

WEATHER

(Week of May 6-13)
High: 86 (May 9, 12) Low: 46 (May 12)
Rainfall: 0
Soil Temp Range: 72-76

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FOR CLINTON YMCA — Members of the Clinton Rotary Club Tuesday presented a check of over \$1,400 for the building fund of the Greater Clinton YMCA. The contribution is a result of the Rotary Club's "Rotary Radio Rodeo" which was held recently. Shown above, left to right, are: Ferd Jacobs, chairman of Rotary Radio Rodeo; Don Creighton, president of the board of directors of the Clinton YMCA; and William Shields, president of the Rotary Club. Creighton told the Rotarians that YMCA officials are now making plans for a building fund drive to finance construction of a new YMCA building. (Yarborough Photo)

135 Degrees To Be Awarded

PC's 90th Commencement Set Sunday

A total of 135 baccalaureate degrees and four honorary degrees will be awarded Sunday at Presbyterian College's 90th Commencement at which Clemson University President Robert C. Edwards will deliver the main address.

He will speak at the final exercises at 4 p.m. after the morning baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. Robert A. Dobbins, Jr., minister of Chester's Purity Presbyterian Church. Both programs will be held in Belk Auditorium.

Dobbins is one of two church leaders named by the trustees to receive honorary doctor of divinity degrees. The other is the Rev. James V. Johnson, Jr., minister of Atlanta's Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. Aumnus Powell A. Fraser, president of King College, will be awarded a doctor of humanities at this time; and Bluford B. Hestir, executive-secretary of TRAV (Television, Radio & Audio-Visuals) for the Presbyterian Church US, a doctor of literature.

Commencement activity begins with the 11 a.m. baccalaureate sermon. Members of the Clinton First Presbyterian Church have suspended their regular worship service to be able to participate in the college program.

The mid-day luncheon for seniors and their guests in Greenville Dining Hall will be followed by the president's reception at 2:30 p.m. The 3:30 p.m. pre-commissioning ceremonies for ROTC cadets in Belk Auditorium will receive a charge from Major General Ansel B. Godfrey of Clinton.

President Marc C. Weersing will preside over the final exercises starting at 4:15 p.m. Degrees, student honors and army commissions will be awarded at this time, with Trustee Chairman Eugene T. Wilson, pastor emeritus of Atlanta's Peachtree Presbyterian Church, making the degree presentations.

Dr. Edwards, the main speaker, has been president of Clemson since 1958. He moved up after two years as development vice-president and an earlier career in the textile industry. His last two positions before going to Clemson were as plant manager of Abbeville Mills Corp. of the Deering Milliken organization and then as treasurer and general manager of the Abbeville Group, 1948-56.

Yeargin To Address JA Banquet

The Second Annual Junior Achievement Banquet, "Future Unlimited," will be held May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian College Dining Hall.

Robert Yeargin, president of Yeargin Construction Co., Inc., will be the guest speaker.

Julia Young of Torroco will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

Junior Achievement Company of the Year, Top Executive, Salesman, Achiever, and Annual Report Awards, plus certificates for successful completion of Junior Achievement work will be presented.

He is a Fountain Inn, S. C., native and a Clemson graduate.

Dobbins has been pastor of the Chester church since 1961 after pastorates in Thomson, Ga. (1953-57) and Elberton, Ga. (1957-61). A native of Montgomery, Ala., he earned his BS degree from Auburn University and his BD from Columbia Theological Seminary.

Johnson, pastor of the Druid Hills Church since 1966, is chairman of the Committee on Homes and Institutions of the Georgia Synod. He previously served two Mississippi churches, the First Church of Natchez (1955-58) and Laurel (1962-66), during which time he was stated clerk of the synod and a trustee of Southwestern at Memphis. A Memphis native holding the BA degree from Princeton University and the BD from Princeton Theological Seminary, he also has served as secretary of stewardship with the Presbyterian General Council (1958-62).

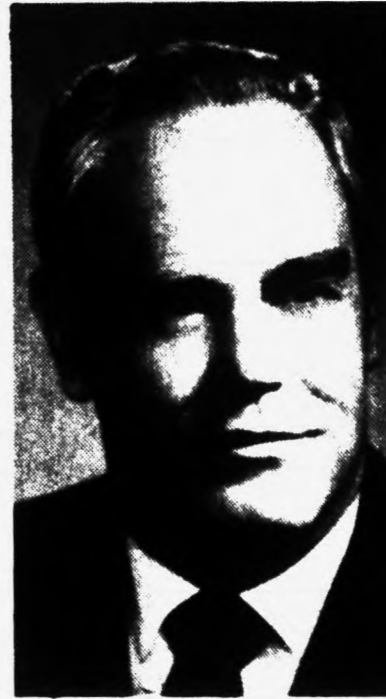
Fraser, a 1941 PC graduate, became president of King College last June. He went to this position after five years as director of development at PC. Previously, he had served a full career in the US Army, retiring as a highly decorated colonel in 1964 to join the PC staff.



DR. EDWARDS

Fraser is a native of Brunswick, Ga., who also holds an MA from George Washington University.

Hestir's affiliation as executive-secretary of TRAV dates from 1961, when he moved from information director of the General Council, Presbyterian Church US. He was a newspaperman and then director of journalism for the University of Texas' extension division prior to joining the General Council in 1953. A Grayson, Ky., native, he holds BA, BJ and MA degrees from the University of Texas.



B. B. HESTIR



POWELL FRASER



REV. JOHNSON



REV. DOBBINS

Governor Commends Garden Club Council

The Clinton Garden Club Council recently received a letter of commendation from Governor Robert McNair.

The governor commended the council members on their beautification project between the railroad tracks in downtown Clinton.

Addressed to Mrs. Judson Brehmer, the governor's letter said:

"Representative David S. Taylor of Laurens County has called to my attention the beautification project sponsored by the Clinton Garden Club Council between the railroad tracks in the center of Clinton.

"May I add my congratulations to your club for having this project which means much to our Tricentennial celebration and to Laurens County Week to be in November."

TV, Sewing Machine Stolen From Local Home

Clinton police are investigating the theft of a television set and a sewing machine from a home at 210 Musgrove St.

On Sunday, Mrs. Joe W. Leake reported that a window was knocked out at the rear of her house during the past week while she was away. She reported a 17-inch television set and a portable Singer sewing machine were taken.

CC Board To Discuss Tourism

J. W. Lawrence, director of the Travel and Tourism Division of the S. C. Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, will address the Clinton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Tuesday morning at their regular monthly meeting.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. at Mary Musgrove Hotel.

Felix C. Walker, assistant director of the Travel and Tourism Division, is to accompany Mr. Lawrence. They will present some suggestions on developing tourism in Clinton and the Laurens County area.

The program was arranged by George Cornelison, chairman of the Tourist Committee of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Other Memoirs

BY JOE H. SIMPSON

Progress, of course, means many changes in our types of business and methods.

For instance, there are few in Clinton who know that at one time, we had a genuine Chinese Laundry. I do not know his name, but he operated here for several years. His main work was laundering men's collars, cuffs and shirts. He could speak very little English, so when a package was left with him to be cleaned, he would give you a ticket with a Chinese number on it, and you returned this ticket to get your cleaned items.

Another business that was a joy to all of Clinton's citizens was the Candy Kitchen. This was a large business, and many pounds of fine peanut brittle, coconut slabs, taffy, fudge, and other types of candy were made. It was made in huge iron pots, and, when done, was poured out on large thick marble slabs to cool, after which it was cut into saleable size pieces.

Another business that I believe has folded up with the years, is the grist mill that made such fine corn meal and grits. We can of course still buy all the meal that we want, but I still claim that the cornbread is not as good as that which was made from local ground meal and made with some fat back cracklins mixed in. Sure tasted good with fresh grown vegetables and a good old glass of buttermilk.

'Stump Slate' Is Announced By Democrats

Five stump speaking engagements have been lined up for candidates in the June 9 Laurens County Democratic Primary, according to county party chairman Hubert Graydon.

The stump speaking schedule will open on Friday night, May 29, at Hickory Tavern School Ball Park and will close on Monday, June 8, at Ford High School Ball Park in Wattsville.

The candidates will speak on Monday, June 1, at the Joanna School and on Thursday, June 4, at Gray Court High School. They will appear Friday, June 5, at the Clinton Ball Park.

In the event of rain at the Clinton speaking engagement, the meeting will be moved to Bailey Elementary School.

All of the programs will begin at 8 p.m.

Candidates for the Democratic nomination for the S. C. House of Representatives will be given five minutes each and County Council candidates will be given three minutes each in which to make their campaign speeches.

Unopposed candidates will be given the opportunity to make brief remarks prior to speeches by candidates in contested races. At the end of each program, any state-wide candidates who wish to give brief remarks will be given the opportunity to do so, according to Graydon.

Firemen Answer Four Fire Calls

The Clinton Volunteer Fire Department answered four fire calls during the past week.

On Saturday night, firemen extinguished a car fire on North Broad Street. The wires to the carburetor burned in the 11:50 p.m. fire.

On Monday at 4:30 a.m., firemen answered a false alarm and at 3:45 p.m. Monday extinguished an electrical wire fire on Bluford Street.

Also on Monday, a motorcycle burned at 7:15 p.m. at 304 Florence St. The motorcycle was described as a complete loss.



D. C. WHITMAN

Whitman Resigns City Post

D. C. Whitman resigned last week as Clinton Utilities Superintendent, a position he had held for the past year.

Mr. Whitman has rejoined Clinton Mills where he had worked for 24 years prior to accepting the city post. He served as an electrician and refrigeration specialist at Clinton Mills.

Mr. Whitman was appointed to the city post on May 5, 1969, and resigned from that position on May 6, 1970. He had succeeded Ralph Holt who resigned in January, 1969 to accept a similar position in Bennettsville.

Clinton Mayor Noland Suddeth, commented, "We were sorry to see Mr. Whitman leave. He served the city well during a difficult period of time when our electrical system was being revamped."

Suddeth said that he and City Council currently are seeking a successor for Mr. Whitman.

'ROUND THE TOWN

A Very Special Night

Graduation night at Clinton High School will be a very special night for the Hall King family. Their son, Matthew, will receive his diploma and he will be the seventh member of the Kings' immediate family to graduate from CHS.

Hall King, the father, is one of CHS' most legendary athletes in football and baseball. He attended Clemson on a football scholarship. Mrs. King made an impressive scholastic record at CHS. Now Matthew, the youngest of their five children, is ready to graduate. He plans to attend the University of South Carolina next year.

The other four are:

Phillip King, who coaches and teaches at Edgewater High School in Orlando, Fla., and lives in Apopka, Fla.; Mrs. Robert (Sylvia) Ballew, who teaches at M. S. Bailey Elementary School; Mark King, who is now in Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Okla.; Mrs. Charles (Martha) Campbell, who is at Plattsburg, N. Y., AFB with her husband.

Talented Fisherwoman

Few fisherMEN can match the fish-catching abilities of a Clinton fisherWOMAN.

Mrs. Ruth Horton is an avid fisherwoman and misses few opportunities to take a fishing trip. "It's my tranquilizer," she said. "Whether I catch anything or not, it's a wonderful relaxer for me."

But she rarely comes back empty-handed. During March and April, she caught a total of 331 crappies.

And last weekend she hauled in the biggest catfish she's ever caught. Fishing from a pier, she was casting a doll fly, with a bob, when she landed a 7 1/2-pound catfish.

'Oklahoma!' Opens Tonight

The senior class and music department of Clinton High School will present the musical comedy "Oklahoma!" on May 14, 15, 16 at 8 p.m. in Clinton High Auditorium.

"Oklahoma!", based on Lynn Riggs' play, "Green Grow the Lilacs," tells in dialogue, song, and dance, of the feuds between the cattlemen and the farmers during the settling of the Indian territory now known as Oklahoma. Woven into the plot are the love stories of Laurey Williams, a farm girl, and Curley McClain, a cowboy; and of Will Parker, best rope spinner in the territory, and his faithful (in her own way) Annie Carnes, a girl who "Can't Say No."

This is the third musical sponsored by Clinton High seniors.

Last year's hit, "My Fair Lady," followed a successful presentation of "Brigadoon." The staff and cast believe "Oklahoma!" will be every bit as popular as its predecessors.

Miss Claire Duncan, who did such an excellent job as Fiona in "Brigadoon," and Eliza in "My Fair Lady," will carry the role of Laurey. Ed Acree, a newcomer to CHS, adds a great baritone voice and fine acting ability to the part of Curley, Ace Workman, a big hit as Doolittle in "My Fair Lady," plays the comedy role of Will Parker. Miss Terri Lane plays Ado Annie, the girl who "Can't Say No." Miss Cindy Crisp plays the part of the indomitable Aunt Eller. In addition, some 30 talented students add their voices to the great musical numbers and take part in the colorful dances created by Mr. Steve Stewart of Laurens. The sets were designed, constructed, and painted by CHS seniors.



IN CLINTON PAGEANT — Miss South Carolina of 1970, Miss Brantley Price of Newberry, will be in attendance at the Miss Clinton Pageant to be held Saturday, May 23, at Belk Auditorium. Miss Price will perform between the acts. A former Miss South Carolina, Mrs. Peggy White Nickson formerly of Laurens, will act as Emcee of the pageant. Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased from any of the local Jaycees or at either Belk's or The Jewel Box in Clinton.



CLAIRE DUNCAN