

Original Announcement of Gift of Post Clock on the Square to the City of Clinton

(courtesy of DeWitt County Restoration Association and Clinton Daily Journal)

Clinton City Council Minutes Show DeWitt County National Bank President, T.S. Dinsmore, presented the city with the clock on April 18, 1955.

The article on the right was printed in the Clinton Journal and Public on April 21, 1955:

National Bank To Install Clock On Bank Corner

The city of Clinton today granted permission to T. S. Dinsmore, president of the Dewitt County National Bank, for the erection of a beautiful electronic clock to be erected on the bank corner. Mr. Dinsmore had already signed a contract with a company in Minneapolis, Minn., for the purchase of the clock.

The clock will have four faces and will be able to be seen from all four directions. Each face will be 40 inches in diameter and is to stand 15 feet above the street level.

According to Mr. Dinsmore it will last indefinitely. It is to be manufactured in statuary bronze and will be protected against the elements, the sub freezing temperatures in the winter and against the high temperature of the sun in summer.

It will be electrically operated and will be equipped with Westminster chimes to be regulated to play every 15 minutes, on the half hour, or hour, as the residents of the city desire. It is to be illuminated at night and will be operated by the bank.

The foundation for the clock, Mr. Dinsmore reports, will weigh one and a half tons.

It is planned to have the clock manufactured and delivered to Clinton sometime in July.

The clock will be for the city of Clinton for which, according to Mr. Dinsmore, Clinton will be "known from Cairo to Chicago."

The DeWitt County National Bank placed a full-page ad on page two of the August 12, 1955, Clinton Journal and Public announcing their gift of the post clock to the community:

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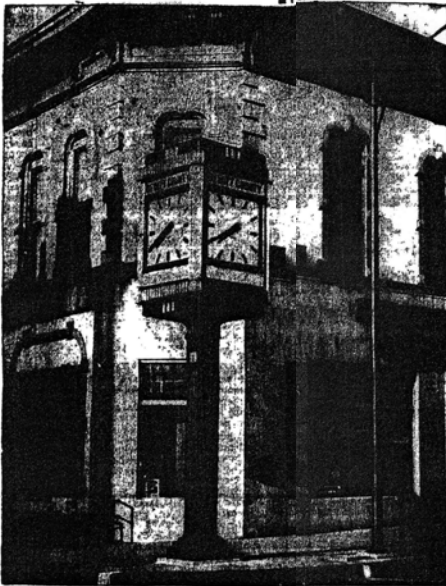
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The DeWitt County National Bank

Clinton, Illinois

THIS IS OUR GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY



Most of you who may use the services of this beautiful Chime Clock have played a very important part in the successful growth of our Bank.

To show our appreciation of all that you have done to make this Bank stronger and of greater service, we have installed one of the finest Chime Clocks we could purchase.

This new Clock not only provides the correct time for everyone within its sight, but it also chimes the quarter hours in a soft pleasing tone and strikes the hours as well.

On the full hour, the chimes sound sixteen notes of the old and familiar "Westminster" Chimes, and to fit these sixteen notes, someone many years ago wrote these words—a prayer that we all could repeat each hour with much benefit:—

"LORD, THROUGH THIS HOUR,
BE THOU OUR GUIDE,
SO, BY THY POWER,
NO FOOT SHALL SLIDE."

We present this new Chime Clock to each man, woman, and child, not only in Clinton, but to those who come in to shop, visit our city for business or social reasons, or just pass through enroute to some other destination.

To each and all, our sincere wish is that the passing of every minute as marked by this new Chime Clock may mean Health and Happiness, Peace and Prosperity, in the days and years that lie ahead.

Each Depositor is
provided with \$10,000.00
Deposit Insurance by the
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