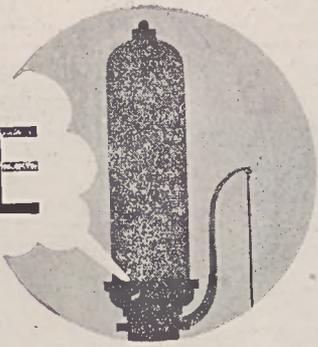


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STATEMENT TO EMPLOYEES

The coal strike of the United Mine Workers headed by John L. Lewis, has created a most serious situation for the entire Nation. You and your Company cannot escape its effects. The two months' strike last spring seriously depleted our reserve coal supplies and those of the entire Nation. Since that strike Government regulations prohibited us from accumulating more than a 30 days supply of coal, consequently we are caught in a very bad situation at this time for reasons beyond our control.

At this season of the year it is absolutely necessary to maintain some heat in all buildings to prevent freezing of water pipes, sprinkler and fire protection systems and to maintain machinery and equipment. With all mills running normally we consume about 1100 tons of coal per week which provides sufficient steam for heating, dyeing, and finishing purposes.

With all mills standing we require about 350 tons of coal per week for a minimum amount of heat only. Our last small shipment of coal was received November 26. If we ran all mills normally we would run out of coal entirely by December 21 with none left for heating purposes.

By curtailing production over this last week-end we saved some coal. Unless the strike is ended promptly further drastic curtailment will be necessary immediately until coal is being shipped again. You will be advised of further plans in accordance with the turn of events.

We regret the necessity of this action particularly at the Christmas Season and express the hope that a solution to the present tieup will be worked out promptly by those responsible for the welfare of the Country.

—H. W. WHITCOMB,
Assistant General Manager.

19 Employees Retire Under Pension Plan

Nineteen employees were retired under Marshall Field and Company's pension plan in ceremonies at Spray Friday afternoon, to bring to 149 the total number of employees retired with pension since the plan was inaugurated in December, 1943.

Testimonials to the long-service employees and the presentation of first pension checks were highlights of the program. Macon P. Miller, director of industrial and public relations, presided. J. Frank Wilson, production manager, who has asked for retirement under the pension plan effective December 31, spoke in commendation of the spirit of the Company in remembering its long-service employees and helping them in
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Retail Store Has Color Ads In Life

Life magazine for December 7 carried the first in a series of three double-page spreads in full color, advertising the Company's retail stores. Insertions also will appear in the issues of December 16 and 23.

The campaign, unprecedented in department store history, is purely institutional in nature.

Perry Barlow, nationally known cartoonist, has done a drawing for each ad. Major color illustrations are in Kodachrome photography.

Good Health

A meeting to discuss the campaign to improve health conditions in North Carolina will be held at the Leaksville-Spray Municipal building Friday evening, December 13 at 7:30 o'clock, C. P. Wall, chairman of the Rockingham County Good Health Association, has announced.

Harry B. Caldwell, executive secretary of the Good Health Association, will outline the Good Health campaign as a feature of the Friday night meeting.