

Fir Plywood Manufacturers Meet; Ford Named Trustee

Gearhart, Ore., — More than 250 western fir plywood manufacturers convened here today to hear how some startling new construction techniques and new plywood

promotion will help absorb the production pouring from the industry's 113 mills in Washington, Oregon, Montana and California. The occasion was the 21st annual meeting of Douglas Fir Plywood Assn. Some highlights of the meeting:

FORD ELECTED

Kenneth Ford of Roseburg, president and treasurer of the Roseburg Lumber Co. was elected trustee by members of the Douglas Fir Plywood Assn. at today's meeting.

New president of the DFPA is B. V. Hancock of the Cascades Plywood Corp.

1. Election of A. W. Agnew as DFPA president. Agnew is vice president of Pacific Coast Company in Sonoma, Calif.

2. A report by W. E. Difford, association managing director, on the tremendous new potentials for plywood sales in localized remanufacturing operations, industrial uses like pallets and in improved

methods of selling and distribution. 3. A preview of new concepts in building, including a honeycomb structural sandwich vault with light plywood skins and a lightweight dome-like plywood roof shell for mass school construction.

Demand To Continue

4. A forecast by economist Charles F. Roos of the Econometric Institute that plywood demand will continue this year and next at approximately current levels. Roos said the potential effects of industry-wide promotion and research into new uses and new markets could change this picture. Current production, running at an annual rate of 5½ billion feet, is slightly under last year's rate but sales are nine per cent ahead of last year.

5. An analysis by newly elected president Agnew of sales promotion by other industries and firms in the building materials field indicating that the plywood industry is allocating only a fraction of its funds to this purpose compared with its competitors.

The structural exhibits which attracted attention at Gearhart are innovations which show promise of having great plywood sales potential. These include:

A 32-square-foot domical roof system, designed by architect Robert Billsbrough Price of Tacoma. This roof consists of four arched plywood skins supported only at the four corners. Designed for school construction, the domical roof is already attracting widespread attention in architectural and educational circles.

A folded plate roof structure designed by John Lyon Reid, A.I.A., of San Francisco, which utilizes the high reserve strength of fir plywood. This type of roof consists of a thin plywood skin, reinforced by wood purlins, which rests on four concrete posts. The roof has an accordion effect with two tilted planes that lean against each other with each plane acting in support of the other.

Panel Vault Displayed

A stressed-skin panel vault, also designed by Price, which consists of two long plywood panels with an impregnated honeycomb core between them. When spanning a 16-foot arch, the panel was tested at the DFPA laboratory and held a load of 7,500 lbs. Since it can easily bear weights up to four times the design load, the panel has already been specified for

construction of a Tacoma school. A stressed-skin plywood panel which is made by gluing sheets of fir plywood to 2x4 framing members. These panels give an unusual combination of strength, size and savings, since they span distances up to 20 feet without conventional framing and can bear weights up to five times the maximum design load.

Carries 4½ Tons

A plywood box beam which will carry 4½ tons on a 20-foot span. A lightweight structural component, the beam is easily fabricated and lends itself especially well to a long span. One of these beams has been used for a movable 80-foot long catwalk at Hungry Horse Dam. The beam is comparable in strength to steel and is of course non-corrosive.

A styrofoam sandwich type panel which consists of two fir plywood skins with a foamed polystyrene core to provide high strength plus good insulation. This type of panel is well suited for railroad refrigerator cars, insulated cargo vans and commercial walk-in freezers. A railroad car floor panel which was recently developed can safely withstand the 4,000 lb. wheel load of a lift truck.

Continuing the theme of new plywood markets, DFPA managing director W. E. Difford told the plywood makers that these new structural uses are the result of imaginative engineering and research, and are developing entirely new markets for consumption of plywood.

Difford also outlined how the association is intensifying its promotion efforts in the farm, school and industrial fields to capture a greater percentage of sales in those markets.

Leo Durocher, former major league manager was luncheon speaker.



OUTSTANDING LION — Wayne Schroeder is shown receiving a plaque from Don Bell officially citing him as "outstanding Lion of the year" of the Umpqua Lions Club. The presentation was made at the annual banquet, (Koop's Photography)

Ten Jurors Are Called For Circuit Court Duty

Ten jurors have been named to report for circuit court duty Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Notified to report at that time were Vernon R. Brady, Wilma B. Carlson and Helen K. Diehl of Reedsport; Kenneth A. Brooks, Elktion; Florence M. Brown, Ethel M. Cummings and Gneieve Eberly, Oakland; Joseph Sam Buck and John Carl, Drain, and James M. Cellers, Yoncalla.

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Dr. Walter Deike, 36, former track star at the Universities of Wisconsin and Chicago, entered a rear window at Marjorie Hipperston's apartment and made the discovery.

Near her were garments she had neatly stacked to be packed for their wedding trip. Dr. Deike said he and the 24-year-old nurse, a shapely brunette, had planned to marry next week in Chicago, his former home.

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