

Advisory Referendum November 14

Voter Turnout Encouraged For Courthouse Proposal

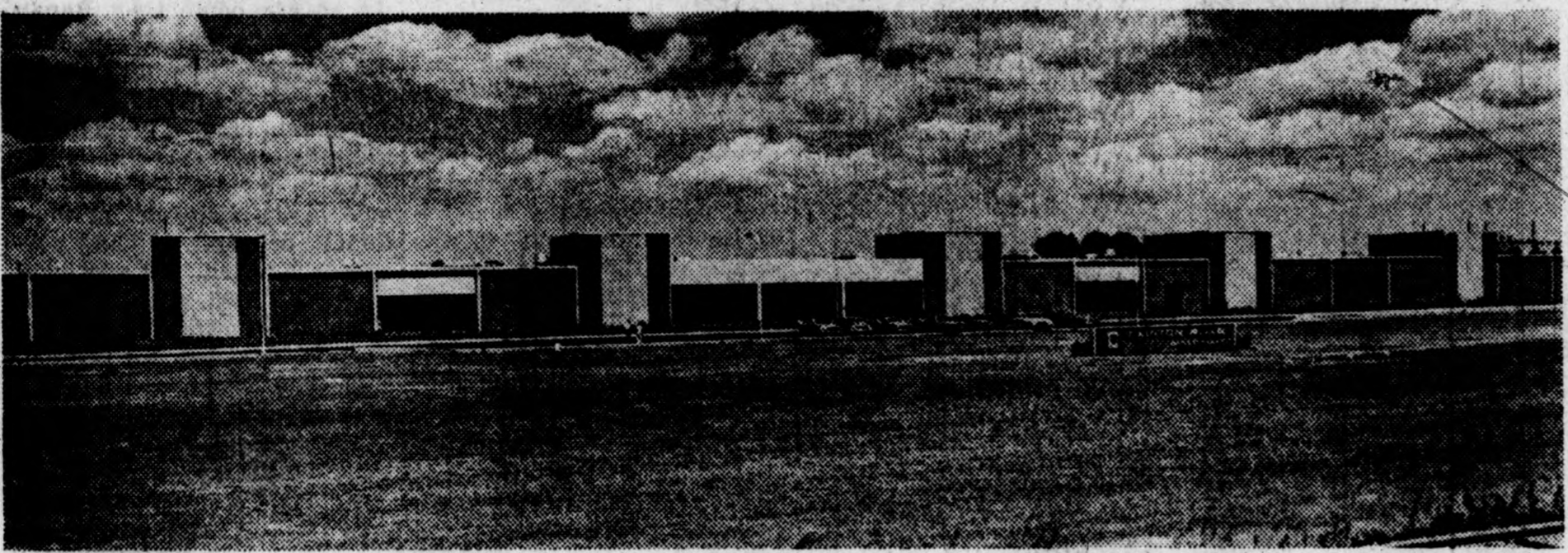
"Don't let 10 or 15 per cent of the voters of Laurens County decide whether we get a new courthouse. We want to know what a majority of the people want, regardless of whether this proposal is approved," R. L. Plaxico told Clinton Rotarians at a Tuesday luncheon meeting.

of the General Assembly would ratify that constitutional amendment. Then one-third of the registered voters in the county would have to petition the governor to call a special election concerning whether to move the courthouse seat from its present location to the proposed location. In that election, two-thirds of those who vote in the election must vote in favor of the proposal in order for it to be finalized.

Plaxico said that it will be at least 1969 before construction work could be started. (Continued on Page 2)

Sample Ballot

A sample ballot for the advisory courthouse referendum is on page 28 and information about voting places is listed in a legal notice on page 19.



Bailey Plant Open House Set

Clinton Mills will dedicate its \$8 million Bailey Plant with brief ceremonies here Sunday, then open it to the public.

More than 5,000 persons are expected to tour the new spinning and weaving plant during the open house from 2:15 to 6 p. m. Robert M. Vance, president of Clinton Mills, will speak during the dedication beginning at 2 p. m.

The open house will feature a fiber-to-fabric

tour of the plant, with some machinery in actual operation, plus a display area.

The plant produces blended cloth of polyester and combed cotton for the apparel trades.

Clinton Mills, a privately-owned textile company, has three other plants. The Bailey Plant marks the company's first use of synthetic fibers after 71 years as an all-cotton manufacturer.

R. H. McGee Dies; Rites Slated Today

Clinton druggist R. Henry McGee, 66, died early Wednesday afternoon at Bailey Memorial Hospital.

A native of Anderson County he had lived in Laurens County for the past 33 years. He operated a drug store in Joanna before opening McGee's Drug Store in Clinton.

A resident of 203 S. Adair St., he was a son of Mrs. Maggie Grubbs and the late Dr. William Glenn McGee. He was a member of First Baptist Church and was a director of Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Other survivors include his wife, Edna Campbell McGee; two sons, Joseph William McGee of Clinton and Robert Glenn McGee of Greenville; a brother, George McGee of Walhalla; four sisters, Misses Sara and Margaret McGee, and Mrs. Shelby Crowther, all of Anderson, and Mrs. Ed C. Gilmer of Rock Hill.

Funeral services are to be conducted today, Thursday, at 2 p. m., at Gray Funeral Home with the Rev. J. H. Darr officiating. Burial will be in the Belton Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Dave Pitts, Sloan Todd, J. B. Hart, Grady Adair, Broadus and Howard McGee.

Clinton-Laurens Road Opening Ceremonies Friday

U. S. Route 76, recently widened to four lanes between Clinton and Laurens, will be officially opened with formal ribbon-cutting ceremonies at 11 a. m. Friday, Nov. 3.

State Senator W. C. Dobbins who is in charge of arrangements, announced that Chief Highway Commissioner Silas N. Pearman of Columbia would be the principal speaker and that the exercises would be presided over by S. J. Workman of Woodruff, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

The public is invited to the exercises.

Addresses of welcome will be brought by Mayor I. A. Griggs of Laurens and Mayor Noland B. Suddeth of Clinton. The invocation will be given by Dr. Robert S. Cooper, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Laurens, and the benediction will be given by the Rev. E. W. Rogers, pastor of the Board Street Methodist Church in Clinton.

Senator Dobbins will cut the ribbon officially opening the Highway to traffic and



S. N. PEARMAN

the following will participate: Mr. Workman and Mr. Pearman, House Representatives David S. Taylor and W. Paul Culbertson of Laurens county and District Highway Commissioner Earl H. Bergen of Newberry.

The exercises will be held at the intersection of the new four lane improvement of U. S. 76 Bypass east of Laurens.

Businessmen, Students Attend State Symposium

Representatives of the Greater Clinton Chamber of Commerce and Presbyterian College today were to attend a college business symposium in Columbia.

The symposium is sponsored by the state Chamber of Commerce and the local representatives are sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Local representatives were W. R. Anderson and W. C. Baldwin, representing the local Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Fred Chapman and Dr. Mike Marr of the Presbyterian College Economics Dept., students Robert Lynn, Randall Grant, Robert Station, Richard Galloway and Richard Quillen.

Purpose of the symposium is to give college students a better understanding of the business community.

John Lumpkin of Columbia, president of South Carolina National Bank, was to be the moderator.

Discussion leaders were to be Charles A. Gibson, president of Burlington Industries Cotton Mills, discussing automation, technology and employment; Archie K. Davis, chairman of the board of directors of Wachovia, discussing living with inflation; Richard D. Karfunkle, business economist with DuPont, discussing government's role in economic growth.

Knight Wins Grid Contest Third Time

For the third time this season, Erskine Knight is a winner.

Knight, of 400 Academy St., is this week's winner of the Chronicle's football contest. He missed only three out of 20 predictions and wins the \$25 first prize.

Knight won first prize once before and took second prize money on another occasion. He actually tied for first that time but had to settle for second because his tie-breaker score wasn't close enough.

Second place this week was a close battle but John Glenn Browder of 171 Cypress St. wins the \$10 prize. Browder was one of 19 contestants who missed four predictions but he wins on the basis of his tie-breaker score of Clinton 39, Newberry 6. The score in that game was 40-7.

Charles Marler, a former Clinton High School and Shrine Bowl football star, had the same margin but he predicted it Clinton 33, Newberry 0. Browder's point distribution was more nearly correct.

This week's contest is on page 24.

Downtown Sales Promotion Planned

A major downtown sales promotion opens this weekend and is sponsored by the Special Events Committee of the Greater Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

The six-week promotion will feature free gifts from merchants with drawings held at the participating stores at 5 p. m. on Saturdays.

Drawings will be held each Saturday through Dec. 9.

Tickets will be destroyed after each week's drawing. The winner does not have to

be present at the drawing to win.

Each participating store will display an 11-inch by 14-inch sign, indicating their participation in the promotion.

Anyone 18 years of age or over can register in each individual store every day, if he wishes, for a prize to be given away that week in that store.

The first week's prizes and participating stores are listed in an advertisement in today's Chronicle.

City Tax Notices Mailed Out

City of Clinton tax notices were to be mailed out this week, according to City Clerk Brooks Owens.

The tax rate of 53 mills is unchanged from last year. The rate has remained the same for about 17 years.

The tax notices will cover ad valorem taxes on both real and personal property.

Presbyterian Leader To Address PC Board

Dr. Marshall C. Dendy, moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. General Assembly, will be the featured speaker at the eighth annual meeting of the Presbyterian College Board of Visitors tonight.

A PC alumnus who serves as executive-secretary of the

Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, Dr. Dendy will address the opening dinner session scheduled for 7:30 p. m. in Greenville Dining Hall.

Malcolm P. Niven, Greenville business leader who is chairman of the Board of Visitors, will preside. Dr. Dendy will be introduced by Dr. Louis LaMotte of Maxton, N. C., former president of Presbyterian Junior College. PC President Marc C. Weersing will welcome the group to the campus, and the college choir will render special music.

The Visitors will continue their meeting on Friday morning. After 8 a. m. breakfast with student leaders and a student program, the group will assemble for the 9:30 a. m. business session at which Dr. Weersing will report on Presbyterian College and new officers will be elected.



DR. DENDY

City Council Meets Monday

Clinton City Council will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday night at city hall. The meeting is to start at 7:30 p. m.

The city is to receive the auditors' report on the annual audit.



'HORSESHOE'S' DESCENDANT

—The legendary 'Horseshoe' Robertson has a pretty descendant in Carol Thompson, a junior psychology major at Presbyterian College. Carol is pic-

tured at Horseshoe Falls which are named for her great-great-great-grandfather because of his Revolutionary War exploits there.—(Yarborough Photo)

'Horseshoe's' Descendant At PC

BY DONNY WILDER
Chronicle Editor

Yes, Virginia, there was a "Horseshoe" Robertson.

His great-great-great-great-granddaughter is a junior at Presbyterian College.

Carol R. Thompson of Waynesboro, Miss., is a descendant of the famed "Horseshoe" Robertson around whom so much of the Clinton area's history and folklore revolve.

The fact that she is now attending college near the site of "Horseshoe's" Revolutionary War exploits is pure happenstance.

Carol, a blue-eyed brunette, says, "I attended Mississippi State College for Women for two years. Then I wanted to attend a church-related college in the Carolinas for my last two years. I'm a Presbyterian and eventually I nar-

rowed the field down to Presbyterian College."

Carol, whose parents now live in England where her father is helping to establish a Sunbeam Electric plant, says she had never heard of Mary Musgrove until she came to Clinton. She knew all about "Horseshoe" Robertson but she didn't know the story of how Mary Musgrove fed him and provided him

with information while he was hiding under the water fall which is now known as Horseshoe Falls.

"We were eating dinner at the Mary Musgrove Hotel when I first came here and I started asking questions about Mary Musgrove. That was the first time I had heard the story. Wouldn't it have been romantic if they had married?"

Gailbraith "Horseshoe" Robertson was captured by the British near what is now Clinton but escaped. He hid beneath a waterfall near Mary Musgrove's home and she kept him supplied with food and daily information about the British. She and Robertson also helped Major Arthur Butler escape from the British. The information supplied by Robertson is credited with helping defeat the British at the battle of Musgrove Mill. That battle is said to have shaken Tory strength in upper South Carolina.

Mary Musgrove and "Horseshoe" Robertson did not marry. Mary's fiancée, John Ramsey, died during the war and she died soon after the war.

Robertson, who married Sarah Norris, moved to Tuscaloosa, Ala. He and some of his children are buried near Sanders Ferry, 12 miles from Tuscaloosa. The remainder of his family are buried at West Point, Miss. Robertson died at age 79.

Carol is a descendant of the Robertsons on her mother's side of the family. Her grandfather, Raymond R. Weems still resides in West Point, Miss. He was married to the great-great-great-granddaughter of Robertson.



PEANUT PUSHERS — The Clinton Junior High School teacher at right isn't really straining as hard as it appears. Look closely and you'll see that the head belongs to a student who is trying to take a picture. Math Teacher Lindsay Randall, left, and Coach Bill Rhodes engaged in a peanut pushing contest this week after students took them up on a dare. The teachers said if the students could sell \$500 worth of magazine subscrip-

tions over the weekend, they'd stage a contest of pushing peanuts across the stage. The students sold over \$500 worth of subscriptions, raising the total amount sold to \$5,028. The goal was \$4,500. Miss Ruth Hair's class led the sales with \$1,092.88. High salesman was Davy Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Sanders. Proceeds will be used for library books and other school projects.