



# Fieldcrest

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### Dr. McGehee To Speak At Purdue University

Dr. William McGehee, director of personnel research, will go to LaFayette, Ind., the latter part of this week where he will appear on the program at the Personnel Testing Institute at Purdue University. He will lead a conference Thursday afternoon devoted to instruction in the details of testing and selecting procedures.

The Institute is held at Purdue twice each year under auspices of the division of applied psychology. The meeting will have representatives from 35 leading industries of the middle west.

### Schools' Vice-Chairman



J. O. Thomas, assistant to the director of industrial and public relations, Fieldcrest Mills, was named vice-chairman of the Rockingham County Board of Education at the organization meeting at Wentworth April 14.

E. S. Powell, Reidsville insurance man, was named chairman. Other members are Jesse L. Roberts, Madison; L. W. Matthews, Stoneville; J. Benton Stacey, Rulfin.



W. W. BARKSDALE

### Two Leaksville Men Receive Promotions

**Curtis Lea Goes to New York  
Sales Office; Bill Barksdale  
Is New Store Manager**

Curtis Lea, manager of the Employees' Store since June 1946, will join the Company's sales organization May 1 and after June 1 will be located in the New York office where he will work under Arthur S. Thompson, sales manager for domestics.

William W. Barksdale, of the Physical Testing Laboratory, will be transferred to the store replacing Lea.

In accordance with the policy established several years ago for future salesmen, Lea will spend some time in the mills learning how the products are manufactured. He will learn something of the designing and cost departments and will study how the products are packed and shipped.

A native of Leaksville, Lea worked at Chandler Drug company for 10 years prior to entering military service. He was overseas in Germany for 18 months



CURTIS LEA

serving as first sergeant with the Ninth Division, 60th Infantry. He joined Fieldcrest Mills eight days after receiving his discharge.

His chief hobby is collecting old coins although he calls himself a baseball fanatic. Lea is married to the former Miss Pearl Shorter of Leaksville and they have one daughter, Jeritta.

Barksdale is a Leaksville native and joined the Company in 1935 at the Bedspread Mill. He worked in the Finishing Department and the Weave Room before being transferred to the Laboratory in 1937. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1941 and received training at the airplane and engine maintenance school at Keesler Field, Miss. He went overseas in April 1942 and served 33 months in the Pacific with the 7th Air Force. He was discharged in September 1945 as a technical sergeant and returned to the Laboratory where he was placed in charge of Physical Testing under Director J. F. Byrd.

Barksdale is married to the former Miss Daisy Chapman, of Gulfport, Miss. They have a daughter, Judy, one year old.