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New Directors Announced

Holland Elected President Of Chamber Of Commerce

Joe S. Holland has been elected president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce for the 1970-71 fiscal year.

Other officers elected are Ralph Patterson, first vice president; and Tom Plaxico, treasurer. George Cornelison, the retiring president, will serve as second vice president.

Mr. Patterson is owner of Gray Funeral Home and Mr. Plaxico is owner of Plaxico Chevrolet.

Elected to the board of directors are Bailey Dixon, William Hatton, O. P. Haynes, Jim Von Hollen and Dr. N. C. Wessinger. They were elected by the membership in a mail ballot. Their terms commence April 1 and will expire in 1973.

Dixon is plant engineer of Clinton Mills. Hatton is president of W. S. Hatton Real Estate and In-

urance Agency and Haynes is manager of Radio Station WPCB. Mr. Von Hollen is vice president of M. S. Bailey and Son Bankers and Dr. Wessinger is a dentist.

The new officers and directors will be presented March 10 at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Wilbur Smith, president of the internationally known planning firm of Wilbur Smith Associates, will be featured speaker for the banquet which will start at 7 p.m. and will be held at Mary Musgrove Hotel. The banquet also will be a joint meeting with the local Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

The new directors will succeed Joe Holland, D. B. Smith, B. Noland Suddeth, J. C. Thomas and Leonard Caricote whose terms expire March 31.

Other members of the 17-member board of directors and their terms are:

1968-71 - Francis Blalock, Kenneth Fryfogle, Hugh S. Jacobs, George Reid and Donny Wilder.

1969-73 - Richard V. Bodmer, Don G. Creighton, Lynn Cooper Jr., Ralph Patterson and Tom Plaxico.

A native of Clinton, Mr. Holland is owner of the Piggy Wiggly Supermarket in Clinton. He is a past chairman of the Clinton Merchants and Businessmen's Association and currently serves as first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

He is a past president of the Food Retailers Association of South Carolina and is a member of Broad Street Methodist



JOE S. HOLLAND

Church. He also is a member of the board of directors of the Clinton Rotary Club and is a member of the Laurens County Shrine Club. He is a veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Holland also is a member of the board of directors of Clinton Junior Achievement.

Mr. Holland is married to the former Trotti Pruitt and they have three children.

Clinton Councilmen Seek Amendment Election By District Asked For Laurens County Council

Planners Complete Bill Study

Clinton City Council Monday night cleared the way for final preparations on the city's water capacity expansion project.

Council approved engineers' recommendations on the \$309,538 project which will double the city's water capacity. The water capacity will be increased from three million gallons per day to six million gallons per day by updating the capacity at the filter plant and at pumping stations.

Council took the action on the recommendation of the Clinton Planning Commission which this week completed a study of the legislation setting up the County Council method of governmental operation for Laurens County. Noting that there were no district residency restrictions for candidates for County Council, the Planning Commission recommended that the legislation be amended to require that two of the County Councilmen come from School District 55, two from School District 56 with the fifth member of Council elected at large. The Commission recommended that all five members would be voted on by all voters in the county but they would be candidates to represent specific areas.

The Planning Commission made its recommendation after it was pointed out in general discussion that all five members of County Council might be residents of one area of the county. The commission felt their suggested amendment would help guarantee a geographic distribution of County Council members.

The Planning Commission took its action after studying the County Council legislation point-by-point with Presbyterian College Professor Earl B. Halsall, whom they had requested to make a study of the legislation.

City Council Clears Way For Water Expansion Project

set the stage for the engineering firm of Harwood Beebe to draw up contracts with change orders. The original bids on the project totaled \$474,485 which exceeded the amount the city had budgeted for the project.

The project was trimmed to \$309,538 Monday night as the engineers recommended certain changes and deletions which can be added later. A primary deletion was an overhead water tank which engineers said can be added at a later date.

Council's action Monday night

will be \$193,239. The city had received approval of a \$154,600 grant from the Federal Housing and Urban Development Department. The city's share also includes architects' fees legal fees and some other expenses which are not covered in the HUD grant.

Southeastern Paving and Excavation Co. was low bidder on the water main phase of the project and Gillespie Construction Co. was low bidder on the filter plant work.

Four Appointed To Plan Board

Four new members for the Clinton Planning Commission were announced Monday night's meeting of the commission.

They are: John Addison, Bob Wickham, Jim Von Hollen and Donny Wilder. They will succeed I. Mac Adair, Heath Copeland, W. Carlisle Neely and Joe Bonds.

The new members' terms will be effective April 1 and will expire in 1974.

Planning Commission Chairman J. C. Thomas appointed a nominating committee to report back at the March meeting with a slate of officers for 1970-71. George Cornelison is chairman of the nominating committee and other members are W. C. Dobbins and Dr. Roy Suber.

Political Meetings This Week

Political reorganizational meetings are scheduled today and Saturday in Laurens County.

Republican precinct meetings are scheduled tonight, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. The meetings will be held at the usual voting places.

Democratic Party precinct meetings are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28, starting at 3 p.m., at the usual meeting places.

County conventions for both parties are scheduled for March 2 in the Laurens County Courthouse in Laurens. The Democratic County Convention will start at 10 a.m. on March 2 and the Republican County Convention will start at 7:30 p.m. in the courthouse.

Officers are to be elected at both the precinct and county meetings.

The Democratic Primary is slated for June 9 and the General Election will be held on Nov. 3.

Congressman To Address Kiwanians

Second District Congressman Albert Watson will be guest speaker for the Clinton Kiwanis Club's Farmers Night Program tonight.

Congressman Watson was elected as a Democrat to the 88th Congress in 1962. In 1965, he resigned and was re-elected as a member of the Republican Party in a special election.

Watson, who is a graduate of the University of South Carolina Law School, serves in the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and the Committee on Internal Security.

Congressman Watson's resignation and re-election as a member of another political party were without precedent in the history of the House of Representatives.

Kiwanian Henderson Pitts is Chairman of the Farmer's Night Program.

United Fund Board To Meet

The final report meeting for the 1969-70 United Fund campaign and the presentation of appreciation awards are scheduled today, Feb. 26, at 4 p.m. at Hotel Mary Musgrove.



ALBERT WATSON

Boylston Covers State Legislature

Jimmy Boylston, a journalism major at the University of South Carolina, will begin covering the Laurens county legislative delegation next week for the Clinton Chronicle.

Jimmy, 24, is from Blackville. He attended the Aiken Regional Campus of USC for two years before transferring to the main campus in Columbia. Jimmy was listed on the sophomore honor list while at Aiken and was also editor of "The Rebellaire", the campus newspaper. He has served as a local correspondent for the "Barnwell People-Sentinel" and "The Augusta Chronicle."

Jimmy will be covering the South Carolina Legislature as a part of an advanced reporting course at Carolina.

David Taylor Seeks Re-Election To House

David S. Taylor announced today that he will seek the Democratic nomination for re-election to the South Carolina House of Representatives from Laurens County.

He is serving his sixth year as a member of this body and serves on the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee and the Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee.

In making this announcement, Mr. Taylor expressed his sincere appreciation to all the citizens of Laurens County for electing him to this office three times and pledges, if re-elected, to continue to serve to the best of his ability.



DAVID S. TAYLOR

World Day Of Prayer Service Slated March 6

Services for World Day of Prayer sponsored by the Women's Societies of Clinton churches will be held Friday, March 6 at four o'clock at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Topic of the Worship Service this year is "Take Courage." The program is being planned to appeal to all age groups with audience participation and music.

Boy Scouts will serve as ushers. Boy Scouts and Camp Fire groups are invited to attend an event with their respective units. A nursery will be provided for preschool children.

Approximately 130 countries will be participating in this service throughout the world and all Clintonians are invited to attend this community service.

Thornwell Teams Win In Tourney

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W. P. Jacobs To Head Tricentennial Efforts

William P. Jacobs III has been elected chairman of the Laurens County Tricentennial Committee.

He succeeds Dr. Marshall Brown who resigned the position. Dr. Brown said, "I was very glad when the Executive Committee arranged to replace me with my good friend and former student, Mr. William P. Jacobs III. Mr. Jacobs has many family connections in our county; he has for some time been working on the publication of a tour guide to the county; and he has many abilities which will be helpful to the program of the county."

Dr. Brown said the County Historical Commission has been promised that property transfers and county official work on historical sites and access roads will facilitate visits to the historical sites. He also said the county ministerial associations have agreed to cooperate with plans of publishing short histories of the churches and school officials have "indicated a desire to involve school children actively in Tricentennial celebrations."



W. P. JACOBS III

He said, "A number of our committee members not only have a willingness to work for the success of the program, but also have much knowledge of the traditions and the historical sites of Laurens County."

A native of Clinton, Mr. Jacobs attended Clinton High School and Darlington Prep School. He is a 1940 graduate of Presbyterian College and has done graduate

Taylor, Long Oppose Gasoline Tax Hike

BY JIMMY BOYLSTON
 Legislative Correspondent

Rep. David Taylor and Sen. John Long of the Laurens County legislative delegation said this week they will oppose any efforts to increase taxes this year.

A bill now before the Senate Judiciary Committee calls for a one-cent hike in the gasoline tax.

Underlining his opposition to the tax hike, Rep. Taylor noted that last year the General Assembly passed tax increases on cigarettes, liquor and a sales tax hike. "I do not favor tax increases of any sort this year," he said.

Sen. Long said South Carolina enacted more tax increases last year than anytime in the state's history.

"Without any increases in taxes, the general revenue funds will bring in an additional 40 million to the state treasury this year," he said. Long said the legislature should find some means to operate the government within the framework of this additional revenue and should not enact new taxes.

The proposal would increase the gasoline tax from seven to eight cents. North Carolina increased its gasoline tax by two cents last year.

PC Trustees Meet On Monday

Adoption of an operating budget for the coming year and review of the ongoing development program will be two main considerations of the Presbyterian College board of trustees when it meets in regular session next Monday and Tuesday.

Trustees are scheduled to arrive on campus Monday afternoon and assemble in committees that night. The board will meet in full session the next morning under the leadership of Chairman Eugene T. Wilson of Atlanta.

Taylor Against New Tag Proposal

Rep. David Taylor said this week he will oppose a proposal by the State Highway Department that would require a standardized vehicle registration fee to replace the present system based on the weight of the car.

The bill would set the price of all automobile license tags at ten dollars.

Taylor said the heavier vehicles do the most damage to our highways and should therefore pay a higher tag fee.

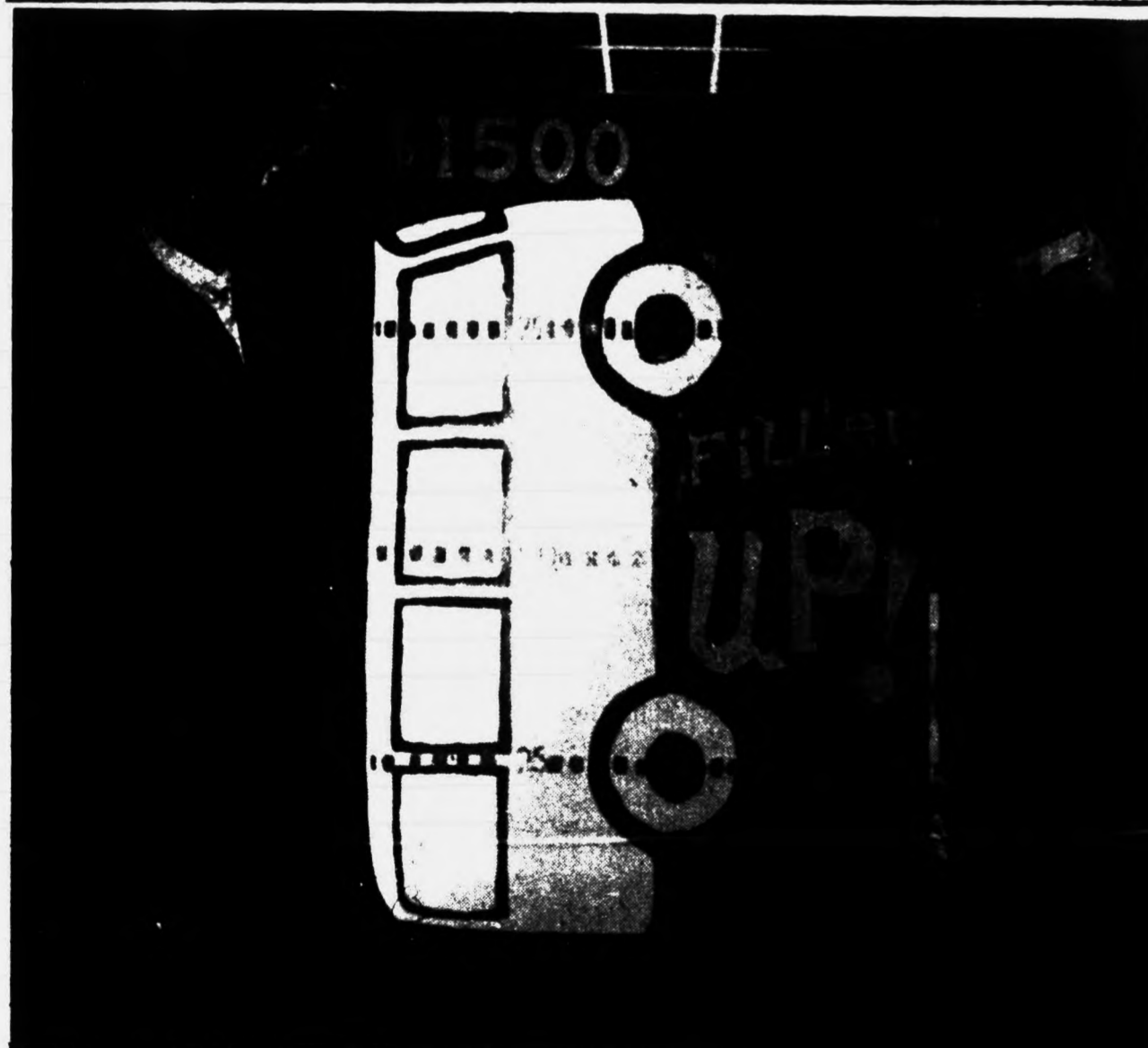
Other Memoirs

BY JOE H. SIMPSON

One of my early business experiences was at the age of eight when I answered a Chicago firm's advertisement by ordering 20 packs of perfume which I sold for 10c per pack, mostly to my relatives.

Remitting the \$2 to the firm, they sent what they called a gold-plated watch to me for my service. This was the prettiest watch that I ever saw, and, in fact, was so pretty that I could carry it in my pocket but held it in my hand most all of the first day.

By evening the gold finish had worn off and it had a very brassy odor. No doubt some of you had a similar experience.



PC BUS DRIVE—Presbyterian College students have launched a campaign to raise \$1,500 toward purchase of a van-type bus to be used for student service projects. The First Presbyterian Church of Laurens has given \$1,500 toward the project from the Craig Fund and another \$1,500 is needed to purchase the bus which will be used primarily to transport students to and from service projects. PC will own and maintain the bus and it will be used for the sole purpose of assisting with service projects. The Blue Key National Honor Fraternity of PC is the nucleus organization to raise the money. Shown above are Carson Rhyne, left, chairman of the drive, and Duncan McFadyen, right, president of Blue Key. Contributions can be made to 'Bus Fund', Business Office, Presbyterian College, Clinton.