

## Williams Celebrates 60 Years Service With Adams-Millis

When Amelia Williams first sought a job there were not many of them around. She was 16 years old and it was 1933 in the height of America's Great Depression.

"I was lucky to get a job then," Williams said recently as she took a few minutes out from her knitting job in Adams-Millis' Drexel Knitting Plant.

That first job was putting tops on the transfer, a part of the sock knitting process then.

Since then she has continued a long career -- 60 years -- in the Knitting Department in Drexel. She celebrated 60 years with the company on January 1, 1993 and was honored recently for her career.

"I've enjoyed working here," said Williams. "I believe in working, not standing around talking."

She has seen a multitude of changes during her years with Adams-Millis -- both style and technological -- and admits it has been frustrating at times.

"Getting a new style to work right wasn't always easy," she said.

But perseverance was a strong point with her and Williams said she wouldn't change anything in her career if she had it to do over again. She still operates about 40 knitting machines during her shift at Drexel.

Williams has no idea about how many dozens of socks she has knitted during her 60 years with the company but the number would be enormous.

"She certainly has been an excellent worker," said Plant Manager Charles McClung. "Amelia has demonstrated a  
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### Singing About Rudolph

Adams-Millis executives joined other Corporate Office employees in an animated version of "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" to conclude the annual anniversary awards celebration shortly before Christmas. Other photos of anniversaries events are on pages 6 & 7.

### NC A&T Students

## Intern Program Valuable To A-M And Community

In the coming months Adams-Millis will be getting some help in solving a problem from a couple of future industrial engineers.

Jena Williams of Greensboro and Lenita Daniels of Columbia, S.C., are seniors in industrial engineering at N.C. A&T State University in Greensboro and they are already at work on a materials handling problem in the finishing operations in Kernersville.

"We're finding out how the

process works," Williams said. "Then we have to figure out how to fix the problem."

The two are assigned to Harold Mooney, industrial engineer at Kernersville Finishing. Plant Manager Robert Gates said the project was suggested at an "Employee Roundtable" at the plant.

"The situation they are working on is one that has grown progressively worse over the past three years," Mooney said. "It has been hard to

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Amelia Williams receives a plaque honoring her for 60 years of service with Adams-Millis from Drexel Plant Manager Charles McClung, right, and Jim Mabe, Knitting Department Supervisor.

## Adams-Millis Committed To Diversity

Diversity is a word that Adams-Millis employees will be hearing a lot in the future as the company's Diversity Task Force moves ahead with its mission.

"That mission is to create an atmosphere and work environment that encourages the development of a diverse

workforce, where each employee is valued and recognized as an individual with unique needs, where each employee is empowered to make change happen and has the opportunity to achieve his or her aspirations," said Danny McNair, who chairs the company's Diversity Team.

"We are beginning with an education/awareness program that will add value to each undertaking as everyone participates in an increasingly diverse work environment," he added.

Along with McNair, the Diversity Steering Team includes Perry Wallace, Corine Rogers,

Julianne Golden, Larry Strader, Niven Davis, John Muller and Dan Bulman. Marshall Crouch is the team's facilitator and Fred Johnson is the team sponsor.

Several individual task force teams working with specific Diversity issues are made up of employees from the Cor-

porate Office as well as the manufacturing plants.

Those serving on the committee include: Terry Hagman, Carlton Brady, Jeanne Smith, Carroll Hoyle, Doris Bennett, Shirley Peak, Anita Spencer, Judy Tysinger, Mary Ann Cherry, Judy Stone, Connie

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