

WEATHER

(Week of Aug. 5-12)
 High: 87 (Aug. 6-7-8) Low: 62 (Aug. 11)
 Rainfall: 2 1/2 in. (Aug. 6, 9-12)
 Soil Temp. Range: 76-77

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STRANGE TRAFFIC—Clinton was the scene of some unusual traffic during the past few days. Shown in the photo above are riders in the Greenville-to-Charleston Tricentennial Bicycle Race. The bike racers came through Clinton

about 1:30 p.m. Saturday despite getting a late start from Greenville. Shown in the photo below is one of the trains which brought nerve gas through Clinton Tuesday on its way to disposal in the Atlantic Ocean.



Some Folks Packed A Lunch To Watch Nerve Gas Train

BY ERNIE SEGARS

Clinton treated a little easier Tuesday afternoon after two trains loaded with deadly nerve gas passed through on their way to a watery grave in the Atlantic, about 280 miles east of Cape Kennedy, Florida.

The trains had begun their trip in Andiston, Alabama and Richmond, Kentucky. The Alabama train was the first one to pass Clinton, arrived from Spartanburg at 12:10 p.m. and stayed in the city for several minutes. This train was made up of 46 cars, including five guard cars and 28 gondola type cars loaded with the gas. The pilot train came through about ten minutes before the nerve gas train and was composed of 21 cars, including a

decontamination unit, ambulance, fire truck, and a decontamination truck. The pilot train also had one guard car filled with soldiers from Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

The Kentucky train passed through at 3:00 p.m. The pilot train assigned to inspect the tracks for safety and to make sure that way was clear for the train carrying the nerve gas, passed through at 2:40 p.m. This train came from Greenwood on its way to Chester and North Carolina. The Alabama train came from Spartanburg to Clinton and switched to the Seaboard Coast Line track here. The trains were en route to Chester. From there they went about ten minutes before the nerve gas train and was composed of 21 cars, including a

was carrying 305 concrete and steel jacketed vaults and the Kentucky train carried 113 of the vaults.

A large crowd gathered in Clinton along the tracks that parallel East Main Street. Most of the spectators seemed to fear very little from the trains. Despite a great deal of controversy and an offer to ride on top of one of the cars by Georgia's Governor Lester Maddox and a threat to stop the train

by the Mayor of Macon, Ga., an almost festive mood was prevalent in Clinton. Several on-lookers brought their lunch with them and spent the noon hour contentedly munching sandwiches and waving at Military Policemen.

The Clinton Police assisted the formidable number of soldiers assigned to guard the shipment. An Army helicopter flew overhead to help keep surveillance during the trains' stay in Clinton.



NERVE GAS — Train cars loaded with nerve gas are shown moving through Clinton Tuesday afternoon.

Incumbent GOP Mayor Is Defeated

Making his first bid for political office, J. C. Thomas defeated incumbent Clinton Mayor B. Noland Suddeth 588-491 in Clinton's General Election Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas, owner of J. C. Thomas Jewelers, carried two of the city's three wards in unseating Mr. Suddeth, a Republican.

Mr. Suddeth was Clinton's first Republican mayor, serving a two year term in 1966-68 and then winning a special election last February to fill the unexpired term of the late Harry Layton.

Incumbent Ward 6 Alderman Talmadge Sanders was re-elected, as he defeated Republican Robert L. Whitsel. Both Mr. Thomas and Mr. Sanders are Democrats.

Mr. Thomas carried the City Hall and Clinton Mills precincts while Mr. Suddeth had a majority in the Clinton No. 2 (Armory) polling place.

Mr. Thomas carried Clinton No. 1 (City Hall) by a margin of 240-174. He also had a majority in the Clinton Mill precinct, winning 173-63.

Mr. Suddeth led at Clinton No. 2 (Armory) by 254-175.

In a statement following his victory, Mr. Thomas said, "I fully intend to carry out my campaign pledge of bringing business-like management to our city government. I am particularly interested in doing something to help us attract new industry and to upgrade our housing. I believe in departmentalization to the extent that the people will be given the responsibility for running their departments and we will look to them for results.

"I deeply appreciate the confidence the voters have placed in me and I will strive to live up to that challenge."

Mr. Thomas served two terms as president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and was active in organizing the United Fund in Clinton. He is the immediate past president of the Greater Clinton Planning Commission. He also has served for ten years on the Laurens County Board of Education. He is a member of the First Baptist Church where he has served as deacon.

Mr. Thomas will have an all

Democrats Sweep Election J. C. Thomas Is Elected Clinton Mayor, 588-491 How They Voted

Candidate	Clinton No. 1	Clinton No. 2	Clinton Mill	TOTALS
MAYOR				
Noland Suddeth	174	254	63	491
J. C. Thomas	240	175	173	588
Ward 6				
Talmadge Sanders	289	289	166	744
Robert L. Whitsel	118	133	66	317



J. C. THOMAS

Democratic City Council Aldermen elected without opposition in Tuesday's General Election were Democrats Boyd Holtzclaw in Ward 1; S. A. (Chick) Pitts in Ward 2; Mrs. Nelle Howard in Ward 3; Dewey Oxner in Ward 4; and George Bagwell in Ward 5.

Clinton Mrs. Lose In Finals

Anderson mounted a 14 hit attack to defeat Clinton 14-1 Tuesday night in the deciding game of the Upperstate play-off in American Legion Baseball.

Clinton had won the first two games of the series behind strong pitching by Tommy Motes and Buzz Tedards. However, Anderson finally got their big guns going to win the final three games of the series. Anderson will now face lower state champion Orangeburg in a best of seven series to determine the state champion.

George Gant started the scoring for Anderson when he lined Tedards' first pitch of the game over the fence in deep right center for a home run, giving Anderson a 1-0 lead. Anderson picked up two more runs in the top of the second on a walk, two singles and an error.

In the Anderson third, Anderson scored two more runs on two hits a passed ball, a ground out and an RBI single by Jack Huggins.

After scoring a single run in the top of the fifth to take a 6-0 lead, Anderson blew the game open with a six-run burst in the sixth. After three singles loaded the bases, James Rice, Anderson's clean-up hitter who hit three home runs against Clinton on Sunday afternoon, lined a 3-2 pitch over the left field fence. This was one of the hardest hit balls hit in Calmar Park this season. The ball was a line shot that was continuing to rise as it crossed the fence.

Tommy Motes then came in to pitch and finished for Clinton.

Arrest Total Rises To 16 In Firebombings

The number of those arrested in connection with the July firebombings in the Clinton area rose to 16 Wednesday as it was announced that seven more Negro men had been arrested.

The arrests announced Wednesday included Henry Brown, 20, Martha Dendy Drive; Robert Taylor, 20, Gideon Hill; John Henry Watson, 18, 49-A W. Centennial St.; Melvin Wesley, 20, 403 W. Centennial St.; James Cromer, 21 (address unavailable); Michael Darbin, 19, 188 S. Bell St.; John Robert Moore, 19, Martha Dendy Drive.

When asked if any more arrests are anticipated in connection with the firebombings, Sheriff Eugene Johnson replied, "I don't know."

Seven Clinton men were arrested last Saturday in connection with the firebombings last month in the Clinton area.

Arrested and charged with arson in Laurens Saturday were: Grady Boyd, 18 of 302 W. Centennial St.; Samuel Jones, 22, of 208 S. Livingston St.; Jerome Fleming, 20, of 333 S. Bell St.; Jim Bo Martin, 19 of 105 S. Bell St.; Charles Douglas Little, 25, of 353A Gideon Hill; Joe Terry Suber, 17 of 214 Tribble St.; and Thomas Vance, 18 of 405 Gary St.

Announcement of the arrests was made jointly by a spokesman for Chief J. P. Strom of the S. C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED), Laurens County Sheriff R. Eugene Johnson and Clinton Chief of Police B. B. Ballard.

The fires that began July 1 reached a climax on the night of July 16 and in the pre-dawn hours of July 17 when two businesses were completely burned and five others damaged during a two and half hour period. Fire damages in excess of \$200,000 were estimated by owners of these businesses.

Boland To Head UF Commercial Division

Ratchford W. Boland will serve as Commercial Chairman of the 1970-71 campaign of the United Fund of Greater Clinton. Mr. Boland was active in the organization in 1952 of the Community Chest of Greater Clinton which is now the United Fund of Greater Clinton.



RATCHFORD BOLAND

He has continually supported the organization and actively participated in the annual drives for funds. He served as co-chairman of the Commercial Division 1969.

Boland, a native of Clinton, is a graduate of Presbyterian College and has served as secretary of the Alumni Association. Before retiring he was manager of the Clinton Branch Office of the Liberty Life Insurance Company.

He is president of the Laurens County Service Council of Senior Citizens, and chairman of the Laurens County Public Welfare Board.

Active in civic, church and community affairs, Mr. Boland, an active member of the Kiwanis Club for the past 30 years, has served as director, secretary and president of the club. He is charter member of Saint John's Lutheran Church, serves as Vice Chairman of Church Council, teacher of Adult Bible Class, member Synodical Stewardship Committee

Merchants To Plan Tricentennial Week

Plans are now being made for the Laurens County Week of the South Carolina Tricentennial. The Clinton Merchants' and Businessmen's group will meet today, August 13, at the Hotel

Mary Musgrove in order to hear the recommendations of the Tricentennial Committee. It is what should be done in celebration of the week. The meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.

What Train ?

The soldiers who were on duty in Clinton when the nerve gas train came through were a tight-lipped bunch.

A reporter asked one soldier, "When's it coming through?"

The soldier replied, "When's what coming through?"

Reporter: "The train."

Soldier: "What train?"

Reporter: "The train with the nerve gas."

Soldier: "What nerve gas?"

Reporter: "If the nerve gas train isn't coming through, what are you doing here?"

Soldier: "They loaded us on a truck and told us to get off here and they told me to stand right where you see me now. That's all I know."
