Old 'Roving' Printer Turned On By Offset

By W.W. EDGAR

Arthur Daniels, one of the last of the "roving" printers of another era, took in the panoramic view of Observer Newspapers' editorial and composing rooms and sighed -

"I never have seen anything like it in all my days as a printer. It almost makes me wish that I could try this new offset idea. I have been in many of the country's best newspaper plants, but I never have seen the equal of this."

In company with Myrtle, his bride of 56 years; their daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Diskin of Redford Township, and a grandson, Mark Bering, he had just completed a tour of the Observer plant.

NOW A RETIRED resident of Seal Beach, Calif., the veteran printer, who tries to make a trip back here each year to visit the children, admitted that he had watched the construction of the building from the time the "first block was laid."

"From the first time I saw it, I was eager to see it from the inside because I knew it would be different. Yet, I never expected this."

As he looked around he smiled and said, "Why there's no newspapers laying around on the floor and no overturned waste baskets. I just can't believe it is a newspaper plant."

It was the first time he ever had seen the offset system at work, and he was almost mystified with the manner in which the type was set and then pasted up in preparation for the three - story Goss Metro press.

STARTING ON the old Cleveland News in 1915, Daniels has worked in many of the top newspaper printing plants across the country.

As he recalled his career he named such papers as the Chicago Tribune, New York World, Los Angeles Herald and Examiner and two stints at the Detroit News. His first stay at the News was from 1933 to 1945, and then from 1951 to 1954.

As he recalled the papers he also rattled off the names of some of the famous editors and writers with whom he had rubbed shoulders at the composing rooms.

Then, with a sort of longing eye, he took one last look around to complete the tour and repeated - "Never saw anything like it. Almost makes me wish I could try this offset process in such pleasant surroundings."

RETIRED PRINTER Arthur Daniels and his wife, with his daughter Dorothy Diskin (left) and grandson Mark Bering, get a tour of the modern Observer Newspapers plant from guide Craig Dickson. (Observer photo)

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