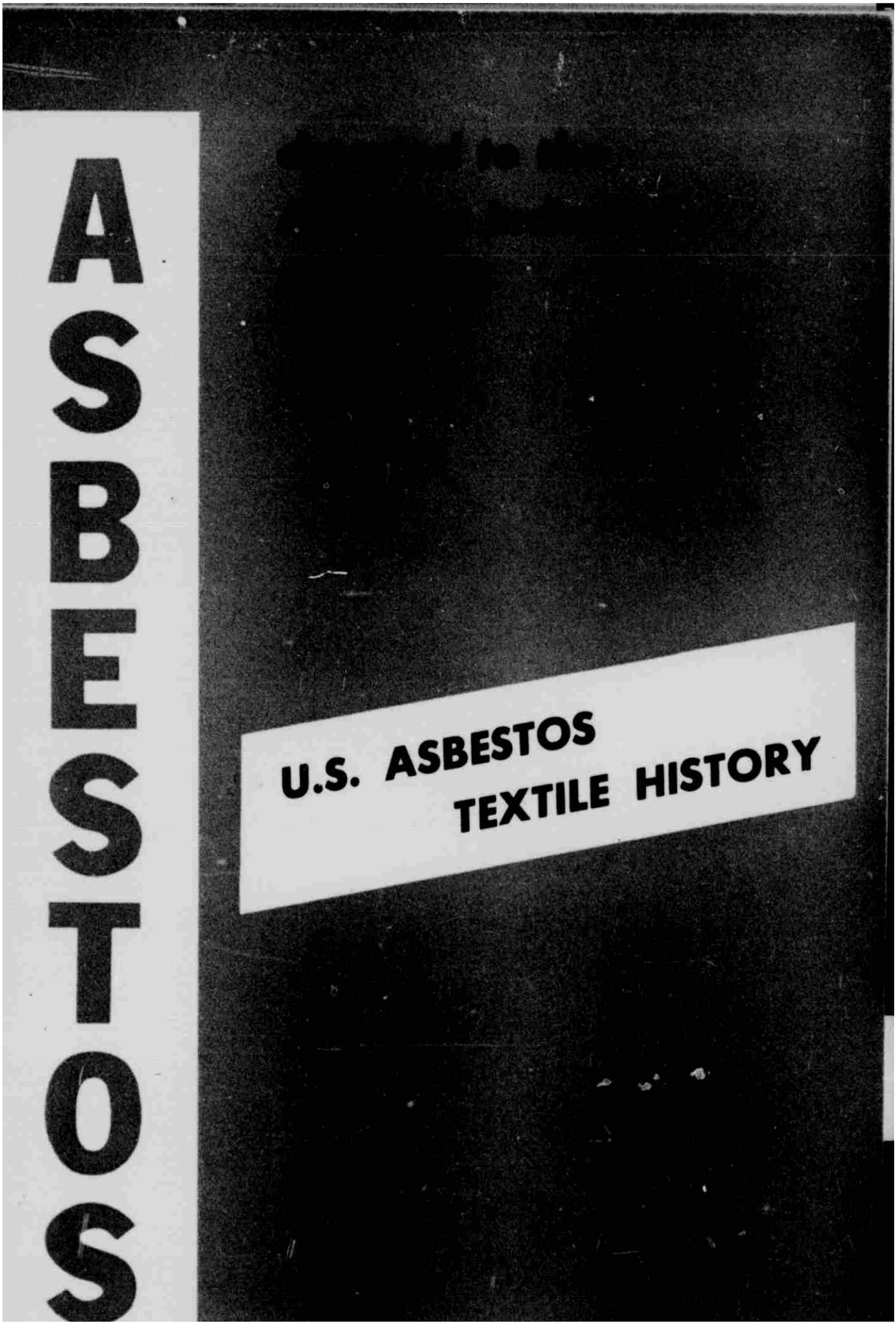


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THE HISTORY OF THE ASBESTOS TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES

Chapter X: United States Asbestos Company (now a division of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.)

By: John A. Bettes, Jr.

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The United States Asbestos Company was incorporated August 24, 1906, with an authorized capital stock of $60,000. The company was founded in Manheim, Pennsylvania, by eight local businessmen who constituted the Board of Directors. It is interesting to note that no direct descendant of any of these families continued for long in the management of the company. George H. Danner was the first President and Chester Hill came from Keasbey & Mattison Company to supply manufacturing know-how.

Products made by the original mill included asbestos yarn, cloth, brake lining tape and listing tapes. Several styles of high-pressure packing (cloth roll-up) were produced by hand. Rubber coating the asbestos cloth was accomplished in a simple dip tank containing a solution of latex and gasoline and after passing through squeeze rolls the rubberized fabric was laid out on long tables to air dry. The ever-present danger of fire was an accepted hazard.

The business grew rapidly from the start, constantly requiring additional capital funds. In 1910 the company was reorganized with a paid-in capital of $175,000. S. R. Zimmerman assumed the Presidency at that time and Chester Hill was appointed Vice President and General Manager.

In 1911 fire severely damaged the original wooden factory building. It was replaced with a 120-foot x 174-foot brick building and the following year a two-story, 100-foot x 200-foot brick building was added. These were the original units of a plant which now comprises over 600,000 square feet of floor space. By 1914 a milestone was passed when employment exceeded 200 people. Present employment averages above 1600 people.

In 1919 B. Weber Luttenberger returned from service in World War I to take charge of the card room at Manheim. He rose through the ranks to Textile Superintendent, Factory Manager and finally Works Manager of the entire U.S.

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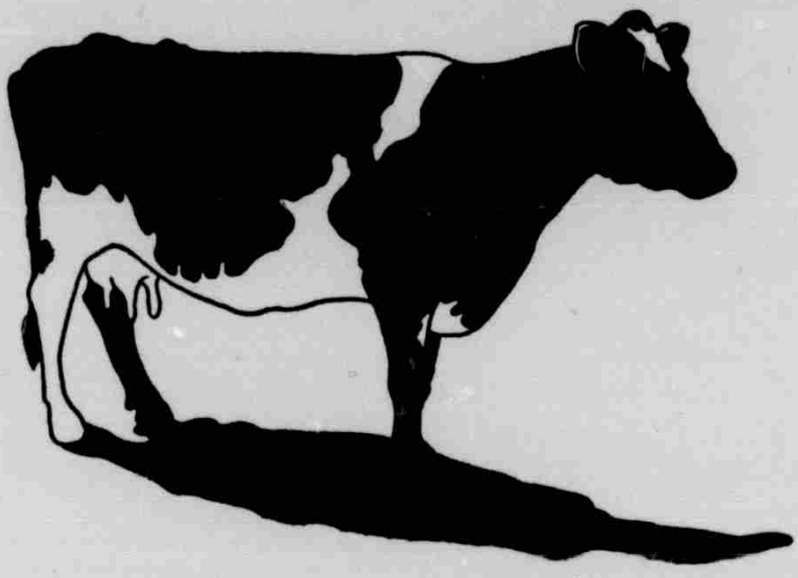
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In March 1920 Osborn Hewes Cilley was engaged as Plant Superintendent. He came from C. G. Sargent & Sons Company, a manufacturer of textile machinery. In 1928 "O. H." Cilley was made Assistant General Manager and in 1941 he became a Director of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. In 1947 he was elected a Vice President of the corporation. His manufacturing and executive ability was in large measure responsible for the continuous growth and very successful operation of the U.S. Asbestos Division over a period of more than 30 years.

In November 1921 the company was again recapitalized and reorganized. Chester Hill left the firm and Samuel R. Slaymaker came in as General Manager. Mr. Slaymaker was also President of the family-owned Slaymaker Lock Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. At the same time, George R. Weber joined the organization as Treasurer. On December 1, 1921, he was also elected General Manager and retained that position until his death in 1953. George Weber represented R/M at the organizational meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute, November 16, 1944. He also represented his company during the preliminary discussions which resulted in the formation of the asbestos textile industry's trade association and, therefore, was one of the founders of ATI.

In 1923 Rudolph Wilde joined U.S. Asbestos as Textile Superintendent. He had had considerable experience in processing Crocidolite and Amosite asbestos fibers. Under Rudy Wilde's direction a small and separate manufacturing operation was set up to produce turbine blankets, principally for the U.S. Navy. The unit was commonly referred to around town as "the blue."

When Rudy Wilde joined U.S. Asbestos he brought with him his Card Room Foreman, Herbert E. Palm. Herb Palm progressed in the organization to Textile Superintendent, then to Factory Manager and at the time of his death was Works Manager. Herb Palm served two terms as Chairman of ATI's Air Hygiene & Manufacturing Committee.

One of U.S. Asbestos Company's earliest major accounts was the Manhattan Rubber Company of Passaic, New Jersey. U.S. Asbestos sold Manhattan large tonnages of open-weave

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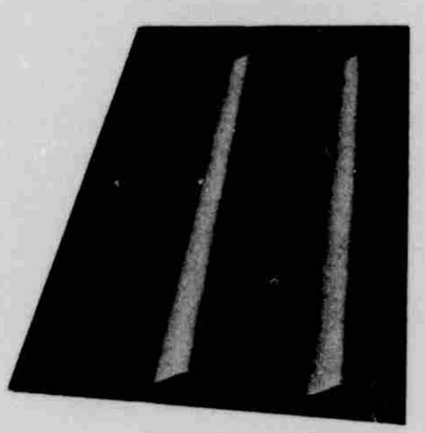


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asbestos-metallic cloth for conversion into folded and compressed brake lining. HYCO brake lining consisted of frictioned asbestos cloth, folded to the desired width and thickness, then stitched, and finally cured. This was a popular style of brake lining, prior to 1926, when automobiles had external contracting brakes on the rear wheels only.

U.S. Asbestos Co. also sold tremendous quantities of untreated brake lining tape to the Raybestos Company at Bridgeport, Connecticut. Raybestos was simultaneously purchasing large footages of untreated brake lining tape and large tonnages of asbestos yarn from General Asbestos and Rubber Company, North Charleston, South Carolina. These three well-established buyer-seller relationships were largely instrumental in the formation of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., in 1929. The four mills—U.S. Asbestos, Manhattan Rubber, Raybestos and General Asbestos—comprised the foundation of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

Prior to 1926 U.S. Asbestos sold "private brand" brake lining to almost any wholesaler who could purchase in adequate quantity. Numerous branding wheels were carried in stock for product identification. In 1926 the company decided it would be more advantageous to offer a full line of brake linings and clutch facings under its own brand name and the "Grey-Rock" brand name was selected. A small sales organization was established under Sales Manager Paul Jones to sell Grey-Rock brake lining to stocking jobbers in almost all major marketing areas. Carl Sachs was Marketing Manager. The year 1929 saw the introduction of "Grey-Rock Eagle" brake lining, woven from pretreated yarns (an important improvement at that time). In 1932 Franklin Miller took over as Sales Manager. Together, he and Carl Sachs built Grey-Rock into a major factor in the automotive aftermarket.

In June 1932 S. R. Zimmerman, Jr., graduated from the Sheffield School at Yale University. In September he joined U.S. Asbestos Division as an engineer working in the mill and in the Development Laboratories. In 1937 he was appointed Assistant Sales Manager of the Original Equipment Department. In 1948 he was appointed Director of Research for Friction Materials for the entire corporation. Mr. Zimmerman was appointed Assistant General Manager of the U.S. Asbestos Division in 1953, Vice President of R/M in 1955 and General Manager of the Division in 1968. He had been Executive Vice President of the corporation since 1961

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and was elected Chairman of the Board in April 1970. He retired as Chairman effective January 1, 1971. Mr. Zimmerman is presently a Director of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Raybestos-Manhattan (Canada) Ltd. and Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Ltd.

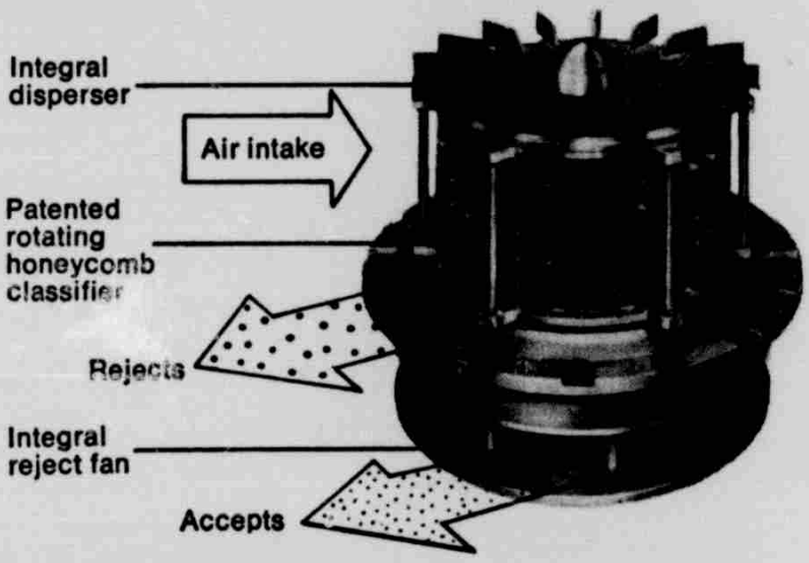
During the early 1930's General Electric Company operated an insulated-wire plant in the neighboring town of York, Pennsylvania. Logically the U.S. Asbestos Co. furnished the major portion of the asbestos requirements of this wire mill. The Plant Manager at the time was E. H. Lewis. (In later years Ed Lewis was President of Western Insulated Wire Company, Los Angeles, California.) He conceived the idea of insulating wire by carding asbestos directly on to the wire. This, of course, eliminated the two costly steps of producing asbestos roving and then serving the roving on to wire. Ed Lewis presented his idea to Web Luttenberger who devised the means to accomplish the desired results using a standard 50-inch asbestos card. It was immediately recognized this was a case of driving tacks with a sledge hammer. The next step was to take the little Davis & Furber 10-inch wool sample card and convert it to a machine for carding asbestos directly on to wire. The refinement of these procedures resulted in the Lewis-Luttenberger U.S. Patent #1,990,337, issued February 5, 1935. A corollary development was the manufacture of an asbestos lap to feed the small D&F card. Web Luttenberger took 250-grain slivers from a standard 50-inch asbestos card and fed the slivers through a Derby doubler.

A broad ribbon of asbestos fiber was thus assembled having any desired weight ranging from 750 to 3000 grains per yard. Over the years this became the standard method of applying asbestos to wire. Practically every wire mill in the United States and Canada uses the Lewis-Luttenberger method of applying asbestos to wire. The importance of this fact goes far beyond the volume of business produced for the asbestos textile manufacturers. This low-cost process helped defend asbestos as a wire insulation from the attempted inroads of competitive insulating materials. The lap process provides a low-cost means of utilizing the basic insulating qualities of asbestos fiber. Competing materials have not been able to match these qualities at comparable cost.

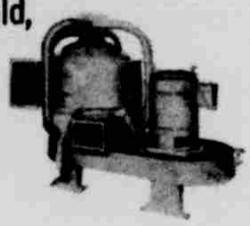
The year 1936 saw the development of one of the company's most successful products and a major usage for asbestos cloth. The VeeLock clutch facing is made from frictioned asbestos metallic cloth. The cloth is slit into narrow

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ribbons which in turn are wound into pads having roughly the same inner and outer diameters as the finished clutch facing. A patented feature of the process (U.S. Patent #2,096, 692, October 19, 1937) calls for creasing the ribbon as it is wound so as to provide a "Chevron" cross-section. The wound pad is then hot-pressed and finally surface-ground to its final dimensions. The interlocking Chevron construction provides a facing having exceptionally long wear and the greatest spin strength (burst strength) of any clutch facing construction. The U.S. Asbestos Division has furnished literally millions of VeeLock clutch facings to automobile manufacturers and to the replacement trade during the past 30 years. It is still one of R/M's major products.

Now to return to the story of U.S. Asbestos. The Raybestos Company purchased General Asbestos & Rubber in 1921 in order to have an assured source of asbestos-metallic yarns. General also sold a full line of asbestos packing through jobbers under the Garco brand name. Similar lines of products were manufactured by the U.S. Asbestos Co. When Raybestos-Manhattan was formed in 1929 the two competing mills became a part of the same corporate family. Nevertheless, the competitive relationship was permitted to continue until 1938. In this year the Board of Directors decided it would be more efficient to have one Sales Division to sell asbestos textiles and asbestos packings for both mills. George W. Marshall, Jr., was appointed General Manager of the Industrial Sales Division. In later years George Marshall became a Vice President of the corporation. He served as the second President of the Asbestos Textile Institute in 1947 and 1948.

The Industrial Sales Division proved highly successful right from the start. George Marshall soon recognized the need for additional help and in January 1939 he hired Arthur W. Byxbee as New York District Manager. In September 1941 Art Byxbee went to Washington, D.C., to head the Asbestos Section of the Cork and Fibrous Glass Division of the War Production Board. He served in this capacity until April 1942 when he was given a commission in the U.S. Air Force. After the war Captain Byxbee returned to Manheim as Assistant Sales Manager of the Asbestos Textile Division. He served two terms as Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee of ATI.

By July 1939 George Marshall decided he needed a textile engineer to promote and develop the company's full line

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of asbestos textile products. John A. Bettes, Jr., a graduate of the Philadelphia Textile Institute, was hired as Textile Sales Manager. Together he and Art Byxbee organized a team of specialty salesmen which led the industry in textile sales volume. Jack Bettes served as the seventh President of the Asbestos Textile Institute in 1957 and 1958. Ill health dictated his early retirement in 1966. At that time he was Manager of the Asbestos Textile Division.

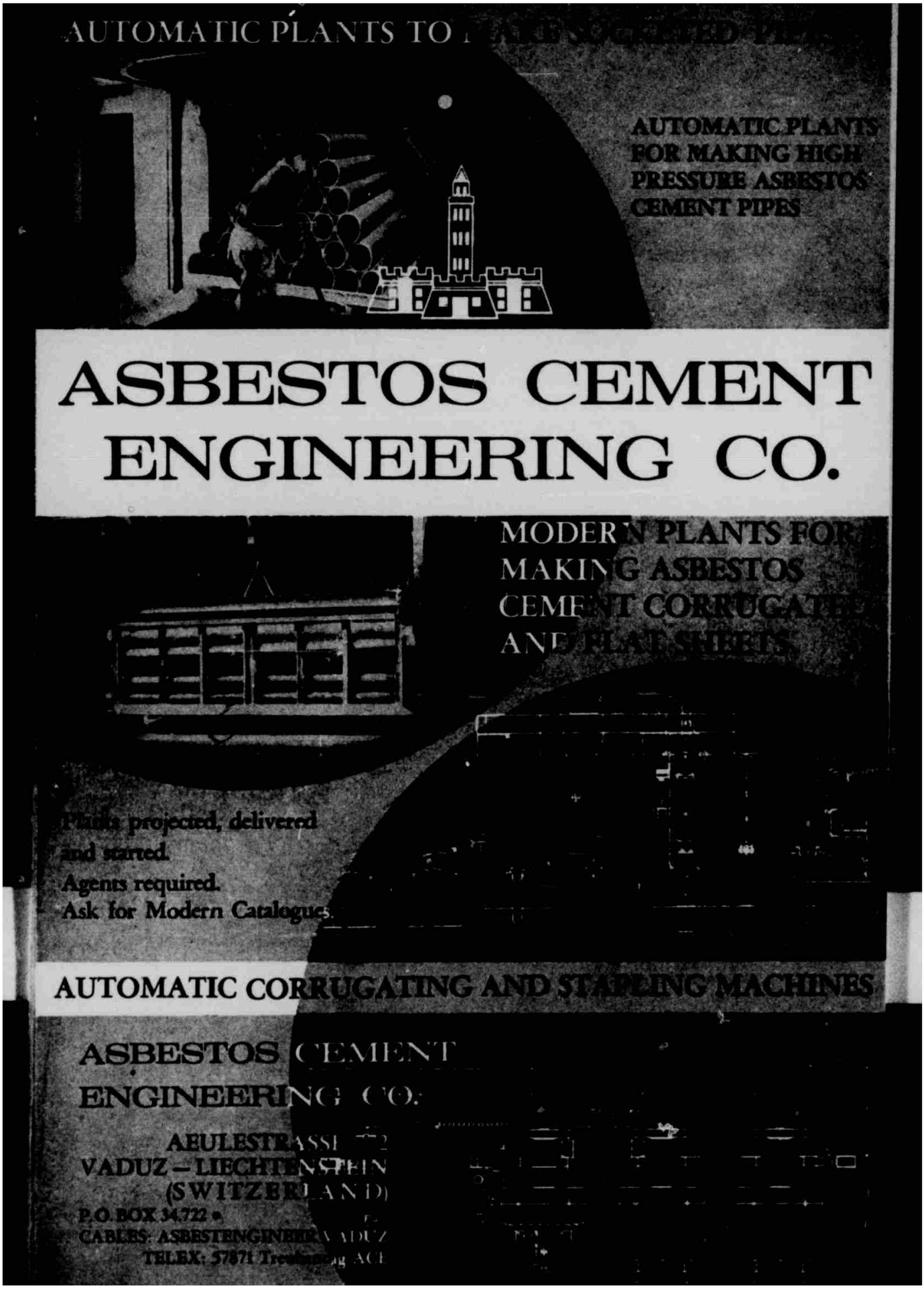
In 1940 the Asbestos Textile Division issued the most comprehensive catalog of asbestos textile products ever published by any member of the industry. Jesse M. Weaver was the principal author of this volume, reflecting more than 30 years of experience in the industry. Jesse Weaver served several terms as Chairman of the Technical Committee of ATI and was for many years a mainstay of the industry's trade association.

In 1940 the U.S. Asbestos Division began marketing the line of "Pyrotex" asbestos felts. These felts are of a type commonly referred to in the textile industry as "non-woven." Pyrotex felts are furnished in all of the ASTM Grades from Underwriters' up to and including Grade AAAA. They have been used for years as standard base materials by practically all manufacturers of high-pressure plastic laminates. Starting in 1954 a substantial new market was developed for Grade AAAA Pyrotex felt. It was found to be an ideal material, in combination with heat resistant phenolic resin, for the molding of rocket and missile components.

In 1941 John A. Brown, Jr., was loaned by Keasbey & Mattison to the Cork Asbestos and Fibrous Glass Division of the War Production Board. During this service he was in close association with Art Byxbee and with George Marshall. (George Marshall spent 2-3 days a week at his Washington office during the latter part of World War II.) In 1942 Jack Brown was given a commission in the U.S. Air Force and was assigned to personnel work in Washington, D.C. At the conclusion of the war, Major Brown was appointed Philadelphia District Manager of the Asbestos Textile & Packing Division of R/M. In 1952 he was promoted to Assistant Sales Manager of the Asbestos Textile Division. When Jack Bettes retired in 1966 Jack Brown headed the Department as Sales Manager. He is currently Product Manager for Asbestos Textiles, U.S. Asbestos Division. Jack Brown served ATI as Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee in 1963 and 1964 and as President of the Institute in 1965 and 1966.

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It will be of interest to our readers to know what war products won the foregoing recognition for the Division. Textile products included lap, roving and cable fillers used in shipboard cable. Several styles of Navy lagging cloths were woven in substantial yardage. The Friction Materials Department wove brake lining for passenger cars, jeeps and trucks. Heavy-duty woven brake blocks controlled the tracks of the famous Sherman tanks. The Packing Division furnished 101 different items used in a wide variety of war equipment including highly special packings furnished to "The Manhattan Project," the code name for the then secret development of the atomic bomb.

In 1947 Milton Q. Scowcroft graduated from the Textile School of the Rhode Island School of Design. He immediately joined the Asbestos Textile Division of R/M as a New England salesman under District Manager Phinias Otis Baker. In 1958 Milt Scowcroft succeeded Phin Baker as New York and New England District Manager. In 1966 he joined the headquarters staff as Assistant Sales Manager and in February 1969 was promoted to Sales Manager of the Asbestos Textile Division. Milt Scowcroft served as Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee of ATI in 1968 and 1969 and is currently Vice President of the Institute and a member of the Board of Governors.

By 1955 the Revolite Division of Atlas Powder Company had been for many years a major R/M textile account. Manheim made the asbestos pads which Revolite installed on the rolls of flatwork ironers in commercial laundries. North Charleston wove the asbestos fabrics which Atlas resinated and converted to roll covers. In 1955 R/M purchased the Revolite Division from Atlas. William A. Michie continued to run the Division as Sales Manager. W. I. MacFall moved up to Sales Manager when Bill Michie retired in 1962.

Promptly upon graduation from the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science in June 1953, Lewis C. Williams joined the U.S. Asbestos Division as a textile technician. In May 1956 he was promoted to Textile Superintendent and in

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October 1969 was transferred to Marshville, North Carolina, as Plant Superintendent of the newly-acquired asbestos textile manufacturing facility. He served as a member of the ATI Fiber Testing Committee from 1957 to 1963 and was Chairman of the Air Hygiene & Manufacturing Committee in 1964 and 1965.

In 1959 Joseph P. Wronski joined the laboratory staff at Manheim as Head of the Physics Section. Joe Wronski had just completed three years with the Atomic Power Division of Westinghouse Electric Corporation. This was the Department created to develop the atomic reactor that powers the NAUTILUS-type submarines. Joe Wronski served as Chairman of the Fiber Testing Committee of ATI in 1965 and 1966.

Until September 1970 the U.S. Asbestos Division was under the supervision of the then General Manager, Dr. Eugene P. Stefl. Doc Stefl graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in 1942 with a B.S. Degree in Chemistry. He was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh in 1946. Dr. Stefl entered the employ of the Division as Head of the Chemistry Section of the Manheim laboratories under Director Robert L. Moore. In 1953 he was promoted to Assistant Director of Research, in 1960 to Assistant General Manager, and to General Manager in 1967. He was elected a Vice President of the corporation in 1968 and Group Vice President of Operations in 1970.

The Division is currently under the direction of Kenneth A. Gainer. He joined the laboratory staff at Manheim in 1949 as a chemical engineer. For many years Ken specialized in quality control. His expertise in this field materially contributed to the successful manufacture of rocket and missile components, based on R/M Pyrotex, the non-woven asbestos felt. In 1966 he was appointed Product Manager of Friction Materials. Promotions followed in rapid succession and in September 1970 Ken Gainer was named General Manager.

In common with all members of the asbestos textile industry, the U.S. Asbestos Division manufactures products essential to the industrial economy. Most of these products are based on asbestos. In recent years the Division has broadened its activities and is now heavily engaged in plastics, notably fluorocarbons. The basic importance of these products to the overall industrial economy assures a steady growth in partnership with American industry.

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JOHNS-MANVILLE—In 22 North American cities some 2000 employees viewed, via conventional color television, a 45-minute videotape information program to meet the new management team and to learn about current company performance and plans for future growth. . . . J-M has a new fiber glass reinforced thermosetting resin (RTR) sewer fitting, said to be lighter than any presently used for 8" asbestos-cement sewer pipe. . . . Interesting company brochures recently issued by J-M are concerned with asbestos-asphalt concrete, asbestos/asphalt bridge deck pavements, and specialty insulation materials.

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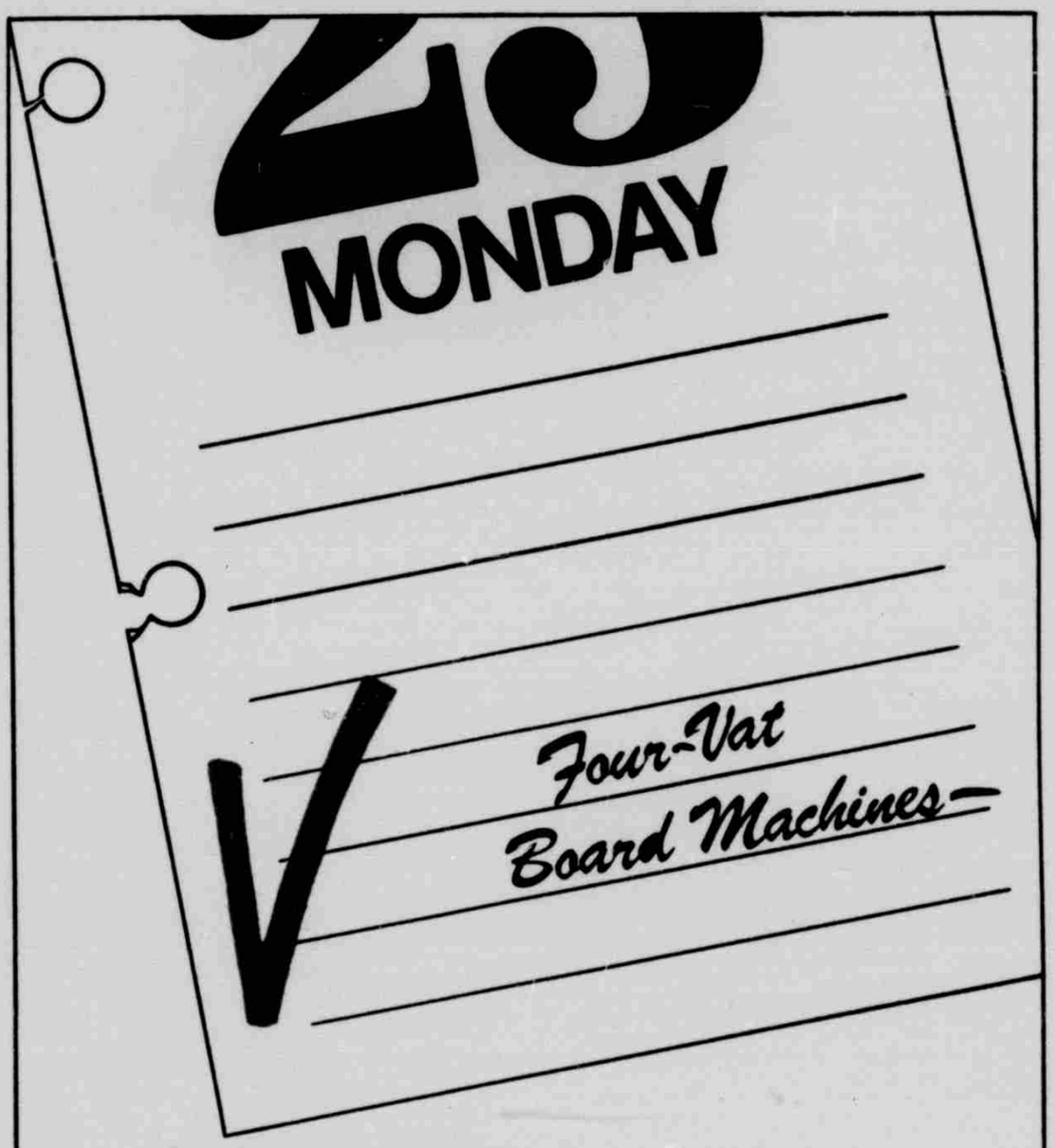
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The principal producers of asbestos-based products in Belgium and Holland have formed an Asbestos Information Committee to stimulate research by and intercommunication between the member companies, and to centralize medical and technical studies to attain optimum results in their industrial hygiene efforts. The contributing member-firms are Asbest-Cementindustrie Asbestona, Eternit, Nefabas, Hertel & Co., Alfit, N.V. Johns-Manville, Asbeste-Ciment Coverit, Manufacture Belge d'Amiante et de Caoutchouc, Modernite, S.V.K. (Scheerders-Van Kerchove's), and Don International.

MEMBRANE FILTER METHOD

"Measurement of Airborne Asbestos Fiber by the Membrane Filter Method" has been prepared under the auspices of the Air Hygiene & Manufacturing Committee of the Asbestos Textile Institute to fill the need for instruction in the accurate measurement of airborne asbestos fiber in order to conform with Federal, State and Provincial statutory requirements for Asbestos Threshold Limit Value. The procedure described represents the technique approved for use in ATI members own plants. The 16-page booklet is available at $1.00 per copy (postpaid if sent via printed matter or third class mail) from ATI, P.O. Box 239, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442.

IIHRP PROGRESS REPORT

The Spring 1971 issue of "Insulation Hygiene Progress Reports" (published quarterly by the Insulation Industry Hygiene Research Program), is devoted to the remarks presented at the 1970 annual meeting of the National Insulation Contractors Association. The report summarizes many safety practices that have been developed and illustrates the industry's progress since the first publication of health hazards to asbestos insulation workers in 1964 by Dr. I. J. Selikoff.

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CENTENNIAL FOR EAST BROUGHTON

East Broughton, Quebec, Canada, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and since March 1970 scores of hard-working townsfolk have been busy planning the community's Centennial festivities. Raymond Gregoire, a crusher operator with Carey-Canadian Mines Ltd., is President of the Centennial Committee.

The town is situated amid rolling hills on Route 1, just 20 miles northeast of Thetford Mines. Farming and asbestos are its two principal industries. According to East Broughton's records, an asbestos out-crop with first discovered in the area in 1835, 17 years after the arrival of the first settler. The first mine, called the Fraser Mine, went into production in 1886, only ten years after Thetford began to mine asbestos. For many residents of East Broughton this makes asbestos a family business that stretches back over three generations.

The Fraser Mine brought an influx of new settlers to the region. It closed in 1888. In 1896 a larger deposit was discovered and between then and the opening in 1958 of today's Carey-Canadian Mines, no fewer than seven mining companies have operated in the region. All of them were short-lived except for the now-defunct Quebec Asbestos Corporation.

Carey-Canadian Mines Ltd. is the biggest employer in the East Broughton area. [Asbestos Producer: April 1971]

MOTOR VEHICLE FACTORY SALES

MARCH 1971 motor vehicle factory sales from plants in the *United States* totaled 1,057,423 (passenger cars—865,203; trucks and buses—192,220). The cumulative total for the First Three Months of 1971 was 2,839,978 compared with 2,185,290 for the same period in 1970.

Motor vehicle factory sales from plants in *Canada* totaled 139,278 in March 1971. The cumulative total from January-March 1971 was 353,340 against 321,349 for the like period in 1970. [Automobile Manufacturers Association]

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MARKET CONDITIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Business, in general, continues to wallow along in the doldrums. Despite some economic indicators that indicate a cooling in the rate of inflation and an overall improvement in Gross National Product, many concerns are finding very rough going in this period of widespread uncertainty. Auto sales continue at a healthy level and housing starts show no signs of a drop from recent, very encouraging levels. On the other hand, machine tool sales for the first quarter of 1971 are more than 35% under those for the same period in 1970 and many capital goods producers are reporting lower sales volume and either much lower profits, or even losses, for the past few months.

The recent international financial crisis seems to be resolving itself in a reasonable fashion but, presently, it appears the dollar has, in effect, been devalued through the workings of the international money markets even without an official devaluation originating in Washington.

There now seems to be more doubt about a general steel strike this year but there are certain key issues between union and management which present real stumbling blocks to an agreement before the strike deadline and should these prove insoluble, a strike could easily occur, even though the main wage issues may have been resolved in prior negotiations.

It appears that the controversial SST project has finally been abandoned due to lack of Federal support. The Administration is still faced with the problem of how much support should be given to Lockheed for continuance of its military aircraft programs as well as the production of the L-1011 airbus, a strictly commercial project. Decisions reached in connection with Lockheed, in particular, could have far-reaching effects on the attitude of Government toward many of our very largest corporations in the future.

The stock market has shown signs of weakness since the international financial crisis but much of the weakness may also be attributed to the fact that speculation had driven prices higher than earnings warranted and the prospect of rising interest rates has had a moderating effect on the demand for common stocks.

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CONSTRUCTION NEWS

APRIL 1971 contracts for future construction were valued at $7,742,956,000, 17% above the April 1970 amount. The seasonally-adjusted Dodge Index was advanced to a record 161 (1967=100), indicating an improvement of better than 35% in the flow of new construction projects since January.

Nonresidential building contract value was $2,079,922,000 in April, 12% less than the April 1970 total and only 2% below the seasonally-adjusted rate for March 1971. The major weakness in the nonresidential building market continues to be industrial construction.

Residential contract value in April, at $3,168,311,000, was 31% above the comparable 1970 month. Both one-family homes and apartments showed parallel gains of more than 30%.

Nonbuilding construction value was up 35% in April to a record $2,494,723,000. Electric utility construction accounted for exactly one-half of this total.

Cumulative construction contract value for the first four months of 1971 totaled $23,475,643,000: Nonresidential, $7,631,715,000, down 13%; Residential, $9,369,413,000, up 29%; Nonbuilding, $6,474,515,000, down 1%. This year's 4-month total was 4% above that for the same period in 1970. [F. W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company]

HOME IMPROVEMENT PILOT STUDY

Independent home improvement contractors are the subject of a pilot study and report by the Research Committee of the *National Home Improvement Council.* The study is based on a sampling of under 200 contractors and showed about 17% doing less than $100,000 in business annually while 57% were in the $100-$500,000 range. Another 17% were in the $500,000 to $1 million range and 9% did over $1 million worth of business each year. About half of the contractors studied purchased their equipment and materials directly from the manufacturer, with wholesalers and retailers equally supplying the remainder.

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PRODUCTION—IMPORTS—EXPORTS

Canada—Producers' shipments of asbestos during *February 1971* totaled 98,311 short tons (75,855 tons from Quebec plants and 22,456 tons from plants in Newfoundland, Ontario, British Columbia and the Yukon). The total for February 1970 was 98,209 tons.

The cumulative total for *January-February 1971* reached 197,874 tons, compared to 182,398 tons during the same two months of 1970. [Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa]

Canada—Production of vinyl-asbestos tile during the *First Quarter 1971* totaled 41,492,725 square feet (20,109 short tons), compared to 36,164,799 square feet (17,128 tons) for the same period in 1970.

Imports of vinyl-asbestos floor and wall tiles reached 1,061,955 square feet, valued at $104,000, for the *Year 1970,* compared with 1,929,897 square feet, valued at $126,000, for the previous year. [Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa]

BRAZIL TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

Included in the objectives of the Goals and Bases Program of "Metas e Bases," Brazil, by 1973 the value of Brazilian mineral production is to be doubled from a stated CR$2150 million (U.S. $480 million) in 1969 to CR$4300 million in 1973, and an increase in value of minerals exported is projected from U.S.$200 million in 1969 to U.S.$450 million in 1973. As part of the program, an investment of CR$41 million will be made in a priority asbestos mining project. Self-sufficiency and a 24,800 ton per year production rate have been projected by 1973.

This information is taken from a report from the American Embassy at Rio de Janeiro to the U.S. Department of State. The writer of the report included the following comment: "In 1969 some 23,000 tons of asbestos fiber were imported by Brazil to augment domestic output of this mineral in short supply. Brazil's principal producer has stated that output of fiber will be above 12,000 tons in 1971. There is not much doubt that total Brazilian consumption of fiber by 1973 will be on the order of 40,000 tons annually. How the above estimated production rate for 1973 spells self-sufficiency is a good question."

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IMPORTS INTO U.S.A.

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Short Tons

Unmanufactured Asbestos:	JAN. 1971	FEB. 1971
Amosite, South Africa	1,293	1,101
Crocidolite (Blue), South Africa	590	529
Chrysotile, Crude, Canada	..	1
Italy	..	1
South Africa	150	..
Chrysotile, Spinning Fibers, Canada	1,079	1,019
Chrysotile, Other, Canada	43,092	40,232
Other Crudes & Fibers, Canada	24	111
Finland	95	445
South Africa	30	30
United Kingdom	36	..
Yugoslavia	927	..
	47,316	43,469

January unmanufactured asbestos imports were valued at $5,657,825.
February unmanufactured asbestos imports were valued at $5,238,983.

Manufactured Asbestos Goods:		JANUARY 1971	
Asbestos Yarn, Slivers, etc.	Lb	286,297	$ 340,299
A-C Pipes, Tubes & Fittings	Lb	8,764,164	435,142
Asbestos-Cement Articles, Other	Lb	2,243,294	297,469
Asbestos Articles, Other		..	108,812
			$1,181,722

		FEBRUARY 1971	
Asbestos Yarn, Slivers, etc.	Lb	210,765	$ 265,285
A-C Pipes, Tubes & Fittings	Lb	3,168,080	147,388
Asbestos-Cement Articles, Other	Lb	1,690,706	266,628
Asbestos Articles, Other		..	164,235
			$ 843,536

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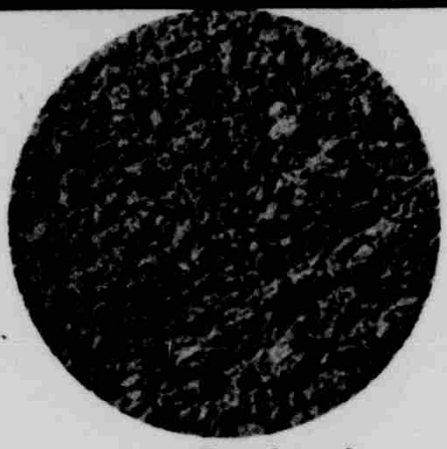
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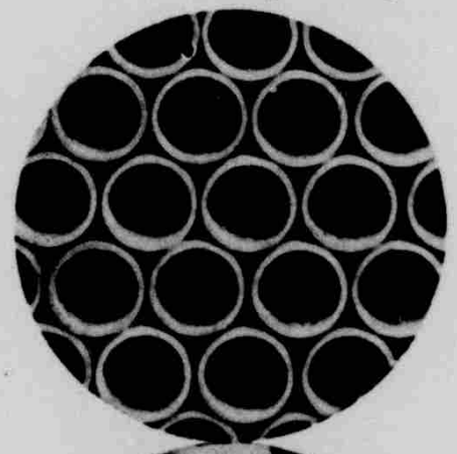
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Unmanufactured Asbestos:		Short Tons	
Crude & Spinning Fibers		457	$ 88,167
Non-Spinning Fibers		1,276	330,384
Waste & Refuse		2,392	256,153
		4,125	$ 674,704
Manufactured Asbestos Goods:			
A-C Shingles & Clapboard	Lb	1,430,092	$ 139,866
Other Asbestos-Cement Articles	Lb	932,448	160,519
Asbestos Gaskets	Lb	59,257	43,895
Asbestos Packing	Lb	361,907	600,961
Asbestos Heat or Sound Insulation		..	170,221
Asbestos Textiles & Yarns	Lb	915,841	228,426
Asbestos Protective Clothing		..	30,009
Mfrs. Other Than Friction Materials		..	207,669
Clutch Facings & Linings for Auto. Use	No	45,028	51,584
Clutch Facings & Linings, Other	No	47,866	30,440
Brake Linings for Automotive Use	Lb	556,191	336,026
Asbestos Brake Linings, Other	Lb	423,649	285,576
			$2,285,192

EXPORTS FROM CANADA

Figures from Dominion Bureau of Statistics — **JANUARY 1971**

Short Tons

Unmanufactured Asbestos:	Crude	Milled Gp 3	Milled Gp 4&5	Shorts Gp 6-9
Western Europe	5	1,191	37,704	18,876
Eastern Europe	..	240	2,594	206
Middle East	..	..	1,475	262
Africa	..	..	850	..
Asia	14	472	9,018	18,510
Oceania	..	65	3,106	4,023
So. & Cen. America & Antilles	..	163	6,771	1,690
United States	..	1,331	14,030	32,207
	19	3,462	75,548	75,744

The total amount of unmanufactured asbestos exported in *January 1971* was 154,803 short tons, valued at $23,157,000.

Manufactured Asbestos Goods:	
Asbestos Brake Lining & Facings	$208,000
Asbestos-Cement Building Materials	334,000
Asbestos Basic Products, Other	194,000
	$736,000

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ALLIED MINING CORPORATION

Allied Mining Corporation, Montreal, Canada, has assembled a block of 39 claims covering a total strike length of about 3 miles of an asbestos-bearing ultrabasic intrusive in Midlothian Township, Ontario, about 43 miles south of Timmins. The heart of the property, a block of 6 claims, was acquired last December under option from Asbestos Lloyd Mines Ltd.

Work completed thus far has indicated some 52,300,000 tons with an average 7.4% asbestos content based on the core logging and partially confirmed by laboratory testing of the diamond drill core. Of this tonnage, some 40 million tons could be mined to open-pit depths on a waste-to-ore ratio of 1.6 to 1.0. The asbestos is of the cross-fiber Chrysotile variety, semi-harsh and with high tensile strength and filtration characteristics. Most of the fiber falls within grades in Groups 5, 6 and 7, with a minor amount of Group 4 fiber present.

Allied currently has a working capital position of approximately $1.6 million and is adequately financed to carry out a complete feasibility study of the project.

United Asbestos Corporation Ltd. recently acquired an equity interest in Allied Mining with a view to possible further participation in its affairs relative to the Midlothian project.

ALLSTATE EXPLORATIONS

Allstate Explorations N.L., Sydney, Australia, during the first quarter of this year, sent samples from its asbestos deposits at Beaconsfield, Tasmania, to the Quebec Department of Mines for evaluation. Watts, Griffis and McOuat Ltd., Allstate's consulting geologists, examined the results of the evaluation and reported that the cross fiber does have a value and it does stand up to milling. If sufficient volume of a similar type of fiber does exist, an economic asbestos deposit may be present and a large-scale mining operation may be economically feasible. The result of the dump sample indicates the grade of the fiber would lie between a 4D and a 7R product.

As a result of WGM's recommendations, a considerable amount of bulldozer trenching has been completed to enlarge the fiber-bearing zones. This work will be continued.

PATHFINDER RESOURCES

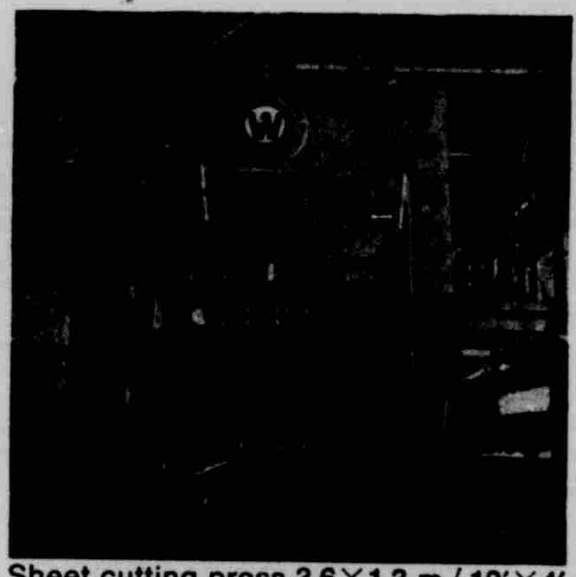
Pathfinder Resources Ltd., Vancouver, Canada, reports that additional favorable diamond drill results are being obtained on its 750-acre optioned asbestos property in Cleveland Township, about 5 miles southeast of Asbestos, Quebec. To date, a total of 16 vertical drill holes to average depth of about 500 feet has been put down on 200-foot centers. The asbestos in the zone being drilled consists of short, cross-fiber Chrysotile, with cores from 6 of the holes currently undergoing laboratory testing. Partial results from 3 of the holes indicates a recovery grade of 7.62% fiber from the 1,018 feet of core thus far processed.

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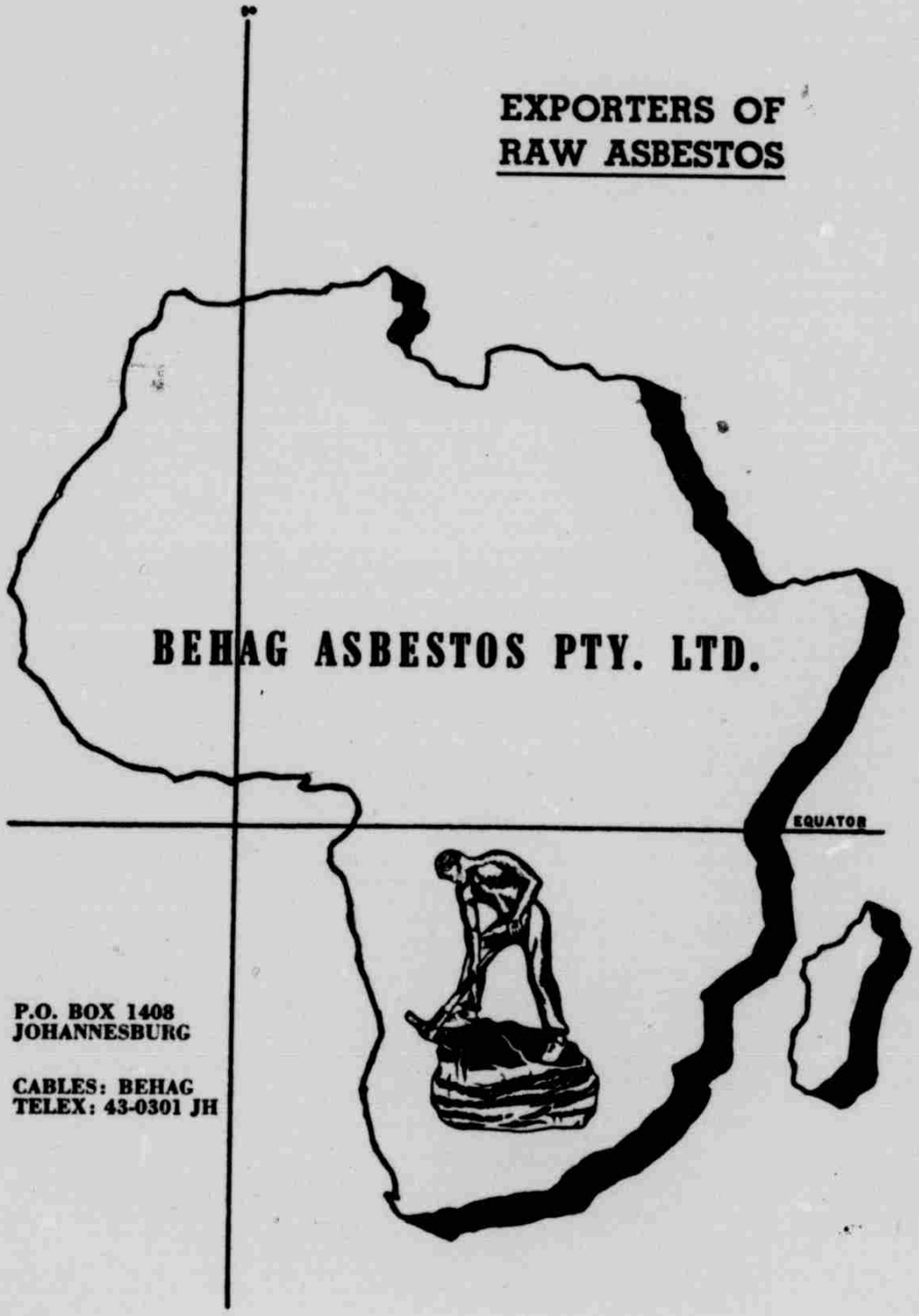
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Thomas W. Russell, Jr., Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer, Abex Corporation, New York City, July 19.
C. Brown Whitley, Director, Scandura, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina, July 20.
Joseph A. Colagreco, Vice President & General Manager, Asbestos Corporation of America, Garwood, New Jersey, July 21.
Albert G. Kovacs, Manager of Industrial Relations, GAF Corporation, New York City, July 21.
William S. Simpson, Chairman of the Board & President, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Bridgeport, Connecticut, July 21.
Richard D. Deininger, Vice President-Research & Engineering, Nicolet Industries, Inc., Ambler, Pennsylvania, July 24.
Dimitry Poutiatine, Vice President, Johns-Manville International Corporation, New York City, July 25.
Mrs. Nina Schwezoff, Vice Managing Director, Putten's Asbestos Organization, Johannesburg, South Africa, July 25.
Jay T. Derrick, Vice President of Industrial Relations-Panacon, Philip Carey Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 29.
Kenneth Karn, Vice President, Sprinkmann Sons Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 29.
Thomas A. Dent, Vice President-Commercial Development, GAF Corporation, New York City, July 30.
George R. R. Wahl, Assistant General Manager, Pipe Division, Johns-Manville Corporation, New York City, July 30.
C. B. Brown, Director, Bell Asbestos Mines Ltd., Thetford Mines, Quebec, Canada, August 1.
Frederic H. Main, Director, Hedman Mines Ltd., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, August 1.
H. B. Dugmore, Chairman, New Amianthus Mines (Pty) Ltd., Johannesburg, South Africa, August 4.
Edward J. Killian, Divisional Vice President-Manufacturing Operations, National Gypsum Company, Buffalo, New York, August 4.
Edward A. Martin, Divisional President, Uniroyal Plastics and Industrial Products Company, division of Uniroyal, Inc., New York City, August 4.
H. Kenneth Passmore, Secretary-Treasurer, Hedman Mines Ltd., Timmins, Ontario, Canada, August 5.
G. P. Reilly, Plant Manager, National Gypsum Company, Millington, New Jersey, August 5.
C. G. Morgan, Vice President & General Manager, North American Asbestos Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, August 7.

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R. C. Braun, Secretary-Treasurer, Niagara Asbestos Company, Buffalo, New York, August 8.

Marshall J. Cowan, General Marketing Manager, Packings & Friction Materials Division, Johns-Manville Corporation, New York City, August 8.

J. W. Fortner, Operations Manager, Davidson Works, Thermoid Division, H. K. Porter Company, Inc., Davidson, North Carolina, August 8.

Arthur C. Smith, Vice President-Environmental Control Systems, Johns-Manville Corporation, New York City, August 8.

J. M. Dunn, President, Standco Industries, Inc., Houston, Texas, August 9.

Melvin H. Baker, Honorary Chairman of the Board, National Gypsum Company, Buffalo, New York, August 11.

Grant V. Wilson, President, Grant Wilson, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, August 11.

William J. Crane, Financial Vice President, Uniroyal, Inc., New York City, August 12.

ASTM STANDARDS

E 84-70—Method of Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials; revised to include the development of test method concerning "smoke developed" and "fuel contributed." [Effective October 23, 1970; Reference Part 14; $1.25]

D 2918-71—Recommended Practice for Determining Durability of Adhesive Joints Stressed in Peel. [New Standard; effective February 24, 1971; Reference Part 16; $1.25]

D 2919-71—Recommended Practice for Determining Durability of Adhesive Joints Stressed in Shear by Tension Loading. [New Standard; effective February 24, 1971; Reference Part 16; $1.25]

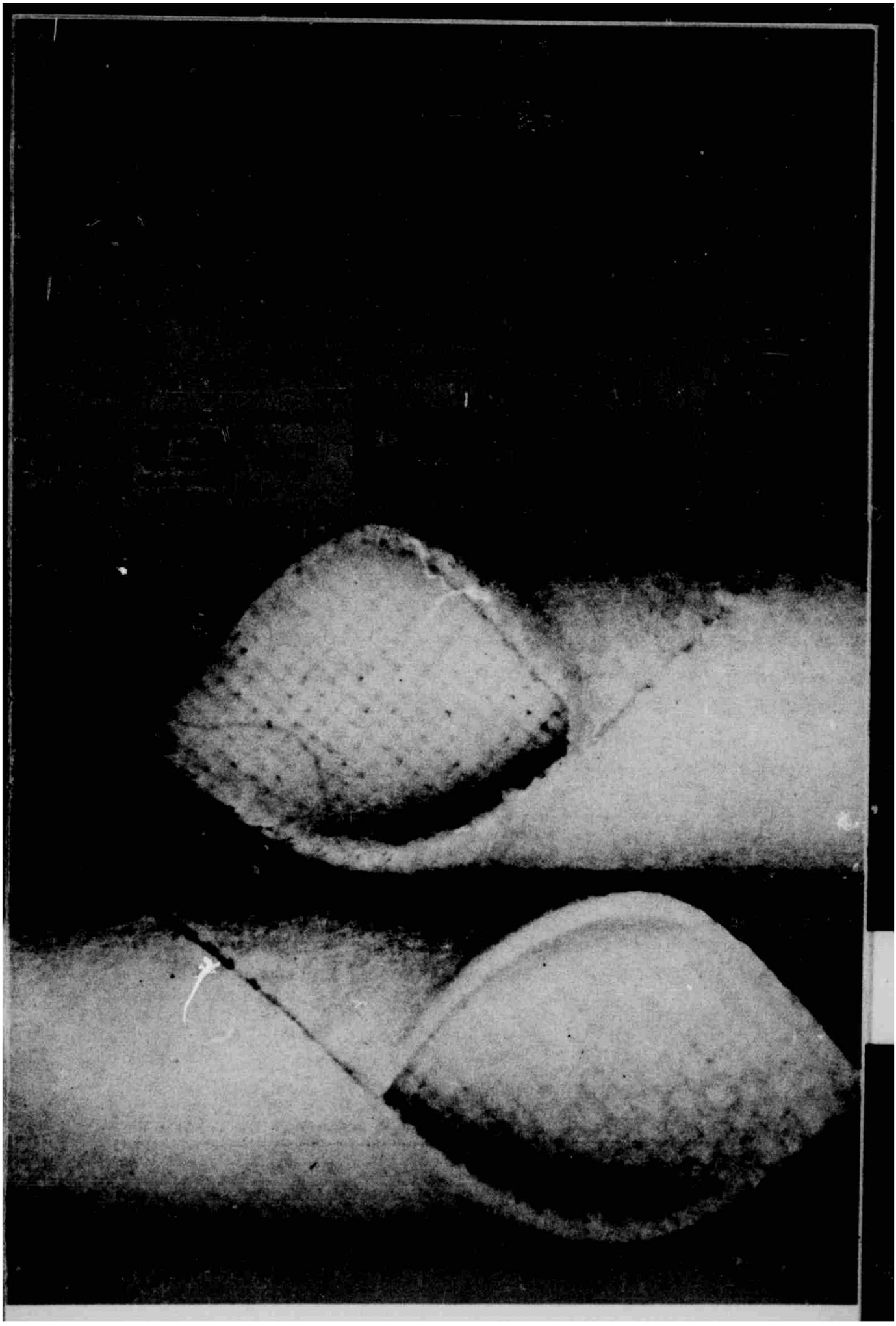
C 296-71—Specification for Asbestos-Cement Pressure Pipe. [Revision of Standard; effective February 12, 1971; Reference Part 12; $1.25]

C 428-71—Specification for Asbestos-Cement Nonpressure Sewer Pipe. [Revision of Standard; effective February 12, 1971; Reference Part 12; $1.25]

C 644-71—Specification for Asbestos-Cement Nonpressure Small-Diameter Sewer Pipe. [Revision of Standard; effective February 12, 1971; Reference Part 12; $1.25]

D 655-47 (1965)—Specification for Asphalt-Saturated and Coated Asbestos Felts for Use in Constructing Built-Up Roofs. [Withdrawal of Standard—no replacement; effective March 12, 1971; Reference Part 11]

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British 1,219,027—An integral, single-phase composition for use in producing transparent structural articles comprises 88-92% by weight of a thermosetting vinyl chloride polymer and up to 12% of high-purity Chrysotile asbestos, preferably of the Coalinga, California, type; N. J. Setter; assigned to Union Carbide Corporation; January 13, 1971; 7 pages.

British 1,223,286—A reinforcing filler for polymer compositions comprises 1-10% by weight of colloidal asbestos, 1-50% of an organic compound having at least 2 polymerizable ethylenic saturations and the balance polyethylene; assigned to Amicon Corporation; February 24, 1971; 7 pages.

Canadian 866,095—A fire-resistant mastic consists of asphalt, 7M Chrysotile asbestos, a solvent, exfoliated vermiculite, boric acid, slate flour and unexfoliated vermiculite; the latter intumesces under heat; R. E. Koons; assigned to Monsanto Company; March 16, 1971; 19 pages.

U.S. 3,563,774—Use of up to 5% by weight of asbestos short fibers in alumina, chromium or silica refractories of the hydraulic-setting gunning type; G. W. Charles; assigned to A. P. Green Refractories Company; February 16, 1971; 2 pages.

U.S. 3,567,471—A filler composition for shoe soles consists of asbestos, a gelling agent, a resinous film-forming material, a solvent and particulate cork; G. F. Kahle; March 2, 1971; 4 pages.

U.S. 3,567,481—A fibrous mineral pigment for paper, paints, plastics, etc., is formed by precipitating silica onto defiberized asbestos and treating the coated fibers with aluminum sulfate; W. L. Craig; assigned to R. T. Vanderbilt & Company, Inc.; March 2, 1971; 6 pages.

U.S. 3,572,863—A composition for forming bearings in the form of wear rings comprises Grade 4 Chrysotile asbestos, a thermosetting phenolformaldehyde resin, nitrile rubber and powdered graphite or other solid lubricant; W. S. Josephson; assigned to Greene Tweed & Company, Inc.; March 30, 1971; 4 pages.

U.S. 3,574,099—Lost circulation in oil well drilling operations is recovered by injecting a mixture of a relatively small percentage of long-fiber Chrysotile asbestos and high percentage of ground black walnut shells; J. N. Ryals & B. V. Randall; assigned to Pan American Petroleum Corporation; April 6, 1971; 9 pages.

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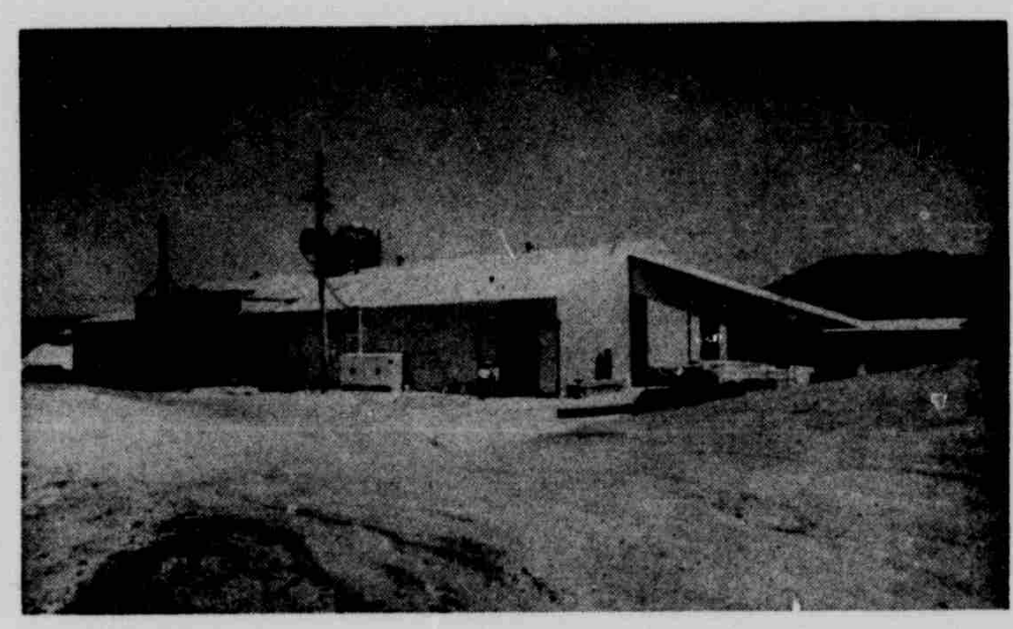
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Garlock	18⅜
Grace	32⅞
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G&W (pfd 5.75)	67
Illinois Central	39
Ill. Central (pfd 3.50)	61
Johns-Manville	38⅝
Maremont	15⅜
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Natl Gypsum (pfd 4.50)	64½
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Porter (pfd 5.50)	70
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Union Carbide	48
Uniroyal	21½
Uniroyal (pfd 8)	105
United Asbestos	4⅞

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INVESTMENT/TRADE OPPORTUNITIES

The Netherlands—Dutch experts advise they are insufficiently informed about advanced materials and technology in the United States on the construction and maintenance of buildings. American firms interested should contact the U.S. Department of Commerce and ask for information about Agency-Distributor Service.

France—The Research Department of the Thomson-CFS Group, the largest manufacturer of electronic equipment in France, is interested in arrangements with U.S. producers of air and water pollution equipment. Contact Mr. Jacques G. Daussy at 101 Boulevard Murat, Paris 16.

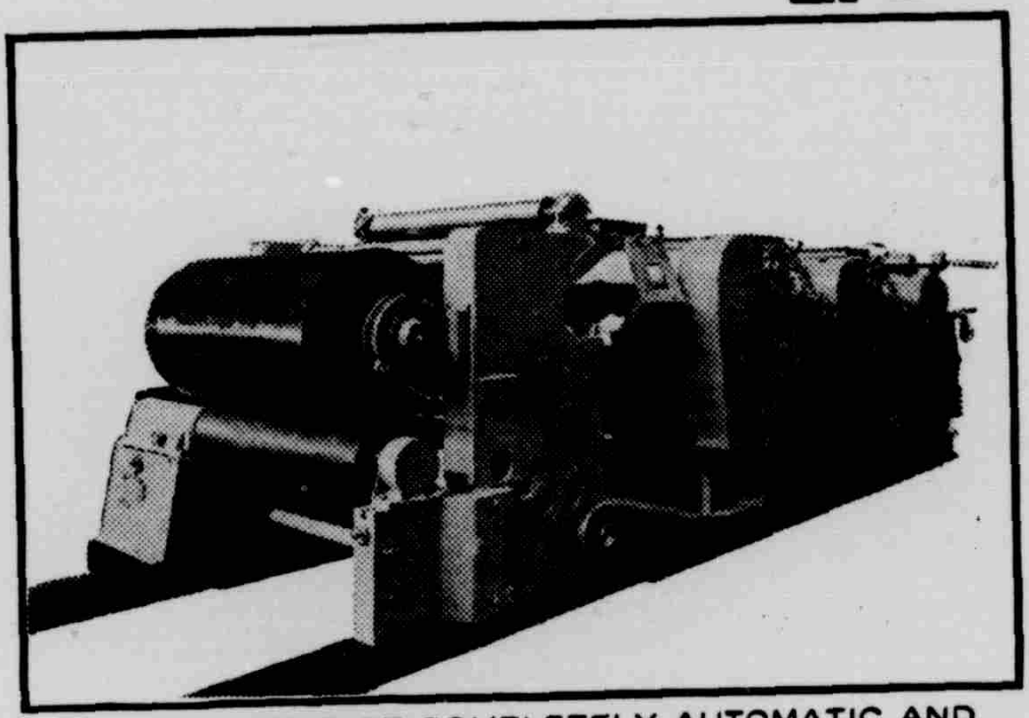
Austria—A private organization is studying the conditions of and the needs for adequate control of water and air pollution in Austria. The results of the study together with recommendations will be presented to government and municipal authorities. Better knowledge of U.S. equipment and methods would help the organization in making its recommendations. American manufacturers of such equipment are urged to send pertinent data to Dr. Rudolf Lamberk, Director, Oesterreichisches Institut fuer Kommunalwesen, Palais Leichtenstein, A-1090 Vienna.

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NOTES FROM 1970 ANNUAL REPORTS

GAF CORPORATION

The economic slowdown in 1970 resulted in a drop-off of sales for GAF Corporation of a little over 1%, from $606,254,000 in 1969 to $598,706,000 in 1970. Of the total 1970 sales figure, $176,086,000 was for building materials, $46,080,000 for industrial products and $376,540,000 for chemicals, photographic products and business systems. Net income for 1970 was $14,694,000 or 80c per common share as compared to $11,068,000 or 54c per common share in 1969. Earnings for 1970 were aided by extraordinary gains of $6,300,000 or 46c per common share. Plant and equipment expenditures totaled $25,186,000 in 1970.

Sales of GAF building products in 1970 were strong and compared favorably with the previous year. One area of fast-rising commercial activity is GAF canal bulkhead corrugated sheeting for use in water-front property development and land reclamation projects. In this connection, the Building Products Division introduced a new and improved asbestos-cement bulkhead in March 1970.

Total sales for GAF floor coverings during 1970 just about equaled 1969. In all, more than 250 color/design pattern combinations were added to the Division's line of products during the year. Included were 26 patterns in the GAF Sure-Stick floor tile line, a pressure-sensitive, adhesive-backed vinyl-asbestos floor tile that was marketed nationally for the first time in 1970.

The mineral products group, the primary products of which are roofing granules and asbestos fibers, made a relatively good showing in the face of roofing industry work stoppages and the low level of housing starts. Overall sales for the GAF felt product line were down slightly from 1969 although the demand for asbestos paper and millboard continued strong and ended 1970 substantially ahead of the previous year. GAF corrugated asbestos-cement sheets met with notable success in new power plant construction.

GAF recorded continued growth in foreign markets in 1970. Sales abroad of $86,182,000 helped to compensate for weaker domestic sales and extended GAF brands into several new territories.

NATIONAL GYPSUM COMPANY

National Gypsum Company reported net sales in 1970 of $398,371,000, compared with $409,894,000 as restated for 1969. Net income totaled $14,046,000 or 84c per share on average shares outstanding. Capital expenditures for property, plant and equipment were $17,264,000. Current assets of $177,423,000 at year end exceeded current liabilities by $141,149,000. Total assets were $429,476,000 and book value per common share was $19.04.

The more than 400 products manufactured by National are largely used in the building of shelters. The theme of this year's annual re-

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H. K. PORTER CO., INC.

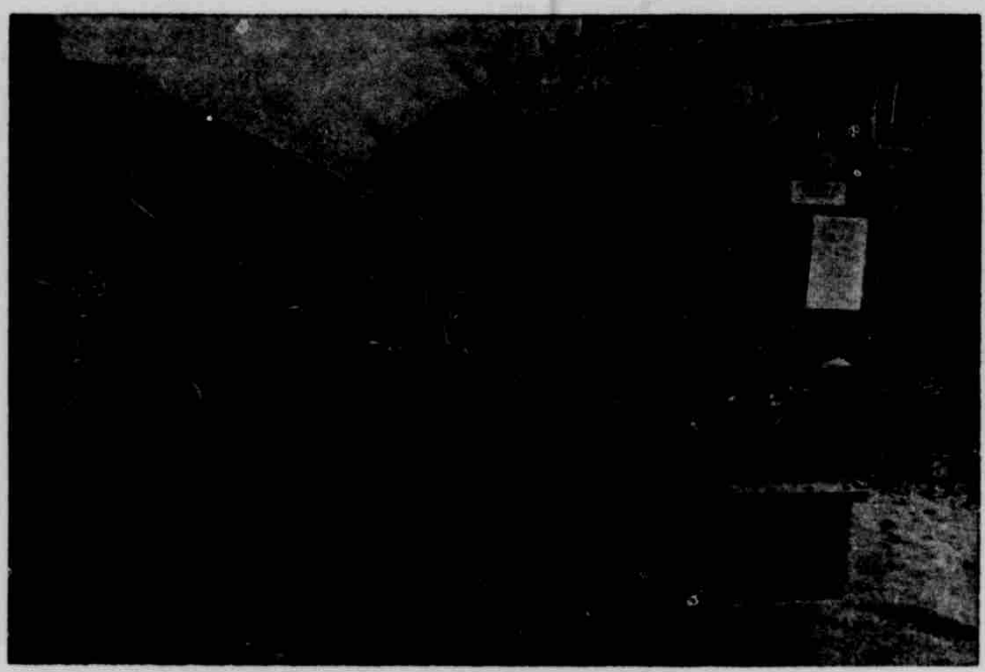
Net sales in 1970 were $278,914,530 compared to $289,838,712 in 1969. Net income from operations for the year amounted to $1,844,662 compared to $3,899,579 in 1969. After extraordinary items, Porter had a loss in 1970 of $1,911,264 compared with a profit in 1969 of $4,113,231. Capital expenditures for plant and equipment totaled $11,051,000 during 1970, exceeding depreciation by $5,003,408. The management took drastic steps during 1970 to reduce corporate debt, to increase liquidity and to reverse the downward trend in earnings experienced since 1966. Porter sold plants having a book value of $9,281,321 for $5,343,607 and has filed for a total cash income tax carry-back of $2,269,760. In addition, certain operations were closed during the year and the machinery disposed of.

The Thermoid Division concentrated on consolidation, cost reduction, product improvement and new product development during 1970. Although the Nephi Works was sold, its conveyor, elevator and transmission belt production was transferred to the Quaker Works. Hydraulic hose will be made at the Ballefontaine Works. With the sale of the Russell Works, clutch facing and brake lining products were transferred to the Richmond Works. The St. Louis Works and the Davidson Works, both small asbestos textile plants, were consolidated into the larger and more modern facilities at the Charlotte and the Bennettsville Works. Also sold were Brown Rubber Works and the old Trenton Works, which had been mostly abandoned. Dustfree Portersite asbestos insulation and rewettable lagging for shipbuilding made major contributions to all-time sales records in the asbestos textile area.

Pacific Asbestos Corporation, Copperopolis, California, experienced a decrease in sales volume in 1970 due to an 11-week strike by production employees and less demand by manufacturers related to the homebuilding industry. Improvements in all activities combined with the installation of new mining and milling equipment should reflect in increased production and lower operating costs. For 1971, sales projections indicate high volume at increased net prices with a greater percentage of sales into the U.S. market.

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MEN ON THE MOVE

AMERICAN SMELTING & REFINING COMPANY

Charles F. Barber, President since April, 1969, was elected Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer succeeding **Edward McL. Tittmann** who retired as an Officer and a Director after 42 years with the company. **Ralph L. Hennebach,** formerly Executive Vice President, was elected President.

THE FLINTKOTE COMPANY

James D. Moran was elected President and Chief Executive Officer succeeding **George J. Pecaro,** now Chairman of the Board. Mr. Pecaro had been Acting Chairman of the Board in addition to being President and Chief Executive Officer. His career began with Flintkote in 1939 when he was assigned to direct the construction of an insulation board plant at Meridian, Mississippi. Mr. Moran joined Flintkote in 1950 and most recently held the position of Executive Vice President.

NATIONAL GYPSUM COMPANY

William M. North was elected to the newly-created position of Corporate Senior Vice President. He had been President of American Olean Tile Company, a division of National, and has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the parent company since 1965.

PACIFIC ASBESTOS CORPORATION

John P. Vitale is the new Marketing and Sales Representative in the Mid-West sales territory, with offices in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to joining Pacific, he was Industrial Sales Representative for National Gypsum Company.

PHILIP CAREY COMPANY

Bernard H. Wuennemann was appointed Vice President-Controller for Philip Carey, a division of Panacon Corporation. He joined Carey in 1937 as an accounting clerk and had been Controller and Assistant Treasurer for Panacon since its formation in April, 1970.

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

Theodore E. Deane was appointed General Manager of Australian Operations, R/M International, a subsidiary of Raybestos-Manhattan. He was formerly employed as Director of Product Engineering for Royal Industries' Brake Products Group.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ASTM 74th Annual Meeting—including the North American Materials Evaluation Exposition, the Photographic Exhibit and the Publications Fair; Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey; *June 27-July 2.*

Air Pollution Control Association—64th Annual Meeting; Atlantic City, New Jersey; *June 27-July 2.*

Mineral Processes: Their Analysis, Optimization & Control—jointly sponsored by the Department of Mining Engineering at Queen's University and the Department of Metallurgical Engineering at Colorado School of Mines; *July 7-21* at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada; *August 1-13* at University of Concepcion, Chile, South America.

Calorimetry Conference (U.S.A.)—Commission on Thermodynamics and Thermochemistry of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry; 2nd International Conference on Calorimetry and Thermodynamics (26th Annual Calorimetry Conference); University of Maine, Orono, Maine; *July 12-14.*

Conference on Plastics in Building & Construction—Washington State University, Pullman, Washington; *July 13-15.*

The Science & Technology of Fiber Reinforced Composite Materials—Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts; *July 19-23.*

Research Conference on Instrumentation Science—sponsored by the Instrument Society of America; Hobart and William Smith Colleges; Geneva, New York; *July 25-30.*

Mine Ventilation & Dust Control—Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania; *July 26-30.*

National Conference on Electron Probe Analysis—Electron Probe Analysis Society of America; Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; *July 28-30.*

Elements of Mining II—Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania; *August 2-4.*

Concrete & Reinforced Concrete in Hot Countries—The RILEM International Symposium, Haifa, Israel; *August 2-5.*

Education & Training Conference and Equipment Exposition—American Management Association; New York Hilton, New York City; *August 3-5.*

Mine Systems Engineering—Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania; *August 16-18.*

Soft Ground Construction—Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts; *August 23-September 1.*

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On May 28, the Ford Motor Company completed its 5,000,000th car in its Highland Park plant.

It was announced that Asbestos Wood Company of Nashua, New Hampshire, a Johns-Manville subsidiary, was planning plant additions in the amount of $250,000. The new plant was for the manufacture of corrugated asbestos wood and the City of Nashua had exempted the property from taxation for ten years.

At the annual meeting of the Asbestos Mine Operators' Association, the following officers were elected: President, Major-General Sir John W. Carson; Vice President, W. G. Ross; and Secretary-Treasurer, G. D. Oulster.

The average number of men employed in asbestos mining in the Province of Quebec during the year 1920 was 1890 and in milling operations 1340, making a total of 3230 engaged in the industry.

Windsor Asbestos Company, Ltd., announced that its plant at Coleraine, P.Q., was in operation and could supply milled asbestos fiber in substantial quantities.

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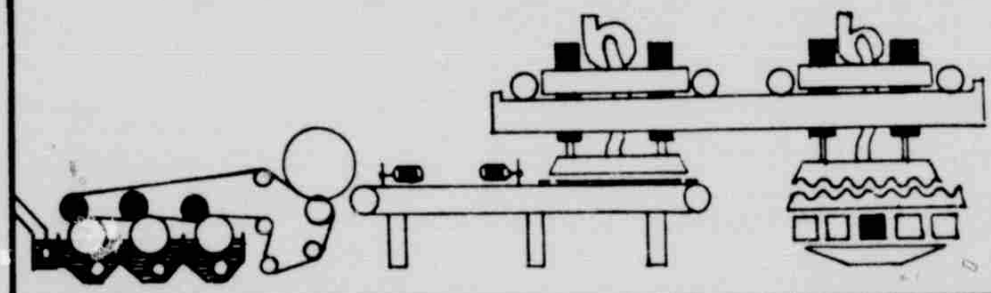
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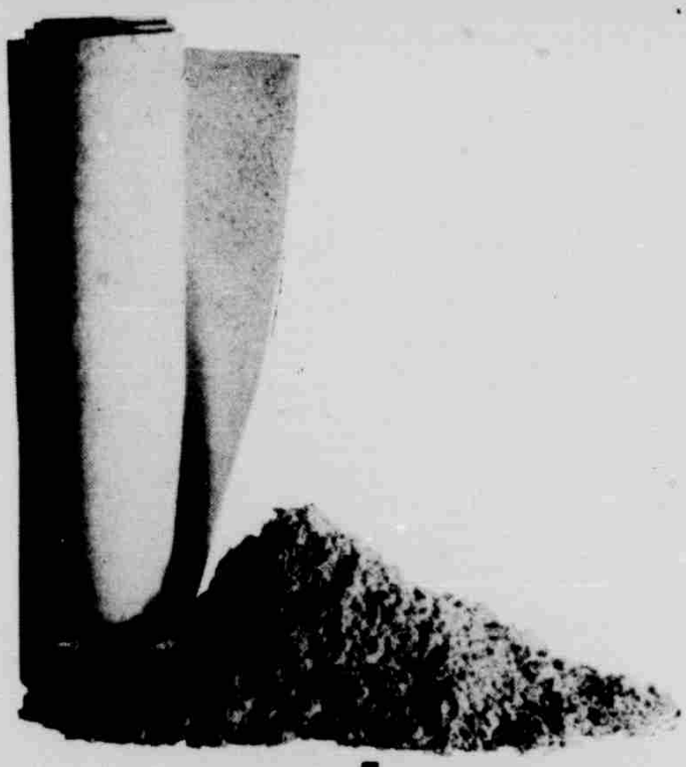
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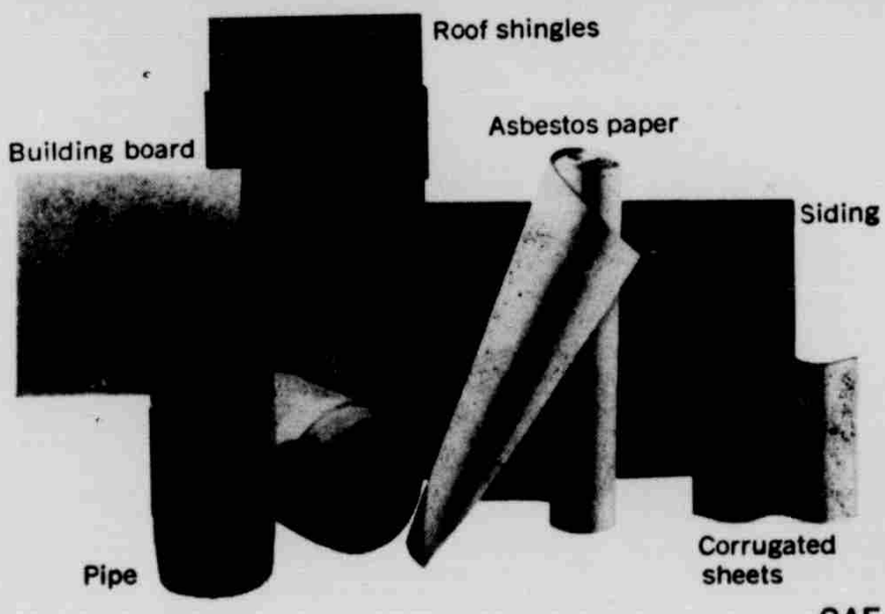
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