WEATHER

(Week of Aug. 5-12) High: 87 (Aug. 6-7-8) (Aug. 11) Rainfall: 21/2 in. (Aug. 6, 9-12)

Soil Temp. Range: 75-77

The Clinton Chronicle

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

Mr. Suddeth was Clinton's

first Republican mayor, ser-

ving a two year term in 1966-

68 and then winning a special

election last February to fill the unexpired term of the

Incumbent Ward 6 Alderman Talmadge Sanders was reelected, as he defeated Republi-

Hall and Clinton Mills precincts

while Mr. Suddeth had a majority

in the Clinton No. 2 (Armory)

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 attact new

industry and to upgrade our

housing. I believe in depart-

mentalization to the extent that

the people will be given the res-

ponsibility for running their de-

partments and we will look to

"I deeply appreciate the con-

fidence the voters have placed

in me and I will strive to live

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 im-

mediate past president of the

Greater Clinton Planning Com-

mission. 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

them for results.

up to that challenge."

late Harry Layton.

are Democrats.

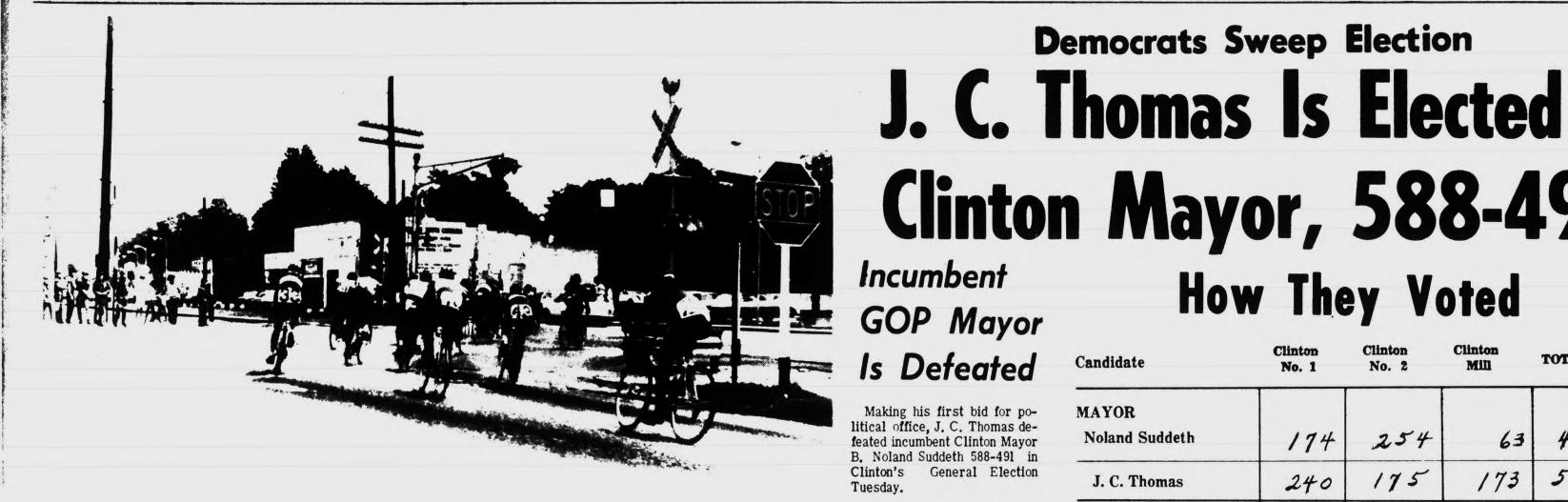
polling place.

Clinton, S. C., August 13, 1970

Democrats Sweep Election

Clinton Mayor, 588-491

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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

Tuesday afternoon after two train also had one guard car of the vaults. trains loaded with deadly nerve filled with soldiers from Ft. gas passed through on their McClellan, Alabama. way to a watery grave in the Atlantic, about 280 miles east of Cape Kennedy, Florida.

pass Clinton, arrived from This train came from Green- and a threat to stop the train stay in Clinton. posed of 21 cars, including a to the sea. The Alabama train

Spartanburg at 12:10 p.m. and wood on its way to Chester and stayed in the city for several North Carolina. The Alabama minutes. This train was made train came from Spartanburg up of 46 cars, including five to Clinton and switched to the guard cars and 28 gondola Seaboard Coast Line track here. type cars loaded with the gas. The trains were en route to The pilot train came through Chester. From there they went about ten minutes before the to Monroe, N. C., and began nerve gas train and was com- the last part of their journey

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 com-

ing 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." ****

decontamination unit, am- was carrying 305 concrete and by the Mayor of Macon, Ga., bulance, fire truck, and a steel jacketed vaults and the an almost festive mood was Clinton breated a little easier decontamination truck. The pilot Kentucky train carried 113 prevalent in Clinton. Several

Clinton along the tracks that The Kentucky train passed parallel East Main Street, Most Richmond, Kentucky. The Ala- train carrying the nerve gas, top of one of the cars by Geor- flew overhead to help keep

on-lookers brought their lunch with them and spent the noon A large crowd gathered in hour contentedly munching sandwiches and waving at Military Policemen. through at 3:00 p.m. The pilot of the spectators seemed to The Clinton Police assistrain assigned to inspect the fear very little from the trains. the formidable number The trains had begun their tracks for safety and to make Despite a great deal of contro-soldiers assigned to guard the trip in Anniston, Alabama and sure that way was clear for the versy and an offer to ride on shipment. An Army helicopter

The Clinton Police assisted bama train was the first one to passed through at 2:40 p.m. gia's Governor Lester Maddox surveillance during the trains'

Mr. Thomas will have an all

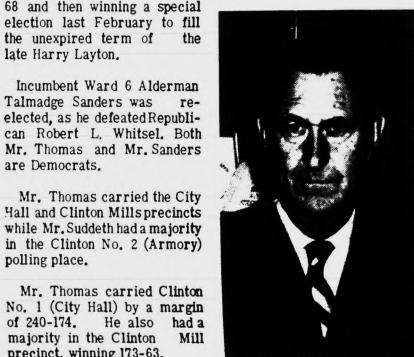


NERVE GAS - Train cars loaded with nerve gas are shown moving

through Clinton Tuesday afternoon.

How They Voted

Candidate	Clinton No. 1	Clinton No. 2	Clinton Mill	TOTALS
MAYOR Noland Suddeth	174	254	63	49/
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 Jrs. Lose In Finals

Anderson mounted a 14 hit attack to defeat Clinton 14-1 Tuesday night in the decioing 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 Gantt 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 Calalier Park this season. The ball was a line shot that was continuing to rise as it crossed

Tommy Motes then came in to pitch and finished for Clinton, today, August 13, at the Hotel

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, Mar-

tha 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

Arrested and charged with arson in Laurens Saturday were: Grady Boyd, 18 of 302 W. Cent-208 S. Livingston St.; Jerone 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

day, August 4, in connection with the fires and fire bombings were a two and half hour period. Willie B. Byrd and Willie James Fire damages in excess of \$200, Young. All nine men are lodged 000 were estimated by owners in area jails.

Announcement of the arrests was made jointly by a spokesennial St.; Samuel Jones 22, of man 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 bus-The two men arrested Tues- inesses were completely burned and five others damaged during 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.

He has continually supported the organization and actively participated in the annual drives for funds. He served as cochairman 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.

County Service Council of as Vice Chairman of Church Senior Citizens, and chairman Council, teacher of Adult Bible of the Laurens County Public Class, member Synodical 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, secre and president of the club.

He is charter member of Saint He is president of the Laurens John's Lutheran Church, serves Stewardship Committee

Merchants To Plan Tricentennial Week

the Laurens County Week of the the recon South Carolina Tricentennial, cent The Clinton Merchants' and what should be Businessmen's group will meet bration of the we

Plans are now being made for Mary Musgrove in order to h