

New Medford Veneer and Plywood Plant Expected to Be Complete by November 1

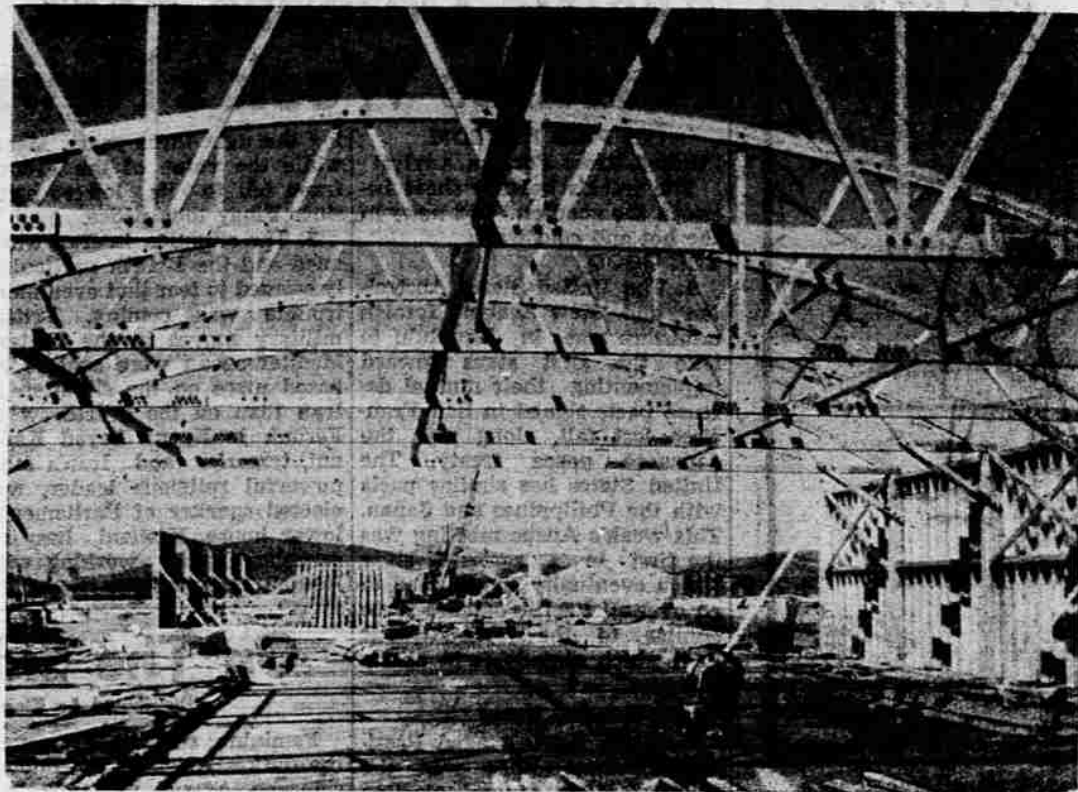
Medford Veneer and Plywood corporation's new plant at Camp White, which is expected to be completed by November 1, was the subject of a tour this week by members of the industrial committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and county Court members.

The fabrication plant will make veneer into plywood by purchasing green veneer in cut sizes and processing it for building use, according to John Dingley, president of the corporation who was in charge of the tour.

When completed, the building is expected to cost between \$350,000 and \$400,000 and will employ from 130 to 150 men on a 24-hour basis, the president pointed out. Loren Haugen, vice-president of the corporation, noted that the plant will be equipped to process 3 million surface feet each month on a three-eighths inch basis.

Process Tested
The process will include drying the green veneer, patching, gluing, pressing the sections together, cutting to width, cutting to length, rough and fine sanding, finishing patching, and storage for 24 to 36 hours in a warehouse to thoroughly dry the glue before use.

The building is being constructed on an old army warehouse foundation, Dingley continued, at a saving of \$100,000 to \$150,000. It is so placed that it can load and unload by either railroad or motor vehicle, having access to the new Camp White railroad spur on the east side and paved highway (Agate



PLANT CONSTRUCTION — Shown is a portion of the plywood fabricating plant now under construction at Camp White which is due for completion by November 1. The plant is owned by the Medford Veneer and Plywood corporation and will process green veneer into finished plywood. The building will be 450 feet long and 80 feet wide, featuring a trussed ceiling construction doing away with all posts. Each truss weighs about three tons (see upper picture portion) and was constructed of lami-

ated 2 by 3's in 80-foot sections on the building site. In the immediate left foreground, is the cement foundation for the 101-foot long dryer which is the first process of the plant fabrication. Total estimated cost of the building is between \$350,000 and \$400,000 and the plant will employ 130 to 150 men during a 24-hour operation. Estimated monthly output will be 3 million surface feet on a three-eighths inch basis.

road) on the west side. Corrugated aluminum will be used on both the roof and sides

of the building to reflect the summer heat, Haugen pointed out. The wood frame construction will feature trussed ceiling arches which are 80 feet long with a maximum height of 11 feet, and will eliminate all posts, saving considerable space for operation, he added.

The building will include 36,000 square feet, being 450 feet long and 80 feet wide, and will house the dryer on a 101-foot-long concrete foundation, a hydraulic press weighing 60 tons, a 20,000-gallon concrete glue tank, eight-drum sander, various saws and other equipment.

A steam power plant has also

arrived and is being installed in a separate building, 24 by 48 feet, which is all-steel and concrete construction. The boiler will be fired with a mixed fuel of oil and sander dust. Dingley estimated that the new-type boiler would save between 50 and 60 per cent on the corporation's fuel bill by burning varied types.

Work Started May 24

Construction of the plant was begun on May 24 by the Associated Wood Products of the Northwest in Portland, which is making the ceiling trusses and sidewalls, and by the Rogue valley contracting firm

of W. E. Brooks, the president continued.

The Chamber group and other visitors also visited the Medford Door factory, located near to the plywood plant, and witnessed the procedure involved in assembling doors covered with both plywood and masonite. Haugen explained the merits of each and said that a few hundred masonite doors had been manufactured by the concern in an experiment with this type of construction.

Making the tour were Jorgen Jorgensen, president of the Chamber; T. J. Hight, S. D. Sajakowsky, C. E. Gordon, Frank Benesh, Dwight Houghton, Gene Thorndyke, Don Cruikshank, D. L. Flynn, E. C. Ferguson, Jack Swayze, Clyde Crenshaw, County Judge J. B. Coleman, County Commissioner L. G. Morthland, County Engineer Paul Rynning, and Don Lane, Chamber manager.

PRISONERS TO WORK

Bellevue, O.—(U.P.)—Inmates of the city jail won't be able to "sit out" their fines and sentences under a new plan. Kenneth Polta, safety director said prisoners would be used to cut and pull weeds at the city reservoirs.

The deepest oil well thus far drilled was sunk in Wyoming in 1949 by the Superior Oil Co. of California. It goes down 20,521 feet.



INSPECTION TOUR — Pictured are members of the industrial committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and county officials during a tour last Thursday of the building site for the Medford Veneer and Plywood corporation's new plant at Camp White. A portion of a 60-ton hydraulic press, visible at the left, which will press glued veneer sheets together to form plywood. Shown in first row (left to right) are Dwight Houghton, C. E. Gor-

don, County Commissioner L. G. Morthland, Jorgen Jorgensen, Clyde Crenshaw, Mayor Diamond L. Flynn, Ken Pryor, secretary-treasurer of the corporation; Jack Swayze, Loren Haugen, vice-president of the plant; and John Dingley, plant president and main tour speaker. Back row (left to right) Don Cruikshank, S. D. Sajakowsky, Judge J. B. Coleman, E. C. Ferguson, County Engineer Paul Rynning, T. J. Hight and Frank Benesh.

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