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Visitors From Retail Store



Left to right: H. B. Donner, Manager Carpet Section; John R. Murray, Manager Contract Sales; John McKinlay, Merchandise Manager, Home Furnishings; L. J. Kugel, Merchandise Supervisor, Floor Coverings; and E. C. Bliss, Manager Men's Sports apparel.

It might be of interest to our readers to know that the first four men listed are veterans of both world wars and they have only recently returned to their former jobs with the Company. Mr. McKinlay enlisted in the Navy in World War I before he was 18 years of age. His father was President of Marshall Field & Company for a number of years and is known by many of our people. Mr. McKinlay served in the Navy during the present war as a Lieutenant Senior Grade and saw considerable service in the Pacific. Mr. Kugel was in the Army during World War I and has been in Italy for a considerable period during this war as a member of the Allied Commission with the rank of Colonel. Mr. Donner was a marine during the first world war and served for three years as a Major in the Army Air Forces in this war. Mr. Murray served in the Navy during the first world war and has just finished a three year period of service as an officer in the Navy, being discharged two weeks ago with the rank of Lt. Commander. This was the first visit to the mills for all of these men except Mr. Kugel, who has been here a number of times previously. They all enjoyed their visit and were very well impressed with our entire operation. Their visit was in line with Management's idea of having various key people from the Retail Store visit the mills in order to better acquaint themselves with the scope of the Company's operations and also to stimulate greater interest on the part of the Retail Store merchandise people in the products which we manufacture.

Absenteeism

ABSENTEE METER		
Two weeks ending Sept. 30, 1945		
	Per Cent	
MILL	9-16	9-30
Bedsread	10.9	12.6
Blanket	13.3	12.9
Bleachery	10.2	10.0
Central Warehouse	12.0	5.1
Finishing	6.9	4.4
Hosiery	4.9	3.8
Karastan	9.6	8.4
Rayon	10.5	10.5
Sheeting	10.8	7.1
Towel	8.7	8.0
Woolen	13.3	9.6

AVERAGE TOTAL .. 10.6 9.7

Where Does Your Mill Stand

What Are YOU Doing About It?

Looks good, doesn't it? With one exception every mill shows a marked decrease in absenteeism, notably Central Warehouse, Sheeting Mill and Woolen Mill, while Finishing Mill and Hosiery Mill hold their low averages. Rayon Mill average remains the same for two weeks, so perhaps they have an unusually large number of workers out sick.

Let's go, everybody. Those absentee figures are altogether too high even in these fall days when coughs and colds will keep many from work. There can be no good reason why at least ten per cent of our employees should be absent from work each week.

Famous Foreign Affairs Authority To Lecture

Henry C. Wolfe, who for 27 years has made personal surveys of affairs in all parts of the world, will come to Spray to lecture on some of his experiences as a writer, lecturer, world traveler, and war correspondent, on November 15, 1945, at the Carolina Council meeting on that date.

Mr. Wolfe with General LeClerc's Second French Armored Division, entered Paris just six hours before the Germans surrendered, and was an eyewitness of all that followed in those history-making days. This was a fitting climax because Mr. Wolfe was also in Paris in 1939, reporting the tragic start

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