

# NEWS FROM CLINTON

## NO. 1 WEAVING 2nd SHIFT

By Mildred Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. Algie Bettis of Woodruff visited the Coley Campbells.

Mrs. Charlie Gregg and daughter visited Mrs. E. J. Campbell.

The Herbert Hughes visited his mother who is seriously ill in Spartanburg.

The Claud Hughes attended a birthday party honoring Columbus Hughes.

The Wilton Croys of Gainesville, Ga. visited the Clyde Croys . . . Rachel Counts of Prosperity spent a weekend with the Ronald Amicks . . .

The Lawrence Rices visited his brother, Ernest, who is ill in Laurens . . . Lowell, son of the Lawrence Rices, had a birthday Feb. 14 and Gladys Hughes celebrated hers the same day.

The grandbaby of Clyde Croy passed away in Greenville Feb. 4.

Mrs. Beatrice Dyer has moved to Greenville . . . Glad to have Mrs. Lydia Leopard working here.

## NO. 1 WEAVING, 3rd

By Izell McAlister

The John McNinchs, Mrs. Earl Sanders and Mrs. Betty Sanders visited Pvt. E. A. Sanders, Jr. at Parris Island.

The James Davis' of Jacksonville visited the A. A. Barkers . . . WO E. T. Spiers has returned to Germany after a furlough with his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Spiers . . . J. F. Starnes of Cross Anchor visited his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Motes . . . Myra Ann Snelgrove, a birthday Feb. 14 . . . Johnny, son of the Claude Barkers, was one Feb. 22 . . . Mrs. Claude Barker had her birthday Feb. 23 and Mrs. Izell McAlister had hers Feb. 25 . . . The Neuffer Creswells observed their 14th anniversary March 4 . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Spiers have announced the marriage of their daughter, Sherrill, to James Wofford of Whitmire Feb. 27.

## SECOND SPOOLING

By Mrs. Othella Whitmire

The Marvin Whitmires, Mrs. A. C. Sligh and Mrs. J. H. Whitmire visited Governor Gist, the historic home near Union . . . The John Satterfields visited the Ott Stones . . . The Arzo Ivesters and M. A. Milams attended the Laurens County Singing Convention at Warrior Creek . . . The Ott Stones, Cecile Wilson and Shirley Roberts visited relatives at Lake Greenwood.

Mrs. Abelina Eavins visited her brother at Whitmire.

Mrs. A. C. Sligh spent a week with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Whitmire.

The Lester Ivesters visited in Toccoa, Ga., with Mrs. D. D. Purcell returning home with them.

The Leroy Burdens attended services at North Creek . . . The Arzo Ivesters attended the concert at Ford High . . . James Cagle was 14 Feb. 12 and Annie Ruth Cagle was 5 Feb. 16 . . . Carroll Tucker has been sick and Mrs. John Butler has returned home from the hospital.

## CLOTH ROOM, FIRST

By Dorsey Turner

The Clyde Funderburke's of Lancaster visited the L. L. Yarbroughs.

Mrs. Fannie Parrish and sister from Laurens visited their parents, the S. W. Fullers, who continue ill.

Thomas and Ray Corley visited their father, A. N. Corley, who is a patient at Columbia Hospital.

The W. P. Thrifts of Lydia visited the Dorsey Turners.

The YWA's of Calvary Baptist observed Focus Week with activities each day pertaining to mission study.

The R. L. Yarbroughs attended the funeral of L. T. Craft of Greenville, a former resident of Clinton . . . The Ed Dunaways attended the McClellan funeral in Anderson . . . Mrs. R. G. Turner and Arthur Lawson attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Minnie Lister, in Greer.

## NO. 2 WEAVING, FIRST

By Grace Wooten

Time flies and here it is news time again. I waited til the last minute again, then slipped in the snow and crippled myself so I could hardly collect the news, but I'm better now, thank you.

We certainly appreciate the new lights in weaving No. 2. Hope we got them in time to keep me from buying glasses.

Interviewed Marcus McWhorter on why he's leaving us. Mac and Margie have been here 3 years and are moving near Athens, Ga. They say they're going to raise cattle and kids. We'll miss them.

Quite a bit of sickness around here. Mrs. Aline Lanford, Mrs. Lillian Putnam and Cecil Wooten have been in the hospital. Aline and Lillian are back and we hope Cecil will be by the time this is in print.

Birthdays: Tommy Lanford, 10 on March 8; Mrs. Kate Evans will be 70 March 21. She lives with her granddaughter, Mrs. Henrietta Dover.

PO and Mrs. Mike Davis of Jacksonville visited her parents, the A. A. Barkers . . . Pvt. Goldie Simmons was home for a weekend. Don't know where he is but Evelyn will let us know when she finds out.

Mrs. Grace Holmes and Paul Woody were married Feb. 16 in Laurens.

NO. 1 SPINNING, SECOND

By Harry Foster

Wonder why R. L. Holtzclaw stands and smiles in the tower? About his income tax, or just proud of the good housekeeping banner.

Glad to have Mrs. Earl Wilson and Mrs. Idell Moore back at work with us again.

The C. C. Heaton's visited her parents in Greenville.

Miss Jackie Gambrell of Woodruff visited Mrs. Johnnie Butler.

Happy birthday to P. G. Smith, Feb. 9; Mrs. Elizabeth Summers, Feb. 12; Erskine Milam, Feb. 8; Betty Milam, Feb. 14, and Will Woody, Feb. 12.

Betty Jo Wilson, 3 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson, passed away Feb. 7. They wish to express their thanks to their friends for the many kindnesses during the illness and death of their daughter.

## 3rd SPOOLING

By Lillie D. Webb

Recent guests of the Melvin Seays and Mrs. J. H. Seay were the Paul Glenns, the James Seays of Greenville, the Royce Smiths and the John Heaths of Ware Shoals.

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M. S. Bailey



C. M. Bailey



W. J. Bailey

# Baileys Guide Mills Through Five Decades

Clinton and Lydia Cotton Mills, both of which now have passed the 50 year mark, have been guided throughout five decades by members of the Bailey family. Four Baileys have served as president of the two mills. Three have passed on leaving their footprints upon the sands of time, but the mills continue with the same sound and progressive management under the direction of the current president, P. Silas Bailey.

A short sketch of the lives of the presidents of these mills seems appropriate as Lydia observes its 50th anniversary and should be of interest to both new and older employees.

### M. S. BAILEY

Mercer Silas Bailey was the founder and first president of Clinton and Lydia Cotton Mills, opening the first in 1896 and Lydia in 1902.

M. S. Bailey was born on a farm near Clinton Nov. 9, 1841. His first job was with a country merchant at \$5.00 a month which he quit when required to sell liquor.

When 18 he moved to Clinton as a clerk. In November, 1860, he married Rosanna Lydia Abrams and their descendants have carried on his policies in the operations of the mills through the years.

Mr. Bailey entered the Confederate army in 1862, and after the war raised four bales of cotton. He hauled these 110 miles to Orangeburg, sold them at 60 cents a pound, and it was this money that was developed and resulted in the end in the construction of the two mills. With his initial cotton money, he went to New York on a buying trip and opened a store in Clinton, soon adding a saw mill, flour and grist mill and a shingle factory.

In the early 80's his health failed and he sold his general mercantile business to Joseph and P. S. Bailey. In 1886 his health had improved and he opened the first bank in Laurens County, M. S. Bailey and Son, Bankers, the firm which still operates in Clinton.

Ten years later he formed Clinton Cotton Mills with himself as president; William J. Bailey, treasurer and C. M. Bailey, bookkeeper.

M. S. Bailey died Feb. 19, 1926. In addition to heading the two mills and the banking concern, he was a trustee of Thornwell Orphanage, an elder in the First Presbyterian

Church, and one of the founders of Presbyterian College. He was prominent in every sphere of activity in the community.

### C. M. BAILEY

Cassius Mercer Bailey, son of M. S. and Rosanna Lydia Bailey, was born in 1876 and was graduated from Presbyterian and Davidson Colleges. He married Eloise Davenport of Norfolk, Va. and they had three daughters, Corinne Davenport, Lucy Eloise and Florence Jacobs.

Upon the death of M. S. Bailey, C. M. Bailey became president of the two mills, positions which he held until his death in 1935. The ability and influence of C. M. Bailey was felt long before he assumed the presidency. He was most active in the management and had served as secretary and treasurer from the beginning of the two plants.

He was popular and well loved by employees of the plants, and the mills made many progressive strides under his administration. He also was a trustee of Clinton public schools, of Presbyterian College and Thornwell Orphanage, a Presbyterian and a Mason.

### W. J. BAILEY

William James Bailey was born in 1865 at Clinton, also a son of M. S. and Rosanna Lydia Bailey. He attended Clinton public schools and Clinton Academy, marrying Florence Jacobs, the daughter of William P. Jacobs, one of the first directors of the mill, in 1888. He clerked for his father at 14, was made a partner later in the mercantile concern and in 1885 helped organize M. S. Bailey and Son, Bankers, of which he became cashier.



P. Silas Bailey

W. J. Bailey was one of the organizers of the mill, was secretary-treasurer and assumed the post of president upon the death of C. M. Bailey, a position he held until his death in 1948.

### P. SILAS BAILEY

Putsy Silas Bailey, today's president of Lydia and Clinton Cotton Mills, is the son of P. S. Bailey and a grandson of M. S. and Rosanna Lydia Bailey.

Mr. Bailey attended Clinton schools and was graduated from Presbyterian College in 1926. He became outside foreman at Clinton for two years and for the next 11 held an office position with the company. In 1939 he was elected vice-president of Clinton and Lydia, succeeding his uncle, J. A. Bailey. For the next nine he was associated with his uncle, W. J., who was president of the mills. He assumed the presidency in 1948. The progress of the mills under his management is well known and is outlined in more detail in other feature articles of this issue.

From 1932-34 he was a member of the city council and from 1934 he became mayor (Cont'd. on Page 4)



MISS GERALDINE BARBREY and MR. ROBERT L. CANNON were married last month at the home of Rev. J. W. Spillers. The happy couple are shown with their attendants, Miss Amilee Staggs and Jesse Harmon with Rev. Spillers. The Clinton couple are living with his parents, the William Cannons, on Jackson Street.