

CLINTON MILLS CELEBRA

"With this great heritage, we prefer to think of February 2, 1981 as a day that we have an 85-year 'Start on Tomorrow,'" said Clinton President George H. Cornelson as he addressed stockholders, corporate officers, and invited guests during the Company's 85th Anniversary ceremonies in the Training Center conference room.

In his address, Cornelson noted that in early 1896, the Secretary of State of South Carolina commissioned a group of petitioners to open the books for the subscription of stock for a cotton textile manufacturing plant.

Cornelson noted that R.Z. Wright, William J. Bailey (President from 1926-48), Dr. William P. Jacobs, P. Silas Bailey, Sr., W.B. Owens, Sr., and Robert L. Bailey, pledged the initial capital of \$50,000 for the first 500 shares of stock.

"Clinton Mills continues to invest in the textile opportunities of today and tomorrow," added Cornelson, as he outlined the Company's growth into the wide fabrics markets and the installation of shuttleless weaving machines.

He had high praise for the loyalty and dedication of all Clinton employees and introduced Toby Campbell who has been with the Company over 59 years.

Campbell, a supply room employee, is the son of Mrs. Minnie Campbell, one of the Company's original employees. His son, Silas, is Director of Plants Engineering. Another son, Terry, is Plant No. 2 Weaving Assistant Departmental Superintendent. Toby's grandson, Ricky, is a summer employee.

In referring to those who joined with M. S. Bailey in founding the Company, Cornelson

said, "I believe these early citizens of Clinton would also be pleased with the economic, civic, and charitable contributions that this successful enterprise has brought to Clinton, to Laurens County, to the State of South Carolina and to the other communities where divisions and subsidiaries of Clinton Mills are located."

Clinton Mills now includes 11 plants in six states. In addition to Clinton Mills 1 and 2, the Bailey and Lydia plants, there are two plants at Geneva, Ala., one at Elastic Fabrics of America, Ft. Washington, Pa. and its subsidiary, Superior Knits of Greensboro, N.C., and Mid-America Yarn Mills at Pryor, Okla., Talladega, Ala. and Yuma, Arizona.

Also participating in the program were Robert M. Vance, chairman of the board, and Bailey Dixon, vice president, engineering and subsidiary operations.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served. Cutting the cake was Mrs. Rose Cornelson Montgomery, of Spartanburg, a director of Clinton Mills, as Board Chairman Vance looked on.

Following the official ceremonies commencing the anniversary celebration, more than 2200 employees received box lunches and a piece of the Company's birthday cake.

In addition, eligible employees received copies of their individual Profit Sharing Account statements and all employees received copies of the new Clinton Mills, Inc. four color viewbook.



More than 2,200 employees in the six Weaving plants enjoyed specially prepared box lunches in commemoration of the Company's birthday.



Clinton Mills Vice President Bailey Dixon and President George H. Cornelson show off new corporate flag.



Employees pleased with all anniversary celebration activities.



C. Bailey Dixon talks about new plants.



Vice President Bailey Dixon unveils new carpet yarn plant in Yuma, Arizona.



Large groups of fellow employees joined together to enjoy lunch.



President George Cornelson and Director Mercer Wise.