

# WEATHER

(Week of Dec. 23-30)  
 High: 72 (Dec. 24) Low: 17 (Dec. 26, 27)  
 Precipitation: .31 in. (Dec. 24, 25, 29)  
 (Rain, Sleet, Snow, Dec. 29)  
 Soil Temp. Range: 43-44 degrees

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**WHERE IS THIS?**—The globe shown above is located in downtown Clinton. Do you know where it is? This is one of a series of photographs taken by Clinton artist-photographer Betty Fryga in the downtown area. The answer is printed upside down below.

(Clinton Post Office)

## County Council Holds First Meeting Jan. 2

There will be a meeting of the recently elected members of the Laurens County Council in the court room of the Laurens County Court House, Saturday morning, January 2 at 9:00 A.M. The members of the newly created council are: King Dixon, Joe S. Holland, James R. Jacks, Paul S. O'Dell, George M. Penland, and Furman E. Thomason (Ex-Officio).

At the meeting on January 2 the County Council-elect members will be sworn into office by the Laurens County Clerk of Court, Walter E. Dunlap. The Council members will then draw for the length of terms for each member and will officially organize.

The legislative act creating the County Council form of government specifies that initially three members would serve for four years and two members would serve for two years and that they would draw for terms at their first meeting in January, 1971. The County Supervisor would serve for four years as an ex-officio member of the Council.

After the organization of the County Council is completed on January 2 the Council will immediately assume the duties as the governing body of Laurens County.

The public, press and radio are cordially invited to attend this very important meeting.

## Harley Barnes Dies In Car-Truck Wreck

Harley Raymond Barnes, 45-year-old president of Frontage Home, Inc., Simpsonville died last Wednesday, Dec. 23, in a car-truck collision at the U.S. 276 and S.C. 14 interchange east of Fountain Inn.

A native of Clinton and resident of 415 Musgrove St., Mr. Barnes was dead at the scene.

Laurens County Coroner Marshall Pressley said Barnes was the driver of a 1970 Buick that collided with a tractor-trailer truck driven by William Alvin Burgess of Cleveland. The truck was owned by Buckeye Fabric Finishing Co. of Coshocton, Ohio.

Mr. Pressley said Burgess told him Barnes' car was traveling east when it started skidding, turning around several times and crossing into the westbound lane. The truck hit the right side of the car, Pressley said.

Burgess was not injured in the accident, S.C. Highway Patrolman M.W. Bostick also investigated.

Mr. Barnes was a son of Mark Avery Barnes of Clinton and the late Susie Brown Barnes. He was a trustee of Boys Farm in Newberry and was a member of First Baptist Church in Clinton. He also was a member of the Foundation Board of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, Laurens County Shrine Club, Hejaz Temple of Greenville, Campbell Lodge and

was a past worthy patron of eastern Star.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson Barnes; two sisters, Mrs. O. L. Stephens Jr. of Clinton and Mrs. James A. Arnold of Hemingway; and seven brothers, Virgil W., Perry W., Charles W., Ernest B., James A., Lewis F. and Clarence W. Barnes, all of Clinton.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at First Baptist Church with burial in Rosemont Cemetery.

## Christmas Eve Wreck Claims Two

Mrs. W.P. Hendricks, 45, of Owings died Monday morning after being injured Christmas Eve in an automobile-truck collision near Owings. She was the second victim of the accident.

Mrs. Audrey Marler, 62, of Route 3, Fountain Inn died about three hours after the 10:30 a.m. collision.

Both were teachers at Hickory Tavern.

Mrs. Marler was a passenger in the Hendricks car which collided with a truck driven by John Beagle of Route 1, Enoree. The accident occurred about five miles west of Gray Court at the intersection of secondary road 76 and S.C. Highway 101.

The driver of the truck was not believed to be seriously injured.

## DEBUTANTES FEATURED

Twenty-three young ladies were to be presented Wednesday night, Dec. 30, at the Clinton Cotillion Club's Debutante Ball. The debutantes are pictured on pages 2-C and 3-C in today's Chronicle.

## County Airport Needs Listed

Upper Savannah Development District plans for the Laurens County Airport are inadequate, according to a letter drafted by the Laurens County Airport Commission.

Ed King of Clinton is chairman of the Laurens County Airport Commission which unanimously agreed recently that proposed improvements are not adequate. The Commission outlined what it feels is necessary to meet the needs of the Laurens County Airport.

As for the immediate needs for the airport, first on the list was an additional parking ramp, 150 by 200 feet, with tie downs.

Second is the lengthening of the runway to 4,500 feet and widening it to 75 feet so as to accommodate small pure jet business aircraft.

Third item called for was a rotating beacon.

The fourth immediate need is for a parallel, lighted taxiway, to run the entire length of the runway.

Additional future needs for

the airport, the letter pointed out is for "T" hangers and a terminal building.

"I feel that these improvements must be considered in order to satisfy the needs of industry in Laurens County," King pointed out in the letter.

THE IMPROVEMENTS at the Laurens airport are a part of an overall plan for improving airport facilities over South Carolina.

Governor Robert E. McNair recently said that the state's aviation system "has to be fitted into the total transportation plan of the state and region".

"We would encourage coordinating it very closely with the highway system and other transportation systems."

GAS OFFICE CLOSES

The Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority office will be closed Friday and Saturday for the New Year's holiday.

## Liquor Store Is Robbed, Owner Hurt

The owner was injured and about \$700 stolen in a liquor store robbery on West Main Street last Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Clinton Police Chief B.B. Ballard said that the robbery occurred about 11:20 a.m. when two Negro men, both in their early 20s, entered the store and ordered a bottle of wine.

When owner Bob Hipp turned to get the wine, he was struck on the head by one of the men who used a "black jack or some other instrument." The other man reportedly went to the cash register and took all of the paper money, totaling about \$700.

The two men are believed to have left on foot since there was no car parked in sight and Mr. Hipp said he did not hear a car start up as the men left.

Mr. Hipp was treated for his head injury and returned to work the same day.

## Agent Tells Clinton Rotarians

# Pills Are S.C.'s Biggest Drug Problem

Pills -- both stimulants and depressants -- are a bigger drug problem in South Carolina than are the more widely publicized LSD, heroin and marijuana, according to a spokesman for the Department of Public Health.

Addressing the Clinton Rotary Club Tuesday, Sam Fryerson of the department's Narcotics and Drug Division, said, "Pills which can be obtained from drug stores are being abused more than any other drug."

He said that there also is an illegal traffic in pills. These include "bennies" and "pep pills" which are called "uppers", meaning they are stimulants and the barbiturates

which are depressants and are known as "downers".

Concerning the abuse of stimulants and depressants which can be purchased through prescriptions, he said, "Children see their parents take pills to get them started in the morning and pills to slow them down at night. Many parents never stop to consider what sort of example they are setting."

Mr. Fryerson said his department audits records of doctors and drug stores to make certain they are staying within the law in dispensing drugs and also investigate the "street" or illicit drug traffic.

Concerning marijuana, Mr. Fryerson said, "One of the

problems we run into is that most people don't know what marijuana smells like. Someone could be smoking marijuana -- or pot -- right in their own home and most people would never know it." He added, "The marijuana problem dwindles in the cold weather because the plants won't grow in this area in the winter. And don't kid yourself, it has been grown in this area. Most people wouldn't recognize a marijuana plant. We had one case where a marijuana dealer in South Carolina contracted with a farmer to grow 'tomato plants' for him. The dealer would stop by at regular intervals to pick up his 'tomato plants'. The farmer didn't know it was marijuana until we went to his farm to confiscate the supply. He

didn't know what we were talking about when we asked him where the marijuana plants were but he took us right to it when we asked about the 'tomato plants.'"

He said that most of the marijuana is now coming from Mexico and South America while heroin comes from Turkey.

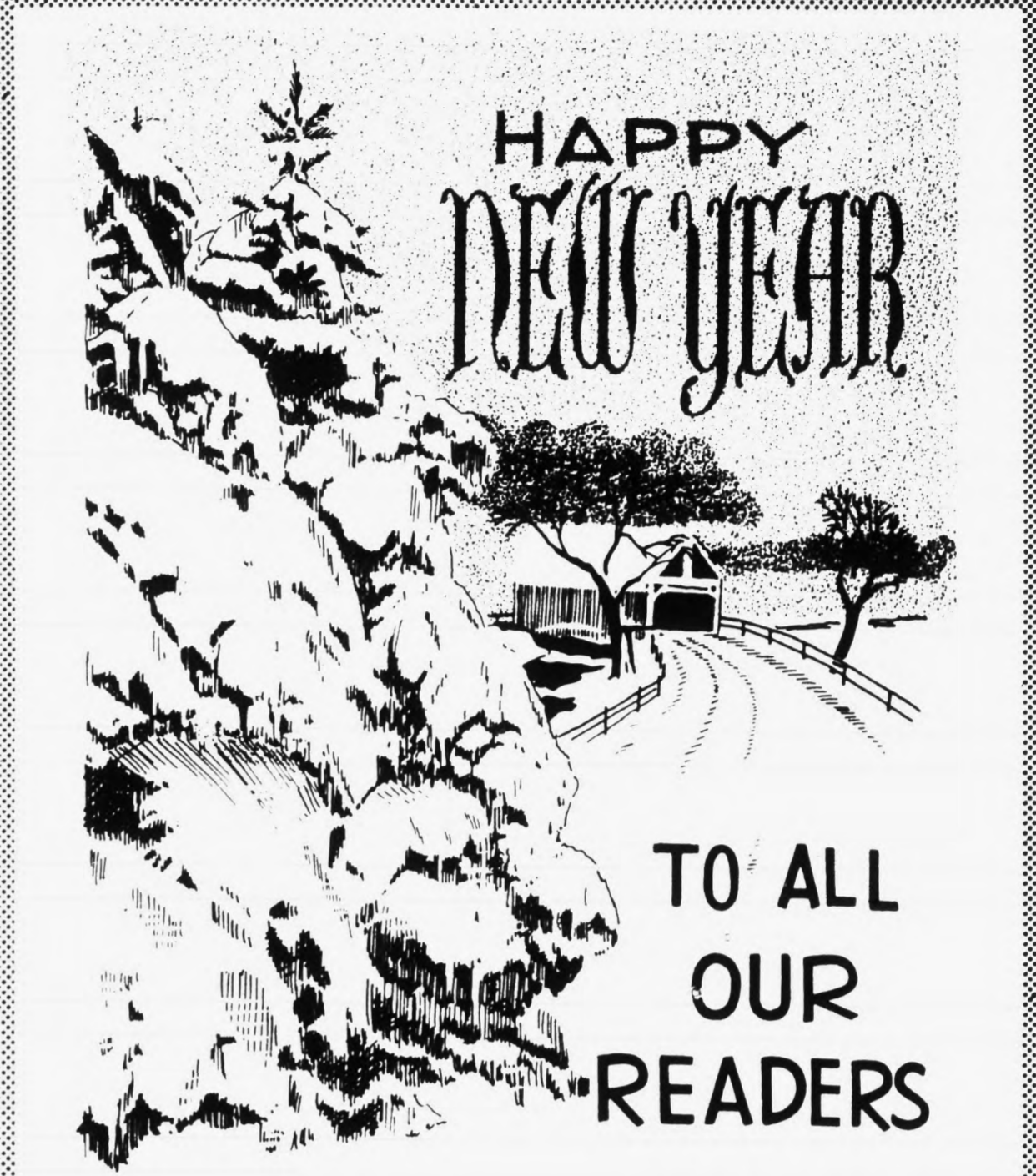
a higher percentage and it kills them, often before they can get the needle out of their arm. Users don't know what they're buying when they buy heroin."

He said, "And don't think I'm talking about a problem in some far off place. Laurens County has drug problems -- LSD, marijuana, heroin. We have names of users and pushers. It's not strictly a law enforcement problem. It's your problem, too. You will have to get involved in this before we can dry up the supplies. You may think that your children wouldn't do something like that and you may be right but that doesn't give them complete protection. We have had cases where innocent young people were slipped LSD in a soft

drink or a cup of coffee. I never drink anything when I go to one of those coffee houses or hippie-type places. LSD is colorless, tasteless, odorless. You can absorb it merely by holding it in your hand."

Mr. Fryerson said, "Marijuana users generally can be detected by changes in attitudes. They become sloppy in the care of themselves, in their cleanliness and clothes. Their eyes may get bloodshot and that's the reason sun glasses often are used by 'Pot Smokers'."

"We need the help of the public. When someone gets in trouble with drugs, we need to know where the supply is coming from, how it was introduced."



We would like to express to all of our friends, our subscribers and our advertisers Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year and hope that the New Year will bring lasting Peace throughout the world.

For your many favors and friendly good will we say "Thank You!"

The Editor and Employees of

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## Fire Damages Building At PC

The basement recreation room at Presbyterian College's Douglas House suffered considerable damage in a Christmas Day fire.

The fire, of undetermined origin, apparently started in one end of the pool table and did considerable damage to the table and to the room. Damage was estimated conservatively at \$3,500.

The building was locked and no one was supposed to have been in the building for a week since students were away on Christmas holiday. The fire was reported at 5:30 p.m. by a couple who saw smoke and fire in the room.

GARAGE - CAR

At 1:23 p.m. on Dec. 26, a

## Mrs. Lawson Named Dist. School Nurse

Mrs. L.T. (Martha) Lawson of Joanna will join the School District 56 staff Jan. 11 as school nurse.

Mrs. Lawson, a registered nurse, will work under the Title I program to help improve the health standards of students. She will work with both students and parents and will follow up on any health needs which are found at school.

She also will work with families which apply for the free lunch program.

Mrs. Lawson's office will be in the District 56 office building on Hampton Avenue.

Mrs. Lawson took her nurses' training at University Hospital in Augusta, Ga., and also took extra credit courses at Augusta College.

She has been associated with the Laurens County Health Department since 1956. Prior to that she was staff nurse at the Joanna Hospital and was a member of the nursing staff at Veterans Hospital in Augusta.

She and Mr. Lawson are the parents of two sons, Tommy, a senior at Presbyterian College where he was an All-Carolinas Conference football player, and Mark, a third grader.

## Mr. Robinson Dies In N. J.

CLEMSON-William E. (Bill) Robinson, 65, of Route 5, Seneca, died Sunday in Stratford, N.J. He was a former teacher at Whitten Village and was a brother of Mrs. Ayliffe R. Jacobs of Clinton.

Other survivors include his wife, three other sisters, and a brother.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hillcrest Memorial Park near Pickens.

## OTHER MEMOIRS

BY JOE H. SIMPSON

As we come to the close of the year 1970, we would like to express to Editor Donny Wilder our sincere thanks for allowing us to bring to you our memories of our early life in Clinton. And to so many of you who have expressed your interest in the column, we say thank you. If our efforts have brought any pleasure to you, then we feel that our time spent was not in vain. As we enter the new year 1971, we wish for each of you a year of happiness and good health.