



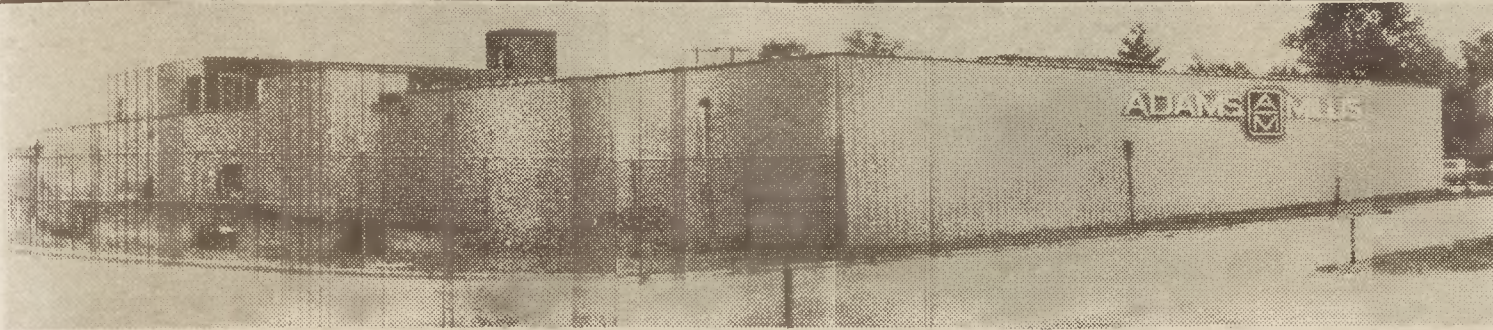
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Plant #4, Kernersville

Energy Conservation Pressing Need

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With the pressing energy crisis staring us in the face, Adams-Millis formed an Energy Committee about two years ago. The purpose of this Energy Committee was to review known methods of energy savings, to recommend these methods to the various operational groups in Adams-Millis and to set goals and priorities for the Adams-Millis Corporation as we make a company-wide attempt to reduce our energy usage and to insure constant supplies of energy sources.

As these things were being done, the Energy Committee decided, about one year ago, to form an energy Audit Committee who would go out and audit our various operational units to insure that a high priority effort was being made to comply with our various energy reduction opportunities. Through the work of the Energy Committee and the Energy Audit Committee, each plant and building in the Corporation is being analyzed thoroughly. In addition to this, measures are being taken or planned to insure that all of our operations will set a high priority on energy usage reductions and that projects which are successful in one or more of our plants are reviewed by

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Plant #4, Kernersville, Started in 1918

Adams-Millis Corporation's Plant #4 in Kernersville was one of the earliest operations in the Corporation's first years, being incorporated in 1918, 14 years after the first plant was started in 1904 in High Point. The plant began operations with 25 employees, 50 knitting machines, and 15 looping machines, with the only product being a ribbed stocking. This first operation was known as the Kernersville Knitting Company.

Today, Plant #4 maintains an average work force of 200 employees, with some 700 knitting machines that produce some two million dozen pairs of howiery annually. These include a good percentage of the ABC sport socks, tube and crew socks for men, and girls' knee-hi'.

Prior to the 1965 construction of Plant #3 in Kernersville, which is recognized as the largest hosiery finishing facility of its type in the world, Plant #4 was a complete knitting and

finishing facility, producing 40,000 to 45,000 dozens per week. Today, the plant includes Knitting and Seaming Departments. Storage and Shipping Departments for off-grades and irregulars are located in the section of the plant designated as Plant #14.

Early records of Adams-Millis show the Certificate of Incorporation for Plant #4 stated the plant was formed "to manufacture, buy, sell, import, export, trade and deal in hosiery, underwear and other goods made from wool, cotton, flax, hemp, silk or any other material that can be spun into a thread, and the manufacture of knitting or otherwise and sale of garments or wearing apparel of any description."

A small wooden building on the corner of Burke and Bodenhamer Streets and seven acres of land were purchased. Minutes of the Corporation state the inventory of December 31, 1918 was 3,257 dozen pairs of socks in process, the equivalent of perhaps six hours' production of the present capacity.

In 1919, a brick addition was made near the existing building, and this structure is now part of the present knitting room. Other additions have increased the floor space to approximately 100,000 square feet.

In recent months, the building has been covered with a metal exterior, which is an energy conservation measure and also gives the building a contemporary look. Most of the building is now air conditioned, a break room with a capacity of 80 persons has been completed, and restrooms are being remodeled.



First Row: James Sharpe, manager of Plant#4, and David Dougan, Personnel Manager.



Second Row: Bobby Leonard, Supervisor, Off-Grades, First Shift; Ray Hill, Supervisor, Knitting, Third Shift.



Third Row: Henry Smith, Supervisor, Knitting, Second Shift. Center Photo: Carolyn Beeson, who has been with Adams-Millis 42 years, is shown with Jeanette Surface, Supervisor, Seaming, First Shift. In the photo at right are Senior Fixer Ernest Harden, working on a machine, with Harvey Stack, Supervisor, Knitting, First Shift.

