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Mr. P. Silas Bailey, Pres.
Lydia Cotton Mills
Clinton, S. C.

Dear Mr. Bailey:

I have been informed that Lydia Cotton Mills is observing the 50th anniversary of its founding on March 12, 1952. Please let me offer my congratulations to you and all employees upon the attainment of this half century of operations.

The growth and progress of Lydia Mills demonstrate how fine accomplishment can be with the close cooperation of employer and employees in periods of prosperity and through adverse circumstances. Such cooperation largely explains the predominate position now held by South Carolina in the textile industry today.

I wish for all of you, employer and employees, continued success and growth.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

James F. Byrnes



THIS IS THE NEW YORK STAFF of Lydia and Clinton Mills, Clinton Cottons, Inc., who are responsible for selling the goods made here. Norman Meyers, president, will begin a series of articles in the next issue explaining these operations. Bottom row: Esther Kirschner and Lorraine Desmond, orders and shipping; Roslyn Gold, telephone operator. Middle: Belle Maurer, filing; Regina Ziolkowski, credit; Elizabeth Meyer, secretary to Mr. Meyers. Top: Mr. Meyers, Alfred Symonds, John Wilson, Warren Weisz and Walter Regan, all sales and Frank Kelly, vice-president and credit manager.

Scouts Active In Feb.-March

Troop 90 of Boy Scouts at Lydia enjoyed a hike Feb. 18 to Hamer's Spring under the auspices of Scoutmaster J. B. Abercrombie. A salmon stew prepared over an open fire by two boys was enjoyed for supper. Games, songs and story-telling took place afterwards around the campfire.

We are sorry some of the boys picked up some poison oak during this hike but we will try to see that this does not happen again. Another hike is planned soon.

CLINTON SCOUTS

A Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held for all troops in this district at Laurens, Mar. 17. Troop 138 at the Clinton plant will be awarded 21 merit badges and two boys will increase to First Class Scouts. Plans now are underway for a camp at Old Indian June 15.

Some of you already know that Marshall Cooper of our troop will be sent to the International Scout Jamboree in New Mexico this summer. More about this in a later issue.

Womanless Wedding By Camera Club

A Womanless Wedding will be presented by the Clinton Mills Camera Club at Academy Street school March 29 which promises to give you sixty laughs per minute.

Included in the cast are Joe Cooper, G. M. Huguley, Ellis Huffstetler, C. A. Cooper, Clark Meadows, Raymond McCoy, L. C. Ficklin, Jim Puryear, John Vassey, Fred Galloway, Carl Johnson, Joe Spillers, Harold Meadows and others.

Mark your calendar now—don't miss this show. Proceeds will be used to buy photographic equipment for the club.

PUPPET SHOW

The State Health Department gave an excellent puppet show on the care of teeth at Academy Street school Feb. 27. The show was most impressive and educational for all the children.

March of Dimes Is Helped By Plants

J. C. Thomas, chairman of the March of Dimes campaign in Clinton, this week expressed his appreciation for the splendid support and cooperation given the campaign by those at Clinton and Lydia mills.

The Clinton plant under supervision of George Huguley gave \$227.34, and the Lydia plant under supervision of J. B. Templeton gave \$77.97.

Academy Street school also gave \$91.42, a record contribution from the students, teachers and friends of this school.

Employees Thanked For Red Cross Aid

George H. Cornelson, vice-president of Lydia Cotton Mills and chairman of the Clinton Red Cross drive, expresses his appreciation to employees at both plants for their support and contributions.

The drive was participated in by a great many of our people and will certainly aid the Clinton Red Cross area in attaining its goal, Mr. Cornelson said.

Around the Plants

AT LYDIA

Still some opening for barbershop singing . . . come on out . . . Plans for Easter are underway including sunrise services and several egg hunts for the kids . . . Lydia Blue Birds had a fine Valentine party with Mrs. Harbin, Mrs. Young and Miss Johnson, the leaders . . . Midget boys and girls had tough luck in the statewide basketball tourney, but the girls beat strong Winsboro later . . . Hobby club attendance is setting records with costume jewelry, hand-sewed clothes, claycraft and china painting being done.

AT CLINTON

Girls at both plants from 12-17 really interested in playing softball contact Mr. and Mrs. Clark Meadors, coaches. Teams will be combined for strength . . . Southland Quartet at Academy Street school March 14 brought by the Woman's Club . . . Don't miss



FROM LYDIA PLANT

Mrs. Doris Estes has been sick.

Mrs. Dorothy Martin has been ill . . . We are glad to have Otis Martin back after an operation . . . Mrs. Josephine Williamson has been absent due to illness . . . Mrs. Rachel Taylor is recuperating from an operation . . . Mrs. Eunice Powers recently underwent an operation . . . Mrs. Pauline Shockley has been ill at her home . . . Mrs. McKeller has been ill as were Ollie Nabors and H. W. Williams.

The two children of Mrs. Leola Jennings have had the flu . . . Nora Gilbert has been ill. Obie Thomas has been in the hospital and Christine Jackson is recuperating nicely from an operation.

FROM CLINTON PLANT

Mrs. W. B. Phillips has returned home from the hospital . . . Evans Lever has returned to work . . . Tommy Creswell is improving . . . Mrs. Grover Lanford has returned . . . Glad to have Ray Tucker back and little Cindy Mattox is much better.

Mrs. Joel Scott continues ill at her home.

Fred Cantrell is recuperating from an operation . . . Mack Thompson is still ill . . . Mrs. Lois Hamm has been ill and Mrs. Anna Burton's father is very ill.

Mrs. Minnie Campbell has been ill . . . Mrs. Janie McClain is still confined at home . . . S. B. Hames had flu, and Mrs. Marie Baker is being missed during her illness . . . Mrs. Mary Osborne has been ill . . . Brenda Woody is out again.

it . . . Young people shouldn't miss the full program at Community Bldg. Saturday nights, 7:30 to 9:30 . . . The Woman's Club needs more members . . . We meet the third Monday P. M. . . Come and help the school . . . MEN, join the male chorus conducted by Mrs. Land and Jim Puryear . . . Mothers, remind your 7 to 9 year girls to attend the Bluebirds . . .

LYDIA ANNIVERSARY

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Mr. C. M. Bailey served in several offices of the Cotton Manufacturers Association of South Carolina, the Print Cloth Group of Cotton Manufacturers, the Cotton-Textile Institute, American Cotton Manufacturers Association and others. He was prominent in civic, church and educational affairs throughout his life.

The following were officers of Lydia following Mr. C. M. Bailey's death: W. J. Bailey, president - treasurer; J. A. Bailey, vice-president and W. E. Johnson, secretary.

FEEL LOSSES

In the three years from 1936 to 1939, the mill sustained the loss of several men who had served long and faithfully as officers or directors: James William Leake, for 24 years a director, died in 1936; Robert Lee Bailey, for 35 years a director, May 17, 1937; Joseph Abrams Bailey, a director and vice-president, June 28, 1939; C. C. Bailey, director, June 14, 1939. George Washington Bailey, a director, died June 14, 1944.

By the year 1944 the Lydia plant and village were beginning to look more as we know it today. Streets had been graded and curbs and gutters installed. Six new homes were built that year.

By 1945 war conditions and labor shortages caused reduced operations but the plant still was operating satisfac-

torily. Parks-Cramer cleaning units were installed on all spinning equipment. In 1946, 20 more houses were built and the plant was completely repainted inside.

In 1947 on November 26, William E. Johnson, the popular secretary of the plant for 16 years, passed on, and a year later, William James Bailey died at the age of 83.

NEW YORK AGENCY

On February 22, 1949, P. S. Bailey made his first annual report as president and treasurer of Lydia. During his first year in office, Clinton Cottons, Inc., the mill's own New York selling agency, was organized and operating efficiently under the capable guidance of Norman G. Meyers. More than \$100,000 in additions and improvements, plus the start of air conditioning in the weave room, was expended during this year. Under Mr. Bailey's direction the mill embarked on a five million dollar improvement program to place the plant in a strong competitive position.

In 1951 a well-rounded recreation program was well underway having been started in 1948 under the direction of George H. Cornelson, assisted by Mrs. Ione Wallace. Community activities were in full swing under the capable direction of Mrs. Wallace and George Fleming, and Mrs. Carolyn Inglett was serving as

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SOME MEMBERS OF THE CLINTON Camera Club are shown in their photographic laboratory. Left to right, Ellis Huffstetler and daughter, Calvin Cooper and Raymond McCoy. The club will present a womanless wedding on March 29.