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In Municipal Democratic Primary

Clinton Voters Go To Polls Tuesday

Two contests for nomination to Clinton City Council seats will be featured when voters go to the polls Tuesday in the municipal Democratic Primary.

Dewey Oxner opposes incumbent Lynn Cooper, Sr. in Ward 4 and George N. King, Jr., opposes incumbent Fred Bragg in Ward 3.

Incumbent councilmen who are unopposed are Boyd Holtzclaw in Ward 1; Truman Owens in Ward 2; George Bagwell in Ward 5 and Talmadge Sanders in Ward 6.

Also unopposed is Harry Layton, candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor. The polls will open at 8:00 a. m. and close

at 7 p.m. The three polling places for municipal elections are City Hall, the Armory and Clinton Mill Community Center.

Voters living in Wards 1 and 2 will vote at City Hall; Wards 3-4 at the Armory; and Wards 5-6 at the Clinton Mill Community Center.

Approximately 3,000 voters will be eligible to cast ballots in the primary. County registration figures for the precincts are: Civ. Hall, 1,327; Armory, 1,404; and Clinton Mill, 1,000. However, some of the voters who vote at those places during county elections are not eligible to vote in city elections because they reside outside the city limits.

The candidates are voted on at-large, meaning they must reside in the ward which they seek to represent but voters in all wards cast ballots in the contest.

The Republicans will field only one candidate for the August 13 municipal general election. Incumbent Mayor Noland Suddeth will face Layton in the general election. The Republicans did not nominate any candidates for city council.

Radio Station WLBG will broadcast the election returns of the Clinton City Democratic Primary on Tuesday, July 16, beginning at 7:00 o'clock.



CRUMPLED BIKE TIRE AT DEATH SCENE ... on S.C. 56 Near Clinton

(Photo by Bill Quarles)

Bike-Car Wreck Kills Boy, 9

Steve Clifton Vance, a nine-year-old Route 2, Clinton boy, was fatally injured Wednesday, July 3, when the bicycle he was riding struck the side of an automobile on S.C. 56, about two miles south of Clinton.

the holidays when the accident occurred.

Laurens County Sheriff Eugene Johnson said the victim rode from a private driveway into the right front side of the southbound automobile.

The youth was dead on arrival at Bailey Memorial Hospital after the 11:55 a.m. accident. Cause of death was head injuries, according to Laurens County Coroner Marshall Pressley.

Survivors include the boy's mother, Mrs. Lydia Mae Vance; a sister, Miss Betty Sue Vance of Clinton; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vance of Clinton.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at New Bethel A.M.E. Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Driver of the 1967 Ford was identified as Laval Hipp Johnson, 21 of Route 3, Newberry, Johnson, a Clemson University student, was on his way home for

Greenwood Mills Negotiating For Finishing Plant

ORANBURG — Negotiations are underway to enable Greenwood Mills of Greenwood to acquire Fabric Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Monsanto Company of St. Louis, Mo. Fabric Services operates a dyeing and finishing plant here.

The plant here employs approximately 500 persons and has a \$3 million annual payroll. This modern facility was built for the dyeing and finishing of polyester-cotton blend fabrics as well as other blends of man-made fibers.

Greenwood Mills has 16 plants in Greenwood and Laurens Counties which employ more than 6,000 persons and have an annual payroll of approximately \$35 million.

Thus, the acquisition at Orangeburg will place the company's annual payroll at approximately \$38 million.



JULY 4th ACCIDENT — Rescue workers attempt to free Noah Thomas Miller from the wreckage of a wrecker which overturned down a steep embankment on U.S. 276 near Clinton on Thursday, July 4th. Miller, 46, of Pineville, Ky., was pinned in the wreckage for 30 minutes. He was in critical condition Wednesday at Greenville General Hospital. Miller's wife, Virginia, and daughter, Dianne, 4, were listed in good condition Wednesday at Bailey Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Miller was thrown from the vehicle and the daughter was found in the cab. The wrecker was towing a tractor rig when the accident occurred on U.S. 276 near the intersection with Interstate 26. —(Photo by Paul Quinton)

Sen. Long Addresses Rotary Club

A groundswell of support for a return to law and order is needed in this country, State Sen. John D. Long of Union County told Clinton Rotarians Tuesday.

Long, the Democratic nominee for one of two seats in the Fifth State Senatorial District, said, "It's time for the people to wake up and let government know how they feel. If everyone would write their elected representatives, there would be a groundswell of support for a return to law and order and respect for the principles upon which this nation was founded."

Sen. Long said that court decisions have taken away individual right of domain over private property. He also said that the Supreme Court decisions on prayer in public schools hampers the development of young people in their formative years. He pointed out that the Supreme Court opens its sessions with prayer and that the Congress does likewise.

He said law enforcement officers are being hampered by recent court decisions and added, "We have to get some law back on the side of the law officer."

He also said, "You as individuals often don't realize the significance of these decisions until they affect you directly, and often it is then too late. Keep abreast of these developments and let your representatives know how you feel about them."

133 Attend Summer School

A total of 133 students are enrolled in the second term of Presbyterian College's 1968 summer school, Registrar Roslyn Martin announced today.

She said 98 men and 35 women registered for the new 4-1/2 week session which began Monday and will extend through August 9.

Austrian Joins Faculty At PC

Hemrick Giannoni, a native of Austria who taught as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Buffalo, is returning to the United States this fall to become assistant professor of German at Presbyterian College.

Council Hears Protests On Garbage Fee, Parking

Protests about parking and the new garbage dump fee were heard Tuesday night by Clinton City Council.

Council promised to investigate both situations.

Posey Watts Copeland, developer of the Lakewood subdivision, protested the new garbage dumping fee. Last month, council passed an ordinance which increased the fee from \$10 to \$25 per month for commercial garbage haulers using the city landfill.

Copeland said that some contractors and industry are using the dump without charge but he and John Rice, a commercial

hauler, are being charged a fee.

He said that the fee is too high and should be charged on a per-load basis. Copeland said he offers garbage collection as a service for his residential development and that he doesn't haul as much garbage as does commercial haulers yet he pays the same fee.

He asked that council either lower the fee or put it on a per-load basis. No motion was forthcoming but councilmen promised to investigate the situation, primarily concerning businesses which are hauling garbage from outside the city limits to the dump and aren't paying the fee.

A delegation of merchants protested the parking situation downtown, primarily in connection with Pickens Street.

D. B. Smith, manager of Belk, said that one of his customers drove to Pickens Street at the rear of his store to load an air-conditioner which he had purchased and was given a \$5 parking ticket.

In addition to the lack of loading space and adequate parking facilities, Smith protested the fact that police began giving \$5 parking tickets instead of the usual 50-cent ticket, without notice.

Joe Holland, president of the Merchants Association, said that he supported Smith's protest and said, "he deserves some 10 to 15 minute parking zones."

Charles Buice, manager of Maxwell Brothers, said, "We should go further in making our plans for the future. Something should be done by the city to study the parking needs and what to do about it."

Smith suggested that money should be refunded to those who recently received \$5 tickets "because it's unfortunate that it started like this, without any notice."

Alderman Fred Bragg Jr. said that he had investigated the situation and that at that time 31 \$5 tickets had been given and 21 had already been paid. A member of the merchants delegation said that a more recent check showed that about 90 of the \$5 parking tickets had been given.

After further discussion, Holland said the Merchants Association would discuss it at its meeting Tuesday and would make a recommendation to council.

In another action, council set a holiday policy which says that employees must be on the job the day before and the day after a holiday in order to get credit for a paid holiday.

Mayor Invites Public To Study City Report

Clinton Mayor Noland Suddeth Monday night issued an open invitation for citizens to come to city hall and study the city's nine-month financial statement.

Suddeth said, "There have been

a lot of rumors going around town that we have overspent and that we are in financial trouble. This is not true and I think anyone can see it by studying our nine-month financial statement."

He said, "According to my calculations, we are 2.3 per cent to the good, concerning our expenditures and revenues."

Of the total budget of \$1,056,600 there is a balance of \$194,924.20, leaving 18.4 per cent unspent, according to the nine-month report.

The city's fiscal year ends Aug. 31 and taxes are collectable after October.

UF Committee Meets Wednesday

The Budget and Admissions Committee of the Greater Clinton United Fund will meet Wednesday, July 17, at the Mary Musgrove Hotel.

The meeting will start at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Shook Heads Publicity For United Fund

Mrs. Ervin Shook has been named publicity chairman of the Greater Clinton United Fund campaign.

A native of Clinton, she is the former Betty Jean Sumerel, daughter of Mrs. W. W. Sumerel and the late Mr. Sumerel. A graduate of Clinton High School, she attended Furman University.

She and her family reside on Elm Street.

Mrs. Donny Wilder will serve on the Publicity Committee with Mrs. Shook.

County Council Study Planned

Reps. David Taylor and Paul Culbertson plan to appoint a committee to study the county council method of operation prior to the next session of the General Assembly.

Legislation which would set up a county council for Laurens County was introduced and amended during the recently adjourned session but it died when Taylor and Culbertson and State Sen. W. C. (Bill) Dobbins disagreed on some aspects of the legislation.

Taylor and Culbertson introduced the original bill which would set up a county council in Laurens County in 1971. Sen. Dobbins, defeated by Union County's Sen. John Long in the Democratic Primary, amended the bill to move the date up to 1969 since Laurens County might be without a resident senator.

Dobbins' amendment also eliminated the county supervisor as a member of the council. The original legislation made the supervisor as a member of the council. The original legislation made the supervisor chairman of the council.

After the legislation died with the adjournment of the General Assembly, Rep. Taylor said, "We probably will appoint a committee to study the operation of county government in other counties prior to the next session of the General Assembly. We will introduce legislation next year to give Laurens County some form of home rule."

"In the meantime, we feel that a statewide home rule bill will be passed.

"In my 'stump speaking' talks, I said that some form of home rule legislation will be implemented in Laurens County two years from now and I intend to stick by it.

"We couldn't go along with Sen. Dobbins' proposals because we couldn't agree on some aspects and didn't have time to reach an agreement. For example, his amendments would put the two recently re-elected county commissioners on the county council. They were not elected as county councilmen and we would, in effect, be appointing them to positions to which they had not been elected."

Taylor apparently has had some second thoughts about making the county supervisor chairman of the county council.

He said, "The supervisor would be appropriating and spending county money so I can see where there could be some drawbacks there. Our supervisor was elected two years ago to a four-year term so I don't believe we could divest him of the authority of the position to which he was elected. This is something we'll have to look into."

He added, "We intend to make a thorough study of home rule legislation and methods of operation and we'll have a strong, fair bill when we introduce it next year."

Upper Savannah Area Is Eligible For Aid

A six-county district of South Carolina has become eligible for Federal assistance in planning and carrying out programs for economic growth.

The counties became eligible upon designation as a development district by the Economic Development Administration, an agency established in the U.S. Department of Commerce to assist economic growth in lagging areas of the Nation.

The area is officially known as the Upper Savannah Economic Development District. It includes Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick and Saluda counties. Edgefield, McCormick and Saluda counties are qualified for EDA assistance because of high unemployment.

The aim of the development district program is to encourage counties to pool their talents and resources to combat economic problems that cross county lines and to help create jobs and boost incomes in lagging areas.

The Public Works and Economic Development Act requires that a district must contain two or more EDA-qualified areas and may also include economically healthy counties. It must also include at least one "growth center"—a community of not more than 250,000 persons which can contribute to the development of the lagging areas in the district.

The city of Greenwood and its environs comprise the growth center for the Upper Savannah District.

Today's designation makes these benefits available:

--Bonuses of 10 percent above what they could normally receive in EDA public works grants are available to the three areas which have been qualified for aid.

--The city of Greenwood is eligible for the full range of EDA benefits, which include public works grants and loans, business development loans and technical and planning assistance.

All six counties share in the benefits of economic development planning done by the district's professional staff with the aid of EDA planning grants.

The Upper Savannah Economic Development District, Inc., of Greenwood has prepared an Overall Economic Development Program for the district, a prerequisite to designation.

The district organization includes representatives from each of the six counties. As the official economic development agency for the district, it will help develop specific projects to generate new jobs and increase income in the area.

Clayton L. Roberts of Greenwood is chairman of the district's board of directors.

Other members of the executive committee are Fred D. West, Jr., Abbeville, secretary; Claude Crocker, Clinton; J. R. Wilkie, Plum Branch; J. W. Yonce, Johnston; and F. G. Scurry of Saluda.

LIBRARY GRANT

Presbyterian College has received a \$5,915 Federal grant to strengthen its library, President Marc C. Weersing announced today.

Dr. Chapman Discusses Local Value Of PC

In dollars and cents, Presbyterian College is worth about \$4.4 million per year in generated income to the Clinton area, Dr. Fred Chapman told the Clinton Merchants Association Tuesday morning.

Dr. Chapman, chairman of the Department of Economics at PC, said, "The value of PC's contribution to art and culture in this area is obvious. However, it also has a cold cash value for local merchants."

He said that the college has 190 employees and an annual payroll of \$850,000. This represents a generated income of \$1.8 million, he said. He also pointed out that a survey showed each of the approximately 700 students averaged spending \$100 a month, or \$315,000 over a period of nine-

months, adding another \$1 million to the generated income.

He pointed out that the college has \$8.8 million in assets.

He said, "We have probably the most well-rounded small college in the state. The students are learning to think and they often have to go to the wall and then come back to a more conservative point of view. We often become impatient with people who are still trying to form their ideals but a college has a responsibility to be a bit more liberal than the general public. However, we probably haven't had enough people to speak from the conservative point of view."

He added, "I believe we have the type students you'd want your sons and daughters grow up to be."