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ROUND THE TOWN



Mrs. Stephens Heads UF Residential Div.

Mrs. Louis Stephens has accepted the Chairmanship of the Residential Division of the United Fund of Greater Clinton for the 1968-69 drive...

Mrs. Stephens is the former Lillian Dillard, daughter of Mrs. Gary Dillard and the late Mr. Dillard. She is a graduate of Clinton High School and Coker College.

While at Coker, Mrs. Stephens made an outstanding record which included being elected May Queen, President of the Student Body, and to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the United Fund and has previously worked as a solicitor. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Stephens is the wife of Dr. Louis M. Stephens and they reside at Horseshoe Lane with their three sons.

Mrs. Dick Swetenburg will assist Mrs. Stephens with the Residential Division.

Mrs. Swetenburg, a native of Anderson, is a graduate of Limestone College. The Swetenburgs moved to Clinton from Gainesville, Ga.

They are the parents of three children and reside on Nottingham Road.

Concert Assn. Plans Campaign For Newcomers

Newcomers to the Clinton-Laurens area will have an opportunity the week of September 9 to secure memberships in the Community Concert Association.

The usual drive for new members was held in February, but new residents are invited to purchase memberships for the 1968-69 season during the week of Sept. 9.

The program of artists to be presented will include the Westminster Choir, George Lynn, conductor; Theodor Uppman, baritone; and Hodges and Howard, Duo Pianists. Memberships in the Clinton Association will also admit holders to all concerts in the Anderson and Greenwood programs...

Workers will call on those who have moved into the area since the February drive closed, but should any be overlooked, they are urged to call Mrs. L. H. Savelkoul in Clinton or Mrs. Sarah DeLoach in Laurens.

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MRS. SWETENBURG, LEFT, AND MRS. STEPHENS ... Make Plans For United Fund Residential Drive

(Photo By Truman Owens)

Republicans Stage Big Rally At Mountville

MOUNTVILLE — Marshall Abercrombie of Laurens, candidate for the State Senate, said he must receive 10,500 votes in Laurens County if he is to be elected in November.

Addressing a crowd of over 400 persons at a Mountville Republican precinct rally Saturday night, Abercrombie said, "If I don't receive 10,500 votes in Laurens County, I might as well pack it up now. I will do all right in Newberry County and I will get some votes in Union County but I have to have at least 10,500 votes here in Laurens County."

Abercrombie lashed out at the reapportionment which put Laurens, Newberry and Union counties in the same senatorial district, sharing two senate seats.

He said, "The Democratic bosses in Columbia thought they could get rid of (Republican) Eugene Griffith of Newberry by putting him in a district with Laurens County. But we will show them they're going to wind up with two Republican senators."

Charles Bradshaw of Spartanburg, candidate for Congress, described the "forgotten man" as the lawabiding, responsible, respectable citizen who pays his taxes and believes in the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule.

He said, "The majority is forgotten as this administration cowers before the minority of dissident militants."

He also said, "The Forgotten Man is tax weary, war weary and inflation weary. He must wonder if anyone cares about him. Well, I care, Strom Thurmond cares, Marshall Parker cares, Eugene Griffith cares and Marshall Abercrombie cares."

He said, "If we will organize like the militant dissidents do, we can turn this country around."

U. S. Sen. Strom Thurmond called the November election, "the most important election since I can remember."

He warned his audience that votes for third party candidate George Wallace will help Hubert Humphrey.

He said, "It's either going to be Nixon or Humphrey and if we dissipate our votes, it will help Humphrey. The safest thing is to vote for Nixon."

R.A. Robison, director of S.C. Tax Commission Data Processing Division, said that efforts to locate the 13 have been unsuccessful.

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Bradshaw Plans Local Office

Charles Bradshaw, Republican candidate for Congress, said last week he will open an office in Clinton if he is elected in November.

At a press conference Friday, he said he will open offices in four cities of his district if he is elected to Congress. He said offices would be opened in Greenville, Spartanburg, Laurens and Clinton.

Bradshaw is opposed by Democrat James R. Mann of Greenville in the November election for the seat to be vacated by retiring Congressman Robert T. Ashmore, a Democrat.

Checks Await 13 Area Folks

Thirteen persons who resided in the Clinton area in 1967 have tax refund checks awaiting them at the S.C. Tax Commission office.

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City Council Ceremonies Scheduled For Saturday

Clinton's City Council and new mayor will be sworn in Saturday, Aug. 31, in ceremonies at City Hall.

The ceremonies have been scheduled for 11 a.m.

To be sworn in are Mayor Harry C. Layton; Aldermen Boyd W. Holtzclaw, Ward 1; Truman Owens, Ward 2; Fred Bragg Jr., Ward 3; G. Dewey Oxner, Ward 4; George W. Bagwell, Ward 5; and Talmadge Sanders, Ward 6.

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All members of council are Democrats.

Because Monday is the Labor Day holiday, council's September meeting has been postponed until Sept. 9. The Sept. 9 meeting will be Layton's first in the capacity of mayor. He previously served 10 years on City Council as an alderman.

Bobby Merchant Killed In Pickup Truck Wreck

Robert Lee (Bobby) Merchant Jr., a ninth grader at Clinton High School, was killed Saturday afternoon in an accident about 14 miles west of Newberry.



BOBBY MERCHANT

Merchant, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Merchant of Rt. 1, Kinards was driving a pickup truck which overturned several times on Secondary Road 36-96 about 2:30 p.m. Saturday. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Arthur Lee Floyd, 16, of Newberry, a passenger in the 1968 Dodge pickup, was thrown from the truck as it overturned. He was pronounced in good condition at Newberry Memorial Hospital.

S. C. Highway Patrolman T.M. Nichols said Merchant was driving the truck east on the secondary road when he apparently lost control on a sharp curve. The truck ran off the right side of the road, swerved back into the highway where it overturned five times, landing on its wheels.

Merchant was a native of Newberry and was a member of Hopewell Methodist Church near Joanna. He was a member of the Clinton High School band.

Other survivors include his maternal grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Counts of Newberry; his grandfather, A. J. Merchant Sr. of Rt. 1, Kinards; and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Mary E. Jones of Newberry.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Hopewell Methodist Church with burial in Rosemont Cemetery.

School Resumes At Thornwell

The Thornwell Schools opened last Tuesday with in-service training for the teachers.

Tuesday, J. Clyde Shirley, a representative of the Harper-Rowe Company discussed the importance of "a good English program in all grades." Wednesday, Ivy Smith of the Economy Company discussed "the importance of a good Reading Program or phonics program in all grades."

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Jr. Achievement Board Officers Are Announced

A six man administrative board has been named for the Junior Achievement program's board of directors in Clinton.

Tom Addison, who previously was named president, announced that the following corporate officers have been named from the Board of Directors: Claude Crocker, vice president, program; Gary Lehn, vice president, finance; Calvin Reid, secretary; Harry McSwen, treasurer; and Fred Chapman, program director.

Addison said, "I am personally gratified with the response of the Clinton business community to the idea of a Junior Achievement program in our area. Presently, the administrative detail to get the program underway for this fall is being accomplished."



LT. COL. PATTE

Patte Promoted To Lt. Colonel

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A graduate of Presbyterian College in June 1956, he is now, at 32, one of the youngest Lieutenant colonels in the United States Army.

After tours of duty at Fort Campbell, Redstone Arsenal, Orleans (France) and in Vietnam, Col. Patte recently moved from assignment at the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas to Washington where he is serving in the office of the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army at the Pentagon.

Col. Patte is married to the former Rebecca Wilson Price of Florence. They and their two children, Amy and Edward, currently reside at 6731 Bellamy Avenue, Springfield, Va.

Self-Taught Artist

Sonny Gault, owner of Stop-N-Shop, is singing the praises of Thomas Owens who has a flair for caricatures and has never had an art lesson.

Owens, 29, who works at Ruby Enterprises, has been drawing since childhood ('Ever since they handed me a pencil'). He has tried working with oils and water colors but prefers just a pencil and pad. He attended Bell Street High School but dropped out after the 10th grade.

Gault said, "He sat down and sketched a picture of my daughter and it's an amazing likeness. He just has a natural talent."

An example of Owens' work is shown in this column.

Gault is trying to help Owens improve on the time it takes to do a caricature. "It takes him about 45 minutes now. If he can get it down to about 20-30 minutes, he could do a booming business," Gault said.

Busy Morning

Have you ever been thinking of one thing while trying to do something else, and get the two balled up?

It happened to D. O. Freeman, new owner of the Clinton cafe, recently. Someone came in and asked to buy a Chronicle. At about the same instant, Mrs. W. L. Anthony called the cafe and Freeman answered, "Clinton Chronicle." Thanks for the plug, Mr. Freeman.

Georgetown Bus Trip

Clintonians are arranging a chartered bus to take fans to the Clinton High-Georgetown football game in Georgetown Sept. 6.

About 25 persons already have signed up for the bus trip and about eight or ten more are needed. Anyone interested should contact Bob Keller at Belks by Monday.

The bus is to leave at 3:00 p.m. Friday and return Friday night after the game.

PC Has 245 New Students

Upperclassmen prepare to register Thursday as 245 new students complete their arrangements for attending the 89th session of Presbyterian College.

and 16 transfers, while the women include 65 freshmen and 21 transfers.

The new students, who registered Wednesday, are composed of 159 men and 86 women. Among the men there are 143 fresh-

The Thursday enrollment of returning upperclassmen is expected to send Presbyterian College's student body total over the record 702 figure of last fall.

Seaboard Rail Study May Affect Clinton

The possibility of eliminating the Greenwood-to-Laurens rail route is under study by officials of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad, according to J. L. Williams, Florence Division superintendent.

Addressing the Laurens Rotary Club Thursday, Williams said, "We are studying the possibility of routing the Greenwood to Laurens traffic from Greenwood to Clinton and then to Laurens via the CN&L Line."

Williams emphasized that this is just one possibility which is under study but said that the outcome of the study will have some effect on rail traffic in Clinton.

He said that the railroad undoubtedly will go through with plans to eliminate the CN&L station which recently was torn down.

However, how much more track

might be eliminated will depend on what is done about the Greenwood-Laurens rail traffic, he said that the Greenwood-Laurens route presented some problems because of terrain.

If the Greenwood-Laurens route is eliminated, and the traffic routed through Clinton, the CN&L line would have to be upgraded, Williams said, in order to handle 100-to-150-car trains.

Williams said Clinton may also be affected by the outcome of the merger with the Piedmont and Northern (P&N) Railroad. Prior to the merger study, plans called for a rail yard to be located near Lydia Mill.

If Seaboard merges with P&N, it's likely the rail yard may be located elsewhere, possibly in Greenville, Williams said.

Williams pointed out that the Seaboard Coastline is now the

eighth largest line in the U.S. and said, "The route which comes through this area is our 'Blue Ribbon' route. Don't think that because we have removed some passenger trains from this route that it isn't important to us. This route is a vital one in our system. It's our connection to the Clinchfield line" (to the Midwest).

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