

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF CLINTON

By the Late Rev. William Plumer Jacobs, D.D., In
New Literary and Biographical Book of His Life,
Edited by Thornwell Jacobs.

(Editor's note: The Chronicle is publishing several chapters pertaining to Clinton's early history as written by the late Dr. Jacobs and just published in book form for the first time. These installments will be of especial interest to the elder families of the community.)

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When I was a boy I was very fond of types. Even at an early age of life, I had pondered over the question as to how books were made, though I had never seen a press in operation or even a printer set type. But that was not a deterrent. I determined to start a paper, to do all the type-setting myself, to make a press and print a book. To get the type, I visited the trash pile of a printing office and gathered in all the old type that had been swept out by the printer's devil. When I had several bags full (small bags of course), I made a type case, and later on a printing press. I used the old printer's balls for printing; then I wrote the book and printed it. Indeed, I printed only one copy, for I had to make the ink I used, and I thought too much of that to put it on the market. College and Seminary put a stop to my zeal to be a printer, but after I had settled down in Clinton, in the first year of my residence here, I bought a 25 lb. font of "pica" and the same of "long primer," half a dozen fonts of display type and a little Cottage press. These were the very first type and first press ever brought to Clinton and in May, 1866, I printed the first number of the "True Witness." It was a little three column folio, four pages, printed on the quarto medium Cottage press, one page at a time. The intention was to serve as a medium with my congregation. It was a very ineffective sheet, however, its work being that of a tyro in editorial work. I did all the type-setting, printing and mailing myself. A few

months later, I moved the paper and publishing department from the log house in the rear of my dwelling, where it first saw the light, to the northeast corner of Pitts and North Broad in what was then known as the Craig building and there it continued until 1867. On the first of July, 1867, the True Witness came to an end, for it was too extensive a job for the publisher, and "Our Monthly for the Fireside and Garden," a 16-page magazine, took its place. Later on the words "Farm and Garden" were dropped and the little magazine sailed out under the heading of "Our Monthly" simply and solely. The magazine has been improved from time to time until now it is a 68-page magazine, well printed and illustrated. It has become the property of the Thornwell orphanage, although as yet the orphanage has never paid a dollar of the thousand promised for the plant. Of course, before it was sold, its plant had improved greatly and was worth at least \$1500, while the magazine itself has increased to some 4000 subscribers at \$1.00 each.

The town, of course, felt the need of a weekly paper and sometime about the year 1875, The Clinton Enterprise was started by the Enterprise Co. It did not pay, however, from the very start, and after a struggling existence of a year or two, its plant was bought by Messrs. Parrott, now of Gaffney, and again had a brief existence, when the plant was sold to Wade Dendy who, entirely ignorant of typography or the editorial art, nevertheless made himself quite a success at both, and sent out for many years Clinton's only weekly paper. He afterwards sold out, but the paper now under the name of the Clinton Gazette is still alive and is doing many a good turn for the town of Clinton.

In 1886, a joint stock company was organized with a capital of \$6,000 with which was bought from Dr. (Continued on page eight)

MERCHANTS MEETING TO BE HELD TONIGHT ON 'POINT RATIONING'

The Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Distributive Education Department of Education, is sponsoring a mass meeting this evening (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The object of the meeting is to discuss point rationing soon to become effective, curtailment of service and ration banking.

An OPA representative of the rationing division will be present to address the meeting, answer questions and furnish desired information.

All merchants, business men and interested citizens are invited and urged to attend. The meeting will afford merchants an opportunity to interpret the new regulations and help them chart their merchandising and operating course for the duration.

The Chamber of Commerce has been advised from OPA state headquarters that cars may be used to attend the meeting.

State Income Tax Agent Coming

A field agent of the income division of the South Carolina Tax commission will be in Clinton on February 20th for the purpose of aiding taxpayers, without cost, in the preparation of their 1942 tax returns. The representative while here will have headquarters at the Commercial Depository.

Individuals receiving an income of \$1,000 net, if single, or \$1,800 net, if married, are required to file returns.

In addition to the returns of income, every person, firm, or corporation making payments of salaries, wages, rents, commissions, etc., in excess of \$1,000, or interest or dividends, or both, in excess of \$100, is required to make returns of information thereon, giving the names and addresses of those to whom payments are made and the amounts so paid, and by whom paid.

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COUNTY FARMERS TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING FEB. 17

The annual outlook for Laurens county farmers and business men is being arranged for February 17 at the agricultural building in Laurens, it is announced by County Agent C. B. Cannon.

H. A. Woodie, extension agronomist, and O. M. Clark, economist of Clemson college, will be on the program for discussion of the 1943 outlook and the question of crop fertilizers.

At the same meeting 122 better farm living certificates and seals will be delivered to eligible farmers who produced at least 75 per cent of their food and feed requirements for 1942.

ON THE WAR FRONTS

Japanese and American sea and air forces in new major struggle for Solomons; losses reported on both sides including a Japanese cargo ship damaged and five American planes apparently lost.

Russians claim 330,000 German troops liquidated at Stalingrad; 100,000 slain and 91,000 captured since January 1; Nazi Lieutenant-General Streicher, 11th army corps commander, and staff taken today.

U. S. and Britain to rush modern weapons to North Africa for a French force of 250,000 under Giraud.

Churchill visits Cyprus, renews promise of arms and assistance to Turkey and deliverance of Greece.

More than 200 RAF fighter planes sweep over occupied Europe, virtually unresisted.

Dr. Shealy Heads County Medicos

Dr. F. K. Shealy, of this city, was elected president of the Laurens County Medical society for the coming year, at their annual meeting held last week in Laurens. Dr. D. O. Rhame, Jr., also of this city, was elected vice-president. Dr. J. L. Fennel of Waterloo, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Shealy and Dr. R. H. Atrial of Laurens, were appointed as delegates to the annual session of the South Carolina Medical association to be held in May.

Roberts Attending Sprunt Lectures

The Rev. J. K. Roberts, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, is spending several days in Richmond, Va., attending the Sprunt lectures at Union Theological seminary. He expects to return to the city today.

Kiwanians Begin Pig Project

Club Will Help Ambitious Farm Boys To Grow Registered Stock.

The Clinton Kiwanis club has launched another important enterprise under the direction of its committee on agriculture.

The club has purchased ten registered Poland China pigs which have been distributed among ambitious farm boys in this community. The boys are to raise pigs under a reciprocal agreement with the club. The purpose of the project is to encourage and assist farm boys to raise more meat, the acquisition and distribution of purebred livestock, both as breeding stock and food supply, and the launching of the group in a fundamentally sound enterprise backed by the best breeding stock obtainable. The boys, in accepting the pigs, agree to properly feed and care for them to insure thrifty growth. As additional pigs are bred the club will receive a quota as specified in the agreement, and these will be furnished without cost to additional boys who are interested in the project.

The agricultural committee in charge of the new pig venture consists of B. H. Boyd, chairman, I. M. Smith and Walter Dunlap. The committee in the selection of the boys composing the club has the assisting of the county agent's office and of C. L. Vaughn, instructor of agriculture in the local high school.

Can Collection Begins In City

A city-wide campaign for the collection of tin cans began yesterday, with a group of Boy Scouts making the house-to-house canvass. The campaign is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Housewives are asked to place their prepared cans in a container in front of their residences where trucks will pick them up. The cans collected here will be added to a Greenville collection to be shipped to a de-tinning plant.

Workers Needed To Make Surgical Dressings

Mrs. S. C. Hays, who is in charge of making surgical dressings for the Red Cross, yesterday stated that more workers are needed.

The dressings are made four afternoons a week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 2 until 5, at the Red Cross room in the city library building. Anyone who can assist any of the afternoons is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Hays. Additional help is needed in order to prepare the required number of dressings for the local chapter, the chairman states.

Red Cross Makes Shipment of Garments

A shipment of articles, including 36 mufflers, 67 boys overalls and 66 children's bed jackets made at the local Red Cross sewing room, was shipped on Monday, according to Mrs. H. Earl Spencer, chairman of the production committee.

The mufflers were sent to Atlanta for redistribution and will be used by the armed forces. The other clothing, for war refugees, went to the Red Cross warehouse in New Jersey, from which point it will be shipped.

BOND SALES REPORT

Total "E" bond sales in Laurens county for the half month ending January 15 were \$54,881.25. Of this sum \$34,218.75 was sold during the second quarter, distributed as follows: Miscellaneous, \$10,950; Clinton, \$7,237.50; Laurens, \$16,031.25.

New Subscriber Regulations For Men In Army Overseas

New postal regulations are now in effect governing mail to soldiers overseas in army service. The order does not apply to the navy personnel abroad.

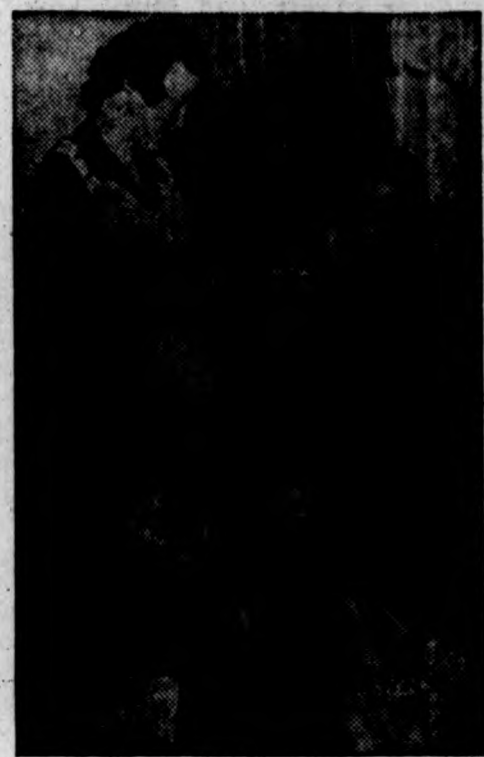
Subscriptions to THE CHRONICLE for men in this branch can only be accepted when specifically requested in writing by the addressee. Parents wishing to send THE CHRONICLE to their sons or relatives overseas should advise them to send a written request for the paper to be sent.

Subscriptions which are now in effect are not affected by this ruling, but if allowed to lapse a written request for renewal must be made.

THE CHRONICLE does not send expiration notices to men in the service for the reason that such subscriptions are usually paid for by local relatives and friends.

Under the new postal ruling, no subscriptions will be continued after expiration. It is important, therefore, that the date on the label be watched and the renewal in the office before the expiration date. If this is not done, all papers in arrears will be stopped.

Boy Scout Week



During Boy Scout week, February 6-12, the nation will pause to salute the organization which has contributed so greatly to the war effort. For example, Buffalo, N. Y., scouts served the U. S. treasury department as special agents, and obtained more than 40,000 pledges for the purchase of \$3,010,691 in war bonds and stamps each month. Photo shows a busy Boy Scout engaged in this work.

Boy Scout Week To Be Observed

Local Troops To Participate In National Celebration Next Week.

Clinton, along with thousands of other towns and cities, will join in the observance of Boy Scout week, February 6-12, officials of the local council have announced. This organization, which has now reached its 33rd birthday, will celebrate the occasion by devoting the week to the beginning of a year's hard work to help win the war.

A special Scout chapel program will be given in the high school auditorium on the morning of February 11 at 11 o'clock. The Goldville troop, headed by Scoutmaster Bruce Galloway, will be in charge.

The city troop, headed by Scoutmaster Hugh Earle will place a miniature camp display on exhibit at the post office for the entire week.

All Scouts of the community are asked to wear their uniforms for the week.

For Sunday, the 14th, a special Scout service is being arranged, the place of meeting and program to be announced later.

The annual Father-Son banquet will be staged at the State Training school on the evening of February 19 at 7:30. At this time a court of honor and a miniature merit badge show will be held, with all Scouts and fathers invited.

Applicants Wanted For Home Nursing Classes

Mrs. J. B. Townsend of the local Red Cross chapter, yesterday stated that the organization has made plans for a course in home nursing and is seeking applications. Mrs. William Milam will teach the classes.

Anyone interested in taking the instructions, which are helpful in emergencies, is asked to contact Mrs. Townsend at once.

Mrs. J. H. Kohler Loses Mother

Friends of Mrs. J. H. Kohler will sympathize with her in the death of her mother, Mrs. A. S. Hutchinson, which occurred early Saturday morning in Atlanta, Ga. The Rev. Mr. Kohler and son, John, returning to the city Tuesday while Mrs. Kohler and daughter, Ann, are remaining with her father for several weeks.

35 White Men Called For Army

Board To Send Selectees To Fort Jackson February 9th.

Thirty-five white men from Clinton draft board No. 50 will go to Fort Jackson, Columbia, on next Tuesday, February 9th, for physical examinations preparatory to army induction. The list as released yesterday, follows:

Samuel Irvin Arrowood, Rt. 1, Clinton.

Charles Eugene Henderson, Ware Shoals.

Charles Everett Shelton, Greenville.

Clarence Dickerson, Whitmire.

William Eugene Crain, Rt. C, Clinton.

Lucis Edward Roark, Ware Shoals.

James Henry Smith, Clinton.

James Melvin Turner, Clinton.

Donaldson Vance Wright, Jr., Rt. 1, Clinton.

Paul Wesley Morgan, Rt. 2, Clinton.

Royce Wilson Bedenbaugh, Goldville.

Jack Scurry Golding, Waterloo.

Henry Reed Ethers, Rt. 2, Clinton.

Odus Levi Young, Rt. 2, Clinton.

Carroll Louis Davis, Ware Shoals.

Norman Lindsey Turner, Rt. 2, Clinton.

Ray Eugene Bridges, Rt. 1, Clinton.

Walter Earl Payne, Clinton.

James Eddie Lollis, Laurens.

George Dewey Brazill, Clinton.

Thomas Paul Smith, Clinton.

Troy Lee Ellis, Jr., Goldville.

Alex Augustus Harris, Clinton.

William Guy Copeland, Rt. 1, Clinton.

Capers Walter Knight, Honea Path.

J. C. Strickland, Clinton.

Doff Franklin Nelson, Honea Path.

John Henry Oxner, Waterloo.

Roy Brooks Patterson, Clinton.

Grady Eugene Walker, Ware Shoals.

Charles Butler Sharpton, Jr., Clinton.

Kenneth Orin Buchanan, Goldville.

William Nathan Brazel, Goldville.

Curtis Tiller Morris, Clinton.

Maurice Jerome Davenport, Goldville.

Eighteen Farmers Plant Many Trees

Eighteen farmers, cooperating with the Laurens county soil conservation district directors will have planted 81,000 loblolly pine tree seedlings by the end of February, it has been announced from the county agent's office.

It was pointed out in the statement by County Agent C. B. Cannon that the planting and growing of these trees is an important step in carrying forward a complete soil conservation program.

Cooperating farmers who are making the largest planting of trees this season include: W. C. Knight of the Piedmont area, R. A. Babb of Laurens, John T. Young of Clinton, and C. D. Waldrep, whose farm is in the Long Branch community.

Those who have placed orders for seedlings through the county agent's office since Jan. 1 are listed as J. R. Holliday of Clinton, Robert E. Taylor of Honea Path, J. Mell Willis of Fountain Inn, Mrs. Lizzie Jones of Ware Shoals, Mrs. Victoria Freeman of Waterloo, J. B. Pinson, Cora C. Pinson and Charles R. Turner of Cross Hill, totaling 30,000 trees.

Kiwanians Observe Anniversary Week

The Clinton Kiwanis club at its regular meeting Thursday evening observed the 28th anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International. Kiwanis was founded in Detroit, Mich., on January 21, 1915, and now has 2,182 clubs, with a membership of 112,000 in the United States and Canada. Of this number 7,500 Kiwanians are in the military service.

A special message was received from Fred G. McAlister, London, Ontario, president of Kiwanis International.

The program was in charge of the committee on Kiwanis Education and closed with an impressive New Year dedication pledge to the principles and objectives of the organization.

Kinards Youth Lost In Action

Mrs. J. Ben Bouknight, of Kinards, received word last Saturday night from the war department that her son, Clarence O. Bouknight, was missing in action, in the South Pacific area.

The telegram from the war department read: "The secretary of war desires to express his deep regret that the commanding general United States Army forces in the South Pacific, has reported your son, Private Clarence O. Bouknight, is missing in action since January 11. Additional information will be sent you when received."

OPA TO BEGIN RATIONING OF FRUITS MARCH 1

Strict Ration Program Slated. Consumers Must Get Coupons Before Goods Available.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Office of Price Administration announced today that rationing of canned and frozen fruits and vegetables and dried fruits will start March 1.

Grocery store sale of these commodities will stop at midnight February 20, and will not be resumed until the ration date. This "freeze" was set by officials for the purpose of allowing grocers to stock up, to arrange and mark merchandise, and undertake other preparations for the complicated "point rationing" system.

Beginning February 22 and stretching over six days, the entire civilian population of the country will be registered in school houses and elsewhere for this new type of rationing, in a manner similar to the nationwide registration for sugar rationing nearly a year ago.

At this registration, everyone who can show that he has war ration book No. 1, the coupon sheet for sugar and coffee, will be entitled to receive war ration book No. 2, which will be used both for canned goods beginning March 1 and will also be used about a month later for meat rationing.

Before getting the new ration book, however, each family will have to declare how many cans the family had on hand on February 21. From this number will be torn out for any cans in excess of five per person. However, this count of cans will exclude home canned goods and certain types of non-rationed cans such as canned olives or jellies, and all cans containing less than eight ounces (mostly small cans of baby food).

RATIONING BOARD BULLETIN (OPA)

(Compiled for information of The Chronicle's readers).

COFFEE—Stamp No. 2 in war ration book one good for one pound until midnight February 7.

FUEL OIL—Coupons marked "Period 4" became valid January 30; good for nine gallons until April 6. Coupons marked "Period 3" good for nine gallons until February 19.

GASOLINE—Coupon No. 4 in "A" gasoline books good for three gallons until March 22. Value of "B" and "C" coupons still three gallons. "T-1" and "T-2" coupons good for five gallons.

MEAT—War ration book two, to be distributed soon, will be used to ration meats and other commodities. No restrictions have been placed on the sale of live meat.

TIRES—Motorists who apply to their local rationing boards for tires or recaps, or for new or renewal gasoline rations, must have had their tires examined at an official OPA inspection station and must take with them to their local boards their official tire inspection records. Present deadlines for tire inspection—February 28 for "B" and "C" ration book holders, and March 31 for "A" book holders—remain in force. Thereafter, "A" book holders must have a tire inspection every six months; "B" book holders, every four months; "C" book holders, every three months. Final date for initial inspection of tires on trucks, taxicabs and other commercial motor vehicles has been extended to February 28. Thereafter, tires on these vehicles must be inspected every 60 days or every 5,000 miles, whichever comes first.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 10 in war ration book one expired at midnight January 31. Stamp No. 11 good for three pounds, will be valid from February 1 to March 15.

HOW TO CUT BREAD—For the housewife who is having difficulty in slicing bread smoothly, here is a tip from the Office of War Information:

Heat the blade of the knife until it's a little too hot to touch, then slice the loaf of bread. It is surprising how smoothly the blade will glide through the loaf, slicing cleanly and evenly, leaving no crumbs to litter up the table.

Forsythe Resigns Work At College

Dr. John W. Forsythe, professor of biology at Presbyterian college, has resigned to enter the army air corps and will be commissioned next month as a second lieutenant. After six weeks of basic training at Randolph Field, Texas, Dr. Forsythe will assume teaching duties in a school of aviation medicine. He will report for duty at Randolph Field on February 8th.

Dr. Forsythe, a native of Texas, joined the college faculty in September, 1941, as head of the department of biology. His successor has not yet been secured, Dean M. W. Brown stated.