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MEET YOUR SUPERVISOR

In the summer of 1943, a young slender boy of 16 went to work in the Boarding Department of Plant #1. The hot weather did not discourage the young man and Thurman Millikan remained to become one of the top quality boarders until December of 1944



T. Millikan

when he entered service with the Navy Air Corps.

After boot training at Bainbridge, Maryland, he was sent to Lake City, Florida. Shortly after the end of World War II--July of 1946, to be exact--Thurman Millikan was released from active duty and returned to the boarding room.

In June of 1952, he was transferred to the Order Department and carried lots about a year before being assigned to correspondence clerk. His duties consisted largely of handling correspondence to determine delivery dates for customers. "Promising orders" requires a knowledge of the status of all goods in process. Actually, it starts with placing the order for the yarn and a confirmation from the yarn supplier when the yarn will be delivered. Then every other item must be checked out: Are machines available? . . . If not, when will previous orders be completed? . . . Is packaging on hand or ordered? . . . Are enough operators available to

process the goods? . . . And hundreds of other items. These items are determined through close liaison with each department head.

From correspondence, Millikan was moved to production control, working with Bascome Loflin in issuing knitting orders. Details of styles, sizes, colors and dozens to be knitted are determined from present stock and orders. Schedules are then made for the Knitting and Dye Departments, with priority being assigned as necessary. Production control follows the goods through the Finishing Department to expedite delivery as promised.

"Rush lists" are made when it appears a promise date might not be met. These rush lists come from production control. Thurman Millikan was promoted to supervisor of production control for Plant #1 in October of 1961. His responsibilities include planning, orders and correspondence. Production control must know where each sock is from the time the customer order is received until it moves through the Shipping Department. Millikan's work literally carries him from one end of the plant to the other and into every nook and corner. He has a desk, but is rarely found there because he is on the go to find out where a certain lot of goods is located. Often a large shipment is being held up because every color has been completed except one. Then, a yarn supplier must be contacted to get the yarn, or, if the goods are in process, a "rush list" must be put into being.

Born and reared in High Point, Thurman Millikan married Miss Ernestine Jarrett, also of High Point, (Cont'd. on page 2)