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Kling Factories Honor Employees In 50th

MAKVILLE — King Factories, with general offices here, is in the process of honoring its nearly 400 employees with a series of dinners marking 50 years of making furniture.

The firm, which manufactures solid wood bedroom and dining room furniture and occasional tables, has three plants in the County. They are Chautauqua Cabinet Company, here, Frewsburg Furniture Company and Herrick Furniture Company, Falconer.

The first of the dinners was held here Thursday in Peacock Inn with about 160 local production workers attending.

Eighty workers from Frewsburg will be similarly feted here Mon-

day and 90 from the Falconer plant will dine here Thursday.

Similar gatherings are scheduled here the latter part of June for about 35 members of the office staff and in Chicago at the Hotel Sherman for about 25 salesmen.

Gifts of key chains will be given to all employees and 35 active and recently retired workers with more than 25 years of continuous service with the company will receive suitably engraved 23-jewel wrist watches.

Five active and two recently retired employees here were among those honored for more than 40

years' service. Two at the Falconer plant also will be honored.

They are: Edward Becker, Lewis Biekert, Ray Caswell, Vernon Luppan and Jay Olsen, all currently employed here; Coras Henderson and Vernon Henderson, former local employees, and Alvin Johnson and Ewald Johnson, Falconer.

Chester E. Helgran, vice president and treasurer, and the oldest active employe with 49 years' service, addressed the group at the Thursday dinner.

John A. Kling, general superintendent for the

after-dinner program. He extended best wishes to the group from his father, Donald D. Kling, president, who was unable to attend because of illness.

Ray Caswell responded briefly on behalf of the employes.

Current employes of the local plant with 25 to 40 years' service are: Edward Busch, Floyd Crandall, Arthur Hitchcock, Ralph Jacobson, Otto Krause, John Lawrence, Maxwell Little, Orrin Martin, Jesse Menz, Alden Morton, Raymond Nelson, Charles Seekings, George Uiegg, Levant Uiegg, Harland Wood, Bernard Young,

George Zemms, Edward Lawrence, A. J. Kling, and LeRoy Skimmer. Cleon Near is in the same category but retired recently.

Employees of the Herrick Furniture Company in Falconer with 25 to 40 years' service are: Russell Alessie, Chester Carlson, William Cook, Anthony Fole, Fred Fredrickson, Earl Gregory, Harold Johnson, Frederick Pasini, Leon Phetteplace, Michael Scarry, Harry Young and Hjalmer Englund.

Frewsburg Furniture Company employes with more than 25 years' service are: Alice Borsi, Howard Collins, Roger Grandall, Earl Ful-

leton, Ralph Fullerton, Albert Greene, Floyd Hiller, Wesley Holcomb, Francis Jacobson, Knute Lindboom, Karl Nelson, Axel Roesel, George Wiltse and Fritz Or-

son. Two office employes to be honored similarly are Edna Abram and Gilbert Meade.

The late John A. Kling founded the business in 1911 and built his first plant here on the site of the present factory. The third generation of the Kling family is now active in the business.

A warehouse was added to the plant here two years ago and, a