

TV Film Made At Hickory Plant

Television cameras became a familiar sight in Plant 6 in Hickory recently when an educational television crew filmed there for three days. Being filmed was a segment for a series entitled "Workin'" with some 600,000 public school students in North Carolina being the potential audience for the shows.

Sue James, a boarder at the Hickory plant for ten years, was selected to appear in the film and the camera crew covered her working day, as well as her family and a shopping trip to downtown Hickory.

Janet Doss, of the Hickory City School Television Center, was producer-director of the film and complimented Sue on the way she quickly adapted to working and talking while being filmed. Also appearing briefly in the film are J. H. Millis, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Adams-Millis; Bob Hoots, Personnel Manager for the Hickory plant; and members of Sue's family.

The purpose of the "Workin'" series primarily is to assist teachers in preparing students on ways to get and keep a job in today's market. The programs positively stress the need for students to set goals and to learn certain skills in order to succeed in a job.

The film shows Sue coming into her department to work and she is heard saying; "I love people...love to do things...it's

important that you like yourself...you have to have confidence that others will like you....I have a lot more friends now than before I started working."

She talks about some of the things Adams-Millis does for its employees, such as the Christmas gifts, the four paid holidays each year, and insurance and health benefits provided.

Then she talks about her job, how first she waxes the boards, then gets her lots readied. "I've been a boarder for 14 years....I'm proud of how fast I am and the pay is good." She then shows exactly how she performs her job.

"Everyone here is friends," she says. "We go out to eat once a month, and I never get bored." She said a boarder sets her own pace. "I do 40 dozen socks an hour....15 to 20 dozen is considered a lot." Sue tells that she is paid by piecework and that she wouldn't like to be on a straight salary.

Sue also says in the film that when she started on her job, she was told that if she had a problem to go to someone in authority—to her Personnel Manager. "If you do this," she said, "your job is not in jeopardy—most problems can be solved."

One segment of the film shows Sue shopping in downtown Hickory. She says: "Work has been good for me because I can have things I want. I can share the expenses of the family and we can have what we need and want.



Sue James, second from right above, appears in a TV film which will be shown in schools throughout North Carolina. Sue is a boarder at Plant 6 in Hickory and was filmed at work and also with her family and with friends on a shopping trip. The title of the film series is "Workin'" and gives students a look at jobs in a number of industries in the state. J.H. Millis, President and Chief Executive Officer of Adams-Millis Corporation, is shown at right, members of the television crew are at left.

I like to have extra money and you can save for what you want." She does note that she quit high school in the 11th grade and that she does regret dropping out. But

the film shows that she now is happy with her work and her life. Sue and her husband were filmed watching television in their home with Sue making a

dishrag doll, which is one of her hobbies. She also talks about the race car hobby she and her husband share.

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Adams-Millis Given Sears Award For 16th Year

The some 600 employees of Adams-Millis Hosiery Company's Plant 3 in Kernersville

attended a ceremony last year where they learned that their plant was receiving a Sears'

Symbol of Excellence Award for the 16th consecutive year.

The ceremony was held on the grounds of the newly-rebuilt plant. Employees wore T-shirts provided by the company in recognition of their cooperation during and after the fire at the plant in March of 1981.

Fred Suter, a national underwear and hosiery buyer for Sears, presented the Award and noted that of the thousands of manufacturers that Sears has used in the past 16 years, only eight have received the Symbol of Excellence Award each year since the Award's inception.

Mr. Suter explained that, early in each year, manufacturers are nominated for the Award. A special committee then surveys retail stores, catalog plants and the Sears' laboratory for their recommendations, before a final selection is made.

R. M. Bundy, Jr., President of the Hosiery Company, accepted the Award on behalf of the employees.

Also present for the ceremony

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Wellness, Careful Use Keys to Successful Plan

By Jean Harrison
Employee Benefits Manager

For more than forty years, Adams-Millis has offered a health care program to its employees. Through the years since the program's inception, many improvements have been made, with the company and its employees sharing the cost of this vital part of our lives.

The importance the modern-day worker attaches to such plans can be seen in the fact that many persons consider these benefits equally as important as the weekly wages that are paid. In recent years, however, maintaining health care plans has become increasingly difficult due to unprecedented rising costs of medical and hospital care. Last year alone, the cost of health care provided by the Adams-Millis

Corporation Employee Welfare Benefit Plan amounted to more than one and a half million dollars, an increase of nearly twenty percent more than the cost of the previous year. And the prediction for 1982 is another fifteen to twenty percent increase.

All responsible employees understand that a company which makes the effort Adams-Millis makes to offer its people these benefits can expect each employee to do his or her utmost to ensure that the plans are not abused but are utilized in the most careful manner possible.

Practicing good health habits, physical fitness and accident prevention adds up to a program

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Adams-Millis Hosiery Company, which for the past 16 years has received the Sears Symbol of Excellence Award for boys' hosiery shipments, also this year, for the first time, received the Symbol of Excellence Award for men's hosiery shipments. The award for the boys' hosiery shipments was made at Plant 3 in Kernersville by Fred Suter, Senior Buyer for Sears Boys' Wear Department 640. The award for men's hosiery was made at the Administrative Office in High Point. Shown at this ceremony in the photograph above are, left to right: Joe Hardy, Senior Buyer for Sears' Department 633; Herb Goldman, also a buyer for this department; Robert M. Bundy, Jr., President of the Hosiery Company; and J.H. Millis, President and Chief Executive Officer of Adams-Millis Corporation.