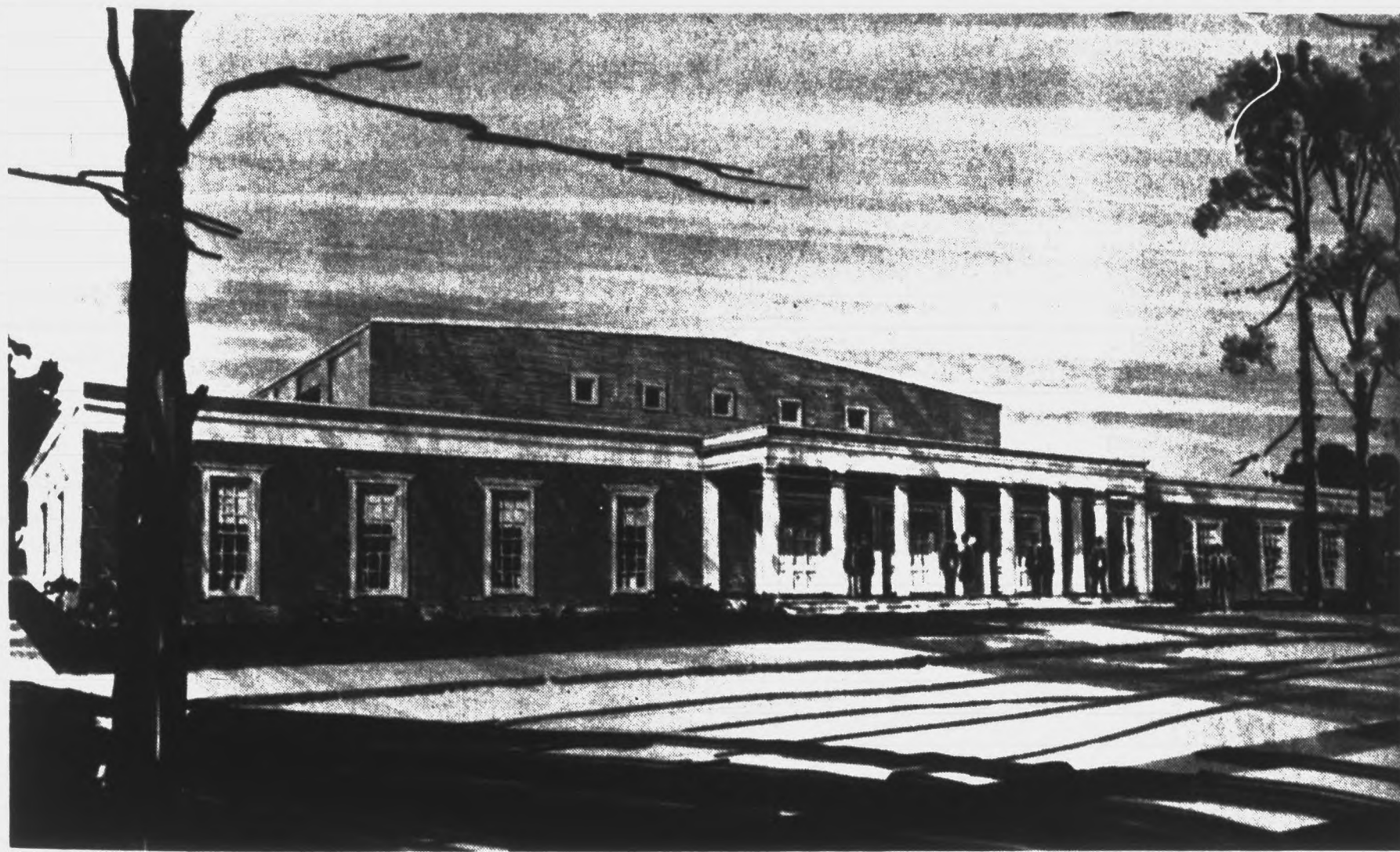


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ARCHITECTS' SKETCH OF PROPOSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTER

Industrial UF Drive Opens

The Industrial Division of Clinton's annual United Fund campaign got underway Tuesday as the co-ordinators in each company met to receive campaign material and instructions in soliciting.

Sixteen local firms were represented at a coffee held Tuesday morning Sept. 17 at the Mary Musgrave Hotel.

Industrial Division Chairman, Calvin Reed commented on the help and cooperation he has received from the local industry heads. He particularly mentioned Lynn Cooper, Jr. whom he said had contributed greatly in organizing this division. He expressed confidence that the goal will be achieved.

Workers in the Industrial Division will be Ellis Huffstetler, Torrington; Calvin Cooper, Clinton Mills; Frank Welch, C. W. Anderson Hosiery; Mrs. Pat Neal, Brookline Carpets; Mrs. Inez Ledford, Clinton Paper Box Plant; Mrs. Judy Starnes, Hallmark Shirt Co; Mrs. Bunny Coleman, Jacobs Brothers; David Boland, E. L. Mansure; Ed King, Standard Plywood; Charles Rimer, Ruby Enterprises; Clinky Winn, Zipper Tractor; Jim Addison, Wometco Industries.

County's Goal: New PC Physical Ed Center

A new physical education center for Presbyterian College will be the Laurens County objective as this area kicks off the college's state-wide \$2 million campaign next month.

That's the announcement made jointly today by General Chairman Robert M. Vance and County Chairman C. W. Anderson, both of Clinton.

They said the county working organization will be completed within the next week for this opening drive of PC's greatest financial campaign in history. After the fall effort in Laurens County, the drive will be extended throughout the remainder of the South Carolina Synod early next year. Other objectives besides the physical education center include a new library, infirmary and endowment additions to underwrite scholarships and faculty salary increases.

The two chairmen pointed out that leaders from Clinton, Laurens, Joanna and other parts of

the county determined that the physical education center would be a popular objective for the local area—not only because of the urgent need but also because of what the availability of such facilities will mean to county adults and young people. Their joint statement added:

"The present LeRoy Springs Gymnasium has stood as an example of excellence in physical training at PC for 48 years. It was built for a student body one-third the size of the current enrollment and without regard for education. Today, with increasing intramural emphasis bringing 85 percent of the student body into sports activity and with 202 women among the 711 students on campus, this gymnasium is clearly inadequate."

The new physical education center will be situated on the newly developed east plaza, at the far end opposite Richardson Science Hall. It will include a main basketball area capable of

seating 3,000 persons, a women's activity and basketball court, visiting dormitory area for prospective students and visiting teams, offices, classrooms and equipment area, handball and squash courts. It also will serve as a ROTC center in providing classroom and office space for the military unit, and a standard rifle range.

The Chamber of Commerce Merchants Division now operates as a committee which looks to the Chamber of Commerce for its finances. In other action at the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, it was agreed that Dr. Stephens write a letter to City Council expressing support for the proposed new city hall.

The 15,000 Semifinalists appointed today are among the nation's most intellectually able high school seniors and will compete for some 3,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1969.

The Semifinalists were the highest scorers in their states on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, given last February in 17,500 schools nationwide. They constitute less than one per cent of the graduating secondary school seniors in the United States.

The Semifinalists show high promise for leadership in their adult careers, according to John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. "They have already demonstrated both high intellectual capacity and a readiness to develop their abilities," he said.

"These students deserve credit and honor. They bring honor to their families, who deserve much credit, as do their teachers and their communities. Their future success, however, will depend increasingly upon their ability to become productive at the

CC Committee Studies Proposal For Merchants

A three-man committee was appointed Tuesday to study the proposed organization of a Clinton Merchants and Businessmen's Association.

The committee was appointed by Dr. Louis Stephens, Chamber of Commerce president, at a meeting of the Chamber Board of Directors.

Members of the committee are Joe Holland, chairman of the Chamber's Merchants Division; I. Mac Adair; and Stephens.

They are to look into the proposal and see how it can best operate—as an agency of the Chamber of Commerce or as an organization separate from the Chamber of Commerce.

The association has been proposed to promote Clinton as a shopping and business district. It would collect dues from association members and would use the funds in promotions and in salary for someone to handle the promotions. It also would offer a credit service to encourage collections of past due accounts. As originally proposed, it would be required that a firm be a member of the Chamber of Commerce before it would be eligible to join the association.

Growing Pains Hit City Electrical System

If your lights dimmed recently for lack of electrical power, you probably can chalk it up to municipal growing pains.

Bob Carroll, an electrical engineer with Harwood Bigbee Co.,



Agnew Addresses Wallace Rally In Courthouse

LAURENS — Hugh Agnew of Anderson County described George Wallace as the political candidate for president who "can save the country—but he cannot do it by himself."

Speaking at a Wallace rally attended by about 100 people Monday night at the Laurens County Courthouse, Agnew said, "Nixon and Humphrey say that rioting is caused by poor people seeing what they don't have and wanting it. . . . Wallace says riots are caused by people who want what they see and taking it because they know they won't be punished."

Agnew said that "The Great Society" is rewarding terrorists and in some cases subsidizing them.

Agnew, president of the Federal Farm Bureau of 17 years and now retired, was introduced by P. M. Clements of Charleston, a graduate of Presbyterian College.

Clements is state coordinator of the Wallace campaign. Concerning a recent Wallace rally which attracted 6,000 people in Columbia, Clements said, "What has happened in Columbia has happened many times over the country."

He also said, "This is your effort, your country, your freedom."

Charles Johnson of Clinton, Laurens County Wallace campaign director, presided at the meeting and Robert Wickham of Clinton gave the invocation.

Tie-Breaker

The tie-breaker in this week's Chronicle football contest is incorrectly listed.

The tie-breaking game should be Clinton vs Chester. Persons entering the contest should predict the final score of the Clinton-Chester game.

This week's contest is on page 11.

told the Clinton Rotary Club Tuesday, "The percent of growth in this area in this decade is phenomenal. You have outstripped the planning for your system and you outstripped the planning of the power producer, Duke Power Co. Your Utility Dept. has done a remarkable job under emergency conditions."

Carroll, who is conducting a study of the situation for the city, said that it was anticipated that Clinton would have a peak demand of 7,000 kilowatts by 1974. Early this month, the city hit a peak demand of 11,232 kilowatts.

The city simply didn't have the facilities and lines to keep up with the demand and maintain a constant level of electrical power.

Carroll said the increased electricity demand can be attributed to growing industry and business and to the recent heat wave which caused high residential demand for air conditioning.

He said most cities figure to

double their demand every 10 years. However, Clinton showed a 4-1/2 per cent increase in 1964; 23 per cent in 1965; 19 per cent in 1966; 16-1/2 percent in 1967; and 35 per cent in 1968.

Carroll said, "There are a number of things which can be done to remedy the situation. We will give City Council several alternatives to consider."

"Generally, we feel you should continue the high voltage loop which has been started around the city (from Lydia Mill to Whitten Village). You could complete the loop with more substations. Whatever you do will require some investment."

Carroll said, "You have ample time to take action on this but something should be done before next summer's loads hit."

Clinton Mayor Harry Layton and members of city council were special guests at the luncheon meeting.

John Bingham, director of the Clinton YMCA, was inducted as a new member of the Rotary Club.

Courthouse Needs, Costs Explained

The need for a new Laurens County Courthouse were pointed out Tuesday night at a meeting designed to acquaint county officials and civic club leaders with the courthouse referendum.

The referendum will be held in conjunction with the general election in November.

There will be three questions on the ballot:

(1) Do you favor construction of a new courthouse on the site of the old Laurens Elementary School, at a cost not to exceed \$1.8 million?

(2) Do you favor renovation of the present courthouse and construction of a new county office building, at a cost not to exceed \$2 million?

(3) Do you favor neither of these?

If Proposal No. 1 is successful, it was estimated that it would cost the average taxpayer about \$10 per year. It was estimated that a \$1.8 million bond issue would require a 10-mill tax levy the first year and the levy would diminish each year thereafter.

Rep. David Taylor said that the last county bonds issued were in 1956 for road construction and that the county now has only a two-mill levy to bond debts. He said, "We can afford it (Proposal No. 1)."

Architect Niles Jackson said the proposal calls for 53,000 square feet of useable area. The current courthouse has 10,930 square feet of useable area and does not include facilities for the sheriff's office and jail.

The proposed site has 7-1/2 acres and the current site has less than two-thirds of an acre. Jackson said there would be ample parking space on the proposed new site.

Jackson also said that if Proposal No. 2 is supported by the voters, it would cost more to fix up the current courthouse and construct an office building than it would to build a new courthouse. He said demolition costs would be extremely high in renovating the current courthouse.

Speaking in favor of Proposal No. 1, County Commission Chairman Furman Thomasson said, "We have come to the point where something must be done. The most practical thing to do is build a new courthouse on the Laurens Elementary School property which the county has an option on."

County Treasurer Allen Coleman said, "We don't have enough space to work enough people to operate efficiently."

County Auditor Genevieve Culbertson pointed out that the county's property assessment valuation has increased over \$6 million since 1962. She said this year's valuation will top \$20 million which is an increase of \$1.3 million over last year.

She also said, "I wish everybody in this county would take a tour of the current courthouse facilities and see for themselves what the needs are."

Probate Judge Hewlett Wasson stressed the need for more storage space for records. He said, "They say this courthouse is a fire trap and if a fire even hits it, we'll lose many, many valuable records, such as wills, property transfers and marriage licenses. Folks would spend more on lawyers' fees, getting things untangled, than they would have to pay for the new courthouse."

Sheriff Eugene Johnson also spoke in favor of the new courthouse saying, "We desperately need a sheriff's department where all of our facilities are under one roof. Right now, we're scattered all over town."

About 30 people attended the meeting which was presided over by Rep. Paul Culbertson.

Whitten Village Barn Burns

A dairy barn at Whitten Village was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon.

The alarm was sounded at about 3:40 p.m. and Clinton City fire trucks answered the call. Two fire trucks were called to help contain the blaze and keep it from spreading to nearby buildings.

No injuries were reported.

A Cornerstone Message

On Dec. 27, 1925, the Rev. M.R. Wingard presided over the laying of the cornerstone of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clinton.

A box containing information about the times was placed in the cornerstone.

Last Sunday, almost 43 years later, Dr. E. B. Keisler presided over the opening of the cornerstone and the box it contained. The box was placed in the cornerstone of the new St. John's Lutheran Church on the Greenwood Highway this week.

The new St. John's Church will have opening ceremonies on Oct. 13 and the dedication is scheduled Nov. 3.

The 43-year-old cornerstone box opened Sunday contained a New Testament, a copy of "The Lutheran" magazine of Dec. 24, 1925; a copy of The Clinton Chronicle of Dec. 24, 1925; handwritten record of the church; a copy of the cornerstone service program; a 1925 "Stone Mountain" 50-cent coin; and a list of the Confederate War veterans living in and around Clinton on that date.

There were 13 Confederate soldiers listed: R. P. Adair Sr.; J. W. Copeland Sr.; Dr. J. W. Young; M. L. Peavy; W. L. Abercrombie; R. J. Copeland Sr.; A. M. Copeland; R. Z. Wright; H. P. Blakely; T. F. Milam; J. Frank Copeland; W. H. McCrary; and Irby Chandler.

The note also says that the oldest citizen of Clinton "at this date" is Mr. M. S. Bailey, who was 84 years old on Nov. 9, 1925. The next oldest being R. P. Adair Sr. who was 84 years old on Dec. 19, 1925.

The record of the church says that on Sunday, July 10, 1920, the Rev. A. J. Bowers, D. D., organized St. John's Lutheran congregation.

The record says, "For five years, through the kindness of the Commercial Club and the Masonic Order of Clinton, the congregation has been permitted to use their halls and have had regular services twice a month."

The church was organized with 21 charter members. They are listed as follows: Ira C. Boland, Mrs. Ira C. Boland, R. W. Boland, Mrs. J. D. Boland, John Finkbeiner, Mrs. John Finkbeiner, R. R. Finkbeiner, Mrs. R. R. Finkbeiner, R. O. Huffman, L. V. Pinson, Mrs. L. V. Pinson, Dr. F. K. Shealy, Mrs. F. K. Shealy, O. H. Shealy, O. L. Shealy, H. F. Shealy, Brooks

Swygert, Mrs. Brooks Swygert, B. E. Wilson.

On Oct. 15, 1925, bids were received on the proposed building. The low bid was \$9,075 and the contract was awarded to D. A. and J. E. Cannon.

The record concludes:

"Truly God has been good to St. John's Lutheran congregation and we are grateful to Him for His tender mercies and we pray that many souls may be saved through this church and that this community and the whole world may be benefited by St. John's Lutheran Church."



OVERMATCHED—Margaret Marshall Berry of Route 2, Clinton, was injured last week when her small car, shown at right above, collided with a transport truck on U. S. 76 at Young's Crossroad. The small car was making a left turn at the intersection when the truck struck it. The small car was pushed 97 feet, sideways. Daniel Martin John

GUS RAMAGE JR.

high intellectual levels of which they are capable."

Semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing to be considered for Merit Scholarships, since all winners will be selected from the Finalist group. Semifinalists become Finalists by receiving the endorsement of their schools, submitting scores from a second examination, and providing information about their achievements and interests.

Every Semifinalist who becomes a Finalist will be considered for one of the 1,000 National Merit \$1000 Scholarships, allocated by state.



of Lake Thonotosassa, Fla., driver of the truck, was charged with passing unlawfully. Mrs. Berry, a secretary at C. W. Anderson Co., was reported "doing fine" in Bailey Memorial Hospital Wednesday. The accident occurred Sept. 11 at 12:40 p.m. and was investigated by Patrolman Charles Neal.—(Photos by Jerry Holland)