

JOHN MOSS

Moss Is 'Educated' At Anvil Knitwear

John Moss, Midpines Community resident, will mark his 25th year with Anvil Knitwear next year.

First Shift Production Planning Supervisor for three years, Moss went to work in the Shipping Department loading trucks at the age of 17 when he was a high school student. So that he could finish high school and continue to work, Moss switched to the Finishing Department and worked the second shift. He recalled that he did his homework at night after returning home from work at 10 o'clock.

Over the years, Moss has worked numerous jobs at Anvil. He worked as a utility man on the

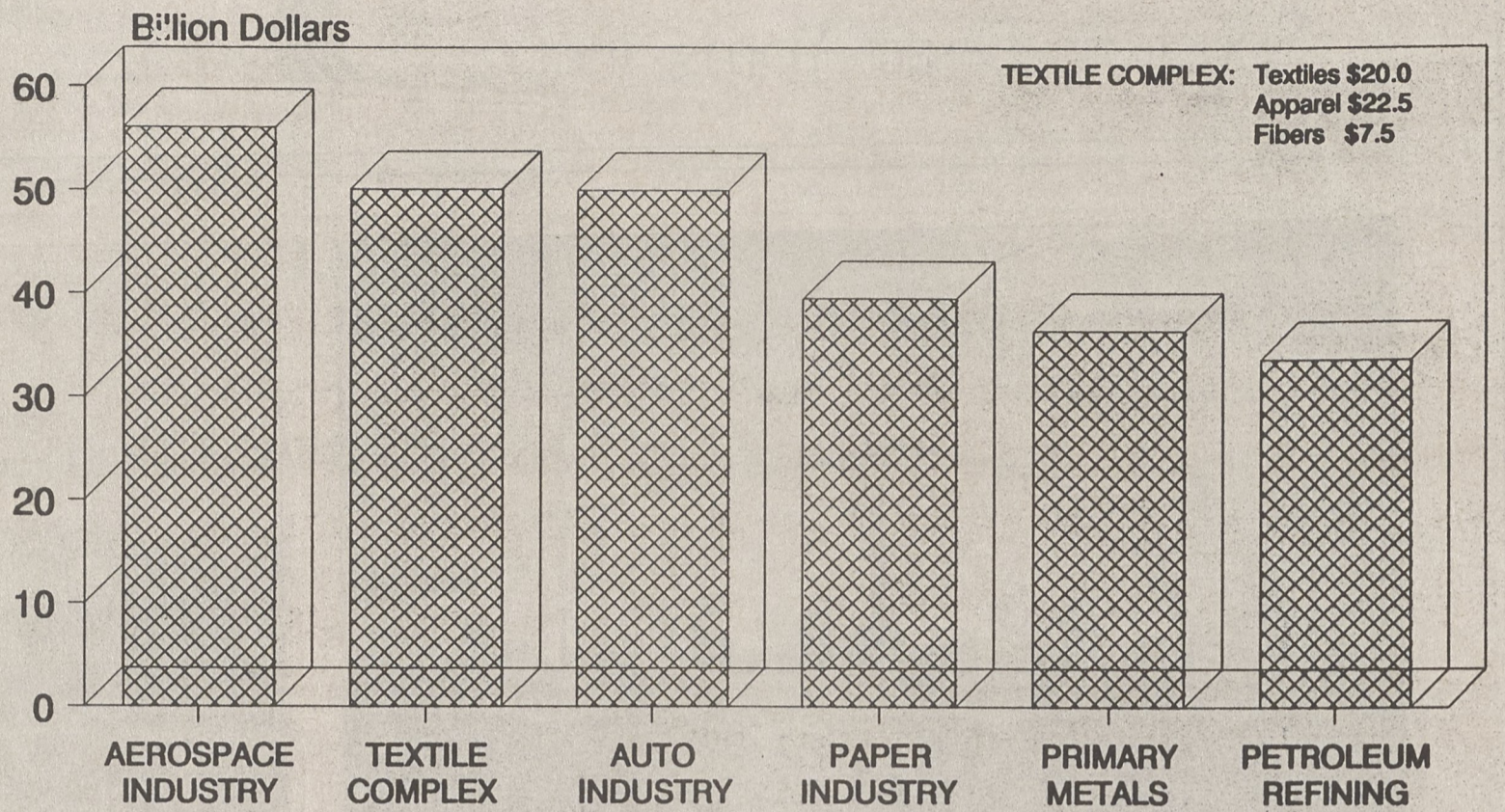
first shift and then transferred to Production Planning office as inventory clerk, transferred back to Shipping as foreman and from that job went to Grieg Storage as supervisor and back to Shipping as manager.

"It's been an education," said Moss, who is a 1968 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

Married to Nancy Gregory Moss, he is the father of three daughters, Jane Suggs, Tammy Rhinehardt and Ginger Moss. The family's pride and joy are the two grandchildren, John Sims and Tyler Suggs.

The family is active in Midview Baptist Church.

THE TEXTILE COMPLEX IS A MAJOR PRODUCER



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, 1987 G.N.P.

*The Employment Security Commission of North Carolina has reported the loss of 4,177 textile and apparel jobs in the state in the first 7 months of 1990. The industry attributes most of these job losses to import competition. During the 10-year period of 1980-1989, 39,677 textile and apparel jobs have been lost in the state, primarily because of import competition.

NORRIS

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house until February 1972, when it was destroyed by fire. Distribution relocated in the shipping area of the plant.

In 1965, an addition was made to the finishing area and a new cotton warehouse was built. In 1966-67 a new administrative office was built at the location.

In June 1972, Craftspun Yarns was changed to BVD Knitwear, Textile Division. In 1977, the name was changed to Anvil Knitwear. Ernest Rome, who was formerly manager of dyeing and finishing department, was promoted to plant manager and has been with the company 28 years.

Mitch enjoys working on small motors, gardening and flowers during his spare time. Maude enjoys volunteer work and both are active in Kings Mountain Church of God. They reside on Monroe Avenue.

A knitting, finishing, cutting operation, Anvil employs 320 people on three shifts.

Anvil's automated computerized cutters are just a few of the major changes that have been made in the plant. Color computers are used in the lab, in addition to other changes that have revolutionized the industry over the last quarter century, Maude says.

The Norrises have two sons, Jim Norris, who works at Commercial Intertech, and Bryan Norris, who works at Hayward Pool Products.

The grandchildren are Shana Norris, Chris Norris, a Gastonia Junior High student, Brooks Norris, a third grader at East School in Kings Mountain; and a step-grandson, Lance Wallace, a student at KM Middle School.



WALK AMERICA-Clevmont Mills was a leader in the recent Walk America for the March of Dimes in Kings Mountain. Two of the employees, above, wear the Walk America shirts which were part of the promotion. Others employees, in the background, walk from the plant on York Road. Teresa Dowda is at left and Jerri Kale is at right.



SOME OF CLEVOMONT'S GRADUATES-Pictured are some of the Clevmont employees who graduated from the plant's Adult Basic Education classes held after-working hours at the plant and conducted by Cleveland Community College. From left to right are Bert Ellison, Mary Curry, Donna Dillingham, Ruby Gaffney and Tammy Heffner.



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BOLINS

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lived in his parents' footsteps, has racked up 19 years of employment and works in the Dye House. Larry's mother, Alma Peterson Bolin, has 35 years service with Minette and Grover Industries and J. D. Bolin's work experience at the two plants tops 55 years.

J. D. Bolin started working at the Minette Mill cutting bedspreads. Larry Bolin has worked at Grover Industries since 1984. Alma Bolin came back to Grover Industries after an absence of a few years in April 1988.

The Bolins are parents of three children, Larry Bolin, Linda Bolin and Johnny Bolin. They are all active in First Baptist Church of Grover.

Grover Industries, a yarn manufacturer, employs 300 people on three shifts.