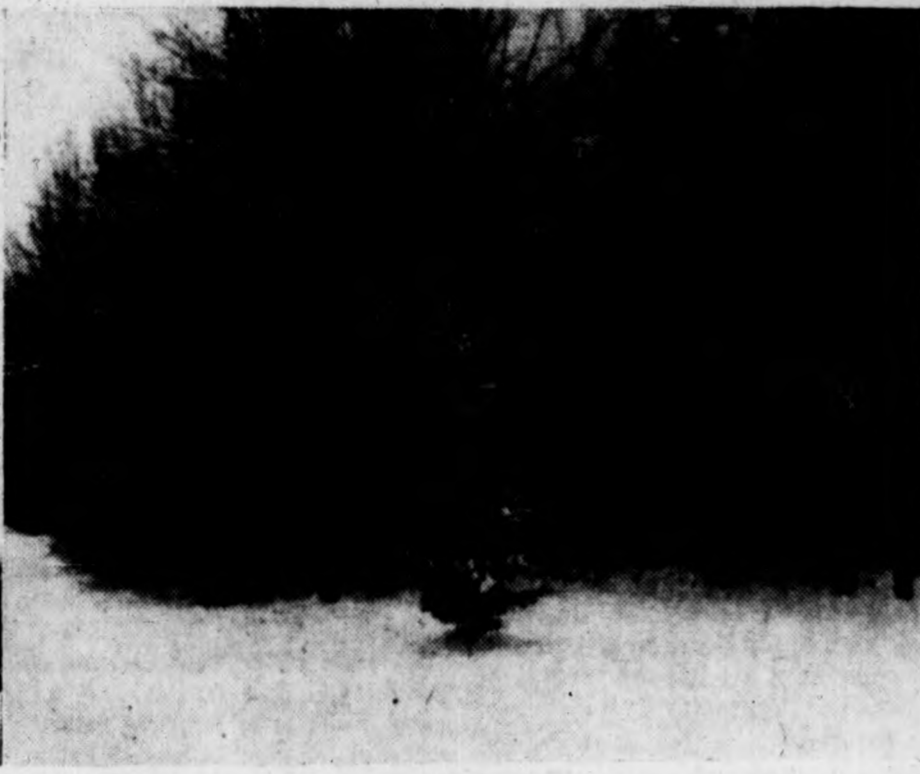
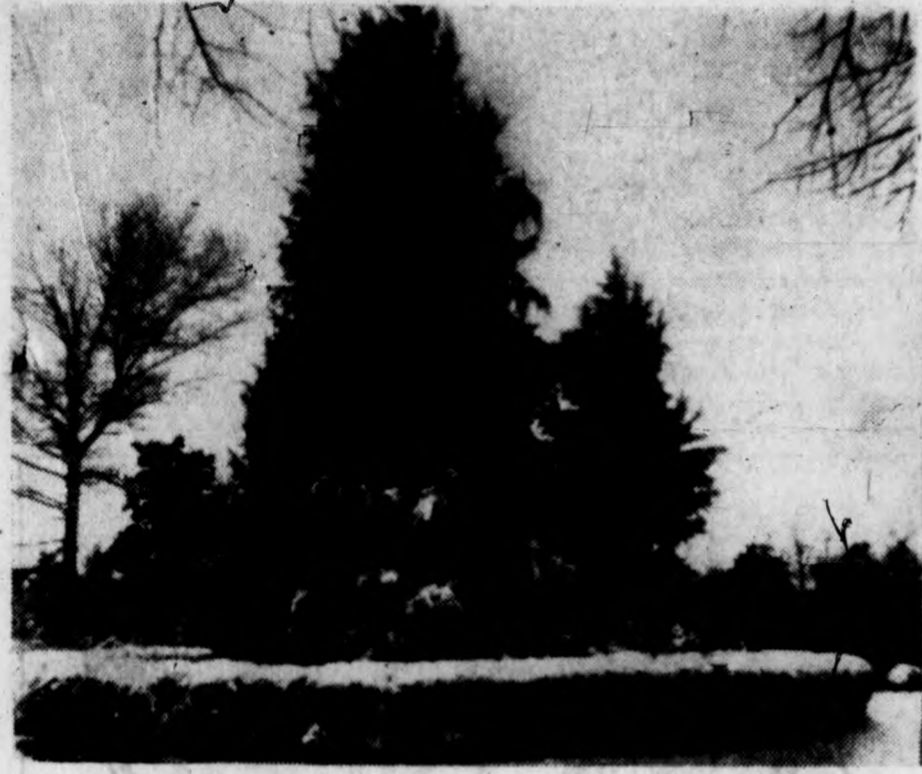


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Clinton Turned Into "Winter Wonderland" By Heavy Snow Last Week

On Week's Tour

Seniors Leave Sunday On Trip To Washington

Eighty-three members of the Clinton High School senior class and their chaperones will board the Seaboard Silver Comet Sunday night for the annual senior trip to Washington, D. C.

After breakfast the next morning the seniors will tour Richmond, Va., the capital of the Confederacy, and will visit St. John's Church, where Patrick Henry uttered his speech for liberty or death. They will also visit a cigarette factory there.

On an escorted tour of Williamsburg, the sightseers will continue on to the Capitol, the Governor's Palace, the old jail, and the Powder Magazine. From Williamsburg the seniors will travel to Jamestown, where they will see the museum which shows the life of the early settlers.

At Old Point Comfort, the next stop, they will board the Old Bay Line steamer for an overnight trip up the Chesapeake Bay to Baltimore, Md.

Leaving Baltimore on their third day of touring, the group will go to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

When the seniors arrive in Washington, they will see Arlington National Cemetery, the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Marine Memorial "Flag Raising at Iwo Jima." The tour then will continue and the National History Building of the Smithsonian Institute. They will spend the afternoon in the Arts and Industries Building of the Smithsonian Institute.

Funeral Rites For Theodore B. Sumerel Held On Sunday

Funeral services for Theodore B. Sumerel, postponed due to inclement weather, were conducted Sunday at 2 p. m. at Kennedy Mortuary in Laurens by the Rev. Carl Bishop, Dr. Ernest Arnold and the Rev. J. H. Darr. Burial was in the Laurens City Cemetery.

Palbearers were Hubert Todd, Jack Red, B. B. Blakely, Paul Odell, C. D. Benjamin, Jr., and Edwin Cunningham.

The honorary escort included the Men's Bible Class and deacons of Langston Baptist Church. Dr. George Blalock, Dr. R. M. Fuller, Dr. D. O. Rhame, W. R. Anderson, G. N. Foy, R. E. Martin, Bryan Goodwin, George Penland, Marion McMillan, J. Leroy Burns and D. E. Todd.

Mr. Sumerel died early Thursday morning at his home, Clinton, Rt. 1, following several years of declining health and one month of illness.

A native of Laurens County, he was the son of the late Milton A. and Lelia Bailey Sumerel. He was a Laurens merchant for many years, having had an automobile agency and also a mercantile business. For the past 16 years he was noted for his scuppernon grapes. He was a member of Langston Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Belle Burns Sumerel; three brothers, Ryland S. Sumerel, of Clinton; Homer W. Sumerel, of Greenville, and Milton A. Sumerel, of Newport, Ky.; and three sisters, Mrs. Clyde Todd and Mrs. Jack Anderson, both of Clinton, and Mrs. L. W. Marks, of Laurens.

One Sale Made

Only one sale was made on legal sales day for March when Probate Judge J. Hewlette Wasson sold a house and lot in Laurens.

The sale was in the case of A. Trask McCarron, Adm., Hazel Smith Griffin, et al. The property was bid in by Marshall W. Abercrombie, attorney, for Hazel Smith Griffin for \$1,000.

Friday after the seniors have through Alexandria, Va., and on to Mount Vernon.

Wednesday the class members will make stops at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the Washington Monument, and the White House. That afternoon they will visit Capitol Hill, which includes the United States Capitol, Supreme Court, and Library of Congress. They will go to the Casino Royal night club that night.

During Thursday morning the group will tour the FBI building, the Archives Building, they will go to the Union Station, where they will board the train for the return trip home, arriving at 3:30 a. m. Saturday.

Those making the trip will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Timmons, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Wilder, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomas. A passenger representative of the Seaboard Air Line Company will act as tour conductor.

22 Candidates Announce

Twenty-two candidates had qualified for various county offices up to Wednesday morning, according to records in the office of Mrs. Caroline Coleman, secretary of the Laurens County Democratic party.

Included were two for state senator, two for the house of representatives, one for clerk of court, three for sheriff, two for county commissioner, two for coroner, and ten for various magistrate posts.

The time for qualifying of candidates will expire at noon Monday. Among those qualifying are:

State Senator: Justin A. Bridges, King Dixon, Sr.

House of Representatives: John C. Buchanan, Marshall W. Abercrombie.

Clerk of Court: Walter E. Dunlap, Sheriff: Caldwell W. Wier, Fred Hayes, R. Eugene Johnson.

County Commissioner: Paul S. O'Dell, George M. Penland.

Civil Court Term Underway This Week

A week's term of civil court got underway in Laurens Monday with 21 cases on docket, 12 being appeals in highway condemnation cases.

Several cases were continued or settled Monday, one being by consent verdict, with others to come up during the week.

Judge John Grimbail, of Columbia, is presiding over the term. The following cases were on the docket:

S. C. Highway Department vs Margaret Woods, et al (consent verdict).

Moyd Bros. vs Tucker.

S. C. Highway Department vs Sarah J. Henderson (continued).

James Brewington vs Badger Mutual Insurance Co. (settled).

W. M. Garrett vs General Accident Fire and Life Insurance Co. (continued).

James R. Smith vs James L. McKelvey.

McCormick Funeral Home vs G. B. Padgett, Jr. (continued).

Rivers vs Sloan Construction Co. (settled).

Ophelia Calhoun vs United Insurance Co.

Alfred Calhoun vs United Insurance Co.

Mid-State Home Insurance Co. vs John Henry Bragg, et al.

Union Service For Two New Ministers

A union service on Sunday evening at 7:30 at the First Baptist Church will welcome two new Clinton ministers, the Rev. Clyde Peterson of the Davidson Street Baptist Church, and the Rev. John Rivers of All Saints Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Mr. Peterson will deliver the sermon and the scripture will be read by the Rev. Mr. Rivers, with other ministers of the city taking part in the service.

Schools Go To May 31 To Make Up Schedule

According to an announcement yesterday by W. R. Anderson, superintendent of Laurens County School District 56, the school days lost due to snow and bad weather will be made up at the end of the year. This means school will be in session until May 31 instead of May 24 as originally scheduled.

Only one day, the Monday after Easter, was planned for spring holidays but if no more days are lost the Friday before will be taken also, giving two days. The additional week will make up for the four days lost and the additional holiday for Easter.

Coroner: Marshall N. Pressley, Al Rawl

Magistrate: Hunter Township at Mountville—Alfred Allen, George Simpson, R. C. Wilkie, J. Derrell Bozard.

Jacks Township—Robert N. Bigham, Charles W. Barnes.

Scuffletown Township—Robert E. Elmore.

Dials Township—W. D. Norris, C. M. Curry.

Youngs Township—Claude A. Patton.

Dr. Marc C. Weersing To Deliver College Closing Sermon

The Rev. Marc C. Weersing, pastor of the Spartanburg First Presbyterian Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on June 5 as part of Presbyterian College's 1960 commencement exercises.

President Marshall W. Brown in making the announcement today, pointed out that Dr. Weersing is one of the outstanding ministers of the state and a trustee of Presbyterian College.

The 79th commencement program at PC will feature the Sunday morning baccalaureate sermon of June 5 and the final graduation exercises on Monday, June 6. President Brown said he will announce the name of the commencement speaker in the near future.

Dr. Weersing, a trustee of PC for the past four years, has served as pastor of the Spartanburg First Church since 1956. He went to Spartanburg after ten years in the pulpit of the Central Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Miss. Prior to that he had been pastor of the Elberton (Ga.) Church from 1938 to 1942 and then the Decatur (Ga.) Oakhurst Presbyterian Church until 1946.

A native of Grand Rapids, Mich., Weersing received his BA degree from Calvin College, attended Calvin Theological Seminary and earned his Master of Theology from Columbia University in 1938.

Dr. Weersing has been an active leader on both state and General Assembly level, especially in the field of world missions, and he is a popular speaker at church conferences.

Chicken Stew To Be Held At Hurricane

The Hurricane Community club will sponsor a chicken stew this evening, March 17, at the club house. They will begin serving at 6 o'clock, or stew can be purchased by the quart and taken home. W. Tot Stewart is preparing the food. Funds will go for club expenses.

Sloan Supports City Manager Form In Address Before Kiwanis Club

The city manager form of government which is being proposed for Clinton, was discussed by James P. Sloan in an address before the Kiwanis Club Thursday evening.

A referendum on the question will be held on April 12. In an effort to acquaint citizens of the community with provisions of the proposed form of government, the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the movement, has arranged for speakers to appear before clubs and organizations in the city with information and to answer questions.

Mr. Sloan, member of city council, and a proponent of the city manager form of government, said:

On April 12, just a month from now, the people of Clinton will have an opportunity to vote in an advisory referendum on an issue which I consider the most important matter facing the people of Clinton in my time. You will have an opportunity to state whether or not you favor the council-manager (or city manager) plan as it is also called form of government for the City of Clinton. In my humble judgment, from my experience on the city council for the past six years, I believe Clinton can benefit from the adoption of the council-manager plan. By like token, if the people turn down this opportunity to take this progressive step in municipal government, the progress, growth and development of Clinton, including the prospects for attracting new industrial establishments, will be impeded for years to come.

My interest in and study of the merits of the city manager form of government are neither casual nor fragmentary. As a phase of the requirements for my Master of Arts degree in Government at Tulane University more than twenty years ago, I pursued a comprehensive course in Public Administration, with much emphasis on Municipal Administration. I became convinced then, and have held to the view ever since, that the city manager plan makes good sense and is the only effective way in which a community can get the most and best services for its tax dollars.

PLAN MUST HAVE PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE

I first advocated the city manager plan for Clinton as early as 1952, but did not push the matter then, for I felt that the request for and interest in its adoption should emanate from the people themselves. For without wholehearted public acceptance, such a novel departure from

our time-honored mayor-council plan cannot succeed.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS VISITED PLEASURALLY WITH PLAN

I was naturally delighted when the enlightened leadership of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce last year set as its major project a study of the city manager plan in its possible adoption in Clinton. Very wisely this body sent out visitation teams to nearby cities operating under the city manager plan to study the plan and how it has worked in those communities. As a member of one of these teams I visited Rock Hill. There we found the people completely sold on the plan and insisting that under no conditions would they return to the mayor-council plan. Identically favorable reports were brought back by each visitation team.

In advocating the city manager form of government for Clinton, I want it clearly understood that I am casting no reflection on the present administration of which I am pleased and honored to be a part. Mayor

College To Raise Faculty Salaries

Presbyterian College will raise faculty salaries an average of 5 per cent at the start of the 1960-61 session next September, President Marshall W. Brown announced today.

He said the PC board of trustees had authorized the increase at its recent annual meeting.

President Brown pointed out that an average increase of 20 per cent had been made two years ago. This hike and the newly announced raise mean faculty increases of more than 25 per cent since 1958.

The president indicated that it has been the established policy in recent years to review the salaries of all college personnel every two years.

Plaxico Speaks

R. L. Plaxico, Clinton business man, Tuesday night addressed members of the Exchange Club on the city manager plan of government which is being proposed for Clinton.

A referendum on the question will be held on April 12, and Plaxico is one of a team of speakers presenting information and answering questions on the subject to various clubs and organizations.

He will appear before the Lions Club at a meeting on the evening of March 25.



County Officers Get Still

Laurens County sheriff's officers on Monday destroyed a still before it could be put into operation. Shown above at the site, one mile from Ora in the Warrior Creek section, are Sheriff C. W. Wier, Deputies Horace Mitchell, W. A. Spruell, and C. Wallace Abercrombie. Taken in the raid was a 400-

gallon boiler, 23 barrels, two acetylene torches, oxygen gas tank, and 50 feet of electric wire. The operators were in the process of welding the boiler and getting the outfit ready for operation. No one was at the site when the raid was made.—Photo by Deputy Leroy Keeble.

At Hampton Ave. School

City Democratic Club To Reorganize Monday

The Clinton City Democratic Club will hold its reorganizational meeting Monday night at 7:30 at the Hampton Avenue School.

The club will elect officers, including an executive committee, to set machinery in motion for a city Democratic primary election to nominate a mayor and six councilmen.

Officers to be elected at Monday's meeting are a president, vice-president, and secretary and treasurer, and an executive committee member from each of the six wards.

Also to be determined are the dates for the two primaries.

The call for the reorganizational meeting was issued Monday night at a session of the officers and executive committee members.

Present officers and committee members are: Roy Holtzclaw, president; Leaman D. Jones, secretary-treasurer. The late L. B. Dillard was vice-president of the club. Committee members: ward one, J. J. Clark; ward two, V. Parks Adair; ward three, L. Ray Pitts; ward four, Milford Smith; ward five, Joel Cox; ward six, E. P. Taylor.

The dates for the primaries probably will be set for late May, prior to the state and county elections to be held in June, with the general election coming sometime in August.

Terms of the present mayor and councilmen expire August 31.

County Delegates At State Convention In Columbia Yesterday

A slate of 16 delegates from Laurens County had credentials entitling them to attend the South Carolina Democratic convention in Columbia yesterday.

At a meeting of the delegation in Laurens Saturday, R. L. Plaxico of Clinton, was named chairman of the group. O. L. Long of Laurens, was named as the Platform and Resolutions Committee, and Thomas A. Babb of Laurens, was chosen as the Laurens County member of the Credentials Committee.

The 16 delegates, each with a half vote, entitled to cast Laurens County's eight votes at the convention were: R. L. Plaxico, George L. Phinney, O. L. Long, Caroline Coleman, Allen Coleman Thomas A. Babb, James P. Sloan, Sam Williams, LeEllen Williams Slay John M. Ross, W. C. Dobbins, Joe P. Terry, Rev. M. B. Lee, Rev. J. C. Rice, H. L. Eichelberger, and A. B. Culbertson.

The delegates, named as the county convention March 7, were to select their alternates (if unable to attend) from a list also named at the county convention.

Thomas H. Pope, of Newberry, and Monday he would not seek reelection as chairman of the South Carolina Democratic party.

PC Women Students Best Men Scholastically

Theta Chi led all the other five national social fraternities in scholastic achievement at Presbyterian College for the first semester of the 1959-60 session.

That's the announcement of the registrar's office, which listed the other fraternities in this order of academic excellence:

Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Sigma Phi, Kappa Alpha and Sigma Nu.

Even so, the men's best accomplishments were overshadowed last semester by the women students of Alpha Psi Delta sorority. Their organization had the best scholastic average of all.

Photographs Exhibited At Photographers Meet

Dan Yarborough, Clinton photographer, attended the sessions of the North Carolina Professional Photographers convention in Raleigh March 6-9.

Two of his photographs, the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Union and a portrait of Clinton Mayor J. P. Terry, were chosen for exhibit at the convention.

The society is a project of the PC chapter of Blue Key national leadership fraternity and has as its objective the recognition of academic achievement among members of the sophomore class who have both enrolled at PC for at least three semesters.

Methodist Fund

Officials of the \$3,000,000 Methodist Higher Education Campaign have announced that latest returns had pushed the grand total received to date over the half-way mark with hundreds of uncounted reports still pouring in. A new total of \$1,546,898 in cash and pledges had been tabulated early this week.

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