

# WEATHER

(Week of April 15-22)  
 High: 86 Low: 44  
 (April 19-21) (April 15)  
 Rainfall: .42 in.  
 (April 14, 17, 20)  
 Soil Temp Range: 65-70

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### Passage Termed Vital

## CC Board Backs School Tax Increase Proposal

The proposed School District 56 tax increase this week drew the support of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

The board voted unanimously Tuesday to go on record in favor of the proposed 10-mill school tax levy increase. Chamber of Commerce President Joe Holland also appointed a steering committee to encourage a favorable vote in the May 5 referendum.

Members of the committee are Hugh Jacobs, O. P. Haynes, James Von Hollen, Don Creighton and Donny Wilder.

Holland instructed the committee, "We want you to do all you can to help pass this vital issue."

Mr. Von Hollen, chairman of the District 56 Board of Trustees, told the Chamber of Commerce directors, "If we're going to continue to operate our schools, we must have this increase. We can't continue to borrow against next year's levy. It may be startling to think that there is even a possibility that schools might have to be closed but that is not beyond the realm of possibilities. It has actually happened in some communities in our nation."

"We operated at a \$50,000 deficit last year and we anticipate a deficit of \$40,000 to \$50,000 in the 1970-71 budget. That means we will have a total deficit of between \$90,000 and \$100,000. We think that we can cut maybe

\$10,000 to \$15,000 out of the proposed budget but that's about it. We desperately need this levy increase."

Mr. Von Hollen explained that residents of District 56 now pay a 48-mill levy for the general operation of schools. That is equal to \$48 on every \$1,000 of property tax valuation. The proposed levy would raise that to

\$58 per \$1,000.

He also pointed out that District 55, which includes the Laurens area, already is operating on the basis of a 58-mill levy and he added, "I understand they're going to ask for another increase." The proposed tax levy would bring School District 56 even with District 55's current levy.

Von Hollen said, "Our per-pupil expenditure is one of the lowest in South Carolina. For what we're spending, we're getting as much or more for our money. I believe we get full value for our educational dollar. We just don't have enough to work with."

He explained that the deficits have been caused by general cost-of-living increases.

### Juvenile Center Proposed

## County Supply Bill Asks No Tax Increase

The Laurens County Supply Bill introduced this week calls for no tax increase.

The proposed supply bill totals \$1,049,000. That compares with \$1,025,000 for the current supply bill.

Rep. David S. Taylor, secretary for the Laurens County legislative delegation, said that the expense increase will not require an increase in the 14 mills currently levied for county operational expenses.

The two major changes in the supply bill call for two additional deputies for the Laurens County Sheriff's Department and the construction and operation of

a County Juvenile Detention Center.

The county has received assurance of a federal grant covering 60 per cent of the cost of personnel, equipment and supplies for the juvenile detention center and 50 per cent of the construction costs.

The total cost for the first year has been estimated at \$60,000, with the county's share being \$28,500. Taylor pointed out that the cost thereafter will drop sharply.

Taylor said the delegation has recommended that the juvenile detention center be constructed on county-owned property near

the County Home. However, he pointed out that the decision as to where the center will be built will be left to either the current County Commissioners or to the County Council which will take over in January.

Concerning the addition of two deputies to the Sheriff's Department, Taylor said that most of the county's industrial and residential growth has been in the county and the department currently doesn't have an adequate staff to police the area. The Sheriff's Department currently has 14 full-time deputies while the City of Laurens has a 20-man police force and the City of Clinton has a 21-man force.



**FINE SPRING**—Clinton High School's Alex Rogers clears the bar on way to a victory in a track meet last week against Woodruff. CHS wound up

its track schedule recently with Rogers finishing as the team's top scorer. For more pictures and article on the CHS track team, see page 7-A.

### Vandalism Break-Ins, Investigated

Clinton police are investigating a break-in and theft, break-in attempt, and an act of vandalism, all of which occurred last week-end.

On Saturday night, thieves broke into Baldwin Appliance on South Broad Street and took between \$10 and \$12 in silver. The store was entered through the back door.

On the same night, there was evidence that someone tried to enter Cox Home and Auto Supply on North Broad Street. All the glass in four back doors were broken but the entry attempt was thwarted by bars on the doors.

On Sunday night, a mobile home on Whitmore Highway was entered and extensive damage was done. Vandals broke furniture, splattered eggs on the walls and wrote over the walls. The mobile home is occupied by Florence Jane Cook.

### Coroner's Jury Ruled In Death Of Store Manager

LAURENS — A coroner's jury ruled Tuesday night that the March 31 death of Robert L. Taylor, 58, was the result of a gunshot wound inflicted by an unknown assailant.

Taylor was shot Feb. 19 in the office of the Colonial Store by one of two Negro men that had entered the supermarket and demanded money. Taylor was manager of the store.

Laurens County Coroner Marshall Pressley said that Taylor was taken to a Laurens hospital after the shooting and then transferred to a Greenwood hospital. He died March 31 at the Charleston Medical Center.

### Beasley Named Executive Director Community Action

LAURENS — Robert L. Beasley has been elected executive director of the Laurens Community Action, Inc. to succeed the late Julian Bolick.

Beasley has served assistant director for the past four years. C. D. Beasley, chairman of the board, said 13 applications were considered for the position.

The Community action program will operate five programs at the New Careers Center on South Harper Street this year.

### Voter Registration Books Coming Here

Voter registration books will be in Clinton April 30, May 1 and May 2.

The books will be available for voter registration from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on those three days at the old Hamilton Jewlers building in downtown Clinton.

Persons in the Clinton area who are not registered but wish to vote in the June 9 Laurens County Democratic primary and the November General Election may do so on April 30, May 1 and May 2.

The books also are available for voter registration at the Laurens County Courthouse Monday through Saturday noon of each week. The Registrar's Office is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day except Wednesday and Saturday when the office is open from 9 a.m. until noon.

The deadline for voter registration for the June 9 primary is May 9.

### Lions' Broom Sale Opens

The Clinton Lions Club will sponsor its annual broom sale tonight and Friday.

Lions will sell brooms door-to-door from 6 until 8 p.m. Available for purchase will be several different weights of regular brooms, industrial brooms, whisk brooms and hearth brooms. Prices range from 75 cents to \$2.25.

Proceeds from the sale will be used in the local Lions Club's sight conservation projects.

Also if anyone has any old eyeglasses or frames which are not being used, the Lions would like to collect them during their sales campaign.

## \$116,704 Contract Awarded On 75-Acre Lake For Clinton

A contract is to be awarded by the Soil Conservation Service and the Duncan Creek Watershed Conservation District for the construction of a 40-foot high earthen floodwater retarding dam in the Duncan Creek watershed. This is the last of six dams planned for the project and is located on the main Duncan Creek.

Ware Brothers Construction Company of Moncks Corner won the construction contract with a low bid of \$116,704.81. The bids were opened at the office of the Soil Conservation Service in Laurens at 10 a.m., Friday, April 17. There were eight bidders on the project.

The plan calls for a dam, using 80,000 cubic yards of dirt and is to be built within 210 calendar days. Work is expected to commence in three or four weeks.

The project will include a 75 acre permanent lake which will be owned by the City of Clinton. It will store approximately 130 million gallons of water to be used by the City. In addition, 3628 acre/feet of flood storage area will be provided above the lake.

The last of the structural measures in the project, 6 1/2 miles of stream channel improvement on Duncan Creek, is scheduled for contracting before June 30, 1970.

When the Duncan Creek project was approved in 1962, it was estimated the overall cost would be \$32,000 dollars. The Federal government pays half of the cost through SCS. Not all of the total amount, however, involves cash outlay.

After the dams and channel

improvement jobs are completed, the Soil Conservation Service will turn the projects over to the local districts for upkeep. The

### Sponsored By Jaycees Miss Clinton Pageant Scheduled For May 23

The Clinton Jaycees announced today they will sponsor the Miss Clinton Pageant which will be held May 23.

The winner of the Clinton Pageant will enter the Miss South Carolina Pageant held in Greenville each year to select the State Queen who will compete for the crown of Miss America in the national competition in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The Jaycees are again serving as sponsors of the Pageant because they believe it provides a valuable contribution to the community and to the young ladies who will enter the competition.

Duncan Creek Watershed District Directors are C. D. Waldrop, chairman; C. W. Anderson, B. A. Goodwin and N. B. Senn.

Jaycee President Milton Moore said, the Jaycees feel that the Pageant serves the community well because it focuses attention on the high calibre of young ladies who are residents of our area. It also serves youth well because it provides the opportunity for the young ladies who compete to gain added maturity through participation in a community program such as the Clinton Pageant.

"Committees to plan the program are being formed, and individuals and businesses in the area will be requested to assist the local Jaycees in this endeavor.

## For County Students PC Commuter Aid Planned

A Laurens County Commuter Scholarship Program at Presbyterian College was announced Tuesday by Dr. Marc C. Weersing, president of the college.

Dr. Weersing pointed out, "All the fine points haven't been worked out but we expect to have the program in operation by next fall."

The program is designed to assist and encourage Laurens County students to attend Presbyterian College.

Some of the tentative requirements are:

1. Application must be a legal

resident of Laurens County;

2. Applicant must be recommended for the scholarship by a member of the high school teaching faculty;

3. A parent's confidential statement will be required to establish need.

4. Scholarship will be based on need and will vary from an honorary amount to the cost of attending PC as a day student.

5. A 2.25 cumulative Grade Point Ratio (GPR) will be required to continue as a Laurens County Commuter Scholar.

### 'Frontier Youth' Invade

If you see some folks dressed as frontiersmen or frontierswomen in Clinton Saturday don't head for the hills. They're just some young people from the Clinton YMCA celebrating the Tricentennial a little early.

The Junior and Senior Tri-Hi-Y (girls) and Junior and Senior Hi-Y (boys) will be dressed in frontier fashion Saturday and will be selling cakes, taffy, plaques and other items. Each club has made items to sell during the Saturday campaign.

If they can manage it, they hope to be selling the items out of a covered wagon.

The Youth Tricentennial Celebration will open Friday night with a dance at the YMCA. The dance will open with a square dance and then will move into a regular teen dance.

Proceeds from the dance and the frontiers sale will be used to purchase a piece of equipment for the proposed new YMCA building.

### Don't Forget The Time Change

Remember to set your clock back an hour when you go to bed Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday.

If you go to bed at 11 p.m. Saturday, move the clock back to 10 p.m. and maybe you won't be late for church Sunday morning.



PAUL MOCSANYI AND SCULPTURE

## Art Critic Paul Mocsanyi To Deliver Hardie Lecture

Paul Mocsanyi, noted art critic and director and founder of the Art Center at the New School for Social Research, will deliver the annual Newton G. Hardie Lecture at Presbyterian College next Tuesday.

He will speak on the subject "Humanists and Anti-Humanists in Contemporary American Art" at the 10 a.m. student assembly in Belk Auditorium. The public is invited to hear him discuss such questions as: Must the art of our time be really dehumanized? Does the dehumanizing art of Pop, Op, Kinetic and Electronic, Minimal and Micro art express our true feeling of life and society in the modern world?

Mocsanyi studied art in Budapest, Vienna and Paris before coming to the United States in

### Firemen Answer Two Fire Calls

Clinton firemen answered two fire calls during the past week.

At 12:10 p.m. Saturday, firemen were called on to extinguish a car fire on North Broad Street. The motor and wires were damaged.

At 6:30 a.m. Sunday, firemen extinguished a blaze in the craft shop at Whitten Village. A desk burned and there was some smoke damage to the shop.

1940. Having been a news agency correspondent in Budapest, he joined the United Press upon arriving in this country and later became the UP art critic. He left UP in 1958 to lecture at the New School of Social Research in New York City and in 1960 founded

its Art Center. In addition to his Tuesday morning address, Mocsanyi will be at the art exhibit in the Douglas House Gallery on Monday evening to award prizes and discuss art.

### Other Memoirs

BY JOE H. SIMPSON

Sure we had our comic strips when I was in that early childhood period. There are several that you can still see occasionally, such as the Katzenjammer Kids (Hans and Fritz), Pop Eye the Sailor Man, Mut and Jeff and several others, but there are two that I have not seen in many years, one being Happy Hooligan who wore the little tin can hat on his head and his mule named Maud that kicked him from here to there almost every day. The other was Buster Brown and his dog Tige.

A few other items that have become almost forgotten are the 10c bottle of F. M. Hoyts cologne, the M. Hohner line of musical instruments including the Jew's Harp, Mouth Organ or Harmonica, the accordion and the famous one bladed 25c Barlow pocket knife. All of the above were imported items that were made in Germany. Another item from Germany was the beautiful line of dolls and I was wondering if there is a single one of the famous Kewpie dolls left in Clinton. It was the three or four inch little fellow with the pretty curl on the top of its head. There were many thousands of them sold here. Memories of all of the above bring back those days of the silent movies, such as Perils of Pauline, Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton and others.

### FREE LIBRARY BOOK RETURN WEEK

From April 23-May 2, books may be returned to the P. C. Library without fines, regardless of how long the book has been out. Borrowers are urged to take advantage of this unusual opportunity to return overdue books without paying fines. A box has been placed inside the Broad Street entrance for convenience.