Glen Raven Mill Quality Fabrics

Glen Raven Mills, Inc. has ts Filament Division in Burnsville. This plant began operations in Yancey County in 1948 with 224 looms. Since that time the plant has enjoyed a history of constant growth. Accompanying this growth has been a firmdedication to the production

Mohasco Is In New Era Of Growth

Burnsville Mill has been a part of the carpet industry since 1956 when The Firth Carpet Company leased a building owned by the Duplan Corp. and set up facilities for the manufacture of yarn. The carpet industry at the time was entering a new era of growth, and in establishing Burnsville Mill, Firth was assuring itself of a dependable source of yarn for its growing line of nationally known carpets.

In 1962, when the assets of Firth were acquired by Mohasco Industries, Inc., Burnsville Mill became associated with a dynamic new company that had been formed a mere 6 years earlier with the merger of two: time-honored names in carpeting: Mohawk Carpet Mills and The Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company.

In the comparatively short time that Mohasco has been in existence, it has become widely known as a company on the move. Through product innovations, market expansion, merger and acquisition, it has become the world's largest manufacturer of carpets and rugs, and a leading maker of interior furnishings. Today, the sales well in excess of half a billion dollars, Mohasco is on the final step of a five year multi-million dollar plan that will enable it to take full advantage of the rapidly growing home furnishing and commercial furnishings market.

Burnsville Mill was one of

of quality fabrics which have compcted well in the market place of textiles.

The idea of a Glen Raven Plant in Burnsville was conceived by Mr. Roger Gant. Sr. and Mr. Allen Gant, Sr. whose father John Quentin Gant founded the corporation. These two brothers, both now deceased, set the pattern for the development of Glen

Raven.

Since its inception the Filament Division has had two

major expansions and has added additional office, shop and warehouse space. The equipment is the best available and a constant program of modernization has been

followed. - The Sales and Marketing offices in New York keep Glen Raven abreast of the latest fashion developments, keeping the Burnsville Plant up to date in product design.

The Mill is managed by Mr. D.I. Burhoe, who is also a

Vice President and Product Manager of the Corporation. The Filament Division has about 280 employees and provides a payroll in excess of \$2.5 million per year. Glen Raven is proud of its

place in Yancey County and in North Carolina. The products produced in the Burnsville plant are found in many end uses throughout the world. Jacket shells woven in Burnsville are worn by golfers everywhere. Ski jackets of

Glen Raven fabrics are not confined to the ski slopes alone. Many are worn by construction workers in Alaska, New York, and elsewhere in the United States. Policemen and Firemen in Minneapolis and Chicago wear jackets of cloth woven in Yancey County. Interlinings for shirts and leisure wear are

woven here. The development of these fabrics has taken many years

and much credit is due to the skills of local people. Without these skills quality standards for the various end uses of the fabrics could not be met. The contributions of people make it possible for Glen Raven to have satisfied customers and a continuing demand for the products others use.

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the first divisions of Mohasco to benefit from this capital improvement program. During the past seven years more than 31/2 million has been invested in the Burnsville facility in new plant and equipment. As a result of this expansion approximately 250 new job opportunities have been created at Burnsville Mill. The progress being made

at Burnsville Mill is typical of the dynamic growth and change that has taken place in the carpet industry. Advances in technology have so revolutionized this industry that 90% of all carpet produced today features methods, techniques and materials unheard of 20 years ago.

One such product is the new, modified worsted yarn now being spun at Burnsville Mill. At one time, the very best carpets were woven of worsted woolen yarn. However, because the process of producing woolen worsted yarns was so costly, it was discontinued by carpet manufacturers many years ago.

Today, thanks to modern technology, a new way has been discovered to produce the worsted type yarns from synthetic fibers at reasonable cost, and Burnsville Mill is in the forefront in the utilization of this technique.

Young and dynamic though Mohasco is, the firm is not without its history and tradition. Its roots go back to 1878 when four Shuttleworth brothers brought 14 used looms from England and set them up in the basement of a mill in Amsterdam, New The carpet York. company formed by the Shuttleworth brothers grew over the years to become the famous Mohawk Carpet Mills. Mohawk merged with Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company to form Mohasco Industries, Inc. In 1974 the stockholders at the annual meeting approved a change in name from Mohasco Industries, Inc. to Mohasco Corporation with a goal to create greater awareness of the range and diversity of Mohasco's products and services.