

1 Million In Pension Trust Fund

Retire from Mills 1 to Bring Total Fieldcrest to 360

Ceremonies honoring 16 employees beginning effective December 1 under Marshall Field & Company retirement program were held in the conference room in the Nantucket building, Thursday afternoon, November 29. Jones W. Norman, personnel director, presided. E. W. Medbery, personnel manager, expressed appreciation for the loyalty of the long-service employees and for their contribution to the success of the business. He expressed the hope that members of the group would continue a pleasant association with the Company during retirement.

W. Whitcomb, assistant general manager, reviewed the Company's retirement program in effect since pointing out that Marshall Field & Company eight years ago recognized the obligation to help older employees in a position where they can slow down and take it easy after reaching 65 years of age. The Marshall Field & Company pension plan was instituted at a time when such programs were almost unheard of in the textile industry, since that time there has been a general trend toward providing retirement benefits, Mr. Whitcomb said. He stated that the value of the trust from which pensions are paid is approximately \$21 million. A total of 360 Fieldcrest employees have retired since the program began in 1943. The entire Marshall Field & Company organization including the mills and re-

tail stores in Chicago and Seattle, the total number retired was 1,480 as of December 1, 1951.

G. C. Truslow who after serving as a mill superintendent for many years retired in 1949, spoke briefly describing his experiences since ending active service with the Company. He predicted that most members of the group would find plenty to keep them busy following retirement and would enjoy fresh interests and new activities.

Speaking for the retiring group, Mrs. Annie O. Hopper, Karastan Mill, recalled her years of work beginning in 1918. She said she had enjoyed all of her years with the Company and holds many memories of happy associations in the mills where she has worked.

Benefits Explained

B. C. Trotter, Company counsel and the Fieldcrest Mills division representative on the Retirement Committee, explained the rights and privileges of retired employees and gave information concerning Social Security benefits.

Citations concerning each retiring employee were read by the respective mill managers and first monthly pension checks were presented.

Employees retiring December 1 were: Eldredge T. Hager, Towel; Maude D. Ballard, Rayon (early); John H. Hutson, Sheeting (early); Pearl L. Earps, Bleachery (early); E. W. Calloway, Towel (early); Jennie Craig Isley, Sheeting; Corinne W. Williams, Towel (early); Essie H. Davis, Towel; Annie O. Hopper, Karastan; Avery A. Walker, Blanket; Samuel J. Simmons, Karastan (early); George V. Stanley, Towel; William H. Griffin, Sheeting; Tim F. McCrickard, Karastan; George B. Williams, Karastan (early); and Granville E. Minter, Towel (early).

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Thirty Years

Roy A. Sawyers Finishing

Twenty-five Years

Barnie L. Griggs Sheeting
Louie J. Stoots Karastan
Harry Wilson Blanket

Twenty Years

Robert V. Rodgers Karastan

Fifteen Years

John K. Perry Hosiery
James O. Wilson Bleachery
Paul R. Murphy Rayon
James L. Broadnax Blanket
Mattie C. Hall Blanket
O. Walker Land Rayon
William C. Cooper Bedspread
James M. Griffith Blanket
Virginia Buckner Bedspread
Melvin M. Underwood Blanket

Ten Years

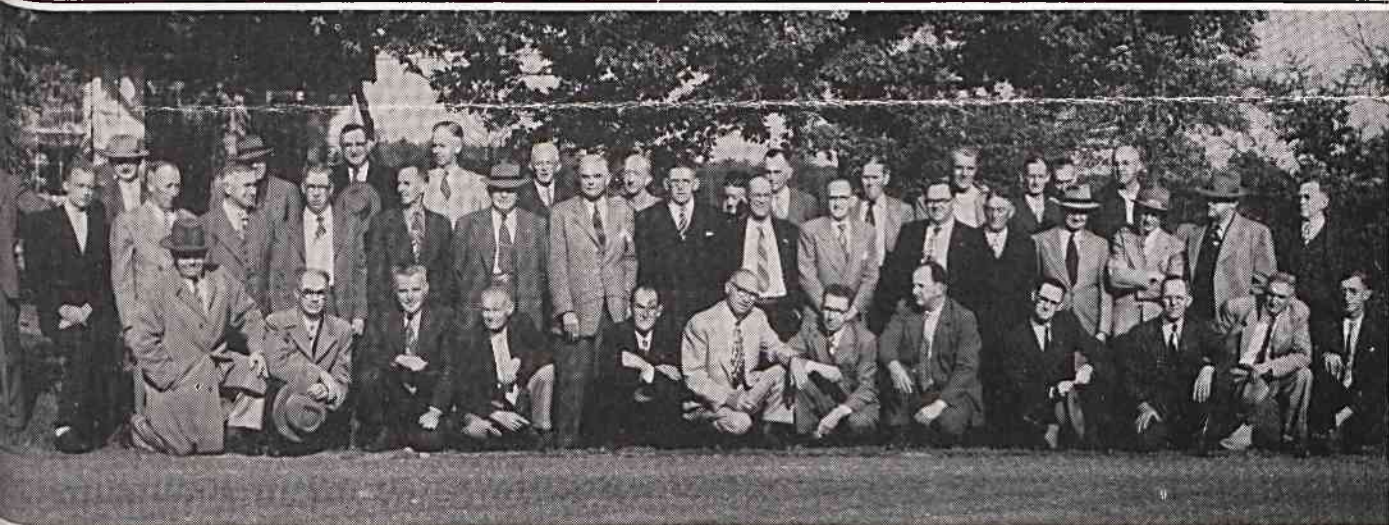
Jim Carter Rayon
George W. Cofer Bedspread
William F. Dew Rayon
Blanche M. Joyce Towel

Rayon News Items

By Virginia Hurd

Wedding bells rang for Barbara Mabes and Ronnie Hill Friday, November 30, at the North Spray Christian church. Congratulations and our very best wishes for a long and happy life together.

The Entering Dept. recently honored Maude Ballard with a farewell party at the home of Zellie Land. She was presented with luggage as a farewell gift. Maude has taken early retirement. We know she'll be happy when she joins her daughter in Atlanta, Ga., where she will make her home. Our good wishes go with you, Maude.



MEMBERS OF 1918—Company G, 120th Infantry, 30th division, the fighting outfit of World War I comprised of Rockingham county men, held its second annual reunion at Leaksville recently. Company G was commanded by Captain James Byrd, Winchester, Va., during fierce battles in 1918.

Capt. Byrd (standing, center, light coat) spoke at the reunion. In the picture above will be seen many local men, several of whom are Fieldcrest employees. J. D. Jones of Leaksville is president. Charlie Husband, Reidsville, is vice president, and George Self, Leaksville, secretary-treasurer.