

WEATHER
(Week of Dec. 10-17)
High: 62 (Dec. 14) Low: 22 (Dec. 16)
Rainfall: 1.44 ins. (Dec. 10-11)
Soil Temp. Range: 42-46

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Mayor Layton, 68, Dies; Rites Held

Funeral services for Clinton Mayor Harry Carson Layton were held Sunday at First Presbyterian Church with burial in Rosemont Cemetery.

Mr. Layton, 68, died Thursday, Dec. 11, at Bailey Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. He suffered a heart attack at his home on the morning of Nov. 13.

Born in Folkston, Ga., he was reared at Thornwell Orphanage and graduated from Thornwell College, later combined with Presbyterian College.

Mr. Layton came to Clinton in January, 1907, when he and his twin brother entered Thornwell, joining three other brothers who already were enrolled.

They both entered the printshop at Thornwell as they entered the sixth grade. After the late W. W. Harris bought The Chronicle, the twins worked for the firm after school and on Saturday.

Mr. Harry Layton was graduated from Thornwell High School in 1916, winning the medal for the "Best Printer" in the class. He was graduated from Thornwell College in 1920.

He worked continuously for The Chronicle except for one year—1924—when he was employed by a book publishing company in Milwaukee, Wis. He and the former Clara Henry of Jacksonville, Fla., were married in Chicago in January, 1924. After that year in Milwaukee, they returned to Clinton and he rejoined The Chronicle.

During his career with the newspaper, he advised and encouraged the editors of the Clinton High School newspaper, "The Sentinel", and the Presbyterian College newspaper, "The Blue Stocking". Several of them went on to follow careers as journalists or authors, including: Hugh Helman at the University of North Carolina; Jake Penland, sports columnist for The State; Charles McDonald, World War II historian; Paul League, editor of the Seneca Journal; Ben Hay Hammett, alumni director of Presbyterian College; Douglas Kiker, Rome correspondent for NBC. Other former school editors who were guided by Mr. Layton include Harry Dent, as-

Community Chorus To Give Program At County Home

The Clinton Community Chorus will present a program of Christmas carols, plus selections of religious and secular music, this Sunday, Dec. 21st, at the Laurens County Home.

The choral group, which has been rehearsing for a number of weeks, will assemble at Belk Auditorium at 4:15, and from there they will proceed to the County Home to present the program. There they will be joined in the singing of Christmas carols by the patients and their visitors.

The Chronicle To Publish Early

The Clinton Chronicle will be published on Tuesday next week.

Advertisers are requested to have their copy in by 5 p.m. Monday. Correspondents and others wishing to have news articles published in next week's Chronicle also are requested to have their articles and pictures in by 5 p.m. Monday.

Assistant to President Nixon; Clinton City Attorney Cecil White; and Donny Wilder, editor and publisher of The Chronicle.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton's daughter, Jean, is women's editor of The Greenville News and has won numerous awards.

A charter member of the Clinton Lions Club, Mr. Layton served for eight years on the Board of Directors of the Clinton-Newberry Gas Authority. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

He was associated with the Clinton Chronicle from boyhood until he retired in 1967 when he formed Layton Company-Printers. He was Clinton city councilman for 10 years and had served as mayor of Clinton since September, 1968.

He was a son of the late D. C. and Mary Braddock Layton of Folkston.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Clara Henry Layton; a daughter, Mrs. Norwood Cleveland of Marietta; three brothers, his twin, Harvey W. Layton of Ormond Beach, Fla., Charles E. Layton of Waycross, Ga., and Roger W. Layton of Atlanta, Ga.

McCaslin Named PC Development Director

Dr. Robert O. McCaslin, a professional fund-raiser now residing in Charlotte, will join the Presbyterian College staff as director of development next month, President Marc C. Weersing announced today.

In 11 years with Ketchum, Inc., McCaslin has conducted campaigns which raised approximately \$25 million for 15 non-profit institutions. He spent the past year as resident director of PC's EXCEL campaign, which already has secured more than \$2 million from the South Carolina Synod.

President Weersing pointed out the new staff member has other sound qualifications for the job. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister who has strengthened his church ties as a fund-raiser by directing campaigns for the Presbyterian Church US, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, a number of local Presbyterian churches and various church agencies.

A native of Butler, Pa., McCaslin received his BA degree from Geneva College in 1934, his



DR. McCASLIN

Ring-Road, Zoning, Reorganization

Prize-Winning Letter Touches Many Points

Below is a list of Clinton's most pressing needs in my opinion:

(1) Clinton's most pressing need is a ring road around our city. Much work has been done to obtain such a road and we all see how much more work will have to be done by all to obtain such a project. This project would be a benefit to every citizen of our city and would aid in the orderly growth of this city. - A must in this project would be an overhead bridge which would span our two railroads. This would serve also as an emergency bridge for fire and other emergency units in case of a train blocking all R.R. Crossings in our city. This ring road needs to be near to the city as possible on all four sides.

(2) A zoning ordinance is a must for Clinton if our city is to grow and keep its beauty. A zoning or-

dinance is not designed to "restrict people." It is designed to protect each citizen's home and property. This protection is due each citizen now.

(3) A study now would show that our city can now, by moving into our new city hall next year, provide an insurance rating of "6" in lieu of our present "7" rating. This would provide insurance rate reductions for every property owner. It also would provide more and better fire and emergency protection for every citizen of Clinton. This study would show that the total amount of dollars paid for city taxes and property insurance by a taxpayer would be reduced.

(4) Clinton Fire Dept. should discontinue the practice of the \$200 per call out of town fire protection and provide a service contract for out of the city property protection. Proceeds from

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this annual service contract would provide additional fire and emergency equipment for use both in and out of the city, thus providing better protection for all. In lieu of the insurance companies enjoying the additional premiums now paid, the fire department could use this money for the benefit of all-city citizens and all out of the city property owners who would desire to purchase this service contract.

(5) Clinton needs a modern "downtown" shopping center. With additional "major stores" and an upgrading of our present

downtown business area, (which a shopping center would promote) our city merchants would enjoy many more of our citizens shopping dollars which are now going to other cities. This would promote city growth in every way.

(6) Our recreation program needs will continue to grow each year. The past couple of years has proven that our city is receiving more recreation for its tax dollar than ever before through its contract with the Y.M.C.A. We should continue to obtain the services of the "Y" to provide our city recreation program each year.

(7) Through the years profits from the utility system have provided most of the city's revenue each year. The custom has been to use all profits each year for other city departments and services and let the electrical system rundown. Then at the point of electrical and water system breakdown due to wear and overloads, the city issues utility bonds and rebuilds the system. This is false economy. Look at the audit for the total utility bonds outstanding now. A system should be started at once to place in reserve each year a percentage of our utility profits earmarked to be used to keep our water, sewer and electrical system in top shape and to provide extensions when needed. If city council cannot do this - then much study and con-

sideration should be given to turning all utilities over to an elected Utility Commission, their job being to control, operate and maintain system.

(8) Utility rates on water or electricity should not be increased in the foreseen future to provide additional revenue for city operation. If additional revenue for our city operation is needed, other ways to provide this revenue must be found in lieu of water and electricity rate increases. Methods must be found to let each taxpayer in our city carry his fair share of the revenue load. At present approximate one-fourth (1/4) of our city taxpayers do not use city water and electricity, with the addi-

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Special Election Slated Feb. 10 To Complete Term

A primary will be held Jan. 13, 1970, and a special general election on Feb. 10, 1970 to fill the balance of term of Harry C. Layton, mayor of Clinton, who died last Thursday.

Clinton City Council set the dates at a special meeting Monday night.

Mr. Layton had served as mayor since September, 1968, and the two-year term expires September, 1970. According to state law, if a vacancy occurs over 60 days prior to the next election, a special election must be called to elect someone to fill the balance of the term.

The primary will be held on Jan. 13, 1970. If a second primary is necessary, it will be held on Jan. 20.

The general election is set for Feb. 10, 1970.

The new mayor is to take office on Feb. 16 and serve until September, 1970.

The regular primary will be held in the spring and the general election next August for the full two-year term which will commence in September, 1970.

Governor Names Claude Crocker To Manpower Group

COLUMBIA — Claude A. Crocker, Clinton Textile Executive, has been named to the Governor's State Manpower Advisory Committee by Governor Robert E. McNeil.

The Committee also serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor on the Cooperative Area Manpower Planning System (CAMPS).

CAMPS is a system of cooperative planning and action on manpower. It encompasses the manpower and related programs of eight Federal agencies.



President Gets Clinton Petition

Congressman James R. Mann (D-SC), left, and Senator Strom Thurmond (R-SC), right, last week, presented to President Nixon a petition supporting the President's position in Vietnam.

During a White House ceremony in the Cabinet Room, the two South Carolina legislators presented a petition containing over

2,000 names to the Chief Executive. The petition was the result of a week-long campaign by the Clinton Rotary Club.

Congressman Mann was asked to make the presentation by William M. Shields, President of the Clinton civic organization.

In a joint statement, Mann and

man of the Planning Commission said, "The judges found your letter to be concise and it included many suggestions which the Planning Commission might be able to do something about."

Mrs. D.O. Rhame was second in the contest sponsored by the Clinton Planning Commission. There was a three-way tie for third place between Jack Ferguson, a Clinton native who is a student at Duke University; Mrs. Nancy Phillips of 1108 Elizabeth Street; and Mr. and Mrs. Tony L. Benson of Clinton.

Suddeth's prize winning letter is published in today's Chronicle. The other top letters will be published in future editions of The Chronicle.

In presenting the prize check to Suddeth, J.C. Thomas, chair-

man of the Planning Commission said, "The judges found your letter to be concise and it included many suggestions which the Planning Commission might be able to do something about."

Suddeth Wins Planning Contest

Some of the ideas and suggestions will be used by the commission in drawing up plans and priorities for the city.

Most often mentioned in the contest letters were the need for a "ring-road" bypass around Clinton and a city-wide clean-up campaign. Following closely were the needs for zoning; paint, repair and improve downtown buildings; and more recreation for young people.

Also mentioned several times were the needs for new housing; removal of railroad tracks; surface treatment for dirt roads; traffic study; cooperation among

citizens; department stores and clothing stores.

Four Fire Calls

Clinton firemen were called to extinguish four fires during the past week. There were three calls Sunday, two to grass fires and one to an automobile fire.

On Tuesday morning, firemen extinguished a blaze in a house at 190 Cypress St., Lydia Mill. The fire which is believed to have started in a closet, did considerable damage to the kitchen and left of the house before it was contained.

Columbia Mayor Bates To Address Kiwanians

Columbia Mayor Lester Bates will be guest speaker Thursday night, Dec. 18, at the regular meeting of the Clinton Kiwanis Club.

The dinner meeting is to start at 7 p.m. at Mary Musgrove Hotel.

Mr. Bates, who has served for 11 years as mayor of Columbia, is considered a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of South Carolina.

He was first elected mayor of the capital city in 1958 and was re-elected in 1962 and 1966 without opposition. On Dec. 11, he received the Brotherhood Award of the National Council of Christians and Jews for distinguished service in the field of human relations. This is the first award to be given in South Carolina.

He is chairman of the board and secretary-treasurer of the New South Life Insurance Company which has home offices in Columbia.

A prominent Baptist layman, he recently was elected to the board of trustees of Baptist College at Charleston.



LESTER BATES

Courthouse To Be Closed

The Laurens County Courthouse offices will be closed from noon Dec. 24 until 9 a.m. Dec. 27 for the Christmas holidays, according to County Supervisor Furman Thomason.