



King, right, and Dale Hawks review diagram

King At Home In Hosiery

(Editor's Note: This article is one of a series featuring a supervisor in one of the many job categories in Adams-Millis Corporation. The supervisor will be, as nearly as can be determined, the one with the longest service record in the supervisor category.)

Harry W. King admits he has thought about retirement but quickly adds, "As long as I'm healthy there's no need to sit down."

King has spent more than 34 years in the hosiery industry beginning in 1952 when he became a knitter learner with Ashburn Hosiery in Mount Airy. It wasn't long before he was promoted to supervisor of the knitting room.

In 1960 he was transferred to the Granite Hosiery Mill which was owned by Ashburn Hosiery. He started at Granite as supervisor of the looping department. The following year looping was discontinued in favor of seaming machines.

King re-trained many loopers and trained new employees the technique of seaming to close the toes of socks. When Adams-Mills Corporation acquired Granite Hosiery Mill in 1963, King had the seaming department operating smoothly and efficiently.

He now is supervisor Seaming Department Plant 2 in Mount Airy.

During his years in hosiery business he has been active in community civic affairs as a member of Ruritan, VFW and a volunteer fireman. King and his wife of 40 years, the former Ruby Midkiff, are members of Flat Rock Baptist Church.

King also has been active as a mason and shriner. He was Master of the Masonic Blue Lodge in 1971, is a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason. He has served in the York Rite and received the Knighthood of the York Cross of Honor, the highest honor in the York Rite of Free Masonry.

He also is a Shriner in the Oasis Temple in Charlotte. King is past president of the Surry Shrine Club and a member of the Allie Masonic Degree and honorary member of four other localasonic lodges.

As he reflected on his career with Adams-Mills, King commented, "I don't know that I would change anything. I've always believed in doing as good as I can and work for the people."

As for changes in the industry he said, "Most present change, but I don't you don't make the changes that are necessary you behind."

King praised Adams-Mills for efforts made to improve productivity. "Adams-Mills tries to up with the industry," he said. "The company is updated with equipment that makes it better everybody."

King and his wife work in the Pairing department of Plant 11, traveling, especially tours. In recent years they have visited Nashville, Tenn. four times, New York, Fla. times, Williamsburg, Va., Wilmington and the World Fair in Knoxville, Tenn.

In addition to travel, King still enjoys fishing at the North Carolina coast and bass and catfish around Mount Airy and on the Yadon River in Virginia. There where he once landed a 47-pound catfish and he has photos to show anybody who doubts the size of the fish.

Beal To Head NAHM Trade Group

Larry Beal, Adams-Millis Corporation Credit Manager, has been elected president of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers Interchange Trade Group.

Beal, a Hendersonville native, joined Adams-Mills in January 1984. He is a graduate of East Carolina University where he majored in education and minored in psychology.

He is married to the former Anne Titus of Petersburg, Va.

As president of the NAHM's Interchange Trade Group, Beal will preside over the information sharing group during his one-year term which ends in September 1987.

The Interchange Trade Group, formed in 1983, includes 22 hosiery company members from North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky.

"We meet regularly to discuss mutual problems we have involving credit as well as other matters such as lobbying, legal matters and leveraged buyouts that affect the hosiery industry," Beal said.

Prior to joining Adams-Mills Beal was regional credit manager for Salem Carpet Mills in Winston-Salem. He resides in Greensboro.



Larry Beal

Appreciation Cake

Plant 11 employees Bobby and Sue Shinault turned the tables on Adams-Millis Chairman J.H. Millis Sr. during an employee appreciation luncheon December 3.

Following Millis' comments of appreciation to employees the Shinaults told him they wanted to show some appreciation for him.

"As you give this Appreciation Dinner for your employees, we would just like to say we appreciate you, too," the Shinaults noted. "We are grateful for

the opportunity to work at Adams-Millis, for all the benefits, for the fine management, for your love and concern for your employees. May God bless and reward you all."

The Shinaults presented Millis a cake with the inscription "Adams-Millis We Appreciate You."

Sue, who has worked for the company two years, is an inserter in the pair-clip department. Bobby, who joined the company just over a year ago, is a lot handler in the pairing department.



J.H. Millis Sr. accepts appreciation cake from Bobby and Sue Shinault during Plant 11 event.

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