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TexElastic Plant at Raeford



Entrance

## TexElastic at Raeford A Major Producer of Covered Yarns

TexElastic Corporation is recognized as one of the major producers of covered elastic yarns in the United States today. The fine denier covering plant located in Raeford, N.C. is one of two manufacturing facilities of TexElastic, an operating division of Adams-Millis Corporation. The other, a coarse denier plant located in Archdale, N.C., was reviewed in a previous issue of AMCO NEWS.

The Raeford plant was acquired in 1969 from Uniroyal and production today is approximately double the volume it was when the facility was purchased. Although production of fine denier covered yarn is a comparatively small part of the textile industry, this product plays an important part in better control and fit of ladies' support and control top hosiery.

Currently there are 122 people employed in the Raeford plant which operates three shifts a day, seven days a week. There are 94 OMM covering machines in operation with six more in various stages of erection. The machines in the plant are made in Italy but are installed by Raeford maintenance personnel who are trained in the machines' erection and maintenance. These machines run at

20,000 to 28,000 revolutions per minute and will produce from 16,000 to 20,000 pounds of fine denier covered yarns in a seven-day cycle. The selling price of the various yarns range from \$6.00 to \$15.00 per pound.

Visitors to the TexElastic plant in Raeford find themselves in a climate-controlled environment where the temperature ranges from 80 to 85 degrees and the humidity is maintained at 55 to 65

percent. These climate factors are necessary to produce a quality product.

A spandex core is the primary elastomer that is used in the covered yarns produced in the plant. When this product arrives at the Receiving Department, it is placed in a "staging area" to become acclimatized to the temperature and humidity of the plant. The product remains in this area for 24 hours after which time these spandex packages are transferred to the covering machines. The synthetic yarns, such as nylon used as covers, are moved to the Spooling Department where they are transferred from the suppliers' yarn package (pirm) to spools which then are placed on the covering machines.

As the covering process begins, one cover is wound around the core from top to

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**Horace Stogner**  
Plant Manager

Horace Stogner, plant manager of TexElastic in Raeford, has been with the firm since Adams-Millis Corporation purchased the Raeford plant in 1969. Prior to that time he was with Uniroyal, the previous owners of the plant.

Appointed plant manager in 1974, Horace had worked in scheduling and planning, as a supervisor and as plant

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### Raeford Is In "Sandhills"

Raeford, the site of the TexElastic plant being covered in this issue of Amco News, is about a two hours' drive east of High Point and is located in Hoke County. This is in the area known as the "sandhills" of North Carolina and is noted for its mild climate. Just a few miles from Raeford is the

nationally-known resort of Pinehurst, a retirement community famous for its golfing and recreational facilities.

Also, Raeford has the distinction of being the county seat of North Carolina's 99th county, Hoke, which was carved from land of two other counties in 1911.

## Adams-Millis Corporation Publishes Annual Report

### HOSIERY

In 1978, Adams-Millis Hosiery again showed a sales increase. This increase was evident in both ladies' hosiery and socks. This demand came so quickly that it was necessary in the second quarter to refrain from soliciting any new accounts and concentrate its efforts on servicing existing accounts to the best of our ability.

Our plans for 1979 reflect another increase in volume. This sales growth is targeted to service the dynamic expansion of our existing customers with the selective addition of a few new customers. In addition, this

growth is targeted to service an exciting new venture for Adams-Millis Hosiery. On March 21, 1978, Adams-Millis signed an agreement for the exclusive rights to use the "ABC" Sports" and the "ABC Wide World of Sports" labels for hosiery. We are now in the process of manufacturing a complete line of men's and ladies' sports hosiery; and will begin shipments to the market during the first quarter of 1979. The "Sport Socks" market is one of the fastest growing markets for our industry. This line of hosiery will basically be marketed through department stores and sporting goods retailers.

The new line has met with highly favorable reaction, and all of us remain excited about its future. During 1978, as our sales growth became evident, it was obvious that Adams-Millis Hosiery had to take steps to increase its capacity to adequately supply the sales being generated. A major rebuilding of idle knitting machines was undertaken during 1978 to expand capacity. This program will be completed during the latter part of 1979. It also became obvious that our finishing, packaging, warehousing, and shipping facilities could not keep up with the demand. Therefore plans were

made and contracts signed for a new finishing and packaging sock mill to be located in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. The approximately 125,000 square foot plant is now under construction and is targeted to be in production during the second quarter of 1979.

During 1978, the Hosiery Company also determined that it would be necessary to update its ladies' hosiery knitting equipment -- 110 fast 4-feed ladies' panty hose knitting machines were purchased and received, with an additional 110 scheduled to be delivered in 1979. Because of the high speed machines, our factory will be

more efficient. Our quality will be improved so that we might better pursue our goal of merchandising a premium line of ladies' hosiery products. When all ladies' hosiery machines are in place, the capacity will be increased approximately 50%.

Adams-Millis Hosiery is excited and enthusiastic about its many plans for growth and its recent success; however, this excitement and enthusiasm must be tempered with the continuing realization that the inflationary cost of raw materials, labor, and all energy related costs, such as fuel, electricity, etc., continue to

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