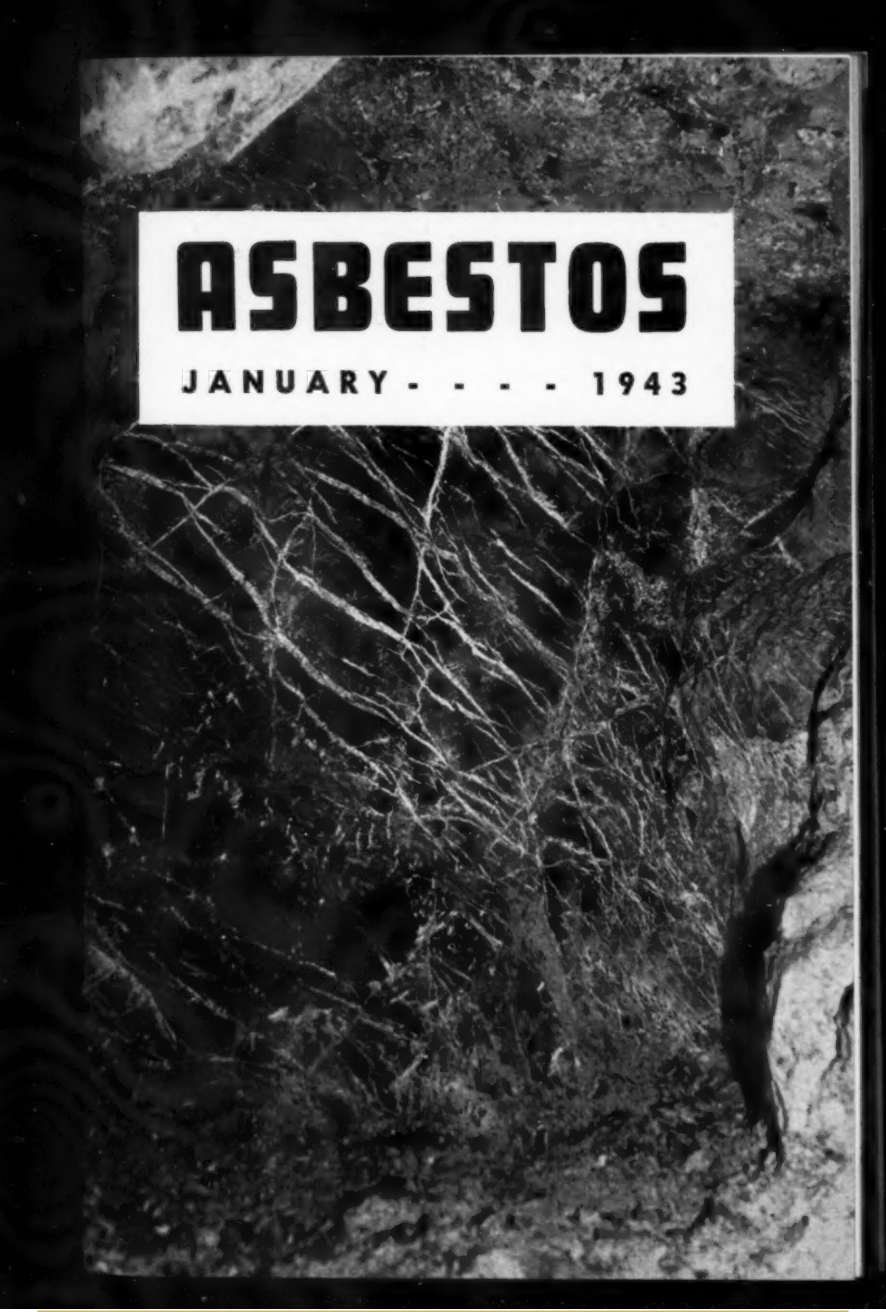




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# GREETINGS!

The Asbestos Industry is entering on a year which promises to be a most important one for all nations, all industries, all people.

It will be a hard year—no doubt of that, but we will attack it courageously. Each and every one of us will be called on to make much greater sacrifices than we have in the past, but we will make them cheerfully. There will be innumerable and difficult problems to work out, but we will work them out with patience and persistence.

What has been done in 1942 is amazing and unbelievable; what will be done in 1943 will be even more amazing and unimaginable.

But at the end of 1943, if we have all shown the courage, the resourcefulness, the progress that has been shown in 1942, the satisfaction of a job well done will again be ours.

"ASBESTOS" extends to all of you who read this best wishes for a *triumphant New Year.*

—:—

A number of leaders in the Asbestos Industry extend greetings to their associates in the Industry:

*G. D. Crabbs, Chairman, The Philip Carey Manufacturing Co.:*

I desire to extend greetings and all good wishes for the coming year to each member of the Asbestos Industry.

In the midst of such conditions as our country has never before experienced, and their far-reaching influences, our immediate and most important duty is to assist to our utmost the effort to win the war. Our Industry is doing its part and will make every needed sacrifice in the performance of this duty.

The paramount demands of the war program cannot prevent recognition of the imperative need for planning the future of American industry as the source of production and employment. There has been a tremendous



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increase in our production for war purposes in the past two years and a corresponding decrease in output of non-war goods. A great change has also taken place in the employment situation, brought about by the entry of several million men into the armed forces and many more millions into war work. The prospect is that more millions will be taken from their normal occupation, and it follows that only by an earnest endeavor and extraordinary effort can we hope to meet in any measure the problem of unemployment when the war is over.

We should start now to consider the expected post-war problems and the program which will best provide in peace time production and employment so that the shock of change from war to peace will be taken up as far as possible.

The war in Europe and in the Far East may not end simultaneously and governmental restrictions and regulations will probably continue for a time, but the repressed needs in this country, coupled with rehabilitation demands abroad, will open many previously closed avenues for business.

Business produces the lifeblood of our national activity whether in peace or in war and is the source of prosperity. Let the businessmen of America in 1943 meet changing conditions with courage and fidelity.

*Herbert Abraham, President, The Ruberoid Co.:*

Any thoughtful review of America's productive activities during 1942 will, I am confident, reveal that the Asbestos Industry has been playing a valuable part in our country's all-out effort to attain victory in the war.

Evidence of this is seen not only in the unprecedented increase in the production of asbestos fiber on this continent, but in the rapidity with which our industry has developed new and important wartime uses of asbestos—in guns, airplanes, tanks, ships, machinery, industrial buildings and homes. It is seen also in the industry's alertness in creating, through intensive research, a number of



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asbestos products which have already proved their worth as adequate substitutes for scarce or critical materials.

But, as Mr. Churchill warned concerning the opening of the North African campaign, this is no time for undue exultation; to realists it does not mark the beginning of the end, but rather the "end of the beginning." No matter what it takes, the war is still to be fought through to a successful conclusion, and our job for 1943 must be to redouble our efforts to that end.

All of us, I know, are enlisted for the duration, and none of us would have it otherwise. So let me wish every member of our industry an abundant measure of success and satisfaction in the supreme task that confronts all of us.

*Lewis H. Brown, Johns-Manville Corporation:*

Throughout the first full year of our nation's war effort, the Asbestos Industry has been concentrating on war work almost to the exclusion of everything else. We have overcome many difficulties, and, together with other American industries, have helped to achieve a miracle of production which brightens the horizon as we look toward the future.

We have contributed much to our country's fight for survival. But, as we enter 1943, all of us realize that we have only started the job; that no amount of effort we make can ever be considered sufficient until victory is won.

There will be many new problems to face. Some of them will no doubt seem even more severe than those we have already encountered. But our problems are small compared to those of the men in the front ranks who are face to face with the enemy and who must kill or be killed.

The record of the Asbestos industry so far in this crisis gives me full confidence that we will have the ability and courage to meet every challenge of the new year.

May I express my sincere appreciation to "ASBESTOS" for this opportunity to extend New Year greetings to the members of our industry.



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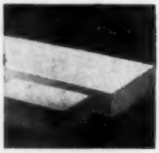
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*R. W. Steele, President, Asbestos Corporation Limited:*

I should like to take advantage of the opportunity you afford me to express in your columns the Greetings and Good Wishes of Asbestos Corporation Limited to you and to the Asbestos Industry.

The heavy demands made on asbestos producers and manufacturers alike, as a result of the tremendous expansion in war industries, demonstrate clearly how vital a place asbestos fills in the war effort of the United Nations.

Readjustment of markets, the addition of new products and elimination of some others, together with the ever-growing list of Government regulations and controls, have imposed problems difficult to solve.

Nevertheless, the industry has overcome each obstacle as it has arisen, and I am confident that the close co-operation which has been demonstrated throughout the past year will be continued, and that the industry will be able to adjust itself and cope with whatever conditions the future may present.

*George R. Weber, Vice President, Raybestos-Manhattan Inc.:*

This has been a year in which the stamina, fortitude and resourcefulness of the Asbestos Industry has had its greatest test.

Together with American Industry as a whole, it has acquitted itself with honor, but there is still much to be accomplished before victory is won and the American way of living is secure.

New problems of material supply, transportation and production will undoubtedly require more resourcefulness and ingenuity during the coming year. I am sure the industry with the assistance of the government agencies, and its employees, will meet the challenge and successfully complete the job.

Again through the courtesy of "ASBESTOS," we extend hearty greetings and best wishes to its readers and the Industry.



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*Ernest Muehleck, President, Keasbey & Mattison Company:*

From the Keasbey & Mattison Company we send greetings to every one engaged in the Asbestos Industry. We have one job and one only; that is, to win this war. Let us all hope and strive for victory and peace during the coming year.

*F. E. Schluter, President, Thermoid Company, Trenton, N. J.:*

After watching (and at times suffering) the alleged idealism of the New Deal build itself to the world's greatest bureaucracy, I am very wary of these public speeches, however idealistic in intent, about the plan for the after-war world. The reasons, to a practical, hard-headed business man are obvious. First, we don't know who will be at the heads of the Governments of the various nations when actual negotiations start. Secondly, our experience with the treatment of our statesmen at the Versailles Conference makes us wonder how these ideals, even if we held them after the war, would stand up under the able, practical negotiating ability of the non-speechmakers.

Human nature doesn't change much and self-interest and national interest will again probably win out against the international idealists. But the most important reason why I am wary about this over-the-horizon viewpoint is that we do not see the horizon clearly.

Our first job and only job at present is to win the war. Our next job, and which is very important, is to see that we don't lose for long our individual liberties which we gladly gave up temporarily in the interest of the war effort.

Not one far-thinking American whom I have met would contribute one penny willingly, in taxes or by other self-abstinence, for creating a new order for Japan, or Germany or Italy, if at the same time he is to lose the great heritage of individual enterprise in this country. Our forefathers fought for this, even though the principles enunciated by



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our forefathers (after the Revolution and the chaos that followed) are dimmed at present. They embrace the hopes of all free thinkers. In all justice we know that in our personal behavior and in our neighborly behavior a good example is a much better teacher than the preacher with an enforcement lash concealed on his hip. If it is true at home, the principle is sound internationally. Let's be sure our own back yard is spic and span before telling neighbors how to cleanse theirs!

It is my earnest hope that we not be lulled into a passive attitude about the temporary nature of the relinquishment of individual freedom, which is the basis of the free enterprise system. The emotional hysteria of a war, and its headlines, may cause us to forget the freedoms we yielded a month too long. They are the precious, basic American heritage which we want other nations to follow.

To my associates in the Asbestos Industry, I extend greetings.

*A. K. Burgstresser, Vice President, Norristown Magnesia & Asbestos Company:*

As 1942 draws to a close, we visualize the demands made upon industry, especially the Asbestos Industry, and it will be a year long to remember.

The Asbestos Industry was called upon to do what appeared to be the impossible, but the men who assumed these responsibilities, through keen foresight, executed these demands in such a manner that we are proud to be associated with such a group and considered part of this Industry.

As we approach the New Year I am convinced the record established thus far is but a small part of the effort which will be expended during 1943 to make another outstanding year and obtain the results which will mean VICTORY for not only the Industry but for the world at large.

NORRISTOWN extends to all members of the Asbestos Industry, to whom are entrusted the problems to obtain



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*C. J. Stover, Owner of "ASBESTOS":*

In these days of breaking nerves and bleeding hearts, the greatest gift that we can make to the war effort is to develop a spirit of kindly tolerance in our relations with associates.

A really big man or one on his way to greatness is never brutal, inconsiderate nor arbitrary.

If ever, in all time, we needed cooperation in high and in low places, it is *now*.

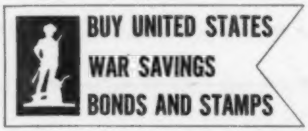
The record of ideas submitted by employees and accepted by management is imposing and prophesies a widespread use of cooperation in that field.

Part of our Government, only part, has so thoroly frightened business men that even those subjects which can and should be cooperatively managed under law, are left to their own devices, with grave injury to all concerned.

My New Year's wish to the men in the Asbestos Industry is that you all remember what our forefathers fought and died for—freedom.

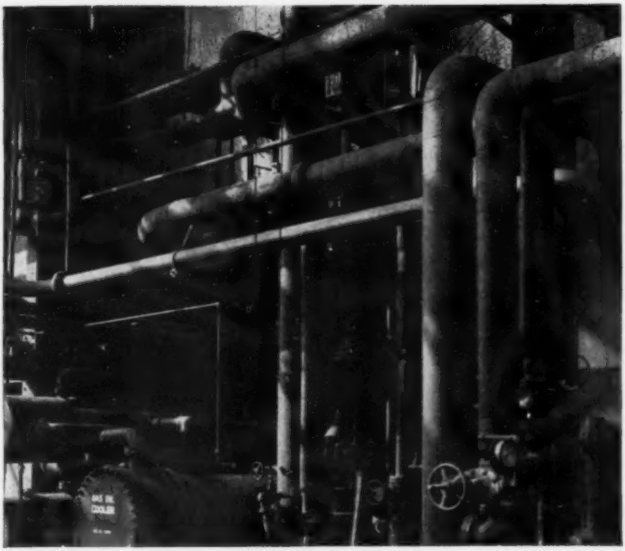
See to it that no man or group of men kid or coerce you into neglecting to remember that this is still a country ruled by law and not by men. You have no legal or moral right to defy the law, but you are not true Americans if you permit *men* to dominate your policies beyond the Law's letter and intent.

In this day of dire emergency, with the nation in very real peril, not only from foes without, but from bureaucratic inefficiency within, my sincere belief is that men in Industry will comport themselves like men, real men — *Americans*.






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# WARTIME BUILDING WITH ASBESTOS-CEMENT

*By James McCawley*

**James McCawley, as our readers know, is Secretary of the United Roofers Contractors Association and Editor of The United Roofer. Some months ago he was sent to Great Britain to study roof coverings in the blitzed areas. This article has been received direct from Great Britain and Mr. McCawley promises to supply others later on concerning his further observations.**

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Wartime conditions in Great Britain have served to revolutionize the manufacture of asbestos-cement materials. The scarcity of lumber, steel and similar building materials has resulted in an ever increasing number of asbestos-cement substitutes.

Old materials have been put to new uses. For instance asbestos-cement pressure pipes are designed and normally used for the conveyance of water under pressure; their extended use in wartime is dictated by the need for economy in iron and steel. Their uses as a replacement for timber and steel purlins, beams and stanchions has proved remarkably effective and is likely to be continued even after the war.

Similarly shelves of asbestos-cement have been used to replace timber. Other uses for the material include cubicles for shower baths and lavatories, cisterns, tanks, vents, building blocks, soil pipes, ducts, cable conduits, hoods, canopies, floor tiles, decorated sheets, wall board, containers for buckets of water and a host of other articles of asbestos-cement manufacture.

From the point of view of air raid precautions two pieces of equipment are interesting. The first is a series of boxes, made of asbestos-cement, designed to replace sandbags. This writer can vouch for the fact that sandbags are an evil in themselves. The sacking material rots easily and the contents become a nuisance to pedestrians, not to speak of street cleaners. The second is an asbestos-cement container about four feet high designed to be filled with water for use in fire emergencies—but inside



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the large bucket are eight small standard size buckets all automatically filled with water the moment the higher bucket with its contents is withdrawn from the container.

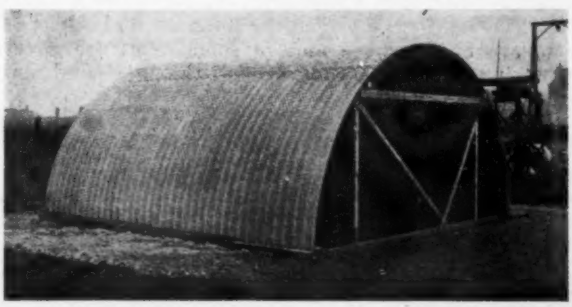
Roof construction using asbestos-cement pressure pipes for a base on which to hang the roofing sheets is interesting. Such roofs have spanned structures from 10 to 30 feet wide and have been used for huts, hostels, storage sheds, workshops and the wide variety of small span buildings essential to wartime needs. Larger buildings have been covered by multiple spans.

The roofs are prefabricated at the factory and the application work on the site consists of assembly work.

Tubular beams form the rafters, struts and purlins. Reinforced concrete connectors are used for eaves. Rafters and connectors and sheets are all drilled at the factory in readiness for assembling. One of the most satisfactory features of erection is that this cost is relatively small as the asbestos-cement structural units are very light and easily handled by three-men crews without need of hoisting equipment.

One popular type of asbestos hut is the curved asbestos-cement hut, in which curved corrugated sheets formed in the shape of arcs, are used for both walls and roofs. The resulting structure is a semi-circular hut which has shown surprising resiliency against attack by near hits of high explosive bombs and blast.

Blast, which ordinarily strips roofs where there is any projecting feature, has merely shifted some of these





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huts slightly off their foundations without injury otherwise to the structure.

The need for small unobtrusive buildings, adjustable to provide for all needs of an army is admirably filled by this simple and quickly erected hut. The sheets from which these huts are constructed are curved to a radius of 9 ft. and are 10 ft. long. Only two men are required in the erection.

The manufacturers suggest a base of concrete or wood, but from the writer's own observation few of the huts are secured to solid foundations, perhaps because of the lack of materials, but also because a "floating" foundation is a greater protection from blast.

Erection is simple. A side sheet is fastened by bolts to a board or concrete base. To prevent it from falling forward a trestle frame is built of a few 2x4's. A second side sheet is fastened directly opposite and a crown sheet bolted to both. This operation is continued until the hut is completed. Where extra height is required, the hut can be erected on top of dwarf walls.

A unique method of finishing the interior is practiced. Sheets of flat, flexible asbestos-cement 8 ft. x 4 ft. x 1/8th in. are prepared by nailing 1½ in. x ¾" battens to the sheets on 2 ft. centres, projecting 6 in. on one side and stopping short 6 in. on the other side. The flexible sheet complete with battens is placed in position, pressed back to the curve of the exterior corrugated sheets and held in place by a temporary prop until the entire tier around the arch is completed and all sheets nailed at ends to the projecting portions of battens. All sheets are butt jointed and in some cases are covered with strips similarly sprung around the curve and nailed thru the battens.

This type of hut is easily the fastest erected structure and probably for this reason has been extremely popular with the armed forces.

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# M-123 (ASBESTOS TEXTILES) AMENDED

Conservation Order M-123 concerning Asbestos Textiles was amended on December 14, 1942. The amended order is intended to eliminate as far as practicable the use of asbestos textiles in non-essential items, and to reserve asbestos for use in the manufacture of Navy cable and safety clothing for the Army, Navy and essential industry. It is estimated that approximately 750,000 pounds of asbestos textiles will be saved for essential uses by the order.

The order as amended prohibits any manufacturer, after the date given, from putting into process any asbestos textiles to make any of the following items: Theater curtains and scenery; vibration eliminators (except for implements of war); gun covers; radiator hose (except for implements of war); ammunition containers; fire stops in automotive vehicles, buses or trucks; conveyor belts (except for glass industry); heaters and heater accessories (except for implements of war); filter sacks for liquids; parachute flare shields; certain[1] clutch facings for automotive vehicles (except for implements of war); brake linings in width less than 2" or in thickness less than ¼" (except for implements of war and except for B. L. M. A. Nos. 336 and 341A).

The manufacturer, however, may continue until February 1, 1943, the processing of any asbestos textile in process on the date of the amendment, December 14, 1942.

The manufacturer also is prohibited from putting into process any asbestos textile for the making of laminated plastics and mechanical packing or gasket material of a grade containing a greater percentage of asbestos than the underwriters' grade. The governing date for the mechanical packing or gasket material is December 14, 1942, for plastics 60 days from that date.

The order also contains a provision limiting the amount of asbestos textiles the manufacturer can put into process in the production of oil-burner wicking. Inventories of



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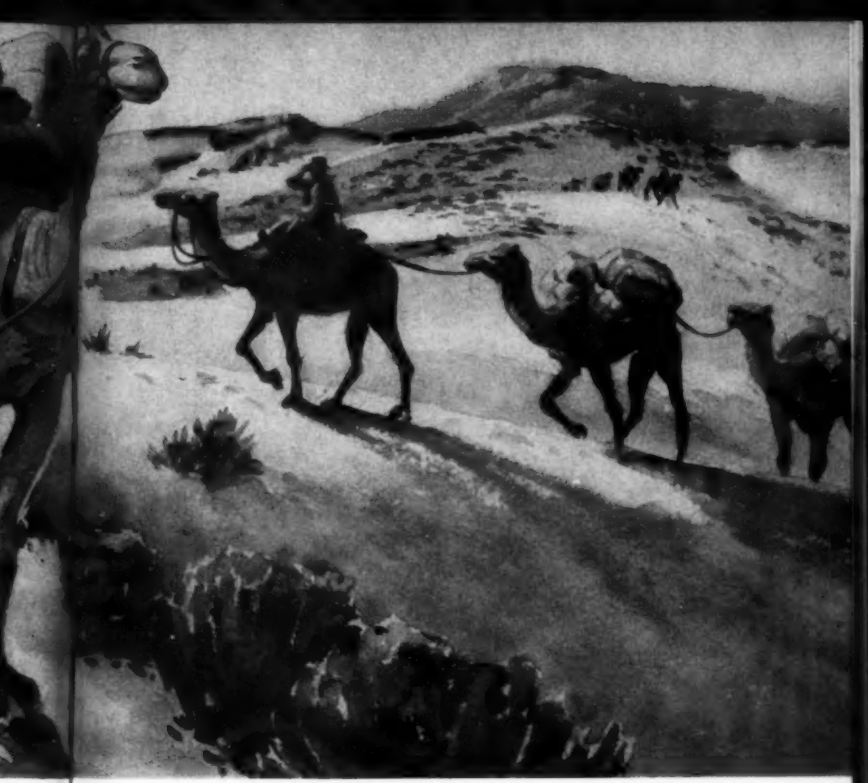
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both suppliers and manufacturers are limited to a minimum practicable working amount.

Full text of the order can be obtained by request from the Office of War Information, Washington, D. C., asking for Release T-1386, dated December 14, 1942.

[1]See full text of order for BLMA numbers of clutch facings prohibited.

## ORDER M-63 REVISED

In a move designed to tighten import control of strategic materials, the War Production Board today announced a revision of the General Imports Order, M-63, effective on December 28.

The revised order eliminates the exemption in favor of importations of List I and II materials under existing contracts. Previously, shipments on contracts which were already in existence on the date of inclusion of a commodity on Lists I or II were permitted without specific WPB authorization. ("Asbestos, unmanufactured, originating in Rhodesia or Union of South Africa" is on List II.)

Under the terms of the revised order, no person may import, without specific WPB authorization, any commodity listed in the order. Previously this restriction applied only to List III materials.

Copy of the revised Order can be had by writing the Office of War Information, Washington, D. C., for WPB release 2246 dated December 17, 1942.


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# MARKET CONDITIONS

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Outside of the war production program, general business is facing a variety of obstacles and handicaps heretofore unknown.

Difficulties in obtaining raw materials, or manufactured goods, transportation, delivery, are only a few of the many problems with which manufacturers and distributors of even essential goods are contending.

In the asbestos line, while the greater part of asbestos products manufactured is covered by government orders, some divisions, particularly in the building materials end, see a slowing up because of limitation orders on construction, or because much of the rush government construction work has been completed and the rest will probably continue at a greatly reduced tempo. Naturally this statement does not apply to those products used in ship work, as that is increasing rather than decreasing.

## ASBESTOS - RAW MATERIAL

Shortage of space on steamers from Africa is responsible for the falling off of importations from South Africa for the past month.

More Amosite and Blue Asbestos was imported in the year of 1942 than in the previous year. If shipping space is available this year, it is highly probable that our importation of these types will exceed that of last year.

All grades of asbestos are in very great demand, with Canadian Mines operating at maximum capacity. Prices are very firm.

## ASBESTOS - MANUFACTURED GOODS

*Textiles.* The demand in this market continues high, in fact, the outlook is, as one manufacturer puts it, "capacity production indefinitely."

*Brake Lining.* Total volume of sales for the month of November 1942 was lower than that for the corresponding period of 1941 as well as for October 1942. Sales for export, due to shipping conditions, also declined.

*Insulation. High Pressure.* Demand for shipbuild-



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ing, munitions, oil and transportation continues heavy with no indication of an early decline. Factories running at full capacity.

*Insulation. Low Pressure.* While demand has slackened slightly, it still continues high, due principally to the fact that many plants, unable to obtain the high pressure types of insulation, are forced to use the low pressure types.

*Paper.* This market is still going strong, with prices naturally firm under this condition.

*Millboard.* Shipwork keeps this market at a high level. And there is some cantonment work also which is taking a fair-sized quantity of material.

*Asbestos-Cement Products.* Shingles and siding of asbestos-cement are feeling the effects of the general curtailment of Government as well as private construction and the substantial backlogs of unfilled orders for all of these products, which existed two or three months ago, has been substantially liquidated.

In corrugated asbestos-cement sheets the backlog of orders is still substantial, not as great as it was sixty days ago, perhaps, but still substantial.

Demand for flat sheets, including wallboards of various types, has slackened off appreciably.

In fact, the prospects for the sale of asbestos-cement building products during the coming year are none too bright, as they cannot be much better than prospects for general construction which we all know will be off considerably from 1942 and probably even less than 1941 and as low as 1940.

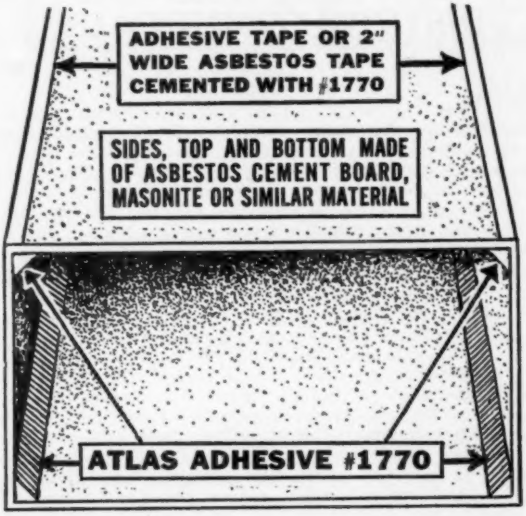
Asbestos-Cement Pipe, however, is not included in the above statements, as that part of the Industry continues to show a good backlog of orders, with no lessening in sight.

**The above comments are made by various men in close touch with field conditions, and should therefore be close to the mark. If, however, your opinions differ, let us have your ideas of the particular markets in which you are interested.**

**It would be well to read in connection with these comments the comments on the Building Market on page 28.**



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# CONTRACTORS AND DISTRIBUTORS PAGE

## Building

Construction contracts now indicated for 1943 should equal or better the volume of 1940, the latest year when peace-time activity was predominant. This is the opinion of F. W. Dodge Corporation, after careful review of current curtailment orders of W. P. B. and of government estimates for 1943 activity. Such a volume would exceed somewhat the average annual volume of the twenty years 1920 thru 1939.

In a joint statement prepared by Thomas S. Holden, president, and Clyde Shute, assistant vice president, which has just been issued, F. W. Dodge Corporation estimates the total 1943 building and engineering contract volume for the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains at $4,035,000.000, compared with an estimated $7,915,000,000 for the calendar year 1942. While the indicated decline is 49 per cent, it is pointed out that it will be a decline from *this year's record volume of all time.* Non-residential building volume is estimated to decline 53 per cent in dollar volume. The largest percentage decline in this general category is indicated for industrial buildings, but the estimated $900,000,000 for 1943 industrial construction is much larger than the volume of any peace-time year. Residential building is estimated to decline 44 per cent in dollar volume, and heavy engineering construction 47 per cent.

Commenting on these advance estimates, the statement says: "We believe these figures may safely be regarded as *minimum* figures. It is always the preference of F. W. Dodge Corporation in putting out advance estimates to err on the low side rather than on the high side. Furthermore, the estimates are being made at a time when all emphasis is being placed on curtailment of construction. It is quite conceivable that the process of curtailment may squeeze out projects which will later prove essential and may not fully provide for all the new needs that may arise during 1943. In particular, war housing needs are considerably greater than the figures shown in these estimates. While it is doubtful whether all the housing desired for immigrant workers will be provided, there will be a constant pressure of new requirements demanding new allocations of materials for housing purposes. No relaxation of restrictions on non-war constructions appears likely.

"In general, the number of very large projects (running into the tens of millions of dollars) is apt to be small in 1943, as compared with the numerous huge projects of 1941 and 1942.



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The bulk of the year's program will consist of moderate-sized projects; relatively few large industrial plants, cantonments, bases and supply depots; many new units added for expanding existing large projects."

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Total valuation of construction contracts awarded during November in the 37 eastern states amounted to $654,184,000 according to F. W. Dodge Corporation. This compares with $458,620,000 in November last year and $780,396,000 in October 1942.

Non-residential building valuation of $256,513,000 was $116,478,000 or 69 percent below October due almost entirely to the decline in the manufacturing building classification. Minor decreases of only a few percent were shown in the residential and heavy engineering groups.

The decline from October is both seasonal and indicative of the effect of the government policy to authorize construction of only the most essential war projects.

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**"MAINTAIN INSULATION TO SAVE MORE HEAT"** is the title of an article in the December issue of "Power." Sketches showing in detail how to insulate flanges and fittings, and the application of pipe covering illustrate the article. It also contains tables of recommended thicknesses of 85% Magnesia and of Laminated Asbestos Pipe Covering.

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# WAR PLEDGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Every war worker and many of us who must be content with helping the war effort on the home front will find the pledge quoted below an inspiration.

This pledge was conceived last Labor Day at the Waukegan, Ill., plant of Johns-Manville after a sailor survivor of a torpedo attack and a French veteran of Dunkirk addressed a mass meeting of J-M workers at that plant.

I realize that I am a soldier of production whose duties are as important in this war as are those of the man behind the gun.

I will do my work well and efficiently and will stay on my job producing to the best of my ability until my shift ends.

I will carry out my duties in accordance with instructions.

I will think before I act.

I will endeavor to save material by avoiding mistakes and spoilage.

I will be careful of my health and prevent accidents to avoid loss of time.

I will keep my working place tidy and in order.

All to the end that we may succeed in our efforts to increase production and attain the goal set as necessary to carry us to the final decisive victory over our treacherous enemies who are now threatening the homes of our children and the liberty of our nation.

With 1969 signatures, the pledge addressed to the President of the United States was recently delivered to Admiral Emory S. Land and Vice Admiral Howard L. Vickery in the office of the Maritime Commission by a delegation from the Waukegan J-M plant representing the Labor-Management Committee of that plant.

War workers or not, it is a good pledge for all of us with which to start the New Year.

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# WARTIME USES OF ASBESTOS

Recently we published a list of uses of asbestos and asbestos products.

Many readers may not be aware that new wartime uses for asbestos and asbestos products are being constantly developed, and would augment considerably the list of uses which we published recently.

But they cannot be published, nor even hinted at because at present they are military secrets.

Almost every branch of the Asbestos Industry — textiles, paper, asbestos-cement products, insulation, have stories to tell and interesting stories, too, but they cannot be told just at the moment. We even have samples of two or three of these materials—not new asbestos products, but old ones changed in some way to fit the conditions under which they will serve and which we cannot even guess.

But some day the war will end, and then these stories can be released.

In the meantime, suppose all of us who know of any such new uses keep a little list of them ready to be releeased to "ASBESTOS" raders when the time comes.

While this is interesting, there is an even more interesting angle to it—we are told that many of these new materials or improved products, developed because of war necessity, will be in demand for peacetime as well as wartime and will help cushion the slump in demand when the war is won.

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*It seems unfortunate that more people in government do not recognize the simple fact that we cannot make real progress as long as there is basic conflict between government and business. There should be no real conflict. And as we continue to work side by side in our united efforts to win this war, the short-sightedness of those who would encourage such conflict becomes more and more apparent.*
*—Lewis H. Brown, President, Johns-Manville Corporation.*



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# NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

## BIRTHDAYS

E. C. Nankervis, President, Magnesia-Asbestos Insulation Co., New York City, January 19.

Henry W. Grebe, President, Central Asbestos & Magnesia Co., Chicago, Ill., January 21.

G. D. Crabbs, Chairman, Philip Carey Mfg. Co., Lockland, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 22.

Lt. Col. J. G. Ross, Director and General Manager, Asbestos Corporation, Ltd., Thetford Mines, P. Q., February 1.

L. C. Rugen, Vice President, The Ruberoid Co., New York City, February 6.

H. A. Hirschfeld, President, Standard Asbestos Co., Inc., New York City, February 11.

Lewis H. Brown, President, Johns-Manville Corp., New York City, February 13.

Robert W. Steele, President, Asbestos Corporation Limited, Thetford Mines, P. Q., February 15.

C. J. Sherer, Vice President and Treasurer, Russell Mfg. Co., Middletown, Conn., February 18.

To all these gentlemen we extend congratulations on the occasion of their birthdays.

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Safety is a by-word at Manhattan and a continuous program of education in safe working practices is carried on.



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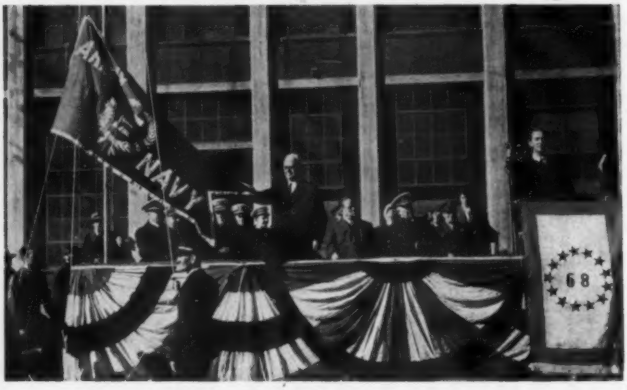
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# ARMY - NAVY "E" - TO GENERAL ASBESTOS & RUBBER DIVISION




Saturday, November 28, was a red-letter day in North Charleston. In fact, it was a red-and-blue-letter day, for they are the colors of the Army-Navy "E" burgee, awarded for excellence of production, to the General Asbestos & Rubber Division of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., North Charleston, S. C.

This was the first Army-Navy "E" swallow-tail to fly over the North Carolina low country.

Rear Admiral Cluverius presented the award to Executive Vice-President Rohrbach, representing the workers, whose unstinting efforts actually achieved the award. The Admiral predicted that American industry, working shoulder to shoulder with the men on the battlefronts, would "sweep away the crazy Nazi flag and the Rising Sun from the four corners of the earth."

Mr. Rohrbach, serving in the absence of President Simpson, said: "This Army-Navy 'E' Award marks a milestone in the history of Garco. It is being accepted by all of us in the spirit of thankfulness for a job well done, knowing that the spirit of this group of workers here at North Charleston will carry on in the true American way. It is a challenge to produce asbestos and rubber products to the full extent of our capacity and ability, as our products are essential for the building of ships, tanks, airplanes, peeps, jeeps, and other Army and Navy vehicles."

Hon. L. Mendel Rivers, Representative from South Carolina, acted as master of ceremonies. Col. Barnwell of the Army presented "E" pins to the employes, represented by Dan Legare, an



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employe for 39 years. The Charleston Navy Yard band furnished the music.

This "Acknowledgment" appeared in the official program: "General Asbestos and Rubber Division acknowledges gratefully its indebtedness to many firms, suppliers, and individuals whose wholehearted efforts in contributing to the production-record merited this Army-Navy Production Award and gives them every right to share in our satisfaction at the Army-Navy's 'Well Done'."

## WAR PRODUCTION BOARD - Asbestos Division

Readers may be interested in having the names of those who constitute the Asbestos Division of the War Production Board, and the particular work which each one handles. They are:

George F. Stone, chief.
Utley W. Smith, assistant chief.
John E. Cole, allocations.
Sidney Butz, assistant to Mr. Cole.
Gregg L. Shoemaker, asbestos building materials.
Lester E. Hall, chief of asbestos statistics.
Carl Hermann, statistician in section.
Lee Hansen, statistician in section.

## FIRST AID AT MANHATTAN RUBBER

A First Aid Detachment has been formed at the plant of the Manhattan Rubber Mfg. Division of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Passaic, N. J.

The Detachment is designed to function in disasters of any nature, including bombings, sabotage, explosions, fires and floods, assisting the plant doctor and hospital staff. Ordinarily it would not leave the Manhattan plant, but in the event of an air raid causing many casualties in other localities, the Manhattan squad would be available for emergency calls.

## ROCKBESTOS PROMOTIONS

The Rockbestos Products Corporation, of New Haven Conn., have expanded their administrative executive staff and made the following promotions in personnel to facilitate the handling of increased wartime business:

R. B. Lattin is now Factory Manager; S. S. Nichols is Assistant Factory Manager; T. R. Bailey, Factory Personnel Director, and H. S. Moore, Chief Engineer.



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## CAREY REMOVES BRASS SIGN

For thirty years the entrance to the General Offices of The Philip Carey Manufacturing Company at Lockland, Cincinnati, has been marked with a brass sign.

No one of the many hundreds who have passed under the sign in those years gave it a thought. We are certain that at least 50%, perhaps 75%, of them could not have told, if asked the question, of what material the sign was made.




*The brass sign taken down for salvage will be replaced with a wooden one.*

Then the scrap metal campaign began and in looking around for any metal article which could be salvaged, or replaced with a substitute, non-critical material, some one spotted the sign.

A. F. Kuester, General Office Manager (right in photograph), helped to remove the metal sign and it was replaced with one of wood containing no metal whatever.

Mr. Kuester supplied the photograph, but did not tell us how many bullets or other implements of war the sign would make.

The brass sign taken down for salvage will be replaced with a wooden one.

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**VENEZUELA.** The Asbestos Mines of Tinaquillo, Venezuela, are expected to begin production in February.

A new asbestos plant is under construction at the same place, with an expected capacity of about 20 tons a day. The company building the factory is said to have a concession of over 1,000 acres; the region in which the plant is located is reported to have asbestos deposits covering more than 15,000 acres.

The company is working in close cooperation with the United States Bureau of Mines. It is capitalized at $675,000.— This information is taken from the December 5, 1942, issue of Foreign Commerce Weekly, published by the U. S. Department of Commerce.



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# PATENTS

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Copies of patents can be obtained by sending 10c (in coin) to The Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C., giving the patent number, date it was issued, name of patentee and name of invention.

**Asbestos Fabric.** No. 230,534. Granted on December 1, 1942, to Boutwell H. Foster, Maplewood, N. J., assignor to United States Rubber Co., New York City. Application September 9, 1941. Serial No. 410,148.

A woven asbestos fabric at least one piece of which is a soft suede surface formed of fibres of the woven warp and weft threads and a large per cent of which surface forming fibres are separated slightly from the warp and weft threads as floats both ends of which remain rooted to their respective threads.

**Siding Corner Piece.** No. 2,305,280. Granted on December 15, 1942, to George W. Strunk and George Lehr, Joliet, Ill. Assignors to The Ruberoid Co., New York. Application June 5, 1941. Serial No. 396,640.

A corner piece for imitation masonry siding comprising two composition boards set at an angle to each other and having straight vertical side edges and rabbetted top and bottom edges a sheet of roofing felt having a textured design simulating stonework or brickwork adhering to and covering the outer face of the boards and a lining sheet of waterproofed flexible felt adhering to and covering the inner face of the boards, said lining sheet having flap portions thereof extending laterally beyond the siding edges of the corner piece.

**Asbestos Product.** No. 2,305,488. Granted on December 15, 1942, to Robert E. Parry, Manville, N. J., assignor to Johns-Manville Corporation. Application January 5, 1938. Serial No. 183,426.

A flexible tubular slip insulating article of generally regular outer surface, the tube being severed longitudinally along one side so that it may be opened and applied around a current surface to be insulated and then closed around said surface, comprising a composite of a plurality of sheets of asbestos paper and a coating of coloring composition applied over the exposed face of the outer one of the sheets, the said composition including an intimate mixture of casein, a flexibility-imparting agent and a pigmentary material.

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*U. S. plane production in August was greater than that of Germany, Italy and Japan combined.*



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# CURRENT RANGE OF PRICE

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| Group No. 3 (Spinning or Textile Fibre) | 124.00 to 233.50 |
| Group No. 4 (Shingle Fibre) | 62.50 to 82.50 |
| Group No. 5 (Paper Fibre) | 44.00 to 49.50 |
| Group No. 6 (Waste, Stucco or Plaster) | 33.00 to 34.00 |
| Group No. 7 (Refuse or Shorts) | 14.50 to 29.50 |

| **Vermont—** | Per Ton (2000 lbs.) f.o.b. Hyde Park, Vt. |
|---|---|
| Shingle Fibres | $62.50 to $65.50 |
| Paper Stock Fibres | 44.00 to 54.00 |
| Waste | 33.00 |
| Shorts | 14.50 to 28.50 |
| Floats | 19.50 |

**Note:** Crude Run-of-Mine (Canadian) refers to a crude asbestos produced in certain mines where Crude Fibre is not graded into regular No. 1 and 2 Crude. Crude Sundry refers to certain odd lots of off grade material which do not conform to the regular standards of No. 1 Crude or No. 2 Crude.

# ASBESTOS STOCK QUOTATIONS

(These figures are compiled from the Commercial and Financial Chronicle. No guarantee made as to their correctness.)

| | | December 1942 | | |
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| | Par | Low | High | Last |
| Armstrong Cork Co. (Com.) | np | 28¾ | 33¾ | 30¾ |
| Asbestos Corp. (Com.) | np | 21 | 22 | 21⅜ |
| Celotex (Com.) | np | 7¼ | 8½ | 8½ |
| Celotex (Pfd.) | 100 | 69½ | 75¾ | 75½ |
| Certainteed (Com.) | 1 | 2¾ | 3 | 2⅞ |
| Certainteed (Pfd.) | 100 | 30½ | 32⅞ | 32¾ |
| Flintkote (Com.) | np | 14¾ | 16⅞ | 16 |
| Flintkote (Pfd.) | 100 | 96 | 100¾ | 100¾ |
| Johns-Manville (Com.) | np | 66½ | 73½ | 72¼ |
| Johns-Manville (Pfd.) | 100 | 125½ | 129 | 127 |
| Raybestos-Manhattan (Com.) | np | 19⅛ | 22 | 21 |
| Ruberoid (Com.) | np | 19⅛ | 21½ | 20⅞ |
| Thermoid (Com.) | 1 | 3⅝ | 4⅜ | 4⅛ |
| Thermoid (Pfd.) | 10 | 32 | 34½ | 34½ |
| U. S. Gypsum (Com.) | 20 | 58 | 64 | 61¾ |
| U. S. Gypsum (Pfd.) | 100 | 171¼ | 175½ | 175½ |



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# THIS and THAT

In Great Britain all orders for asbestos cement flat and corrugated sheets in quantities exceeding 3 tons must be sent to The Convener, Asbestos Cement Industry Operating Committee, Ministry of Works and Planning, Lambeth Bridge House, London, S. E. 1. The orders should be made out to the manufacturer whom the buyer would like to supply the material. Orders for 3 tons or less are to be sent to the Assistant Director of Emergency Works for the area in which material is to be delivered.

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The Spring Meeting and Committee Week of the American Society for Testing Materials will be held in Buffalo, N. Y., at Hotel Statler, from March 1st to 5th, inclusive. Two technical symposiums are planned as features of the meeting, one on powder metallurgy, the other on paints for civilian defense and related applications.

The annual meeting will be held in Pittsburgh, June 28th to July 2nd.

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An important and timely book, "Substitutes," by H. Bennett—price $4.00—is being published by the Chemical Publishing Co., Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y., this month. It describes new products, processes and materials to be used as substitutes and alternatives for the numerous raw materials which have become unavailable because of the war.

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Microfilm records kept by the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. at its East Pittsburgh works are stored in asbestos board compartments in a fireproof, burglarproof vault. Microfilms of old shop orders, sketches, etc., from the time the Company was organized 56 years ago are being made. Microfilming cuts down filing space tremendously, and asbestos board helps protect from fire.

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Some of us can't grab a gun, but all of us can BUY A WAR BOND.



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"Strategic Materials in Hemisphere Defense" is the title of a book by M. S. Hessel, W. J. Murphy and F. A. Hessel. Only recently off the press, it contains in Part I brief, informative articles on the various materials listed as strategic or critical. Part II concerns the Latin American countries and various war materials found in those countries.

Part I devotes three pages of text and three of statistics to the subject of asbestos, which is unusually well covered.

Price of the book is $2.50. Order from "ASBESTOS," 17th Fl., Inquirer Building, Philadelphia.

Publishers are Hastings House, 67 W. 44th St., New York City.

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The 56th Annual Convention of the U. R. C. A. (United Roofing Contractors Association) will be held at Chicago, LaSalle Hotel, February 22d to 24th, inclusive. For further details, write the Association at 168 E. 89th St., New York City, or see the December issue of the United Roofer.

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A new lithographic press heater-dryer invented and designed by William J. Stevens, Lithographic Specialist, at Edward Stern & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, is asbestos-lined.

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The American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers will hold its 49th annual meeting at Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 25th to 27th. Four technical sessions will be held and there will be several research papers covering such subjects as studies of heating plant operation with reduced night temperatures, resistance of various building materials to vapor transmission, and performance of air duct outlets.

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See that all your department heads and factory superintendents have a copy of The Asbestos Factbook. (See ad. page 23.)



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