Asbestos T tile Institute Held
March 11, _,54 in New York, N. Y.



IN ATTENDANCE:

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D. K. Holmes

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E. A. Schuman
H. H. Jackson
R. Jackson
J. L. Tucker
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K. O. Beyard
W. G. Hoffer

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1. The meeting was called to order by President Widmayer and an address of welcome extended to the members present.

The Minutes of the last General meeting were presented for reading, however, since all members had previously received copies of these transactions and were familiar with the actions there taken, it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the reading of the minutes be omitted.

3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer A. J. Scanlan and copies of this report were distributed among the members present. Following a discussion of this report, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by F. J. Wakem and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted, as read, and entered as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

4. The Secretary's Report was read by the Secretary and was unanimously accepted. Copies of this report are attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

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Air Hygiene Committee. This committee is continuing to pursue an active program of investigation as related to the dust control and hygienic problems of this industry. Reports from French associate member companies had been presented and were discussed at an earlier meeting of this committee and a review of these reports was here presented by Mr. Jackson. Transcripts of the pertinent information set forth in these reports will be included as a part of the Minutes of the meeting of this committee and will be furnished to the members of the Institute. It was suggested by Chairman Jackson that since considerable interest has been evidenced by many industrial hygienic specialists and insurance company specialists in the air hygiene and dust control problems of our industry, as has been evidenced by the number of requests for the Handbook on Asbestos Textiles received from such individuals, it might be well to have a section devoted to this subject in the next issue of the Handbook. However, a discussion regarding this latter suggestion revealed some reluctance on the part of the membership to report such information at this time on the basis of the information presently available. It was felt that much more information will be required before an authoritative presentation can be made. It was recommended that Mr. Jackson prepare an abstract for such an article, setting forth an outline of the proposed information, and submit it for review by the Board of Governors at the next meeting.

Upon conclusion of this report, the President acknowledged the accomplishments of this committee and extended the compliments of the Institute for the industrious endeavors being exerted by the Air Hygiene Committee.

7. The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by A. E. Whitfield, Chairman of that committee, and covered the following subjects:

a) It was here reported that the response resulting from the distribution of the Handbooks indicates a widespread and genuine interest in the publication. The Secretary furnished information to this committee to the effect that requests for the Handbook have been received from fifteen foreign countries as well as from practically every state in the United States.

b) During the discussion pertaining to the Visual Aid Displays, Mr. A. W. G. Gibb, Johnson's Company, spoke briefly on the plans for exhibiting the display throughout Canada. It was also stated that one of the displays is presently in England for exhibition throughout that country.

c) As a part of the report of this committee, Mr. G. J. Harris was called upon to discuss the considerations of the sub-committee which has been assigned the task of investigating the market for theatre curtains. Mr. Harris and Mr. J. L. Tucker served on this committee and the conclusions reached indicated that the potential market now apparent is insufficient to warrant further considerations by the Institute. The various city codes covering the use of fire retarding curtains in theatres are, for the most part, directed to the usage of materials other than asbestos. It was, therefore, recommended that there be no further activities on the part of the Institute in promoting this project. The report presented by Mr. Harris is herewith attached.

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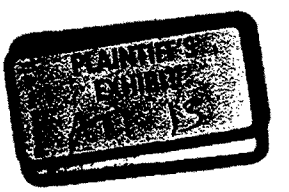
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