

Kinzua:

rebuild, replace, reorganize

Monte Stookey, Kinzua plywood manager, addressed the Portland Plywood Clinic Mar. 12 where he outlined essential steps in plywood operations through integration of machinery and people for increased recovery and production.

He told industry representatives, from western states and Canada, that Kinzua started two years ago to rebuild and replace machinery and reorganize and train personnel to work with the changes and the goals of production. To facilitate change, work was started in specific areas and continued by area

until goals of operation were attained.

Here is a personal inside tour of the plywood operation at Kinzua with Stookey as your guide.

"As our raw materials costs are steadily increasing, and all the other costs also increasing, each and every log that enters our Log Yard has to have a designated destination.

When a log is barked and goes to the bucking saw, the blocks, when leaving the saw, must go directly to their specific areas.

"On our sorting line, we have five (5) sorts.

1. Remnants—that go to our 4' lathe.

2. Culls—that go to our splitter.

3. Coe Lathe—13" and up.

proper bin, and then to its final destination.

This particular scanner is one of the first of its kind. It will sort to within one-tenth

of an inch diameter, ignoring knots. Ambient light does not affect it and we have no human factor involved. The only function the sawman has, except sawing, is to select the remnant and the cull out.

In this area, we also have a lily pad chipper to take care of all the log trim and the remnant that won't make a 4' block.

New barker

Our new barker is a 50" Salem-Burnette ring and it is doing a wonderful job for us. We are barking pine for our sawmill two shifts, and fir for three shifts on two 8' lathes in the plywood in two nine hour shifts on this barker.

Some of the features are self-centering, operator fingertip control of the tool pressure, the ring speed, and the belly chain and infeed speed. Maintenance and actual downtime on the barker itself is minimal. A block

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How it works.

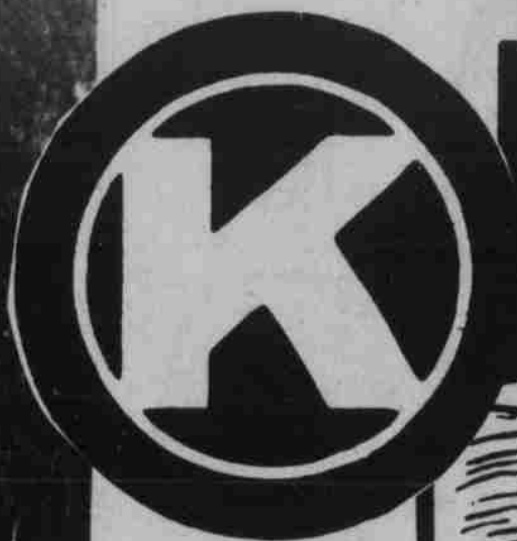
4. P.M.I. Lathe—8" to 13".

5. 0" to 8" Pole Peeler for rounding up for the stud mill.

To obtain this proper block sorting, Kinzua purchased a block scanning and sorting system through Lloyd Controls. We have built our whole operation around this system, to get our material in its

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