

Fieldale Sanitary District Assured

Company Contributes \$225,000 As Its Share Based On The Property Evaluation Within The District

FIELDALE, VA.—For some time the citizens of Fieldale have been interested in securing a water and sewerage system for the town. The Fieldale Service Club, an organization of business and professional men headed by S. S. (Sut) Flythe, got behind the project and appointed a committee to study the matter. With Mr. Flythe as chairman the committee was composed of Rev. T. A. Pollard, B. I. Adkins, B. N. Whitten, N. M. Harlowe, James Carrico, and M. A. Eggleston.

Preliminary surveys were made by engineers and it was estimated that the system would cost approximately \$300,000. It was found that a bond issue in such an amount would be impossible for a sanitary district under the Virginia law.

Home Owners Pledge

The committee then canvassed the owners of homes in the proposed sanitary district to see if the citizens were interested enough to pay their share of the original cost in cash. There are approximately 300 homes in the Fieldale Sanitary District and 285 of the owners of these homes signed cards pledging themselves to pay a maximum of \$300 each for the construction of the system. The pledges totalled \$75,000.

The citizens then petitioned the Circuit Court of Henry County for the creation of the Fieldale Sanitary District. The court heard the matter and the sanitary district was created by order of the court.

Company Is Approached

Thereupon, the committee approached Marshall Field and Company and stated that they would pay \$75,000 in cash toward the cost of the system if Marshall Field and Company would pay \$225,000. This is based on the proportion of the taxable value of the property owned by Marshall Field and Company and other property owners within the district.

The Company accepted the challenge and is contributing to the board of supervisors of Henry County \$225,000 for the exclusive use of the Fieldale Sanitary District to be used for the construction of a water and sewerage system. The contribution of the Company is contingent upon payment to the board of supervisors by the citizens of Fieldale the sum of \$75,000. The agreement specifies that so much of the money as is necessary is to be used for the construction of a water and sewerage system in Fieldale and that any balance

Company Land Being Sold To Employees For Residences

At the request of many employees that the Company make lots available for purchase by them so that they might build homes, the Company, in order to encourage the building and ownership of homes, has had some of its property in Leaksville, Spray, and Draper subdivided in lots which are now available for sale to employees.

The lots have been appraised by outside real estate operators and are offered to employees at discounts considerably below the market value as set by the appraisals. The deeds will contain provisions that the property may be used for residential purposes only.

Those desiring to purchase lots should see E. E. Easley, Engineering Department, Nantucket building, Spray. Mr. Easley will be glad to show employees maps and go with them to see the property and will quote prices.

Subdivisions and maps have been completed in Draper, Leaksville, and in the Lakeside school area in Spray. Within the course of a few weeks subdivisions in Fieldale in the Daniel Creek section will be completed. Also, there are a few lots in the various villages not included in the subdivisions which may be purchased by employees for residential sites.

Employees Store Will Remain Open Xmas Eve

To accommodate late-shopping employees, the Employees Store will be open Christmas Eve from 9:15 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. The store will be closed December 25 and 26 and on January 1.

All store identification cards will expire December 31 and unused portions of the card will not be carried over into the new year. New identification cards will be issued at the mills the first of the year.

remaining is to be used for repair and maintenance or extension of the system.

Hope To Begin Soon

The contract for the construction must be entered into by the board of supervisors on or before December 31, 1947, unless a longer time is agreed upon. The board of supervisors propose to secure engineers and begin the necessary engineering work in the near future and hope to be able to contract the project before July 1, 1947.

The board of supervisors has power under the Virginia law not only to provide for water and sewerage, but also for fire fighting equipment, power and gas systems, garbage removal, and sidewalks within the district.

WLOE Opens Sunday

The formal opening program of Station WLOE, Leaksville, Rockingham County's first radio station, will be broadcast Sunday afternoon, December 23, beginning at 2 p. m. The station operates on a frequency of 1490 kilocycles.

Various community organizations will participate in the dedicatory program. Luther H. Hodges, vice-president of Marshall Field and Company and general manager of the Manufacturing Division, will make a short talk that will be of interest to everyone in the community.

Douglas Craddock, Rockingham County native who came to Leaksville in 1919, is owner and general manager of the beautiful new station. The entire staff are from this immediate section.

Willis Is Promoted To Assistant Foreman

Jesse C. Willis was promoted from loomfixer on the first shift to assistant foreman on the first shift in the Sheet-Weave Room effective December 9, succeeding R. L. Lovell, who was transferred to replace W. H. Richardson, assistant foreman retired under the pension plan.

A native of Henry County, Virginia, Willis has been with the Company for many years. He has been in the Sheet-Weave Mill most of the time, having also worked in the Blanket Mill and in the old Rhode Island Mill at Spray.

Karastan News

(By Frances Watson)

Setting Dept.:

New employees: Stella Reid Ayers, Ruby Lee Holliman, Della G. Sparks, Rhumel Simpson, Frances Talbert, Ann Cabler, Nellie Donaho, Joy King, and Delsie Hopkins.

Old employee returned: Eva Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Strong spent the holiday in Kentucky.

Rose Dent and Nadine Belton have returned from New York City.

Finishing and Carving Depts.:

We extend our sympathy to Oliver Harris due to the death of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hodges have announced the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Harley Hanes was a business visitor in Elkin over the week-end.

New employees are: Nora Tolbert, Hazel Jefferies, Emogene Foley, Willie B. Jefferson, Avery Martin, and Carl Horton. Leone Jones was transferred from the Burling department.