

WEATHER

(Week of May 14-21)

High: 88 (May 20) Low: 47 (May 14)

Rainfall: 1.04 ins. (May 16-17-18-20)

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To Maintain Insurance Classification

City Fire Protection Changes Are Recommended



The city of Clinton must make some major changes in its fire protection system if it wishes to improve its insurance rating—and it must make some changes just to keep its present rating. The city's insurance rating determines the amount which city dwellers must pay for fire insurance.

South-Eastern Underwriters Association of Atlanta, Ga., recently completed a study of Clinton's fire protection system. Clinton Mayor Harry Layton received the association's reports and recommendations this week.

The report says that to continue the present classification it will be necessary to have a minimum of two full-time firemen on duty at the fire station "for response to alarms at all times." The city currently keeps

one full-time on duty at all times. Mayor Layton said that to comply with this recommendation, the city would have to hire three more full-time firemen and one fireman on a part-time basis.

Other changes needed just to continue under the present classification are:

1. "Drills be held at least twice a month and all members be instructed in following: Use and care of equipment and apparatus, modern fire methods, elementary fire department hydraulics, location of fire hydrants, salvage and clean-up operations, and the construction and occupancy of buildings in the mercantile district, warehouse, and manufacturing plants."
2. "Should response to alarms outside the town continue, suitable arrangements be made and/or

additional paid firemen and apparatus provided to insure that municipal protection is not adversely affected during such response. Therefore, response should be limited to the 1941 model pumper, manned by only one of the paid firemen on duty and a few volunteers, unless additional manning and apparatus are provided; also, one of the off-duty paid firemen should be called in and stand by at the fire station during such response."

3. "Modern building and fire prevention ordinances be adopted with provisions for strict enforcement. It is recommended that the abbreviated editions of the National Building Code and the Fire Prevention Code, recommended by the American Insurance Association, be adopted

or used as a guide in framing these ordinances."

To justify the city's moving up to the next better fire insurance classification, the report recommends:

1. Erection of a new elevated water tank in the northeast section of town, with a capacity of 500,000 gallons; new pumps at the low lift pumping stations on Enoree River and Duncan Creek and increased filter capacity.
2. Bring up to date a complete map of the water distribution system, showing location and sizes of mains and locations of hydrants and gate valves.
3. Inaugurate a program for systematic replacement of 4-inch pipe now serving fire hydrants with pipe six inches or larger. Also, spacing between fire hydrants in developed areas should

not exceed 300 to 500 feet in commercial and industrial areas and 500 to 800 feet in residential areas.

4. Increase the number of full-time paid firemen so that a minimum of four, in addition to the chief, will be on duty at the fire station for response to alarms at all times, both day and night, and including vacation, days off, sick leave, meal hours. The report also says, "While on duty, these men (should) not be assigned any other functions which will interfere with their primary duties as firemen. Additionally, the present volunteer membership (should) be maintained as a well-organized and integral part of the department, with members regularly participating in drill sessions and response to fires."
5. "Serious consideration

(should) be given to the provision of a full-time chief; also, at least two additional company officers (captains and lieutenants) should be appointed."

6. Provide the following equipment: deluge set, large spray nozzle, foam generating material and equipment, four salvage covers, two smoke ejectors and a supply of minor equipment for salvage and clean-up operations.
7. "The contemplated new fire station be completed; also, suitable hose drying and storage facilities be provided."

Mayor Layton commented, "Action on some of the suggestions obviously will have to await completion of the new city hall. However, we will begin study on all of the recommendations immediately."

PREPARING — South Carolina Governor Robert E. McNair has his hood straightened by his son as both prepare to receive degree at Presbyterian College's 89th commencement last Sunday. The Governor, who delivered the commencement address, was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree. Son Robert E. McNair, Jr., was one of 163 seniors earning baccalaureate degrees on this occasion. He received his AB in English as the culmination of four years of study at PC.

Governor: 'We Haven't Lost Colleges, Students'

"Your generation offers this country the best opportunity it ever had to create a true community of harmony for all mankind," Governor Robert E. McNair told the 163 graduating seniors at Presbyterian College's 89th commencement last Sunday.

He spoke of world complexities but suggested these should be days of optimism and confidence in our country instead of fear and suspicion. He added:

"I am not convinced that we have lost the colleges and the students. I think we have observed the painful process of sensitive men seeking solutions to the injustices they feel exist in our world today. I think the college campuses have been exploited for political gain by many persons who would prefer to destroy that which we would have them improve. But I do not think the men of violence speak for today's generation."

Intermittent showers failed to dampen the day-long commencement program, and an overflow crowd jammed into Belk Auditorium for the final afternoon exercises which featured Governor McNair's address.

The South Carolina chief executive was one of four honorary degree recipients, sharing the honors with Alumnus John Osman of Washington's Brookings Institution and two Presbyterian ministers, Robert Tapp of the Presbyterian Home in Summerville and Max Milligan Jr., of the Decatur, Ga. Clairmont Church.

President Marc C. Weersing presented special service awards to Dr. Joseph M. Gettys, retiring as academic dean; to Col. A. J. Thackston, retiring as student dean; and to Col. Powell A. Fraser, leaving as development director to become president of King College.

Elizabeth Lindsay of Greenville received the award as the top honor graduate of the 1969 class. And these other student awards were presented: Gold P-Rush Otey of Gainesville, Ga., Sam Hobson of Anderson, Danny Wyatt of Mobile, Robert Wilson of Greenville and Dick Query of Mt. Pleasant; Outstanding Senior - Hart Cobb of Decatur, Ga.; Pi Kappa Phi freshman scholarship - Robert D. Johnson, Jr., of Spartanburg; P. S. Bailey Scholarship in Economics - Robert A. Strozzer of Augusta, Ga.; Herk M. Wise Ministerial Award - William A. Bryant, Jr., of Quincy, Fla.; Hay Bible Medal - Brenda Adkins of Key West, Fla.; Fraser Bible Medal - Judith Ann Bates of Pickens; Tau Phi Pi Science Award - Don Flowers of Bradenton, Fla.; Taylor Stukes Scholarship - Robert Hall of Atlanta; Joseph M. Gettys Scholar-

ship - Sandra McQueen of Easley; Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Webb Sr., Scholarship - Elysa Greenlee of Marietta, Ga., and Elaine Parker of Charleston.

Do You Remember? Wear A Poppy!

"Wear a Poppy to show that you remember!"

That will be the appeal of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day volunteers to the people of the Clinton area on Poppy Days, Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24, stated Mrs. Earl Workman the Auxiliary's Poppy Chairman.

The little red poppies which will be worn here and throughout the United States on Poppy Days are crepe paper replicas of the European wild poppies which bloomed "Between the crosses, row on row," in the World War I battle cemeteries in France and Belgium, explained Mrs. Workman.

The poppies to be worn in Clinton on Poppy Days were made by the disabled veterans, in the V.A. Hospital in Columbia. The veterans who make the flowers are the only paid workers in the Auxiliary's poppy program said Mrs. Workman. Contributions received from the poppy program go into the Rehabilitation and Child Welfare funds of the local Auxiliary Unit.

Members of the Clinton Camp Fire group will assist the members of the Auxiliary in the distribution of the little red flowers of remembrance throughout the city.

PC Fund Campaign Tops \$1.6 Million

Presbyterian College's EXCEL capital funds campaign now stands at \$1,685,368 in pursuit of its \$2 million goal, President Marc C. Weersing announced today.

He said reports continue to come in from individual churches for the drive being conducted primarily within the Synod of South Carolina.

Laurens County, PC's home base, has subscribed almost one-half of the total to date, with \$776,514 reported from its kickoff effort (\$33,117 of this from the college faculty and staff). Pledges from 93 churches and special gifts amount to \$686,198.

The college trustees have given \$195,429 while alumni beyond South Carolina have added \$26,227.

President Weersing pointed out these totals do not include the extra \$500,000 gift made by James M. Thomason Sr., of Laurens County and Stuart, Fla., toward the maximum goal of \$5 million being sought nationally to cover the full cost of the proposed new library, physical education center, infirmary and endowment additions.

City Hall Bid Opening Set Friday

Bids on Clinton's proposed new city hall will be opened at 3 p.m. Friday.

The sealed bids will be opened in the City Council Chamber on the second floor of the current municipal office building. Construction on the project is expected to start within 10 days after the contract is awarded.

On April 15, Clinton voters approved, 326-32, a general obligation bond issue not to exceed \$240,000 to help finance construction of a new city hall on North Broad St.

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City-Wide Clean-Up Drive Opens Monday

A city-wide clean-up campaign opens Monday in Clinton.

The week-long campaign is sponsored by the City Beautification Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with local garden clubs.

Don Creighton, chairman of the City Beautification Committee, said particular emphasis will be placed on cleaning up the downtown business area.

He said a 10-point program will be carried out, with the assis-

tance of local store owners and other citizens:

1. Secure assistance of all citizens and ask that landowners clean highways joining their property.
2. Clean highway of trash, bottles, cans, paper, etc.
3. Locate disposal areas for garbage and trash dumps. Have trash dumps removed from roads to designated disposal areas.
4. Secure cooperation of local citizens for highway beautification and cooperate with county-wide committee.

5. Secure law enforcement concerning trash being thrown from cars and buses.
6. Encourage name plates and standard posts for mailboxes.
7. Encourage everyone to paint, plant flowers, remove junk cars from property, cut weeds and grass.
8. Organize at least one youth trash collection drive to stir people into action.
9. Promote city clean-up week.
10. Clean home and yards.



BAREFOOT SENIORS — The young people shown above also are among that dignified group of Clinton High Seniors shown below. The picture above was taken last Friday at

'Senior Barefoot Day' at CHS. On that day seniors are allowed to 'go barefoot' and dress is casual, to say the least.—(Photo by Bill Armfield)

CHS Graduation Slated Sunday

Clinton High School graduation exercises will be held Sunday night in Belk Auditorium on the Presbyterian College campus.

The exercises, in which approximately 130 students will receive their diplomas, will start at 8 p.m.

The theme of the program will be "Our Future In A Changing World."

National Merit Scholarship winner Augustus (Gus) Ramage III will deliver the valedictory address, entitled "In Business." Torrence Shealy, the Salutatorian, has entitled his address "On College Campus."

Drew Trammell, senior class vice president, will deliver the

invocation and class president Kathy Davenport will give an address entitled "In Religion". The high school chorus will provide music for the occasion.

Principal A. W. Shealy will announce scholarship and award winners. District 56 Supt. R. P. Wilder will present diplomas, assisted by Mr. Shealy.

Caroline Hughes is secretary of the senior class and Kathi Marse is treasurer.

Marshals will be Ralph Tedards Jr., 1969-70 president of the Student Council; Robert Keller Jr., president of the 1969-70 senior class; Steve Bishop, Keith Cannon, Barbara Handback, Robin Smith, Susan Jacobs, Michael Lewis and Tamara Nabors.



Clinton High School Graduating Class of 1969

First row, left to right: Susan Lewis, Jean Mangum, Joy Gault, Sara Jackson, Johnette Jenkins, Shelia Campbell, Harriet Black, June Force, Jan Alexander, Biba Hiers, Kathi Marse, Drew Trammell, Caroline Hughes, Susan Brown, Mary Jaskins, Brenda Baldwin, Gale Smith, Jane Davis, Frankie Cauley, Rhonda Mills, Jan

King, Mary Lou Simpson. Second row: Frankie Lodge, Susan Undari, Loraine Dunaway, Anita Turner, Ginger Tucker, Dianne King, Judy Rogers, Linda Shay, Gail Moody, Jewell Brewington, Mary Ann Payton, Kathy Wise, Patsy Roland, Ginger Crocker, Linwood Cox, Pat Davis, Ida Edenfield, Judy Fal-

Foster, Bunny Rhodes, Becky Willingham, Ginger Gault, Sally Milam, Kathy Lott. Third row: Steve Pace, Sandra Johnson, Karen Hulton, Kellene King, Gay Crawford, Joyce Ellis, Carolyn Todd, Margaret Tripp, Sara Adair, Brenda Wilson, Susie Copeland, Mick-ey Dover, Kim Tucker, Beth Edwards, Dale Na-

bors, Patricia Bragg, Jinki Sadler, Kay Jones, Eleanor Coleman, LeJune Dunaway, Jean Abrams, Pat Osborne, Jean Nelson, Carol Ann Young, Charlene Young, Susie Osborne, Walter Gresham. Fourth row: Ellis Davenport, Larry Killian, Derry Bundrick, Danny South, David Ramage, Ronnie Patterson, Mike Bishop,

Tommy Anderson, Milford Wright, Will Davidson, Ralph Patterson, Joe Wham, Bryan Gault, Mike Long, Randy Shelton, Edgar Foster, Billy Hamer, Joe Crawford, Charlie Lolis, John Sparkman, Neil Putnam, Randy Martin, Darrell Whitsel, James Copeland, Albert Smith, Marty McGee, L. H. Holland, John Thibodeau.

Fifth row: Mike Evans, Ronnie Roth, Terry Swygert, Mike Milam, Jack Prater, David Nixon, Tommy Watts, Jack Campbell, Lee Benjamin, Allen Seymore, Rick Rogers, Jim Johnson, Chris Adair, Dean Ferguson, Kent Prater, Steve Hairston, Gus Ramage, Torrence Shealy, Mike Rushton, James Copeland, Mike Shealy, Timmy Pow-

er, John Ledford, Hobart Stephens, Hal Russell, Steve Sanders, Jeff Hogan, John Prather, Bruce Hulton.

Absent when picture taken: Kathy Davenport, Vincent Thompson.

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