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First Councilwoman Nominated

Two Incumbents Lose In Primary

Mrs. Howard,
Pitts, Oxner,
Holtzclaw Win

Clinton voters nominated the city's first female member of City Council Tuesday in the municipal Democratic primary.

Mrs. Nelle Howard, who retired last year after 35 years' service in the City Clerk's office, won the nomination in Ward 3, defeating incumbent Fred Bragg.

Incumbent Truman Owens also was defeated in the primary, losing by a 10-vote margin to S. C. (Chick) Pitts, a veteran of 14 years on City Council, in Ward 2.

Two incumbents, Boyd Holtzclaw in Ward 1 and Dewey Oxner in Ward 4, were nominated for re-election.

Unopposed in the primary were J. C. Thomas, candidate for mayor and incumbent councilman George Bagwell in Ward 5 and Talmadge Sanders in Ward 6.

Mr. Thomas will oppose incumbent Mayor Noland Suddeth, a Republican, in the August 11 general election. Alderman Sanders will be opposed by Robert L. Whitsel in the general election. The other Democratic nominees are unopposed in the general election.

Dewey Oxner polled the largest vote in the primary as he garnered 778 votes to 288 received by Stonewall Craig in the Ward 4 race.

Mrs. Howard received 749 votes while Mr. Bragg had 301 votes in Ward 3. Holtzclaw defeated W. A. (Bill) Jones 708-329 in the Ward 1 contest.

Mr. Pitts, a retired employe of Seaboard-Coast Line Railroad Co., edged incumbent Truman Owens 527-517. On the first count, Mr. Pitts had a 12-vote margin and a recount was ordered, showing the final 10 vote margin.

Mr. Pitts carried two of the city's three precincts. He polled his largest margin, 250-193,



MRS. HOWARD



S. A. PITTS



DEWEY OXNER



BOYD HOLTZCLAW

How They Voted

Candidate	Clinton No. 1	Clinton No. 2	Clinton Mill	TOTALS
Ward 1				
Boyd Holtzclaw	297	230	181	708
Bill Jones	142	118	69	329
Ward 2				
Truman Owens	193	173	151	517
S. A. (Chick) Pitts	250	177	100	527
Ward 3				
Fred Bragg	124	114	63	301
Mrs. Howard	318	244	187	749
Ward 4				
Stonewall Craig	164	75	49	288
Dewey Oxner	293	282	203	778



WEST SPEAKS HERE — Shown above after the Clinton Kiwanis Club meeting last week are, left to right: Kiwanis Program Chairman Ed Campbell; Lt. Gov. John West who was featured speaker; Radio Station Manager O. P. Haynes; and R. L. Plaxico, who introduced Mr. West.

West Asks Emergency Action For Textiles

Lt. Gov. John West called on President Nixon to use his emergency powers to "immediately lessen the flow of cheap Japanese woolen and man made fibers into this country because an emergency situation does exist."

And while the debate in Congress goes on more South Carolina textile workers will find themselves out of jobs and unable to support their families.

"All it takes is one sweep of the executive pen to put a halt to this disastrous situation," West said. "If the President is sincere in wanting to help American textile workers why doesn't he do so immediately."

Speaking to the Clinton Kiwanians and their wives last Thursday, West said that legislative action, while it could accomplish the same purpose, "will probably take months and months of congressional debate to bring about. We need help now. We can't afford to wait any longer."

The lieutenant governor, Democratic candidate for governor, noted that the national administration has only recently agreed "reluctantly to support certain sections of the current import amendment, despite promises of prompt relief made by the President during the 1968 Presidential campaign."

"Legislative relief if it comes at all will probably be slow. Twice in three years the House has killed Senate passed amendments to impose quotas on Japanese textile imports," he said.

West said the President can direct his Office of Emergency Planning, after a prompt hearing, to finalize hearings initiated years ago finding that the flood of textile imports is injurious to the national security. Under such circumstances, he can immediately take executive action to impose quotas.

"This is precisely the approach utilized by President John Kennedy when he forced the Japanese into an agreement on cotton textiles in 1961," the lieutenant governor said.

West also cited the recent massive layoff of J. P. Ste-

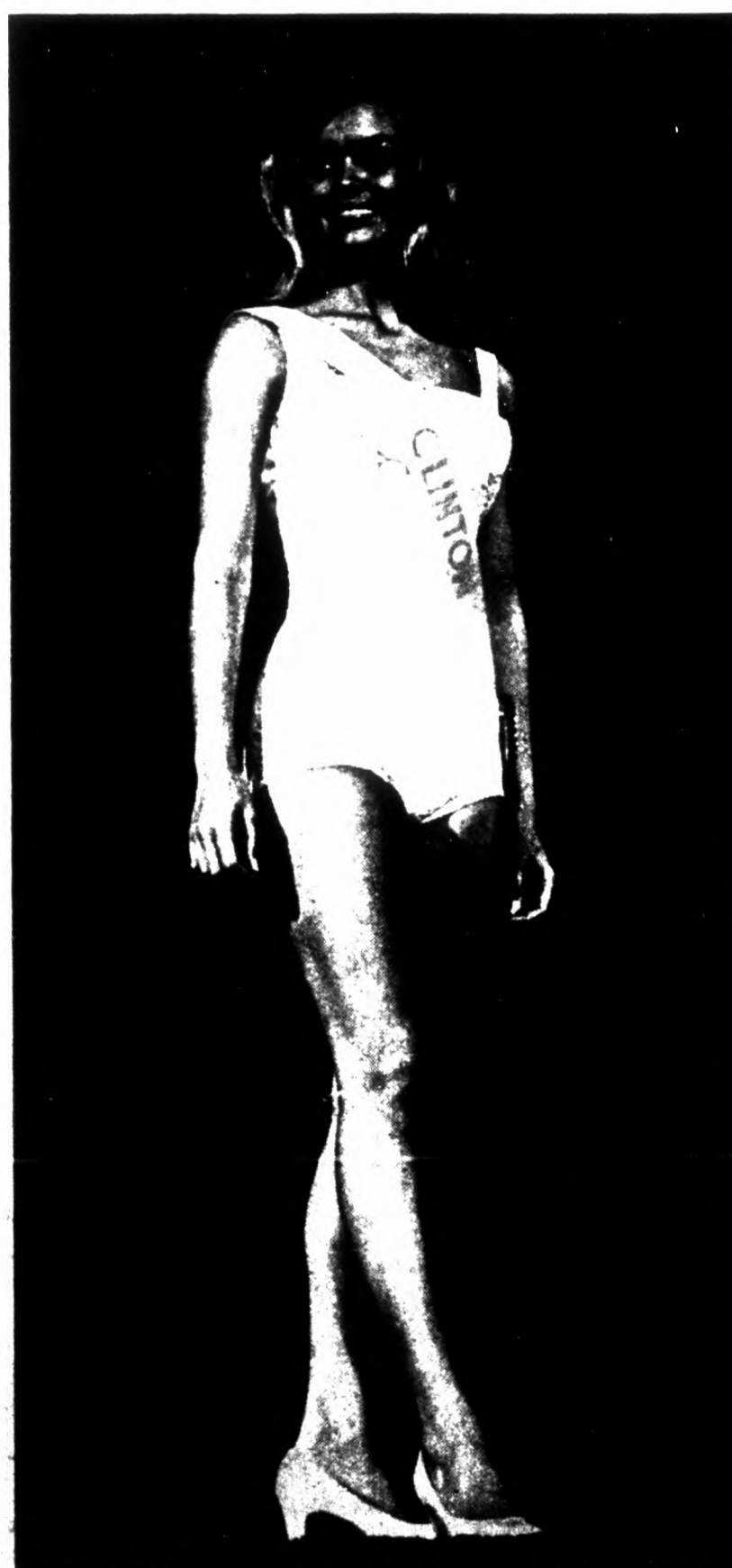
vens textile workers as "an example of the magnitude of the emergency situation."

"Even the South Carolina textile workers who have retained their jobs are working less and taking home less pay." In April, 1969, he said, the average work week for textile workers in Union County was 42.9 hours while in April, 1970 it has dropped to 37.6 hours.

West was introduced by R. L. Plaxico, a Clinton businessman and former chairman of the Laurens County Democratic Party.

Clinton, Lydia Power Off

The electrical power will be off in all Clinton Mills Plants and in the Lydia and Clinton Community areas Sunday morning July 19, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. for Duke Power Company to construct a by-pass around their main substation.



IN STATE PAGEANT—Virginia Rogers, 'Miss Clinton of 1970', is shown in the Miss South Carolina Pageant last weekend in Greenville. At left she is shown participating in the swim suit com-



petition and at right she is shown in her talent presentation. Miss Rogers is a rising senior at Clemson University. The state title was won by Claudia Turner of Spartanburg.

Community Action Public Meetings Are Scheduled

The Laurens County Community Action, Inc., will hold public community meetings in the Clinton area during the week of July 20-24.

These meetings will include the following areas:

Lydia Mills Community - Lydia Presbyterian Church Monday - July 20, 1970 - 7:30 p.m.

Clinton Mills Community - Community Center Tuesday - July 21, 1970 - 7:30 p.m.

South Bell Street Area - Friendship AME Church Thursday - July 23, 1970 - 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for residents to voice their opinions as to the problems that they feel confront them. All area residents, interested citizens, and public officials are invited to attend these meetings.

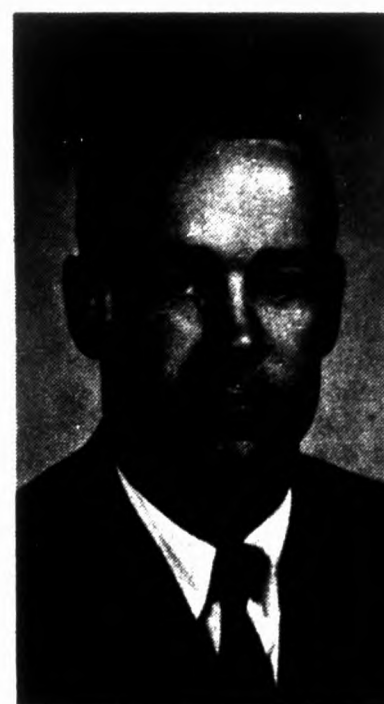
MR Commission Officers Re-Elected

At its annual meeting on July 9, the South Carolina Mental Retardation Commission re-elected its current officers to serve for the next year.

Re-elected were Dr. James B. Berry Jr. of Marion as Chairman; Mr. R. L. Plaxico of Clinton as Vice Chairman; and Mrs. Hallie B. Perry of Columbia as Secretary.

The Commission By-laws provide that officers must be elected annually and may serve an indefinite number of terms. Current officers were first elected in May of 1967 when the Department of Mental Retardation was established by the South Carolina General Assembly.

Of his reelection, Dr. Berry noted "I am honored by my colleagues on the Commission to serve in the capacity of Chairman again and pledge my full energy to a continuing effort directed to developing quality services for all of the mentally retarded of South Carolina."



RICHARD TOWNSEND

Townsend Is Named Defender

The Defender Corporation of Laurens County announced that Richard Townsend of Laurens has been appointed public defender for Laurens County.

Mr. Townsend will handle the defense of clients who are unable to afford an attorney of their own. The Bar Association formerly appointed individual members to defend these cases. Mr. Townsend will now take over these duties.

Townsend is a 1965 graduate of the South Carolina School of Law. He did his undergraduate work at Clemson University. He is married and is the father of two children.

The Defender Corporation that selected Townsend was created by the Laurens County Bar Association. Thomas Bebb of Laurens is the president, and W. P. Culbertson of Laurens, Teach Owens of Clinton and Judge Nicholson of Greenwood serve as directors.

UF Directors To Set Budget

The board of directors of the Greater Clinton United Fund will meet Thursday morning, July 23, to adopt the budget for the 1971 fiscal year.

The Budget and Admissions Committee met last week and received requests from the participating agencies and will make its recommendations to the board of directors for final approval.

The directors will meet at

Rev. Darr Is Released From Hospital

Rev. J. H. Darr, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Clinton, has been released from the hospital in Bridgeton, N. J. where he was confined for the past week.

Rev. Darr became ill last Wednesday, July 8, while attending a seminar at Princeton University.

Mary Musgrove Hotel, starting at 10 a.m.

United Fund President Charles Oakley will preside. Bob Hanson, chairman of the Budget and Admissions Committee, will present his committee report. Other items of business will be considered at the meeting.

Two Fires Are Reported

The Clinton Fire Department reported two fires on July 14.

At 5:30 p.m., electric wires caught fire on D Street. The blaze was extinguished before it spread to the surrounding area.

At 8:45 p.m. on July 14, a barn caught fire on Musgrove Street. The building was not in use and was gutted by the blaze. The Fire Department extinguished the fire before it completely destroyed the barn.

Other Memoirs

BY JOE H. SIMPSON
 The following towns were born in Laurens County, S. C., but could not make the grade and died.

Belfast
 Dunkins
 Dunlops
 Huntington
 Milton

Sheldon
 Smith Town
 Roseboro
 Tyneville
 Youngs

Each of the above either had a post office, a store, a mill or some other reason for being classed as a future city. What each needed was a wide awake citizen to let the world know about its possibilities and push its development. The above are just a few of those that came into existence over the years but for various reasons, did not make a go.

A map surveyed by Henry Gray in 1836, sets above and also 26 different towns and what mills. Laurens was known as Laurensville and Clinton was not even a wide place in the road.