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MEET YOUR SUPERVISOR

On May 5, 1923, William J. Branch was born to Lulu Rachel and William Daniel Branch in Stuart, Virginia.

At the age of seven, William moved to Reidsville, N. C., with his parents where he attended Wentworth School. His father, now retired, owned and operated a saw mill; and since there were eleven boys and seven girls (including two sets of twins) in the Branch family, William learned the meaning of work and responsibility at an early age.

When he was seventeen years old, William Branch went to work for Burlington Mills as a spinner. He later became a fixer, then head soaker and dye man, and had advanced to the position of instructor and set-up man in the ribbon division when he left Burlington Mills in 1954.

For two years after that, he was employed by Standard Hosiery Mill as a fixer in the preparation department. In 1956, he left the textile industry to run a die casting machine for Dixie Die Casting Company of Reidsville. He soon advanced to the job of casting department foreman. When Dixie Die Casting Company became Southern Die Casting Company and moved to High Point in 1960, William began commuting to High Point and again was a casting machine operator.

When the first casting--the 912 MAC Panel handle--was ready to be made at Southern Die, both William and Howard Vernon, a fellow worker, were in line



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for the "honor." Vice President John Weber tossed a coin and, unfortunately, William lost. But, his luck was not all bad for in April of 1961, he became lead man in the casting department and soon moved up to second-shift supervisor of both the casting and secondary departments, the position he now holds.

Just recently, William decided he liked High Point well enough to make his residence here and moved his wife, the former Mary Frances Chilton, and his son, William Danny Branch (age 15), and daughter, Linda Elaine Branch (age 17), from Reidsville to their home at 807 Springfield Avenue. There are also two married daughters--Mary Branch Moore of High Point and Phyllis Branch Stanley of Reidsville--and three grandchildren in the Branch family.

Steve T. Bull, 81, retired employee of Adams-Millis Corporation's Plant #4, died at his home in Kernersville on July 18, following a period of declining health. He was a native of Guilford County but had lived in Kernersville most of his life.

Mr. Bull was employed in the Knitting Department of Plant #4 from September of 1933 until his retirement in April of 1949.

His survivors include Ruby Stafford and Hallie Perdue, both employees of Plant #4, and Hettie Barrow and Robah Bull, former employees of Adams-Millis.

To the members of Mr. Bull's family we extend our deepest sympathy.

