



## Thornwell Alumni Officers Named at Reunion

Shown here are officers and regional vice-presidents of the Thornwell Alumni Association chosen at a reunion of former students held on the campus. Front row, left to right: Lonnie L. Dunlap, Columbia, president; Miss Inez Tucker, Clinton, secretary; Mrs. Caroline Dugan Sowers, Clinton, treasurer; Patrick Cook, Tampa, Fla. Middle row: Mrs. Daisy Butler LaFoy, Greenville; Chalmers DuBose, Hartsville; James C. Holloman, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Alice Gregory Braddock, Jacksonville, Fla. Back row: Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker Smith, Weaverville, N. C.; Thomas J. Rowland, St. Mary's, Ga.; Miss Sara Christy, Atlanta, Ga.; Calvin McMillan, Carrolton, Ga.; William B. Kimble, Atlanta. A number of others were not present when picture was made.—Photo by Dan Yarborough.

## Guilty Pleas, Sentences

### Coker Given Life Term For Shooting of McCarty

Laurens—Ernest Roy Coker, 53-year-old Laurens County man, was convicted of murder with a recommendation of mercy and received the mandatory sentence of life imprisonment here Friday afternoon. He was charged in the shotgun slaying of 18-year-old Harold McCarty.

The jury brought in the verdict after deliberating 35 minutes. The defense attorneys, Raymond Hill and Tench Owens, moved for a new trial on the grounds that the verdict was not in accordance with testimony and evidence presented during the trial.

Judge Steve C. Griffith denied the motion and the attorneys expressed intention to file an appeal. Judge Griffith commended the court-appointed attorneys for the manner in which they handled the case.

The slight, almost-hald defendant remained calm throughout the reading of the verdict and while sentence was being passed. Members of his family, who were state's witnesses in the case, were in the courtroom when the man was sentenced.

McCarty died of a shotgun wound of the chest in the Coker home in the Fork section of the county shortly before midnight last Dec. 23.

The trial was begun Thursday afternoon and three witnesses testified that day. Solicitor W. T. Jones sent Ernest (Red) Coker, son of the defendant, to the stand when court resumed Friday.

The witness told much of the same story that his brother, William, had testified to Thursday. He said that his father was "highly intoxicated" during the afternoon and night on which the shooting occurred.

The younger Coker said his father

was mumbling and cursing and holding a shotgun when he (Red Coker), his brother, Billy, Billy's wife, Betty, and the McCarty youth came to the Coker home at 10:30 p. m.

He further testified that he was sleeping and did not hear the first shot. He awoke, he said, and heard Billy and his father struggling for possession of the gun and heard the gun shoot the second time.

After a struggle on his bed, in which his father, he and Billy were involved, he said they found the body of McCarty by the bed when they had subdued the elder Coker.

The final two witnesses called by the state were Mrs. Betty Coker and Deputy Sheriff George Blackwell.

Deputy Blackwell said the defendant told officers when they arrived at the Coker home that he shot McCarty and "I would do it again."

According to Blackwell's testimony, Coker told officers that McCarty had beaten him up "a short while back" and that "he's not in my own home."

The officer said he found that the defendant had been drinking but "not overly intoxicated or irrational."

After the noon recess, the defendant took the stand. He said that McCarty stayed at Coker home a great deal of the time and that he (Coker) did not like it.

The defendant said that he requested McCarty to leave several times because he could not make his sons "do right" when McCarty was there.

He testified that on Dec. 16 or 17 McCarty had "beat me up" because he would not use his influence to get Mrs. Coker to sign papers so his sons could purchase a car.

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## County TB Patients Remain At Home Against Advice

Twenty persons in Laurens County who have tuberculosis are staying at home against medical advice, possibly exposing relatives and friends to the disease.

The county had 11 new cases of the disease reported in 1959. Contributions to the 1959 Christmas Seal campaign were the highest ever recorded in the county.

This information was obtained in the annual reports of the Laurens County Tuberculosis Association. The reports have been mailed to 3,300 volunteer workers who served or assisted in the seal campaign and to all contributors.

The report showed that according to April 1 records of the county health department, there were 112 cases of TB in the county.

Concerning those at home with the disease, President J. Allen Thompson, Jr., of the TB Association said: "We are very interested in determining the reason for patients leaving the hospital before being discharged by medical authorities."

He said the association would like to make it possible for these patients to cooperate by completing treatment so they can return to normal, useful lives instead of exposing families and friends to TB.

## Man Shot In Leg At Place Near City

E. C. Pressley, 22, of Clinton, was shot in the leg Friday night of last week at a service station and beer establishment near the city.

Released under \$500 bond for the shooting was Lawrence Morgan, 53, operator of Morgan's Place on the Clinton-Whitmore highway.

Deputy George Blackwell quoted Morgan as saying he had ordered Pressley to leave the place some weeks ago. Pressley came to the place Friday night and was ordered to leave by Morgan. Pressley was shot after he seized Morgan, Blackwell quoted Morgan as saying.

Mr. Prevatte, who presided, presented the SPOKE award to Lamont Krimminger; the distinguished award plaque to James Von Hollen and new member kits.

## Kiwanians To Hear Oconee Senator Tonight

Clinton Kiwanians will hear an address by State Senator Marshall Parker of Oconee County as the feature of their second June meeting tonight (Thursday). The club will assemble at 7:00 p. m. in the ballroom of the Hotel Mary Musgrove, with President James Von Hollen presiding.

## MEETING OF LAURENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 56

All patrons and friends of Laurens County School District No. 56 are urged to attend an important meeting which will be held at Bell Street High School in the School Auditorium Monday, June 27, at 8 p. m.

This meeting is called in the interest of the proposed athletic field to be built at Bell Street High School. Rev. L. C. Butler is chairman and Mr. McQuilla Hudson is principal.

## Thanks From County Chairman

We appreciate your fine cooperation in our request not to crowd into our election headquarters in Laurens as we received returns from the first primary.

We will have the same set-up next Tuesday night to handle returns from the second primary. We respectfully ask your cooperation again at that time. We will make every effort to give you the returns at the very earliest possible moment.

Thank you.

R. L. Plaxico, Chairman, County Democratic Party.

## Home Ec Summer Schedule Given

Mrs. Harry Bouknight, head of the Home Economics Department at Clinton High School, has announced the following summer schedule, beginning Monday, June 27. Classes for Teenage Beginners Monday and Wednesday from 9-11. Teenagers who have had at least one year of Home Economics Monday and Wednesday 2-4. Adults interested in the Bishop Method of sewing or simple clothing construction, Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11. Advanced sewing classes will be arranged if those interested will contact Mrs. Bouknight by calling 1336-W after 4 p. m.

## J. Robert Cox Is New Chairman Of Merchants Division



J. ROBERT COX

J. Robert Cox has been named chairman of the Merchants Division of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

The first meeting of the new year will be held next Tuesday at 10:00 a. m. at the Hotel Mary Musgrove. I. Mac Adair is the retiring chairman.

Mr. Cox has named a number of his committee for the new year, and requested that they be prepared to give some information on their plans for their activities for the coming year at the meeting on Tuesday. All members of the Merchants Division are invited to attend the meeting.

Accepting chairmanship of committees for the year: Welcome Committee—H. Earl Martin; Special Events—D. B. Smith; Parking—W. C. Baldwin; Holiday—J. Mac Adair; Decorations—Howard F. Smith; Christmas Parade—J. J. Cornwall; Budget—J. A. Orr, Jr.

Cox is owner of Cox Home and Auto Supply on North Broad St., and has been in business here for a number of years.

## Installation Service Held On Monday

Installation of the Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes officers for the coming year was held Monday evening following a banquet at the Mary Musgrove Hotel. Mrs. Metty Meyers of Greenville, state Jaycee-ette president, installed the Jaycee-ettes and TD Prevatte installed the Jaycee officers.

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## Clinton Jaycees Hold Vehicle Safety Check

The Clinton Jaycees announced today that they will hold a "Vehicle Safety Check" on Wednesday, June 29, at the Community Cash parking lot.

Anyone desiring to have their automobile checked for any safety defects can bring it by between the hours of 1:00 p. m. and 6:00 p. m., and it will be given a thorough inspection at no cost.

State and city law officers, as well as local mechanics, will be on hand to see that the job is well done.

The Jaycees urge everyone that can to take advantage of this "check," especially since the time for vacation and travel has arrived.

## GRADUATES FROM CLEMSON

Ted Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davenport, was a member of the graduating class at Clemson College in June, receiving a BS degree in mechanical engineering, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army. Ted was one of sixteen outstanding seniors, and a distinguished military graduate. At present he holds a position with General Electric Co. in Charlotte, N. C., where he and Mrs. Davenport, the former Miss Frances Cunningham, are making their home.

## ATTEND MEET IN HARTFORD

Claude Crocker, industrial relations director of Clinton and Lydia Mills; Clyde Trammell, Lydia Mill master mechanic; and E. P. Taylor, Clinton Mill master mechanic, are attending a fire preventive and control school in Hartford, Conn., this week.

## Suttle To Join PC Faculty In Fall

James R. Suttle, a Presbyterian College honor graduate and former Clinton resident, will return next fall to join the PC faculty.

President Marshall W. Brown announced today that Suttle will become an instructor in mathematics to succeed Andrew S. Howard, who is resuming work toward his doctorate at Florida State University.

Suttle has recently received his master's from Duke University, after two years of study on a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship and a Ford Foundation grant. He also taught physics at Durham High School for the past year, while completing work at Duke.

He was graduated summa cum laude from Presbyterian College in 1958, with a BS degree after majoring in physics and minoring in mathematics. Before leaving, he already had won one of the highly competitive Woodrow Wilson fellowships for graduate study.

A veteran of two years' Army service prior to entering PC, Suttle is married and they have one son. They are members of the Presbyterian church.

## Lions Club Officers To Be Installed At Friday Night Meet

A new slate of officers for the year 1960-61 will be installed by the regular meeting of the Clinton Lions Club Friday night at 7:30 at the Mary Musgrove Hotel.

International Counselor Victor G. Chapman of Anderson, will conduct the installation service.

The following men have been elected to serve for the coming year: H. F. Blacklock, president; L. N. Warren, T. Heath Copeland, and W. C. Neely, vice-presidents; Sammie Piskin, secretary; J. A. Orr, treasurer; J. H. Hunter, Lion tamer; Bob Womack and Billy Pitts, tail twisters; Don Creighton and Marion E. Lawson, new directors; David T. Nixon, Harry Y. McSwain, George Cornelson and James L. Walker are carry-over directors.

Rembert Truluck, the retiring president is the only International Counselor to serve as president of the Clinton club, having been elected to the Board of International Counselors at the convention in New York shortly before taking office as president of the Clinton club.

## Homecoming At Leesville Church

Annual Homecoming Day will be observed at Leesville Southern Methodist Church Sunday. The regular services will be held.

Church school 10:00, preaching at 11:00 by the visiting minister, Rev. A. M. Oliver. Picnic dinner will be served about 12:30.

Revival services are being held each evening at 8:00 this week with Rev. Oliver doing the preaching. The Rev. George C. Howell is pastor of the church.

## Little Girl Injured

Friends of Major and Mrs. Harry F. Lowman will be interested to know their little daughter, Harriet, who was injured Saturday evening in a fall from a motor bike, is improving at the General Hospital in Greenville. Major Lowman, who was in Korea on duty with the U. S. Army, flew home, arriving in Greenville Tuesday, to be with Mrs. Lowman and family.



## Leaders of Clinton Jaycee Chapter

These new officers of the Clinton Jaycee Chapter were installed Monday evening to serve for the coming year. Left to right, they are Ralph Bozard, treasurer; Lamont Krimminger, vice-president; George Whitehead, president; Allen Trammell, secretary; and Lawrence Young, vice-president.—Photo by Dan Yarborough.

## George Thomas Lyles Dies From Injuries In Car Wreck Saturday

George Thomas Lyles, 32, died Sunday night from injuries he received in a one-car accident on Highway 76 near here early Saturday morning.

Highway Patrol Cpl. Grady Jones said Lyles was injured when his 1960 Ford convertible went out of control on a curve and overturned several times about 3:30 a. m. Saturday.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce D. Lyles of 808 Fleming St., Laurens.

Surviving in addition to the parents are two brothers, W. S. Lyles of Laurens; and William D. Lyles of the U. S. Navy in Charleston; and three sisters, Mrs. Billy Compton of Florence; Mrs. Ray Brown of Belvedere; and Mrs. Earl Coker of Laurens.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 5 p. m. at Kennedy Mortuary by the Rev. Grange S. Cothran and the Rev. Herbert Bailey. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Lyles was a weaver at Watts Mill.

## Women Of Synod In School Here

Presbyterian women from throughout South Carolina are assembled on the Presbyterian College campus this week for their 13th annual Synodical Training School.

Some 140 are registered as full time participants, taking part in the entire five-day program of this accredited school. This total has been more than doubled by visitors who have commuted to attend at least one of the sessions.

The training school, meeting for the seventh consecutive year on the PC campus, began with Monday registration. It will extend through the awarding of diplomas and certificates in the early afternoon Friday.

Mrs. J. Melvin Thompson of Olanita, synodical president, serves as dean of the school.

## Graydon Leads

Official returns of the first primary election show that Hubert Graydon led in the race for the House of Representatives with a vote of 3,013.

Marshall Abercrombie, who was reported as the leader in unofficial returns, had 2,984 votes.

## For Five Offices

### County Voters to Name Candidates on Tuesday

Laurens County Democrats will go to the polls Tuesday for the first primary, as was William T. Jones, of Greenwood, to his post as Solicitor of the 8th Circuit.

The County Democratic Executive Committee, meeting in Laurens Thursday, certified the winners for County Commissioner and the Magistrate posts as nominees of the party. The committee had previously certified the unopposed candidates.

Also, nominees were named in balloting for a U. S. Senator, and Solicitor (prosecuting attorney) for the 8th Judicial Circuit.

At stake in next Tuesday's primary is the seat for the county's State Senator, three seats in the House of Representatives, offices of Sheriff and Coroner, and a Magistrate for Hunter Township in Joanna.

In the second race for the State Senate will be King Dixon, Laurens business man, and Justin A. Bridges, attorney of Laurens.

Six men will vie for three places in the House of Representatives. They are Marshall W. Abercrombie, Hubert T. Graydon, C. J. Hart, T. David Sloan, Jr., David S. Taylor, and William H. McNiach.

Contending for the post of Sheriff will be R. Eugene Johnson and Caldwell W. Wier.

In the run-off for Coroner will be Marshall N. Pressley and Al Rawl.

J. Derrill Bozard and R. C. Wilkie will battle it out for Magistrate at Joanna.

In the first primary, Paul S. O'Dell and George M. Peviani were nominated for the two positions as County Commissioners.

Walter E. Dunlap was unopposed for Clerk of Court, as were Mrs. Lucille M. Watts for Magistrate of Laurens Township, E. P. Boatman for Magistrate of Cross Hill Township, Troy C. Davis for Magistrate of Waterloo Township, and Archie C. Owens for Magistrate of Sullivan Township.

Nominated as Magistrates were Sam H. McCrary in Hunter Township at Clinton, Robert N. Bigham in Jacks Township, Robert S. Elmore in Scaufftown Township, C. M. Curry in Dials Township, and Claude A. Patton in Youngs Township.

Strom Thurmond was returned to

## Legion Juniors To Meet Greenville Here Tonight At 8

Clinton's American Legion Juniors will meet Greenville tonight (Thursday) at the Clinton Mill park at 8 o'clock.

The local team has played four games in the current schedule, losing all four, two of them by one-run margins.

Scores of games to date: Parker 7-4, Greer 8-4, Greenville 14-13, Greer 8-7. The game with Greenville Saturday night was a four-hour slugfest.

## Edwins Named Staff Manager Liberty Life

Elliot C. Edwin, formerly a representative in the Clinton branch of Liberty Life Insurance Company, has been named a staff manager in that office, according to an announcement by Herman N. Hipp, agency vice-president.

A native of Orangeburg, Mr. Edwin joined Liberty Life in May, 1954. Prior to that he was manager of a local department store.

Mr. Edwin is an active member of the First Baptist Church of this city, is a veteran of World War II, and a member of the American Legion. He is also a Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin, the former Miss Annie Lou McElhannon, of Orangeburg, are the parents of three children.



## Get Joanna Club Awards

Two Joanna men received awards last week at the annual ladies night celebration of the Joanna Lions Club. Pictured here in the upper photo, Dr. D. H. McFadden (left) is presented the "Citizens of the Year" award by Lion James T. Addison. In the lower photo, Carson Nabors (left) gets the award for "Lion of the Year" from Lion Claude Lawson.



## Class Completes 14 Weeks of Study

These members of a Dale Carnegie class completed 14 weeks of study and were presented certificates of graduation at a dinner at Hotel Mary Musgrove on June 14 by Walter Farrow, instructor. The class, sponsored by the Clinton Jaycees, met once a week in Neville Hall at Presbyterian College. Studies included memory training, human relations, and public speaking.

Front, left to right: Allen Trammell, William Johnson, Tommy Hollis, J. Robert Cox, all of Clinton; Lewis Thompson, Joanna; George Whitehead, Clinton; Walter Farrow, of Greenville, instructor; Lawrence Young, Clin-

ton; Carl Hagen, Laurens. Back row: Bob Cromer, graduate assistant, Greenville; Blair Martin, Clinton; Willie Grogan, Clinton; Luther Nabors, Laurens; Bobby Womack, Clinton; J. R. Bryan, Clinton; Maynard Schiabe, Laurens; Jim Bradford, Clinton; Carson Nabors, Joanna; Bailey Dixon, Clinton; Don Creighton, Clinton; Louie Nabors, Joanna; Lamont Krimminger, Clinton; and Fred Payne, graduate assistant, Greenville. Absent when picture was made: Ted Prevatte and Kenneth McCrary, both of Clinton.—Photo by Dan Yarborough.