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# Clinton Mills Clothmaker

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Clinton Mills Chairman Robert M. Vance, ATMI President Jim Martin, and Shrine President Carroll Barker discuss the textile industry's support of Shrine activities. Martin encouraged all industrial leaders to renew their commitment to support American-made products.

## Martin Stresses Importance of Buying American

Clinton Mills management personnel heard American Textile Manufacturing Institute president Jim Martin outline the industry's struggle against foreign imports during the Laurens County Shrine Club's Industrial Appreciation Night June 5.

An overflow crowd heard Clinton Mills Chairman Robert M. Vance introduce Martin as a successful textile leader who built T-Caro into a textile yarn producing giant.

"I hope each one of you here tonight will get into the habit of looking for the 'Made In USA' label in garments before we buy them," Martin said. "We need to tell store owners that we would like to see them carry more American-made goods."

Martin promoted the Crafted With Pride campaign that Clinton Mills and other textile companies have created to fight the import battle. If everyone spent an additional \$20 more on American-made clothing annually, 100,000 new jobs would be created.

"Last year, the jobs of thousands of textile

employees were lost because imports grew by 25%. If our local industries could make all of the imported textile goods, we could add over 700,000 new jobs," he continued. "We are an important basic industry—second only to defense in terms of our national defense."

The current program being conducted by the textile industry to promote American-made goods is a bona fide commitment to help the industry survive and grow. "The industry is currently working with Congress to require American-made items to be clearly identified."

"We are a fighting industry," he said. "Textile people are fighting for their jobs, their families, and we will win."

A native of Laurens County, Martin praised the work of the local Shrine Club in its support of crippled and burned children.

After his talk, Laurens mayor Bob Dominick presented him a key to the city and some mementos from the county's recent jubilee.

### Clinton Controller

## Sigman Accounts For Improvements

Clinton Mills Controller Walter A. Sigman's contribution to Frank C. Wilson's new book, "Managing Costs and Improving Cash Flow," are recognized in the acknowledgement section of the 26½-page publication.

Sigman, Clinton controller for the past 19 years, developed a close relationship with the author, lecturer and international consultant Frank Wilson while attending one of his many seminars on cost accounting. Wilson is president of International Management of Gainesville, Ga.

"In the seminar, an assignment was given from a book by Wilson that had been in print for about 10 years. After studying the book, I noticed numerous items that should have been corrected by the editors and proofreaders prior to publication and called them to the author's attention," Sigman said.

"Some months ago, Wilson contacted me to review the manuscript for his current book which was to be released this year. I made numerous notes and suggestions for revision, many of which were incorporated into the final copy," stated Sigman. "Most of my suggestions were aimed at clarifying points



Walt Sigman

being made."

Sigman, regarded by his associates as a critical reader, attributes his "critical eye" for reviewing copy partly to the training gained while working as a research assistant and proofreader on two books written by professors while he was a student at the University of South Carolina and always looking for things "that don't look just right," as a former auditor and public accountant.

A certified public accountant, Sigman has high regard for the book's value as an aid to accountants, financial managers, and accounting professors.

## Clinton Sends Two Students To Business Week Program At Presbyterian College

Tara Whitman and Robert Hall have been sponsored by Clinton Mills to attend South Carolina Business Week July 8-14 at Presbyterian College.

South Carolina Business Week is designed to give high school students an opportunity to become familiar with the role of business in society, gain insight into career opportunities in business, learn more about state, national, and global economics and understand all aspects of private enterprise.

Whitman and Hall will test their entrepreneurial skills with the aid of a special com-

puter game, organize and manage their own company, and participate in various manufacturing, marketing, and managerial strategies.

Miss Whitman is the daughter of Industrial Engineer and Mrs. Barry Whitman. She recently completed her sophomore year at Clinton High School where she is active in the Beta Club, FCA, Block C Club, cheerleader and a member of the track team.

Hall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hall and is a rising senior at Clinton High. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the varsity basketball team.