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MEET YOUR SUPERVISOR

On a cool, rainy morning in June of 1936, a young man stood at the entrance to the Full Fashioned Knitting Department nervously waiting to apply for his first job. His application was accepted and he was put to work as a full fashioned topper. Thus, Walter H. Gray was introduced to Adams-Millis Corporation, in his words, "The best place a man could ever work!"



Walter Gray

Born in Alamance County on January 20, 1920, to Annie Hill and Winslow Gray, Walter moved, at the age of 2, to the Mt. Vernon community in Randolph County. There, he attended the old Carraway Elementary School and then Trinity High School. Immediately after leaving school in 1936, he came to Adams-Millis. He topped for five years before being transferred to the job of knitter-legger on the 42 gauge machines. In 1945, the 42 gauge machines were dismantled and replaced by the automatic 51 gauge machines on which Walter knit until he was promoted to the position of fixer-supervisor in 1948.

Married to his high school sweetheart, the former Hazel Spencer (also of Randolph County), Walter makes his home on Route #3, High Point. There are four boys in the family. Michael, age 10, and Phillip, age 13, live at home and attend New Market School. Wayne, age 21, also lives at home and is employed by Globe of High Point.

Harrison, age 22, employed by Globe, too, is married and the father of Walter's only grandson, of whom he is most proud.

Mrs. Gray sometimes laments that Walter has "too many irons in the fire;" and, well she might for his interests are many and varied. He is a member of the New Market Civitan Club and helps to manage the New Market Team of the Southern Little League (in which his younger son plays), sponsored by the Club. He is a veteran taxidermist and, as might be expected, lists hunting and fishing as his No. 1 hobby; he tries to squeeze in at least one Western North Carolina hunting trip each year. For fourteen years, he has sung lead in the Glenola Quartet, formerly featured on Asheboro's radio station and known throughout the area for their renditions of sacred music.

The Grays are members of Glenola Baptist Church of Randolph County where Walter has served as choir leader and as a member of the Board of Deacons.

Fortunately for Adams-Millis, it will be some time before Walter Gray is old enough to begin thinking of retirement; but, when that time comes, you can rest assured that his retirement will be a busy one.

Boiling old stiff paint brushes in vinegar may soften and clean them.

A piece of cotton on a stick can paint that little touch up job, and you won't have a brush to clean.