

WAREHOUSE IS RAZED



Heavy rains and winds in early October damaged the warehouse, located on English Road in High Point, to the extent that it was necessary to tear down the building. Yarn stored in the building was moved to the old Washington Street plant, now owned by the city schools. No announcement has been made concerning the development of the lot vacated by the removal of the warehouse.

The east portion of the building was the first hosiery plant built (in 1904) by the founders of Adams-Millis, Messrs. J. H. Adams and J. E. Millis. The first two-story plant was 60 feet wide and 100 feet long. The Knitting and Looping Department was on the second floor; the Finishing Department was on the first floor. The second half, or west side, of the building was erected in 1907.

A sixty-horsepower boiler furnished direct power to the machines by pulleys, shafts and belts. There were no electrical motors until 1907 when Southern Power Company came to High Point. An eighty-horsepower boiler provided heat for the building, dye house and Boarding Department. City lights came on at 6:00 a. m. and

were cut off at 6:00 p. m.

Water for the boiler and emergency use for the dye house came from the company well. Drinking water came from a nearby house by way of bucket and dipper, with no ice. Coal for the boiler was hauled from the railroad by horse and wagon.

There were no elevators to the second floor; machines and supplies were carried up the stairs by hand. Most of the yarn and machine parts were put in burlap bags and carried over the shoulders of employees. Eighty persons were employed in the knitting room and 45 in the finishing room.

Stockings were boarded and dried on wooden boards. The damp stockings were pulled on the boards which were then placed in a slide-in drawer and pushed into a wooden box with a fan attached to force the heat through the box.

Only one style, 24B, was made prior to 1907; it was a misses' and children's plain stocking made of one count of 9 yarn in the foot and two counts of 18 in the boot. Sizes ranged from 5 to 9. Naturally, it was an above-the-knee stocking.