observer and will represent Clinton in the 1970 state pageant. She was crowned by Pat Davis, Miss Clinton of 1969 who will represent Clinton in this year's state pageant.

Virginia Leaman (Ginger) Crocker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crocker, was first runner-up and Gloria Dale Nabors, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Carson Nabors, was second runner-up. Miss Crocker and Miss Nabors both are seniors at Clinton High School.

Polly Ann Adair, a rising senior at Winthrop College, was named "Miss Congeniality." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Adair Sr. of Route 1, Clinton.

Missi Cooper, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Cooper Jr. of Clinton, was named Little Miss Clinton of 1970. She was crowned by Barbara Frady, Little Miss Clinton of 1969 and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Frady.

The new Miss Clinton is majoring in psychology at Clemson University where her brother, Phil, was an outstanding football player. She plans to enter the field of education upon graduation. An avid sports enthusiast, she is 5 feet, 3 inches tall, has blonde hair and blue eyes. She sang and clogged for her talent presentation which was well received.

In winning the title, Miss Rogers received a \$150 scholarship from the Jaycees and \$50 from Pepsi Cola. She also received a crown and trophy. Miss Crocker received a \$100 savings bond and a trophy and Miss Nabors was presented a \$50 savings bond and trophy. Miss Adair won a \$25 savings bond and trophy while Miss Cooper was presented a \$25 savings bond, a crown and loving cup.

PC Co-Ed Is Elected

Tommie Ellis, a Presbyterian College co-ed from Greenville, is the new chairman of the South Carolina chapter of the Southern Universities Student Government Association.

She was named at the recent regional SUSGA meeting held in Louisville, Ky.



LITTLE MISS CLINTON—Missi Cooper, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Cooper, Jr., is shown above with her parents after she was crowned Little Miss Clinton of 1970. She was crowned Saturday night at the Clinton Jaycee-sponsored pageant.—(Photo by Jerry Holland)

Ramage Wins National Merit Scholarship

Albert A. (Gus) Ramage, a senior at Clinton High School, has been named winner of a \$1,000 National Merit Scholarship.

Ramage's grant is one of 1,000 unrestricted scholarships awarded nationally this year under the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ramage, he intends to attend Clemson University next fall. He was selected as the Laurens County and Congressional District Four "Star student" earlier this year. Last year, he was a Furman Scholar.

All winners of a National Merit Scholarship are chosen by a selection committee in open competition, state by state, irrespective of the source of the supporting funds.

The fourteenth annual Merit Program began in February, 1968, when 793,114 students in 17,572 schools took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Of that group, 15,000 were selected as semifinalists, the highest-scoring students in each state. The number of semifinalists in each state is proportional to its number of graduating secondary school seniors and constitutes less than one per cent of those seniors.



GUS RAMAGE

About 97 per cent of the semifinalists each year advance to finalist level and thereby become eligible for Merit Scholarships.

The finalist competition is based on demonstrated academic performance and high potential for future accomplishment. The committee evaluates such factors as test scores, high school grades, achievements outside the classroom, qualities of leadership and citizenship and endorsements by the school. Financial need is not a factor in selecting the winners.

Whitman, DeYoung To Head Clinton City Departments

D. C. Whitman was named superintendent of the combined utility systems of Clinton and Marvin DeYoung was named chief engineer of the Clinton Fire Department at Monday night's City Council meeting.

DeYoung will succeed Tommy Owens July 1 upon Owens' retirement. Whitman succeeds Ralph Holt who resigned in January to accept a similar position in Bennettsville.

A native of North Carolina, Whitman is a graduate of Woodruff High School. He has been a resident of Clinton for 30 years and has been associated with Clinton Mills for 24 years. He currently is a electrician and refrigeration specialist at Clinton Mills.

He completed an electrical maintenance course through the International Correspondence School.

He is married to the former Medora Campbell of Clinton and they have three children, David Barry Whitman, 26; Freddie Gene Whitman, 23; and Tim, 16.

They are members of Bailey

County Plans Homecoming Day Next November

November 8 has been designated as "Homecoming Day" in Laurens County.

The special event is sponsored by the Laurens County Tricentennial Committee in cooperation with the churches of the county.

Several activities are planned for that day and Dr. Marshall Brown, chairman of the county committee, said, "We urge all county residents to make plans now to invite friends and relatives to visit with them on that day."

Driver License Renewal Station To Open Here

A state drivers license renewal office will open at the Clinton Armory Friday, according to State Highway Patrol Capt. H. C. Fennell.

The Patrol office at the Armory also will be open five days a week during the month of June.

Capt. Fennell said the office will be open from 8:50 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday to handle license renewals only. He said the office at the armory will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day throughout the month of June, also for license renewals only.

Capt. Fennell said that anyone with more than four points charged against him will have to go to Laurens for testing.

Warning Issued To Youngsters

Clinton Streets Supt. Eddie McGee has requested that parents warn their children of the dangers of following city work equipment.

McGee said, "We have had trouble recently with children following or playing around the street sweeper, spraying machine and the tractor which is doing bush-hog work. This can be extremely dangerous and we request that parents tell their children to keep away from the equipment."

Road Projects Planned Around New School

Road improvements around the new Clinton Elementary School are planned for this summer, according to Rep. David S. Taylor, secretary for the Laurens County Legislative Delegation.

Taylor said provisions for these improvements were made last year and will be carried out at the end of the current school year.



D. C. WHITMAN



MARVIN DEYOUNG

Memorial Methodist Church. DeYoung is a veteran of almost 28 years with the Clinton Fire Department. He joined the Volunteer Fire Department in July, 1941, and was employed as a driver with the Fire Department in October, 1945.

A native of Clinton, he was educated in the public school system. He is married to the former Gaynelle Kanning of Hickory Tavern. They have two children, Tommy DeYoung of Greenville and Marlene Woods of Clinton. They have three grandchildren.

The DeYongs are members of Davidson St. Baptist Church where DeYoung is treasurer and a member of the board of deacons. He is a former chairman of the board of deacons.

DeYoung is Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of R&SM, York Rite Masons, a state office. A member of Campbell Lodge No. 44, he is a past officer of all York Rite bodies. He is secretary of the lodge and is a member of Hejaz Temple.

Long-Range Plan Contract Awarded

The firm of Adley Associates, Inc., of Atlanta, Ga., was selected Monday night to conduct Clinton's long-range planning survey.

At Monday night's regular monthly City Council meeting, representatives of three firms were interviewed before Adley Associates was selected.

Adley's contract will be with the South Carolina Planning and Development Board which will contract with the city for the survey. The contract is contingent upon the approval of the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agency.

With HUD's approval, the federal government will pay approximately three-fourths of the cost of the survey. It has been estimated that the initial survey will cost approximately \$13,000.

The survey is a three-year project although it is carried out under one-year contracts which must be renewed at the end of each year.

The survey will include studies of land use, traffic flow, zoning requirements, community facilities, recreation, schools, population, income groupings and other phases of municipal life. The survey is designed to assist the city in planning for the future.

Terry Love represented Adley Associates at Monday night's meeting. Other representatives who made presentations at the meeting were Dan Martin with Wilbur Smith and Associated of Columbia and John Kidd with Kidd, Wright and Associates of Atlanta.

In other actions, council:

---voted to repair and paint the central building at Rosemont Cemetery.

---voted to make the intersection of Jones and Calvert Streets a four-way stop intersection upon recommendation of residents of the area.

---voted to request that the State Highway Department make a careful study of speed limits in the city, particularly on Highway 72 which has speed limits ranging from 60 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour.

Other Memoirs

BY JOE H. SIMPSON

Many years ago I heard that if you addressed a young lady as "Miss Copeland" and she did not acknowledge your salutation, then just say, "I beg your pardon, Miss Bailey." Chances were you would be right.

Be that as it may, I will give you some Bailey genealogy. The grand old man of the Clinton Clan of Bailey's was Silas M. Bailey, who was born June 22, 1805, and died October 22, 1872. He was married three times. His first wife was Margaret Beasley. To them were born William Logan Bailey, James Bailey, Mercer Silas Bailey, Dolly Bailey Milam, Mary Ann Bailey May, Dora Bailey Bailey, and Cindy Bailey Chandler. His second wife was Pamela Nelson. She died, leaving no children. His third wife was Fannie Bolt. To them was born Clayte C. Bailey, George W. Bailey, P. Bee Bailey, Lelia Bailey Sumerel, Robert L. Bailey, Sam D. Bailey, and Rebecca Bailey Bobo. Now, see if you can figure out who you are kin to. Thanks to Mrs. Helen Sumerel Anderson of Clinton for the above genealogy. Silas M. Bailey is buried in the northwest corner of the Presbyterian Cemetery beside his third wife, Mrs. Fannie Bolt Bailey.