

'We Loaded 55 Tons A Day'

"In 1943 I was working on the Clyde McCrary farm as a share cropper and day laborer, and had a chance to come to work at Clinton Mills," says James D. Werts, a Clinton Maintenance employee."

"As a day laborer, I got anywhere from 75c to a dollar a day, and the job here paid \$19 a week," he recalled.

Werts has had a variety of jobs since coming here almost thirty three years ago.

During one period, I helped a crew move a number of houses at Lydia; for another period I was assigned to clean the rest rooms, and in 1970, was transferred into the Supply Room.

"Back in the 40's," he recalled, "a group of us use to roll up to 55 tons of coal a day to the stoker to fire the boiler."

Werts, who is known by his friends often as just "Rat" discussed his nickname with the Clothmaker.

"I was living at Tip Top, about seven miles out of Clinton when I came to work, and I drove an old '36 Ford. The first time Mr. Bailey saw me, he called me Rat, and that name has stuck with me ever since."

In addition to his Supply Room responsibilities, Werts also picks up company mail at the Post Office each morning.

He is a member of Flint Hill Baptist Church in Newberry County.



JAMES D. WERTS

Service Awards For October

5 YEARS		15 YEARS	
NAME	PLANT	John H. Payne	No. 1
Talmadge S. Swayingham	Bailey	Harley H. Culpepper	No. 2
Nathaniel Pitts	No. 1		
Kenneth M. Bull	No. 2		
Wilma C. Coleman	No. 2	James E. Wells	20 YEARS
Willie J. Grant	No. 2	Paul D. Tyson	No. 2
			Office
10 YEARS		25 YEARS	
Juanita McMahan	Bailey	Inez P. Turner	No. 1
Claude L. Smith, Jr.	Bailey	George T. Snelgrove	Maintenance
Eugene Carter	Bailey	Betty S. McElhannon	Lydia
Calvin L. Shelton	Bailey	Geneva Caughman	Lydia
James A. Bright	Bailey	Janie Sumeral	Bailey
Clyde L. Fuller	No. 1		
Eugene McGowan	No. 1		
Richard M. Bowie	No. 1		
James E. Wellmaker	No. 2		
Georgia S. Tumblin	No. 2	Annie C. Parrish	30 YEARS
Stewart D. Suber	Lydia		Lydia
Johnnie B. Hill	Lydia		
Peggy Hunter	Lydia	Walker H. Osborne	35 YEARS
			No. 2

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97 YEARS OLD

Mrs. Ada Center celebrated her 97th birthday on October 1 at her home on 100 Florence Street.

Left to right with Mrs. Center are her six children, Lee J. Holtzclaw of Greer; Bessie Holtzclaw, Vesta Eubanks, both retired Clinton employees; Essie Powell of Greer; Ada Bell Hughes, wife of James Herbert Hughes, and Roy Holtzclaw, retired Plant No. 2 Spinning Superintendent.

Mrs. Center has 14 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 16 great great grandchildren.

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