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Sixty Years of Continuous Service

On Tuesday, January 30, the entire personnel of the Marshall Field & Company office force gathered at the Main Office for a 15 minute ceremony such as none had ever before attended and in all probability none will ever attend again. For it is only once in a life time that a group are privileged to attend a ceremony marking the sixtieth anniversary of a fellow employee's connection with the company.

On this occasion the honoree was Ernest D Pitcher, who on that date completed 60 years of continuous service with the company. During those sixty years Mr. Pitcher has held many responsible positions in a manner that has brought him the admiration and high respect of everyone. Nearly all of our top executives have at one time in their career been closely associated with Mr. Pitcher, and all unhesitatingly give him much of the credit for their success.

The ceremony was in charge of J. F. Wilson, one of Mr. Pitcher's "boys" of several years ago. Short talks were made by Vice-president and General Manager Luther Hodges, another of Mr. Pitcher's "boys"; Comptroller Earl Brown, S. L. Golden and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, all who have been closely associated with Mr. Pitcher for many years.

Mr. Pitcher, in a few well chosen words, thanked the gathering and expressed appreciation for a gift of 60 American Beauty roses.

Tuesday evening in the Railroad Room of Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va., Mr. Pitcher was honored at a dinner attended by executives of the manufacturing and retail divisions. Mr. Hodges was toastmaster, and brief remarks lauding the honoree's ideals and personal character were made by Messrs. J. F. Wilson, H. W. Whitcomb and Dr. John B. Ray, of Spray, and by Austin T. Graves of the retail division. Mr. Hodges presented the company's 60-year diamond pin and Mr. Whitcomb presented a handsome leather binder filled with congratulatory messages from friends and associates. In his response, Mr. Pitcher described the highlights of his experience since joining the company in 1885.

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Invest in more U. S. War Bonds.

General Manager of Retail Store Visits Mills



W. S. Street, Vice President of Marshall Field & Company and General Manager of the Chicago retail and suburban stores was a visitor in the mills last week. Mr. Street addressed the joint meeting of the Carolina Councils on Thursday evening, January 25th, and his talk was both enjoyable and instructive.

Mr. Street, prior to assuming his present duties on February 8, 1943, was president and general manager of Frederick & Nelson, the company's store in Seattle, Washington, a position he assumed in January, 1943, after a brilliant career as general merchandise manager and assistant general manager for about five years.

While Marshall Field & Company is Mr. Street's first love, hunting and fishing run a mighty close second. The entire Street family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Street and three children, are enthusiastic sportsmen and sports-women.

We are looking forward to another visit from Mr. Street in the near future.

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Pvt. Phillip Pender Prisoner of War

In a recent issue we reported that Pvt. Phillip M. Pender, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pender, was missing in action in Germany on December 17, 1944.

On February 2nd the Government notified Pvt. Pender's parents that their son was a prisoner of war.

Mr. Pender, Master Mechanic at the Woolen Mill, has received calls and messages from various parts of the country informing him that they had picked up, on their short wave radio, the news that his son was a prisoner.

We are all rejoicing with Mr. and Mrs. Pender in the good news and look forward confidently to the day when Phillip, along with many other American prisoners, will be liberated.

Incorporation of Draper Discussed

A committee of citizens interested in the incorporation of the Town of Draper has contacted the management of Marshall Field & Company with regard to the attitude of the Company.

The committee of citizens met with Messrs. Luther H. Hodges, Vice-president of Marshall Field & Company, and General Manager of the Manufacturing Division; Harold W. Whitcomb, Assistant General Manager; J. Frank Wilson, Production Manager; and B. C. Trotter, Counsel.

The Management of the Company stated that although it had favored a combination Sanitary District and Civic Association as the most conservative and most economical procedure for the Town of Draper, yet it would not have any objection to the incorporation of Draper, provided the citizens were given a chance to vote as to whether or not the Town should be incorporated.

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Pfc. W. C. Phillips Gets Good Conduct Medal

Headquarters, Panama Canal Department—In recognition of more than one year of active military service marked by "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity," the good conduct medal has been awarded to Pfc. William C. Phillips, of Fieldale, Va., it was announced today by the Panama Coast Artillery Command.

Pfc. Phillips was cited for "fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and behavior such as to deserve emulation."

He is a supply clerk on duty with a mine battery in Col. William H. Sweet's harbor defense organization. He has served with the Coast Artillery forces in Panama since August, 1943.

His mother, Mrs. Adda M. Phillips, and his sisters, Carrie and Jane Phillips, live in Fieldale. Another sister, Maude Phillips, resides in Danville. He has two brothers in the service: S/Sgt. Robert Phillips is with the Infantry in France, and Pvt. Ben Phillips is with the Infantry at Fort Meade, Md.

In civil life, the Fieldale coast artilleryman was a textile worker employed by Marshall Field and Co., Fieldale.