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A GOOD OMEN

The Twentieth of January, 1953, ushered in for the American People, a new era of hope and confidence, replacing doubt and uncertainty. Thousands listened on radio or watched on television, with glistening eyes and a spirit of high patriotism in their hearts, while our new leader and President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, gave his Inaugural Address in which he expressed his aims and hopes for the future under his administration.

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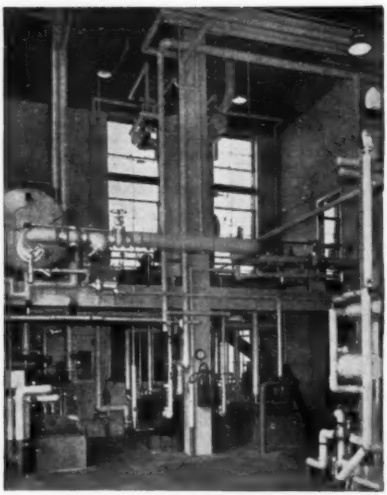
REPORTS ON ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

1. Thermal Insulation Society

The following report cannot convey the value obtained from our meetings and associations during the past year. The enthusiasm demonstrated thru attendance and participation in the meetings together with the discussion between meetings is very heartening to those responsible for guidance of the programs. Our membership has increased to a total of 103 and the importance of this increase is not realized until it is explained that this increase consists almost wholly of consumers.

Altho no new chapters have been added during the past year a reorganization, especially in the Houston, Texas area, leads us to believe that a chapter will be organized there within the very near future since preliminary meetings have already taken place. Promises have also been forthcoming from New Orleans and Los Angeles. St. Louis, Louisville and the New York area give promise. Inquiries from scattered areas show a definite interest is becoming quite wide spread even tho not supported by organizational activity. Committee work within the Charleston Chapter has not produced final results as previously anticipated due to many personnel changes and burden of work carried by the members involved. The same committees, however, such as the Catalog Committee, Specifications Committee, Building

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Insulation Committee, Consumers Committee and Special Problems Committee are all active, especially the latter.

The programs conducted during the past year have been varied and interesting. The schedule for the year follows:

January 22—Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp.—S. J. Stachelek, Industrial Sales Engineer—Subject: Insulation Design for Low Temperatures; G. O. (Tops) Hartzell, Industrial Insulation Section Manager—Subject: Fiberglas Applications.

February 26—Problem Discussions—W. D. Parks, Moderator.

March 25—A. J. Gerrard and Company—G. D. Brennan, Eastern District Mgr. and C. M. McCarter, Cleveland District Mgr.—Subject: Developments and Applications in the Therman Insulation Strapping Field supported with slides and sample props.

April 22—Union Asbestos and Rubber Company—A. W. Summers, Ass't. Technical Director and R. E. Cryor, Vice-President—Subject: Mining, Processing and Fabricating Asbestos, supported by a sound film.

May 27—Problem Discussions—J. C. McClarin, Moderator, and election of officers. Ray Thomas, President for fourth term. C. L. Wiegers, Vice-President, J. M. Bowes, Treasurer, J. M. Venable, Secretary, and R. L. Oehrig, J. Wilks and W. W. Wilson, members at large.

September 23—Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company—Dr. W. J. Clayton, Technical Director, Adhesives and Coatings Division, Detroit, Mich.—Subject: Future of Adhesives and Coatings in Thermal Insulation Design, and G. A. Berger, Ass't. Mgr. Technical Service, Tape Division, St. Paul, Minn.—Subject: Applications for Tape in Thermal Insulation Design. Both topics were amply supported by slides and evolutionary samples.

October 28—The A. P. Green Fire Brick Company—Fred W. Schroeder, Chief Refractory Engineer, Mexico, Mo.—Subject: The Firebrick Manufacturer's Responsibility to the Consumer. A sound film in color showing the manufacture of various refractory materials.

November 25—Armstrong Cork Company—J. E. Gaston, Mgr. of Building Materials, Lancaster, Pa.—Subject: Cork From The Research Viewpoint. A sound film showing stripping of the bark from the cork tree, its process and manufacture accompanied the discourse.

December 9—Thermal Insulation Problems discussion—R. L. Oehrig, Moderator.

By Ray Thomas, President

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2 Asbestos Textile Institute

The Asbestos Textile Institute during 1952 continued to expand and to extend the scope of its activities. During the past year, membership qualifications were revised so that asbestos textile interests located outside of the limits of the United States might become affiliated with the Institute. Thru this action the following new Associate members were admitted: Asbestos Corporation, Thetford Mines, Canada; Johnson's Company, Thetford Mines, Canada; British Belting & Asbestos Ltd., Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, England; English Asbestos Company Ltd., Bristol, England and Small & Parkes Ltd., Manchester, England.

The activities of the Institute have been enlarged thru mereased activities in the three principal committees of the organization. The Air Hygiene Committee under the Chairmanship of H. M. Jackson has initiated a program designed to promote interest in and solutions to many of the industrial health problems which are encountered in the asbestos textile industry. The Sales Promotion Committee under the Chairmanship of G. J. Harris is continuing to serve the Institute and the industry thru an active educational program which includes the exhibition of seven Visual Aid Displays at the leading universities in this country and Canada, and thru the distribution of informative literature descriptive of asbestos textiles, their manufacture and use. The Technical Committee under the Chairmanship of J. L. Tucker is continuing to investigate a wide range of technical problems and, thru the Fellowship at Rutgers University, is carrying on an extensive research program covering a wide variety of problems of interest to the entire industry.

During the year 1953 the following officers will direct the work of the Institute:

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Vice President ..... F. J. Wakem, Johns-Manville Corp.
Treasurer, A. J. Scanlan, American Asbestos Textile Corp.
Secretary & Ass't. Treas., M. C. Shaw, Rutgers University

The Board of Governors for 1953 will include R. E. Cryor, G. S. Fabel, G. W. Marshall, A. J. Scanlan, J. G.

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Schoepf, F. J. Wakem and D. W. Widmayer.

During the past year four General meetings were held and the ever increasing membership participation at these, as well as in the several committee meetings which were held in conjunction with the General meetings, serves to point out the important place that the Institute has assumed as a part of the asbestos textile industry. The many activities of the several constituent groups within the Institute are directed toward a general upgrading of the industry's products, the development of new applications for asbestos textile materials, the improvement of manufacturing techniques and working conditions, and the enlightenment of the consuming industry and general public regarding the many unique properties of asbestos textiles. During the ensuing year it is planned to continue these several activities and to initiate additional services whenever new developments warrant their consideration.

By Dr. Myril C. Shaw, Secretary

3. Asbestos Cement Products Association

The year 1952, which marked the fifteenth anniversary of the Asbestos-Cement Products Association, saw the establishment of a new record for annual shipments of asbestos-cement siding shingles and a continuation of the Association's effective educational and sales promotional activities.

Figures for the first eleven months indicated that siding shipments in 1952 would exceed those of 1950, the best previous year, by from 5 to 7 per cent. This testimony to the growing popularity of the product is especially convincing in view of the fact that housing starts last year were 19 per cent under the 1950 total.

At the fifteenth annual meeting, held in June, honors were paid to five industry leaders who helped found the association and guide it thru its early years. They were L. R. Hoff, Johns-Manville Sales Corporation; Stuart H. Ralph, the Flintkote Company; Herbert Abraham, the Ruberoid Company; R. J. Tobin, Tilo Roofing Company, and the late Samuel P. Moffit, the Ruberoid Company.

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motion picture "According to Plan", told the story of asbestos siding to many potential new users. The 14-minute film was telecast on 38 occasions and viewed by an estimated audience of six million persons. Numerous other showings were arranged for dealers, applicators and other interested groups by the Publicity Committee headed by R. L. Johnson.

Promotion was directed to the farm market thru another movie, "The Ropp Farm Story", and by a monthly radio service broadcast by 450 stations. Product promotion thru publicity also was continued in newspapers, magazines and the trade press. Demand for the 24-page "Products Guide" necessitated a new printing of that popular booklet.

The program of cooperation with schools of architecture was advanced by personal visits, lectures and use of the Association's slide-film on corrugated sheets. Association personnel also participated in the NRLDA-promoted training schools for lumber dealer employees.

Continuation of the association's research program was approved at the June meeting and a number of projects relating to product improvements were carried on at the association's laboratory by Technical Director Ralph L. Barbehenn. This work is supervised by the Technical Committee, of which Clyde R. Hutcheroft is chairman.

The Sales Engineering Committee, with C. R. Frederick as chairman, worked with ASTM in developing specifications for asbestos-cement flat sheets and pressure pipe and studied a number of problems involving application and fasteners.

Other active committees and their chairmen were: Corrugated, R. F. Turner; Manufacturing, Walter G. Cowan; Planning, E. J. O'Leary, and Traffic, B. H. Rubenstein.

Association officers, including President W. R. Wilkinson; Vice-President, Ernest Muehleck; Treasurer, R. J. Tobin and Secretary, Chester C. Kelsey were elected to another term. Stanley Woodward and Stuart H. Ralph were added to the Executive Committee.

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Three association meetings are scheduled for 1953, as follows: New York, February 25 and 26; White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., June 4 and 5; New York, October 14 and 15.

By Chester C. Kelsey, Manager

ASBESTOS IN NYASALAND

*By W. E. Sinclair, M.I.M.M.**

Labor and transport facilities are vital factors in the development of practically all mineral deposits and, more especially when these are located in Central Africa, where only unskilled native labor is available and roads are few and far between.

These factors may be largely responsible for the existence to-day of undeveloped deposits of asbestos in Nyasaland, while in every other country in the world asbestos producers are striving to find new deposits or otherwise are extending and expanding operations on existing mines to produce more and more asbestos to satisfy the ever-increasing demand.

In many instances, the discovery and development of mineral deposits has led to the building of new roads and railways, or other forms of communication, to make exploitation payable and this, in turn, ultimately leads to other avenues of economic industrial expansion. It seems perfectly reasonable to suggest, therefore, that history may well repeat itself in the case of asbestos in Nyasaland, if these deposits are proved of sufficient size and value to justify their economic exploitation. Such a step might quite conceivably be followed by the opening up and development of other minerals that are known to exist in the Kirk Mountain range which is the location of the main asbestos occurrences reviewed in this article.

It is also reported that "Blue" asbestos has been found in the Northern Province of Nyasaland but no serious investigation of this occurrence has as yet been carried out.

* Consulting Mining Engineer, Johannesburg

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Before the present phenomenal demand for fibre of every kind and at a time when prices for the No. 3 and No. 4 grades of chrysotile asbestos were very little higher than the prices being paid to-day for inferior reclaimed dump grades of ultra short fibre, a little prospecting work was done on the outcrops of the Kirk Mountain deposits.

The low prices and poor demand for asbestos in those days was not the only reason why these deposits were not developed. Prospecting was carried out by pioneers who walked great distances or were carried in "machilas" (hammocks) thru forest and swamp and over mountains and thru rivers. No roads or railways were in existence, so that even their few belongings and equipment had to be carried on the heads of natives (tenga-tenga boys). The presence of the deadly tse tse fly barred the use of draught animals as it virtually does to-day. Their work, quite obviously, proved that in such isolated positions, with only the most primitive transport facilities, the exploitation of these asbestos ore bodies would be unprofitable. They also proved, however, that these deposits contained a class of fibre which the geologists have since designated as of the amphibole variety. This varies in length from about ¼ inch to 1 inch; a large proportion appears to be over ½ inch in length. Where it is not affected by surface earth discoloration or oxidation, it is pure white in color and soft in texture, and in some places the fibre possesses quite a fair tensile strength.

Some of the fibre recovered from different parts of the various deposits is said to be typical in quality of the "amosite" asbestos being produced in the Pietersburg field in the Transvaal, South Africa. From what I have seen it would appear to me to resemble closely the fibre referred to as anthophyllite asbestos in Kenya*. As I suggested it would, at that time, this class of fibre has proved to be of considerable commercial value in local industries such as, the manufacture of asbestos cement sheets and many other purposes, in East Africa. Indeed, a small export market is now being established and a price of £50.

* "Asbestos in Kenya"—"ASBESTOS", July 1950

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There seems no reason why the Nyasaland fibre should not find a useful place in the marked industrial expansion which is taking place in the different countries surrounding Nyasaland and in the territory itself, albeit the whole area is situated in the center of "darkest" Africa. Lying to the west and north, Rhodesia and the Congo Belge, there exist the two largest copper producers in the world. To the north and east, Tanganyika is developing enormous reserves of iron and coal besides lead and many other minerals. The southern extremity of the country is surrounded by the Portuguese East African Territory which offers a vast undeveloped field for future expansion.

Nyasaland is now served by a direct railroad which roughly traverses the country from the south end of the Lake (Nyasa) at Salima straight down to the southern tip and then south eastwards thru Portuguese East Africa to the sea board at the port of Beira on the east coast of Africa. A network of motor roads cover most of the country and connect with the railroad or the small steamers which ply on the Lake.

Two main roads lead from the principal commercial and industrial towns of Blantyre and Limbe (on rail) to the Kirk Mountain range where the asbestos deposits are located.

In the mineralized area, extending for six miles or more, serpentine rocks, in conjunction with small granite occurrences, have been noted but no chrysotile asbestos has been found. Instead, following the period of ultra basic intrusions, the serpentine rocks have suffered decomposition and further change to form the gneisses and talcose schists, the typical country rocks in which the asbestos structure is found to-day. It may be interesting to suggest that it is possibly the close geological alliance of serpentine rocks with the asbestos formation in Kenya and Nyasaland which is responsible for the term "near chrysotile" being used to describe some of the best grades

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of fibre now produced. It might not be out of place here, also, to refer to a somewhat similar practice on the Pietersburg asbestos field in the Transvaal. Here, the best grades of amosite are sometimes termed "Montasite" to indicate a special quality fibre. Not satisfied with this, however, some producers are designating their superior "Montasite" as "White Crocidolite" asbestos.

The Kirk Mountain asbestos ore bodies are generally similar to the occurrences in Kenya where the asbestos occurs in lenses in the decomposed and mineralized zones in the gneiss schist formation. In Nyasaland, however, the occurrences appear to be more consistent along the general strike of the parent rocks and has been traced intermittently for many miles. The asbestos occurs in the ore masses in a variety of forms of slip or cross-fibre veins but generally is massed together in a roughly radial structure.

The only work done on these deposits has been purely superficial surface prospecting with the exception of one or two test pits which, however, were not deep enough to penetrate below the oxidized or weathered zone of mineralization. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that in some places, in the surface exposures, the fibre is somewhat soft or crumbly and of inferior quality. In addition, there is probably a tendency to discoloration where the formation is subjected to an excessive amount of moisture, which would also account for inconsistency in quality.

Obviously, no definite opinion can be expressed as to whether the ore will contain better fibre, without the surface patchiness at depth, altho this is what would be expected in the fresh unaltered zone of the parent rocks. To prove this definitely, systematic exploratory development is necessary which is the case in almost all mineral deposits, and is an essential requirement to enable one to assess the extent and value of a proposition.

Because of the comparatively soft and friable nature of the containing rock in these deposits and the fairly high percentage of fibre in the ore, the exploitation of these deposits may be undertaken very easily and cheaply,

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especially as most of the work would be in open-cut excavations, since the location and terrain lends itself to such practice.

Milling of the ore to extract the fibre would not call for the crushing problems normally met with in orthodox asbestos milling practice. Instead, special attention in mill design must be directed to removing the talc or graphitic flakes which may be a source of trouble in the final cleaning and grading of the fibre. This actually constitutes yet another unorthodox class of flow-sheet and mill design.

Because of the nature of the ore in these deposits, as previously explained, the capital expenditure necessary for mine and mill equipment would be comparatively low, depending, of course, on the scale of operations. Production costs, for the same reason, would be less half those in normal asbestos mining and milling operations. Cheap working costs would easily offset the unavoidable high transport charges and overheads.

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MARKET CONDITIONS

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Fibre production and demand are in balance, i. e., all production is being shipped.

In some grades, principally the 5 and 6 Groups, maximum output is not being obtained, demand being under the possible potential.

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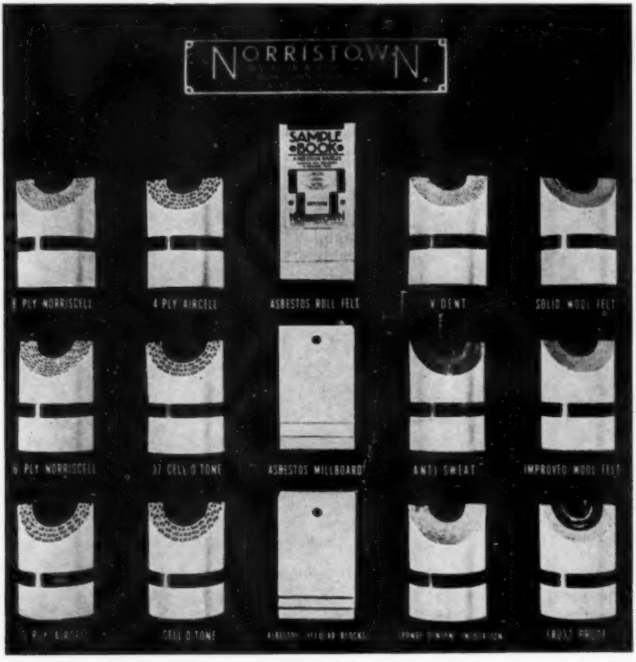
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Asbestos Textiles. There is a steady demand for all commercial and underwriters quality items with reasonably prompt shipment. The asbestos tape market is fair and there is a decline in demand for asbestos wicking and rope. Demands for high purity asbestos textile items are still abnormally high with substantial backlogs on grades 95% and 99% asbestos.

Asbestos Brake Lining. This year promises to be an outstanding year in frictions both from sales to car manufacturers and sales to distributors (replacement).

Asbestos Paper. The passing of year-end inventories has improved the demand for asbestos paper and it is expected to improve for at least the next six months. The *Millboard* market is just about the same as the paper mar-

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ket. The sales for *Saturated Paper* are undergoing the usual seasonal decline.

Insulation. High Pressure. There is considerable backlog of work carried over from 1952 which should require production at about the same rate as during the last quarter of last year. The market is extremely competitive on contract sales; deliveries in general are good. Business is expected to drop off during the last half of the year due to decline in industrial expansion.

Insulation. Low Pressure. There has been a noticeable pick-up in business following the year's end, and a continuation of normal demand is expected for the next six months.

Asbestos Cement Products. The demand for asbestos cement siding remains about the same as last month due to usual seasonal decline. It is questionable whether industry sales this year will be as good as last; this depending on whether the strong demand for new homes continues thruout the year.

The market for corrugated and flat continues good, and a reasonably good year is expected.

The future outlook for Pressure Pipe sales appears as strong as ever altho there is a slight seasonal drop in some sections. Little slack appears in the sales of Flue Pipe, Building Sewer and Conduits.

Asphalt Tile. The Asphalt Tile Indusrty continues to experience the usual seasonal slump in sales during the winter months, but the demand continues heavier in comparison with the same period last year.

The above comments have been made by various informed executives in the Industry. All comments are welcome.

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Reg F. Taylor, consulting engineer of Houston, Texas, has been elected 1953 president of The American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, at the society's 59th annual meeting in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, on January 26th to 29th.

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WAGE RATE CHANGES

Wage rate changes for Asbestos workers (pipe and boiler coverers) as reported in the January number of the Asbestos Worker (published quarterly by the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers) are as follows:

Anchorage, Alaska	$3.70
+7½c W.F.	
Austin, Texas	2.76
+7½c W.F.*	
Birmingham, Ala.	2.75*
+7½c W.F.	
Boston Naval Shipyard	1.94
Corpus Christi, Tex.	2.76
+7½c W.F.*	
Freeport, Texas (Dow Chem. Co. Maintenance only)	2.37
Grand Rapids, Mich.	2.65
+6c W.F.	
Jackson, Mich.	2.65
+6c W.F.	
Jacksonville, Fla.	2.67½*
+7½c W.F.*	
Kalamazoo, Mich.	2.65
+6c W.F.	
Knoxville, Tenn.	2.71*
+7½c W.F.	
Lansing, Mich.	2.65
+6c W.F.	
Little Rock, Ark.	2.76*
Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif.	2.14
Mobile, Ala.	2.68
Oklahoma City, Okla.	2.75
Oleum, Calif. (Union Oil Co. Maintenance only)	2.90
+7½c W.F.	
Pascagoula, Miss.	2.68
Phoenix, Ariz.	2.80
Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.15*
+7½c W.F.	
Saginaw, Mich.	2.65
+6c W.F.	
San Antonio, Texas	2.76
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(Department of Mines, Province of Quebec)

Tons 2000 lbs.

Production for November 1952	79,216 tons
Compared with November 1951	84,154 tons

Dominion Production for November 1952 is 81,257 tons, a difference of 2,042 tons from the Quebec figure.

Africa (S. Rhodesia)

(Rhodesian Chamber of Mines)

Tons 2000 lbs.

Production for September 1952	8,000.68 tons
Valued at	£630,508
Production for September 1951	6,299.64 tons
Valued at	£437,339

Africa (Swaziland)

Production for December 1952	2,235 tons

Imports of Asbestos by United Kingdom

Raw Material

	November 1952 Tons (2240 lbs.)
From Union of South Africa	1,637
Southern Rhodesia	2,378
Basutoland, Bechuanaland & Swaziland	791
Canada	4,274
Other Commonwealth Countries and the Irish Republic	171
Foreign Countries	2
	9,253

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The Arizona Asbestos Producers Association have issued, starting with January 1953, a news letter which contains among other things, their objectives. If readers are interested no doubt they can obtain a copy upon request. Write Jack L. Neal, Secy-Treas., P. O. Box 662, Globe, Arizona.

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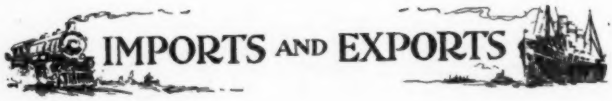
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Imports into U. S. A.

(Figures by Bureau of Census)

Unmanufactured Asbestos—By Countries:

	October 1952 Tons (2240 lbs.)
From Canada	58,609
Southern Rhodesia	1,077
Union of S. Africa	1,925
So. B. Africa	152
South America	62
Australia	50
Other Countries	8
	61,883
Valued at	$5,737,178

By Grades:

Crude No. 1, Chrysotile, Canada	16
Crude No. 1, Chrysotile, S. Rhodesia	27
Crude No. 1, Chrysotile, Other Countries	1
Crude No. 2, Chrysotile, Canada	32
Crude No. 2, Chrysotile, So. Rhodesia	102
Crude, Other, Chrysotile, So. Rhodesia	917
Crude, Other, Chrysotile, So. B. Africa	152
Crude, Other, Chryotile, Other Countries	2
Crude, Blue, Bolivia	62
Crude, Blue, Australia	50
Crude, Blue, Union of S. Africa	1,109
Crude, Amosite, Union of S. Africa	816
Textile Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	1,565
Textile Fibres, Chrysotile, So. Rhodesia	31
Shingle Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	7,370
Paper Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	6,757
Other Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	42,869
Other Fibres, Chrysotile, Other Countries	5
	61,883

Manufactured Asbestos Goods:

	October 1952 Quantity (lbs.)	Value
Asbestos Yarn, United Kingdom	33,702	$ 22,988
Other Countries	3,093	3,693

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Asbestos Woven Fabric—Other	8,412	7,602
Asbestos Brake Lining (Mld.)	1,030	395
Asbestos Cement Products (Impreg.)	3,898	635
Asbesos Cement Products (Not Impreg.)	147,397	6,681
Asbestos Manufacturers—Others		967
	197,532	$ 42,961

Exports from Canada

(Published by Dominion Bureau of Statistics)

	October 1952 Tons (2000 lbs.)	Value
Unmanufactured Asbestos:		
Crude		
United States	42	$ 42,880
United Kingdom	50	86,250
South America	....	....
Central America & Mexico	....	....
European Countries	....	....
Other Countries	17	11,924
	109	$ 141,054
Milled		
United States	15,847	$2,549,740
United Kingdom	2,954	496,617
South America	1,841	337,914
Central America & Mexico	860	141,215
European Countries	3,965	662,250
Other Countries	1,187	200,742
	26,654	$4,388,478
Shorts		
United States	46,386	$2,206,106
United Kingdom	1,615	75,678
South America	500	39,000
Central America & Mexico	....	....
European Countries	2,493	174,482
Other Countries	325	23,953
	51,319	$2,519,219
Grand Total—Unmanufactured Asbestos	78,082	$7,048,751
Manufactured Asbestos Goods:		
Brake Lining		$ 19,116
Packing		....
Other Materials		22,612
		$ 41,728

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Exports from U. S. A.

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Unmanufactured Asbestos:

	October 1952 Tons (2240 lb.)	Value
To Europe	144	$ 48,986
Other Countries	63	16,612
	207	$ 65,598

Manufactured Asbestos Goods:

		October 1952 Quantity	Value
Asbestos Pipe Covg. & Cement	Lbs.	240,784	$ 27,394
Asbestos Textiles and yarns	Lbs.	37,100	54,899
Asbestos Packing	Lbs.	125,747	134,392
Asbestos Bk. Lng. (Mld.&S.Mld.)	Lbs.	313,577	299,779
Asbestos Bk. Lng. (Woven)	Lin. Ft.	37,256	31,180
Asbestos Clutch Facings	No.	284,237	154,605
Asbestos Brake Blocks	Lbs.	18,358	23,034
Asbestos Construction Materials	Lbs.	2,681,208	189,320
Asbestos Manufactures—Others	Lbs.	....	58,968
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Harry A. Kieselbach, "Technical Consultant" to the Magnesia Insulation Mfrs. Association, March 14.

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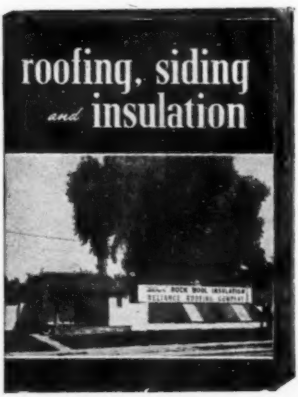
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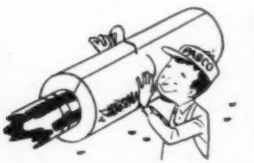
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Sales were $244,707,540 in 1952, compared with $238,034,399 in 1951.

Before taxes of all kinds, 1952 earnings were $45,683,344, which was $8,604,156 less than in 1951.

Dividends of $4.25 per share were paid on the common stock in 1952, the same amount as in 1951. Dividends paid in 1952 amounted to $13,455,682.

The payroll in 1952 was $90,393,637, compared with $81,288,238 in 1951. Employment at the end of 1952 was 21,000, the same number as at the end of 1951.

Among the important expansion and replacemcnt projects during the year, was the start of construction of a new mill to extract asbestos fibre from ore at the Jeffrey mine at Asbestos, Quebec. Eventually this will replace the present mills and will expand milling capacity. Underground mining facilities are also being expanded.

A second product-development building was substantially completed at the Research Center near Manville, New Jersey.

A new asbestos mine is now under development at Mashaba in the Victoria District of Southern Rhodesia. Plans call for development of the asbestos ore properties of Rhodesian Asbestos Limited and construction of a small central mill to process asbestos bearing ore extracted from these properties.

Johns-Manville is participating in a new company, Asbestos Colombianos, S. A., formed to explore asbestos deposits in the Department of Antioquia, Columbia. Other participants in this company include Eternit Colombiana, A. S., Sociedad Colombianade Asbestos Ltds., and the Instituto de Fomente Industrial, a Colombian government organization devoted to promoting the industrial development of the country.

A newly discovered asbestos ore body has been acquired a few miles from the Munro mine, near Matheson, Ontario, and possibilities of additional ore bodies in Canada are being explored.

GORDON FELBER & CO. LTD.

New Location

Owing to the expansion of their business Messrs. Gordon Felber & Co. Ltd., Asbestos Fibre Merchants of London, England have recently moved to more extensive premises at Spirella House, Oxford Circus, London, W.1. Telephone number: Regent 3605. J. Silver has been appointed as Joint Managing Director.

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GEORGE R. WEBER
PASSES AWAY

George R. Weber, vice president, treasurer and a director of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., and general manager of its U. S. Asbestos Division plant at Manheim, Pa., died January 14 at his home in Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. Weber became affiliated with the U. S. Asbestos plant in 1921 and took an important part in creating the Raybestos-Manhattan merger in 1929. He was also an officer of Appel and Weber, Lancaster jewelers; a member of the board of directors of St. Joseph's Hospital and the Fulton National Bank, both of Lancaster; a member of the Hamilton Club and Lancaster Country Club, and the Everglades Club, Palm Beach, Florida.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASBESTOS
Contractors New England Association

At the Annual Meeting of the Asbestos Contractors New England Association, held at the Engineers Club, Boston, Mass., January 13th, *John J. Roper* of North Quincy, was re-elected President of the Association. Prior to Mr. Roper's previous election to the Presidency last year, he was Secretary-Treasurer for five years.

John F. Mullen of the Curtis Mfg. & Asbestos Company was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer, and serving on the Executive Board with Mr. Roper are *Oliver C. Eckel* of the Mundet Cork Corp., *George Hinman* of the Hinman Asbestos Corp. and *Olaf M. Johnson* of Olaf M. Johnson & Son.

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED
First Annual Report

The first annual report, dated September 30, 1952, of the Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Limited (of Toronto, Ont., Canada) has been received from F. M. Connell, President.

The deposit of the Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Ltd. is located in the McDame Lake area of the Mining District of Liard, in the northern part of British Columbia, and it is expected will have a production of 150 tons daily by July 1st, 1953.

The report, a 16 page booklet, contains photos of the deposit and its nature.

ROCKBESTOS PRODUCTS CORPORATION APPOINTS
New Assistant Sales Manager

Richard H. Bamford has been named assistant sales manager of the Rockbestos Products Corporation, New Haven, Connecticut, manufacturers of permanently insulated wire and cable.

Mr. Bamford has been district sales manager for Rockbestos in St. Louis since 1949 Prior to that, he had been district sales manager in Detroit.

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RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

New Appointments

The Board of Directors of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., made the following appointments at a recent meeting:

W. Ward Kievit, Treasurer, succeeding George R. Weber recently deceased. Mr. Kievit who is also Comptroller and a Director of the Corporation joined the Manhattan Rubber Division in 1917 and has held the office of Chief Accountant, Auditor and Secretary previous to his election as Comptroller.

William S. Simpson, General Manager of Raybestos Division at Stratford, Connecticut, succeeding *Robert B. Davis* recently retired. Mr. Simpson who is also Secretary and a Director of the Corporation joined the Raybestos Division in 1939 in the Sales Promotion Department. He has been Director of Personnel and Assistant General Manager of the Division.

Osborn H. Cilley, General Manager of U. S. Asbestos-Grey-Rock Division at Manheim, Pa., succeeding George R. Weber. Mr. Cilley who is also a Vice-President and Director of the Corporation joined the Manheim organization in 1920 as Plant Superintendent and since 1928 has been Assistant General Manager.

S. R. Zimmerman, Jr., Assistant General Manager of U. S. Asbestos-Grey-Rock Division at Manheim, Pa., joined that Division in 1932 as Industrial Engineer and has been Assistant Sales Manager and Manager of Automotive and Industrial Equipment Sales for the Division and Director of Friction Material Research and Development for the Corporation.

F. R. KUCHENBECKER

Passes Away

On January 8, 1953, *F. P. Kuchenbecker*, President and Founder of Asbestos & Magnesia Materials Company, passed away at the age of 62.

Mr. Kuchenbecker was in the asbestos business since 1909 and founded Asbestos & Magnesia Materials Company in 1920.

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TURNED & NEWALL LIMITED
Directors' Report

Copy of Directors' Report for fiscal year ending September 30, 1952, has been received from Turner & Newall Limited, the annual general meeting having been held on January 22nd, 1953.

The net profit for the year after taxation was £3,765,165.

During the year their Mining Companies in Africa have operated to the capacity of their respective milling plants and available labor, but still continue to meet difficulties arising from shortages both of materials and of labor supply. The demand for African raw asbestos continues unabated both from the manufacturing sections of their own organizations and from outside customers and it has not been possible fully to meet the needs of either.

Their Canadian Mining Company, Bell Asbestos Mines, Ltd., has now completed the changeover from the quarrying method of ore recovery to full underground mining. This change which was, of course, of a fundamental character, has been made successfully and without prejudice to the total tonnage output.

SPECIAL SALES REPRESENTATIVE
For Philip Carey Mfg. Company

The Philip Carey Mfg. Company has announced the affiliation of *R. D. Cross* with Carey as Special Sales Representative.

With his headquarters at the company's general offices in Cincinnati, Mr. Cross will service Carey accounts in all marketing areas.

Mr. Cross is well known in the building industry and received his initial experience with Certain-Teed Products Co. He was also Merchandising Manager for their New York Market. Subsequently, he helped organize Smith Asbestos Company of Millington, N. J. There he served in the capacity of Sales, Controller and Secretary-Treasurer.

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UNITED STATES RUBBER CO.
New Appointments

Woodrow D. Johnson has been appointed merchandise manager of all Textile division products except the sale of yarns to the knitting and tufting trades. Mr. Johnson had been merchandise manager of consumer fabrics.

W. O. Jelleme was named assistant merchandise manager. The new products department, which Mr. Jelleme had managed, has been combined with the merchandising organization in order to coordinate development and future planning with the merchandising operation.

B. D. Hubbard has been appointed commodity sales manager in charge of special products. Mr. Hubbard had been development engineer in the new products department.

ASBESTOS STOCK QUOTATIONS

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

		January 1953		
	Par	Low	High	Last
Amer. Br. Shoe (Com)	np	38	40½	39¾
Amer. Br. Shoe (Pfd)	100	100½	104	102¾
Armst. Ck. (Com)	np	52¼	53½	53½
Armst. Ck. (Pfd)	np	95¾	97½	96¾
Armst. Ck. (Conv. Pfd)	np	111	112½	111½
Asb. Corp. (Com)	np	25	26½	25¼
Carey (Com)	10	17⅜	18½	18¼
Celotex (Com)	np	17⅝	18¼	18
Celotex (Pfd)	20	16⅛	16⅜	16⅛
Certainteed (Com)	1	14⅜	14⅞	14¾
Dominion Asb. Mines	1	$3.40	$4.25	$3.90
Flintkote (Com)	np	28⅞	30¼	30¼
Flintkote (Pfd)	np	99	101	100
Johns-Manville (Com)	np	69	74⅜	69⅞
Pabco Products (Com)	np	12¾	15⅛	13⅝
Pabco Products (Pfd)	100	83	85	84½
Ray-Man (Com)	np	43¼	45	44¼
Ruberoid (Com)	np	59	61	61
Ruberoid (Pfd)	1	8¼	9⅛	8⅞
Thermoid (Pfd)	50	41½	43½	42½
Union Asb. & Rub. (Com)	5	12⅝	13¼	13
United Asb. (Com)	1	$3.30	$4.25	$3.95
U. S. Gypsum (Com)	20	114¼	120	116
U. S. Gypsum (Pfd)	100	172	174	174
U. S. Rubber (Com)	10	29⅜	31¼	30
U. S. Rubber (Pfd)	100	139½	142	140¼

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AUTOMOBILE SALES

	Dec. 1952	Year 1952
Passenger Cars	418,977	4,320,788
Motor Trucks	115,814	1,212,390
Motor Coaches	225	5,369
	535,016	5,538,547

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Sales in the year 1951 amounted to 6,765,263 motor vehicles.

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W. JUDSON WEIDNER

Obituary

The friends and business associates of *W. Judson Weidner* were shocked to learn of his death, in his sixty-third year, on January 22, 1953.

Mr. Weidner was born in Chalfont, Penna., and his entire business association was with the Keasbey & Mattison interests. Starting in Ambler in 1907 and continuing in various capacities, he was transferred in 1927 to St. Louis, Mo., where he was in charge of the Company's manufacturing operations until his death.

CLAUDE CHARBONNEL JOINS THE MOUNTBRIDGE

Exploration & Investment Co. (Pty) Ltd.

As of January 1st, 1953, the staff of Claude Charbonnel joined the Mountbridge Exploration & Investment Company (Proprietary) Limited, who will take over and further develop the department.

The Directors of the Mountbridge Exploration & Investment Co. (Pty) Ltd. consist of two mining engineers and Claude Charbonnel. Two geologists are permanent members of the staff, Mr. Charbonnel having been a director of this company for some time.

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Canada—	**Per Ton (2000 lbs.) f.o.b. Mine**		
Group No. 1 (Crude No. 1)	$1,100.00	to	$1,500.00
Group No. 2 Crude No. 2; Crude Run-of-Mine and Sundry	500.00	to	1,000.00
Group No. 3 (Spinning Fibre)	300.00	to	525.00
Group No. 4 (Shingle Fibre)	150.00	to	200.00
Group No. 5 (Paper Fibre)	100.00	to	140.00
Group No. 6 (Waste, Stucco or Plaster)			77.00
Group No. 7 (Refuse or Shorts)	35.00	to	70.00
Vermont—	**Per Ton of 2000 lbs. f.o.b. Hyde Park or Morrisville Vt.**		
Group No. 3 (Spinning & Filtering)	321.00	to	348.00
Group No. 4 (Shingle Fibre)	156.00	to	173.00
Group No. 5 (Paper Fibre)	110.00	to	132.00
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BUILDING

Construction contract awards in the 37 states east of the Rockies in 1952 broke all existing building records, topping the previous all-time high set in 1951, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation, construction news and marketing specialists.

The 1952 total for the 37 states was $16,774,936,000 or 6 per cent greater than 1951's $15,751,131,000. Contributing significantly to the over-all total was the year end heavy engineering figure of $3,412,368,000 which was up 25 per cent over 1951's comparative total.

Residential awards for 1952 totaled $6,667,504,000 or 7 per cent higher than in 1951. Nonresidential awards were $6,695,064,000, down 2 per cent from 1951.

In December, total construction awards were $1,467,384,000 or 18 per cent more than November and 19 per cent more than December 1951. Nonresidential awards were $709,100,000, up 54 per cent over November and up 20 per cent over December 1951. Residential at $438,580,000 was 17 per cent less than November but 27 per cent more than December 1951. Heavy engineering (public works and utilities) at $319,704,000 was 23 per cent more than November and 8 per cent above December 1951.

PABCO'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Elects New Member

The Board of Directors of Pabco Products Inc. has elected *Wakefield Baker* a member of the Board.

Mr. Baker is President, General Manager and Chairman of Baker & Hamilton, long established wholesale hardware dealers of California; is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Trust Company, The Western Pacific Railroad Company and Pacific Coast Aggregates, Inc.

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AFTERTHOUGHTS

A. S. T. M. -- SPRING MEETING

During Committee Week in Detroit, March 2nd to 6th, inclusive, the technical feature of the 1953 Spring Meeting of the American Society for Testing Materials scheduled for March 4th, at the Hotel Statler in Detroit, is a Symposium on Gloss Measurement.

Thruout the week there will be over 300 meetings of ASTM Technical Committees, among which are the following: Committee C-16 on Thermal Insulating Materials, and Committee C-17 on Asbestos-Cement Products.

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The Asbestos Fibre and Textile Manufacturers Industry Advisory Committee told N.P.A. that the manufacturers of asbestos fibre cloth can meet Navy requirements during 1953, provided sufficient chrysotile asbestos fibre of certain spinning grades can be made available. The committee recommended that N.P.A. amend Order M-96, controlling spinning grades of chrysotile asbestos fibre, by removing present limitations on its use as shown in Schedule A of the order. The schedule includes such items as theatre safety curtains, gun covers, passenger car woven brake linings, and oil burner wicking.

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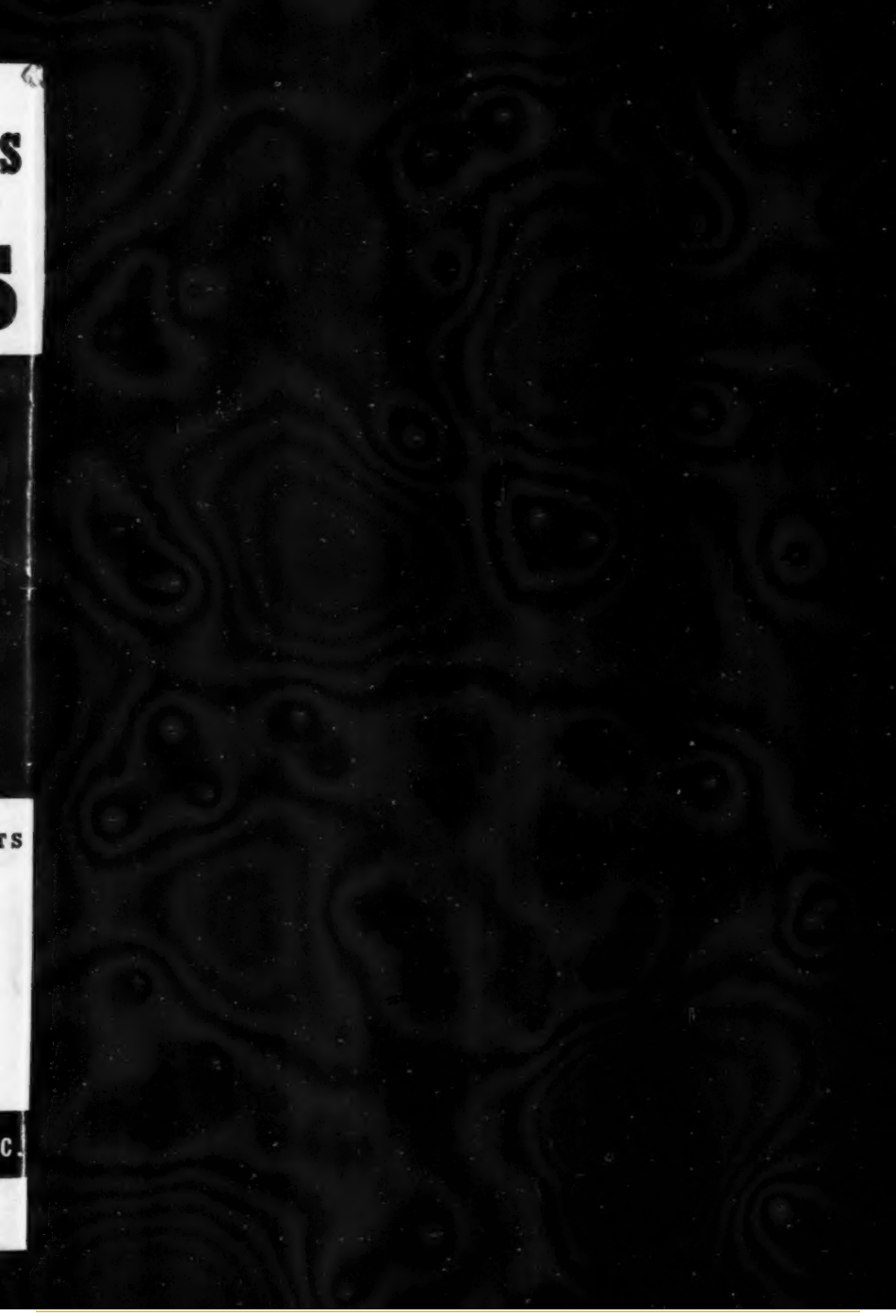
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