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R. M. VANCE HEADS CLINTON - LYDIA MILLS



Robert M. Vance, center, is the newly-elected president and treasurer of Clinton and Lydia Cotton Mills. At the left is George H. Cornelson, vice president of both mills and assistant treasurer of Clinton Mills. Bailey Dixon, right, is assistant treasurer of Lydia Mills. They are sitting under a painting of Mercer Silas Bailey, founder of the mills and of M. S. Bailey & Son, Bankers. Vance is a grandson of Mr. Bailey, and Cornelson and Dixon are great-grandsons.

Robert M. Vance is the new president and treasurer of Clinton and Lydia Cotton Mills. He was named to the posts by the board of directors following the death of P. S. Bailey, who headed the mills since 1948.

George H. Cornelson was named vice-president of Clinton and Lydia Mills, assistant treasurer of Clinton Mills, and vice president and assistant treasurer of Clinton Cottons.

Bailey Dixon was made assistant treasurer of Lydia Cotton Mills.

Mr. Vance, 42, president of M. S. Bailey and Son, Bankers, has been a Clinton resident all of his life. He is a grandson of the late M. S. Bailey who founded the mills more than half a century ago. He attended Clinton public schools and McCallie Preparatory School in Chattanooga, Tenn. He received a B.S. degree in business administration from Davidson College in 1937.

He began his business career as an office boy in M. S. Bailey and Son, Bankers, dur-

ing the summer months in the late twenties. He served as paymaster for Lydia Mills 1937-40 when he enlisted in the Army's Signal Corps. He later transferred to the Navy and served until 1946 when he was separated with the rank of lieutenant. He later became a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve. He received 17 battle stars for duty in the war areas of the North Atlantic, Caribbean and South, Central and North Pacific.

In April, 1948, he was elected president of the Banking firm and a director and assistant treasurer of Clinton-Lydia Cotton Mills. In December, 1953, he was made vice-president of the mills and vice-president and assistant treasurer of Clinton Cottons, Inc., New York.

In 1955, he was named

Clinton's Man of the Year. He is an elder and treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton.

He is married to the former Virginia Sexton Gray and they have three children, Mary Bailey Vance, Robert Vance, Jr., and Russell G. Vance.

Mr. Cornelson, 27, a great-grandson of the founder, was born in Spartanburg. He, too, attended McCallie Preparatory School, attended Davidson College, and was graduated from North Carolina State in 1953. He later attended Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

He became connected with Clinton Lydia Mills in 1954 in the industrial engineering department. He served two years as a first lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force.

He is a director of M. S. Bailey and Son, Bankers, and is a director of Clinton-Lydia Mills.

He is married to the former Ann Martin Shaw and they have one child, George H. Cornelson, Jr.

Mr. Dixon, 28, was born in Clinton, also a great-grandson of the founder of the mills, is a textile engineering graduate of Georgia Tech. He came to Clinton-Lydia Mills in 1955 following two years service in the navy, rising to the rank of lieutenant.

He is married to the former Martha Gail Wood of Talladega, Ala. They have two sons, Cassius Bailey Dixon, Jr., 4, and Norman Wood Dixon, one year old.

Other company officers are J. B. Templeton, vice-president in charge of manufacturing; W. C. Neely, secretary of Clinton Mills and assistant secretary of Lydia Mills; and J. D. Hairston, secretary of Lydia Mills.

disappointed with the experience which enabled us to win. We won but we truly do not have a great deal to be proud of. We are having too many accidents, which we must correct immediately. With everyone's support we can make our safety record one of which we can be truly proud.

Neither mill earned permanent possession of the Plaque. When the President's Safety Plaque Program was started in January 1956 it was agreed that the mill which won it the most quarters in

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PRESIDENT BAILEY PASSES

Funeral services for Putsy Silas Bailey, 54, were held on Friday afternoon, December 21, 1958, at the First Presbyterian Church, conducted by Dr. W. Redd Turner, pastor, and Dr. D. J. Woods, pastor emeritus.

Burial was in the family plot in the Clinton (Presbyterian) Cemetery. The simple services were attended by a company of relatives, associates, and textile leaders from a wide area that taxed the seating capacity of the church.

Pallbearers were J. B. Templeton, W. C. Neely, George Huguley, Claude A. Crocker, Goyne L. Simpson, D. H. Roberts, Dillard Milam, and Claude Trammell.

The honorary escort consisted of officers of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Bailey died December 19 about 7:30 p. m. in a Greenville hospital where he had been removed the previous Friday after suffering a heart attack.

His condition had shown some improvement, according to reports from the hospital, until Wednesday (December 17) when he took a turn for the worse and death followed late in the day.

Mr. Bailey was president and treasurer of Clinton and Lydia Cotton Mills, twin corporations of Clinton founded by his grandfather, M. S. Bailey, and was serving this year as president of the South Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Bailey was born in 1904, a son of P. S. Bailey and Fannie Copeland Bailey. He attended the Clinton schools, Wofford Fitting School in Spartanburg, McCallie Preparatory School in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Presbyterian College where he graduated in 1926 with an AB degree. In 1931 he was married to Ouida Caroline Cox of Clinton who survives as does one daughter, Emily Frances Bailey, a student at Agnes Scott College.

With Mill Since 1926

Mr. Bailey had been connected with Clinton - Lydia Mills since 1926. He was named vice-president of the organization in 1938 and became president and treasurer in 1948. He also was treasurer and a director of Clinton Cottons, Inc., of New York City. He became a director of M. S. Bailey and Son, Bankers, in 1949, and was made a member of the advisory committee of the Bailey Foundation in 1951.

Under Mr. Bailey's guidance the mills have been steadily expanded and improved. He devoted much time and effort to the welfare



P. S. Bailey

of the employees.

Mr. Bailey was active in the civic and business affairs of Clinton, his lifelong home.

He was a member of the city council in 1932-1934 and was mayor from 1934 to 1946.

He was a charter member and past president of the Clinton Lions Club, a charter member and past governor of the Clinton Moose Lodge, a member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Clinton Community Hotel Corporation, and was named Clinton's Citizen of the Year in 1951. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton. He was awarded the Community Chest "Oscar" in 1955 for his work in that organization.

Not only was Mr. Bailey the moving force behind the mills, but he was also widely active in the industry on a state and nation-wide basis.

He was a director of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute, and was a trustee of the Institute of Textile Technology in Charlottesville, Va., in addition to heading his state association of Textile manufacturers.

He took an active interest in the affairs of Presbyterian College, and in 1951 was awarded the college's Alumni Gold Key Award for the alumnus making the most outstanding contribution to the college. He was a trustee of the college and of Thornwell Orphanage and was chairman of that institution's executive committee. He was a member of the Piedmont Club of Spartanburg, the Poinsett Club of Greenville, the Lakeside Country Club and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order.

CLINTON REGAINS PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE

LYDIA HAS BEST RECORD FOR YEAR

At Clinton's monthly Supervisors Safety Meeting, held Monday, January 13, Mr. Robert M. Vance, President of Clinton-Lydia Mills, presented Clinton Superintendent, George M. Huguley the "President's Plaque" for the fourth quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.) of 1958.

President Vance said, "All successful enterprises must wage incessant warfare against accidents, destroyers of the planned result. Accidents impose unnecessary

hardships on all parties concerned, the employee, his family, and the Company. . . there are no winners, everyone is a loser."

He asked for renewed efforts in the control of all accidents, regardless how minor.

Superintendent Huguley said upon receiving the plaque, "I am glad to receive the plaque on behalf of all the employees and Supervisory Personnel of Clinton Mills. Frankly, however, I am