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ROUND THE TOWN

The Eclipse

The eclipse of the sun next Saturday afternoon will be a very special occasion for folks in this area. Although the eclipse probably won't be "total", as viewed from the Clinton area, it still is almost a "once-in-a-lifetime" occasion, according to Dr. K. N. Carter, head of the Chemistry Department at Presbyterian College.

Dr. Carter's wife, who teaches astronomy at PC, says that the eclipse will be about 90 to 95 per cent as viewed from the Clinton area. That means that, as seen from here, the moon will cover 90 to 95 per cent of the sun's surface. The peak of the eclipse should come at about 1:20 p.m., according to Mrs. Carter, and will last only a couple of minutes. From the time the moon starts passing between the earth and the sun the completion of the eclipse should take about two and a half hours.

Dr. Carter and his family are going to the lower part of South Carolina to view the eclipse. It's supposed to be a total eclipse as viewed from areas near the S. C. coast.

He said, "We can learn things about the sun and moon in a total eclipse that can't be learned at any other time."

He recalled that as a youth in Due West, there was a partial eclipse and darkness settled over the area in mid-day. Confused chicken went to roost. The eclipse should be an exciting time but it also poses some dangers to eyesight. Don't look directly at the eclipse unless you have taken precautions to protect your eyes. Ordinary sunglasses won't do the job.

Last week, The Chronicle published a drawing which showed how to make a viewer through which you can safely watch the eclipse.

Dr. Carter says two thicknesses of exposed, developed black and white film also can provide eye protection. Unroll and completely expose a roll of black and white film and then develop it to maximum density. With two thicknesses of this film, turn your back to the sun and place the film over your eyes. If it has been properly prepared, you shouldn't be able to see anything through the film. Then, holding the film in place, turn to face the sun. The sun should appear as a faint yellow ball with a dark splotch at one edge if the eclipse has started.

The last time a total eclipse was visible in South Carolina was in 1834.

Only 10 years ago, 21 persons went completely blind in Utah after improperly viewing a partial eclipse, according to the S.C. Optometric Association.

In case you miss this eclipse, the next one is scheduled over the state in 2078

Julian Bolick Dies In Wreck

Julian Stevenson Bolick, native of Georgetown and resident of Clinton, died Friday afternoon when his car struck a concrete bridge support on I-26 near the Peak exit some 14 miles west of Columbia.

Noted in many areas of excellence, — as an artist, author, historian, landscape artist, churchman, and civic leader — Mr. Bolick is most revered for his love of his native state, which resulted in preservation of the history, folklore, and native beauty of South Carolina in well-researched books accompanied by his pen-and-ink sketches of actual landmarks and imaginative folklore.

His notable works are "Georgetown Houselore" (1944), "Waccamaw Plantations" (1946), "Georgetown Ghosts" (1956), "The Return of the Gray Man" (1962), "Fairfield Sketchbook" (1963) and "Ghosts From the Coast" (1966). At the time of his



JULIAN BOLICK death he was preparing a book on old homes in Laurens County. (Cont. on page 4A.)

Stoddard Seeks House Nomination

Eugene C. Stoddard, farmer and businessman of Gray Court, announces that he is a candidate for one of the county's two seats in the House of Representatives in the Democratic Primary.

This is Stoddard's second venture in the House race, having run a close third in a field of five candidates in the primary two years ago and thereby narrowly missing a run-off. Four years ago, he was elected Magistrate of Dials Township, resigning that post upon entering the House race two years ago.

Stoddard, 42, is married to the former Joyce Armstrong and they reside at Route 3, Gray Court, with their five children.



EUGENE STODDARD of the Gray Court-Owings PTO. With membership in various farm organizations he also serves as a director and vice-chairman of the Rabon Creek Water Shed, and

An 11-point policy proposal designed to increase efficiency and coordination in city government was passed unanimously Monday night by Clinton City Council.

The proposals were submitted by Mayor Noland Suddeth who said, "I request each of the above items be acted on by Council so your new Mayor can be sure of the policies of this Council. May I also say that I believe it is high time that your Mayor and City Council start approving policies

and regulations and seeing to it that they are carried out in a respectable and efficient way. Unless we do this, the budget items for the Mayor and Councilmen's pay should be removed from the City's budget."

Among the proposals was one to cut the city's budget by \$32,000 in order to have a balanced budget as of Aug. 31; a change in the penalty date for past-due payments on utility bills; an order to collect past-due fees for

out-of-the-city fire calls; a study of the Trailer (mobile home) ordinance; and several items having to do with general operation of city departments.

Suddeth's proposals, all of which were approved unanimously, are as follows:

(1) After careful study and after one called meeting last week . . . I find that the budget for the remaining portion of the financial year should be cut the

sum of \$32,000. Unless this is done, I see no way to have a balanced budget as of Aug. 31, 1970. All suggestions by members should be considered and the best ones used.

All of the budget cuts were in the Utility Department allocations. Some of the cuts concerned planned equipment purchases. Another economy move was putting the department on a 40-hour week basis and elimination of some overtime work.

(2) I cannot find in the council meeting minutes where Council authorized the Treasurer to change the utility payments date to the fifteenth and the cut-off date to the twentieth of each month. Unless Council has approved this, then the approval dates for the tenth and cut-off on the fifteenth should be used until changed by this group."

The council motion approved is that effective with April 1 utility billings, penalties will be added

to accounts not paid by the 10th of each month; all accounts not paid by the 15th will have service discontinued on the 16th of the month, and a fee of \$5 for cutting on will be added.

(3) "Council should, tonight, make it clear to all that it will demand accurate payrolls from every department before the Treasurer is authorized to write any payroll checks. All payrolls should be in accordance with the

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Council Request Too Late

Clinton City Council's request for an amendment to the Laurens County Council legislation came "too late", according to Rep. David S. Taylor, secretary for the Laurens County Legislative Delegation.

Rep. Taylor said, "A minimum of two weeks is required to get an amendment through the legislature and . . . the books for candidates will be open to qualify on Monday, March 2, 1970.

"Without considering the merits or demerits of this proposed amendment, the request comes too late. In my opinion, if amendments were attempted at this late date, there would be chaos when candidates attempted to qualify."

On the recommendation of the Clinton Planning Commission, Clinton City Council requested last week that County Council legislation be amended so that members of the new County Council would be elected by districts with one member elected at large.

As currently drawn, the five councilmen will be elected at large in the county, with no district or area residency requirements.

The Clinton Planning Commission conducted a study of the legislation setting up the County Council and noted that all five County Councilmen could be from the same town or area. The commission suggested that two councilmen be elected from School District 55, two from School District 56 and one elected at large.

Culbertson Won't Seek Re-Election

State Rep. W. Paul Culbertson of Laurens says he will not be a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives.

In a statement issued this week, Rep. Culbertson said:

"For some time, I have deliberated the question of offering as a candidate for reelection for the House of Representatives.

"I have always genuinely appreciated the confidence demonstrated by my friends of Laurens County in permitting me to serve in the House of Representatives. It has been a pleasure for me to work with the other members of our delegation and all other officers of Laurens County. It has not been an easy choice for me to decide against seeking the further opportunity for service.

"However, I have reluctantly resolved against seeking reelection. The primary personal motivations which have persuaded my decision are my absence from my family during the Legislature session and the pressure of my Law practice. In a few years my boys will graduate from school and I have a compelling desire and responsibility to spend more time with them.

"I want all of the people of Laurens County to know of my gratitude for the honor that has been accorded me in the past and I am hopeful that circumstances may permit me to seek public office at some future date."

At Hampton Avenue School Beltline Road Hearing Scheduled For Tuesday

The Highway Department's announced public hearing on the proposed belt-line route around the eastern side of Clinton is scheduled for 10 a.m. next Tuesday (March 10).

The corridor type hearing will be held in the Hampton Avenue School auditorium in Clinton.

Chief Highway Commissioner Silas N. Pearman said all information obtained at the hearing would be used in determining a location of the new route.

Extending from S.C. 72 north of the city to S.C. 72 south, the arterial will be about three miles long and is initially planned as two lanes.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and express their views on the economic, social and environmental effects of the proposed route location. Full detail of alternate

locations will be presented by engineering personnel from the Highway Department to establish the most suitable alignment.

Later, based on community reaction to the corridor location, design plans will be developed by the Highway Department for presentation at a subsequent "design" type public hearing.

Beginning at S. C. 72 north of the city, just beyond the Adair Street and Francis E. Willard Road intersection, the arterial road is generally proposed to swing southeasterly and intersect Carolina Avenue North and Carolina Avenue South (U.S. 76) just east of the city.

The route will continue southwesterly across Fifth Avenue and Maple Street, cross Bush Creek, intersect S. C. 56 near the hospital and terminate at S. C. 72 near Chestnut Street.

While the facility is initially

Planning Firm's Founder Speaks At CC Banquet

Wilbur S. Smith, founder and head of internationally known Wilbur Smith and Associates planning firm, will be featured speaker next Tuesday night, March 10, at the annual supper meeting of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

The banquet will start at 7:30 p.m. at Hotel Mary Musgrove and will be a joint meeting of the Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs.

Mr. Smith's topic will be "Economic Impact of the 1970's" and he is expected to give some general information on the planning study which his firm is now conducting for the City of Clinton.

Mr. Smith's consulting engineering firm was organized in 1952, as successor to the partnership of Smith-Dibble and Co. In 1965, it added the staff and full engineering design capabilities of Smith-Pollitte and Company. In 1969, it acquired Southeastern Surveys, Inc., a firm specializing in air transport services.

The firm's manpower resources include approximately 500 full-time permanent employees with specialists in civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, traffic engineering, general transportation engineering, economics, computer sciences, statistics, urban and regional planning, landscape architecture, marketing, administration and public transportation.

Mr. Smith received the B.S. Degree (1932) and M.S. Degree (1933) in Electrical Engineering, and the honorary LL.D. Degree (1963) from the University of South Carolina. His graduate studies included a year at Harvard University as a research fellow in the Bureau of Street Traffic Research.

He has taught at Yale University, the University of South Carolina and Clemson University.

He is president and chairman



WILBUR S. SMITH

of the board of the Eno Foundation for Transportation, Inc., and also is chairman of the board of directors of Freeman, Fox, Wilbur Smith and Associates, with headquarters in London.

Oakley Is Named United Fund Head

Charles T. (Buddy) Oakley was elected president of the United Fund of Greater Clinton, Inc., last Thursday at the quarterly meeting of the board of directors.

Mrs. Frank Sherrill was elected first vice president and W. R. Anderson was elected treasurer. Retiring president, Gen. A.B. Godfrey will serve as second vice president.

Named to three-year terms on the board of directors were C.W. Anderson, R.V. Bodmer, Dr. Fred Chapman, Kenneth E. Fryogle, Oliver H. Green, Harry Y. Mc Sweeney and Carl Rogers. Mrs. Ervin Shook was named to the board for 1970-71 to fill an unexpired term.

Retiring directors are John P. Daniluk, Mrs. R.E. Ferguson Jr., Gen. Godfrey, Mrs. Louis M. Stephens, Rev. E.W. Rogers, James Von Hollen, and Rev. Zeb C. Williams.

Auditor Won't Seek Re-Election

Miss Jennie V. Culbertson, Laurens County's auditor for the last 28 years, announced today she will not be a candidate for reelection.

Miss Culbertson said, "It has been a hard decision to make but I think it's best to step out and let someone else take over. I have enjoyed serving the wonderful people of Laurens County and I am appreciative of everything they've done for me."

Miss Culbertson was first elected to the office in 1942 and has served continuously since then, always being re-elected without opposition.

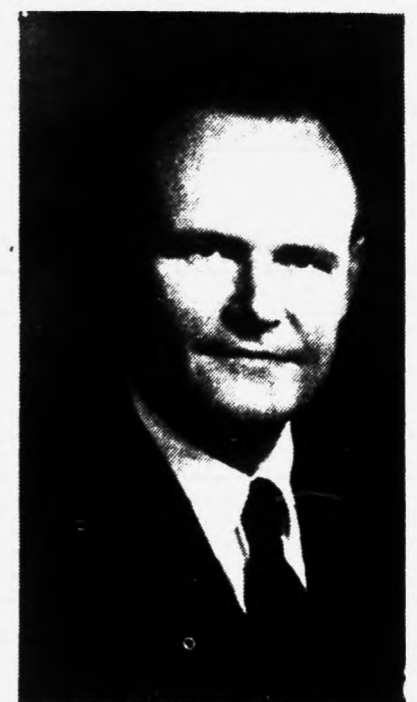
Her current term will expire June 30, 1971.

\$2.7 Million Budget OK'd By PC Board

The Presbyterian College board of trustees Tuesday adopted a \$2.7 million budget for the coming year and nominated four Presbyterian leaders to receive honorary degrees at the May 17 commencement exercises.

Assembled in its annual two-

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GEORGE CORNELISON



WALTER SIGMAN



CARLISLE NEELY



LEWIS WALLACE

CM Promotions Are Announced

Clinton Mills President, Robert M. Vance, yesterday announced the promotion of four executives to corporate officer level posts.

George H. Cornelison, Walter A. Sigman and W. Carlisle Neely were respectively named to the newly-created positions of Executive Vice President, Corporate Controller, and Vice President and Treasurer. Lewis N. Wallace was elevated to Secretary, succeeding Neely.

"The appointments are effective immediately," Vance said, following the Board of Directors' annual meeting. "This realignment was made to further enhance our role of leadership in the industry and to provide a broader base for continuing growth."

Cornelison, elevated from vice president and assistant treasurer to executive vice president, joined Clinton Mills in 1954. He served in various capacities prior to becoming vice president in 1958. He attended Harvard Business School after receiving a B.S. Degree in Textiles from North Carolina State University.

Neely, secretary of the company since 1941, fills the new post of vice president and treasurer. He holds a B.S. Degree in Commerce from the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining the organization as office manager in 1937, he was engaged in the field of public accounting.

Wallace, a native of Ora, has served as office manager since 1950. He joined the organization as a bookkeeper in 1947.

Sigman, formerly controller, is now corporate controller. He holds a B.S. Degree in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. Before joining Clinton Mills in 1965, he was staff accountant with a public accounting firm.

Clinton Mills, a major producer of carded cotton and blend

fabrics of polyester and combed cotton, has four spinning and weaving plants located here. The 74-year old firm entered the knitted fabrics market last month when it announced an agreement to purchase a substantial financial interest in Elastic Fabrics of America, a Pennsylvania based Raschel knitting company.



PAUL O'DELL

O'Dell Seeks Council Post

Paul S. O'Dell this week announced as a Democratic candidate for one of the seats on the new Laurens County Council.

Mr. O'Dell currently is a member of the Laurens County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will be abolished when the new County Council method of governmental operation is instituted.

In making his announcement, Mr. O'Dell said, his campaign is based on his experience in county government and past services rendered to the people of Laurens County.

He said, "I pledge my best efforts to promote good government in Laurens County."



CHARLES OAKLEY

Prior to the board meeting, the final report meeting of the 1969-70 campaign was held.

Mr. Oakley, who was campaign

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