

**WEATHER**  
(Week of Jan. 7-14)  
High: 48 (Jan. 13) Low: 3 (Jan. 9)  
Precipitation: .48 in.  
(Jan. 7-11-12)

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**RENNO LANDMARK BURNS**—Three chimneys are about all that remains after a Saturday afternoon fire destroyed the 10-room Copeland house in Renno.

The 67-year-old frame house was owned by Mrs. J. David (Alice) Copeland of Clinton.

## 10-Room Renno House Burns

A beautiful old 10-room house in Renno was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon, leaving a 10-member family homeless and without furnishings.

Jim Underwood family which includes eight children.

from the living room and den, including a large piano.

which may be donated to assist the Underwood family.

The 67 year old frame home was built by the late Ben F. Copeland and was owned by Mrs. J. David (Alice) Copeland of Clinton. It was occupied by the

The fire apparently started in an upstairs bedroom about 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood were in Clinton, shopping for groceries, at the time of the fire. All of the children got out of the house safely and assisted in saving some furniture

Laurens County Sheriff's Deputies and forest rangers were called to the scene but they were unable to extinguish the blaze. There is no rural fire department in Laurens County.

The children lost all of their clothing except that which they were wearing at the time of the fire.

The children include four girls and four boys. The girls' dress and shoe sizes are: 12 months, shoe size 9 1/2; 6x, shoe size 11 1/2; 8, shoe size 1 1/2. Boys' sizes are: pants, 12 slim; shirt 10, shoe 2; pants, 12 husky; shirt 14; shoe 5 1/2; pants 14, shirt 14, shoe 7 1/2; pants 16, shirt 16; and shoe 8.

The Underwood family lost most of their household furnishings and clothing. They are members of Hurricane Baptist Church and earlier this week members of the family were staying with various members of the church. Posey Watts Copeland has offered the family use of two house trailers and some furniture.

Articles may be taken to the United Fund office at 200 W. Pitts Street or to Young's Gulf Station. Also, the United Fund office may be called and the articles will be picked up.

## Clinton Hosts District Lions

The Clinton Lions Club will be host club when District 32-A Lions International holds its annual Mid-Winter Rally, Saturday, Jan. 17th.



E. G. BARRY

Past International President Edward G. Barry, of Little Rock, Ark., will be the featured speaker at a banquet in Presbyterian College Dining Hall at the close of the Rally. Lion Barry is Chairman of the Board of the Arkansas Power and Light Company and a much sought after speaker.

## Jury Recommends Grand Jury Action

LAURENS - An inquest jury recommended here Thursday that a Charlotte, N.C., man be held for grand jury action in the Dec. 23, 1969, traffic death of Cleveland Lester Faulk, 47, of Rt. 2, Eventon, Va.

The jury found that Faulk died from injuries received in a truck collision "due to the negligence on the part of Joe Thomas Alexander," and recommended that Alexander be held.

## ROUND THE TOWN

Overheard: a six-year-old reciting — "Mary had a little lamb, with fleas as white as snow . . ." And a seven-year-old singing: "Oh, I come from Alabama with a bandage on my knee . . ."

That wasn't really a 'break-in' at Belk's last week-end—at least not in the usual sense of the word.

An automobile jumped the curb Sunday morning and struck a Belk's display window. The window was one displaying furs and gave rise to rumors that there had been a 'break-in' at Belk's. Damage was limited to the window.

The Clinton Junior High Campfire Girls received national recognition as they were featured in the national Campfire magazine for the work they did in assisting the Clinton Jaycees with their Christmas shopping project.

The Jaycees sponsor a "Christmas Stocking" campaign in which they take needy children on a shopping tour. The Campfires assist in taking the children shopping.

## PC Gift Program Goes Over Goal

A strong year-end finish put the Presbyterian College Annual Giving program over the top with \$150,750 raised in 1969 and a cumulative total of \$1,002,789 raised since the program's start in 1959.

President Marc C. Weersing, making the announcement today, said Annual Giving was continued in 1969 as a separate project while PC's EXCEL capital funds campaign was raising more than \$2.3 million for plant and endowment. He added:

"The Annual Giving program, one of our most vital income sources for current operations, was truly remarkable this past year in holding its high level despite the major EXCEL effort. The success of both undertakings represented a tremendous response on the part of alumni and friends, and we are most grateful for their support."

The \$150,750 from 1,454 individual gifts exceeded the \$150,000 goal and was only slightly under the record amount of \$153,138 achieved by Annual Giving in 1968. Analysis of the totals showed \$78,607 from 969 alumni, \$51,506 from 298 friends, \$12,502 from 122 parents, and \$8,135 from 65 non-alumni members of the faculty and boards of trustees and visitors.

President Weersing said the sub-total for the Waller Johnson Club, a major objective in support of athletics, amounted to \$45,500 — also over the goal.

## Fire Destroys Bond St. House

A house on Bond Street was destroyed by fire early Monday morning.

The frame house was occupied by the Willie Williams family.

The fire, of undetermined origin, was reported at 3 a.m.

A geographical breakdown on the 1969 funds found South Carolina contributing almost one-half, with \$74,053 from 795 gifts. Georgia followed with \$23,529 from 216 donations, while 140 North Carolinians added \$22,382, and 303 gifts from the other states and abroad came to \$30,786.

Presbyterian College's Annual Giving program is under the overall direction of the alumni board of directors. Heading the operation during the past year were: William C. McSweeney, Greenville businessman who served as president of the PC Alumni Association; Attorney William M. Hagood III of Easley, president-elect; and Ben Hay Hammet, director of alumni and public relations.

## Delegation Meeting Set Jan. 26

A public meeting of the Laurens County Legislative Delegation will be rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 26.

The meeting originally was scheduled for this past Monday but was canceled because of weather conditions.

The Jan. 26 meeting will start at 10:15 a.m. and will be held at the Laurens County Courthouse in Laurens.

The delegation will receive budget requests for the 1970-71 fiscal year. All requests should be in writing with a copy filed with Rep. David S. Taylor, secretary of the delegation.

## FOR MAYOR Sanders Wins Demo Nomination

Mayor Pro Tem Talmadge Sanders will face former mayor Noland Suddeth Feb. 10 in the special general election for mayor of Clinton.

Sanders won the Democratic nomination for mayor Tuesday in the primary, defeating Carl Campbell, 225-44.

Suddeth was named the Republican candidate in a city GOP convention two weeks ago.

The special election on Feb. 10 will be to elect a mayor to fill the unexpired term of the late Mayor Harry C. Layton. The term will expire on August, 1970, after the regular election has been held for a full two-year term.

Sanders carried all three precincts. At Clinton No. 1, (City Hall), Sanders polled 116 votes to 11 for Campbell; Clinton No. 2 (Armory), Sanders 48, Campbell 10; and Clinton No. 3 (Clinton Mill), Sanders 61, Campbell 23.

## Public Housing Timetable Explained

It probably will be two and a half to three years before Clinton will have a low-rent housing project ready for occupancy, Dr. Louis Stephens told Clinton Rotarians Tuesday.

Dr. Stephens, chairman of the Clinton Housing Authority, said, "We have come a long way and we now have most of the paper work out of the way. But we still have much to do."

Dr. Stephens also said, "We're talking about a \$4-1/2 to \$5 million project for Clinton. We probably will ask for 300 to 350 units."

He said, "We aren't talking about a 'barracks-type' housing project. We're talking about duplexes, triplexes and, at most, four-family units, landscaped and on paved roads. And we don't want to have all of the units on one site. We prefer to have them scattered."

Dr. Stephens said, "These should be attractive buildings and the architecture should be in keeping with that prevalent wherever the units are located."

He said that Union had 150 units at the start and now had 125 more under construction when he visited there. He said that the rent is based on ability to pay and that in Union the rent ranged from \$12 to \$60 per month, including utilities. The maximum income for a family living in the project in Union is \$5,400 per year. If the family goes above that maximum, it must move out of the project and into homes of their own in Union. He said, "They have learned the pride of ownership and they're now property taxpayers."

Dr. Stephens pointed out that the Clinton Housing Authority will set the eligibility requirements, including maximum salary and the rental fee.

He said that people living in the low-rent housing projects are taught how to handle their finances and how to be more self-reliant. He said, "If they don't pay their rent, they are evicted. If they become disorderly, they can be evicted. If they don't keep their unit up to inspection standards, they can be evicted."

Dr. Stephens said the next step toward a housing project in Clinton is for City Council to file a resolution with the federal Housing and Urban Development Department in Atlanta, requesting a specific number of units. A HUD representative then will come to Clinton to check on the needs and will make his recommendations concerning number of units and possible locations.

The House delayed action on a Laurens County resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution to permit the Laurens hospital district to increase its bond debt limit to 35 per cent of assessed valuation of property.

## County Welfare Voter Boards To Be Enlarged

Bills to enlarge the Laurens County boards of voter registration and public welfare were introduced Tuesday in the S. C. House of Representatives by Reps. David S. Taylor and Paul Culbertson.

Each of the two boards now has three members. The legislation would expand each board to five members.

Taylor said enlargement of the boards would give them a "more rounded representation." He said appointments to the new positions will be made after the legislation has been approved and signed by the governor.

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## It's Dog-Gone Cold!



**PRISSY 'MISSY'**—'Missy' is a four-year-old Chihuahua-Rat Terrier who doesn't like to get her hind feet wet or cold. So she walks around as shown whenever it's wet or cold. She belongs to seven-year-old Blair Martin, Jr., of Chestnut St., Clinton. The Martins didn't teach 'Missy' to walk that way. In fact, they can't get her to do it when they want her to. But left alone on the wet, cold ground, 'Missy' starts walking around on her front feet only. She's been doing a lot of that lately.

## Clintonians Shiver, Shake Through Coldest Temperatures

Clintonians shivered through one of this area's longest prolonged cold spells last week as low temperatures went below 10 degrees for three straight days.

The cold snap hit on Thursday, Jan. 8 as the low dipped to eight degrees with a high of 24. But the worst was yet to come. On Friday, Jan. 9, the low sank to three degrees, believed to be the lowest official reading in this area in about 20 years. The high on Jan. 9 was 27 degrees. But it still wasn't over. On Saturday, Jan. 10, the low was six degrees with a high of 34.

The cold spell finally snapped on Sunday, Jan. 11, as the low was 21 and the high was 35. Bob Wickham, operator of the weather observation station at Thornwell, said that starting on Jan. 1, the area's low has been below freezing for 14 consecutive days.

While youngsters made their own skating rinks—often in their own yards—fuel dealers and plumbers were kept busy by balky heaters and split pipes.

However, there was no serious interruption of services.

A spokesman for the Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority reported, "Many heating systems used in this area are designed to handle temperatures down to about 15 degrees. Once you get below that, particularly for a prolonged period, you're apt to have minor troubles."

He said the local gas authority had no interruptions of service, as did authorities in some other nearby areas. He said, "We were more fortunate because we had more ways to get gas."

Students at Mountview Elementary School got a holiday on Monday as pipes were frozen at the school. A cracked pipe at Bell Street High School Monday caused heating problems but it was fixed before the day was out.



**COLD WAIT**—Four members of Miss Agnes Davis, fourth grade class at Clinton Elementary School huddle together in last Friday's frigid weather, awaiting a ride home after school. They are, left to right: Elisa Williams, Betsy Gaines, Barbara Black and Barbara Cason.

## 730 Enroll At Presbyterian

Presbyterian College has enrolled 730 students for the second semester of the 1969-70 session, a new record for this mid-year period.

Registrar Roslyn Martin said the current total compares to the previous high of 669 who signed up for the second semester last year. The present session opened last August with 777 enrolled in the largest student body ever assembled at PC.

## Other Memoirs

BY JOE H. SIMPSON

No doubt many of you have wondered why I have not mentioned one of our finest manufacturing plants. One whose products are all over the United States and in fact all over the world. I refer to Thornwell Orphanage and Presbyterian College, whose finished product is the finest type of citizen to be found anywhere.

While I knew the founder, Dr. William F. Jacobs, personally, I do not feel qualified to write much about his great achievement in starting these two wonderful institutions. Thornwell was founded in 1875 and P.C. a few years later. I have a lot of you did not know that the first building of P.C. was an administration building erected just south of the Thornwell Orphanage. It was recently torn down.

Both of these institutions have given us a long list of preachers, teachers, lawyers, doctors, nurses and many fine and noble Christian citizens. May God's richest blessings continue to be with both of these institutions.