Retiring Haley Plans To Do 'Near Nothin'

Roy Haley, the Greeley Tribune's custodian, retired Friday after 11 years with the company.

Haley, whose 65 years have included work as a jockey and bronco buster, said he plans to do "as near nothin' as I can" during retirement.

Haley started with the Tribune Dec. 1, 1960 after farming and ranching in the Gilcrest area for several years.

Born in Newark, Ark., Haley came to Greeley in 1923 at age 17. He worked at the Eaton Great Western Sugar factory before returning to Arkansas.

Colorado was on his mind, however, and he returned to work with Rosener Bros. Farms at Wiggins. It was here that Haley "broke" wild horses, some for riding and others for work horses, he said.

He later moved to Fort Morgan where he fed cattle. During World War II, however, Haley worked at a gunpowder factory in Oklahoma. It was there that he met his wife, Nora Lee.

Following the war Haley returned to Colorado to farm and ranch in the Gilcrest area before taking a job with the Tribune.

The Hayles have seven children, all grown and married, and 16 grandchildren. "My home's here and I'll stay here," Haley said. "We've got a travel trailer and a pickup, and we'll do a little traveling around Oklahoma, California and Florida, probably. And fishing and hunting - I like to fish and hunt. But I'll do as near nothin' as I can...ain't bad is it?"