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## ANDY KING, PLANT FOUR FIXER, RETIRES

WITH 53 YEARS

CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT

L. A. King, fixer, Plant #4, retired May 17 with 53 years of continuous employment at Adams-Millis plants in Kernersville and High Point.

In 1910, before his 10th birthday, Andy started in the Little High Point Plant raveling looper edges for the loopers. Then, there were no looper knives on the machines to cut off the looper clips. The sock, or stocking, was put on the looping machine and the looper would ravel the looper edge down to the looper point before the looping machine closed the toe of the sock. Many of the loopers paid children to do this raveling after school and during school vacation. For this work in the afternoon after school and on Saturdays, Andy was paid \$1.80 his first pay day. He says now that was a lot of money for a boy then.

The supervisor of the knitting and looping department quickly saw the industriousness of this young boy and employed him to turn the socks after they were looped. This work, too, was in the afternoon after school and during school vacations.

Andy turned socks until he was 14 when he was promoted to operating a ribbing machine at the English Street plant. When the Washington Street



plant was built and opened in 1917, Andy was sent to the new plant to operate ribber machines.

Two years later, he was brought back to the English Street plants as a looper fixer. After five years on this job, he was promoted to general utility and maintenance and in 1932, he transferred to fixing knitting machines. He has, in the past 31 years, fixed machines in every half hose plant operated by Adams-Millis Corporation.

King has seen many changes in the growth of the company where he has worked. In 1910, there were two small plants on English Street making one style of stocking which was finished in only three colors, navy blue, black and white. "I have no idea how many styles and colors we make now," Andy said, "but I have worked on hundreds of different patterns in every color imaginable."

Andy King was born in Asheboro and moved to High Point with his family as a small boy. He attended the High Point schools.

On July 13, 1924, he married Miss Mary Harrison, whose home was in Belews Creek. She had been working in High Point two years prior to their marriage. Of his 39 years of marriage, Andy says, "They have been happy years." They have one daughter, Mrs. Lawrence A. Cannon, whose husband is stationed at Warner Robbins Air Base in Georgia. There is one granddaughter.

Mr. King is a member, deacon and trustee of the High Point Primitive Baptist Church. Mrs. King is a member of the Lebanon Methodist Church where she is active in the Woman's  
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