

New President Chamber Commerce

Hugh S. Jacobs, co-owner of Jacobs Brothers, has been elected president of the Chamber of Commerce by the board of directors to serve for the ensuing year. He succeeds J. Henderson Pitts, manager



HUGH S. JACOBS

and secretary-treasurer of the CWS Guano company, who automatically becomes vice-president of the organization.

Miss Iona Blakely was re-elected as secretary and Gary H. Holcombe, co-owner of Sunshine Cleaners, as treasurer.

Mr. Jacobs, the new president, is a native of this city and takes an active part in its religious and civic activities. He is a member of the Lions club, an elder in the First Presbyterian church, vice-president of the men of the South Carolina Synod, past president of the men of South Carolina Presbytery, and past chairman of the Program of Progress in South Carolina Presbytery.

Upon graduating from Presbyterian college in 1941, Mr. Jacobs entered the Army and served overseas as an Infantry officer with the 34th Division in three battle campaigns in the European Theatre. He was released from active duty as a Major in November, 1945 and then returned to Clinton and was associated in business with his father Dr. W. P. Jacobs until his death. Later he and his brother William P. Jacobs III, formed a partnership under the name of Jacobs Brothers, and operate a printing and engraving business.

Hart Named New Head of County Education Board

J. B. Hart, treasurer of Joanna Cotton Mills, was elected last week as chairman of the Laurens County Board of Education at a meeting of the board held in Laurens. Mr. Hart succeeds Chas. F. Fleming of Laurens, who has served as chairman since the former board was abolished and a new one named, last year.

The election of a new chairman, it was explained by a board member, was in line with the policy of the board to rotate chairmen annually.

J. M. Babb of Gray Court, was elected vice-chairman. Other members of the board are Larry Weeks of Wattsville, W. C. Neely of this city, G. C. Roper of Hickory Tavern, and J. Leroy Burns, county superintendent of education.

P. C. Baseball Season To Close

Presbyterian college will close its 1952 baseball season this week with home games tonight and Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Stockings are scheduled to meet arch-rival Newberry in the closing Little Four engagement at Clinton Mill park tonight at 8 p. m. They will entertain North Georgia College on the P. C. diamond Saturday afternoon in the season finale.

Closing Program For Clinton High Set For May 25-26

Commencement exercises at Clinton high school have been announced for May 25 and 26.

The baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class will be delivered on the evening of May 25 at 8 o'clock by the Rev. James C. Dickert, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church.

The graduating exercises proper will be held on the evening of May 26 in the school auditorium. Valedictorian of the class has been announced as Frank Coleman Young, Jr., and the salutatorian will be Thomas Edward Boyce. In addition to Boyce and Young, a talk will be made by Dorothy Lee Carr. Diplomas will be presented by Supt. W. R. Anderson, with medal and other prize awards by Principal R. P. Wilder.

Sixty-five seniors are candidates for degrees.

Joint Youth Parade Here Friday Afternoon

More than 500 Clinton youngsters will march in a giant Youth Day parade which will start at 4 p. m. Friday afternoon.

Two bands and seven young people's organizations divided into 30 units will be a part of the parade which will end at the Little League ball park. And in a prelude to the scheduled Florida Street-Joanna game, Mayor Joe Terry will pitch a fast ball to Catcher J. C. Cannon, president of the recreation commission, while Russell Cooper takes a swing at it as batter.

Some 225 Little Leaguers fully dressed in their baseball uniforms will form a large portion of the parade group which will also include: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Bluebird Girls, Small Fry and Pony Leaguers. They will march to the music of the Presbyterian College and Clinton High School bands.

D. S. Templeton, director of the city recreation commission and planner of Youth Day which he says he believes will become an annual affair, reminded participants the parade will form at 3:45 p. m. on the orphanage campus beside the church.

Annual College Military Inspection Today and Friday

Cadets of the ROTC corps at Presbyterian college will have their annual federal inspection May 15 (today) it is announced by Lt. Col. Michael Gussie, professor of military science and tactics. The inspection team will arrive today and complete their visit Friday.

During the inspection the visiting officers will inspect the various phases of the military department, including military courtesy, drill and the facilities of the corps.

Composing the team will be Col. Joseph P. Halliday, artillery; Major Lawrence Skelton, infantry; and Major Frank J. Hawthorne, artillery.

The honor guard will greet the team being selected from the battalion. After viewing the troops during the drill period, the inspecting group will visit different military classes throughout the day. The battalion will parade in the afternoon on Johnson field with ceremonies and decorations.

Friday the ROTC band will march and play in the city parade designated as "youth day" in the city.

Anderson To Teach In P. C. Summer School

W. R. Anderson, Jr., superintendent of the Clinton public schools, will join the Presbyterian college faculty temporarily to assist in the teaching duties during the summer months this year.

Mr. Anderson, a graduate of PC in the class of 1923, will teach courses in Education Psychology and the Principles and Methods of High School Teaching. Summer school is scheduled to open on June 10 and extend through August 9.

Academic Dean George C. Bellgrath expressed deep satisfaction over being able to obtain Mr. Anderson's services for the summer session.

Commencement Exercises At Academy St. School

Commencement exercises will be held in Academy Street school on Thursday evening, May 22, at 8:00 o'clock.

This will be the first seventh grade commencement at the school it is announced and all parents and friends are invited to attend.

Nelson Bond Is Reduced \$2,000, Released From Jail

Luther Nelson of Wattsville, was released from the county jail Monday morning on \$2,000 bond signed by Tom Davis of Laurens.

Nelson had been held in jail since the night of April 24 in connection with the automobile collision near the city that resulted in the death of Miss Barrie Jean Wingard. He was charged with reckless homicide in a warrant issued by Magistrate Sam McCrary of this city, who set bond at \$4,000. A coroner's jury here May 6 also ordered Nelson held for grand jury investigation after the blame for the collision had been placed on him who was driving one of the cars involved.

Attorney Paul Culbertson of Laurens, representing Nelson, secured a writ of habeas corpus order the day of the coroner's inquest directing Sheriff C. W. Wier to produce Nelson at a hearing set for last Saturday morning in Newberry before Judge Steve C. Griffith seeking a reduction in the set bond from \$4,000 to \$2,000.

Following the hearing Judge Griffith ordered the bond reduced to \$2,000. He made it clear he was not passing on the guilt or innocence of the defendant, but that it was brought out the defendant could not arrange bond for an amount of \$4,000. The judge stated in his order that he could not recall so high a bond ever having been required in this circuit for anyone charged with reckless homicide, and also could not recall so high a bail required of anyone charged with murder where the circumstances entitled the defendant to bail. He also stated in the order that \$2,000 bond would conform to the "common usage and practice of courts in such cases."

A reduction in the bond was opposed by Sheriff Wier and Solicitor Hugh Beasley of this circuit.

Mayor Terry Issues Proclamation For 'Youth Day' Here

Whereas, In 1947 the Council of the City of Clinton, created and organized the Clinton Recreation Commission to organize and provide for the supervision of organized recreation for the youth of this community.

Whereas, Since its organization this Commission has in a large way contributed toward the correction of juvenile delinquency in Clinton and this area.

Whereas, the Recreation Commission has announced that Friday, May 16th, 1952, will officially open the summer program and has arranged for a celebration in honor of this occasion.

Now, Therefore, I, Joe P. Terry, Mayor of the City of Clinton, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 16th, 1952, to be Youth Day in Clinton and sincerely request the full cooperation of every citizen of Clinton for the recreation commission in its efforts to provide organized recreation for the young people of Clinton and this area.

Lehn Named To Head Lions Club

Gary Lehn will head the new slate of officers of the Lions club for the ensuing year, it is announced by club officials. Lehn was named president at a meeting of the club Friday evening at Hotel Mary Musgrove.

Elected to serve with Lehn are: Bailey Williams, first vice-president.

George Cornelison, second vice-president.

B. O. Whitten, third vice-president.

W. P. Jacobs, secretary.

J. A. Orr, treasurer.

J. William Abrams, Lion tamer.

Thurston Giles, tail twister.

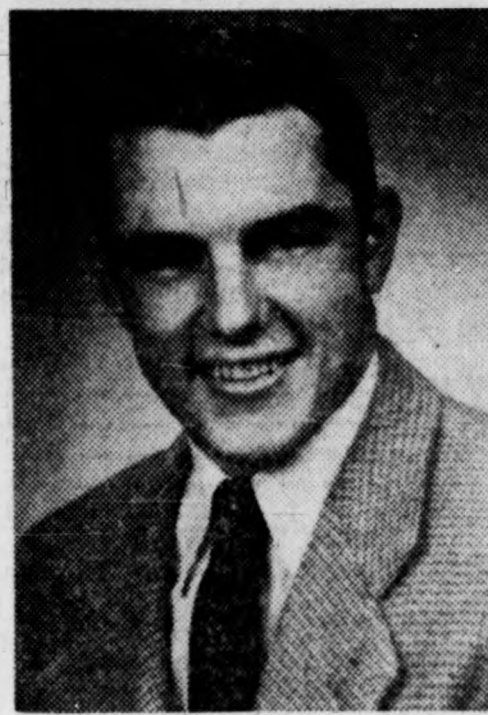
New directors named for three-year terms: D. S. Cook and A. D. Salter. Hold-over directors are H. F. Blalock, B. R. Austin, Tom Addison, Harry C. Layton, and the immediate past president, W. Brooks Owens.

The new officers will assume their duties July 1.

Planning Board Holds Meeting

A meeting of the Clinton Industrial Planning board was held Tuesday night at the college, at which time the organization was set up and several business items brought before the board and investigated. Regular business meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, it was announced, with persons not members of the commission invited to attend.

Heads Student Body



E. M. WATT

E. M. Watt, rising senior from Sumter, was elected this week as the new president of the Presbyterian college student body. He succeeds John Callahan, who has served the past year.

Billy Barcliff of Charlotte, by virtue of polling the next highest number of votes, is the new vice-president.

Coach McMillian Paid Tribute On Winning State Meet

Presbyterian college fans are paying tribute this week to a modest sportsman who has brought the Blue Stockings their first state track championship in 19 years.

He is Lonnie S. McMillian, head football and track coach, whose small 19-man squad squeezed out powerful Clemson, 55 to 51 2-3, for the cinder crown here Saturday.

It was the fifth time in the 25-year history of the colorful spring meet that McMillian has produced a winner. However, it had been a long time since the last triumph back in 1933. That was the end of a golden era for the unassuming Lonnie Mac, when his squads captured three championships in four years—1930, 1931 and 1933. The 1930 crew also cornered the title of the then-strong SIAA.

Clemson and the University of South Carolina had dominated the state track meet for the past two decades, the title going to each almost an equal number of times during that period. Then last year Coach McMillian began molding his Presbyterian squad around a few key individuals and finished second.

Long an advocate of scooter runners, whom he trained in track with one eye toward using as scabbacks in his football split-T, McMillian found his dashman in Tommy Jordan of Bishopville. He developed E. M. Watt of Sumter into an expert hurdler and broad jumper, and together these two paced the Hose bid with 26 1/4 points between them—almost one-half of the winning total.

Fans agreed it was a fitting victory for the man who has contributed so much to the success of the colorful sports spectacle through the years.

Canvass Being Made For Applications Natural Gas Project

A meeting of the Gas Authority and canvassers was held Tuesday night. A survey of the city will be in gin today and continue through May 31, it is announced. All business houses and residences between the Laurens city limits and the State Training School will be contacted, it is said.

Persons not contacted and desiring to sign up may do so at the following places: Howard's Pharmacy, Morrison's, Lydia Mills Store, McMillan's Service Station, Clinton Music Shop, the mayor's and city clerk's offices. No applications will be accepted after May 31 it is stated.

A page announcement in The Chronicle last week by the Clinton-Newberry Authority gave full information on estimated costs with other utilities.

Miss Campbell Completes Training

Miss Betty Ann Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell, has completed training at the Columbia hospital School of Nursing and will receive her diploma in exercises on Monday evening, May 19.

Miss Campbell has been spending several weeks here with her parents prior to graduation. She will be on the nursing staff of the hospital until September.

County School Budget Set At \$1,073,889 For 1952-53

Approved by Trustees, County Board of Education and Delegation. Bridges Issues Dissenting Statement. Levy Set at 27 Mills.

Operation of schools of Laurens County School District No. 55, embracing the major portion of Laurens county, will cost more than \$1,000,000 for the 1952-53 session, according to an operation budget filed with Miss Jennie V. Culbertson, county auditor. The major portion will be paid by the state.

The budget makes no provision for construction of new buildings in view of the fact that the construction program comes under the supervision of the state education finance commission.

Under the law the budget is drawn up by the trustees of the district, of which G. M. McCuen is chairman. It is then submitted for approval to the county education board of which J. B. Hart of Joana is the new chairman, and then finally approved by the county delegation. It reached the auditor's office Saturday.

Under the law the auditor is directed to fix a levy sufficient to cover the amount to be raised by taxes. The budget carried an estimated levy of 27 mills, the maximum that can be set.

Miss Culbertson said yesterday that she was not prepared to fix the levy immediately in view of the uncertainties arising out of the fact that Fountain Inn 3B had been included in the Greenville district and that an area of the county adjacent to Ware Shoals might be included in a Greenwood county district.

Bridges Dissents
The budget carried the approval signatures of all members of the two boards and of the delegation except that of Rep. Justin Bridges, who refused to sign it. His failure to sign does not affect the legality of the budget, because the statute requires only the signature of the senator and a majority of the delegation. It was signed by Senator R. T. Wilson, Representatives Tench P. Owens and Robert C. Wasson.

Mr. Bridges gave out a statement Monday in which he said, among other things, that the reason he refused to sign was because he believed the budget could be cut "considerably" without damage.

The budget as submitted by School District No. 55 to the county board of education, approved by the county delegation, and filed May 9th in the auditor's office, follows:

Estimated Disbursements	
Administrative office	\$ 25,000.00
Gross salaries of teachers, principals, and superintendents:	
High school, men	\$114,432.00
High school, women	173,031.50
Elementary school, men	42,876.50
Elementary school, women	589,663.40
	920,003.40
Libraries	7,090.00
Instructional supplies	9,150.00
Operation of plant:	
Gross wages of janitors	21,222.87
Janitors' supplies	5,671.80
Fuel	19,500.00
Water and lights	7,664.29
	54,058.96
Maintenance of buildings and grounds	29,555.00
Transportation of pupils	5,000.00
School lunches	5,370.00
Insurance	17,035.00
Depreciation and contingencies	1,627.50
Total disbursements	\$1,073,889.86
Estimated Receipts	
State aid for teachers' salaries	\$718,463.00
\$5 per pupil in average daily attendance—8,566	42,830.00
Federal aid (agriculture, home ec., etc.)	15,000.00
Delinquent taxes	4,000.00
Poll and dog tax	6,500.00
Total amount to be raised from special millage of 27 mills, less 10% for non-collection	287,091.86
Total receipts	\$1,073,889.86

Drunkenness Tops City Police Docket

The report of the city police department for the month of April showed only 49 arrests made, in addition to 155 cases listed for parking violations for which \$78.00 was collected. Total fines collected for the month amounted to \$1,351.00.

Drunkenness, as usual, led with the largest number of arrests, 20, for which \$304.50 was collected.

Other arrests on the docket included fighting, disorderly conduct, driving under influence of intoxicants, speeding and reckless driving, operating auto without license, investigation or suspicion, and other offenses.

PRINCE BANQUET SPEAKER

Haynie G. Prince, dean of students at Presbyterian college, was the guest speaker Saturday evening for the junior-senior banquet of Newberry college.

aging the school program. His statement follows:

"At the first meeting of the delegation to consider the school budget only that portion dealing with teachers salaries was considered. Although I feel very strongly that the entire burden of teachers salaries should be borne by the State from the proceeds of the Retail Sales Tax, I approved the salaries for teachers as set out in the budget because I believe that the salaries should be equal and in bringing about this equalization no teacher should suffer a cut in salary."

"I refused to sign the budget as a whole because I believe that it can be cut considerably without damaging the school program. The cost of administration is considerably out of line with the cost for previous years and I am also opposed to increasing local taxes for purposes which under the law can be taken care of from the proceeds of the sales tax. It is easy to put a tax on the people but it is hard to take one off."

Total disbursements under the budget were listed as follows: administrative office, \$25,000; gross salaries of teachers, principals and superintendents, \$920,003.40; libraries, \$7,090; instructional supplies, \$9,150; operation of plant, including gross wages of janitors, janitors' supplies, fuel, water and lights, \$54,058.96; maintenance of buildings and grounds, \$29,555; transportation of pupils, \$5,000; school lunches, \$5,370; insurance, \$17,035; depreciation and contingencies, \$1,627.50, making a total estimated operating expense account of \$1,073,889.86.

Estimated receipts other than from direct taxes were estimated as follows: State aid for teachers' salaries, \$718,463; \$5 per pupil in A. D. A. (average daily attendance) \$42,830; federal aid (agriculture, home economics, etc.) \$15,000; delinquent taxes, \$4,000; poll and dog taxes, \$6,500, making total estimated receipts \$786,798.

The total estimated expense less the total estimated receipts left \$287,091.86 which the boards and delegation estimated could be raised with a 27-mill levy, allowing 10 per cent for non-collection.

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Total receipts	\$1,073,889.86

Chamber Directors To Meet Monday Plan Year's Work

The board of director of the Chamber of Commerce will meet Monday evening, May 19, at 7:30 in the Presbyterian college library.

Plans will be laid for the new year's work at the meeting, President Jacobs states, and all directors are urged to attend.

Among the subjects to be discussed will be: selection of a site for a cattle sales barn in the Clinton area; further discussion of a committee to study city zoning; the adoption of some community chest or single drive campaign for Clinton, and the appointment of committees for 1952-53.

This meeting, it is announced, will take the place of the regular meeting which would have been held the first Thursday in June. Dates for summer meetings will be disclosed Monday night.

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