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Many Of Us Can Help Write Company's 100-Year History!

Marshall Field and Company will observe its 100th anniversary in 1952. In this connection it is planned to publish a history of the Company. All of us can help by joining the hunt for history—by sending in remembrances of the mills' or the Retail Store's early days, by building up the Archives Office history file.

Writing this history won't be easy. The book must recreate the vigorous, vivid spirit, the great personalities, the trials and triumphs of the Company's epic career. To fill in the pattern of the past, it will be necessary to assemble all the letters, reports, pictures, advertisements, catalogs, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, books and scrapbooks that we can.

You may have some of these things in your home, or you may know someone who has one or more pieces of this Fieldiana. If so, here's what you can do to help:

Dig up these remembrances of the Company's early days and send them to W. B. Weaver, Nantucket Building, Spray; or in the case of the New York offices, send them to Paul H. Howard, 88 Worth Street, New York City. Be sure your name and address are plainly marked on each contribution you make. If you wish, your material can be returned. But—all that is sent in can be contributed to a permanent collection in the Archives Office.

Here's the sort of material wanted; before you start searching attic and closet, use this check list:

Old handbills, letters, booklets, advertisements, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, Company reports, brochures, scrapbooks, catalogs, books, pictures, photographs, prints, postcards, speeches, programs, souvenirs, decorations, memos, anecdotes, labels, boxes, old products or merchandise.

Chatter Vs. Jabber Central Warehouse Office (By Glennice Jones)

J. U. Newman, Jr. is proudly showing a picture of his grandson, Mac, who has returned to Texas with his parents after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Newman in Cary.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Erva Hopkins in the loss of her mother.

Birthdays are celebrated this month by Nancy Matlock, Rebecca Pender, Jesse Burton, and J. U. Newman, Jr.

Annie Milner went antique shopping in Winston-Salem Monday.

Mary Alice Hancock and Luther Rudd are being married February 1st at the Spray Methodist church.

Hosiery Happenings

(By Clyde Brown)

Miss Mia Werry, from Speckholzerheide, Holland, and Mrs. Hughes Martin visited the Hosiery Mill recently. We were happy to have the attractive Miss Werry and Mrs. Martin visit us.

New employees in the knitting room are Virgil Ball, who was with us before; Eugene and Marshall Nichols, and James N. Boyd.

Have you noticed:

Harry Martin operating that new automatic machine? Is it true it does everything but cash your check?

Mrs. Inez Chaney and Mrs. Evelyn Lewis wearing those pretty blue uniforms?

Embroidered Bedspread

(By Martha Jarrett)

Mrs. Eunice Mounce has returned to work after a week's stay in Durham, where her father, A. D. Purdy is a patient at Duke hospital.

Arlene and Coleman Wheatley were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wheatley.

M. K. Stroud of High Point spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Dora Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Amos and sons, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Joyce.

Construction To Bring

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giving the mill all straight walls within. All present doors on the southern end of the mill will be replaced by windows, he said. There will be an entrance from each floor into the stair tower and then one exit from the stair tower to the outside. This arrangement will provide an improvement in humidity control within the mill.

J. G. Farrell, Jr., is the engineer in charge of the project. Construction is being done by John Smith & Sons, and installation of the elevator will be the Salem Foundry and Machine Works, Salem, Va.

R. D. Shumate To Florida



R. D. Shumate, former assistant superintendent of the Finishing Mill, who retired with pension December 1 under the Marshall Field & Company retirement program, left January 5th for Winter Haven, Fla., where he will spend the winter. He was accompanied by Mrs. Shumate. They expect to return sometime in March.

Mr. Shumate at the time of his retirement had 40 years and three months of continuous service. He came to Spray from Henry County, Virginia, in 1906 and took a job in the Finishing Mill learning to run nappers. He was progressively a napper hand, fixer, section man, assistant foreman, foreman for 15 or 20 years, and assistant superintendent for the past few years.

During his long service with Fieldcrest Mills, Mr. Shumate won the respect of management and employees alike. He is a charter member and a past president of the Carolina Cooperative Council, and of course is a member of the 25-Year Club.

Mr. Shumate was honored on a Fieldcrest radio program last spring. In a subsequent radio talk he gave an eye-witness account of the purchase of the Finishing Mill by Marshall Field & Company in 1912. The mill formerly belonged to the B. Frank Mebane interests and Mr. Shumate attended the auction sale held in the General Office at Spray when Marshall Field & Company bought the mill.

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