

THREE ARE RETIRING IN PLANT ONE

Three employees of Plant 1, whose combined years of service with Adams-Millis Corporation total 84, have retired on the basis of age. Looping their last stockings on January 21 were Nannie Peace, whose service accounts for approximately 43 of the 84 years; Mildred Burton, who has 23 years of service to her credit; and Mallie Blackwell, with 18 years of employment with the company.

Nannie Peace

Nannie Peace saw service with Adams-Millis as early as 1923 when she hemmed ladies' long cotton stockings for a year. This job was discontinued and she went to work for Vick Chemical Company, boxing salve; from there, she went to Stehli Silk Mill and worked for about a year before returning to Adams-Millis' Pointer plant and learning to loop in 1925. She remained with the company until 1939 when she left to start her family. The year 1941 found her back at her looper and she remained on it until her retirement.

Born Nancy Crotts in Randolph County, she attended school there; and in 1925, married Emory Joseph Peace, also of Randolph County where the Peaces still live on Route 2, Trinity. Their only child, Joseph Darrell Peace, lives nearby and is office manager for General Steel Products. And, their church? A Randolph one, of course-- Mt. Vernon Methodist, of which they are active members.

After working for so many years, Nannie isn't too sure of just how well she will adjust to a life of leisure, but she does know that she is looking forward to having more time to work in her flowers.

Mildred Burton

Mildred Clary Burton tried several jobs before settling down to looping with

Adams-Millis. While still very young, she worked for a short time in a variety store in Salisbury; she worked at the telephone office in Greensboro; she worked at a small hosiery plant in Hickory; and, then, learned to loop at Melrose Hosiery Mill. After three years with Melrose, she secured employment at the Pointer plant of Adams-Millis in 1931. During World War II, however, she gave up this job to move to Charlotte with her husband. Home ties were strong, though, and two or three months later, Mildred and her husband returned to High Point and she went back to her job at the Pointer. She moved to Plant 1 in 1959 when the Pointer and Plant 1 were consolidated. When looping was discontinued in 1962, she worked for Burlington Industries in Kernersville, but returned to Adams-Millis in 1965.

Mildred was born in Iredell County in the small town of Stony Point. She attended schools in Statesville and in Derita; and, after the death of her parents, she came to High Point to live with her brother. In 1933, while employed at the Pointer, she married Kelton Burton, a native High Pointer. The Burtons have no children; they live at 709 Burton Street in High Point. They attend Oak Hill Friends and Hilliard Memorial Baptist Churches.

Mallie Blackwell

Mallie Griffin Blackwell began her employment with the company at the Pointer Plant in 1950. Prior to that time, she had worked for one year at Melrose Hosiery Mills and for twelve years at Thomas Mills. She, too, moved to the English Road plant in 1962 and left the company when looping was curtailed in 1963. She returned the following year and worked until her retirement.

A native High Pointer, Mallie moved to the Springfield Community with