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# The Clinton Chronicle

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## Honored By Lions Club

### Dr. Blalock 'Citizen Of Year'

The Clinton Lions Club has selected Dr. George R. Blalock, well known physician and surgeon, as Clinton's "Citizen of the Year." The announcement was made by Committee Chairman Don Creighton at the May 12th meeting of the club.

Mr. Creighton read the following excerpt from the letter nominating Dr. Blalock for the honor: "He is one of Clinton's best know citizens, and has devoted his life to the practice of medicine. It is said he has delivered more babies than any other living physician in Lau-

rens County. He is a quiet, unassuming person who is dearly beloved by those he has served for 38 years. He has always done a large amount of charity work that has mostly gone unnoticed and this is the way he wants it as he shuns publicity."

Dr. Blalock is a graduate of the Columbia University School of Medicine and is a member of the Clinton Rotary Club, the S. C. Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the International College of Surgeons, and is the present chairman of the Board of Trustees

of Bailey Memorial Hospital, an institution he worked diligently to establish. He is also resident surgeon of the SCL Railway, and heads the Blalock Clinic.

He and his wife, the former Almena Milling, have three children, George Jr. who completes his medical training in June; Milling, a practicing lawyer in Florence; and Almena, a daughter who teaches in a Church School in Atlanta. There are three grandchildren. He is a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church and

has served as a deacon.

Dr. Blalock was one of the first Clinton residents to enter the armed services in World War II. He served with distinction in the North African and Italian campaigns where he was in charge of a field hospital. He was discharged from the army with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

The Lions Club plans to honor their "Citizen of the Year" with a banquet to be held at the Mary Musgrove Hotel, June 9th.



DR. BLALOCK



MISS ABRAMS



MISS FOSTER



MISS ALEXANDER



MISS STEWART



MISS MCCLAIN



MISS DUNCAN

## 1970 'Miss Clinton' Pageant Is Scheduled Saturday Night

A new "Miss Clinton" will be crowned Saturday night.

The Clinton Jaycees will present their "Miss Clinton" Pageant, starting at 8 p.m., at Belk Auditorium on the Presbyterian College Campus.

This year's contestants are Martha Ellen Abrams, Jan Alexander, Claire Duncan, Teresa Foster, Sherrill Jean McClain and Susan Elaine Stewart.

Also to be crowned Saturday night will be a new "Little Miss Clinton."

The 13 contestants for the "Little Miss Clinton" title are Laura Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Barnett of Route 1, Clinton; Donna Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bond of Route 1, Clinton; Dottie Garrett, daughter of Mrs. Linda Tucker of 408 W. Pitts St.; Koko Gates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Gates of Sunset Blvd.; Lena Gilliam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Gilliam of Route 1, Clinton;

Also, Cindy League, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry League Jr. of Route 3, Clinton; Jessica Nye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nye of Fair Drive; Melissa Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Powell of Merrie Oaks; Terry Tumbin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tumbin of 203 Caldwell St.;

Also, Cristy Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilson of Carolyn Drive; Georgia Young, daughter of Mrs. Georgia Young, daughter of 105 E. Calhoun; Karen Dowdle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dowdle of Young Drive; and Jean Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Everett of Prather Circle.

Mrs. Don Nickson, the former Peggy White, will serve as mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Nickson was "Miss South Carolina of 1967."

Another special guest will be Brantley Price of Newberry, the reigning "Miss South Carolina of 1967."

CANDIDATES  
Miss Abrams, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Abrams of Black Drive, Joanna. She is a senior at Clinton High School and plans to continue her education at Newberry College. She will play a musical selection on the piano for her talent presentation.

Miss Alexander, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alexander of South Adair St. A freshman at Winthrop College, her talent presentation will be a tap dance.

Miss Duncan, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mac C. Duncan of York St., Clinton. She is a senior at Clinton High and plans to continue her education at Converse College. She will present a vocal selection.

Miss Foster, 18, is the daughter of Mrs. Harry W. Foster Sr. of Florence St., Clinton. She is a senior at Clinton High School and will present a modern dance routine.

Miss McClain, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McClain of Joanna. She is a senior at Clinton High and plans to attend Clemson University. She will present a modern dance routine.

Miss Stewart, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olin D. Stewart of Mountville. She is a senior at Clinton High and plans to continue her edu-

cation at Tift College in Forsyth, Ga. She will present a vocal selection in the talent competition.

## Break-Ins, Thefts Continue

The recent rash of home, office and auto break-ins continued last week as a home, two offices and a car were robbed.

Last Wednesday night, 11 tapes of music were reported stolen from the home of Johnny Cannon, Route 3, Airport Road.

A break-in at the medical office of Drs. Macdonald and Walker was reported Saturday morning. Six dollars in cash and a \$6 roll of stamps were taken. A bathroom window was broken and the offices were ransacked with records scattered throughout the office.

Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, a money pouch was reportedly stolen from a car belonging to Robert Gilliam of 522 Musgrove Street while the car was parked in front of the Elizabeth Street Church of God. It was reported the pouch contained \$500 in \$20 bills and \$200 in \$10 bills, several checks and two money orders.

Saturday night or early Sunday, the Gulf Plant at 109 Sloan Street was broken-into and ransacked. Nothing was reported missing. It is believed thieves broke a window to gain entrance.

## Graduation Schedule Announced

Seniors in Clinton's three high schools have begun their final count-down to graduation.

Baccalaureate sermons will be delivered Sunday for Thornwell High School and Bell Street High School and both will have their commencement exercises on Monday, May 25.

Commencement exercises for Clinton High School will be held on May 31 in Belk Auditorium on the Presbyterian College campus.

Thornwell's senior sermon will be delivered Sunday at Thornwell-Hartness Presbyterian Church and graduation will be held on Monday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m. Delivering the commencement addresses for Thornwell will be Larry Weaver, valedictorian; Jim Singleton, salutatorian; and Mike Briggs, 2nd runner-up.

The Rev. Willie J. Jefferson of Abbeville will deliver the annual sermon for seniors at Bell Street High School on Sunday, May 24, at 7 p.m. Rev. Jefferson is pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church. Commencement exercises at Bell Street will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 25. All exercises are open to the public and will be held in the Ruth P. Alexander Auditorium at Bell Street High School.

At Bell Street's graduation exercises, the main addresses will be delivered by Thomas Vance, class president and "Star Student"; Lloyd Gerretre, valedictorian and Mary Watts, salutatorian.

Clinton High School seniors began their final exams this week and underclassmen will begin their exams next Monday, May 25. Final reports cards are to be issued on June 3.

Keith Cannon, valedictorian, and Robin Smith, salutatorian, will deliver the main addresses at CHS commencement exercises on May 31.

## Mann Speaks

Congressman James Mann will address the Cross Anchor Ruritan Club Monday, May 25, at 8:30 p.m. in the Cross Anchor School Cafeteria.



JA AWARD WINNERS — Shown above with guest speaker Robert Yeargin are the award winners at the Junior Achievement "Futures Unlimited" banquet Monday night. They are, left to right: Anita King, who won a \$25 savings bond as "Best Salesman" for Torroco; Andy Ellis, president of Clintex which won the "Company of the Year" award; Laurie Bee, "Officer of the Year";

Pete Belcher, "Best Salesman" for Clintex and also winner of the "Achiever" award; Mr. Yeargin; and Fran Audia, winner of the "Achiever" award for Torroco. Belcher and Miss Bee were selected to represent the local JA companies at the national Junior Achievement Convention this summer at Indiana University.

## Junior Achievement Awards Are Presented At Banquet

Awards and annual reports were presented Monday night at the Junior Achievement program wound up its year with the second annual "Futures Unlimited" banquet in the Presbyterian College dining hall.

Both of the two Junior Achievement companies, Clintex, sponsored by Clinton Mills, and Torroco, sponsored by Torrington, reported dividends on their initial stock.

Thirty-eight Junior Achievers were given certificates in recognition of their efforts for the year.

Major awards presented included: Anita King received a \$25 savings bond as "Best Salesman" for Torroco and Pete Belcher won a similar award for Clintex.

Belcher also won the "Achiever" Award for Clintex and Fran Audia won the "Achiever" award for Torroco. The "Achiever" award is presented in recognition of outstanding ac-

complishment in the program and understanding of the program.

Laurie Bee was named "Officer of the Year" and she and Belcher were selected to represent the local Junior Achievement program at the national JA convention this summer at Indiana University.

Clinton was selected as "Company of the Year" and Torroco was honored for having the best annual report.

Honored for having perfect attendance in all of the Junior Achievement meetings and projects were Veronica Gilliam, Matilda Williams, Shirley Summers and Ann Yelton.

Julie Young acted as mistress of ceremonies for the program which was attended by many civic, business and educational leaders of the community.

Yeargin also advised the young people, "Premature decisions about occupations sometimes make for misfits. Wait for more maturity before making your final decision. Regardless of what your choice might be, there are more and more requirements for education. Get all of the education you can. All fields are becoming more specialized."

House Fire  
Minor damage was reported in a house fire on Horne Street last Wednesday.

Firemen extinguished a blaze in the home of Evelyn Reeder where wires to a meter box burned and scorched a corner of the house. The fire was reported at 3:55 p.m.

Other Memoirs  
BY JOE H. SIMPSON

One of the things of yesteryear that we do not see any more is the wheel inspector or I believe his official title was "car knocker."

The only one that I ever remember was called "Cracker Jack" Griffith. I do not recall his first name. He worked for the Seaboard Railroad and his only job was to observe or examine the wheels on all trains and especially passenger trains to see if there were any "hot boxes" or overheated bearings and, if so, to repack them. He owned one of the early autos of Clinton and his greatest pleasure was taking the small children to ride. Another group of men that we do not see any more are the old-time cotton buyers. We often can remember Mr. Guy Fite, a Mr. Wolf and several others who met each wagon with a bale of cotton on it, and with a sharp knife cut a slit in the wrapping of the bale and secured a small sample. After closely examining this sample to find the length of the fiber, they would then make their bid or price offer to the owner. This practice is

## Speaks At Commencement

### Edwards Cites 'Pollution Of Spirit'

Clemson University President Robert C. Edwards, addressing Presbyterian College's 90th Commencement Sunday afternoon, warned that "a pollution of the spirit may be occurring which would be, in the end, as disastrous as any pollution of the physical environment could be."

He spoke to 135 young men and women graduates, their families and friends, who filled Belk Auditorium for the final exercises of a full day. Dr. Edwards said:

"There is a correlation between the physical and spiritual climate of man. It may well be our task in the years immediately ahead to restore and strengthen both—to recover again the American dream of a social order in which the rela-

tionship between man and his environment will be as near perfect as it can be on earth."

The Sunday program opened with the baccalaureate sermon preached by the Rev. Robert Dobbins, Jr., minister of Chester's Purity Presbyterian Church.

Dobbins and the Rev. James V. Johnson, Jr., minister of Atlanta's Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, were awarded honorary doctor of divinity degrees as part of the Commencement program. Alumnus Powell A. Fraser, new president of King College, was awarded a doctor of humanities; and Blufford B. Hestir, executive secretary of Television, Radio and Audio-Visuals of the Presbyterian Church US, a doctor of literature.

President Marc C. Weersing presided over the occasion, and he was assisted by Trustee Chairman Eugene T. Wilson of Atlanta. Dean W. Fred Chapman presented the general scholarship medal to top honor graduate Susan Jeter Smith of Union, and other awards to these students: Outstanding Senior Award—Carson Rhyne of Charlotte; Gold P for distinguished service—William A. Bryant of Quincy, Fla.; Robert G. Johnston, Jr. of Columbus, Ga.; Duncan B. McFadyen III of Raeford, N. C.; Lena M. Strickland of Atlanta and Rhyne; Pi Kappa Phi freshman scholarship award Patrick W. McKee of Miami; Tau Phi Pi science award—James W. Cook of Waltherboro; Fraser Bible Medal—Nancy H. Wilson of Roebuck; Hay Bible Medal—Judith A. Bates of Pickens; and the Herk-

M. Wise Scholarship—Lloyd D. Melton of Laurens.

Also presented at this time were 28 commissions to graduating ROTC cadets and one Marine Corps commission. Col. William B. Tuttle, Jr., professor of military science, directed this part of the program. Maj. Gen. Ansel B. Godfrey of Clinton had addressed the pre-commissioning ceremonies earlier.

Dr. Edwards, in his Commencement address, said:

"While the earlier Americans may have been neglecting our physical environment, partly because they considered it so nearly perfect as to need little attention, they were devoting their time and energies to another aspect of their environment which to then was of trans-

endent importance. They had their minds and hearts set on shaping the environment for the greatest and best society of men on earth. . . a concern for the political, religious, economic and social aspect of their environment."

He pointed out these five characteristics of that American dream: 1—Men are capable of governing themselves; 2—men should be free to worship God as they please; 3—every person should receive the economic benefits of his own labor and skill; 4—every person should have the opportunity to acquire as much education and training as his abilities will permit; and 5—all men must be equal before the law and the law must apply equally to all men.