



"WATER WAS COLD..." Lieut. Ernest Valentine, a San Francisco area navy league member, took the hard way to find out that the water was cold. Waved off from a landing on the carrier, Boxer, he lost control of his ship during a one-day cruise, crash-landed in the Pacific, and was rescued by a crash-boat. His only comment on falling in this carrier qualification landing test was, "The water's cold." Pictures show (top) approach, and (below) "bottom up" dive to the bottom.

## SCHOOL BOND ELECTION SET FOR APRIL 6

### Hunter District No. 5 To Vote on Proposed \$250,000 Bond Issue for Expansion Program.

Taxpayers of Hunter school district No. 5 will vote on April 6 on a proposed bond issue of \$250,000 for additions, improvements and equipment for the schools of the district, according to a statement in today's paper by the trustees.

A bill has been passed through the legislature authorizing the trustees to conduct said election.

The election will be held April 6. Requirements for voting are a registration certificate issued between January 1, 1948, and March 1, 1948, and a 1947 tax receipt dated at least 30 days prior to said election. Property owners not holding registration certificates issued since January 1, 1948, are ineligible to vote. Certificates may be secured from the County Board of Registration on March 1, which under the law is the latest date they may be obtained. M. D. Milam, Sr., of this city, is the member of the board from this section of the county.

The trustees have announced that if the bond issue is passed, \$250,000 of bonds will be sold for the contemplated enlargements and improvements. This will require an increase of 9 mills on the district's taxable property, they state. The levy for operating expenses now is 18 mills, and 4 mills for bonded indebtedness. They further state that the 4 mills are to be retired from the sinking fund, the millage if the election passes to be 27 mills instead of 22 as at present.

Improvements planned at Academy street school, the trustees state, call for the addition of two new classrooms, a complete new heating plant for the entire building to replace stoves now used, and the installation of additional fire escapes.

Under the program the Providence school at Lydia Cotton Mills will have six new classrooms, a kitchen and cafeteria, additional toilet facilities, library and office space.

At the high school four new classrooms will be added, a new auditorium to seat 700 with adequate stage and dressing rooms, and a new band room under the stage. It is planned to convert the present auditorium and stage into a study hall and library thereby making available two more classrooms. The two basement classrooms would be converted into a kitchen and cafeteria.

No improvements are contemplated at Florida Street school, the trustees state. LaFaye and LaFaye of Columbia, are the architects.

Under a break-down of the proposed \$250,000 bond issue, \$85,384.00 would be used for the Lydia Mills school; \$27,978 for Academy Street school, and \$135,049.00 for the high school.

Trustees of the district are R. L. Plaxico, chairman, Roy Gasque, G. A. Burton, C. E. Galloway and J. B. Arnold.

## Local Rogers Managers Win Free Florida Trip

Manager Van Jones of Rogers store here, and T. J. McCarty, head of the meat department, have won a five-day free trip to Miami, Fla., awarded on the record made by their store the past year. They will leave by train on February 27th for the trip, to be accompanied by other employees of the Rogers chain who have won this recognition.

## Cunningham Now With Chester Hospital

George L. Cunningham, a native of this community, has assumed the position of administrator of the Chester county hospital, Mr. Cunningham for the past several years has been a member of the Chester high school faculty. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cunningham of the Long Branch community.

### FOOD Is An Important Item With Housewives

You will find helpful Grocery and Market News in THE CHRONICLE every week from leading food stores in the city.

Read the advertisements—they tell you about changing prices and where you can buy to advantage.

## Officers Named For County Red Cross For Coming Year

The annual meeting of the Laurens County chapter of the Red Cross was held last week in Laurens, the executive secretary, Mrs. Helen G. Mellette announced.

Thomas A. Babb of Laurens, attorney and World War II veteran, was re-elected chairman of the chapter for the coming year. Dr. M. A. Macdonald of this city, was named vice-chairman; Mrs. Frank B. Roper of Laurens, treasurer; Clinton branch, B. Hubert Boyd; recording secretary, Mrs. Ann Feins of Laurens; information, Mrs. Roy C. Hilton, Laurens.

Chairman of various departments were announced as follows: Miss Beaufort Copeland, home service; Mrs. Fred Medlock, production; Mrs. T. P. Kendrick, knitting; Mrs. J. V. Murray, nursing; Miss Sara Frances Abercrombie, junior Red Cross; Miss Susan Hall, nutrition, and Mrs. Frank B. Roper, disaster; chairman of disaster Clinton branch, H. M. Young. Board members were elected as follows:

Adger Babb, Princeton; Roy DeShields, Lanford; Charles F. Fleming, Laurens; Mrs. Alan Wallace, Gray Court; Col. Roy C. Hilton, Laurens; Mrs. G. N. Foy, Goldville; W. B. Etters, Laurens; Joe DeLaney, Goldville; C. P. Roper, Laurens; T. P. Townsend, Laurens; E. B. Morse, Laurens; Hewlette Wasson, Laurens; Mrs. Carl Wharton, Waterloo; Sam Leaman, Cross Hill; Gilbert Robertson, Laurens; Bruce Campbell, Laurens; Ben Stropf, Laurens; W. T. Bolt, Laurens; Miss Betty Richards, Laurens; Rev. J. H. Darr, Clinton; Rev. George H. Pearce, Gray Court; Rev. Ware Madden, Laurens; Rev. Francis T. Cunningham, Laurens; Benny B. Blakely, Clinton; Mrs. Lewis Wham, Laurens; Mack Adair, Clinton; L. E. Bishop, Clinton; R. L. Plaxico, Clinton; N. G. Hardie, Laurens; Mrs. C. P. Townsend, Laurens; Roy Owens, Laurens; W. K. Wailes, Goldville; Rev. Felder Bauknight, Goldville.

## Religious Emphasis Week At College Announced March 2-5

Announcement is made that Religious Emphasis week will be held at Presbyterian college on March 2-5, with two services daily.

Four outstanding Presbyterian ministers have been named to lead the special services, an annual event at the college. They are: Rev. Harry G. Goodykoontz, director of student work of the Presbyterian church, Rev. Wallace M. Alston, pastor of Druid Hills Presbyterian church, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. Marshall C. Denny, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Orlando, Fla.; and Rev. John K. Roberts, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Danville, Va.

Dr. Roberts is a former pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, having resigned the pastorate during the early period of the war to accept a chaplaincy in the army. His many friends here will learn with interest of his return to the city as one of the leaders for the college services.

## Plans Under Way For Organization Of Community Choral Group

Plans are being made for a community choral society under the direction of Prof. Edouard Patte, director of the glee club at Presbyterian college, and sponsored by the Clinton Music club. All citizens of Clinton and surrounding communities who are interested in singing are invited to attend an organizational meeting to be held Monday evening, March 1, in the high school auditorium.

Tentative plans call for meetings twice a month, to be held in the evening, with periodic concerts, according to the committee of Music club members assisted by other interested citizens. Miss Rosa Mahaffey has been named manager of the choral society, with other officers to be elected later.

## Lions Club Carnival To Be Staged April 1-3

The annual Lions club carnival has been set for April 1, 2, 3, officials of the club state.

Several new attractions will be added this year and the event will run along lines similar to those of last year, when the affair was pronounced a success and enjoyed a continuing patronage for three nights.

Officials state that funds derived from the event will be used for the sight conservation work and other charitable enterprises of the club.

## MISS 'HI MISS'



ELAINE FRANZEN, of Goldville, Miss "Hi Miss" from Clinton high school, will receive recognition as an outstanding high school senior of 1948 in the Miss Hi Miss edition of The Johnsonian, students' publication at Winthrop college, to be published this week. The special edition is published annually to honor selected high school senior girls from all parts of the state.

Miss Franzen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franzen, of Goldville. She is a member of the glee club, Beta club and The Sentinel staff at Clinton high.

## Four-H Boys Name Officers And Organize For Year

Laurens county 4-H Boys club are being organized and officers elected under the supervision of J. B. Williams, assistant county agent, assisted by local volunteer leaders from each community. There will be 13 clubs with an enrollment of 200 boys.

The Long Branch club in this section is headed by Mrs. W. R. Brown as leader; Raymond Price is president, James Dickerson, vice-president, Julian Walker, secretary-treasurer. Other club members are: Carroll Baker, Henry Brewington, James Compton, Joseph Cunningham, Sonny Elmore, Darrell Lawson, Blakely McIninch, Buel Rice, Leon Rice, Robby Robinson, Bruce Spoon, James Glenn and Fred Wilson.

Any rural boy between the ages of 10 and 21 years may join 4-H club work. Members of the clubs last year completed 117 demonstrations valued at \$18,694.90, showing a profit of \$9,211.76. Projects conducted were in livestock, field crops, poultry and gardens.

In the cotton projects the boys averaged 429.6 pounds of lint cotton per acre as compared with 345 pounds per acre for the entire county, according to 1945 census figures. In corn work they averaged 23.5 bushels per acre as compared to 16 bushels for the whole county, according to the same census figures.

## Miss Boland Arrives In Korea

Friends of Miss Adeline Boland, daughter of F. M. Boland of this city, will be interested to know she has arrived in Korea where she holds a civilian position with the United States military government in the department of communications.

## Singing Convention At Bailey Memorial Church

There will be a singing convention at Bailey Memorial church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Several quartets will render selections. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

## NEW SUBSCRIBERS HONOR ROLL

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Welcome and thanks to those on our Honor Roll this week:

W. C. NEAL, Shively, Ky.  
D. U. HARRELL, Greenville.  
MRS. MAGGIE MORRISON, Clinton.  
MRS. HERBERT POTEAT, MISS MARGARET EVANS, West Clinton.  
DAVID C. ABERCROMBIE, C. S. TODD, MRS. COLLIE ABERCROMBIE, P. O. EPPLEY, JAMES HAMBY, South Clinton.

## COUNTY SPENT \$692,000 IN FISCAL YEAR FOR SCHOOLS

### Ranks With 18th Largest Expenditure In State, Report on Education Shows.

Columbia, Feb. 17.—(Special to The Chronicle).—School expenditures in Laurens county totalled \$692,532 during the past fiscal year, being the 18th largest amount spent by any county in the state on education, according to the 79th annual report of the state superintendent of education, which was issued this week to the members of the general assembly. Of the total spent by Laurens county, \$28,494 was provided by the bond fund, \$486,046 came from the district fund for white schools, \$134,265 from the district fund for Negro schools, \$37,003 from the county board fund, and \$6,724 from the county general fund.

The report brings out that a grand total of 9,725 pupils were enrolled in the schools of Laurens county last year. Of these, 4,484 were enrolled in the white elementary schools, and 1,539 in the white high schools. The Negro enrollment was 3,017 in the elementary schools and 685 in the high schools.

The average teaching load in Laurens county's white elementary schools during the past school year was 30 pupils, while in the Negro elementary schools there was an average of 31 students per teacher. The teaching loads in the high schools averaged 24 pupils per teacher in the white high schools and 31 in the Negro high schools. A state law provides that there be not more than 34 pupils to a teacher in elementary schools having as many as 20 teachers, and not more than 30 pupils to a teacher in high schools having at least 20 teachers. The maximum teaching loads are scaled according to the number of teachers in the school.

Laurens county had a total of eight one-teacher white schools last year, for which the total value of school property, including buildings, grounds, and fixtures, amounted to \$28,500. The total property value for the 17 two-teacher white schools in the county was estimated by the department as \$59,800, while the property of the three three-teacher schools in Laurens county was approximately \$24,900. The property evaluation for the county's one four-teacher school comes to \$37,000. The remaining seven white schools in Laurens county each have more than four teachers, and have a total property evaluation of \$1,065,660. The grand total value of all white school property in the county amounts to \$1,215,860, according to state department of education figures.

## Seaboard Case Upheld By Court

Washington, Feb. 17.—The supreme court held yesterday that the Seaboard Air Line Railroad is legally operating in South Carolina, although the state has ruled to the contrary.

The laws of South Carolina provide that railroad lines within the state may be operated only by state corporations. Some companies have created South Carolina subsidiaries in order to comply.

The Seaboard, however, depended for its authority on an Interstate Commerce Commission order to justify use of its 736 miles of road in that state. The order stemmed from a reorganization of the system completed in 1946.

The state claimed that the commission exceeded its powers over interstate commerce but the court in an unanimous opinion found otherwise. Justice Hugo L. Black read the decision.

The case was returned to the South Carolina Supreme Court for appropriate action.

## Last Rites Held For Elija Easter

Elija Easter, 55, died at his home near here last Thursday morning following an eight-week illness.

The funeral services were held Friday afternoon from Mount Lebanon church near Glenn Springs, conducted by Rev. Haddock. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Easter was a native of Cross Anchor but had made his home in this community the past twenty years. He was a member of the Unity Baptist church of Woodruff.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mammie Easter; one sister, Mrs. Mary Shibert of Woodruff, and one brother, David Easter, also of Woodruff.

## Reorganization Bill Given Approval By Legislature

Columbia, Feb. 17.—The State House of Representatives stamped final legislative approval today on a compromise form of Governor Thurmond's state government reorganization bill.

Senate amendments were agreed to without objection and the bill was ordered enrolled for ratification, a formality which will follow probably tomorrow or Thursday. The measure will become an act when ratified and will go to Thurmond for his signature.

Representative Plowden of Clarendon, Ways and Means Committee chairman, and Thurmond's floor leader for reorganization, told the House that amendments "only corrected a few little things" but admitted "they weaken the bill." He added, however, that "half a loaf is better than none."

It was a relatively light legislative day although the Senate added more than \$2,000,000 to its Finance Committee's \$104,461,146 draft of the general appropriations bill. The item for state aid for school teachers' salaries was hiked from \$23,000,000 to \$24,768,875, and the pupil transportation allocation from \$2,400,000 to \$3,000,000.

There was no attempt by the Senate to pass the appropriations bill, consideration of which will be continued tomorrow.

Second House readings were given bills to permit deduction of hospital and medical expenses from state income tax returns and to declare Thursday of State Fair Week a legal holiday.

Passed to the Senate by the House were bills to continue suspension of the motor vehicle inspection law from March 1 until February 15, 1949, and to add five per cent of county road mileage to the state highway system each year for three years.

Senator Pruitt of Anderson, proposed the school teacher pay increase for the Education Committee, of which he is chairman. He said the committee had previously agreed to offer the amendment and denied there had been a "move" to "freeze" teachers' salaries at present levels.

## Bond Sales For January \$44,234

U. S. Savings Bonds sales in Laurens County totalled \$44,234.75 for January 1948, as reported by D. F. Patterson of Laurens, Savings Bonds Chairman for the County.

Sales for the month in the State totalled \$2,916,052.00.

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## Five Sundays In This Month

For the first time in 28 years—and the second time in the twentieth century—there will be five Sundays in February.

This year Feb. 29, that extra day added every four years to keep the months from shifting into another season, will be on Sunday. The last time Leap Year Day came on Sunday was in 1920.

In 1944 that extra day inserted at the end of February was a Tuesday, at the beginning of the forties decade it was a Thursday, and in 1952 it will be a Friday.

Leap Year Day comes on the same day of the week every 28 years, as a rule. Our grandparents, however, had to wait 32 years for February 29 to fall twice on the same day—1900 was not a Leap Year.

For many centuries an extra day was added every fourth year. But less than 400 years ago a new rule was introduced—that of not having a Leap Year when the century years are not divisible by 400. Thus the year 2000 will be a Leap Year, but 2100 will not.

All of this difficulty of adding and not adding a February 29 to the calendar is caused by the fact that the solar year—which governs our seasons—actually consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds.

## Little Weathers Girl Passes In Greenville

Mary Kathryn Weathers, five-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Weathers, of Greenville, died suddenly last Friday afternoon.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Second Presbyterian church of that city, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Phillips Nobles. The little girl attended the Sunday school of the church and pallbearers and flower girls were from the Sunday school.

The little girl is survived by her parents. Mrs. Weathers before her marriage was Miss Sara Speake of this city. She is also survived by one sister, Sara Speake Weathers, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Speake of this city, and George T. Weathers of Gray Court.

## County Roads Hurt By Snow and Ice

Supervisor L. B. Stoddard stated yesterday that the county's dirt roads have become very bad and have cut into deep ruts due to the recent heavy snow and ice. The surface treated roads have also suffered from the unusual weather conditions, he added.

Supervisor Stoddard said that the county road force is now working at full speed and if the weather permits, the roads will be smoothed up as fast as possible.

## Up-State High School Basketball Tourney Here February 26-28

The upper state Class B girls and boys basketball tournament will be held in the Presbyterian college gym February 26-28, according to Walter A. Johnson and D. S. Templeton, of the arrangements committee. A large number of teams are expected to participate in the tournament.