

WEATHER

(Week of March 4-11)
High: 75 Low: 42
(March 10) (March 6, 7, 8)
Rainfall: .83 in.
(March 4, 5, 6, 8)
Soil Temp. Range: 53-58

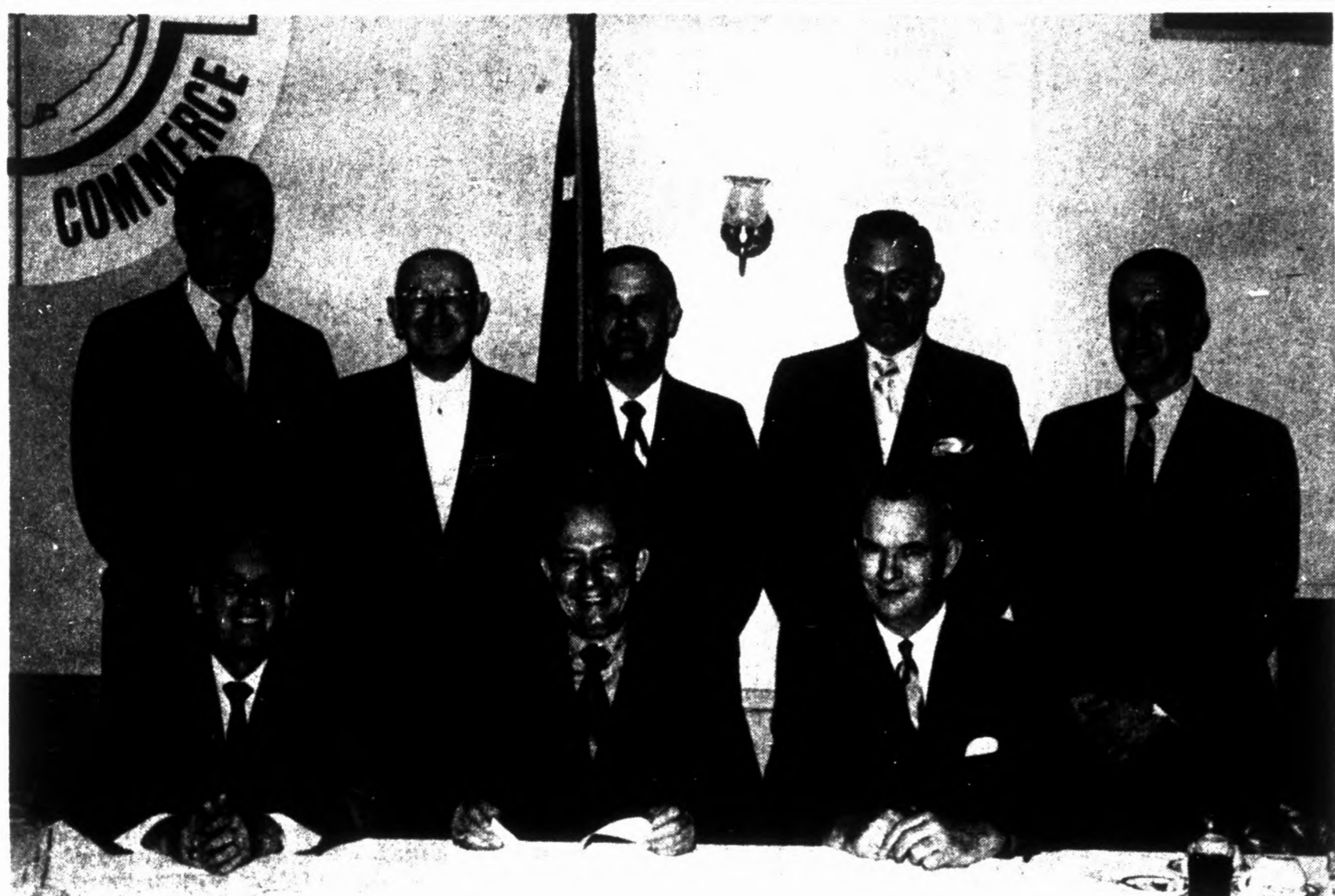
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEADERS—Shown above are the new officers of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce along with new members of the board of directors. Seated, left to right, are: Ralph Patterson, first vice-president; Joe Holland,

president; Tom Plaxico, treasurer; standing: left to right are new board members: Bailey Dixon, O. P. Haynes, Jim Von Hollen, Dr. N. Carl Wessinger and William S. Hatton.

Smith Cites Area's Potential And Problems

Internationally known planner Wilbur S. Smith said Tuesday night that Clinton is located in an area which has the potential for the fastest growth in the world within the next 30 years.

Addressing the annual Clinton Chamber of Commerce banquet at Mary Musgrove Hotel, Mr. Smith said, "You are in an enviable position in terms of your unique location." He also said, "You have a lot of blessings and a lot of problems."

Among the problems which Clinton must solve if it is to realize its potential are, "Railroads through the business district, shortage of housing units for all income brackets, a heavy influx of mobile homes, utility limitations, large land holdings by large public or quasi-public groups, a lack of transportation arteries, inadequate parking, poor traffic flow."

Smith said the citizens must set their goals and determine what type of town they want Clinton to become. He said, "You have been slow about getting down to serious planning but perhaps there is an advantage in that since you can benefit from the experiences of others."

Smith is founder of Wilbur Smith and Associates which currently is conducting a long-range planning survey of Clinton.

FUTURE

Smith said that the future of the small city is "more encouraging than it has been since World War I." He also said, "Greatness of cities is not related to greatness of size. Some of the world's greatest cities in history ranged in population from 10,000 to 30,000."

Concerning municipal planning, he said, "Changes are coming so fast that it makes planning more difficult but also more necessary."

He said, "You have to decide toward what goals you want to aim your efforts. . . Your city can become an institution community or it can become a community with a diversified industrial base. . . we suspect you will follow the second alternative."

Mr. Smith quoted Winston Churchill as saying, "We shape our buildings and, after a time, our buildings shape us."

LaFaye Art On Display

The works of Nell LaFaye, head of the art department of the University of South Carolina at Aiken, will be on display at Presbyterian College March 17-31, Mrs. Alta Alberga of the PC fine arts department announced today.

Mrs. Alberga said the artist will visit the Douglas House exhibit area on March 19 for a reception and a gallery talk about her paintings, starting at 7 p.m. Students, faculty members and the general public are invited to attend without charge.

Nell LaFaye's exhibition of mixed media creations includes about 40 works

He concluded by saying, "Shape Clinton as you would like to be shaped."

Chamber of Commerce President George Cornelison presided at the meeting. J. C. Thomas, chairman of the Clinton Planning Commission introduced Mr. Smith.

At the conclusion of Mr. Smith's remarks, Mr. Cornelison introduced the new officers and new board members and turned the gavel over to the new president, Joe Holland.

OFFICERS

Other officers are Ralph Patterson, first vice president;

George Cornelison, second vice president; Tom Plaxico, treasurer. New directors are C. Bailey Dixon, William S. Hatton, O. P. Haynes, James S. Von Hollen, and Dr. N. Carl Wessinger.

Mr. Holland presented a plaque to Mr. Cornelison in honor of his year of service as president. The new president also told the Chamber of Commerce members, "Our Chamber of Commerce can only be as progressive as the board and members make it. I hope that you decide 1970 will be a year of growth and progress for our community. I pledge to you that I will do the best I know how to help our community move forward."



THE TOPIC: PLANNING—Municipal planning expert Wilbur S. Smith, center, chats with Joe Holland, left, and George Cornelison following Tuesday night's Clinton Chamber of

Commerce banquet. Holland is the new president of the Chamber of Commerce and Cornelison is the retiring president.

Holland Candidate For County Council

Clinton businessman Joe S. Holland today announced that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Council.

Mr. Holland, who is president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, said, "I believe in applying sound business practices to our government. Being a businessman, I believe my experience could help to bring economy and efficiency to the government of our fine county. I pledge to represent fairly all of the people of Laurens County to the best of my ability and conscience."

A native of Clinton, Mr. Holland is owner of the Piggy Wiggy Supermarket in Clinton. He is a past chairman of the Clinton Merchants and Businessmen's Association and was installed Tuesday night as president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

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

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

Lucky Friday 13th

Who says Friday the 13th is unlucky?

If you're a shopper, Friday the 13th may be your lucky day.

The Clinton Merchants Association is sponsoring "Black Cat Sales Days" and not just on Friday, March 13. The sale opens today, March 12, and continues on Friday the 13th, Saturday the 14th and Monday, March 16.

The merchants are offering special sale prices on many items during the "Black Cat Sale Days." The sale is featured in a special supplement being distributed with today's Chronicle.

In Favor Of By-Pass, But . . .

Beltline Plan Is Sharply Criticized At Public Hearing

Thomas: Don't Miss Opportunity

A majority of Clintonians who voiced an opinion at Tuesday's beltline road hearing spoke in favor of some type of traffic by-pass around Clinton but most were sharply critical of the proposed route.

About 100 people attended the hearing Tuesday morning in the auditorium at Hampton Avenue School. The proposal calls for extending an arterial route about three miles long from S.C. 72 north of the city to S.C. 72 south. A State Highway Department official explained there are two alternatives in the present proposal. Under the first alternative, the route would run parallel to Springdale Road. Under the second alternative, the route would run beside Bailey Memorial Hospital and follow Springdale Road to Highway 76 where it would cut across a corner of the Whitten Village farm and proceed on to S. C. 72 north.

Road Design Engineer Ronnie Wertz said his department recommends the second alternative.

After hearing opposition to both of the alternatives, J. C. Thomas, chairman of the Clinton Planning Commission said:

"This project has been talked since before we had a hospital or a Planning Commission. We have a tremendous traffic congestion problem downtown and now . . . with 16 to 22 freight trains coming through town daily . . . congestion is getting worse. We didn't tell the Highway Department where we wanted the road. We just asked them to help us work out our problem. We all seem to agree on the need for a 'ring road.' Let's tell them (The Highway Department) what we want and where we'd like for them to put it. If we want a railroad overpass downtown and perhaps a bypass farther out, that would give them something to work on . . . I'd hate to see us lose this opportunity."

George Cornelison, president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, spoke first when comments were requested from the audience. He gave a brief sketch of the background of the project and said it has been "a prime project for at least the last three or four years. . . . He put in the record correspondence from 1968 in which several business and civic leaders voiced their concern about downtown congestion problems and suggested that a 'ring road' is needed.

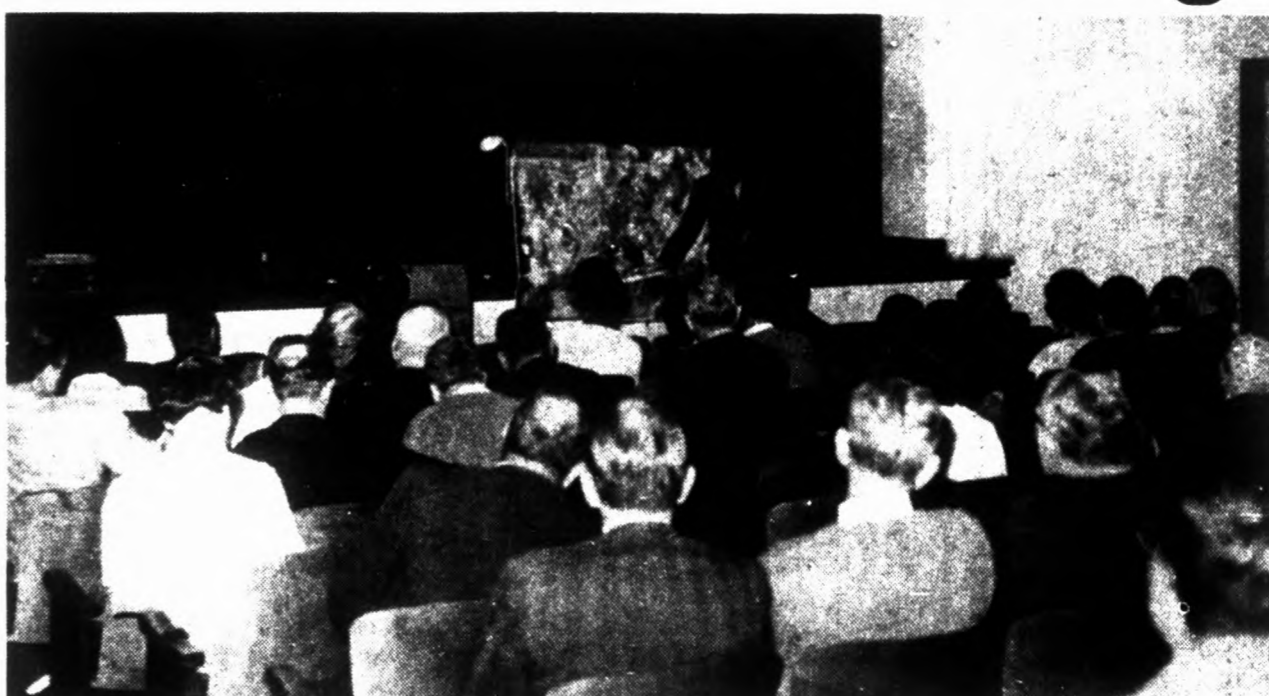
John Daniluk, a resident of Springdale Drive, presented a petition in which residents along the route voiced their opposition to the proposals. They suggested that the route would ruin Springdale Drive as residential property, is too close to schools, hospitals, the proposed YMCA, and city limits. Their petition suggested that a "true beltline" route be established about three miles out of the city. The petition was signed by nine Springdale Drive residents.

Dr. Louis Stephens asked, "Why must this route be so close to town? What studies have been conducted to back up this proposal? We need some facts and figures. . . ."

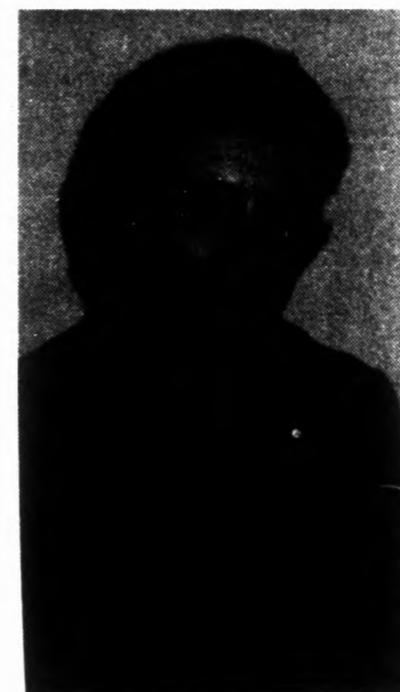
G. A. Weathers, associate urban engineer with the Highway Department, said studies were conducted by the Advanced Planning Division of the Highway Department but that he did not have any of the figures which resulted from their studies. He added, "Their studies revealed this is as close in as we can get for this beltline which we think would assist in your traffic congestion problem."

Dr. Stephens pointed out that a team from Clemson University, which conducted a local study several years ago, suggested that there be two 'ring roads', one inside the city and one farther out. He added, "That study was backed up by facts and figures which showed the needs and the reasons for the proposed route locations."

At the request of Mr. Weather (CONT. ON PAGE 4-A)



DESIGN ENGINEER RONNIE WERTZ EXPLAINS ALTERNATIVES . . . At Public Hearing Tuesday On Clinton Beltline



MRS. RODGERS

Candidate For Auditor

Mrs. Helen W. Rodgers, deputy clerk in the Laurens County Auditor's Office, this week announced that she is a candidate for Laurens County Auditor in the Democratic Primary.

Miss Jennie V. Culbertson, the incumbent auditor, has announced that she will not be a candidate for re-election.

Mrs. Rodgers said, "Since Miss Culbertson is not offering for re-election as County Auditor, I am announcing my candidacy for this office. I am well aware of the many responsibilities of the County Auditor. With the continuing growth of Laurens County, the duties and responsibilities are becoming increasingly greater. Having served in this office as Deputy Clerk with Miss Jennie V. for 24 years, I feel that my experience qualifies me for this position."

Mrs. Rodgers' husband, Ernest L. Rodgers, works with an insurance firm in Clinton. They have a daughter, Nellene, who is a student at Ford High School.

Mrs. Rodgers is treasurer of Green Pond Methodist Church and is Departmental Chaplain of the South Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars. She also is active in the Eastern Star organization.

Rotarians Plan Radio Campaign

Monday, April 13, has been designated as 1970 Rotary Radio Rodeo, according to Clinton Rotary Club President William M. Shields and WPCC Manager O. P. Haynes.

Beginning next Tuesday, March 17th Rotarians will be calling on business firms, industries and individuals to sell commercials to be broadcast on WPCC on April 13th. They will write the advertising copy and will actually be announcing "on-the-air" from sunrise to sunset that day.

The first Rotary Radio Rodeo held last year netted more than \$3,000 to the YMCA Building Fund, and proceeds from this year's Rodeo will also be used for the YMCA Building Fund and other worthwhile civic projects.

Dobbins Announces For State House

Former State Senator W. C. (Bill) Dobbins of Joanna this week announced that he is a candidate for the State House of Representatives in the Democratic Primary.

Dobbins served in the senate for four years and was elected to the House of Representatives three times. In the Senate, Dobbins was a member of the key Finance Committee, Education Committee and Agriculture Committee.

A Clinton businessman, he is owner of Dobbins Insurance Agency.

He is married to the former Helen Blakely of Laurens and they have two sons and a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins are members of Joanna Methodist Church where he is a former member of the Board of Stewards and former teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

He is a member of the Clinton Planning Commission and is a Shriner and Mason. He was the



W. C. DOBBINS

charter president of the Joanna Lions Club and was named "Citizen of the Year" in Joanna two years ago.

Cline Announces For County Council

James D. Cline of Laurens announced this week as a candidate for the Democratic Party nomination for County Council in Laurens County.

A native of Laurens County, Mr. Cline has been employed at Whitten Village for the past seven years. He has been a resident of Laurens for 20 years and resides at 8 Beattie Street.

He and his wife, Carmen, have two children, Steve and Susan.

Cline is a member of Northside Baptist Church where he is a former deacon.

Merchants Group To Meet Today

The Clinton Merchants Association will meet this morning at Mary Musgrove Hotel.

The meeting is to start at 9:30 a.m., according to chairman Lawrence Gross.



JAMES D. CLINE

Other Memoirs

BY JOE H. SIMPSON

Well do I recall when the water system was installed and the first demonstration or beginning of public water use was made here.

Some of you remember the following incident, but I hope not, for it was a very humiliating experience for me. The day and hour had been set for the first flow of water to come out of a water hydrant. Crowds had gathered on the square near the C. N. & L. Railroad depot. The newly elected fire chief and his fellow firemen were on hand for the grand occasion. Fire hoses were connected to the hydrant and finally the order for "WATER ON" was given, and a strong stream came gushing from the hose, amid the roar of approval from the crowd.

I was on the left side and, seeing some of my young friends on the other side, I decided to cross over. Instead of going behind the fireman, I darted in front of him and under the stream. He saw my move and dropped the stream into my side, knocking me down and turning me over several times in the mud, much to the delight of the crowd, but not for me.