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industries.*

HARVIN SMITH TO RETIRE AUGUST 31

Harvin Smith, assistant director, will be ending his twelve year career at the ITC at the end of this fiscal year, Aug. 31. He earned a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Texas Tech University in 1949 and a M.S. from the University of Georgia in 1952. Beginning in 1949, Harvin served in various positions in the USDA Cotton Division. In 1964, he was appointed head of USDA Cotton Standards and Testing Sections in Memphis until 1977

when he moved to Washington, DC as chief of the Cotton Standard and Testing Branch.

Upon retiring from the USDA in 1984, he came to the ITC as head of the Materials Evaluation Lab. From 1992 to the present, Harvin has been both the interim and the assistant director. Harvin will be enjoying golf, fishing, and more travel with his wife, Adelle. The ITC will miss Harvin and we wish him an exciting retirement.

NEW YARN TESTER ARRIVES FOR MEL

A Zellweger Uster Tensorapid 3 Automatic Tensile Tester has arrived to replace an older Tensorapid in the Materials Evaluation Lab. The MEL will now have increased yarn testing capacity. The ITC is constantly replacing older equipment with the latest technology available. Over the past three years all labs have been upgraded substantially.

ITC TRAVELING NEWS

Harvin Smith, Reiyao Zhu, and Pam Alspaugh, traveled to Raleigh, NC for Cotton Incorporated's Engineered Fiber Selection (EFS) conference in May. This is always an excellent forum to learn about the latest cotton technologies and to visit with mill buyers and colleagues. Afterwards, Pam Alspaugh visited Fieldcrest Cannon and Dan River mills to prepare for production of a video on covering neps in woven and knitted fabrics.

Dr. Reiyao Zhu recently attended a University Combing Workshop sponsored by Rieter and held in Spartanburg, SC. The seminar was organized by Tony Ball, head of technology. Bert Rusch, head of marketing, introduced state

of the art combing technology to participants from the academic sector.

Harvin Smith recently traveled to Puebla, Mexico to visit several mills and discuss processing of West Texas cotton.

Dean Ethridge, director, has returned after three months of consultation in Ethiopia to prepare a plan for that government to transition the cotton and textile sectors into a free market system. Richard Combs, retired, also consulted on dyeing and finishing.

Dean Ethridge recently made a presentation at a Sticky Cotton Action Team (SCAT) meeting sponsored by Cotton Incorporated in Tuscon, Arizona.