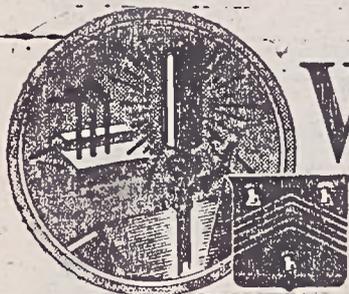


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Legion Meeting

The members of James Hudnall Post No. 119, the American Legion, employed by Marshall Field & Company, are urgently requested to attend the next meeting which will be held in the Legion hut on Boone Road on Tuesday, February 26, 1946, at 7:30 P. M. This will be the usual social meeting, but some important business is to be discussed and the opinion of every Legionnaire is needed.

Every man who has been honorably discharged from the service and who would like to become a member of this organization, is extended a cordial invitation to attend this meeting.

Introducing New Personnel Offices

After several weeks of intense activity the hammers and saws of the carpenters are no longer heard around the Nantucket building—which houses the Personnel offices, Medical, Wage and Hour Bureau, Laboratory, and Engineering departments. The painters have cleaned their brushes and departed and at last the place has assumed the look of a busy office and settled down to work.

We're quite proud of our new home; so proud that we're going to take you on a sight-seeing tour through the building and let you see for yourself what a nice place we have to work in—at least we think it is.

The Personnel offices are laid out, roughly, in the shape of the letter L (and by "roughly" we mean that the L has a lot of angles). The entrance, facing the Central Y.M.C.A. is the top of the L. Incidentally, the heavy iron fence has been removed from the front of the building and with grass and shrubbery planted on the lawn it will look like the lawn of a well kept home.

You enter at the top of the L. To your right is the spacious waiting room for people seeking employment. If you're looking for work you take a seat, but you don't have to wait long. To your left is the office of Roger Wilkes, of the Employment department, who will direct you to the next office where charming Virginia Winecoff will aid you in filling out your application. Then Roger

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E. D. Pitcher Passes Another Milestone



It would be difficult to select the outstanding honor that has come to this grand gentleman during a lifetime crowded with accomplishments, but to most employees of the Manufacturing Division **Ernest D. Pitcher** is best known for his unexcelled record of continuous service. On January 31, 1946, Mr. Pitcher completed 61 years of continuous service with Marshall Field & Co. and is now well into his 62nd year, a record that can never be equalled because of the Company's compulsory retirement age of 65 years. For example: a boy entering the Company's employment at the minimum legal age of 16 years and retiring at 65 would have completed 49 years of service.

Not only has Mr. Pitcher filled many responsible positions capably but his influence, sterling character, and his belief in his work and his Company has had far-reaching results. His steadying influence will be missed when he retires from active service July 1st. Some of the top executives of the Manufacturing Division began working for the Company under Mr. Pitcher's supervision, among them being Luther H. Hodges and J. F. Wilson.

Mr. Pitcher's fellow workers and

Red Cross Drive To Begin March 4th

The annual Red Cross drive will begin in the Tri-Cities on March 4 and will be in progress through the ninth. J. Frank Wilson has been named chairman of the Industrial Section again this year.

Mr. Wilson urges all people connected with industrial organizations in the Tri-Cities to make generous contributions this year to the end that the Red Cross may continue to render its usual fine service to humanity. The United States still has several million men in the armed forces, many of them overseas. The Red Cross will serve these men and will also carry on its usual program of emergency relief in case of disaster, first aid training, and many other useful activities.

Quotas for the various mills will be announced at the beginning of the drive.

Do You Know That—

Icebergs are more numerous in the North Atlantic during the summer months than in winter?

Grapefruit is so named because it grows in bunches like grapes?

Today one out of every three cars is 10 years old or older; three out of five are seven years or older? These war wearies are now going to the graveyard at the rate of 1500 a day.

A new drug invented by Army doctors prevents seasickness yet leaves no hangover? Made of a barbituate and belladonna derivative it will soon be on the civilian market.

Two colored men were discussing the possibilities of safety.

"Sam," said Mose, "if you had your way, which would you rather be in—collision or explosion?"

"A collision, of course," replied Sam promptly.

"How come?" asked Mose.

"Well, in a collision, dere you is; in an explosion, where is you?"

townsmen have on many occasions shown him the honor and respect in which they hold him. And we of the Manufacturing Division are proud to be associated with a man like Ernest Pitcher.