



Catherine Thomas and Jesse Pulley follow economic instructor David Hallman's instructions as they prepare for an economics test.

Clinton Employees Continue Educational Pursuits

The school doors open at 6:30 and close at 10:30 on most weeknights for many Clinton Mills employees. But the location is not the same for the multitude of employees who have returned to various schools to complete their education goals.

The employee students represent a full gamut of jobs throughout the Clinton organization. They represent a growing group of employees whose primary goal is to increase their knowledge, expand their minds, and stretch their abilities.

Numerous employees have been lured back into the classroom in an attempt to complete their high school education, while others are striving to further their technical and college level training.

Plant No. 2 loom filling supplier Jessie L. Pulley has been "struggling" three years to complete her high school diploma requirements.

"At age 33, I have found returning to school challenging and satisfying. My four children each had school assignments that I could not do. They kept telling me I should go back to school."

"Once I complete my high school training, I want to be a beautician."

Catherine Thomas, a Lydia weaver, lacks less than a year completing her requirements for a diploma. "Two of my three children attended college and I wanted to return to school so I could at least say I was a high school graduate," she added.

"I've taken English, math, economics, and science courses and need to complete my unit requirements."

"I'm 45 years old, and getting this far along this late in life is quite an accomplishment."

Mike Smith works nights and attends Piedmont Tec during the day. Mike is a Plant No. 2 supply room clerk.



Dennis Campbell, a Bailey cloth room employee, has realized early in life the need to complete his education. At age 24, Campbell has returned to the Adult Education classroom, hoping to graduate and then pursue an electronics course.

J. E. Stockman, director of Clinton's Adult Education Program, praised Clinton Mills' students for their efforts in meeting the requirements in the classroom.

"I've found Clinton's student exceptionally well qualified to handle the classroom work."

And as Mrs. Lynwood Floyd, Adult Education guidance counselor, states, "They are here because they have a desire to have a better education."

Numerous Clinton employees have found the educational opportunities afforded by Piedmont Technical College an excellent way of furthering their educational skills.

Rose Pennington, a Clinton frequency checker for the past three years, enrolled in Tec's industrial engineering technology course in September, 1982.

"I'm in the classroom from 6:30 to 10:30 two nights a week, and two hours less the other nights. My two children were very excited about my going back to school and it's been a real experience for my entire family."

Numerous other employees are currently participating in industrial electricity/technology, computer programming, textile management, industrial management, in-

dustrial engineering and machine technology courses.

College Students

Another group of employees have chosen to expand their educational pursuits by attending courses offered by Limestone College through its extension program in Laurens County.

Susan Moss, a Clinton shipping clerk, and David Brown, supervisor in data processing, have found this school's program suitable to their needs to complete their college education which was begun in other higher educational institutions.