

SAM OWENS, '52



MARVIN MANLEY, '51

Tackle

about 30 players in uniform.

their high school days.

COURT ROOM CLEARED

for her life. The defendant adamant- the bullet.

the girl or threatening her life.

take any more.'

erly drawn was denied.

which they conducted the defense.

GRIFFIN TESTIFIES



RUDOLPH HAMRICK, '53 . RHB

Clinton-Laurens Alumni Battle To 6-6 Tie Saturday

Clinton and Laurens High Schools tackling, some good passes, and a fight. fought to a 6-6 tie here Saturday excellent running. Each team had Under cross examination, hownight in the second annual game. Players were former athletes of two schools, some being grad-

uates of the early 1950s. Held here on the high school's

Samples Gets . . .

(Continued from page one) 1959. She worked in the weave room leaving the children with her mothand he in the spinning room, she er.

She further testified that she saw ow testified that when she and Samhim at different places. Solicitor ples arrived in Iowa that she began Jones asked if she saw him in pub- worrying about her children and ant, testified that she went out the lic places. She answered, "Not ev. that Samples agreed to place a telephone call to her husband.

she and Samples left Clinton "on a three met at Newport on July 8, Mrs. Mason's testimony.

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Cox Home & Auto testfiled that Mason, an employee tion. Supply

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Crain, another employee, and O'Shields.

Griffin said Mason pushed through a crowd that had gathered, grabbed O'Shields by the hair, twisted his head to one side and

The witness said that after firing the shot, Mason said, "By God, that stopped them."

Mason, who took the stand in his own defense, testified that he went outside to 'break up a fight."

The defendant told of seeing O'Shields on the ground with Andy Crain, another tavern employee, on top of him. Mason said he stooped down and started to tap, him (O'Shields) with the side of the

"Just about the time I started to ap him I heard a gun fire," the efendant testified. 'I did not shoot

im. My gun never fired.' Mason testified that he never kept the pistol loaded. Another defense witness, Coy Brewer, had testified earlier that he had fired the gun twice the afternoon before the

"I just presumed he (Brewer) unloaded it," Mason testified. He explained that he usually kept seven shells in the clip and that he normally kept the clip outside the gun. Apparently alluding to Brewer's testimon that he had fired the gun twice. Mason said, "There were still five shells when we unloaded it

after the boy was killed." The pistol, identified as a Czechoslovakian 32 calibre semi-automatc, has a capacity of nine rounds, but Mason said he kept only seven in the clip because the pistol fired better if the full nine rounds were not loaded.

Mason stoutly denied making any statement before or after the boy was shot. State witnesses earlier had testified that Mason had said, 'I'll stop them," when he came out of the building and "By God, that stopped them," after the youth was

Wilder Field, the game was played Mason testified that on the night under regulation high school rules. of the shooting he had considerable Attendance was from 800 to 1,000, "trouble" with some of the 75 cusand the net proceeds were applied tomers at the tavern. All of them to the indebtedness of the new were drinking, he said, and many were drunk. He said that at least Spectators saw a surprisingly one fight broke out inside the place Teams representing alumni of good brand of football, with hard before he went outside to 'break up

> ever, Mason admitted that there Jimmie Braswell, Clinton's quar. was no actual fight in progress outterback, scored on a one-yard side. He said Crain was holding O'Shields on the ground and several sneak, and Gene Lemmons, Laurens fullback, scored on a 50-yard other persons were "standing around over them.'

> Other defense witnesses heard Shown above are four of the Clin-Wednesday included Joanne Campton players as they appeared in bell, who testified that she was "standing in front of the door" at the time of the incident, but heard! no shot. Later she testified that "it sounded like a firecracker from a The attractive brown-haired wid-

Mrs. Mason, wife of the defendbut "it didn't sound loud." When Mason raised up after stooping over Mrs. Attaway, mother of a 10- Both she and Samples talked to O'Shields he said to her, "Lord have year-old son, in answer to questions Attaway and the latter agreed to mercy; go back in the building; you put by the solicitor, testified that meet them at Newport, Tenn. The might get killed," according to

trip" on May 27 of this year. She according to her testimony and Brewer told of firing the gun said they had no specific destination "discussed it fully." She said that twice during the afternoon behind she "agreed to come back to Fred- the building. He said he knew that. She testified that Samples told die, and that Samples left Newport firing had also been done in front her that he had discussed the mat- and that she and her husband re- of the building on other occasions, ter with his wife and told her that turned to Clipton the next day and but did not know whether the same he was leaving. Mrs. Attaway said it was agreed that they would make gun had been used. He testified that she left a note for her husband after an effort "to make a go" of their he handed the gun back to Mason after firing it and that it was cock-Also in answer to defense coun- ed at the time.

sel's questioning she testified that State witnesses heard during Attaway had a pistol at the meeting Wednesday's session included Idenin Newport. She testified that after tification Officer M. N. Cate of the Samples left them at Newport she State Law Enforcement Division, had seen him only once before the who testified that his tests showed morning of the fatal stabbing and that the bullet found buried in the that was a casual meeting on the ground at the front of the building was fired by the pistol identified as the death weapon. However, tests to In the Heaton case, Judge Lewis determine whether an empty cartcleared the court room of all spec- ridge found at the site had been

tators after the first state witness, fired in the gun were inconclusive, Dr. George R. Blalock of Clinton, he said. had testified. All other witnesses Mr. Cate testified that clearly were heard behind closed doors. | identifiable powder burns might be Before passing sentence, Judge absent from a bullet wound if the Lewis told the defendant, "You muzzle of the gun had been placed have been convicted of a repulsive against the skin. He said in such a case the full charge, including gas-The prosecution witness testified es and powder, would enter the that she was forced to have rela- flesh and the resulting marking tions with the defendant out of fear might be mistaken as residue from

ly denied ever having relations with Earlier in the case a Laurens physician had testified that he ob-In reciting events leading up to served no powder burns around the the alleged attack on the night of fatal wound when he examined the July 27 the prosecuting witness tes- victim shortly before he died. tified that "I was afraid of him . . FORGES DOCTORS NAMES

I finally gave up ... I just couldn't Harold E. Lawson, 40 was charged with taking out insurance poli-Another state witness testified to cies under fictitious names and hearing Heaton tell the girl, "I'll forging doctors' names to death blow your brains out," and hearing certificates to collect the death her reply, "I wish you would kill claims. me," on the night of the alleged at- Solicitor W. T. Jones told the

court that Lawson had pursued the Heaton took the stand in his own scheme over a period of two years defense and was the only witness while he was an agent for Durham presented by the defense. He admit- Life Insurance Co., and had netted ted striking the gir!, but said it was \$27,750 in life insurance benefits. only after she had struck him. He An investigation began when sudenied any sex relations with her. perfors in the company prompted

As the trial got underway a de- a follow-up letter to a beneficiary. fense motion to quash the indict- It was returned to the company ment on the grounds it was improp- with an "address unknown" stamp. Defense Attorney O. L. Long call-A motion for a new trial also was ed it "one of the most fantastic schemes I have ever heard of." He Judge Lewis complimented Hea- said 150 policies were involved. Anton's court-appointed counsel, At- other 100 had been cancelled by the torneys Justin Bridges and T. Da. company, the attorney said. "This

vid Slion, Jr., for the manner in man had been paying a tremendous amount of premiums. The attorney said he attempted Connie Odell Griffin, a compan- to learn from the company how ion of O'Shields on the night that much the defendant had paid in, O'Shields was slain, April 11, 1959, but was unable to get the informa-

of the former Armstrong place, a Solicitor Jones said that Lawson tavern on the Laurens-Greenville forged the names of Clinton and highway near Gray Court, came Joanna doctors to death certificates Customer Satisfaction Guaranteed out and said, "I'll stop them," in to collect claims on 50 of the 150 Clinton referring to a fight between Andy policies.

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