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IMPORTANT VOTE ON HOSPITAL ISSUE - NOV. 4

Citizens of Laurens County will have the opportunity on November 4 to vote their wishes in regard to hospital facilities in the county.

So that you may have the facts needed to decide how you wish to vote in this referendum, *The Clothmaker* is presenting in part a report made by Hospital Consultant Jacques B. Norman, of Greenville, after a careful survey of hospital facilities and needs in this area.

Little use of Laurens County Hospital is made by the southern section of the county. Proof of this is two-fold:

A. The seven physicians located in Clinton or Joanna report that very few of their patients utilize the Laurens County Hospital.

B. Hospital insurance claims processed at three industrial plants (Clinton-Lydia and Joanna) in School District 56 total 1,552 claims, with only 57 having been hospitalized at the Laurens County Hospital. Of the 57 using the Laurens hospital, 31 were citizens of the town of Laurens.

Among the most pertinent tabulations presented by Mr. Norman is the following which compares totals for the three hospitals in the lower-county area (Hays, Blalock, and Joanna Memorial) with figures for Laurens County Hospital thus:

Hays, Blalock, and Joanna Memorial Totals	
Number Beds	49
Number Bassinets	14
Patients Admitted 1953-1957	11,174
Total Days Care 1953-1957	45,526
Total Deliveries 1953-1957	1,509
Laurens County Hospital	
Number Beds	62
Number Bassinets	12
Patients Admitted 1953-1957	9,083
Total Days Care 1953-1957	62,245
Total Deliveries 1953-1957	1,472

Other figures assembled by Mr. Norman showed that School District 56 had 42.3 per cent of the population and 46 per cent of the total assessed property value. The figures in the table above show that patients in School District 56 go to hospitals in their own area. The larger number of days' care at Laurens County Hospital is probably accounted for by the fact that there are more long-stay cases at Laurens County Hospital as a result of charity care supported by tax funds. Mr. Norman further ascertained that a single, large hospital for this area would have the "full cooperation of the existing medical staff and a large majority of the population." He also feels that "with the construction of a larger and more modern hospital... additional

KINDERGARTEN ATTENDANCE CLIMBS PAST TWENTY-FIVE



SCHOOL DAYS—The Lydia Mills Kindergarten is well into its 1958-59 season under the direction of Miss Nellie Osborne, Lydia Community Director. More than 20 children registered the first week, but now the regular attendance has passed the 25 mark with children from both mills attending.

doctors would be attracted to this area."

The consultant's recommendation is "that the lower section of Laurens County build a new hospital of 50-bed capacity on a 100-bed chassis." (The larger chassis is to allow for the expected need for expansion.) Further, Mr. Norman states, "There is no doubt that with the construction of a new modern 50-bed hospital this community will attract additional specialists, thereby having more utilization of the facilities by patients that are now being referred to specialists in larger communities." And he adds, "This hospital (See "HOSPITAL," Page 2)

Bailey Scholarship Winner Named Member Of Choir

Shirley Dunaway, 1957 Bailey Scholarship Winner, was recently selected to be a member of Winthrop College's Touring Choir.

The choir makes an annual tour of South Carolina in the Spring in addition to giving concerts at the college.

Shirley was employed at Lydia during the past summer months.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Eddie Dunaway. Mrs. Dunaway is a charter member of the Clinton Mills "Old Timers" Club.

Service Award Banquets At Thornwell

Service Award Banquets Set

Employees eligible to receive 10-15 and 20 year service award pins and a guest of their choice will be honored at dinner on Friday evening, November 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in Thornwell dining hall. Service award pins will be presented to 109 employees by President Bailey.

"OLD TIMERS" ONE WEEK LATER

Nine new members will be welcomed into the elite "Old Timers" circle at their annual dinner on Friday evening, November 24, at 7:00 in the same building. These members will receive jeweled pins and Hamilton watches. This will be the third anniversary meeting of employees who have over 25 years continuous service with the Company.

DR. MCSWEEN TO SPEAK

Dr. John McSween, former President of Presbyterian College and retired Presbyterian minister, will address the group. Dr. McSween is widely known and is in great demand as an after-dinner speaker.

Win News Carrier Salesman Contest

Mack Gaffney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gaffney, Lydia Mills won the top state News carrier salesman contest which was conducted during the summer. Mack received a special trophy, cash award and a Certificate of Salesmanship.

Lydia Takes President's Plaque for Quarter

Lydia Mills employees were again victorious in the between plant competition for the quarterly presented President's Plaque. The Plaque is presented at the end of each three month's period to the mill with the better accident prevention record for the period.

Mr. D. H. Roberts, Superintendent, commended the Supervisors and all the employees on their sincere desire and conscientious efforts to work in a safe manner. Mr. Roberts also encouraged each and everyone to continue their good work in accident prevention. He concluded his remarks by saying, "Let's make a clean sweep of the Plaque for 1958".

Community Civic Leaders Honored

Clinton-Lydia Mills was host to 86 community activities leaders at a banquet in the Mercer Silas Bailey School cafeteria on Thursday evening, October 9th.

The banquet was served as an expression of appreciation by the Company to the leaders of the various community organizations.

Following the dinner each group leader gave a report on his group's enrollment, present and planned activities.

President Bailey spoke briefly to the leaders. He expressed his appreciation for the fine work that is being carried on in the communities through the various clubs and organizations. He said, "We have made a great deal of progress during the past ten years and fully expect as much during the next ten. With everyone's continued support and cooperation we will continue to improve in all our programs and activities. The strength of our mills and communities lies in our people", he continued. Mr. Bailey urged the leaders to promote and support the "Give Gifts Of Textiles" program. In my opinion, "Textile products are the best dollar value to be found anywhere," he concluded.

Dr. Howard Smith showed the United Fund, "This Is Your Town", slides to conclude the program.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Lydia Mills

September 30, 1958

Dear Mr. Bailey,

We, of the weaving department of Lydia, would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the recent program of flu vaccine shots.

This program has enabled many of us (who otherwise would not have done so) to take advantage of flu protection at no cost to ourselves.

This is only another in a long chain of instances of the relationship between management and employee of which we here at Lydia are so justly proud.

We realize that on your part, this entailed much time and expense, so may we again express our thanks.

Sincerely,

Weaving Department
Lydia Mills
Sara Jenkins