

Ex-Towel Employee, Now Congressman, Visits Mill

Progress In Mill And Community Impresses Former Employee

It was "celebrity time" at the Towel Mill the other day when Jim Haley, former president of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus toured the mill while in Fieldale to visit his sister, Mrs. Charlise Jordan.

Mr. Haley, who has just completed his third term as a Democratic congressman from Florida and who is unopposed for his fourth term, stopped by Fieldale on his way to Florida from Washington following the adjournment of the 85th Congress.

He and Mrs. Haley visited the Towel Mill where they spent considerable time in the weave room where Mr. Haley formerly worked. He demonstrated to his wife that he still knew how to start and stop a loom. He seemed amazed at the progress in the mill since he worked there.

Played Baseball at Fieldale

Mr. Haley recalled that he came to Fieldale around Christmas in 1920 and remained until mid-summer. He is remembered as a star first baseman on the ball team. He recalled that Fieldale was "just getting started" when he was there and he was very complimentary toward the town as it is today.

A native of Alabama, he first learned about Fieldale through L. E. Turner and Will Mahaffey who were working at the Towel Mill and playing baseball on the Fieldale team.

When he left Fieldale he went to Manchester, Ga. where he managed a ball team for Calloway Mills. From there he went to Florida as personnel manager for the Florida Power and Light Com-



Jim Haley, Florida Congressman, is shown (center) as he arrived to visit the Towel Mill where he formerly worked. At right is D. A. Purcell, mill manager, and at left is Mrs. Charlise Jordan, the Congressman's sister who lives at Fieldale.

pany, and then operated an auto sales agency for a short while.

At Sarasota, winter home of the circus, Mr. Haley formed an accounting firm which did the auditing for the old John L. Ringling circus. When Mr. Ringling died, Mr. Haley became general manager for the executors of the estate, holding this post until he was made president when the two shows were consolidated.

When he was head of the "Greatest Show on Earth" Mr. Haley visited his sister and friends at Fieldale when time

permitted. When the circus played in Roanoke, Greensboro, or Winston-Salem, Mr. Haley had seats reserved for old friends from Fieldale who saw "the big show" as guests of its president.

Since he has been in Congress, Mr. Haley has visited Fieldale occasionally as he travelled between Washington and his home in Florida. Also, through the years he has kept in touch with Fieldale through correspondence with his sister, and with J. Frank Wilson and J. H. Ripple, former managers of the Towel Mill.

25-Year Club Picnic Set For Saturday In Morehead Stadium

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master of ceremonies. Officers of the Company and other guests have been invited.

The Two Dots and Dash trio, from Greenwood Mills in Greenwood, South Carolina, will entertain with songs. This girls' trio of Greenwood Mills employees has made a name for itself in appearances before numerous groups in various parts of the South.

The picnic supper will be served by the ladies of the Matrimony Grange, of Stoneville, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Davis. This is the same group which has prepared the food for 25-Year Club picnics for the past several years.

See pages four and five of this issue for a roster of the 25-Year Club members, including the 204 new members coming into the club this year.

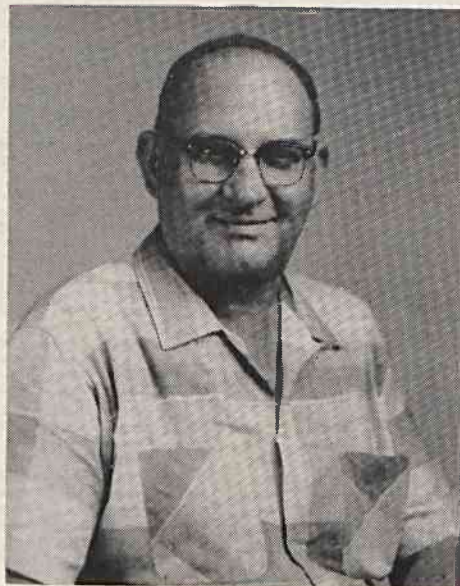
Clemmons D. Long Attains 40-Year Record

Clemmons D. Long, frame fixer in the Carding Department at the Sheeting Mill, completed 40 years of continuous service with the Company on Monday, September 1.

In informal ceremonies at the Sheeting Mill, Robert A. Harris, vice-president, manufacturing, presented Mr. Long with the Fieldcrest diamond-and-gold service emblem, a gift, and a letter of commendation from President Whitcomb.

Mr. Long is a native of Rockingham county and was an early employee of the Carding Department at the old Nantucket Mill. He left the Company for a time but returned September 1, 1918, and has continuous service since that date.

He has worked all of his years in the card room. He has been a stripper, speeder hand, intermediate hand and for the past several years has been a frame fixer.



CLEMMONS D. LONG