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19TH BIRTHDAY OF KIWANIS CLUB

Anniversary Program At The Regular Meeting On Thursday Night

The local Kiwanis club will observe the 19th anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International at its meeting Thursday night, said Luther E. Little, president of the local club. Kiwanians here will join with members in 1369 other communities throughout the United States and Canada to observe this event. The committee on Kiwanis Education, Presley Cochran, chairman, is in charge of the program for the Clanton club. Members of this committee are: Lloyd Warr, V. J. Gray and J. R. Mullins.

The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit in 1915 and on January 21 of that year the first meeting was held. "Kiwanis has been made a valuable contribution to community life during the past nineteen years and today it is offering greater civic betterment and social welfare programs than ever before," said President Little. "We are going to make our observance of Kiwanis Anniversary Week a fitting and proper occasion, presenting our achievements for the past year and in the meeting explain something of the history of Kiwanis International," he said.

Plans for the club's activities for 1934, will be presented at this Anniversary meeting. The club will continue its work along the lines of service to under-privileged children, intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship, friendly understanding among all citizens, both rural and urban, vocational guidance and both individual and group work, giving special attention to the maintenance of adequate educational facilities, especially those making the character, development and businesslike methods in administrative government with special application to local government.

Womens Meeting Held On Tuesday

Leadership School Conducted

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY HERE

On Sunday, January 21st, at 2:00 o'clock the young people of Unity Association will meet in the regular quarterly session at Clanton Baptist Church.

Plans for the year will be discussed and officers elected.

The Clanton Subbasin will give a program and there will be special musical. Let every organization in the association be represented that all may have a part in the plans for the year. Please bring your quarterly and annual reports.—Lydia Williams, Young People's Leader.

WELCH-COOPER

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Welch of Clanton, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to John Royal Cooper, of Mt. Creek, Ala. The wedding is to be at an early date.

BOYD ELECTED HEAD OF BANK

Former Clanton Banker Is Now President of City National Bank in Selma

Mr. H. G. Boyd, for the last three years vice president of the City National Bank of Selma, was elected president of that institution last week, to succeed the late H. C. Armstrong.

Mr. Boyd became the fourth president of the City National Bank, one of the oldest and largest banks in South Alabama, with a capital stock of \$400,000, a surplus of \$150,000, and resources of over three million dollars.

In 1930 H. G. Boyd resigned from the presidency of the Peoples Savings Bank of Clanton, of which he had been president for four years. He went direct-ly from here and assumed the duties of vice president of the City National Bank of Selma. Prior to coming to Clanton he was for seven years connected with the State Banking Department.

Commenting upon his election as president of the City National, the Selma Times-Journal gives the following interesting sketch of Mr. Boyd's banking career:

"During the World War period Mr. Boyd spent one year with the Federal Reserve Bank at Denver, Colo., and returned to Montgomery at the close of 1918 to go with the State Banking Department. His career

J. Z. MIMS CANDIDATE FOR PROBATE JUDGE



Will Seek Nomination In Republican Primary To Be Held Here In May

THREE NEW JOBS STARTED BY CWA

Circuit Clerk For Past Twelve Years Asks For Promotion To Higher Office

Mr. J. Z. Mims is the first Republican candidate to declare himself for Probate Judge of Chilton County in the forthcoming Republican primaries of this year. His announcement appears in the candidate column of The Union-Banner this week.

He has been a faithful servant, zealous of his responsibilities to the people of Chilton County. For the past twelve years he has served as Clerk of the Circuit Court, to which office he was elected by the Republican voters.

There has been a faithful servant, zealous of his responsibilities to the people who elected him, and earnest in his efforts always to perform his duties with credit to himself and the people who placed a public trust in his hands.

There has been for several years a large following of the friends of Mr. Mims who hoped to see him elevate himself to the higher position of responsibility and service, in the office of Probate Judge. These friends feel that now is the time to reward Mr. Mims for his former service by electing him to higher office. In response to the insistence of these friends and through his desire to be of greater service, Mr. Mims now offers himself as a candidate for Probate Judge.

Republican Committee Met Here

Transacted Business Relative To The Party Primary In May

Improvement of the grounds at Turkey Junction High School, on which 20 men are employed. Ernesting of an auditorium at Ica-bella High School, on which 18 men are employed. It was stated that an additional project will be put in operation next Monday morning with 25 men working on a drainage ditch in Black Snake Swamp, commencing at a point just before the paved highway in the North Clanton swamp, and extending up Black Snake Creek toward the Friendship community. The men on the above mentioned work in the country which have already been completed. A total of 25 projects were in operation this week, it was stated by Mr. Putman. At present 100 workers are assigned to the airport. A unique and interesting scheme of marking projects is being carried out. A large sign 4 by 6 feet is being erected at some prominent point near each project, with inscription giving the project number, the letters C. W. A., and the local designation or name of the project. Example: "Local Project... C. W. A. Black Snake Swamp Drainage." Such markers will indicate every C. W. A. project in the

In 1917 W.M. "Mack" Wyatt and his brother Gene took over as editors and continued to publish the newspaper every Thursday until 1935. In addition to the latest news at the local through international level, the once-a-week paper also contained ads, short jokes as space fillers, a list of who was in court, who visited whom, who was in the infirmary, church information and much more. Obituaries and memorials were printed for free up to 100 words, with additional words costing 1 cent apiece.

A 6-month subscription was \$1.00 and a 1 year subscription was \$1.50. Note: According to *dollartimes.com*, \$1 in 1921 would be worth about \$12.95 today. A century later, here is just a small sampling of what you would have found in the first Thursday paper of 1921, January 6th :

An ad by First National Bank in Clanton states the bank pays 4% on "time deposits" and has \$33,000 in capital and surplus. (Adjusted for inflation, this would be about \$400,000 today. Not bad for a small town bank.)

Alabama Power Company has applied for "a power permit on the Coosa River, with a dam located at Duncan's Riffle, creating pool 14 miles back to lock No. 12". Objections or a request for a hearing should be submitted on or before January 20, 1921, to the Executive Secretary, Federal Power Commission, Washington D.C. Better hurry, you only have two weeks to get your letter there.

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Lard Pure or Compound Bulk - Pound	8c	4-Lb Carton 29c
Boiling Meat	1b	6c

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SUGAR

10 Pound PAPER BAG 49c

<p>MOTHER'S COCOA POUND CAN 15c</p>	<p>CIRCLE "R" BACON SLICED LB 17c</p>
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ARMOUR'S VERIBEST—

Hamburger Steak & Onions 12-Oz Can 10c

HILL'S FRESH MADE—

Mayonnaise 8-oz Jar 10c pint Jar 19c

<p>CORNED BEEF HASH Armour 24-oz Can 20c</p>	<p>Your Choice PALMER MATCHES EVAPORATED MILK Small Can ROCK CRYSTAL SALT 3 for 10c</p>	<p>COOK'S VIENNA SAUSAGE No. ½ Can 6c</p>
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<p>HART'S RED PITTED CHERRIES No. 2 Can 10c</p>	<p>O.K. LAUNDRY SOAP 3 Bars 10c</p>
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Alred Drug Company in Clanton has Frost Proof Cabbage plants for sale.

Back on Monday, January 3rd, stockholders of the Peoples Telephone Company met in Clanton. Officers for 1920 were elected and included these persons: W.M. Wyatt as President, M.D. Foshee of Chilton County Abstract Co. as Vice President and J.N. Dennis as Secretary and Treasurer. Also voted upon and seconded were fees for the year. People living outside the Town of Clanton would be assessed a fee of \$3 to have a telephone, and they would be responsible for maintaining their lines up to the corporate limit. Person living within the town limits would pay \$5/year, but the board would be responsible for maintenance of the lines within the town.

Dr. V.J. Gragg, a well-known physician and associated with the Clanton Infirmary (hospital), offers up a second hand Overland Automobile for sale, cheap. It was a Country Club model, recently overhauled and in fine condition. Dr. Gragg also has some "good young Jersey cows" for sale.

Rudolph Moatts and Burns Goodgame at the Sanitary Meat Market announce a price cut on their meat; Choice Steaks 20 cents/lb., Rib Steak 15 cents, roast for 12 & ½ cents and stew meat for 10 cent/lb.

On Monday night, Jan. 3rd, "a crowd of popular young people of Thorsby enjoyed a possum hunt". They caught "two real possums", and later enjoyed a weiner (sic) roast. They kept the possums as evidence of their success. Back then fake news probably wasn't an issue but maybe fake possums were.

In the county probate court this week 10 cases were dealt with. Two of these cases involved John and Andrew Cleckler who were both charged with "failing to send to school". Perhaps the kids had been sick or were needed to help at home or on the farm. Whatever the reason for the truancy, their cases were continued. The most egregious, or at least most expensive case, was against Albert Thompson for violating the prohibition law. Yes, prohibition was in effect and Albert's plea of guilty got him a fine of \$50 and court cost. Remember, this is 1921 so that \$50 would be today's equivalent of \$650! One would logically assume with that amount of fine Mr. Thompson must have had more than a bottle or two of beer, wine usually being allowed for religious purposes. Or it may have been that local laws pertaining to alcoholic beverages in Chilton County were stricter than federal law. Whatever the case, the dam that Alabama Power wanted to build would be completed two years later in early 1923, but it would still be nearly 11 years after that when the great social experiment of Prohibition was finally repealed in December of 1933.