

Paper-Covered Veneer Industry Started in Oregon

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—A new paper-covered veneer industry in Oregon has been established within the past year and it has an annual potential market on the Pacific coast for 500,000,000 square feet.

Karl Bollerslev, head of industrial services at the Oregon Forest Products laboratory, located on the Oregon State college campus, found in a survey that some 26,000,000 square feet of this paper-covered veneer could be used annually for apple boxes. Comparative tests with nailed wood boxes have given paper-covered veneer boxes a high rating for resistance to abuse, rough handling and ability to take compressive loads.

This paper-covered veneer makes use of a form of Douglas-fir and other species which have no major use. Douglas-fir with white speck and honeycomb is used. Other species include white fir and cottonwood.

White speck and honeycomb refers to the white pocket rot produced by *Fomes pini*, a tree-decaying fungus, in living trees. Development of pocket rot ceases when a tree is cut.

California citrus fruit boxes could be made from some 200,000,000 square feet of paper-covered veneer each year. For crating assemblies and small parts, the aircraft industry could use 80,000,000 square feet. Aluminum mills could use 40,000,000 square feet between sheets to prevent scratching.

This new product also can be used for luggage, furniture crating, dust backs and bottoms for

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Open Type Hen Housing

Open type housing for poultry gives good results in western and southwestern Oregon where winters are mild, but its use east of the Cascades is questionable, says a bulletin recently released by the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station.

The publication, "Open Houses and Cages for Laying Hens," explains that layers in open houses will decline in egg production when exposed to several days or longer of below-freezing temperatures. This type housing is satisfactory, however, in areas having mild winters. It is simple and inexpensive to construct and has operational advantages.

J. E. Parker and J. B. Rodgers, of the OSC poultry and agricultural engineering department, wrote the bulletin. It gives information concerning egg production in cold weather, advantages and disadvantages of open housing, recommendations for hatching egg production, construction of open cages and houses, types of open houses and suggestions for operating open houses. Copies of the bulletin are available from county extension offices and OSC.

MRS. JOHNSON TRAVELS

Mrs. P. L. Johnson and daughters, Diane and Vicky, of Harbor, left Tuesday morning by bus for Weippe and Lewiston, Idaho, to visit relatives. Mr. Johnson will drive over July 3 to bring them back.

ATTEND CAMP

Julie Kemp and Kathleen Phelps are attending Camp Namanu, near Sandy, Oregon, this week.

furniture, freight car linings, packaging pre-fabricated houses, and shipping appliances and industrial items.

In general, this new forest product is made by cutting white-speck Douglas-fir to eighth of an inch and thicker. It is then covered on both sides with kraft paper. Use of modern adhesives in assembly provides high-moisture resistance.

Three Oregon firms are now making paper-covered veneer. These are Hood River Box and Veneer company, Milwaukie Box and Veneer company and Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Springfield.

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