

WEATHER

(Week of Aug. 12-19) High: 92 (Aug. 18) Low: 64 (Aug. 13-14) Rainfall: 1.02 ins. (Aug. 13) Soil Temp. Range: 79-84

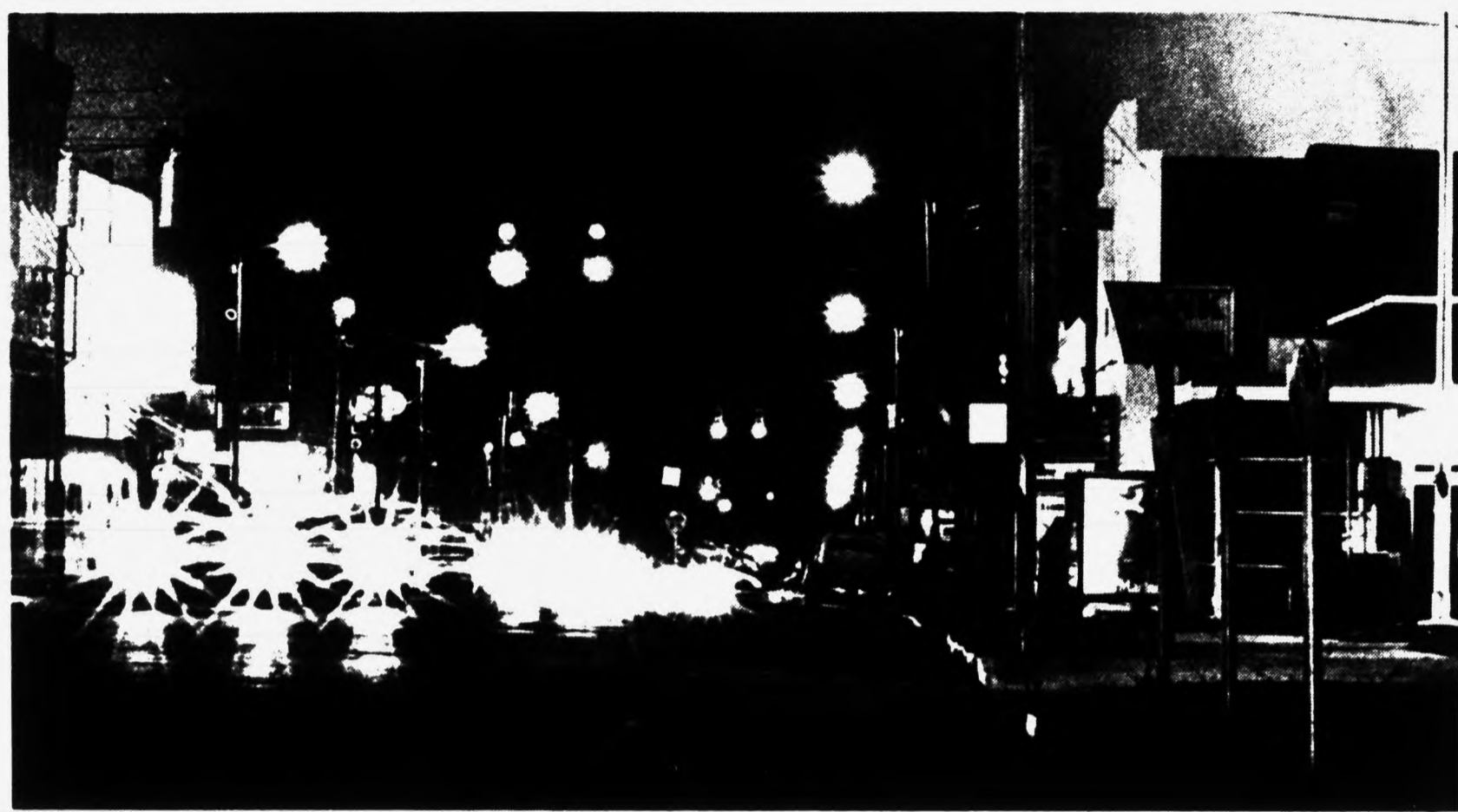
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BRIGHT LIGHTS - This time exposure photograph, taken by Betty Fryga, suggests a busy

city night scene but it's our own downtown Clinton.

Bank of Clinton, First National Merger Proposed

Plans to merge the Bank of Clinton with First National Bank of South Carolina have been approved by the board of directors of both banks.

The merger agreement was announced jointly by R. P. Hamer, president, Bank of Clinton, and W. W. Bruner, president, First National Bank of South Carolina. They said that the proposal is subject to the approval of shareholders of both banks and the Comptroller of the Currency, U. S. Treasury Department.

of First National's Clinton Board, and members of the local loan committee will be from the Clinton Board. Other officers of the Bank of Clinton are T. E. Addison, Vice president, and Harry Y. McSweeney, cashier.

Members of the Board of Directors are R. P. Hamer, T. E. Addison, T. H. Copeland, A. B. Godfrey, Harry Y. McSweeney, J. C. Thomas, and J. Leland Young.

First National operates August Kohn and Company, mortgage banking firm, which was acquired in 1965, and a travel

service, which began operation in 1968. Under the proposed merger, Clinton will join the following cities served by First National Bank of South Carolina: Anderson, Bamber, Bennettsville, Camden, Cayce, Charleston, Clemson, Clover, Columbia, Cowpens, Darlington, Denmark, Jonesville, Landrum, Lexington, Marion, Spartanburg, Summerville and Union.

First National Bank of South Carolina, which was established in 1933, was combined with banks in Charleston in 1948 and 1956, and in Anderson in 1955. More recent mergers were with banks in Spartanburg in 1964, Lexington in 1965, and Marion in 1966. Earlier this year First National established a new office in Camden.

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City Council Strips Mayor Of Authority Over Employee

Marvin N. DeYoung, engineer for the Clinton Fire Department, was restored to his job by action of Clinton City Council Monday night after Mr. DeYoung had been relieved of his duties two days previously by Mayor Noland Suddeth.

Council also adopted a resolution directing the Mayor not to interfere with the performance of M. N. DeYoung of his duties.

Mayor Suddeth notified Mr. DeYoung Saturday that he was relieved of his duties as of the notification Saturday morning.

probation for six months. Talmadge Sanders made the motion and it was seconded by George Bagwell. Fred Bragg voted against the motion. The other four councilmen present voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Truman Owens had a conflicting meeting and was unable to attend the special council meeting.

After the vote, Mayor Suddeth said he would relieve Mr. DeYoung of his duties again Tuesday morning.

In the lengthy discussion which followed, Mayor Suddeth said his action was based on confidential information which he could not divulge. However, he said it was sufficient basis for his action.

Council then adopted the resolution directing the mayor not to interfere with Mr. DeYoung's performance of his duties. The motion was made by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Dewey Oxner and again the vote was 4-1 with

Mr. Bragg voting against the motion.

The resolution said: "Be it resolved that the mayor be and he is hereby directed not to interfere with the performance of M. N. DeYoung of his duties as an employee of the city of Clinton and that M. N. DeYoung hereinafter follow orders of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief, and the Chief of Police and Fire Chief are hereby directed to report to the city council any failure by M. N. DeYoung to follow instructions of the City Council and by them or failure otherwise to perform his duties in a proper manner."

"We believe that the financial needs of our rapidly growing area can better be served by the much larger resources resulting from the proposed merger with the state's third largest banking system," Mr. Hamer said, "Our lending limit will be increased to over \$1 million, and the bank will be in a position to offer a broader range of services to the people of the Clinton area," he concluded.

First National Bank has assets of \$250,338,410, and it operates 45 offices in 19 South Carolina cities. Its current dividend rate is \$1.40 per share annually and is paid quarterly at 3 1/2 per share.

The Bank of Clinton was established in 1948 and has total assets in excess of \$4,000,000.

Mr. Hamer said that the Bank of Clinton would operate as an office of First National with the same officers and employees.

Present members of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Clinton will become members

Mr. T. D. Copeland Dies At Age Of 92

Thomas Duckett (Duck) Copeland, 92, of 201 Calvert Avenue, died Saturday.

He was a lifelong resident of Clinton and a son of the late George Duckett and Nancy Johnson Copeland. He was a retired merchant, farmer and director and organizer of the Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association, serving 60 years as a director.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas Heath and Carol White Copeland of Clinton; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday in the First Presbyterian Church conducted by Rev. A. L. Bixler. Burial was in the Rosemont Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Carroll Copeland, Heath Copeland, George Copeland, L. Mac Adair, W. Brooks Owens, James T. Addison.

Honorary Pallbearers were Elders of the church: J. B.



C. E. NICHOLS

'Mr. Nick' Dies At 68

C. E. "Nick" Nichols, 68, of 302 Hickory St., died Tuesday.

He spent his early life in Laurens and lived in Greenwood before moving to Clinton in 1928. He was a son of Mrs. Lillie Mulder Nichols of Greenwood and the late James Henry Nichols. He was a retired photographer and a member of Broad Street United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alva Wilson Nichols; a daughter, Mrs. Amelia Richardson of Clemson; a son, James Henry Nichols of Kansas City, Mo., three brothers, Henry Nichols, of Chester, J. Horace Nichols, of Greenwood and Leon Nichols, of Newberry; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Gray Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosemont Cemetery.

The services were conducted by Dr. Joseph M. Gettys and Rev. J. Ben Cunningham.

The Pallbearers were Wilmont Shealy, Hayne Workman, Cab Blackwell, Bobby Simpson, Herbert Todd, Lynn Cooper, Jr., Roland Tidwell and Thomas Ramage.

The Honorary Pallbearers were: Bobby Copeland, Kenneth Baker, Tom Addison and William D. Adair.

Templeton, G. Edward Campbell, W. P. Jacobs III, T. P. Hollis, Dr. D. O. Rhame, Reese Young, Robert Black, William Johnson, Leaman Jones, Dillard Milam, Pierce Chandler, George Cornelison, General Ansel Godfrey, Tom Plaxico, C. W. Anderson, Hugh S. Jacobs, Harry MCSweeney, A. A. Ramage, Jim Von Hollen, Harry Nettles, J. R. Swetenburg, Francis Blalock and Robert Vance.

Mayor Suddeth's term of office will expire on August 31 and he will be succeeded by J. C. Thomas on September 1. Mr. Thomas, a Democrat, defeated Mr. Suddeth, a Republican, in last week's municipal General Election.

Beard Contest Planned For County Tricentennial

The Laurens County Chapter of the Brothers of the Brush will sponsor a beard contest in celebration of South Carolina's Tri-Centennial.

There will be five different beard styles with a prize for the winner in each category.

The contest will officially open on August 19 and will be judged by the National Barber's Association during the Laurens County Tri-Centennial week, Nov. 8-14. Entries should have at least twelve weeks of growth for a good beard.

Every community in the county is urged to participate. Anyone interested in chartering a Brothers of the Brush in their own community may contact Mason G. Motes at 984-5961 in Laurens.

Proceeds from the sale of the buttons will be used for Laurens County's Tri-Centennial.

Starts Next Week School Opening Schedule Given

The 1970-71 school year will start next week in School District 56.

Teachers will report Monday, Aug. 25, for in-service training which will conclude Wednesday, Aug. 26.

First graders will report to their respective schools on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 8:30 a.m.

Second, third, seventh, eighth and 10th grade students will report to their respective schools on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Fourth, fifth, sixth, ninth, 11th and 12th grade students will report to their respective schools on Friday, August 28, at 8:30 a.m.

Students reporting on Thursday and Friday will be dismissed at 10 a.m.

Monday, August 31, will be the first full day of school.

Students will have a holiday Monday, September 7, for Labor Day.

Under the district's neighborhood school plan which has been approved by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, this is the way students are assigned this year:

All district students in grades 10 through 12 will attend Clinton High School. All male students in grades seven through nine will attend Bell Street Junior High.

All female students in grades seven through nine will attend Martha Denny Junior High.

Students in grades one through six will attend elementary

schools on this basis:

Those residing in Area No. 1 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.

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 N. Broad

15 Post Reduced Bond

Fifteen of the 16 young negro men charged in the fires and firebombings in the Clinton area in July were free late Saturday after posting \$5,000 bond each.

Lt. W. R. Whitmire of the S. C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED) said Saturday that on a court order from Judge Francis B. Nicholson bond had been arranged for 15 of the men.

Judge Nicholson, presiding at a special term of General Session Court in Laurens, fixed the bond at \$5,000 late Friday afternoon.

A spokesman said Saturday that one of the men charged Willie James Young, was still in custody in an area jail. The 16 men are charged with the fires and firebombing that began July 1 and climaxed with the burnings on the night of July 16 and the early hours of July 17 of two businesses and damages to five others in excess of \$200,000.

The men charged range in age from 17 to 25.

Dailey Heads Industrial Division For Clinton UF

The Industrial Division of the 1970 Greater Clinton United Fund campaign will have as its Chairman, Mr. George Dailey.

Mr. Dailey is a native of Clinton, attended Clinton public schools and is a graduate of Presbyterian College. He is currently employed by the Torrington Company as plant chemist at the Clinton Bearings Plant.

A member of the Clinton Lions Club and the S. C. Academy of Science, Mr. Dailey is active in civic work.

He is a member of Leesville Southern Methodist Church where he is also an avid church worker.

Individuals who will be representing the various industries in the Clinton area and working with Mr. Dailey are: Clinton Mills - Calvin Cooper, The Torrington Co. - Mr. Ellis Huffstetter, Monsanto Co. - Mr. Ken Beene, Greenwood, S.C. Standard Plywood - Mr. Bob Anderson, Jacobs Brothers - Mr. Irby Chandler, Clinton Paper Box - Mrs. Inez Ledford, Ascoe Felts - Mr. Thornton Stewart, Wometco Automatic Vending, Inc. - Mr. Jim Addison, United Mills - Mr. T. K. Reitzell.

It is also necessary to state the number of members in the family who are school age or younger. The number given should include the father and mother.

Parents who wish to apply for free or reduced-price school lunches for their children in School District 56 must provide certification as to family income, according to Superintendent R. P. Wilder.

Mr. Wilder said parents must either provide copies of their 1969 withholding statement or a statement from the employer concerning present earnings.

He said either statement may be given to the child's home-room teacher.

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RALPH PATTERSON

Patterson Named CC President

Ralph Patterson has been named president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce. He will fill the balance of the unexpired term of Joe S. Holland.

Mr. Holland, owner of Piggy Wiggly Supermarket in Clinton, suffered a heart attack this summer and notified the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors last month that under doctor's orders, he would have to resign as President of the Chamber of Commerce. He was retained as a member of the Board of Directors.

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