



B. L. KING RITES HELD SUNDAY

Highly Regarded Citizen and Retired Business Man Passes At Ripe Age.

B. L. (Braxton Lee) King, 82, for 67 years a highly esteemed Clinton citizen, passed away Friday morning at his home on Broad street where he had been confined the past few years. His final illness was for only a few days, the announcement of his passing bringing regret to many friends here and elsewhere.

The largely attended funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 from the home of his son, W. G. King, Sr., on Centennial street. The services were in charge of Dr. W. R. Turner, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of which he was a member, assisted by Rev. P. L. Bauknight, Dr. D. J. Woods and Rev. L. E. Wiggins of Woodruff. Interment followed in the family burial plot in the Presbyterian church cemetery with numerous and beautiful floral designs banked upon the grave as an expression of the love and esteem in which he was held.

Active pallbearers were: Forrest Adair, Arnold Cannon, Almon C. Spencer, L. O. Hiers, J. Henderson Pitts, and B. F. Winagr.

The honorary escort consisted of the following: Dr. J. W. Davis, Dr. D. O. Rhame, Dr. J. Lee Young, Dr. L. E. Bishop, Dr. R. W. Johnson, Dr. R. E. Sadler, W. W. Harris, L. E. Cason, Charlie Hollis, V. P. Adair, R. P. Adair, L. B. Dillard, A. O'Daniel, W. H. Shands, D. E. Tribble, F. M. Boland, H. D. Henry, J. J. Cornwell, H. J. Pitts, C. C. Giles, S. Gary Dillard, Dillard Adair, F. C. Pinson, Jack W. Anderson, W. R. Anderson, and A. M. Young.

Mr. King was a native of Darlington county. He was born June 13, 1866, a son of I. Pinkney and Mary King King. As a young man he moved to Clinton in 1882 to attend the Parrott Academy. Later he was employed by the late J. A. Bailey, local merchant for several years. In 1897 he entered the mercantile business for himself and was active in this field until his retirement in 1930. Until his health failed a few years ago he spent a good part of his time overseeing his farming interests in the county. For several years he operated the Laurens and Clinton hotels. He was a charter member of the local Kiwanis club and for years was one of its active and useful members.

Mr. King married Miss Moore Adams of this city. They observed their 50th wedding anniversary on May 23, 1944.

Besides his widow, Mr. King is survived by one son, W. G. King, Sr., of this city; one daughter, Mrs. Mary King Phillips of Spartanburg; also by five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and one sister-in-law, Miss Emma Adams of this city, who has made her home with Mr. King since their marriage.

Mr. King possessed many admirable traits of character that made and held for him many friends who admired him as a truthful, upright and charitable example of manhood. In habits, in appearance, and in attitude he was a "grand old man" of the type that has almost disappeared with his generation.

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Welcome Given Post Office Bus On Maiden Run

A number of city, civic club officials and residents were on hand Monday morning to welcome the new Greenville-Clinton-Columbia highway post office on its initial trip from Greenville to Columbia.

The silver, red and blue bus-type vehicle, carrying several post office department officials, arrived here about 10 o'clock. During the brief ceremony held, Clinton Postmaster W. D. Adair introduced Dixon Davis, Greenville postmaster, who in turn presented the mail officials. Mr. Adair also introduced the following local citizens: Mayor L. E. Bishop, Robert E. Wisor, III, representing the Lions club; Robert P. Hamer, president Chamber of Commerce; C. C. Giles, Kiwanis president; Jim Boyd, the Exchange club; President Marshall W. Brown, Presbyterian college; President M. A. Macdonald, Thornwell orphanage; Supt. B. O. Whitten, State Training school. Mayor Bishop introduced Governor J. Strom Thurmond, who joined the party at Laurens and spoke briefly on the advantages of the new mail service.

Postmaster Adair stated yesterday that Clinton being the only first class post office on the major railway between Greenville and Columbia makes this an important point in the mail service.

Contract Let For New Office Building, Clinic At Clinton Mills

Fiske-Carter Construction company, of Spartanburg, has been awarded a contract for the erection of a new office building at the Clinton Cotton Mills costing approximately \$180,000, according to President P. S. Bailey. McPherson company, of Greenville, are the engineers and architects.

In addition to general administrative offices for the company, the new building will provide quarters for cotton classing and technical laboratories. It will be built of brick, limestone and steel, and will be air-conditioned. The location will be on the north side of Mill No. 2, near the present office.

President Bailey states that the present office building will be converted into a clinic and personnel department. Renovations will be made throughout, air-conditioning and other improvements added at a cost of approximately \$75,000. Work is expected to begin soon.

Hazel Harrison To Give Concert At Bell Street School April 5

Bell Street school is presenting Hazel Harrison, celebrated pianist, in concert on Tuesday, April 5, at 8 p.m. in their school auditorium.

The public is urged to be present for this outstanding entertainment. E. F. Johnson, principal of the school, says he wants the Clinton people to hear this pianist, because she is the most outstanding among the many in the colored group who have made a large contribution to American culture. "We urge a full attendance," he said, "to hear this nationally known musician."

Spring Sports Schedule At Presbyterian College

The following are home engagements in various spring sports at Presbyterian college:

Tennis	
South Carolina	April 6
Kalamazoo	April 21
Wofford	April 25
Furman	May 4

Baseball	
Clemson	April 1
Wofford	April 6
Oglethorpe	April 30
Newberry	May 3
Mercer	May 9-10
Erskine	May 12

Track	
Clemson	April 2
Furman	April 23
SC State meet	May 13-14

County Gins 19,423 Bales Cotton Past Year

Laurens county produced 19,423 bales of the 871,711 bales of cotton ginned in the state during 1948, the department of commerce has announced.

This is an increase of 5,194 bales over 14,229 ginned in the county during 1947.

Mills Mills-Clinton Play Here Saturday

The Mills Mills baseball team of the Western Carolina Textile league will play Clinton Mills here Saturday afternoon at 3:30 at the latter's ball park. It is an exhibition game between the two teams preceding the opening of several textile leagues in this section in April.

A Prayer for Army Day

Major General Luther D. Miller, U. S. Army
Chief of Chaplains

O eternal God, who art a shield and buckler to all who put their trust in thee, bless us, thy servants, and the army in which we serve: lead us and guide us by thy good spirit, strengthen and defend us by thy might, that we may be to our land a sure defense against every enemy: support us in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep us safe from all evil: endow us with courage and loyalty, and grant that in all things we may serve thee and our country without reproach: let the light of thy countenance, O God shine upon our comrades departed, that they may go on from strength to strength in the heavenly kingdom: strengthen us in our resolve to keep faith with all patriots and comrades-in-arms by fearlessly maintaining our liberties so nobly won: grant us thy help, O God, that we, the members of the United States Army, may valiantly fulfill our role in the Armed Forces of our country as a sure, strong arm for national defense and a power for the establishment of a just and lasting peace. Amen.

Local Exchange Club To Sponsor Cancer Campaign

At a meeting of the Clinton Exchange club Monday evening, plans were set in motion for the club's sponsorship here for the third consecutive year of the American Cancer society's campaign for funds.

L. W. Marks, of Laurens, county chairman, was present and spoke of the aims and needs of the society in carrying on the fight against cancer. The following chairmen were appointed for Clinton: General chairman, A. J. Merchant; special gifts, J. L. Boyle; mills, Shirley Timmons; bangle day, Van Jones; schools, R. P. Wilder; Musgrave community, Mrs. Kenneth Haselden; Wadsworth community, Mrs. Hugh Bonds Workman.

The last two weeks of April have been set for the collection of funds. The sponsoring club hopes that the people of the community will continue to give liberally, as in the past, that the campaign may be a success.

Northwestern Regional Training Union At Clemson April 7

The Northwestern Regional Training Union convention will be held at the Clemson Baptist church at Clemson, April 7 from 3 to 8:30 p.m.

Eliminations for sword drills for juniors and intermediates, hymn festival eliminations, and the speakers tournament will be held during the meeting. Versil Crenshaw, of the Baptist Training union department, Sunday school board, will be the inspirational speaker for the evening.

The Northwestern region is composed of the following associations: A. M. E. Reedy River, and Saluda. Rev. C. P. Chastain, of the Lucas Avenue church, Laurens, is president of the convention.

Those representing the Reedy River association, Mrs. James B. Mitchell, director, will be Myrtle Murphy of Joanna, in the junior sword drill; Mamie Bishop, of the First Baptist church, Newberry, for the intermediate sword drill; Horace Hamm, Jr., for the speakers tournament, and intermediate-youth choir of Hunt Memorial Baptist church, Newberry, in the hymn festival.

Kiwanis President To Speak At Bishopville

J. Belmont Mosser, Pennsylvania industrialist and president of Kiwanis International, will address the annual eighth division meeting of Kiwanians at Bishopville on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. Representatives from all clubs in the state will be present. The Clinton club will be represented by President C. C. Giles and several other Kiwanians.

Final Date For License Payment

City Clerk and Treasurer W. B. Owens said yesterday that April 1 is the final date set for the payment of 1949 city licenses to avoid further penalty.

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 each week and where you can buy to advantage.

Armed Robbery Monday Night At Mountville

Sheriff's offices in Greenwood and Laurens counties are investigating a story of armed robbery and kidnapping reported shortly after midnight Monday night by M. D. Finley, former resident of Greenwood now living at Savannah, Ga.

Finley's story, as related to Sheriff J. Carl White of Greenwood county, is this:

He was on his way to Clinton Monday night some time before midnight. He noticed a car following him out of Greenwood, and when he reached Mountville a car was parked in the middle of the road, with a man waving a flashlight. He stopped, thinking someone needed aid, and he was covered with a pistol and robber of about \$280 or \$290. Two men and a woman were in the group, he said, and when the money was taken out the man turned to the woman and remarked, "Not bad. That makes us over a thousand dollars this week."

He was put in the back seat of the car, a handkerchief around his eyes, and the woman put her feet on him. The car was driven for a good distance, and stopped. He heard the whirl of machinery and feels confident that he was at Lydia Mills.

There was some conversation at this point, and he heard one remark that they "better leave the old man alone, he was too close to the mill."

The car was then driven away and apparently back to where Finley's car had been parked by the road at Mountville. One of the men got out and both cars were driven off.

Finley was put out near the Greenwood city limits on the Abbeville highway.

He notified city police, who in turn notified the sheriff's office. Finley's car was found on the road that goes from the Abbeville road to Maxwell avenue, near the Greenwood Mill ball park.

Directors Named For Bailey's Bank, Now State Chartered

A charter of incorporation to M. S. Bailey & Son, Bankers, of this city, was recently issued by the secretary of state to do a general banking business.

The corporation takes the place of a former family partnership. Capital stock was listed at \$300,000 in three thousand shares of \$100 par value each, and \$100,000 paid-in surplus.

The newly chartered bank is headed by Robert M. Vance, president; R. C. Adair, vice-president; G. L. Simpson, cashier. The board of directors consists of Mr. Vance, P. S. Bailey, Mrs. Mary B. Vance, Mrs. Emma B. Cornelson, Mrs. Eloise D. Bailey, Mr. Adair, George H. Cornelson and Bailey Williams. Mr. Adair is the only member of the board who is not a member of the Bailey family.

The bank, long a strong financial institution of the county, was organized in 1886 by M. S. Bailey. Following his death in 1926 a son, W. J. Bailey, was named president, and held the position until his death last April. He was succeeded then by his nephew, Mr. Vance.

Nancy Chapman Heads Her Class At Winthrop

Miss Nancy Chapman, of Joanna, was elected president, of the rising junior class at Winthrop college during the past week for the coming year. A sophomore journalism student, Miss Chapman is a member of the senate, student law-making body, and a staff member of The Johnsonian, weekly student newspaper. She is the daughter of C. E. Chapman of Joanna.

Winn New President Greenville Rotary Club

Henry J. Winn, vice-president and trust officer of the First National bank of Greenville, was elected during the past week as president of the Greenville Rotary club. Mr. Winn is a former resident of this city and the announcement of this honor is one of interest to his friends here.

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- MRS. CLAUDE FLEXICO, Clinton.
- K. P. FIRST, Harrisburg, Pa.
- L. F. FULMER,
- M. S. ROY LEATHERS,
- MRS. J. R. HEMBREE,
- JOHN H. BREWINGTON,
- West Clinton.

BOYD IS SUNDAY VESPER SPEAKER



DR. BERNARD H. BOYD

Dr. Bernard H. Boyd, a former professor of Bible at Presbyterian college and now a member of the faculty of Davidson college, will speak Sunday evening at 6:30 at his alma mater as the second guest minister of a spring vesper series.

Dr. Boyd will address students and visitors from here and surrounding areas in the college outdoor chapel on the campus.

He is the first Presbyterian college alumnus to visit the campus as vesper guest this spring. The other will be Dr. Stephen T. Harvin, pastor of the South Jacksonville Presbyterian church, Jacksonville, Fla., who will speak Sunday, May 1.

Other outstanding men of the Presbyterian church who have been asked to address the students are Dr. Donald G. Miller, of Union Theological seminary, Richmond, Va., who will come Sunday, April 10; Rev. W. A. Benfield, Jr., of Louisville Theological seminary, Ky., on April 23; and Dr. C. E. S. Kraemer, pastor of the First Methodist church, Charlotte, N. C., on May 8.

Students of the Christian association will preside and have charge of the last Sunday hour of service to be held on May 15.

Last Sunday, Dr. Manford George Gutzke, professor of English Bible at Columbia Theological seminary, Decatur, Ga., was the first spring visitor invited for vespers. He also addressed the college faculty on religious education at a luncheon at the First Presbyterian church on Monday, and spoke at chapel Monday morning.

LIONS CARNIVAL COMES NEXT WEEK

Committees of the Lions club are busy making arrangements for the staging of their annual carnival, officials of the club state.

The carnival, set for next weekend, April 7-8-9, has proved popular in former years, and the Lions hope to make it even more attractive to the public this year. Several new features are planned, including more booths for children, while continuing to present those features which have been so well received in the past.

Two or three large prizes will be given each night, in addition to the numerous smaller ones offered at each of the booths. Three evenings of fun are to be provided, with refreshments provided for those who want a breather between trips to the various booths.

Funds realized by the carnival are to be used for the general charitable activities of the club. During the past year, from funds of the 1948 carnival, the club donated \$1,500 to the Clinton Recreation commission, used for equipment for playgrounds at Florida Street and Academy Street schools, and for a city-wide program of baseball and softball last summer among the children of the city. A visual survey service was presented to the city school for testing pupils' eyes. Through the eye conservation clinic maintained by the club about ten needy children were supplied with eye examinations and glasses fitted. In addition, two plastic surgery operations were performed on a Clinton girl at a Baltimore hospital to correct facial features. Other minor calls upon the club have been answered favorably.

Members of the Lions club request the people of this community to keep an open date next week-end and come out for at least one evening of fun with them at the armory.

Officials Occupy New Lydia Houses

Seven officials and overseers of Lydia Cotton Mills are now occupying recently completed houses on Popular street. The attractive houses, containing six or seven rooms, are of brick structure and are equipped for oil heat.

Officials and their families occupying the new residences are: A. Danhoff, J. David Word, J. D. Hairston, W. A. Parrish, L. A. Williams, J. H. Von Hollen, and P. L. Percy.