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The City's New Bank

A business announcement of interest to the community is the opening today of the Bank of Clinton, a community institution recently organized with more than a hundred local stockholders and a capital structure of $120,000. Today's paper carries a large number of congratulatory messages from business firms of the city.

Adequate banking facilities are essential for the growth and development of every city and community, since banking and business are closely related together.

With the strong privately owned M. S. Bailey & Son, Bankers, and the new bank opening today the community has enlarged and adequate banking facilities to help the town go forward in the years that lie ahead!

The Chronicle, along with the community in general, joins in extending felicitations to Bank of Clinton on having completed its organization and announcing its formal opening. We wish it the utmost success.

Secret Ballot Wanted

The Gallup poll just released shows that eighty per cent of the people of this state favor a secret ballot in general elections. The question asked was, "Do you think voters in South Carolina should or should not have the right to vote by secret ballot in general elections—that is, to mark their choice of any presidential candidate secretly and on the same ballot?" Eighty per cent answered "should," 8 per cent "should not," and 12 per cent no opinion.

This is a strong expression of public sentiment in the state on this question. Every man and woman has the right to a secret ballot, to go in the polls and vote as he or she desires in secrecy and without managers or on-lookers knowing their choice.

We haven't had the Australian ballot because the general assembly has refused to enact such a law. When the proposal went from the house to the senate it met death. It has been opposed from time to time by certain senators in that body who are alleged to belong to a "ring" that dominates the senate. Should an extraordinary session of the legislature been called recently as suggested from all parts of the state it is likely that the same action would have been taken. It would have been another useless spending of taxpayers' money.

A new general assembly convening in January should pass such a law. It has no right to defy the wishes of the people. The voters should make that body act.

Group Organizes Here

The Chronicle notes with pleasure the organization of an Alcoholics Anonymous chapter in the city in addition to the one in Laurens which has served the entire county. Regular meetings are announced and interested men and women who are victims of alcoholism are invited to attend. It is an organization of service and helpfulness for others, dedicated to help break men, young and old, from the drink habit and put them back on their feet as independent, respected and useful citizens.

We know no organization since its beginning only a few years ago that has helped men and women with the drink habit as has Alcoholics Anonymous. It is unique in that it has no officers or dues, or does not pose as a group of reformers. To the contrary, its membership consists of men and women who have been helped and saved through its influence, and who are intensely interested in holding the recovery they have made and in assisting other friends and acquaintances who need help. Its members give liberally of their time to popularize the purpose of their organization, and for this they deserve the highest commendation. A fine young fellow with a drinking weakness for years said to us recently, "Alcoholics Anonymous caught me when I was about to fall over the brink. I thank God that it saved me."

We say, as we have before, this is a remarkable group that deserves the encouragement of every one. We are glad to see it reaching out to voluntarily give personalized help to those in our city and community who need help, and who have a real desire and the will power to stop drinking. The more we learn of the organization, now national in scope, and see the remarkable results it is achieving, the more we realize it is a blessing to humanity.

Loaded With Danger

The Chronicle notes in an account of the meeting of the new council that a proposal was made that the city purchase a motorcycle and elect two additional policemen to act as motorcycle patrolmen. No action was taken, the report stated, with the matter expected to come up again.

We do not know the reason or argument advanced, or how members of council expressed themselves, for we have discussed the matter with no one. Council acted wisely, we think, in not acting hastily.

This is an unnecessary expense in our opinion, a proposal that is loaded with the possibility of trouble for the city. The city has had some unpleasant and expensive experiences in the past when officials have gotten out of their sphere of duty. A motorcycle officer is not likely to ride only to the extension of the city limits in discharging his duty. If the line is over-stepped, it may bring embarrassment, expense and legal proceedings against the city. Clinton is not a city like Greenville or Columbia.

Clinton has an excellent police department, in our opinion. Its members are men of integrity, honesty, and conscientious in the discharge of their duty. It seems unnecessary and unwise that it be augmented with motorcycle officers. The danger of complications and expense is too great.

Enforce, or Abolish The Parking Meters

The city police report for the past two months shows no violations of the parking laws. In preceding months since their installation a year ago, the number of violators listed has been negligible, the reports have shown.

This clearly shows that the parking meter regulations are not being strictly enforced, and have not been for months, as every one knows. Some people deposit coins, others do not, which is unfair to the public. If one must pay, all should pay. Others place pennies in the slot machines and remain parked indefinitely, oftentimes.

The Chronicle has never favored parking meters. The principle is wrong in the first place, and secondly, because in a town laid off like ours they are unnecessary and put a bad taste in the mouth of many people, especially from the rural sections. We know of business that goes elsewhere, we have heard customers say so, because they are not confronted there with the parking nuisance.

But if we are going to have meters we say they should be enforced to the letter as set forth in the published ordinance governing their operation. There should be no discrimination, favoritism or special privilege to any one. The practice of exception or oversight cannot be justified, regardless of intended favoritism or an implied courtesy gesture. People out of town should be treated exactly like home people.

We repeat if there are to be parking meters in Clinton the regulations should be strictly enforced, or else they should be removed from the streets. Our neighbor city of Laurens is an example all towns with meters should follow—they enforce the ordinance, as the public knows. This is expensive, it requires constant checking and watching by officers every few minutes, for the "money collectors" will not watch themselves.

We still contend that if the city would adopt new one or two hour parking regulations and enforce them, our parking problem would be largely solved. If such an ordinance was enforced by fining all violators, it would soon eliminate long parking and congestion. We see little improvement in parking conditions since the installation of meters unless it is on Friday and Saturday afternoons when traffic is the heaviest. Parking meters may produce more money to spend but they do not increase the parking space. They are wrong in principle, we say, the charging of tolls on the streets is the same as charging tolls over bridges or highways.

We repeat, as we hear many others say daily — the meter ordinance should be rigidly enforced upon all alike, or they should be removed now from the streets.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS
By GEE McGEE

A Farm Etc. For Sale

mr. art square, sr., has decided to sell his farm near flat rock, including lock, stock and barrel. he has 3 tenants on his farm who are suspposed to work the said farm, but they all of them work in nearby and far-off cotton mills. and therefore they don't do nothing with the farm except live on same.

mr. square will take 40$ per aker for his land, 50$ each for his 2 mules, and will throw in his plow-tools and 3 dogs. the tenants have so much furniture in these houses, bought on the installment plan, mr. square says he do not know how soon he will get them off of the premises, but it taken him till martch 31 last year to get the old crowd out ansoforth.

this is a nice farm with a southern exposure. the barn-lofts will have to be re-placed, as the tenants used same for stove-wood, and the fences will also have to be re-built, as they, too, were used for fuel. the cow pastor will hold 4 cows and a yearling and there is 9 months grazing in same.

this land will be sold subject to a federal land bank mortgage, but it can be assumed, and all the purchaser will have to pay will be mr. square's equity, if anny; but there is some past due payments, allso a year or so of taxes. he will sell his tenants along with the farm if the buyer wants to risk them.

Cotton Letter

New York. December futures and November spots meandered between 2 points up to 4 points down. Southern hedging, Northern straddling, and mills buying had a tendency to stabilize yarns, which were soft on the close, and butter, which was strong at the opening.

The September estimate was a surprise to the longs and a shock to the shorts, but eggs broke to a new low in the scramble for place to win. Short staple cotton is being placed on government loan while fifteen-sixtenth is being bought freely where spots are weak.

Cloth on Worth Street showed some strength last week but it broke on the long pull in sympathy with rayon fibres. The Board predicts that cotton will go lower if Dewey is elected, and still lower if Truman is elected, but if Wallace is elected, never mind!

Cotton is being picked freely where help can be secured, all working, of course, on the C.I.O. 8-hour basis, with 3 meals, and a take-home pay of $12.00 a day, and a small sack of cotton for home consumption. This leaves the farmer, after paying ginning tolls, selling his cottonseed, paying for his fertilizer, eating cornbread and buttermilk, the gross sum of $2.00 per bale and nearly 75 cents. We advise straddling till you know which way to jump.

The First Fall Tea Party

a nice bridge tea party was hell at the pallatial home of mesdame and mr. slim chance, sr., on the bullyvard last friday betwixt 4 and 6 p. m. miss jennie veeve smith, who wore a crepe deschine dress trimmed in velour with a standing collar, shoes and hoses to match, met the guesses at the door.

tea and sweet cakes were served by the twin darters of mesdame chance dressed in bloomers and hair ribbins, and they looked verry cool and dainty. verry little bridge was played. only a few knew how to play same, but some set-back and 7-up was indulged in and mesdame art square, sr., winned the big prize, a dressed duck, while mesdame bert skinner winned the booby prize, a rag doll.

befoar the party adjourned, miss jennie veeve smith sang several fine duets and solos of her own compostion, and she was encored 3 times on one of her songs, entitled: "go way baby and let me sleep." it will possibly get on the ether ear long. the owner of the raddio station's wife was pressent and she will probably request that it go on the air. this was a delighful party and everybody enjoyed herself good.

the color scheme was green throughout the house and a string of wild honeysuckle vines were draped over everything and led out into the front and back pi-izzas ansoforth. japper-nees lanterns were hung all around the front setting-room while the shades were pulled down so's it would look like it was night in the said room.

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Blue Ridge Quartet To Appear At Long Branch

The Blue Ridge quartet will appear at the Long Branch school Saturday evening, September 18, at 8:15. This quartet is heard daily over radio station WSPA, Spartanburg, along with Farmer Gray at 5:30 in the afternoon. The program will be sponsored by the Long Branch Home Demonstration club for the benefit of the school. Admission will be 60c and 30c while advance tickets are on sale now by members of the Long Branch club at 50c and 25c.

Sandwiches and cold drinks will be on sale at the school.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY
Jimmy Kinard, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kinard, of West Clinton, celebrated his second birthday Saturday, September 11.

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