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Barnwell Production On Track

With the first socks having been finished in the Adams-Millis Barnwell Plant, everything seems to be on track for the operation.

"We're on schedule and we hope it continues that way," said Plant Manager Dan Bulman, taking a break from what has been a harried schedule in getting the plant into operation. "We have about 100 people on payroll now and that will grow as we get more machines into place and running."

Phase II of the operation is expected to be in place in June.

"The most rewarding thing to me about this operation has been to see something grow out of nothing," Bulman said.

He explained that there was only a building on the site when he came there several months ago. However, now it has been upfitted, machinery installed and employees producing socks.

"The biggest pleasant surprise has been the quality of the people we have been able to attract," he said. "They have a very good work ethic and they have caught on to the process very quickly. They're just great people."

Concerning the building, Bulman said that was the most difficult part of the startup.

"It is about 25 years old and has not been used for some

time," he said. "We had to make a lot of repairs and changes everywhere we turned."

Maintenance Department Manager Ernest Kearns has worked with the project since November.

"I'm elated with the situation," he said recently. "We were able to make the first socks the week of February 15 and the number of socks

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From left, Shirley Riley, Jeffery Lomas, Darnell Moore and Plant Manager Dan Bulman proudly display first sock knitted in the Barnwell plant.



The Accounts Payable staff, a vital part of Adams-Millis, display some of the more than 500 checks they write weekly to pay vendors. From left are: Karen Lisenby, Sandra Dyer, Jean Myers, Betty Seward and Mary Bostic. Seated, Treva Palmer. A story about the company's Finance Department is on page 2.

Safer, Cuts Costs

New Process Is Environmentally Friendly

When Adams-Millis begins its wet sock finishing process at the new Barnwell, S.C., facility, the environment can breathe easier.

The wet finishing process there will use hydrogen peroxide instead of the traditional hydrochlorite bleach, substantially reducing the amount of pollutants discharged from the plant.

"Currently, the hydrochlorite bleach process we use in our other plants is well within the Environmental Protection

Agency's standards, but we are really pleased to be able to use this new process which is even more environmentally friendly," said Marc Stokes, Adams-Millis' Manager of Environmental Affairs.

The Barnwell process will be a first in the hosiery industry.

"We will be the first to successfully use hydrogen peroxide bleaching in the tunnel washer process," Stokes explained. "Other companies have tried it but it has not

worked for them. We know that it will work. We have tested it and it does work."

Stokes said the hydrogen peroxide process has many advantages over the hydrochlorite bleach process.

"Public waste treatment facilities like it because it provides more oxygen to facilitate the waste treatment process," Stokes said.

He explained that the current bleaching method is safe but the hydrogen peroxide process is even safer for em-

ployees.

"I like to think of it with treating a cut on the finger," Stokes said. "I know I didn't like to have methiolate put on a cut when I was growing up. But if my mother used hydrogen peroxide to clean the wound it was much better. That's how it is with this bleaching process."

He added that the EPA doesn't even list hydrogen peroxide in the hazardous category in any way unless it is in a

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A-M Plans Safety Fair

A wide variety of safety topics will be featured along with some entertaining events at the Adams-Millis Safety Fair which is set for June 12 on the lawn of the Kernersville Finishing & Distribution Plant. Rain date for the event is June 19.

"The objective of this event is to promote off-the-job safety, not only to Adams-Millis employees but also to everyone in the community," said Pat Callahan, a member of the Kernersville Finishing & Distribution Safety Team and event coordinator.

"We want to show that safety is for everyone all the time and we hope this safety fair will make people more aware of how to make their lives safer," she said.

Plans are under way to include exhibits by many area organizations involved with public safety. Among them are fire department, police department, American

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