

WEATHER

(Week of June 10-17)
 High: 91 (June 11) Low: 57 (June 16)
 Rainfall: 0.51 in. (June 12)
 Soil Temp Range: 76-82

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Census Report

City Loses Population

Clinton's population--within the city limits--showed a slight decrease in the past decade, according to preliminary 1970 U.S. Census figures. However, the greater Clinton area showed an increase of over 1,000, it is believed.

The town of Laurens passed the 10,000-population mark as its preliminary 1970 census county is 10,109. In 1960, Laurens' population was listed at 9,598.

Clinton Mayor Noland Suddeth said that anyone who doesn't think they were counted in the U.S. Census may pick up a special form at Clinton City Hall.

Listed below are Clinton's population figures for the past 100 years.

1870---	200
1874---	400
1880---	465
1890---	1,080
1900---	1,865
1910---	3,272
1920---	3,767
1930---	5,643
1940---	5,704
1950---	7,168
1960---	7,937
1970---	7,897

Census officials refused to release the population figures for the areas immediately adjacent to the city limits but according to city officials those areas have grown by over 1,000 people in the past 10 years.

According to the preliminary 1970 figures, there are 7,897 people who reside within the city limits of Clinton. That is a decrease of 40 people from the 1960 figure of 7,937.

Laurens County showed an increase of over 800 residents during the past 10 years, going from 47,609 in 1960 to 48,501 in 1970, according to the preliminary figures.

Cunningham Named Broad Street Pastor

Rev. J. Ben Cunningham has been appointed pastor of Broad Street Methodist Church in Clinton, succeeding the Rev. E. W. Rogers.

Rev. Cunningham assumed his duties Wednesday of this week.

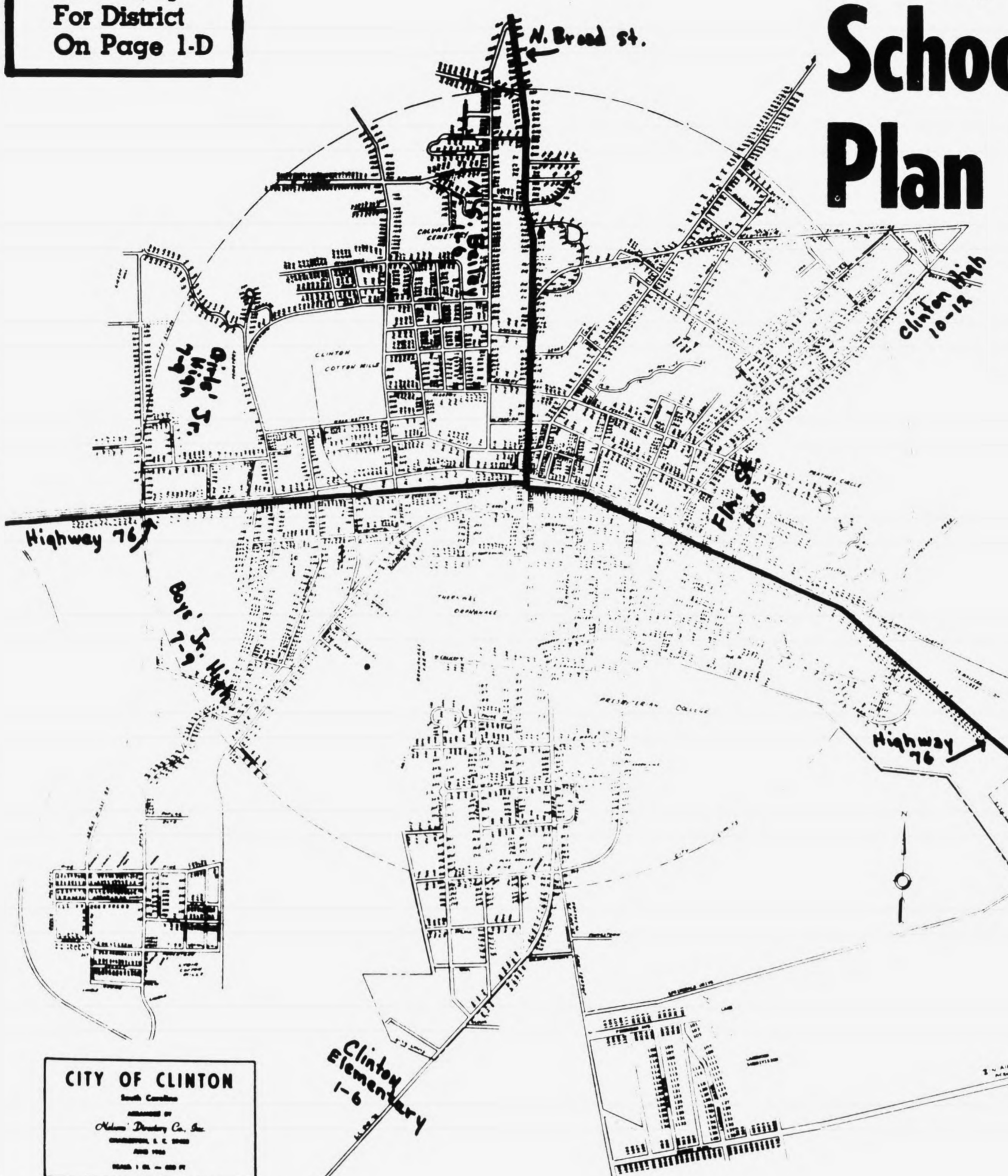
A 40-year-old native of Greenville, he is a graduate of Furman University and received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University. He and his wife, the former Jane Hunter of Ora, have five children.



REV. CUNNINGHAM
 Rev. Rogers
 Is Honored
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He served as pastor of O-wings-Bramlett from 1955 through 1958 and as pastor of St. Mark in Charleston from 1959 through 1962. He became pastor of Trinity in Anderson in 1963.

Area Map
 For District
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School District 56 Plan Is Approved

By Federal Agency

Neighborhood Plan In Effect 1970-71

School District 56's integration plans for the 1970-71 school year have been approved by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The plan is basically a neighborhood school plan with no busing necessary to achieve racial balance.

All district students in grades 10 through 12 will attend Clinton High School. All male students in grades seven through nine will attend what is now the Bell Street School. All female students in grades seven through nine will attend what is now Martha Dendy School.

Elementary School students in grades one through six will attend the elementary school in their attendance area. The district will have four attendance areas for elementary school students.

Area No. 1 students will attend Clinton Elementary School. Area No. 1 includes the area south of Highway 76. It reaches to within one mile of Highway 56 on the eastern side and to the district boundary on the western side. The southern boundary is Lake Greenwood, thusly including the Cross Hill-Mountville area in Area 1.

Area No. 2 students will attend M. S. Bailey Elementary School. Area No. 2 includes the area north of Highway 76 and west of North Broad Street to the district line on the west.

Area No. 3 students will attend Florida Street Elementary School which last year was Clinton Junior High School. Area No. 3 includes the area north of Highway 76 and east of North Broad Street. (The intersection of Highway 76 and North Broad Street is the dividing point between Areas No. 2 and 3). The line for Area No. 3 follows North Broad Street onto 308 to Goodman's Crossroad, along 53 where it crosses I-26 and becomes 314 which the line follows to Highway 56 and from there to the county line.

Area No. 4 elementary students will attend Joanna Elementary School. Area No. 4 encompasses an area stretching from the black top county road near the old Hunter home and south of the intersection of Highways 99 and 34. The line stretches from there to the intersection of 56 and 66. The Laurens-Newberry county line is the eastern boundary for Area No. 4.

Also in Area 4, going south on Highway 56, students who live on the right hand side of the road, within a mile of 56 will go to Joanna Elementary School.

Three schools will be closed. Woodson Elementary School students will go to Joanna Elementary School. Cross Hill-Mountville School students will go to Clinton Elementary School as will Midway Elementary School students.

Clinton Elementary School will have a total enrollment of about 989 students, with a racial ratio of 60 per cent white and 40 per cent black. There will be 14 black teachers on the 35-teacher staff at Clinton Elementary School.

Florida Street Elementary School will have a ratio of 67 per cent white and 33 per cent black with a total enrollment of about 443 students. There will be six black teachers on the 17-teacher staff.

Bailey Elementary School will have a ratio to 69 per cent white and 31 per cent black and a total enrollment of 546 students. There will be six black teachers on the 20-teacher faculty.

Joanna Elementary School

will have a ratio of 75 per cent white and 25 per cent black in a total enrollment of 375 students. There will be four black teachers in the 14-teacher staff.

The total elementary school enrollment in the district will be about 1,551 students, of whom 34 per cent will be black.

The Girls Junior High (grades seven through nine) will have a ratio of 58 per cent white and 42 per cent black in an enrollment of 546 students. There will be eight black teachers on the 19-teacher faculty.

The Boys Junior High will have 498 students which will include a ratio of 38 per cent black and 62 per cent white. There will be seven black teachers on the 18-teacher staff.

Clinton High School will have an enrollment of 778 students in grades 10 through 12 with a ratio of 35 per cent black and 65 per cent white. There will be 10 black teachers on the 28-teacher staff.

District Supt. R. P. Wilder said that faculty assignments will be made in the near future and teachers will be notified as soon as possible.

PRINCIPALS

Claude Howe will continue to be principal of Clinton High School with McQuilla Hudson, former principal of Bell Street High, as assistant principal at CHS.

Neal McNeill will be principal of both the Boys and Girls junior high schools. At Boys Junior High the assistant principal will be W. E. Little and at Girls Junior High the assistant principal will be Lenzy Randall.

Mr. McNeill is joining the system from St. Stephens where he was principal of St. Stephens High School. H. L. Shealy will continue as principal of Clinton Elementary School, with Lewis Knighton as assistant principal.

Wilmot Shealy, currently coordinator of instruction in the district, will be principal of Florida Street Elementary School, a position he held for several years prior to becoming principal of Clinton High School and then coordinator of instruction. James Longshore will be assistant principal at Florida Street.

Frazier Sanders will continue as principal of Joanna Elementary School and Horace Smith will continue to be principal of M. S. Bailey School. The assistant principal will be Melvin Hunter at M. S. Bailey School.

MOBILE UNITS

The changes in school patterns will necessitate use of 10 mobile classrooms next year. Four mobile classroom units will be used at Clinton Elementary School and four at M. S. Bailey School with two to be used at Boys Junior High.

The district currently has five mobile classroom units and will purchase five more. Also, dressing rooms will be constructed at the Girls Junior High.

Approval of the district's plan came in the form of a letter signed by J. Stanley Pottinger, director of the U. S. Office for Civil Rights. Mr. Pottinger's letter said, in part, "... the plan is adequate to meet the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. ... It also said his office is "notifying the Department of Education of the termination of federal financial assistance to be denied."

Thomas Seeks Mayor's Post

J. C. Thomas announced this week as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor of Clinton.

He will be a candidate in the Clinton Democratic Primary which is scheduled July 14.

In making his announcement, Mr. Thomas said, "I believe in operating our municipal government on a business-like basis and I believe my business experience should help me make a contribution to my community, if the voters honor me with the office which I seek."

A native of Charlotte, N. C., Mr. Thomas came to Clinton in July, 1940, as manager of Hamilton's. He opened his own jewelry firm, J. C. Thomas Jeweler, in July, 1943.

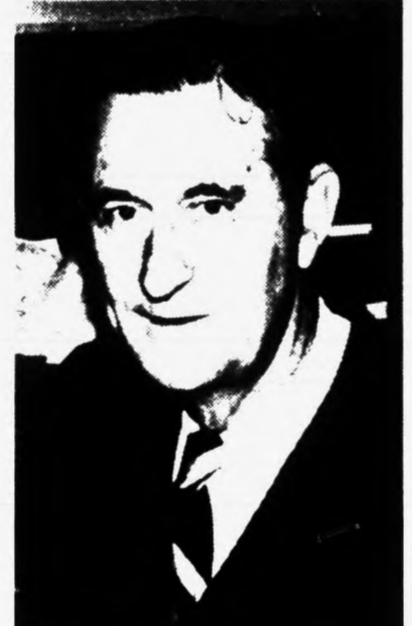
He has served two terms as president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and was active in organizing the United Fund, serving as campaign chairman for the first drive in 1952.

He is a member of the board of directors of Bank of Clinton and has served for 10 years on the Laurens County Board of Education. He is immediate past chairman of the Greater Clinton Planning Commission. He served for nine years as Sunday School Superintendent at First

Baptist Church where he also has served as deacon.

Mr. Thomas is a past president of the Clinton Kiwanis Club and has been chairman of the March of Dimes Campaign and served as president of the South Carolina Retail Jewelers Association in 1961. He is married to the former Amy Vaughn of Belton and they have three daughters.

No other candidates have announced for the post or for the six city council seats which are to be voted on in the primary



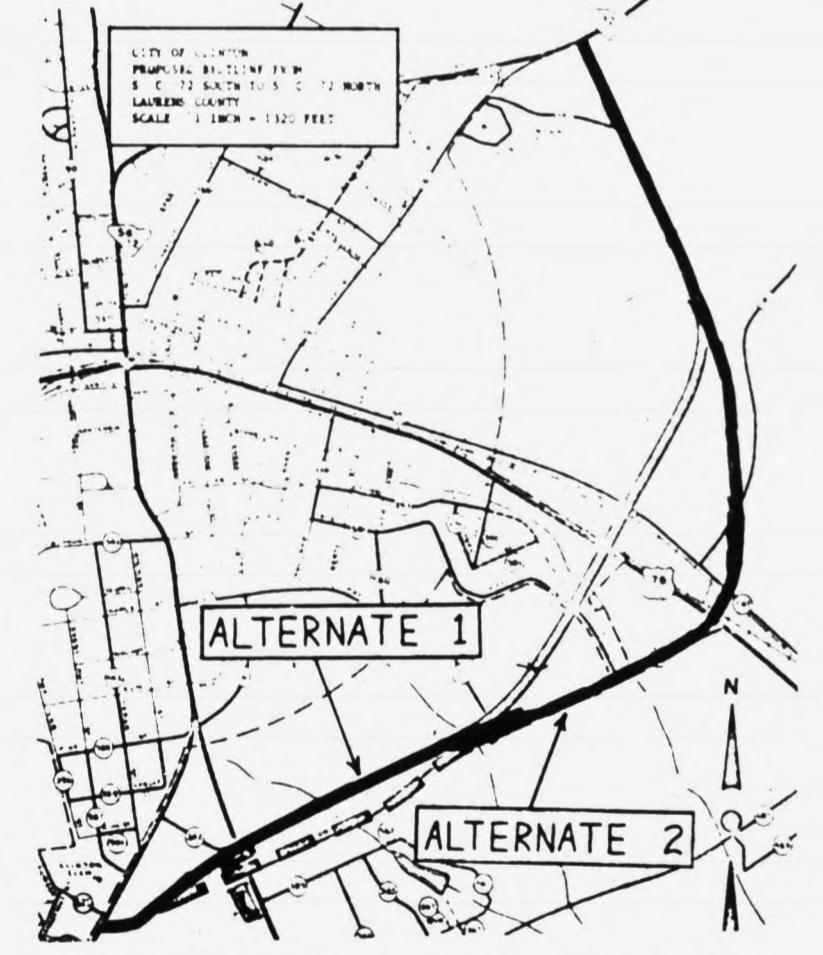
J. C. THOMAS
 and in the General Election.
 The filing deadline is noon next Tuesday, June 23.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ GOP Precinct Meetings Set

Republican precinct meetings for Clinton Mill, Clinton No. 1 and Clinton No. 2 Boxes will be held in the offices of Jacobs Press at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 19.

The purpose of the meetings will be to reorganize and elect representatives to a City Convention to be held Monday night at the same location, 7:30 p.m. Republican candidates for City Council and Mayor's office will be nominated at this time.

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NEW ROUTE—The dark line on the map above shows the tentative proposal for another alternate on the proposed beltline road between Highways 72 south and 72 north. The exact location is yet to be determined but Highway Dept. officials are now considering the route shown above.

New Beltline Route Proposed

On the recommendation of the Greater Clinton Planning Commission, the South Carolina Highway Department has begun preliminary work toward an alternate beltline route on the southeastern edge of Clinton.

both the residential area of Springdale Drive and Bailey Memorial Hospital. It would follow Alternate 2 to Highway 72 north.

The Highway Department is now requesting location approval from the Bureau of Public Roads. It is proposed as a two-lane road with right-of-way adequate for a four-lane road in the future.

The beltline has been proposed to help relieve congestion in the downtown Clinton area.

A public notice concerning the beltline is published in the legal advertisements of today's Chronicle.

Two alternate routes received criticism at a March public hearing. Residents of Springdale Drive opposed Alternate No. 1 and members of the Bailey Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees opposed Alternate 2.

The two proposals now have been combined in what the Planning Commission feels might be a more acceptable proposal for providing a beltline route between S. C. 72 south of Clinton to S. C. 72 north of Clinton.

The new route would avoid

Joe Holland Is Hospitalized

Clinton Chamber of Commerce President Joe Holland became acutely ill Sunday night and was confined to Bailey Memorial Hospital.

He was transferred to Self Memorial Hospital in Greenwood Tuesday night.

Mr. Holland is not receiving visitors.

Owner of the Piggy Wiggy Supermarket in Clinton, Mr. Holland last week led the ticket in the Laurens County Democratic Primary for the nomination to County Council.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR — Dr. George Blalock, left, is shown above as he was honored last week as Clinton's "Citizen of the Year" for 1970. Dr. Blalock was honored for his many civic and professional contributions to the community. The award was made by the Clinton Lions Club. Also shown is Mrs. Blalock and Claude Crocker, right, president of the Clinton Lions Club. — (Shields Photo)