

**WEATHER**  
(Week of Dec. 24-29)  
High: 64 (Dec. 29) Low: 22 (Dec. 27)  
Rainfall: 1.23 ins. (Dec. 25-26)  
Soil Temp Range: 41-44

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## Virginia Man Dies In Wreck

One man was killed and two injured, not critically, when a tractor-trailer truck crashed into the rear of a van truck on S. C. 72 about four miles south of Clinton at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Laurens County Coroner Marshall Pressley said the victim, Cleveland Lester Saul, 47, of Rt. 2, Benton, Va., was dead at the scene.

He was a passenger in a tractor-trailer truck driven by Ervin K. Bowles of Benton, the coroner said. Pressley said the tractor-trailer was traveling north on the highway.

A van truck, driven by Joe T. Alexander of Charlotte, N. C., had stopped in the northbound traffic lane when the lights on the truck went out, the coroner said.

The tractor-trailer truck came over the top of a hill and struck the left rear of the van, Pressley said. Alexander was getting out of the van truck to check the headlights when the collision occurred, the coroner said.

**Arson Suspected In House Fire**

Arson is suspected in connection with a fire Dec. 24 which severely damaged a vacant house on North Holland Street, according to a spokesman for the Clinton Fire Department.

The spokesman said the front porch and front two rooms were blazing when firemen arrived at 3:45 a.m. on Dec. 24. He said damaged was confined to the porch and two rooms.

The living room of a house on S. Livingston Street suffered smoke and water damage in a Dec. 27 fire which is believed to have started around the chimney.

Firemen also extinguished a grass fire near the bowling alley on Dec. 27.



We would like to express to all of our friends, our subscribers and our advertisers Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year and hope that the New Year will bring lasting Peace throughout the world.

For your many favors and friendly good will we say "Thank You!"

## Campbell, Sanders Announce As Demo Mayor Candidates

Clinton Mayor Pro-Tem Talmadge Sanders and Carl Campbell announced this week they are candidates for the Democratic nomination for mayor of Clinton.

They are candidates to fill the balance of the term of the late Harry C. Layton who died on Dec. 11. 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.

Clinton City Council set a special general election for Friday to nominate a candidate for mayor of Clinton in the special election Feb. 10.

The primary filing deadline for candidates was set by City Council as noon Saturday, Jan. 3.

Sanders currently is a member of Clinton City Council. He has served on council for eight years as a representative from Ward 6.

A native of Spartanburg, he has resided in Clinton since 1932. He is a graduate of Clinton High School and he attended Presbyterian College. He served with the local National Guard unit when it was activated during World War II.

He is a section man in the spinning room at the Bailey Plant of Clinton Mills.

He is a member of Davidson Street Baptist Church and is married to the former Betty King. They have three children, Terry, 12, Elizabeth, 9, and Keith, 6.

As mayor pro tem, Sanders served as acting mayor during Mr. Layton's illness and since Mr. Layton's death.

In announcing his candidacy, he said, "I will be in the office at City Hall from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. each day for anyone who wants to discuss any municipal problems. I will have the time to devote to the job and, if elected, I will serve to the best of my ability."

Campbell is a native of Clinton. He retired from Clinton Mills after being associated with that organization for 28 years.

A veteran of World War II, he is a member of Bethany Temple Church of God.

He is married to the former Anna Elizabeth Baker and they have five children: Lester E. Campbell, Carl Randolph Campbell and Charles Corbett Campbell, all of whom are employed at The Torrington Company; Ben D. Campbell, who is employed with Greenwood Mills; and Gail

Croy, who is employed at Howard's Pharmacy.

Campbell said, "If elected, I will work to the best of my ability to serve all of the citizens of our community. I am open to any suggestions about ways we can improve our community."

## GOP To Nominate Mayor Candidate On Friday Night

A city Republican convention has been scheduled for Friday to nominate a candidate for mayor of Clinton in the special election Feb. 10.

Republican leaders met Monday night to organize precincts and appoint delegates to the convention which will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Jacobs Press office.

City Convention Chairman Hugh Jacobs said, "There will be a Republican candidate for mayor."

In the special election Feb. 10, the Republican candidate will face the winner of the Jan. 13 Democratic primary.

The special election was called to fill the balance of the term of the late Harry C. Layton.

## Bailey Memorial Hospital Rate Increase Slated

The room and daily service rate at Bailey Memorial Hospital will be increased \$2 per day, effective Jan. 1, 1970, according to Hospital Administrator Fred Crawford.

Crawford said the rate increase is brought on by increased costs of supplies and personnel. He said the hospital's minimum wage will be increased on Feb. 1 from \$1.30 to \$1.45 per hour.

Mr. Crawford said the room and daily service charge includes meals and nursing care.

He said that with the rate increase, private rooms will cost \$33 to \$34 per day and semi-private rooms will range from \$23 to \$28 per day.

Mr. Crawford said, "Even with the rate increase, we're still in line with rates at comparable hospitals in our area."



TALMADGE SANDERS

CARL CAMPBELL

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## Legislative Forum Slated Tuesday

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a legislative forum next Tuesday morning, Jan. 6, at Hotel Mary Magdalen.

The forum will feature reports from the Laurens County Legislative Delegation and from a representative of U. S. Sen. Strom Thurmond's office.

Giving reports on what they expect from the upcoming session of the South Carolina General Assembly will be State Sens. John D. Long of Union and Robert Lake of Whitmire; State Reps. Paul

Culbertson and Davis S. Taylor, both of Laurens.

Gerald Smith, a member of Sen. Strom Thurmond's staff, is to give a brief report on national legislation which may be of particular interest to businessmen and civic leaders.

The meeting, which will start at 10 a.m., will be a general membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. All Chamber of Commerce members and their guests are invited to attend.

## Clinton, Today And Tomorrow

(Editor's Note: The following letter was one of three which tied for third place in the recent 'Clinton, Today and Tomorrow' contest. The first and second place prize winning letters have been published previously. The other two third place letters will be published in the near future.)

### Housing Needed

I think one of Clinton's greatest needs is a building code which is enforced by a building inspector. There also needs to be some way of condemning or re-doing houses which are not fit to be lived in. There are still houses being lived in in Clinton which have no indoor plumbing. Not only is that inconvenient for the occupants but it presents a health problem as well because these people come in contact with the entire community. House owners who rent these houses to people should be made to install the necessary plumbing or should not be allowed to rent the houses.

I think this ties in with the low cost housing plan which is a must. I think the men on our police force are all good men, but I don't think they are all qualified to be law enforcement officers. There should be a way to give them some sort of training before they become officers. This would make them better prepared to do their job and deal with the people. There are a lot of unsolved crimes in Clinton. Maybe this would cut down on some of it.

With the college, Thornwell Orphanage, and Whitten Village here, we need a bus station which can at least offer a place to sit down. The present bus station is such one would almost rather walk.

Can anything be done about the trains which tie up traffic for as much as 22 minutes at a time?

I would like for my town to have the courage to accept new ideas and methods without discarding the old proven ways too readily.

Clinton has a great potential for growth. However, a town cannot grow in one way only. Industry, culture, agriculture, education, social—all go hand-in-hand or it becomes unbalanced. I don't want Clinton to become unbalanced. I don't like a large town, though, I like a fairly small personal town.

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Your Chamber Of Commerce Means Business

(Editor's Note: This is another article in a series designed to familiarize Chronicle readers with the Clinton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors members and their activities.)

## Highways, Streets

Francis Blalock is chairman of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce's Highways and Streets Committee. Other members of the committee are Claude Crocker, J. F. Jacobs Jr., and B. Noland Suddeth.

Specific projects for the year include: Sidewalks to all city schools; ring-road by-pass; removal of SCL Railroad track downtown; interstate highway signs for Thornwell, Presbyterian College and Whitten Village; four-lane access road to Interstate 26 from city limits; list downtown streets that need widening; coordinated traffic light for Broad Street and Carolina Avenue intersection; four lanes for Highway 72 south, beyond Clinton Elementary School.

A native of Clinton, Mr. Blalock is a graduate of Presbyterian College. During World War II, he served in the U. S. Army in New Guinea and the Philippines.

He was a member of the local National Guard unit from 1946 until 1965, serving as Battery Commander, Battalion operations officer and Battalion executive officer.

He is co-owner of Sunshine Cleaners and is a member of the board of directors of Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association.

He is an elder of First Presbyterian Church and is a past president of the Clinton Lions Club and Clinton Chambers of Commerce. He was chairman of the local United Fund in 1961 and is a member of the Clinton



CLAUDE TRAMMELL



J. DAVID WORD

## Trammell To Retire; Word Named Successor

Claude R. Trammell, Clinton Mills and Bailey Plant Paymaster, will retire Feb. 9, 1970 completing a career of over 44 years of continuous service.

J. David Word, Lydia Plant Paymaster, will become Paymaster of all Clinton Mills Plants upon Trammell's retirement. Company Secretary W. C. Neely announced today. Word's office will be located in the Clinton Mills Office on Academy Street.

Trammell, a life-long resident of Clinton, joined Clinton Mills as a part-time student employee in 1919 at the age of 14. He became a full time employee in 1925 and was named Paymaster in 1933.

Word joined Clinton Mills in 1932. In 1936, he began work in the Clinton Mills Payroll Office and became Lydia Paymaster in 1948.

Both Trammell and Word are members of the Clinton Mills Old Timers Club and are Shiners.

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## RESOLUTION HONORS MAYOR

The Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority Board recently adopted a memorial resolution in honor of the late Harry Layton.

Mr. Layton, who was mayor of Clinton at the time of his death on Dec. 11, was a member of the Natural Gas Authority for eight years.

The authority's resolution pays tribute to Mr. Layton who "has served on this board most faithfully over the years." It also says, "The Clinton - Newberry Natural Gas Authority Board hereby gives formal expression of its previous loss in the death of the Honorable Mayor Harry C. Layton and does hereby note in its records the passing from this life of a man who was esteemed by his associates, loved by his friends and respected by all."

## Sponsors Film

The Mountville Chapter of the John Birch Society will present the film, "More Deadly Than War" narrated by Ed Griffin, at the Mountville Grange Hall Friday, Jan. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.



**PC RECEIVES GULF GRANT**  
A cash grant of \$2,500 has been received by Presbyterian College from the Gulf Oil Foundation for unrestricted use as part of Gulf's national program for aiding colleges and universities. The foundation this year distributed more than \$3 million to higher education institutions in the

United States and its territories. The gift presentation to PC shows Business Manager G. Edward Campbell and President Marc C. Weersing receiving the \$2,500 check from J. H. Griffith of Greenville, district manager for Gulf Oil, and Jack Gresham of Clinton, the district representative. —(Yarborough Photo)

## Other Memoirs

BY JOE H. SIMPSON

Last October I attended the Homecoming meeting at Langston Baptist Church, some seven or eight miles north of Clinton, and did this bring back memories to me.

Members of Robt. S. Owens Camp of Confederate Veterans met here each year for their annual reunion for years before the turn of the century, until there were no members left. I attended these meetings from 1902 until 1922.

This is a rather small building but it is without a doubt the cleanest and most modern of any small church that I have ever seen. The windows are spotless, all woodwork is white and the floor is carpeted from wall to wall. Benches are very comfortable, and rest rooms for men and women are very modern. The building is heated with oil and is air conditioned. It has electric lights, but there is still three reflector type oil lamps for emergency use. It also has a modern piano and an old fashioned organ that was bought in 1896, and this has recently been put in first class condition. My prayers are that Langston may continue to serve God and this section of Laurens County for years to come.

(As we come to the close of the year, we would like to express our thanks to those of you who have so kindly informed us of your pleasure with our column. If we have brought pleasant memories to any of you, we are indeed happy, and wish for all our readers a joyous and healthy 1970. Any word of approval would no doubt be appreciated by the editor.)