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## Don't Hide Your Money

Several arrests have been made in connection with the recent \$41,500 store robbery at Salem Crossroads in Fairfield county. The four alleged to be involved in the hold-up, two women and two men, are expected to face trial next February. The still big unsolved question is, "Where is the money?" since only a small part of the haul has been accounted for.

For a merchant to have \$41,500 hid in a tin can under his bed is nothing short of stupid. He was inviting trouble, and overnight he saw his savings accumulated since World War I seized in a bold robbery.

Incidents, got involving so much money, are frequently reported. Many people hide money around in their homes until some smart professional gets a tip and steals the money, most of it never recovered.

Why take the risk to keep heavy cash on or near a person when there are so many places of security available? In this town and almost every other town of any size there are banks and savings and loan associations. At postoffices funds can be deposited. In most of the banks there are safety deposit boxes if you want to keep your dough where you can go in and look at it from time to time. That beats a tin can, shoe box or stocking hid in an attic, closet, or under the bed. There are plenty of places for parking your cash without having a costly experience like the Salem Cross Roads gentleman. Folks won't have much sympathy for him in his predicament.

## A Free Press Always

This is National Newspaper Week for dailies and weeklies, with the slogan—"Freedom Goes Where the Newspaper Goes." How true are these words. It is not merely an accident that those countries that have a free press, also have a free people. They have learned that the right of newspapers to seek out and publish the truth without fear of reprisal is their only opportunity to know the facts on which they may exercise their freedom of choice. This is the essence of true Democracy.

The Chronicle joins in emphasizing the importance of a Free Press, and re-dedicates itself to the ideals of service both in news and advertising columns. This newspaper stands for truth and justice, and always will.

The first duty of a newspaper is to serve the people of the community in which it is published and hold their confidence. When a newspaper loses public confidence, its usefulness and influence is gone. Your newspaper we say is the voice of freedom—the guardian of liberty. Article I of the Bill of Rights states that "Congress shall make no law—abridging freedom of speech or of the press." This is the written guarantee of freedom of the printed word in the United States.

National Newspapers Week is intended to create a better understanding between publishers and readers, to draw them closer together. It is not a promotional, commercial event designed to sell circulation or more advertising. It is just as important to you, the reader, as it is to us. A newspaper which distorts its news and editorial columns is not worthy of support and respect of its readers.

It is not the business of newspapers to make demands on readers. It is their job first and last to serve readers. Nothing any newspaper prints is of the slightest value until it is read and enters into the thinking of the reader. Ours therefore, is a definite responsibility to our readers. Our first concern always is to discharge that responsibility and to hold your good-will and confidence by giving you a clean home newspaper, complete, newsy and reliable.

## Our Communism Danger

Brawls such as occurred recently at Peekskill, New York never accomplish much and give the riot-loving Communists who would take the country—an excuse for the bloody disturbance which they are constantly inciting. It may of course amuse the public to read that such people as Vito Marcantonio, Paul Robeson, Benjamin J. Davis, President Truman and the Civil Rights Congress consider such affairs a "shocking act of fascist violence", but a laugh is about all the value this disturbance had—unless it will suggest to some of the dumb minds of our Stalin

bootlickers that the American people may at last be beginning to wake up to their terrible danger.

Well what are we Americans going to do about people who come over here and then try to destroy us? Or about native citizens who do the same thing? Are we going to continue to tolerate this fast growing treason?

As a people we do not yet understand what communist control of this country would mean. The people are indifferent to everything, that is the present day tragedy. Do we realize that it would mean subservience to a small group of Slavs who operate from Moscow? Do we digest what is happening to Tito and Yugoslavia because they insisted upon retaining the national independence of their nation?

Heaven knows we have had some inferior political bosses. But we elected them ourselves and we oust them when we wish until now. But if these Asiatics ever get control of this country because we the people did not insist upon the incarceration of their agents—there will be no elections, only fear and obedience to the mass-murderers who already rule half the world. We should demand action in Washington before it is too late. We owe it to our children for they may lose their freedom—even their lives because of our stupid conceit that "it can't happen here".

## Sounds Ridiculous

In a recent address W. N. Clayton, member of the Federal Reserve Board, gave some up-to-date definitions as used today in Washington, the center of spending and office-holding. He said:

A COORDINATOR is a man who brings organized chaos out of regimented confusion.

A CONFERENCE is a group of men who, individually, can do nothing, but as a group can meet and decide that nothing can be done.

A STATISTICIAN is a man who draws a mathematically precise line from an unwarranted assumption to a foregone conclusion.

A PROFESSOR is a man whose job is to tell students how to solve the problem of life which he, himself, has tried to avoid by becoming a professor.

AN EFFICIENCY EXPERT is a man who knows less about your business than you do, and gets paid more for telling you how to run it than you could possibly make out of it even if you ran it right instead of the way he told you to.

A CONSULTANT is an ordinary man who is a long way from home.

AN ECONOMIST is a financier without any money who has a Phi Beta Kappa key on one end of his watch chain and no watch on the other.

When the war came on and the whole nation was at high tension preparing to win the conflict at the cost of multiplied billions of dollars, we became over-organized. There were so many alphabetical agencies that not one person out of a thousand could start to name them or give a reason for their existence or cite their duties. And the war ended four years ago, but there is still a great bureaucracy in Washington that doesn't act as though it knows we are living in a peacetime period. Many of these words, as cited by Mr. Clayton, are still used, but they carry little meaning. They should be abolished in Washington because they are ridiculous. A business man, whether he is attempting to operate a small or large enterprise, doesn't need a so-called "efficiency expert" to tell him what to do. Most of them are like parents with no children trying to tell other parents how to raise their children. We don't think much of these Washington definitions. Neither do you.

## —SPORTS— By DONNY WILDER

Upsets were cheap in Clinton this past week as the Presbyterians upset a highly touted Davidson eleven, and the Clinton high school Red Devils did away with a favored team from York.

The Presbyterian Blue Hose defeated the Wildcats from Davidson with a 27 to 6 score.

Some might have thought that the Presbyterians "lucked" out on the Wildcats but in reality the Hosemen out played, out smarted, and just generally laid the defeat on Davidson.

as the superior team.

Blake Watts, Walter Gooch, Ken McCutcheon and George Fleming flitted in and out between the Davidsonians all night in racking up their tallies. With the state championship relay team in the backfield the boys from P.C. proved to be too fast for the slower-moving Wildcats.

The only way Davidson could get anywhere against the improved Blue Hose was to take to the air but even the arial attempts failed to bring victory for the Wildcats.

On the sadder side of the sports scene the Golden Gophers from Thornwell were up-rooted by the Laurens Tigers with a 26 to 6 score.

## High School Upsets York

The Clinton Red Devils went to York with an undefeated record behind them found that the York Green Dragons had the same record the Red Devils had. The Red Devils got busy and carved a 26 to 6 victory out on their victory tree and snapped York's winning spree.

York got the jump on Clinton and scored in the first quarter to put the Devils behind for the first time this year. Not to be outdone, Clinton took the kickoff after York's score and began manufacturing their own tallies. A pass from Richard Hampton to Herbert Fallow covered 40 yards and set up a touchdown play which Earl McElhannon executed from the five yard line. Clinton went ahead 7 to 6 on Hampton's conversion.

In the second quarter Curtis Freeman set up his own touchdown by reeling off a 40 yard run after Richard Hampton had executed a 40 yard punt return. Freeman went over from the five yard marker.

Hampton put his team ahead 14 to 6 by splitting the posts with his extra point kick.

In the fourth quarter the Clinton eleven struck hard and fast for two touchdowns. The first T. D. came when Hampton trotted off 20 yards before the York boys knew he had

the ball. The next tally was racked up by Johnny "Buck" Davis after Tommy Rowe had recovered the ball on the kickoff and Curtis Freeman and Alvin Nabors had taken the ball to the three yard line.

Richard Hampton made a perfect night of it as he kicked his fourth good conversion in four attempts.

Thornwell Downed by Laurens 26 to 7  
Thornwell stepped out of their class this past week and were justly put back when the Tigers from Laurens overruled them 26 to 6.

The improved Laurens Tigers had trouble with Thornwell's Wheeler and Bullman, on offense, and Wade Lucas on defense.

"Bootsie" Cox boosted the Laurens team and is thought to be Clinton's biggest threat to going undefeated.

## Locals In Action This Week

Presbyterian's Blue Hose will go to Greenwood to meet Erskine's Flying Fleet and is thought to be the favored eleven with the Davidson defeat tucked under their belts.

The Clinton Red Devils will travel to Belton to do battle.

Thornwell entertains Connie Maxwell orphanage here tonight.

## Clinton Gets \$5,811 From State Motor Transportation Fund

Special to The Chronicle.

Columbia, Oct. 5.—A total of \$422,159 was distributed to the municipalities of South Carolina during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, from the motor transportation fund, according to a report from State Treasurer Jeff Bates. The distribution is made on the basis of population to all incorporated municipalities in the state, and is made from fees collected by the S. C. Public Service Commission.

Of the total distribution, \$236,010 was received during the year by the

county seats, which have a combined population of 413,154. Laurens, the county seat of Laurens county, which has a population of 6,894, received \$7,023 during the fiscal year.

The remaining \$186,149 was distributed among the incorporated cities and towns, other than county seats, which have a combined population of 188,723. In Laurens county, Clinton, which has a population of 5,704, received \$5,811; Cross Hill, with a population of 525, received \$535; Gray Court, with a population of 401, received \$408, and Waterloo,

with a population of 150, received \$153.

## Eastern Stars To Have Banquet

Inspection of James B. Parrott Chapter No. 9 Order of Eastern Star will be Saturday night, Oct. 8 at 8 o'clock. Any member wishing to attend the banquet immediately before the meeting is asked to contact Mrs. Rachel Davis on or before Thursday October 6th.

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