

Vote Tuesday In Dist. School Tax Referendum

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WEATHER

(Week of April 22-29)
High: 89 Low: 50
(April 23) (April 22)
Rainfall: 1.71 in.
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Vote Books Here Until Saturday

Voter registration books will be in Clinton today, Friday and Saturday.

The books will be available for voter registration from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on these three days in the old Hamilton Jewellers building, next door to Johnson's Men's Shop on the downtown square.

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 Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Books also are open Monday through Saturday noon each week in the Registrar's Office in the Laurens County Courthouse.

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

Series Of Thefts Reported

Clinton Police are investigating a series of break-ins and thefts during the past week in which three homes, two cars, an office and a store were robbed.

Houses robbed included:

The William Mead home at 1003 Sloan Street where a collection of old coins valued at about \$150 was taken. The house was broken into between April 24-27.

The home of Ivey T. Hulton of 407 Francis Street was entered on Saturday afternoon and a gallon can used as a bank was pried open and robbed of an undetermined amount of money.

The home of Carroll Barker at 201 Florence Street was entered Sunday afternoon and \$30 was stolen.

Auto robberies include:
A number of tapes were taken from a car Saturday night at the M.D. Smitherman home at 503 Ferguson Street.

A pistol was stolen from a car owned by Mrs. Ella Lowery of Joanna. The car was parked in the business district when it was robbed Friday evening.

The store theft occurred Friday afternoon at Adair's Men Shop when someone reportedly put on a suit of clothes during business hours and walked out without paying, according to police reports. It was a size 38 suit.



IN CLINTON PAGEANT—Three of the beauty queens who will be featured in this year's Miss Clinton Pageant on May 23 are shown above. They are, left to right: the reigning Miss Clinton, Virginia Rogers; Brantley Price of Newberry, the reigning Miss South Carolina; and Pat Davis, last year's Miss Clinton. Mrs. Peggy White Nickson of Laurens, former Miss South Carolina, will be MC for the pageant.

10-Mill School Levy Increase Will Be Decided On Tuesday

Laurens County School District 56 voters go to the polls Tuesday to cast their ballots in a referendum on a proposed 10-mill tax levy increase.

School officials have termed the increase proposal "vital" in general operation of the schools and balancing the district's budget.

At a recent Clinton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, School Board Chairman James Von Hollen said, "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."

He pointed out that the district operated at a \$50,070 deficit last year and a deficit of \$40,000 to \$50,000 is anticipated in the 1970-71 budget. Von Hollen said, "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."

School District 56 residents 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, the amount which is now being paid in the neighboring School District 55 in the Laurens area.

Von Hollen said School District 56's deficits have been caused by general cost-of-living increases.

The polls Tuesday will open at 8 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Voting places are as follows:

CLINTON

Clinton attendance area (voters registered in Clinton No. 1, Clinton No. 2, Clinton Mill and Long Branch precincts)

at the National Guard Armory on South Broad Street, Clinton.

JOANNA

In the Joanna attendance area (voters registered in Joanna, Howell, Renno, and Shady Grove precincts) at the Joanna Club House, Joanna.

MOUNTVILLE

Mountville attendance area (voters registered in Mountville precinct) at Mountville Grange Building in Mountville.

CROSS HILL

Cross Hill attendance area

(voters registered in Cross Hill precinct) at Cross Hill City Hall.

LYDIA

Lydia attendance area (voters registered in Lydia Mill precinct) at Lydia Community Building.

PTA Backs School Tax Proposal

The Clinton Elementary School PTA Board of Directors has gone on record in support of the proposed 10-mill tax levy increase for School District 56.

The board adopted a resolution expressing its support for the proposal and urging citizens to vote in favor of the proposal in Tuesday's referendum.

"Teacher Appreciation Night" will be observed next Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the PTA at Clinton Elementary School.

The meeting is to start at 8 p.m. and also will feature the installation of new officers.

Dist. 56 Officials At Meeting

Laurens County School District 56 officials were among representatives of 39 state school districts who attended a meeting in Columbia Tuesday to discuss threatened legal action by the U.S. Justice Department.

The Justice Department has threatened the 39 districts with legal action unless they quickly file acceptable desegregation plans.

Assistant U.S. Atty. Gen. Jerris Leonard told the group "Each and every school district must be in compliance at the absolute outside by next September."

School District 56 said they are working on plans for next September and would announce the results as soon as their plans are definite and approved.

House Heavily Damaged By Fire

A house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson at Lydia Mill was heavily damaged by fire Sunday morning. Most of the Johnsons' furnishings and clothing were destroyed or damaged by the 11:30 a.m. fire.

Firemen also extinguished a fire last Friday in the craft shop at Whitten Village. Records and papers were heavily damaged.

At Festival Of Arts 'Laurens County Day' Slated

Saturday is the big day in the Spring Festival of Arts at Presbyterian College. It will be "Laurens County Day" and a full slate of events has been scheduled, starting at 10 a.m. and concluding at 5 p.m.

All events will be held on the Presbyterian College campus. In the event of rain, outdoor activities will be held in the field house.

The schedule:

"Follow the drum roll to new events during the day."

MORNING

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| 10:00 | Art exhibits due by this time, to allow time for hanging. Bring to mall in front of Belk Auditorium. Poster contest entries should be brought there also. Mrs. Frost Walker assisting. |
| 10:30 | Clinton Elementary School Students-English Festival Dance |
| 11:00 | Clinton Elementary 4th & 5th grades singing the Tricentennial Songs |
| 11:15 | Clinton Junior High Chorus (Above under direction of Mrs. Grace Connor) |
| 11:30 | Pleasant View Elementary 3rd grade--Folk Dance |
| 11:45 | Ford School students performing under direction of Mrs. Butler |
| 12:00 | Sanders Elementary Chorus |

MORNING AND AFTERNOON

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| 10:30 - 2 | Children's Painting Pavilion (between Belk and Tennis Courts) |
| 10:30 - 5 | Alma Barkshadt -- Greenville artist who specializes in silhouettes and charcoal sketches (on the mall) |
| 10:30 - 5 | "The Village"--experimental and junk art for Junior and Senior High students (by Jacobs Hall) |

AFTERNOON

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| 1:30 | Clinton High School Band (on the mall) |
| 2:00 - 3:30 | "Alice in Wonderland" by GREENWOOD CHILDREN'S THEATRE (in Belk Auditorium) Price: Children 25¢ |
| 2:00 - 3:30 | Demonstrations and/or Lectures |
| 2:00 | Mr. William Shields, a master photographer from Clinton, will exhibit his photographic art (in Black Magic Theatre, Jacobs Hall) |
| 2:30 | Mr. John Coles from S. C. ETV will give a lecture-demonstration on cartoon animation (in Black Magic Theatre, Jacobs Hall) |
| 3:00 | Dr. John Craft, Director of Richland County Museum of Art, will show slides of the work of famous artists (in board room of Belk) |
| 3:30 | Laurens High School Band (on the mall) |
| 4:00 | The Kinetic Art Films, No. 1 (in Belk) Adult \$1.50, Student \$1.00 |
| 8:00 | The Kinetic Art Films, No. 3 (in Belk) Adult \$1.50, Student \$1.00 |

ALL AFTERNOON ON THE MALL

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| 2:00 - 5 | -Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner of Columbia will be showing pottery and handmade jewelry |
| | -Mr. Jon Formo of Columbia will work at his potter's wheel |
| | -Mr. Miles Powell of Clinton will demonstrate commercial paste-up |
| | -Miss Betty Fryga will display a variety of her work |
| | -Mr. Bill Jacobs will be cartooning |
| | -Presbyterian College Students will be demonstrating different art media |

Other artists are invited to demonstrate and display their work during this time.
DON'T MISS THE JUDGED ART EXHIBIT IN DOUGLAS HOUSE!

Thornwell Spring Choral Program Slated Friday

The Thornwell School Music Department will present its annual Spring Choral Program on Friday night, May 1, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Primary, Elementary and High School choruses will have a part on the program. All interested persons are invited.

Housing Needs Termed 'Critical'

Clinton's housing need is "critical", a representative of Wilbur Smith and Associates told the Clinton Planning Commission Monday night.

Phil Simons, a member of the Wilbur Smith staff which is conducting a survey of Clinton, presented the housing element phase of the study at the commission's monthly meeting Monday night.

He commented, "Your housing situation is critical. Unless something is done, your out-migration of workers will continue."

The report says, "Clinton shares several problems with the rest of the nation such as

spiraling interest rates, rising cost of materials and demands for higher wages by construction laborers." It also points out that availability of land is a problem in the Clinton area.

The report says, "Although there is considerable vacant land in the community and the planning area, it is not readily available for housing at all cost levels. In Clinton, as in most other areas, higher-priced homes are being built and new and recent subdivisions are being developed. However, property for low and moderate-income homes is not readily available. In discussing this problem with local builders, realtors and others, this is a particular problem in Clinton.

Property controlled by major corporations and land holders is not generally for sale. Under present cash flow, capital gains and other tax considerations, there is no pressing need for some of these land holders to sell, and it is believed that many consider the selling of land for development to be a tax liability."

The report also says, "Many of the rental homes, particularly those in Negro areas, are substandard. Many offer no sewerage service and they can properly be called shacks which appear to have been moved in from outside the city. There are few, if any vacancies even in these substandard areas ..."

The survey shows that of 2,329 residential structures, including mobile homes, almost 20 per cent of them are rated "deteriorated" and almost 11 per cent are rated "dilapidated".

Commission members also met with Ronnie Wertz, design engineer with the S. C. Highway Department, to discuss the need for a beltline road between S. C. Highways 72 South and North.

The commission requested that Wertz check on the procedures for obtaining traffic flow studies in the area. He is to report back to the commission prior to its May meeting.

Housing Tenant Plan Is Adopted

The Clinton Housing Authority last week adopted a tenant selection and assignment plan.

In other Housing Authority business, Sam Williams was re-appointed by Mayor Noland Suddeth to a five-year term on the Authority. Mr. Williams previously had served a one-year term.

The Housing Authority's tenant selection and assignment plan will give prospective tenants three options in the selection of the unit he would like to occupy.

Adoption of the tenant selection and assignment plan is another step toward Clinton obtaining low-rent housing. The next step will be for a representative of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office in Atlanta, Ga., to conduct a housing need survey of Clinton. The Housing Authority already has conducted its own survey and has requested 400 units, 100 of which are to be for the elderly. The HUD representative will conduct another survey and make his recommendation as to how many units the city needs.

The Tenant Selection and assignment plan is as follows:

"This authority will not, on account of race, color or national origin, deny to any family the opportunity to apply for admission, nor deny to any eligible applicant the opportunity to lease or rent a dwelling unit suitable to its need in any particular."

"A central application pool will be maintained and insofar as solvency permits, tenants will be selected therefrom for appropriate size units in accordance with the preferences and priorities set forth in the adopted regulations governing admission, according to the date and time the application was filed.

"Applications will be filed first by UNIT SIZE REQUIRED and within unit size by PREFERENCES and within preferences by URGENCY OF NEED and if the need is the same, the DATE AND TIME OF APPLICATION will govern.

"The applicant at the top of the community-wide list will be offered a vacant unit at the location containing the largest number of vacancies. If such offer is refused, the applicant will be offered a unit at the location containing the next highest number of vacancies. If the applicant refuses three such offers, the application will be removed to the bottom of the list.

"If the applicant presents satisfactory evidence that the acceptance of any offer will result in undue hardship, he may be referred to the bottom of the list.

'ROUND THE TOWN

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That brilliant red glow you see over the downtown area is the reflection from my face.

Boy, I really blew one last week. Daylight Saving Time. In a two-paragraph article on the front page, we carefully explained how to change the clocks for Daylight Saving Time which started Sunday. In the last sentence, we confidently wrote that if you followed our instructions "maybe you won't be late for church Sunday morning." If you followed our instructions, you wouldn't have been late. You'd have been two hours early. We said you were supposed to set your clock back an hour. As everyone (including even me) now knows, you were supposed to set your clock ahead an hour.

We learned one thing. Folks read The Chronicle. Even little two-paragraph articles. We started keeping an account of the number of phone calls we got about our blunder but we quit counting at 45 Friday afternoon when I left town. I figured last weekend was a fine time to quietly take the family to Six Flags Over Georgia. Since then, I've learned some phrases which may help me remember about Daylight Saving Time. One goes like this, "Spring Ahead, Fall Behind." In the spring you set your clock ahead an hour. In the fall, when we go back to Eastern Standard Time, you set it back an hour.

The Atlanta newspapers had a little poem. "Set your clock ahead when you go to bed." Where were the poets when I needed 'em?