

WOOD VENEER PLANT HERE TURNING OUT LARGE VOLUME

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Wood veneer and plywood for use in furniture manufacturing are being produced by Standard Plywoods, Inc. of this city.

The company serves furniture manufacturers in New York, Tennessee, and North Carolina, and upon occasion has shipped its product as far as the West coast.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 board feet are processed each day from logs into the finished product at Standard. These products range from 1-24-inch single-ply veneer to 7-8 inch plywood consisting of several sheets of veneer glued together under special process.

Plywood production marked the most recent expansion of Standard. It was made possible through installation of a hot-plate press last summer. The several sheets of veneer to be transformed into plywood are passed through this press under tremendous heat which sets the glue firmly in a process that requires anywhere from two to eight minutes, depending upon the thickness of the plywood.

The local concern is turning out only one product which does not go to furniture manufacturers. This new item, something of an experiment made specifically for one company, is plywood flooring said to be particularly suitable for use in gymnasiums.

Oak logs are being used for this flooring product, but the principal types of timber used at Standard are the softer hardwoods such as poplar, gum, sycamore, along with some maple and birch. All logs are bought locally from within a radius of 40 miles.

Besides offering this market for local timber, Standard provides the added business stimulus of consuming and processing the wood here rather than shipping it out to processors elsewhere. The result is a payroll of 45 local persons employed to operate the company.

Clyde Secrest is manager of Standard Plywoods, Inc., located on the old Laurens road. He took over the job about three months ago, succeeding Vernon Harwell.

Secrest brought with him a broad background of experience in this business. He had owned a plant of his own in Georgia until the time it was destroyed by fire in 1951, and he then became superintendent of a similar concern in Sparta, Ga.

Controlling interest in Standard is owned by L. W. Anderson of Tryon, N. C., who has been associated with the firm for the past three years. Prior to that the plant was under the ownership of the American Furniture Company of North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Presbyterians Present Christmas Scene

"The Living Outdoor Christmas Scene" will be presented at the First Presbyterian church three evenings, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday from 7 until 9 o'clock.

The scene presented by the church is viewed by many with interest each year.

It is stated that the sanctuary of the church will be lighted and hymns for those who desire to pause for prayer and meditation.

City Will Not Get Young Property For Recreation Area

The City of Clinton will not be given the Young property near the Armory for a recreation center as announced several weeks ago, and reported in The Chronicle by a member of the staff attending the council meeting.

This was made known at a meeting of city council on December 7, when a letter from S. A. Timmons, president of the local Exchange club, was read to the group by Mayor J. P. Terry, which stated that due to a misunderstanding between the Mississippi Youngs, owners of the property, W. G. King, agent for the Youngs in developing their property in the southern section of the city, and the Exchange club, which was to have charge of administering the recreation center, the city would not receive the land as a gift.

The property involved is an irregular tract of about three acres and lies west of Broad street between Elm street and the Armory.

Mr. Timmons appeared before city council several weeks ago and explained the provisions under which the property was to be deeded to the city as a recreation area, under the auspices of the Exchange club. Council accepted the gift and expressed appreciation to the Youngs in a resolution.

The Youngs are a family of brothers and sisters, formerly of Mississippi, who inherited considerable property here from their uncle, John H. Young.

Mr. Timmons' letter to the Mayor and council stated:

"Due to a misunderstanding between the Exchange club, W. G. King, and the Mississippi Youngs, in our negotiations to secure as a gift to the City of Clinton the property on Elm street for development into a recreational park, this land will not be given to the city, but will be developed into a residential area."

Merchants Ready For Christmas Rush

Clinton merchants are ready for the final shopping rush before Christmas, with only seven shopping days left.

Stores are bulging with merchandise for the holiday season and the buying tempo is expected to increase every day until the grand slam comes on Christmas Eve.

Merchants are urging the people to do their shopping now while selections are complete and not wait until the last minute rush. Your needs, whatever they are—can be supplied here.

Kiwanis Club To Act As Santa For Orphanage Family

The Clinton Kiwanis club, following a practice of many years will again serve as Santa Claus for the boys and girls of Thornwell orphanage.

Bags will be presented all the children Christmas morning containing an assortment of fruits and candy, with several members of the club present for the presentation. The bags will bear the greeting, "Merry Christmas, from the Kiwanis club."

Christmas Music Sunday At Methodist Church

A program of Christmas music will be presented at the 11 o'clock service Sunday, Dec. 20, at Broad Street Methodist church.

Handel's "Largo", (Bliss)—Women's Chorus.
"Send Out Thou Light", (Charles Gounod)—Choir.
"Ave Maria", (Gounod)—Jimmy Timman.

"Silent Night", (Franz Gruber)—Men's Sextette with Tenor Obligation.
"Benediction", (Gounod)—Choir.
"Threefold Amen", (Danish)—Choir.

There will be a candle light and Carol service at 7:30 in the evening. The public is cordially invited.

No Winner Yet In Treasure Hunt

Officials of the Chamber of Commerce announced early this week that no winning entry had been received in the Treasure Hunt contest.

Others who are interested may obtain blanks from the chamber of Commerce office and submit entries, officials state.



**BE WISE —
Don't Delay Your Christ-
mas Shopping Longer!
IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK**

Make Clinton Your Shopping Center

Bank of Clinton Pays 5 Per Cent Annual Dividend

The board of directors of Bank of Clinton at their November meeting declared an annual dividend of \$5.00 per share on capital stock of \$100,000 to the 115 stockholders of the corporation as of Dec. 1. The dividend payment was approved by the state board of bank control and paid Tuesday. In making the announcement President R. P. Hamer said, "we are gratified to pay this 5 per cent dividend as in the past and are grateful to our friends and customers for the increasing volume of business we have received since the bank was organized and opened for business five years ago."

Officers of the bank are: R. P. Hamer, president; T. E. Addison and John T. Young, vice-presidents; the latter chairman of the board; Harry McSweeney, cashier; Leaman D. Jones, assistant cashier; Board of directors: R. P. Hamer, T. E. Addison, John T. Young, W. W. Harris, John W. Finney, Sr., F. M. Boland, T. H. Copeland, J. P. Prather, H. D. Henry, S. G. Dillard, and Harry McSweeney.

Bookkeepers of the bank are Miss Margaret Holland, Miss Katherine Dicus and Mrs. Virginia Shealy.

Thornwell Fellowship Give Christmas Pageant

"The Story of Christmas" will be presented in music, tableaux, and Scripture at 7:30 Sunday evening in Montgomery Memorial hall by members of the Thornwell senior high Fellowship. All friends are cordially invited to attend this performance. For years it has stood out as the Christmas highlight of the orphanage Christmas season.

It will be under the direction of Miss Juliet McCrorey, assisted by Mrs. Robert E. Wysox, 3rd, choral director. Those taking part are: Herald—Robert Holley and Geo. Epps.
Trumpeters—Benji Timmons and Bobby Hanna
Prophet—John Dowdle
Mary—Frances Allen
Small Angel—Margaret Budd.
Angel—Sara Christy
Elizabeth—Clara Montgomery
Joseph—Ben Brockington
Old Shepherd—Charles Nalley
Boy Shepherd—Victor Burris
Young Shepherd—Dick Nitchell
Middle-Aged Shepherd—Gene Sistare.

Wise Men: Melchier—Dennis Bennett. Gaspar—William Glasure. Balthasar—Millard Daniel.

March of Dimes Opens In County On January 2

The March of Dimes begins in this county and across the nation on January 2 and will continue throughout the month.

Judge J. Hewlette Wasson of Laurens, again heads the drive as county chairman, with a number of volunteer workers assisting him. The chairman for the Clinton area will be announced next week, Judge Wasson states.

The March of Dimes this year comes at a particularly momentous time in the fight against infantile paralysis. Field trials on a new experimental vaccine will begin in various sections of the United States on February 8. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis plans to spend seven and a half million dollars on this vaccine.

In addition to the vaccine tests the Foundation will spend nineteen and a half millions on gamma globulin, a temporary preventative which was used for the first time in mass inoculation this year. The additional expense for this blood serum which gives protection for about five weeks will be to insure that there is enough of the GG for all areas threatened by polio epidemics.

Besides the prevention program March of Dimes funds will again provide care and treatment for the thousands of polio patients over the country. It is estimated that in order to cover all facets of the program a total of 75 million dollars must be raised in the 1954 March of Dimes.

Four County Men Enlist In Service

Six men from this county were included in 22 men who enlisted in November at the U. S. Army and Air Force recruiting station in Greenville by Sgt. Guy F. Parker, recruiting officer.

Four were for the Army and two for the Air Force. Army enlistees were Jerry D. Darnell of Laurens, and Larry J. Cagle, Clinton. M. Heaton and Frederick W. Price, all of Clinton. Enlistees for the Air Force were Bobby J. Braswell of Clinton, and James M. Tinsley of Joanna.

Lydia Pentecostal To Have Church Play

The Lydia Pentecostal Holiness church will present a Christmas play Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at 7 o'clock.

Fruit will be distributed for the Sunday school by Rev. L. E. Burton, pastor. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Cotton Growers Vote Strong For Quotas In S. C.

LAURENS COUNTY VOTE
Laurens county farmers voted overwhelmingly Tuesday for cotton quotas and government supported prices at 90 per cent of parity on next year's cotton crop.

The referendum vote stood: For quotas, 739; Against 16.

Columbia, Dec. 16—South Carolina growers Tuesday apparently gave "overwhelming" approval to the 1954 national cotton acreage allotment.

The State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee office here said complete returns from 30 of 46 counties in the special national referendum showed 28,908 in favor of the reduced acreage quotas and only 513 against.

Robert W. Hamilton, state ASCS chairman, said that though South Carolina's total vote will not be a record in number, "it will be a record favorable vote, about 98 per cent so far."

Two-thirds support of quotas in the balloting will mean support prices at 90 per cent of parity for cotton by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A vote against controls favors unlimited production but lower price supports to 50 per cent of parity.

Next year's cotton quota will be cut from 23 1-2 million acres to about 18 million if the program is approved. South Carolina's acreage would be approximately 786,000.

Country's Vote Given
Washington, Dec. 15 — By overwhelming margins the country's cotton and peanut growers approved controls on production and marketing of those two important crops.

In separate referendums they agreed to proposals that they limit plantings in return for continued high support prices.

On the basis of unofficial but virtually complete returns from some 20 states, cotton growers voted soundly 441,261 to 26,990 to accept controls on the 1954 crop.

This figured a yes vote of 94.2 per cent—a new high—compared with 89.4 per cent in the last referendum in December, 1949.

Merchants To Close Friday-Saturday For Christmas

Merchants and business-houses of the city generally will observe two days for Christmas—Friday and Saturday, instead of only Christmas Day, it was learned yesterday by The Chronicle before going to press.

Previously it was announced by the Merchants Association that stores would remain open on Saturday.

Christmas Recital And Party By Schubert Music Club

The Schubert Music club enjoyed a Christmas party on Monday evening at the Community building.

Jackie Franks, president of the club, presided and the following took part on the program:

Welcome—Jackie Franks.
Devotional—Betty Sue Spillers.
"Silent Night"—The Club.
Selections—Carolyn Huston, Dawn Campbell, Lena Gilliam, Albie Vee Cunningham, Alma Jo Poole, Judy Ellis, Brenda Fallaw, Viri Barker, Margaret Madden, Cecilia Melendron, Kay Roberts, Jane Milam, Larry Wehunt, Jimmy Barker, Jimmy Carroll, Raymond Kuykendall, Donald Power, Kay Bridges, Jimmy Smith, Judy Laney, Linda Milam, Marlene DeYoung, Patsy Whitmore, Ruth Trammell, Polly Brazel, Mr. Joe Land, Benny Hughley, Marion Mitchell, Jackie Franks, Linda Buchanan.

The club sang Christmas carols, after which a salad course was served and Santa distributed gifts to all. There were twenty-three mothers present and one guest teacher.

Joan Burgess is secretary of the club.

Christmas Cantata At Calvary Baptist

"The City of the Star," by Ira B Wilson, will be given by the Calvary Baptist Adult choir Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30. Organist will be Mrs. Bobby Boyce; pianist, Mrs. Vernon Trammell; music director, Mrs. Joe Land.

The Adult Youth and Carol choirs will have special music for the morning worship.

CITY COUNCIL ORDERS PAYMENT \$7,227 DUE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Engineers To Make Surveys for Enlargement of Utilities Plants.

A long-lost-sight-of obligation to the federal government which had been hanging fire during five city administrations was ordered paid by city council at its regular meeting on Dec. 7.

The amount involved was \$7,227.00 due the government for a loan for advance planning and surveys for an enlargement program for the city's sewer and water lines.

It is understood that the project was initiated during the last two-year term of Mayor P. S. Bailey, carried through two two-year terms of Mayor L. E. Bishop and is now in the second two-year term of Mayor Joe P. Terry. In some way the obligation was lost sight of, or some members of the administrations thought it was a federal grant and didn't have to be repaid. At any rate, the government recently made a demand for payment of the amount due. After conferring with attorneys and Senator Maybank, it was found that the claim was valid. Councilman Hugh Eichelberger made the motion, seconded by Councilman L. S. Reddeck, that the claim be paid.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor Terry, with all councilmen present: Hugh C. Ray, Reddeck, W. M. McMillan, Eichelberger, James Craine and Woodrow Wilson.

Engineers representing Harwood-Beebe Co., of Spartanburg, appeared before council to discuss and answer questions concerning re-building and enlargement of the city's electric plant facilities and the water system. B. R. Austin, superintendent of utilities, told council that facilities at the electric plant were woefully inadequate and outmoded, and a really serious situation existed. He said that no major re-vamping of equipment had ever been made, and what improvement or enlargement occurred had been done from time to time by local personnel. The time has arrived, he said, when an extensive re-building program was imperative.

The water system, Austin said, was not in such condition as to require immediate attention, but it, too, would need enlargement in the near future, including a new source for water. Enoree river was suggested as the most logical place.

The Beebe firm was employed to make surveys and present preliminary plans for rebuilding facilities at the electric plant and enlargement and extensions to the water plant.

Council adopted the business license ordinance that was enacted last year for use again during 1954. It was pointed out that major revision was made in the ordinance for 1953 and council agreed to extend it for another year with no changes.

Council voted to extend a water line for a short distance at the end of East Florida street, and also to construct a new water line on Chestnut street from West Walnut street to Pine street.

Council stuck by its policy of not extending water lines beyond the city limits, when it refused to accede to a request from a delegation, appearing before council asking that the city install a water line out North Adair street extension to the vicinity of the R. A. Steer place. It is the practice of the city administration, it was pointed out, to make connections with water lines beyond the city limits if residents themselves first build the lines.

The eight or ten residents of the area represented by the delegation before council had agreed to buy the necessary pipe, but wanted the city to lay the line.

Council voted the usual \$25.00 Christmas bonus, with \$10 to each colored laborer.

In the monthly statement of receipts and disbursements submitted by City Clerk and Treasurer W. B. Owens, it was shown that receipts were \$40,247.15, while disbursements amounted to \$40,616.35. Included in disbursements was a payment of \$2,500 for bonds maturing, \$5,698.75 interest on outstanding bonds, and placing of the usual \$1,000 monthly to the credit of the sinking fund.

Bibles Available At College Book Store

The Presbyterian college book store has announced it has available copies of the buckram bound Revised Version of the Holy Bible priced at \$6.00 each. They are on sale at the library which may be reached by calling Phone 733.

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CHRISTMAS ISSUE NEXT WEEK

The Christmas edition of THE CHRONICLE will be put in the post office next Thursday morning at 6 o'clock for mail delivery. Coming on Christmas Eve Day before Christmas, it will be widely read during the holidays.

The issue will contain a large number of "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" greetings from merchants and business firms, expressing thanks and appreciation to their friends and customers for their patronage and good will during the year now drawing to a close.

The plant and office of THE CHRONICLE will be closed Friday and Saturday to give our employees a deserved week-end three-day holiday.

The office will re-open Monday morning, December 28.