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rom left Jerry Piper talks with Group Vice Presidents Van Joyce, William Johnson, Danny

## Manufacturing **A Key Factor** In A-M Growth

Mega plants...latest technology . . . production control techniques . . . state of the art facilities . . . highest quality possible.

Those are some of the terms emerging with the new long range plan for Adams-Millis. Already they are becoming incorporated into the day-to-day company operations as efforts move ahead to achieve a substantial share of the domestic sock market in the next five years. Adams-Millis now produces about 15 percent of the socks made in the United States.

"To service that amount of the market will require building mega plants," explained Jerry Piper, Senior Vice President of

Safe Work

Manufacturing.

Along with the new state-ofthe art facilities the company will "de-complex" its product line, Piper noted. Focus will be on the core of the company's product line, eliminating many of the styles that require only short runs.

Emphasis will be placed on the Hanes brand as production levels move toward a half-million dozen per week, up from the present 290,000 dozen.

About 2,600 employees currently are involved the Adams-Millis manufacturing operations but that number is expected to

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## Plant 6 Earns Award For Million

Imployees at Adams-Millis Plant 6 in Hickory have earned Adams-Millis Safety Award achieving one million safe vorking hours.

The million hour period ered more than three years from September 1986 through vember 1989.

he award indicates that the nt operated during that time hout any employee experiencing an accident resulting in time lost from work.

"This is an excellent accomplishment which has been achieved only through the efforts of every employee to perform their jobs safely and efficiently," said Robert M. Bundy, Jr., Adams-Millis Chief Executive Officer.

Bundy explained that safety by definition is "the condition of being safe from undergoing or causing hurt, injury or loss. It therefore becomes the responsibility of everyone to perform their jobs without causing hurt, injury or loss.

"You can do this by participating in plant safety programs, getting involved with your safety committee, following safety rules and guidelines and reporting any unsafe conditions

or acts to your supervisor or manager," Bundy added. "Through your involvement we can develop the 'Safety Culture' that is necessary to make this kind of award possible.

Bundy presented the award to Plant Manager Gene Weaver who praised all employees for their efforts.

"You have all worked hard to achieve this," he said. "I'm proud of every one of you for what you have done.

Each employee received a Tshirt noting the Plant 6 accomplishment. A catered meal also was served for employees on each shift at the plant.

The Hickory plant is the fifth Adams-Millis facility to earn the million safe working hours

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## **S**lver Knit arns Target endor Award

ilver Knit Industries has ned the 1989 Vendor Award of cellence presented by Target

he award is presented unually to a select group of rget's vendors recognizing ach for "their outstanding prir of cooperation, dependariity, support and superior

Silver Knit President George Jurfeind praised all Silver Knit imployees for their role in the impany being honored.

"Each and every one of our imployees share in this award, and I am extremely proud of heir achievements," Burfeind aid. "The excellent reputation is both the Drexel and Silver init plants in terms of quality and service are a reflection of 'Each and every one of our and service are a reflection of your total dedication and commitment."

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Sisters Shirley, left, Ella Siddle

When Shirley Siddle contributed to the United Way last fall she had no idea she would be going to New York this spring.

Siddle, a 12-year Adams-Millis employee at Plant 3, was the winner of the trip to New York to attend the L'eggs mini-marathon

Adams-Millis Chief Executive Officer Robert M. Bundy Jr. drew Siddle's name from a container which included the names of several hundred Adams-Millis employees who had made a "fair share" contribution to the 1989 United Way campaign.

Siddle and her sister, Ella Siddle, will depart from Piedmont Triad International Airport on May 25. While in New York they will stay at the Plaza Hotel at Central Park, enjoy a Broadway play, see the L'eggs mini-marathon, dine at Gallagher's Steak House and go sightseeing around New York.

The Siddle sisters and 34 other trip winners and their guests will also be special guests at the L'eggs mini-marathon dinner on May 26.

"I'm so happy about it. I'm still excited about it," she said a couple of weeks after her name was drawn. "It will really will be a pleasure for us.

Larry Strader announced the winner in the long fold department at Plant 3 where Siddle worked at the time. She now is a sidewinder truck driver.

"He said someone in the department had won a trip to New York," Siddle recalled. "When he called my name I dropped my pocketbook. It seemed like a dream to me.

Siddle has been to New York once before, in 1986, on a church group trip to Long Beach, N.Y. The group traveled by bus, she recalled, but did go to LaGuardia

'We got lost and drove to the airport to get directions to where we were going," she said.

This time however, Shirley and Ella will board an airplane at Piedmont Triad International Airport on May 25 for the trip to New York. They will return May 27. Siddle said she took one other

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