

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH.....

by his fellow worker, Ruth Caldwell

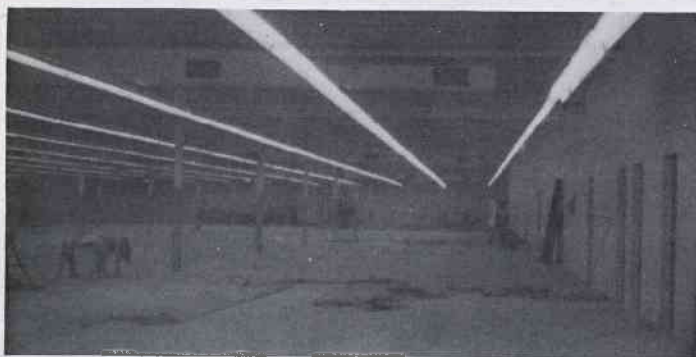
This is Willie James Jiles of the Cutting Department. Willie is employed as a cutter, and "one of the best we might add". He is married to the former Johnnie Mae Bates and has five children.

Willie is a very likeable guy. There is nothing you can't go to him and ask that he won't do. His work speaks for him -- always neat and in order. The one thing that Willie truly loves is being able to take the time out to listen and play with his children when they ask.

While employed at Mr. Apparel, Willie was drafted into the Army, spending three years there from 1966 to 1969. He has been employed for W & J Rives since we began operation and has been employed as a cutter for 18 years. His supervisor is Paul Hildreth. Willie and his family reside on Hilburn Avenue in High Point.



NEW PLANT -- PROGRESS



As of this writing, the new plant is 85% complete. They will finish paving the driveway by Friday, October 24th. They will have 11 electricians finishing the wiring, along with twelve painters and six carpenters. The plans from our general contractor is for the building to be complete and ready for us by November 15th.

This will be a 75,000 square foot facility which will be one of the most modern sewing plants anywhere. Many of you, who work downstairs and have to walk up the stairs every day, will be glad to know that this is a one story plant. There are no stairs. There will be a nice modern canteen, conference room and bathrooms. Also, a picnic area by next summer.

It will be one big open room where everybody can see what is happening. The supervisors will be better able to balance the work flow with a lot less paging on the intercoms. There will be one office instead of two. There will be modern truck docks where there will be no open breeze in the dead of winter. The plant will be completely air conditioned with special exhaust hoods in the pressing area to remove the steam from the immediate area of the pressers.

Ride over at lunch one day, or one Friday afternoon when you get off of work, and take a look at it. Ride by; stick your head in the door; see what you think. We are very proud of it and want you to get excited about it. It will be the nicest thing that we have had since we have been in business.

Again, our plans are, hopefully, that we will move the cutting room the week end of November 15th and the sewing room the week end of the 22nd. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, WE WILL GO TO WORK IN THE NEW BUILDING!!!!!!!!!!
