

# Know Your Company

(Editor's Note: This column is to acquaint the employees of Adams-Millis Corporation with the various divisions of the company through a look at its individual plants and departments. One plant or special service will be profiled in each of the future issues of the AMCO NEWS.)

In 1904, John Hampton Adams and James Henry Millis, associates in the High Point Overall Company, organized the High Point Hosiery Mill. This plant, which was begun with the investments of fourteen men and had an average employment of around 125, was the beginning of one of the world's largest hosiery manufacturers which today employs over 2,000 persons.

The next step in the growth of the Adams-Millis Corporation was the organization of the Piedmont Hosiery Mills Company (now known as Plant #1) around 1912. At the time this plant was constructed, it was the largest mill in the city of High Point. Within the next few years, the Kernersville Knitting Company and the Pointer Hosiery Company were added to the group. In 1928, Mr. Adams (as president and active head of all of the associated industries) and his associates arranged for the merger of all of the hosiery interests under one charter, resulting in the Adams-Millis Corporation; and it was listed on the New York Stock Exchange that year.

Adams-Millis Corporation entered the full-fashioned field in the late 1920's with the construction of the plant (known as #7) at English and Pine Streets in High Point. In recent years, seamless stockings and panty hose have replaced the manufacture of full-fashioned hosiery there.

In 1963, Adams-Millis purchased the physical assets of the Granite Hosiery Company of Mount Airy, N. C., said to be the largest manufacturer of boys' hosiery in the country. A new finishing plant and warehousing facility, incorporating the most advanced inventory control and materials handling system in the industry, was constructed in 1965 in Kernersville, N. C. This new plant and warehouse were dedicated and named in honor of Mr. J. Ed Millis, an original stockholder, son of the founder, and past president and chairman of the board of Adams-Millis Corporation. Adams-Millis expanded to Hickory, N. C. in 1965, when it acquired the Knit-Sox Knitting Mills there, and consolidated it with the Whisnant Hosiery Mills when it was acquired in 1970.

The year 1968 was one of big changes in the traditional operation of Adams-Millis. A new women's hosiery plant was started halfway across the country in Edmond, Oklahoma, and the TexElastic Corporation was purchased in that year also. The Adams-Millis Texturing and Dyeing plant, a division of TexElastic Corporation, opened in 1972. Completion of the new corporate office building on Elm Street in High Point took place in 1972.

Adams-Millis Corporation has grown steadily from its beginnings in the old High Point Hosiery Mill and today is comprised of the following plants:

- Plant #1 - English Road, High Point, N. C.  
(Piedmont Hosiery Mill)
- Plant #2 - Mount Airy, N. C.  
(Granite Hosiery Co.)
- Plant #3 - Kernersville, N. C.  
(J. Ed Millis Plant)
- Plant #4 - Kernersville, N. C.  
(Kernersville Knitting Co.)
- Plant #6 - Hickory, N. C.  
(Knit-Sox/Whisnant Mills)
- Plant #7 - English Road, High Point, N. C.
- Plant #12/#19 - Edmond, Oklahoma
- Plant #20 - Archdale, N. C.  
(TexElastic Corporation)
- Plant #21 - Elm Street, High Point, N. C.  
(A-M Texturing)
- Plant #22 - Raeford, N. C.  
(TexElastic Corporation)

Adams-Millis Corporation is much more than the single department in which an individual works. It is a dynamic, growing organization with a bright future and a distinguished history. Adams-Millis Corporation is the result of the efforts of thousands of people over the last three quarters of a century and its future depends on those who are associated with it today.



Adams-Millis Plant #1 is located at 400 English Road, High Point, N. C. It has been in operation for about 65 years.