

New Development in Plywood Technology Cuts Production Cost

Seattle — (UP) — A unique new development in plywood technology which "will significantly lower production costs in the manufacture of plastic-surfaced plywood" has been announced jointly by United States Plywood Corp. and Crown Zellerbach Corp.

Officials of the two firms said the immediate result of the new technique is a weather and water-proof plastic-surfaced fir plywood panel that promises to lower the cost and lengthen the life of homes, commercial buildings, signs, small boats, built-ins and even kitchen cabinets and "do-it-yourself" items.

The new process also will in-

crease veneer yield from logs, the officials added.

Named Duraply

The new panel, which United States Plywood will market under the name Duraply, will be faced with Crown Zellerbach Crezon, a resin cellulose plastic sheet fused to the panel surface.

Duraply combined the paintability of modern plastics with the strength and versatility of plywood, company spokesmen said. The plywood is so strong that one thickness of Duraply can function as both outside wall surface and structural sheathing, they added.

New Machine Key

The key to the new process is a new patented machine that automatically fills knotholes, splits and other surface irregularities in the base panel with a plastic compound providing a smooth, solid foundation for the Crezon overlay. Company officials said this eliminates without any sacrifice in quality the need for scarce and expensive high-grade surface veneer normally required to provide a solid base for the plastic surface.

Fir Operators And Union Agree

Portland — (UP) — A pay agreement that would average about nine cents an hour was announced here Thursday by the International Woodworkers of America and fir operators who employ about 30,000 members of the union.

The agreement would be effective until June 1, 1957.

The latest contract settlement calls for wage increases of 4 1/4 per cent for an average of nine cents an hour, plus improved holiday and vacation clauses. It is retroactive to Dec. 1, 1955, subject to approval by referendum.

H. J. Greeley, chairman of the employers' negotiating committee, said the agreement was patterned after those recently approved by thousands of other lumber workers throughout the northwest.

Total payrolls in the industry were expected to increase by about \$21,000,000 a year if all segments approve the contracts.

Portland College Has First Graduate

Portland — (UP) — William G. Gallagher, Portland, has won the distinction of being the first graduate of Portland State college.

School officials said Friday that Gallagher would not receive his degree until formal graduation exercises in June but that he had completed four years of work toward an education degree and had begun teaching at Grout school.

Gallagher not only was the first graduate of the newly accredited institution but he took all his undergraduate work in Portland. He started as a freshman at the old Vanport extension center.

Meadowbrook Ranch Purchase Announced

The purchase of Meadowbrook ranch from Mrs. Ella Phillips by Harry Furch, Medford, was announced last week. The property is located on Lake Creek rd., near Eagle Point. Mrs. Phillips had lived there for about 30 years. She plans to divide her time among her children.

Furch formerly owned the Half Circle 3 ranch at Coleston. He plans to raise registered Herefords and horses.

Kenneth Finley, formerly foreman at the Coleston properties, will be foreman for Furch at Meadowbrook. Finley recently returned from Korea after serving there with the Army engineers.

Motor Vehicle Tax Funds Received Here

A total of \$123,091.28, Jackson county's share from motor vehicle taxes for the last quarter, was entered in the general road fund yesterday by County Treasurer Karl Janouch.

The money, which is distributed according to motor vehicle registrations in each county, is derived from motor vehicle registration, fuel tax, motor carrier licenses, and fines for violation of motor vehicle laws.

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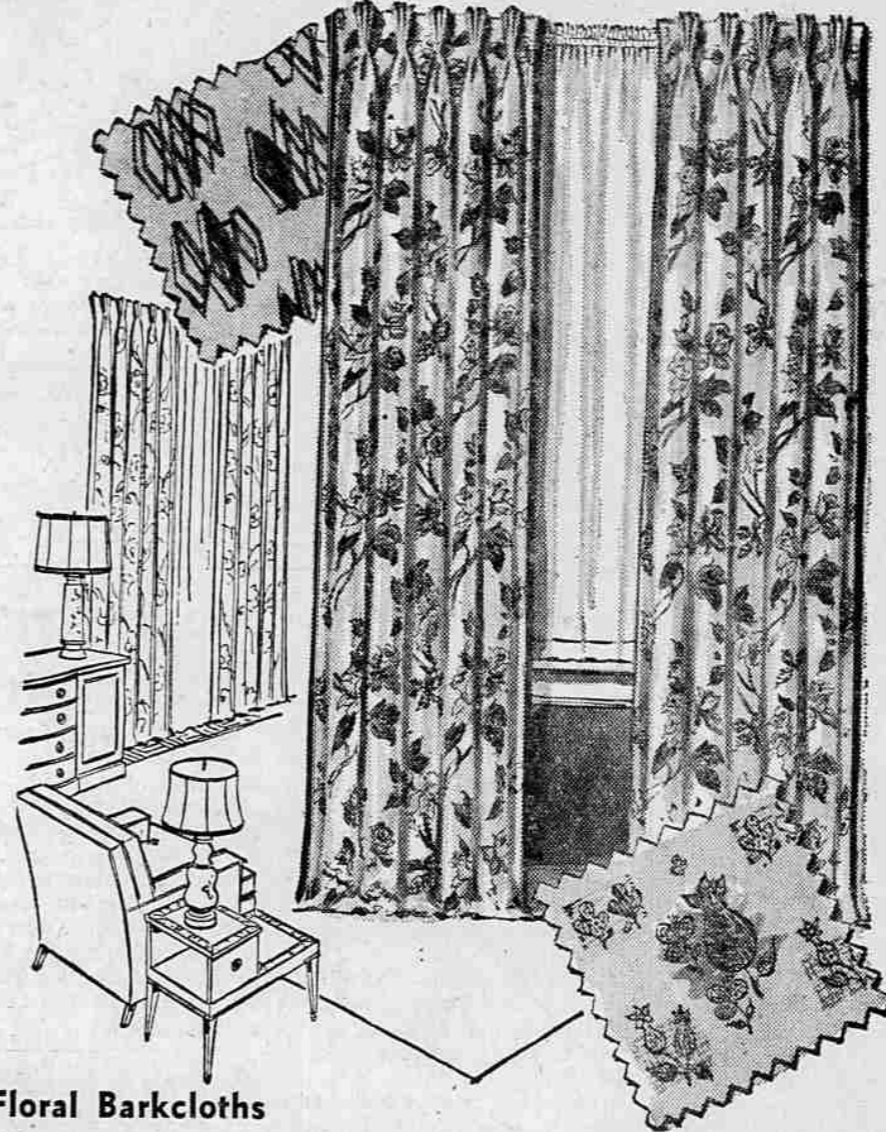
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