

Mary LaFon, Cleona's sister, started to work in the office and their brother, Luther LaFon began as a salesman/clerk. At that time in our history county roads made a trip to Logan nearly impossible for some people, with that in mind, McCormick's had salesmen go out in a truck to the camps and hollows to sell their merchandise. They would go out early in the week and go back on payday to collect. According to Okey, Jr. this practice continued into the sixties. Luther LaFon was one of the best and remained with McCormick's until his death in 1967. His wife, Mary Hale, began working at McCormick's when she finished school and eventually became a buyer for them until her retirement in 1992.

In 1949, McCormick's acquired the bakery space and reopened a modern ladies department, in 1953, a men's department and a second floor showroom opened in the hotel's space. The grocery store closed in 1959, which made the final end of the block available. C.O. immediately leased the space, did extensive remodeling, and added a children's department. This was the final development that landed McCormick's the three-story "one full block of shopping satisfaction in downtown Logan."

Okey, Jr. was still attending Logan schools in 1936 when McCormick's moved their store to Logan. W.W.II arrived just after Okey, Jr. graduated; he married his high school sweetheart, Ernestine Estep, a few days before he enlisted. Ernestine began working for the store right away, while Okey, Jr. was serving his four years of service for the US Army.

The second couple of McCormick's began to devote their service to the store as well. Ernestine clerked first in the ladies department, then payroll and accounts payable. She later became a buyer for the ladies department, which she held until her death in 1982.

Okey Jr.'s interest was in furniture where he would give customers estimates on curtains and carpets. This was a big part of the business following the war and Okey Jr. would come to work early and leave late. In 1950, C.O. and Cleona's younger son Bob and wife Patricia McCormick began their service to the store. For the next 30 years the three couples worked together to build McCormick's into the business it is today.



David McCormick became the first grandson to enter the business after he graduated from West Virginia University in 1969. In 1974 McCormick's began buying the property that they were leasing on storeroom at a time. The purchase was complete by 1980 and extensive remodeling began. McCormick's celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1986 with all four couples enjoying the fruits of their hard labor. Soon after the celebration, C.O. and Cleona retired by reason of poor health. C.O. died in 1988 and Cleona followed in 1991.

Okey, Jr., Bob and Patty are enjoying their retirement in Florida. David and Judy McCormick became the sole owners of McCormick's Inc. in 1993. They carry the same attitude that his grandparents did when they first began McCormick's. Hard work along with dedication to each other and the business will keep McCormick's the "one full block of shopping satisfaction in downtown Logan."

