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REPORTS ON ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Asbestos Textile Institute

The Asbestos Textile Institute during 1960 continued to serve the affiliated members of the industry through its many committee activities and projects designed to develop and extend the applications and performance capabilities of the products of the industry.

The general meetings of the Institute, held quarterly throughout the year, have provided an opportunity for representatives of all phases of this important industry to engage in discussions concerned with the improvement of present day materials and to consider the development of new asbestos textile products to satisfy the demands of the "space-age" era in which we find ourselves.

The Asbestos Textile Institute, during 1961, will be directed by a Board of Governors consisting of the following officers and members: President—W. S. Hough, Johns-Mansville Corporation; Vice President—T. C. McCluskey, Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Company; Treasurer—A. E. Whitfield, Keaskey & Mattison Company; J. A. Bettes, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.; W. M. Deckman, Keasbey & Mattison Company; J. T. Griffis, H. K. Porter Company, Inc.; S. J. Peele, United States Rubber Company; and, A. J. Scanlan, American Asbestos Textile Corporation. Dr. M. C. Shaw serves the Institute as Executive Director and Director of Research.

In addtion to the membership represented on the Board of Governors, the following asbestos fiber mining companies and asbestos textile manufacturers abroad actively support the work of the Institute: Asbestos Corporation Limited; Bell Asbestos Mines Limited; British Belting and Asbestos Limited; The Cape Asbestos Company Limited; Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Limited; English Asbestos Company Limited; Johnson's Company Limited; Lake Asbestos of Quebec Limited; National Gypsum Company; Small & Parkes Limited; and, Societe Anonyme Francaise Du Ferodo.

Much of the work of the Institute is carried out through the functioning of the four active committees, each of which is concerned with a different segment of the

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industry.

The Air Hygiene and Manufacturing Committee, under the chairmanship of R. B. Smith, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., is continually engaged in the consideration of hygiene and safety problems and in the improvement of manufacturing methods and operations.

The Sales Promotion Committee, under the chairmanship of A. E. Schuman, Johns-Manville Corporation, is active in its endeavors to promote the usage of and an interest in asbestos textile products through educational programs and exhibitions. Work is currently being pursued in the revision of the Handbook of Asbestos Textiles and it is planned to have the new edition ready for distribution sometime in June, 1961.

The Technical Committee, under the chairmanship of D. F. Quealy, Keasbey & Mattison Company, continues to provide the membership with technical information pertinent to current products of manufacture and serves the industry through its efforts to clarify the many specifications which the products of the industry must satisfy.

The Fiber Testing Committee, under the chairmanship of C. R. Hutcheroft, Keasbey & Mattison Company, has continued during the past year, to review test methods for the evaluation and classification of asbestos fibers. These endeavors are being carried on in association with the Quebec Asbestos Miners Association and the Asbestos-Cement Products Association and it is now planned to jointly publish the results of these combined efforts during the coming year.

The Fellowship laboratory under the direction of Dr. M. C. Shaw, assists the several committees in their endeavors and also conducts a research program which is continually seeking out and investigating new products and new applications for the materials of the industry.

The activities of the Asbestos Textile Institute are continually expanding and through the participation of the membership in the programs encompassed by the several active committees, serves to provide the industry with an ever increasing fund of knowledge regarding the products of the industry and their capabilities. Through an industry-wide approach to the problems that are being

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encountered, the Institute provides an invaluable service for those member companies that cooperate in its endeavors.

National Insulation Manufacturers Association

Gratifying achievement of one of the National Insulation Manufacturers Association's basic objectives, to establish it as the spokesman of the industry, can be credited to 1960, the first complete year of full-scale activity. This success is amply attested by the participation of NIMA representatives with government and professional agencies in bringing specifications and definitions up to date, and by the hearty acceptance of NIMA publications and technical and educational articles in the trade press.

Of most immediate effect was the work in government, civilian and military specifications on thermal insulation. Exhaustive studies of existing specifications (some of them over a decade old) were made by the Technical & Research Committee under the general guidance of the association's Technical Advisor, R. C. Parlett. Thorough-going changes were suggested to bring outdated documents into line with specifications and test methods of the American Society for Testing Materials, where NIMA members also work diligently. Our concern in both ASTM and government is the development of realistic methods of test and sampling procedures which keep the cost of testing to a minimum consistent with good quality control and keep manufacturing costs at a minimum consistent with a specified performance.

The special meetings with officials of civilian and military agencies led in the fall of the year to the establishment of a Government Technical and Research Committee, to provide government specification writers and engineers with prompt, informal answers to their questions and to relieve them of the ponderous operation of getting out circular letters and waiting, sometimes indefinitely, for replies.

Other official contacts were established with the Building Research Institute and the National Academy of Sciences. Also many members of the T & R Committee and the Executive Secretary of NIMA are active in Committee C-16, on Thermal Insulating Materials, of ASTM.

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Another basic accomplishment of the association was the preparation and wide distribution of a brochure, *Rethinking Thermal Insulation*, stressing the basic doctrine of economic thickness, that is, the thickness at which the cost of insulation gives best return on money invested, considering both capital and operating costs for heating and cooling. In addition to this booklet, the same theme was promulgated in various articles prepared under the guidance of the Publicity Committee, exposing the wasteful fallacy of specifying insulation thickness according to surface temperature even when protection of personnel was not involved.

The Traffic Committee was instrumental in achieving freight rate reductions and preventing abnormal and discriminatory freight increases. Completion of a changeover from the old basis of rail rates to a new uniform scale of rates in all freight territories east of the Rocky Mountains will result in benefits to the industry of over $1 million, it was estimated.

A new Market Research Committee was established to explore the potential for more efficient use of thermal insulation in various industries, and also to investigate new uses of materials manufactured by NIMA members.

Day-to-day work of headquarters at 441 Lexington Avenue, New York City 17, to strengthen its position as spokesman in the field involved answering numerous requests for information and literature from both engineers and management, and talks to professional and trade groups by the Executive Secretary and Technical Advisor.

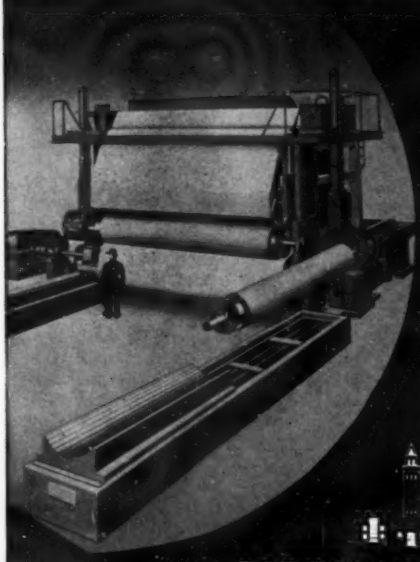
A profound loss was sustained by the association in the sudden death on December 23, 1960, of its President, Hugh T. Williams, who had succeeded the first President of NIMA, E. H. Luchs, on October 10th. Mr. Emil T. Johnson, Vice-President, acceded to the presidency.

Asbestos Contractors Boston Association

The election of officers of the Asbestos Contractors Boston Association took place on January 12th, 1961. The meeting was held at the Hotel Madison and was well attended.

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It was voted to have regular monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month throughout the coming year.

Insulation Distributor-Contractors National Association, Inc.

The Insulation Distributor-Contractors National Association has just completed its operations for the year 1960, and reports steady progress. Since the removal of its offices to 1425 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in December 1959, it has grown steadily in membership, and now represents contractors in all of the 50 states. The Fifth Annual Convention, held in November 1960 at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida, was well attended and considered by many members as the best convention in the history of IDCNA. There are now seven actively working Regional Associations co-operating with National in all its projects. They are Northeast, Middle-Atlantic, Southeast,

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Central States, Mid-West, Southwest, and Western States. All of the Regional Associations sent delegates to the National Convention.

Newly elected officers for 1961 and 1962 are: President—E. E. Saberhagen of Seattle, Washington; Vice-Presidents—James MacDonald of Baltimore, Maryland, and John Dragisic of Chicago, Illinois; Secretary—Conrad L. Wiegers of Charleston, West Virginia; Treasurer—Leon E. Butler of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and, Executive Secretary—Ellwood F. Jones of Philadelphia.

The Association publication, THE NEWSLETTER, which is mailed to more than 700 contractors, will be published during 1961 on a monthly basis instead of bi-monthly.

The first 1961 meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in Philadelphia on February 24th, 1961.

Philadelphia Chapter
Thermal Insulation Society

The monthly programs of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Thermal Insulation Society for 1960 were as follows:

February—Annual banquet at Hawaiian Cottage, Merchantville, New Jersey.

March—Talk and film on the subject of "Pre-fabrication of Piping Fittings in the Power & Process Industries". The speaker was Mr. E. C. Shuman, Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation.

April—Film and discussion entitled "Building Weather". Presented by Frank Farrell, Armstrong Cork Company.

May—Annual Golf Outing.

September—Business Meeting.

October—Very interesting presentation by Ronny Wild and E. T. Plummer on Union Asbestos & Rubber Company's new urethane pipe covering.

November—Very interesting talk by Mr. Jack Barnhart, Executive Secretary of the National Insulation Manufacturers Association.

December—Annual banquet—snowed out.

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Southwest Insulation Contractors Association

At the last meeting of the Southwest Insulation Contractors Association, the following officers and directors were elected: President—E. J. Stern, Dallas, Texas; Vice President—M. R. McCarty, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Secretary & Treasurer—F. M. Taylor, Shreveport, Louisiana; Directors—H. M. Aber, Houston, Texas; B. J. Barnhart, Austin, Texas; W. J. Childers, New Orleans, Louisiana; R. C. Coffer, Mobile, Alabama; Granville Growns, Houston, Texas; E. H. Parker, Dallas, Texas; J. K. Dixon, Houston, Texas; Ray Thomas, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and, M. G. Steinmeyer, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The next meeting will be held at the Baxter House in Dallas, Texas. The Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23, 1961 and the business meeting for all members will be on Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25, 1961.

A SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENT IN FIRE-RETARDANT CEILINGS is the title of a 12-page color booklet describing a new fire-protective acoustical lay-in system published by the Armstrong Cork Company of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION, New York, has purchased two asphalt roofing plants at Cleveland, Ohio, and Madison, Illinois, and a dry felt mill at Avery, Ohio, from *The Celotex Corporation,* Chicago, Illinois, it was announced in a joint statement by both companies.

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DECENTRALIZATION AT CAPE ASBESTOS

New Operating Subsidiaries to Handle Insulation, Fibre and Friction Materials

Plans for comprehensive internal reorganization were brought into operation by The Cape Asbestos Company Limited on January 1st, 1961.

"*Cape Insulation and Asbestos Products Limited*" (CIAP) is the name of the subsidiary company set up to take over the management of the thermal insulation, packings, jointings and textile side of the business.

The new company will be responsible for the manufacture and sale of materials made at all the United Kingdom Cape Asbestos factories: Barking Works ("Caposite" amosite asbestos insulation, "Caposil 1400" Calcium Silicate insulation, "Caposil H.T." insulation, "Pluto" and "Capetto" asbestos packings, "Pluto" asbestos millboard, "Capyt", "Plutite" and "Rhodite" compressed asbestos fibre jointings, "Caposite" and "Pluto" asbestos mattresses); Rocksil Works, Stirling ("Rocksil" rock wool insulation products); Acre Mill, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire (asbestos yarn, cloth, rope lagging and other textile products and "Caposite" pipe sections); Waterford Bridge Works, Kentmere, Westmorland ("Caposil" insulating and finishing compositions, and Kieselguhr).

The work of the present Contracts Division of Cape Asbestos will be undertaken by CIAP from Barking. Andersons Insulation Company Limited, which became part of the Cape Group in 1956, will continue to operate.

Managing Director of CIAP will be Mr. A. G. Grant who has been General Commercial Manager of Cape Asbestos since April 1958. "Bob" Grant has been with Cape Asbestos 37 years, being Southern England Area Sales Manager and, from 1953, Commercial Manager (Home). Mr. Grant has also been appointed Managing Director of Andersons Insulation Company Limited.

Mr. A. S. Runacres, at present Manager of the Marine Division of Cape Asbestos, will be Sales Director of CIAP. Mr. Runacres joined Cape Asbestos in August 1956 from Caltex Trading & Transport Company Limited of which he

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was a Director. Mr. J. L. Galloway, at present Manager, Oil & Power Division, will be Sales Manager (U.K.); and Mr. P. Graham, Overseas Sales Manager.

Mr. T. C. Hale, Joint Managing Director of Cape Asbestos, will be Chairman of CIAP, and other Directors will be: Mr. R. H. Dent, Deputy Chairman; Mr. M. A. F. Newton, Deputy Managing Director; Dr. R. Gaze (Technical); Mr. F. M. L. Olsen (Finance and Administration); and, Mr. L. H. Smart (Works).

The head office address of CIAP will be 114 & 116 Park Street, London, W. 1 (Grosvenor 6022), and the company will use present Cape Asbestos area branch offices in Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne and Glasgow.

Mr. Smart's appointment involves his leaving Rocksil Works, Stirling, where he has been Plant Manager since the factory was opened in 1954. He will be suceeded by the present Assistant Plant Manager, Mr. J. L. Geddes.

The present Plant Manager of Barking Works, Mr. A. A. Cross, has been appointed Managing Director of another newly created subsidiary company "Capasco Limited" (referred to more fully below), to handle "Capasco" friction materials and industrial plastics. He will combine this appointment with that of "General Manager, Barking Works" with overall responsibility for the factory where both insulation and friction materials are made. Deputy Plant Manager at Barking for CIAP will be Mr. A. T. Mendelle, at present Production Manager.

A second subsidiary to be formed under this general internal reorganization at Cape Asbestos is "*Cape Asbestos Fibres Limited*". As its name denotes, it will promote sales both in the United Kingdom and overseas of all crude and processed fibres produced from the Group's mines in South Africa, and certain categories of customers for Processed Fibres produced at Barking Works.

Mr. R. St. G. Riley will be Managing Director of CAF. He was head of the Group's South African Organization from 1948 to 1953 when he returned to England as a Director of the parent company.

Sales Director will be Mr. W. Scott who is Manager

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Mr. T. C. Hale is Chairman of CAF and other Directors are: Dr. R. Gaze; Mr. J. M. McFarlane, Mr. M. A. F. Newton; and, Mr. F. M. L. Olsen. The Head Office is at 114 & 116 Park Street, London, W. 1 (Grosvenor 6022).

"*Capasco Limited*" is the new friction materials and industrial plastics subsidiary. Plans to form this company were announced in October at the time Small and Parkes Limited, the manufacturers of "Don" brake linings, joined the Group. Capasco Limited will continue and expand the activities now being undertaken by the Friction Materials and Industrial Plastics Division of Cape Asbestos.

Chairman of Capasco Limited will be Mr. R. H. Dent, Joint Managing Director of Cape Asbestos. Mr. L. C. Dawson, Managing Director of Weaver Manufacturing and Engineering Company Limited, another Cape subsidiary, will be Deputy Chairman.

Mr. A. A. Cross will be Managing Director. As already stated, he will combine this appointment with that of General Manager, Barking Works, and Mr. A. R. Warwick, at present Technical Production Manager, will be Deputy Plant Manager.

Mr. Peter Worledge will be Sales Director. Mr. Worledge joined the Friction Materials and Industrial Plastics Division of Cape Asbestos in 1938. Since 1945 he has headed the Division which has been responsible for the considerable expansion of Cape's interests in the friction materials field over the last 15 years. He is a keen rally driver and was co-driver with Maurice Gatsonides of the winning car in the 1953 Monte Carlo Rally.

Overseas sales of "Capasco" will continue to be made through the existing agents handling these materials.

All the research and development resources of the Cape Asbestos Central Laboratory at Barking will be available to Capasco Limited, and Dr. R. Gaze, the Group's Chief Scientist, will join their Board. Expansion of the Central Laboratory's facilities for Capasco research is almost completed.

Other Directors of Capasco Limited will be Mr. F. M. L. Olsen, Company Secretary of Cape Asbestos, and Mr. L.

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West, a Director of Weaver. Mr. J. S. Jewers will be Company Secretary.

Also on January 1, the assets of the subsidiary Weaver Manufacturing and Engineering Company Limited of Bedford, manufacturers of garage equipment, were combined with those of William Turner (Kismet) Limited of Sheffield acquired in 1959. The combined companies now trade as "*Kismet Limited*" with its head office at Fenlake Works, Bedford. Chairman of Kismet Limited will be Mr. R. H. Dent and L. C. Dawson will be Managing Director.

All the new operating companies, which are wholly owned subsidiaries of Cape Asbestos, came into operation on January 1, 1961. On that date "The Cape Asbestos Company Limited" became a "Holding Company" providing financial, technical and administrative services for the whole Group which, on the insulation side, includes Marinite Limited, the contracting firm of Andersons Insulation Company Limited, and Cape Building Products Limited. The Directors of the parent company in its new form remain the same, with Mr. Giles Newton as Chairman, and Mr. R. H. Dent and Mr. T. C. Hale as Joint Managing Directors. Apart from his duties on the Boards of the new companies, Dr. R. Gaze remains in charge of the Group's Central Laboratory as Chief Scientist.

North American Asbestos Corporation of Chicago, Illinois, and Cape Asbestos (Canada) Limited of Toronto, the two Cape Asbestos subsidiary companies in North America, will be unaffected by the reorganization. "Caposite" amosite asbestos is now manufactured in Great Britain, Canada, Italy, Holland, Spain, South Africa, Australia, Japan, Argentina, Mexico, France (as "Isolamiante"), and U.S.A. (as "Unibestos").

"Caposite" amosite asbestos thermal insulation materials manufactured by THE CAPE ASBESTOS COMPANY are currently being fitted by James Walker (Insulaato) Ltd of Glasgow, Scotland, to seven ships now building on the Clyde River.

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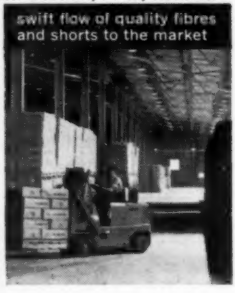
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J-M HIGH GRADE ASBESTOS DEPOSIT

Johns-Manville Corporation and the Kern County Land Company of San Francisco recently announced plans to place into commercial production a 1,500-acre, high-grade asbestos deposit at Coalinga, some 4,000 feet up in the Diablo Mountain range of central California.

The claims and leases covering this acreage were acquired by the Kern County Land Company.

A new operating company, to be known as the *Coalinga Asbestos Company, Inc.,* has been formed jointly by the two firms. J-M owns a majority interest in the subsidiary company.

A new mill will be built at the deposit to process "a high-quality asbestos fibre for the manufacture of asbestos-cement, asphalt-asbestos and vinyl-asbestos products".

Certain grades of asbestos fibre, not available at Coalinga, will be supplied West Coast users at competitive prices by equalizing freight rates, if necessary. These grades of asbestos fibre, which give Pacific Coast industry a dependable, well-balanced source of supply, are amply available at the Johns-Manville mines in Quebec and Ontario. These mines produce about one-third of the asbestos fibre used in the free world.

The new Coalinga Mine, 160 miles southeast of San Francisco and 190 miles northwest of Los Angeles, will produce ore for the new mill by surface mining methods.

Johns-Manville disclosed that exhaustive tests made over the last year or so at Coalinga had proved the quality and quantity of the Diablo Range orebody. Large quantities of ore from the Coalinga asbestos deposit have been shipped regularly to the J-M mills in Canada where they were subjected to commercial milling requirements. After that the fibre was given regular production testing in several Johns-Manville plants. Results were highly favorable, according to company officials.

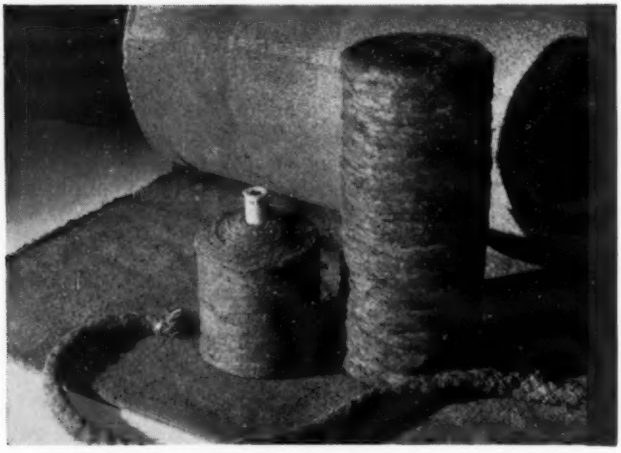
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NEW NAME FOR ASTM BULLETIN

Starting with the January 1961 issue, the ASTM BULLETIN will be published monthly, and under a new name, MATERIALS RESEARCH & STANDARDS. At the same time, changes will be made in the cover design, in typography, and in the arrangement of material in the magazine. All these changes are being made after careful study and with only one end in view: metter service to its readers.

The new name reflects the fact that the magazine is no longer purely a news bulletin of ASTM activities—nearly half of the contents are papers and articles in the area of research and standards for materials.

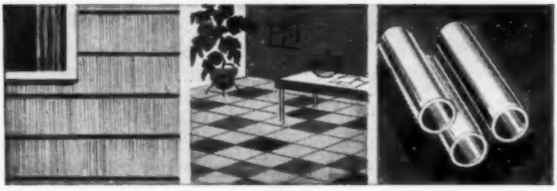
With 12 instead of 8 issues per year, the contents of the magazine will be more timely. News of Society activities and information about the ceaseless work of the technical committees and the resulting unending stream of continually changing standards will be published with less delay. It is hoped that the ever-growing number of technical papers that are accepted by the Society for publication will see the light of day with great dispatch.

Changes in format are aimed toward making it easier for the reader to find what he wants. Beginning in January, the magazine will comprise three major sections: technical papers, feature articles, and Society news, which will appear in each issue in that order. "Materials Research & Standards" will continue to serve a dual function as a medium for papers and articles of broad interest in the field of research and standards for materials and as a bulletin of Society news.

The market for homogenous vinyl and vinyl asbestos floor tile should rise above 10% next year over 1960, according to Gerald Gilligan, Director of Marketing Research, THE FLINTKOTE COMPANY. Mr. Gilligan based this prediction on an anticipated increase in residential construction, continuance of the multi-billion dollar remodeling program, and a "continued replacement of competing materials by vinyl and vinyl asbestos tile".

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BUILDING

An enormous volume of construction contracts awarded in December pushed the total for 1960 to a new all-time record for the United States, F. W. Dodge Corporation reported.

December contracts totalled $2,717,701,000, a gain of 22% over December 1959. This was not only the highest figure ever reported for any December, but on a seasonally adjusted basis, it was the highest peak ever reported for any month.

As a result, total contracts for the year 1960 reached a new all-time peak of $36,317,629,000, slightly ahead of the previous record set in 1959.

According to Dodge Vice President and Chief Economist George Cline Smith, "a rather surprising burst of strength occurred in non-residential and heavy engineering contracts in November and December. Confounding all earlier expectations, 1960, instead of showing a decline, became the 14th consecutive year to set a new record in construction contracts. This was done despite a sharp decline in housing which wound up 1960 some 12% behind 1959. The great sources of strength in 1960 were highways, up 21% or nearly three quarter of a billion dollars over 1959, and schools, up 13%, or more than $300 million over 1959. Other major categories with substantial gains for the year were commercial and manufacturing buildings. Hospitals, religious buildings and electric utilities reported slight declines in 1960, but aside from housing these were the only major categories which were down. In December, only housing and religious buildings reported declines from December 1959. In past recessions the construction industry has provided an upward push, particularly through housing activity. It seems that the industry may be serving in the same role again, but this time in areas outside of housing. In any case, the burst of contract-letting at the end of 1960 cannot help but provide an offset to the declining tendencies of other lines of business, giving substance to the widespread expectation that there will be a general turn-around in the business indexes within a few months."

For 1960, construction contracts and percentage

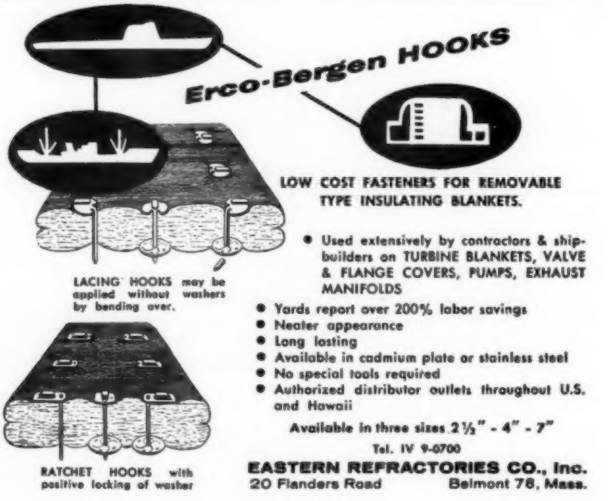
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changes from 1959 were: Non-residential, $12,239,700,000, up 7%; Residential, $15,105,423,000, down 12%; heavy engineering, $8,972,506,000, up 16%—total construction, $36,317,629,000, gain of less than ½ of 1%.

The DESIGN ENGINEERING CONFERENCE and the DESIGN ENGINEERING SHOW will take place in Detroit, Michigan, for the first time, at Cobo Hall, May 22 through 25, 1961.

The Conference, which is sponsored by the Machine Design Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, will feature reports from automobile company executives on how they measure and meet public tastes in cars.

Visitors who wish to receive rapid registration cards, conference programs or information about hotels, should write to the producer of the Show—Clapp & Poliak, Inc., 341 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.



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MARKET CONDITIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS.

General business continues in a slow decline. Personal income, employment and total production figures have now all turned down indicating the general recessionary trend of the economy. Despite this the stock market has been strong indicating an underlying confidence in the upward trend predicted for the latter half of 1961. Actually government expenditures have been rising rather rapidly and the effect on the economy should soon be felt. The new Administration will no doubt look for ways to combat the "recession" but it appears that much of the groundwork for recovery has already been laid.

ASBESTOS—RAW MATERIAL.

December 1960 asbestos fibre shipments for the Industry at 57,272 tons were approximately 5,000 tons or 8% lower than the same period last year.

Year-end shipments at 1,043,845 tons were 111,315 tons or 12% higher than 1959. 1961 shipments are expected to surpass those of 1960 by 5%.

All grades of fibre are in ample supply with usual high inventories on hand at this time of the year.

ASBESTOS—MANUFACTURED GOODS.

Asbestos Textiles. The market situation at the present time is extremely poor with volume at levels lower than that experienced for many years. The outlook for the rest of the year indicates a continuation of capacity well in excess of demand on standard items.

Asbestos Brake Lining. Replacement sales continue to hold up and 1961 should be another good year. The Original Equipment Market is about the same as last month but is expected to improve during the second quarter of 1961.

Asbestos Paper. Orders for this material have been slow and prices still remain very competitive for that business which is available. An improvement in business is expected during the latter part of the year. Orders for

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Asbestos Millboard are coming in at about the regular rate. This situation is expected to improve during the remainder of this year. The current market situation for *Asbestos Saturated Paper* is at a seasonally low level but is expected to improve by the middle of this year.

Asbestos-Cement Products. The market situation is seasonally depressed on products used in all categories of construction. The outlook for the rest of the year appears fair to good on those products used for industrial and commercial purposes. The outlook on products used for residential construction appears to be the same as last year.

High Pressure Insulation. The market situation continues to improve and good business is anticipated throughout the first quarter of 1961.

Low Pressure Insulation. The market for commercial insulations continues to be good and is expected to remain at this level for the rest of the year.

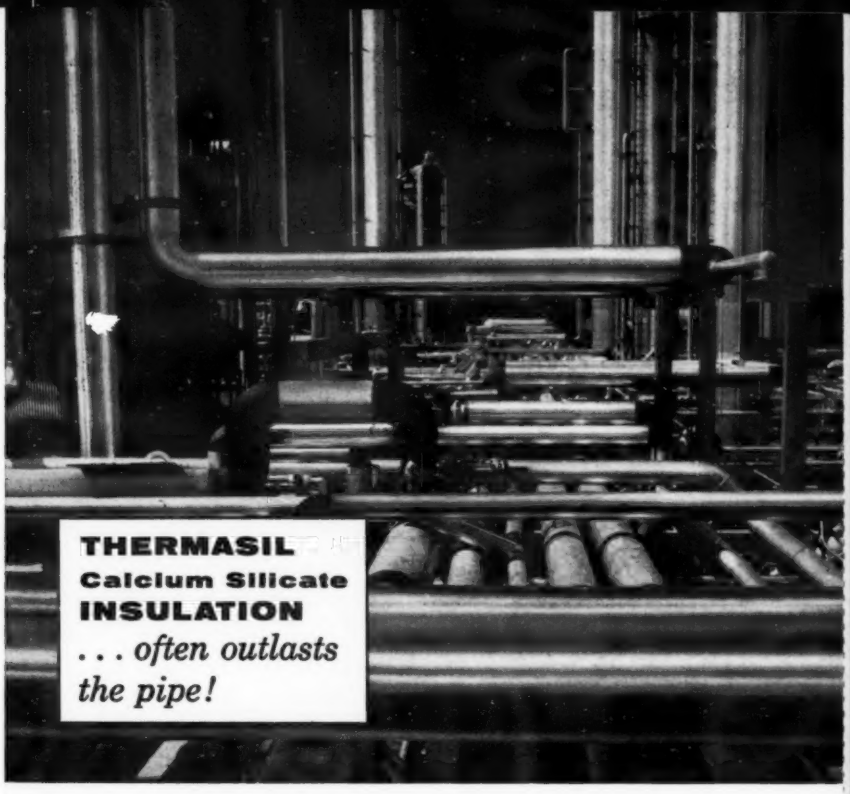
Shingles—Roofing & Siding. Order placements to date are slightly ahead of those for the same period in 1960. The outlook for the balance of 1961 is good.

Asbestos Pipes. The market situation at present is seasonally depressed due to a combination of bad weather and a low level of housing starts. The outlook for the rest of the year indicates a level of business at about the same as last year, but with a possible improvement, should housing starts pick up later in the year.

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

ACCIDENT PREVENTION WORKS is the title of the Annual Report of the *National Safety Council.* This booklet is more than an Annual Report. It is the story of safety—everywhere, all the time. With its charter, Congress charged the Council with the responsibility of national leadership in accident prevention. This responsibility is being met; the report demonstrates how ACCIDENT PREVENTION WORKS.

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AUTOMOBILE SALES

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Passenger Cars	600,495
Motor Trucks	86,957
Motor Coaches	338
	687,790

In November 1959, a total of 321,980 motor vehicles were sold. In the eleven months of 1960 the total was $7,255,366.

These figures were supplied by the Automobile Manufacturers Association, New Center Building, Detroit, Michigan.

Featuring the theme, *"Flintkote '61—Your Competitive Edge,"* building materials representatives of THE FLINTKOTE COMPANY from many parts of the nation met at Meridian, Mississippi, starting Monday, January 16, 1961, for a five-day major sales conference. Backing up its "competitive edge" slogan, Flintkote unveiled an imposing list of new products and color lines to support the Company's salesmen in their all-out program to vigorously increase sales and expand markets during 1961.

In conjunction with the meeting—the largest of its kind ever held by Flintkote—the City of Meridian proclaimed the week of January 16th "Flintkote Week."

Flintkote operates an insulation board plant in Meridian.

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION opened a new, 5-level perlite mill at No Agua, New Mexico, which engineers describe as the largest and most modern in the industry.

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A Reconnaissance of Asbestos Deposits in the Serpentine Belt of Northern California, by F. J. Wiebelt and M. Clair Smith, U. S. Bureau of Mines Information Circular 7860, is a 52-page survey, with illustrations, maps and tables, describing asbestos deposits in fourteen northern California counties.

Copies may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.—Price 40¢.

The exacting requirements of modern industry have resulted in the development of *Klingerit 400 Universal,* a new compressed asbestos jointing material designed for use at extremely high temperatures and pressures. Made with Breon synthetic rubber, this jointing possesses excellent resistance to lubricants and fuels used in the latest gas turbines. It may also be used for all gasketing applications in heavy and light engineering. Klingerit 400 Universal is made by Richard Klinger Limited (Klingerit Works, Sidcup, Kent, England , using Breon nitrile rubber.

Plastibest Asbestos Fibers For Plastics Reinforcement is the title of Technical Bulletin (AFD-11A-1) published by JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION. The outstanding feature of the Bulletin is a comparison of the various properties of plastic moldings made with Plastibest No. 20, a special grade of asbestos fiber produced by J-M for this application, with ¼-inch sisal, a standard plastic reinforcing material.

Recent Bulletins published covering J-M recommendations on the use of asbestos fiber in road surfacing are: AFD-11A-2 *"Asbaltic Asbestos Fiber For Dense Graded Asphalt Paving Mixes"*; AFD-11A-3 *"Asbaltic Asbestos Fiber For Asphalt Curbing"*; and, AFD-12A *"Asbaltic Asbestos Fibres For Asbestos-Asphalt Paving"*.

Copies of these Bulletins are available from Johns-Manville Corporation, Asbestos Fibre Section, Manville Research Center, Manville, New Jersey.

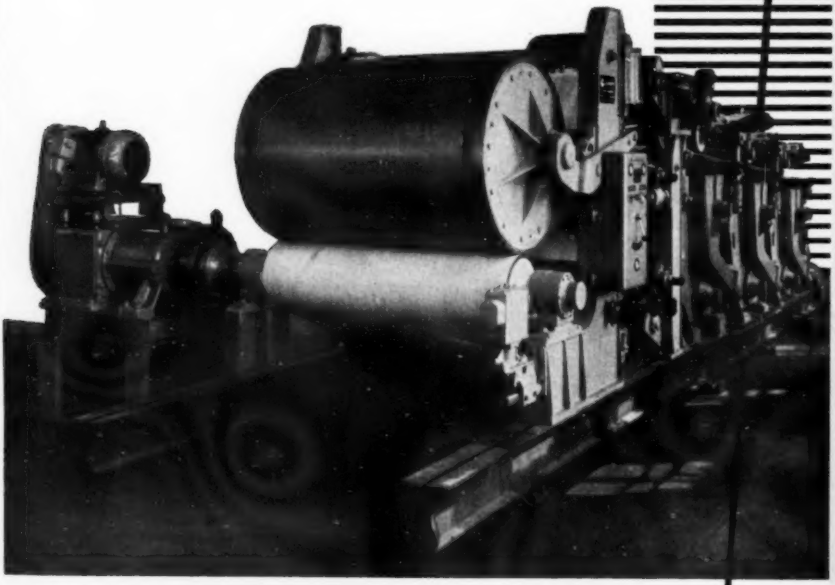
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J. W. Brown, Senior Vice President, National Gypsum Company, was elected *President* of the INSULATION BOARD INSTITUTE at a recent meeting in Absecon, New Jersery, Charles M. Gray, IBI Manager, has announced.

Other new officers for 1961 for the trade association, which is composed of the 14 major manufacturers of insulation board products, include: *Vice President, S. M. Lewis,* Building Materials Division Sales Manager, Pioneer Division, The Flintkote Company; *Treasurer, J. K. Bolton,* Merchandising Manager, Insulation Board and Hardboard Division, United States Gypsum Company; and *Assistant Treasurer, C. F. Buckland,* General Line Merchandising Manager, Celotex Corporation.

The Insulation Board Institute has its headquarters at 111 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. R. A. LaCosse is Technical Director.

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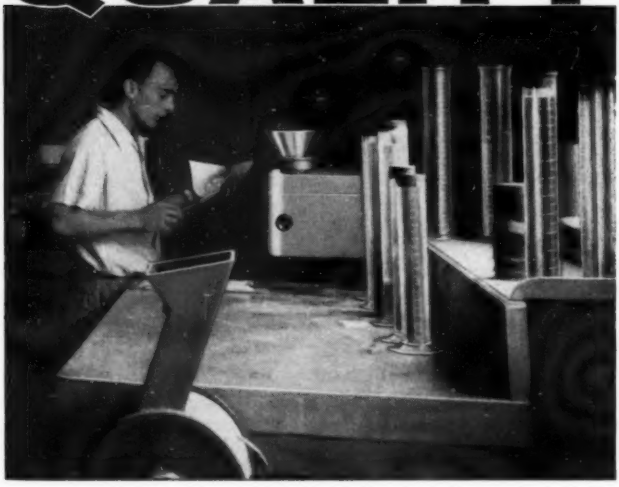
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JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION started transferring headquarters of its expanding Dutch Brand Division from Chicago, Illinois, to New York City on January 19th, 1961, to facilitate introduction of a whole line of new products and integration of another plant. The move is expected to be completed in the next two or three months.

The J-M plant at Tilton, New Hampshire, which produces an extensive line of asbestos papers, electrical insulations and asbestos sheet insulation, is now a Dutch Brand Division facility. This plant was formerly operated by the J-M Industrial Insulations Division.

Integrating the Tilton manufacturing capacity with that at South Chicago, where a line of electrical tapes, industrial tapes, adhesives and rubber products are fabricated, will enable J-M to coordinate production of two plants making various types of electrical products, and to streamline and expand sales and service.

KEASBEY & MATTISON COMPANY, manufacturer of building materials and industrial insulations, describes its acoustical ceiling panels in several patterns and colors in a 4-page folder. The folder lists all styles, colors and sizes in which the panels are presently available, and illustrates easy-to-follow instructions for installation.

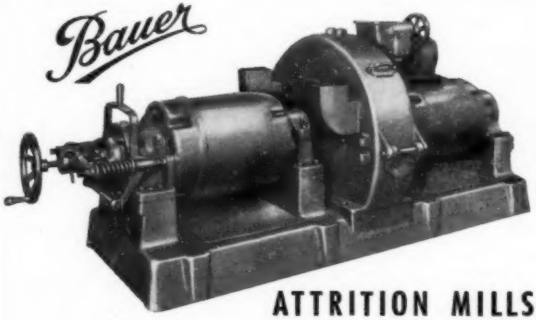
Copies of Folder BM-239, *"K&M Ceiling Panels"* are available without cost from Keasbey & Mattison Company, Ambler, Pennsylvania.

REYNOLDS METALS COMPANY and TILO ROOFING COMPANY recently announced that negotiations have been substantially completed for merger of the two firms. Officials of the two companies said that the proposed merger is subject to approval of the boards of directors and stockholders of each of the companies and to certain other conditions.

Tilo Roofing Company is a manufacturer and distributor of various types of asbestos and asphalt building products.

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PRODUCTION STATISTICS

AFRICA (Rhodesia)

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Tons 2,000 lbs.

Production for November 1960	11,353.12
Valued at	£637,100.00
Production for November 1959	10,431.74
Valued at	£596,457.00

CANADA

(Dept. of Mines, Province of Quebec)

Tons 2,000 lbs.

Production for November 1960 (Quebec)	142,124
Other Provinces	5,605
	147,729

Total production for November 1959 was 124,839 tons.

CYPRUS

(From Inspector of Mines)

Tons 2,000 lbs.

	3rd Quarter (Ending September 30, 1960)		
	July	August	September
Rock Mined	335,412	299,867	309,002
Rock Treated	94,726	113,299	105,065
Fibre Produced	2,975	2,733	2,815
Fibre Exported	2,122	1,133	3,472

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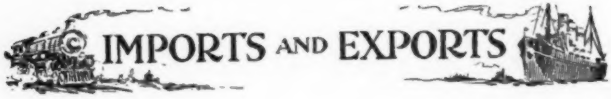
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Imports Into U.S.A.

(Figures by Bureau of Census)

Unmanufactured Asbestos:

	September 1960 Tons (2,240 lbs.)
From: Canada	$ 49,642
Union of South Africa	3,691
Australia	1,649
Yugoslavia	787
United Kingdom	325
Rhodesia (Ny)	147
Other Countries	2
	$ 55,255
Valued at:	$5,950,190

By Grades:

Crude,	No. 1,	Chrysotile	8
Crude,	No. 2,	Chrysotile	9
Crude,	Other,	Chrysotile, Yugoslavia	787
Crude,	Other,	Chrysotile, U. of S. Africa	290
Crude,	Blue,	Australia	1,049
Crude,	Blue,	Union of South Africa	988
Crude,	Blue,	Rhodesia (Ny)	147
Crude,	Blue,	Other Countries	4
Crude,	Amosite,	Union of South Africa	1,634
Crude,	Amosite,	Other Countries	40
Textile Fiber,		Chrysotile, Canada	1,542
Textile Fiber,		Chrysotile, Other Countries	1
Shingle Fiber,		Chrysotile, Canada	6,880
Shingle Fiber,		Chrysotile, Other Countries	18
Paper Fiber,		Chrysotile, Canada	3,090
Other Fibers,		Chrysotile, Canada	38,130
Other Fibers,		Chrysotile, United Kingdom	325
Other Fibers,		Chrysotile, U. of S. Africa	179
Other Fibers,		Chrysotile, Other Countries	134
			55,255

Manufactured Asbestos Goods:

	September 1960 Quantity (lbs.)	Value
Asbestos Yarn, Canada	36,336	$ 34,231
United Kingdom	23,862	17,885
Other Countries	4,451	3,303
Asbestos Packing	56,895	15,962

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Asbestos Shingles (Impreg.)		
Belgium	353,467	55,262
Other Countries	22,630	1,594
A-C Pipe & Fittings (Not Impreg.)		
Canada	133,444	15,833
Mexico	1,595,640	78,699
Belgium	3,515,339	271,137
Italy	2,253,150	87,813
Other Countries	363,047	16,436
A-C Mfgs. Other (Not Impreg.)	248,859	12,077
Asbestos Manufactures—Others	..	4,385
	8,607,120	$614,667

IMPORTS OF ASBESTOS BY UNITED KINGDOM

Raw Materials

Tons 2,240 lbs.

	November 1960
From: Union of South Africa	3,582
Basutoland, Bechuanaland & Swaziland	1,921
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	3,903
Canada	5,493
Other Commonwealth Countries & Irish Republic	281
Foreign Countries	232
	15,412

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED

Annual Report

The ninth Annual Report on the operations of Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Limited, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, including the financial statements prepared as of September 30, 1960, has been received from F. M. Connell, President.

Total income amounted to $4,928,166 compared with $4,595,789 for the previous year and net profit was $2,353,586 compared with $3,043,579 in the previous year.

During the fiscal year, 471,561 tons of ore were mined and 1,949,282 tons of waste rock were removed in stripping operations. Mining costs for the year compare favourably with those of the previous year.

The mill treated 457,379 tons or ore, for an average of 1,250 tons per calendar day. Research on the treatment of asbestos fibres and mill techniques is being continued on an active basis, and where applicable, improvements are incorporated in the mill circuit from time to time.

The high quality of Cassiar Asbestos fibre has been maintained, and it continues to be well received in the world markets.

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Exports From U.S.A.

(Figures by Bureau of Census)

Unmanufactured Asbestos:

	October 1960 Tons (2,240 lbs.)	Value
To: Europe	100	$ 20,461
Canada	33	4,062
United Kingdom	20	1,880
Other Countries	9	2,208
	162	$ 28,611

Manufactured Asbestos Goods:

	October 1960 Quantity	Value
Asbestos Cement & Pipe Covering ..Lbs.	1,028,803	$ 315,688
Asbestos Textiles & Yarn .....Lbs.	26,106	47,207
Asbestos Packing .....Lbs.	158,723	220,106
Asbestos Clutch Facing .....No.	139,024	110,560
Asbestos Bk. Lng. (Mld & S.Mld) Lin.Ft.	78,855	41,552
Asbestos Brake Lining, Other .....Lbs.	424,378	312,246
Asbestos Construction Material ....Lbs.	2,340,617	195,085
Asbestos Manufactures—Others	..	69,389
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Exports From Canada

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Unmanufactured Asbestos:	October 1960 Tons (2,000 lbs.)	Value
Crude		
United States	3	$ 2,280
United Kingdom	..	..
South America	..	..
Central America & Mexico	..	..
European Countries	4	3,719
Other Countries	1	1,102
	8	$ 7,101
Milled		
United States	10,548	$ 2,195,795
United Kingdom	4,243	861,324
South America	5,565	1,019,412
Central America & Mexico	770	140,415
European Countries	15,250	2,715,959
Other Countries	4,704	749,263
	41,080	$ 7,682,168
Shorts		
United States	40,849	$ 2,178,755
United Kingdom	3,503	193,883
South America	582	36,730
Central America & Mexico	190	12,938
European Countries	7,567	399,267
Other Countries	1,696	140,607
	54,387	$ 2,962,180
Grand Total— Unmanufactured Asbestos:	95,475	$10,651,449
Manufactured Asbestos Goods:		
Brake Lining		$ 22,302
Packing		..
Other Materials		33,572
		$ 55,874

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NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I. J. Harvey, Jr., Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer, The Flintkote Company, New York City, February 20.

Clarence E. Witherspoon, President, Asbestos Construction Company, Inc., New York City, February 20.

Robert Sanderson, President, Acme Asbestos Limited, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, February 21.

George W. Smith, President, Bell Asbestos Mines Limited, Thetford Mines, Canada, February 22.

Robert E. Cryor, President, Cape Asbestos (Canada) Limited of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, February 23.

J. Albert Taylor, Vice President & Secretary, Wallace & Gale Company, Baltimore, Maryland, February 24.

R. D. Williams, Vice-President, Lake Asbestos of Quebec Limited, New York City, February 24.

Warren E. Hill, Vice President & General Manager, H. K. Porter Company, Inc., Trenton, New Jersey, February 25.

Geoffrey E. Gole, General Works Manager, Wunderlich Limited, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, February 27.

William E. Clark, Vice President & General Manager, Textile Div., United States Rubber Co., New York City, February 28.

A. S. Johnson, President, Johnson's Company Limited, Thetford Mines, Canada, February 28.

Leonard Krez, President & Treasurer, Paul J. Krez Company, Chicago, Illinois, February 28.

Gordon H. Gibbs, Mining Engineer, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March 3.

John H. Matthews, Director & Consultant, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Passaic, New Jersey, March 3.

A. E. Binger, Industrial Sales Manager, The Philip Carey Manufacturing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 6.

Carl Bindman, Sales Manager, Johnson's Company Limited, Thetford Mines, Canada, March 7.

M. E. Curtis, President & Treasurer, Curtis Asbestos Company, Boston, Massachusetts, March 7.

William G. Brinker, President, The Clark Asbestos Company, Cleveland, Ohio, March 8.

T. J. Callans, Vice President & Treasurer, Southern Insulation Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee, March 8.

William A. Sussman, Vice President & Secretary, The Sussman Asbestos Company, Toledo, Ohio, March 8.

P. M. Taft, President, Taft-Jenkins Company, Holyoke, Massachusetts, March 9.

Thomas J. Casey, Treasurer, Asbestos Corporation of America, New York City, March 10.

W. L. Markert, President, Brooks-Fisher Insulating Company, Atlanta, Georgia, March 10.

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M. R. Carr, President, H. W. Porter & Company, Inc., Newark, New Jersey, March 11.
A. Lines, Superintendent, Durabestos Works, Wunderlich Limited, Parramatta, Australia, March 11.
James E. Wallace, Vice President, John W. Wallace & Company, Hoboken, New Jersey, March 11.
Theodore D. Wallace, Secretary-Treasurer, John W. Wallace & Company, Hoboken, New Jersey, March 11.
Conrad L. Wiegers, President, Allied Services, Inc., Charleston, West Virginia, March 11.
Colin S. Hoyes, Works Manager, Wunderlich Limited, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, March 14.
William A. Kamke, Vice President & Treasurer, The Sussman Asbestos Company, Toledo, Ohio, March 14.

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

Roger Hackney has been appointed Senior Operating Vice President, JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION, to administer a Group of four Divisions engaged in mining and foreign trade, two of them in Canada.

Mr. Hackney will also continue in his present responsibility as Vice President for Finance, which he assumed a year ago. He became a member of the Board of Directors of J-M at that time.

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Alfred N. Watson, has been elected Vice President—Marketing Services for UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY, effective February 1, 1961. He was formerly Vice President of Alfred Politz Research, Inc.

Mr. Watson will be responsible to the President, George R. Vila, in a corporate staff capacity for market research, motivational studies, long range planning, advertising, public relations, trade relations, distributing branches and the company's government sales department.

Staton J. Peele, Jr. has been appointed Sales Manager for the Industrial Textile Section, Textile Division, UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY. This department will be responsible for sales of all asbestos textiles, hose and belt ducks, synthetic industrial materials and mechanical yarns.

Mr. Peele joined U. S. Rubber in 1946 and was successively in sales production coordination, Assistant to the General Sales Manager, Eastern Sales Representative for Industrial Textiles, and Sales Manager of the Asbestos Department of the Textile Division.

TURNER & NEWALL LIMITED

Annual Report

The Forty-First Annual Report and Accounts of Turner & Newall Limited for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1960, has been received; the annual general meeting having been held on January 26, 1961.

Net profit for the year, after taxation, was $7,624,706.

In the Chairman's Statement in 1959, reference was made to reduced sales of the longer fibres used in the textile section of the asbestos industry. A market adjustment in respect of fibres of this grade is probably now reaching its end, while the steady increase in the demand for shorter grades of fibres still continues and is likely to do so. Much attention has been given during the year to a re-balancing of the flow of different grades of fibres from the mines—not an easy problem when dealing with a basic natural product. The attainment of a new balance, in line with the trend of market demand, is, however, much nearer than a year ago. Turner & Newall's African mines succeeded in achieving an increase in profit during their last financial year.

Bell Asbestos Mines Limited has had another entirely satisfactory year and has continued to operate at the present maximum output. Arrangements are in hand to enable the high rate of mining and milling attained during recent years to be still further increased. In Canada, Turner & Newall has reasonable hope of solving the problems created by the change in the balance of market demand as between the different grades of fibre.

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CURRENT RANGE OF PRICE

As of February 10, 1961

ARIZONA—	Per Ton of 2,000 lbs., f.o.b. Globe, Arizona		
No. 1 Crude (soft)	$1,475.00	to	$1,800.00
No. 2 Crude (soft)	830.00	to	1,050.00
Group-3 (Filtering & Spinning)	350.00	to	450.00
Group-4 (Plastic & Filtration)	190.00	to	250.00
Group-5 (Plastic & Moulding)	125.00	to	177.00
Group-7 (Refuse & Shorts)	60.00	to	100.00

CANADA—	Per Ton 2,000 lbs. f.o.b. Mine Canadian Currency		
Group No. 1 (Crude No. 1)	$1,410.00	to	$1,475.00
Group No. 2 (Crude No. 2); Crude Run-of-Mine and Sundry	610.00	to	875.00
Group No. 3 (Spinning Fibre)	350.00	to	650.00
Group No. 4 (Shingle Fibre)	180.00	to	245.00
Group No. 5 (Paper)	120.00	to	150.00
Group No. 6 (Waste, Stucco or Plaster)	..		86.00
Group No. 7 (Refuse or Shorts)	40.00	to	80.00

VERMONT—Per ton of 2,000 lbs. f.o.b. Hyde Park or Morrisville, Vt.			
Group No. 3 (Spinning & Filtering)	$ 353.00	to	$ 440.00
Group No. 4 (Shingle Fibre)	181.00	to	218.00
Group No. 5 (Paper Fibre)	120.00	to	142.00
Group No. 6 (Waste, Stucco or Plaster)	..		86.00
Group No. 7 (Refuse or Shorts)	41.00	to	75.00

R. David Dale has left the service of BRANDHURST COMPANY LIMITED, of London, England, on January 31st, 1961, resigning his Directorship to take over the appointment of Managing Director of FERGUSSON, WILD & COMPANY, LIMITED, London, effective February 1st, 1961.

S. R. Zimmerman, Jr. was appointed Executive Vice President of RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC., Passaic, New Jersey, it was announced by J. F. D. Rohrbach, President, at the January Board of Directors' meeting.

Mr. Zimmerman is a Director and Vice President of the Corporation, General Manager of the United States Asbestos—Grey-Rock Division at Manheim, Pennsylvania, and in charge of operations of the Pacific Coast Division at Fullerton, California, and Director of Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Limited in Canada. He is also a Director of the Lancaster Manufacturers Association of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and resides in that city.

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ASBESTOS STOCK QUOTATIONS

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

		January 1961		
	Par	Low	High	Last
Advocate Mines, Ltd.	1	$2.80	$3.25	$3.25
American Brake Shoe	np	38½	43½	41¾
Armstrong Cork (Com)	1	50	56¾	56¼
Armstrong Cork (Pfd)	np	78½	81¼	81¼
Asbestos Corporation	np	25½	28½	27¼
Philip Carey	10	26⅝	31	31
Cassiar Asbestos Corp.	np	13	14⅛	14
Celotex (Com)	1	24⅛	29⅜	28
Celotex (Pfd)	20	17	17¾	17½
Certain-Teed	1	20½	28¼	26
Fibreboard	np	28⅝	33½	31¾
Flintkote (Com)	5	28	30¼	29⅜
Flintkote (Pfd)	np	81½	83	83
Johns-Manville	5	57¼	61⅞	60⅜
National Gypsum (Com)	1	55¼	58¾	58
National Gypsum (Pfd)	np	91⅝	93	93
Porter, H. K.	100	89	91	89¾
Raybestos-Manhattan	np	57	72	66½
Ruberoid	1	36¾	41⅞	41⅝
Unarco	5	7⅜	8⅝	8½
United Asbestos	1	$3.65	$4.10	$3.90
U. S. Gypsum (Com)	4	101	109¾	109¼
U. S. Gypsum (Pfd)	100	152	156½	155¾
U. S. Rubber (Com)	5	46⅞	53⅜	53⅜
U. S. Rubber (Pfd)	100	149½	153¼	153

Kenneth Wilson, for the past seventeen years Exploration Geologist for AMERICAN SMELTING & REFINING COMPANY, has resigned his position with ASARCO to open consulting offices in San Francisco, at 400 Montgomery Street, and in Menlo Park, California.

R. B. Park has been appointed as Sales Manager—Industrial Rubber and Mechanical Packings, RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC., Passaic, New Jersey. Mr. Park has been Assistant Sales Manager of these sales activities since July 1959.

R. B. Hazard, previously Vice President and Sales Manager —Industrial Rubber and Mechanical Packings, RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC., has now been appointed Vice President—Sales for these Sales Divisions. He was elected a Director in October 1960.

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PATENTS

Abstracts of U. S. Patents on Asbestos and Asbestos Products by Oliver S. North.

Copies of patents can be obtained by sending 25 cents, (in coin), to The Commissioner of Patents, Washington 25, D. C., giving the patent number, date it was issued, name of patentee and name of invention.

Abrasive Wheel Composition, No. 2,943,926. Granted on July 5, 1960, to G. J. Goepfert (assigned to Cincinnati Milling Machine Company, Cincinnati, Ohio). A composition for making abrasive wheels consists of aluminum oxide, powdered resin, cresylic acid, furfural, and either cryolite or short fibre asbestos.

Dispersions of Organic Polymers and Chrysotile Asbestos. Process of Preparing Film Therefrom and Products Thereof, No. 2,945,831. Granted on July 19, 1960 to E. F. Evans and D. E. Jackson (assigned to E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Delaware). In the preparation of crack-free polytetrafluoroethylene coatings, an aqueous colloidal dispersion of polytetrafluoroethylene having a polymer content of 5-60% is blended with an aqueous dispersion of negatively charged chrysotile asbestos fibre, and the blended material spread on a substrate and heated to about 350°C. to coalesce the film.

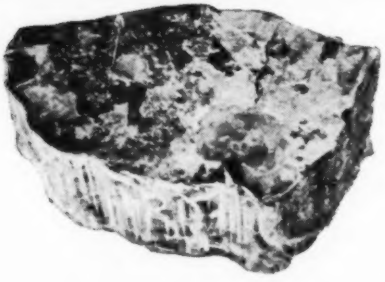
Presses for Thermosetting Compositions, No. 2,946,091. Granted on July 26, 1960 to W. S. Fraula and H. M. King (assigned to American Brake Shoe Company, New York City). Design for a press for curing composition brake lining materials compounded of asbestos fibre and a thermosetting phenol-formaldehyde type resin.

Composite Building Unit, No. 2,946,158. Granted on July 26, 1960 to W. R. Seipt (assigned to Keasbey & Mattison Company, Ambler, Pennsylvania). In the manufacture of a composite building unit, a sheet is formed from a mixture of portland cement, diatomite and asbestos fibre, and then cured and coated with a slurry of lime and diatomite. This composite sheet is autoclaved to react the lime and diatomite.

Asbestos Dryer Felt, No. 2,947,328. Granted on August 2, 1960 to D. V. Asten and J. G. Schoepf (assigned to Asten-Hill Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Method of making a woven dryer felt for papermaking machines, which felt includes in its construction a substantial amount of asbestos fibre which enables it to withstand high temperatures. The surface ply comprises yarn spun from a homogeneous blend of 75-80% asbestos fibre and 20-25% polyester staple fibers.

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Feeding Method and Apparatus for the Extrusion of Shaped Bodies of Cementitious Materials, No. 2,953,834. Granted on September 27, 1960 to L. E. Muttart (assigned to Owens-Corning Fibreglas Corporation, a corporation of Delaware). Improved apparatus and method for feeding into a compaction type extrusion apparatus an aqueous slurry of lime, diatomite, and asbestos fibre in the production of extruded insulating shapes.

Friction Material for Use in Brakes, No. 2,954,853. Granted on October 4, 1960 to T. Maierson and R. A. Todd (assigned to General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan). Method of manufacturing a brake lining material consisting of a base of asbestos fibre and a vegetable cellulose, and also incorporating silica powder, mica powder, and cork dust. This composition is bonded with a phenol formaldehyde-butadiene acrylonitrile copolymer blend.

Mineral Coated Liquid-Gas Contact Pad, No. 2,955,064. Granted on October 4, 1960 to S. H. Frohmader (assigned to Research Products Corporation, Madison, Wisconsin). A contact pad for use in devices for cooling, filtering, humidifying, or dehumidifying gases, and for purifying and cooling liquids, comprises asbestos fibre, sodium silicate or other water-soluble silicate, and a mineral such as kaolin, talc, mica, attapulgite, and diatomite.

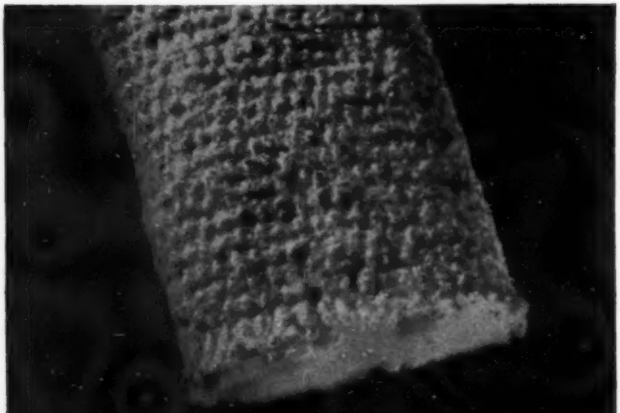
Apparatus for Severing Cast Material, No. 2,957,223. Granted on October 25, 1960 to J. C. Hamilton (assigned to Owens-Illinois Glass Company, a corporation of Ohio). Apparatus for wire cutting into units of desired size semi-hardened cast materials, e.g., calcium silicate materials made from lime, asbestos fibre, and diatomite.

William L. Kauffman, previously Assistant Controller, was elected Controller of THE FLINTKOTE COMPANY, major producer of building materials and other products for home and industry. A graduate of Pace Institute and a member of the National Association of Cost Accountants, Mr. Kauffman joined Flintkote in 1922 as a storekeeper in the Little Ferry, New Jersey, felt mill. He succeeds Dennis J. McNamara as Controller.

Dennis J. McNamara is retiring as Controller after 40 years of service with THE FLINTKOTE COMPANY. Before joining Flintkote in 1920 as Chief Cost Accountant, Mr. McNamara was an Accounting Instructor and Assistant Manager of Pace Institute, from which he had graduated. In 1932 he was named Controller and in 1940 assumed the additional position of Assistant Treasurer. In 1939 he was elected Vice President and Controller.

Mr. McNamara is a past Director of the Controllers Institute of America, past President and a life Director of the Bergen County (New Jersey) Chamber of Commerce, Director of the New Jersey Tax Payers' Association, and Director of the Passaic River Valley (New Jersey) Flood Control Association.

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