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Car-Ad-Co Co. Has Strengthened The Industrial Economy of the Region In Its Five Years of Operation

By recreating a sound and substantial forest industry out of the abandoned Pelican Bay Lumber Co. plant in Pelican City, Car-Ad-Co Company has added approximately \$1 1/4-million, annually, of new money to the Klamath Basin's industrial income.

By R. KENNETH EVANS

One cannot drive along the highway and view the smoke belching from the tall chimneys of the Car-Ad-Co Company plant, near Pelican City, without sensing a full realization of what this actually means to the stabilization of the industrial structure of the Klamath basin. Car-Ad-Co Company is an Oregon corporation that acquired, by purchase March 1, 1948, the abandoned plant and all of the facilities of the former Pelican Bay Lumber company, except the logging and saw-mill equipment. Sixteen dry-kilns, lumber drying sheds, box factory, shop planer and other facilities, and 200 acres of land were included in the acquisition. Today, this is one of the larger operating pine industries in this section of Oregon and California.

Car-Ad-Co Company invested a substantial amount of capital in the rehabilitation of the old abandoned plant buildings and adjusting them to accommodate new equipment that was being installed. The horse and rail system was transformed into the use of modern Hyster lumber carriers and lumber forks. Approximately 11,000 feet of underground water main was installed as a protection against fire, the water being pumped from the adjoining lake. It is an all-automatic sprinkler system except the lumber dry storage sheds, which are protected by hose lines.

NEW PLANER INSTALLED

A new and modern planing mill was installed and placed in operation in June, 1950, with a capacity of surfacing 100,000 board feet of rough lumber every 8-hour shift. The 16 dry-kilns, operating under the Moore, Northwest and Fryer system of drying lumber, were completely rehabilitated and today, have a capacity of properly drying 3-million board feet of lumber per month. In fact, Car-Ad-Co Company rejuvenated an old and abandoned plant into one of the largest pine lumber remanufacturing operations on the west coast.

Regular employment is provided to some 140 to 150 regular workers, which creates and annual payroll averaging some \$600,000. It will come as a revelation to state that Car-Ad-Co Company adds approximately 1 1/4 million new dollars annually to the industrial income of the Klamath basin, which, in the main, comes from outside sources with no debts against it.

DEPENDABLE MARKET FOR ROUGH-CUT LUMBER

Car-Ad-Co Company, also, adds immeasurably, to the present and future stability and permanency of the pine forest industry in the Klamath Basin, through the dependable market maintained for the rough green pine lumber, produced by as many as 14 mills, with many of these located outside the Klamath basin region. These mills are located in Northern California east and west of the Cascades in Oregon, within a radius of 150 miles of the Klamath Basin. This rough green lumber is transported to the Car-Ad-Co Company plant by rail and truck. Last year, Car-Ad-Co Company purchased and shipped to its plant some 30-million board feet of this rough green lumber and processed it into the finished product.

Approximately three-fourths of the rough green lumber processed during 1953 through the plant of Car-Ad-Co Company was select, common and shop grade finished pine lumber. Some 1,100 car-loads of this lumber are shipped yearly by rail from this plant to established markets throughout the nation, none is exported. A portion of the lumber is processed into moulding, and the manufacture of Built-Well Superior, weather stripped window and frame units which is a patented product. Approximately 50 car-loads of frames can potentially be shipped from the plant, annually.

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POLICY

The operation of Car-Ad-Co Company is maintained in keeping with the wood-conservation policies so vitally important in the Pacific Northwest today. So thoroughly does this manufacturing firm utilize every fiber in the pine wood that it is even forced to buy "hog fuel" from other mills to operate its steam boilers and operating equipment. No burners are maintained.

The pine lumber off-fall, left from the manufacture of the major items, goes into sash and door cut stock, box shook, toy shook, toy stock for building blocks, dominoes etc., heel stock—for women's wooden heels, curtain-shade rollers and core-stock for veneer doors. There are some 50 carloads of these pine materials shipped from this plant annually. In fact the total car-load shipments of finished products will average about 1,200 car loads every year.

Car-Ad-Co Company is under the general management of John Moehl. He came into the Pacific Northwest and located in Klamath Falls, from Des Moines, Iowa. Richard Moehl, a brother of John Moehl, is assistant manager of Car-Ad-Co Company. C. L. Jemerson is salesmanager.

FURTHER IMPORTANCE EMPHASIZED

The importance of the Car-Ad-Co Company operation has further significance in the fact that it provides a dependable economic operation for the preservation of all the qualities of the species of ponderosa and sugar pine that is native to this section of Oregon and California. Pine is a perishable product and, cannot be handled with the apparent simplicity that surrounds the processing of Douglas fir, and other timber species grown in the Pacific Northwest. When merchantable pine trees are removed from the forest the time element enters, definitely, into the successful processing of the lumber to retain the stability and quality of the pine lumber. This fact has controlled, in a measure, the success or failure of some of the major lumber operations in the west. Car-Ad-Co Company has anticipated these hazards and the remanufacturing plant and equipment has been established from the standpoint of being a permanent and successful industry in the Klamath basin.

Already, in the short period of five years, it has developed into one of the major taxpayers and, the executives have given their universal support to development activities which have for the purpose future growth and expansion of the Klamath Basin.

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