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## Mr. Hodges With O.P.A.



Luther H. Hodges, Vice President of Marshall Field & Co. and General Manager of the Manufacturing Division, has gone to Washington, D. C., as a dollar-a-year man with the O. P. A.

Mr. Hodges reported to the Office of Price Administration on Tuesday, August 8, as Price Executive in the Primary Products Branch (Textiles). For some months, several of the agencies including W. P. B. and O. C. R., have asked him to take an executive post in connection with the war effort and the O. P. A. job seemed to be the most pressing.

It is understood that Mr. Hodges will spend Mondays in his office and will commute to and from Washington by plane. He will still pay a short visit to the mills every few weeks.

## Industry Faces New Production Challenge

Workers in the already under-manned textile industry in this country now face an even greater production challenge with the Army's announcement that the amount of cotton duck in the various Quartermaster depots had been reduced to the lowest levels since Pearl Harbor, as a result of requirements of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Maritime Commission during the last six months. In addition, the Army plans to procure 28,000,000 square yards of nylon fabrics, almost double the amount now under contract.

The War Department announced that much of the duck, which has been



You Fieldale fellows will recognize this familiar face as that of Mrs. Luther Compton, better known to her hosts of friends as "Jennie". After 15 years as head re-inspector in the Sewing Room Jennie is being transferred to the Main Office at Fieldale. Jennie will be greatly missed and the "old gang" wishes her every success in her new work.

stored in Quartermaster depots was used for items needed by all services in the stepped-up offensive operations by our task forces. These items included tarpaulins, tents, truck covers, bunk bottoms.

Pointing out that it is necessary to hold a small amount of duck at the grey mills in order to direct it to the finishing plants and fabricators to meet overseas requirements, the War Department disclosed that the stocks on hand in this category represent less than a week's requirements of the overall military program.

Virtually all American military strength in the Pacific is quartered under canvas. Throughout that area the life of canvas is much shorter than

## Gold Star



Sgt. Frank E. Cherry, killed in action while on a bombing mission, was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cherry, Draper. Bill, as he was familiarly known, was for several years a timekeeper in Sheeting Mill and was one of the first Tri-City men to learn to fly when the Tri-City Airport was inaugurated several years ago. Three of his brothers are in the service, Joe, Russell and Clifford.

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A nest egg for the future—U. S. WAR BONDS AND STAMPS.

in temperate climates despite treatment for mildew resistance. The Army's recent announcement that it intended to purchase additional nylon fabrics revealed that these would be used for jungle clothing, insect nets and sleeping bags, vitally needed items in the Pacific. The nylon products will answer the need for fabrics of greater resistance than those formerly used for jungle warfare.

Textiles required include a twill to be used in light weight ponchos; a woven netting for insect bars, head nets and jungle hammocks; and a taffeta to be used in special items as sleeping bags.