

J. Frank Wilson, Production Manager, Plans To Retire After December 31, 1946

J. Frank Wilson, production manager of Marshall Field and Company, Manufacturing Division, has voluntarily requested retirement under the Company's retirement program effective December 31. His request has been granted, according to an announcement made November 4 by Luther H. Hodges, vice-president of the Company and general manager of the Manufacturing Division.

Upon Mr. Wilson's retirement the duties of production manager will be assumed by Harold W. Whitcomb, divisional vice-president and assistant general manager, in addition to his present responsibilities.

E. G. Michaels, now staff assistant to Macon P. Miller, director of Industrial and Public Relations, will be transferred to Mr. Whitcomb's office as staff assistant and will work on general administrative assignments and special projects.

Mr. Wilson is one of the best known and most popular citizens of this community and of Henry County, Virginia. Born in Madison, he came to Draper as paymaster of the Draper Blanket Mill, then called the German-American Mill, in 1910, after several years connection with the Penn Tobacco interests in Reidsville. In 1918 he was transferred to the Spray headquarters of the Company as office manager and in 1919 was sent to the newly-built Towel Mill at Fieldale, Va., as mill manager.

In 1928 the Fieldale Hostery Mill was built and added to his responsibilities and in 1936 he was also given responsibility for the Company's underwear plants in Roanoke, Va., and Pawtucket, R. I. In 1940, when Mr. Hodges moved to New York as general manager, Mr. Wilson was promoted to the post of production manager for all North Carolina and Virginia mills and moved from Fieldale to Spray.

In commenting upon Mr. Wilson's decision to retire at this time before a group of Company executives on Monday, Mr. Hodges paid tribute to Mr. Wilson as follows:

"Frank Wilson's association with this Company for a period of 36 years has been a continuous story of progress and greater achievement. He has held many positions of responsibility and trust and he has always discharged them conscientiously and efficiently. He has made a great contribution to the success of the Manufacturing Division in many ways but particularly in the field of public and industrial relations.

"We will all miss Frank Wilson, but as he leaves us under the Company's retirement program in splendid health and with many useful years ahead of him, all of us, from President McBain on down through the organization, wish for him the best of everything in life."

Mr. Wilson has long been prominent

in many community and civic activities. Many years ago he was one of the organizers of the Bank of Fieldale and has been its only president since its founding. He has served as president of the Virginia Manufacturer's Association and for many years was Democratic county chairman for Henry County.

Since moving to Spray he has served as president of the Leaksville Rotary Club, president of the Carolina Cooperative Council, and has served as chairman of all the important war fund drives including the Red Cross, USO, war bonds, Boy and Girl Scout funds and other civic movements. He is a director of the N. C. Textile Foundation and a member of the Inter-State committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Carolinas.

He is an ardent baseball fan of many years standing and was the first president of the Bi-State Baseball League when that organization was formed in 1934. He is at present vice-president of the Tri-City Baseball Club and is well known by baseball players and fans throughout this section. He is a member of the Meadow Greens Country Club, the Penn-Rose Country Club of Reidsville and the Forest Park Country Club of Martinsville.

Only last Sunday Mr. Wilson automatically became a member of the Hole-in-One Club when he performed that unusual feat on the ninth hole at the local course.

Mr. Wilson intends to maintain his residence here for the present, but indicates that he has something else in mind but can not make any definite statement at this time.

Safety Rules Are For Your Protection

Two serious accidents, both apparently caused by disregard of safety rules, have occurred in the Manufacturing Division since November 1. A semi-decating operator in the Woolen Mill Finishing Department, lost three fingers on his right hand. He climbed over the guard without stopping the machine, according to the report of the accident, and had a piece of waste in his hand. The chain caught the waste and pulled his hand into the chain sprocket.

At the Blanket Mill Wool Picking Department, a colored employee lost an arm when he reportedly removed the guard in order to replace a belt on a garnette machine. The cylinder was running and the drive pulley with V-belt caught his sleeve and pulled his arm between the belt and pulley.

"Always stop the machine before cleaning or oiling it!"

"Do not remove guards while machine is running!"

Orchids To Eight Mills For Improvement In Absenteeism Standing

This week's orchids go to eight mills which reduced their absenteeism percentage below the figure shown in the preceding period bringing the total absentee percentage for all mills to the lowest point in several weeks.

The lowest figure in 1946 was 6.6 per cent during a two-week period in January. There was a 7.1 per cent in February and some 7.3 per cents both in May and September. With this week's figure standing at 7.3 per cent, the rating was one of the best achieved since February.

Congratulations to these mills: **SHEET-ING, BEDSPREAD, CENTRAL WAREHOUSE, BLEACHERY, WOOLEN, KARASTAN, TOWEL, and FINISHING.**

Absenteeism

ABSENTEE METER

Two-week periods ending
October 13 and October 27

MILL	Per Cent	
	10-13	10-27
Central Warehouse ...	5.6	3.4
Bleachery	5.9	5.2
Finishing	5.4	5.3
Towel	6.8	6.5
Sheeting	9.9	6.5
Rayon	4.9	6.6
Hosiery	5.0	6.9
Woolen	7.5	6.9
Bedsread	9.7	7.4
Blanket	7.9	8.3
Karastan	10.2	9.9
Tufted	12.7	12.8
TOTAL	7.9	7.3

Marshall Field Executives Praise Scout Movement

The Scout movement was highly lauded this week by top executives of Marshall Field and Company who stated that the Company would participate in the finance campaign in proportion to the interest shown by the community.

J. Frank Wilson, general chairman, following a conference with Luther H. Hodges and H. W. Whitcomb, Company vice-presidents and general manager and assistant general manager, respectively, of the Manufacturing Division, said that both expressed interest in Tri-City Scout organizations because they fill a vital need in training youth for citizenship.

The easy way out of an assignment can be the easy way out of success.