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FOR EMPLOYEES AND PLANTS IT'S 35 YEARS OF PROGRESS

"One year I think the people at Olin will be famous for being in business so long," wrote one of the thousands of students who visited the 35th anniversary open house last May.

Whereas three and one-half decades mean ancient history to one so young, in many respects it seems like yesterday to a number of employees who were on hand that September day to cheer a dream come true; first production of cigarette paper at Pisgah Forest. Of that original cadre, approximately 75 employees are today on ac-



tive status in Ecusta Paper, Film or bi-divisional operations. They are about equally divided between hourly and salaried personnel.

Diamond-studied service pins are being awarded this year in unprecedented numbers. Numerous pictures in these pages show presentations of awards to those whose anniversaries were in July, August and September; others to appear in the next issue. Why so many from the summer months on is because that's when the plant was nearing completion, needing people to get it going.

Four persons still active had been at work at Pisgah Forest a year or more before the heavy hiring be-

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Cabbage for a sandwich said Mary Brooks, left, to her Endless Belt associate, Shelby Raines, when asked what she would like from the Raines' garden. Cabbage for an army is what she got, 11-1/4 pounds worth.

PRODUCTION STARTS BACK AFTER STRIKE

Production machinery was started up November 14 in the Ecusta Paper and Film division plants after Union members voted 1,117 to 377 in favor of ending the six-week strike which had idled more than 1,800 employees.

Immediately after the Union's vote November 10 in favor of the proposal, pickets were removed from plant entrances for the first time since September 30 when the original contract expired. Announcement of the strike settlement was made jointly by Paul D. Seagle, President of Local 1971 of the United Paperworkers International Union, and Arthur Beddoe, Direct-

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35th YEAR ONLY THE BEGINNING

It's middle age spread this 35th anniversary year for Olin's Pisgah Forest plant site — a healthy bursting at the seams by both manufacturing plants and a new phase of the pollution abatement program.

They are made possible by the more than \$15,000,000 allocated by Olin's board of directors to capital projects here this year.

The three major projects are:

Ecusta Paper Division — A two-pronged improvement in Ecusta's procurement of its basic raw material, flax. On heels of completion of the new flax processing plant at Watertown, S. Dak., the Ecusta plant begins a sizable expansion of flax pulping, flax refining and flax paper manufacturing capacity. (Page 19)

Film Division — New facilities to permit marketing of the division's

new reinforced cellophane products. This is a family of unique, Olin-developed structured films. (Page 13)

Bi-Divisional — Secondary waste treatment facilities, Phase V of Olin's comprehensive pollution abatement plan for Pisgah Forest. This will raise the cost of pollution abatement here to over \$18,000,000. (Page 7)

With this introduction, these investments in the future of the Olin installations at Pisgah Forest are described in this Olin News Anniversary Edition. Undertaken in the face of a runaway inflation and an uncertain economic stability the world over, and despite the hazards of unpredictable shortages, they are evidence of Olin management's belief that the first 35 is only the beginning.

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