

Klamath Lumber And Box Co. Outgrowth Of Early Basin Mill

The Klamath Lumber and Box Company, employing some 150 local people and, cutting an average of 20-million board feet of rough lumber, annually, is the outgrowth of the first box factory established in Klamath Falls. The California Fruit Canners Association came into the Klamath Falls region in 1906 and, built a small plant for the manufacture of box shooks. These were transported by wagon to Pockegama and shipped over a narrow gauge railroad to connect with the Southern Pacific near Montague. When rail service was established in 1910 the box shooks from this plant was shipped directly by rail. The Cali-

fornia Fruit Canners Association was the forerunner of the California Packing Corporation, processing the Del Monte brand of fruits and vegetables. This small box shook manufacturing plant was operated by the California Fruit Canners Association for some six years, when it was sold to Colonel Robert A. Johnson, in July, 1912. Those were the days when the forest industry was operated under rather trying circumstances. Ponderosa pine was the type of trees that were used for the manufacture of box shooks. While they grew profusely in the Klamath Falls region the logs were hard to get out of the

woods, and the machinery for manufacturing the box shooks was, more or less, primitive. However, by 1916, Colonel Robert A. Johnson, with foresight and ingenuity, established a sawmill on the site of the box factory, and in addition to the cutting of box shooks rough lumber was produced.

When the first world war came into existence Colonel Robert A. Johnson was called and assigned as Colonel with the Twentieth Engineers of the U.S. Army. He served in this capacity until the end of the war, and passed away in 1920.

MILL SOLD

The Klamath Manufacturing Company plant and equipment was sold by the Johnson estate to the Earl Fruit Company and it was operated for the manufacture of box shooks and rough lumber. The Earl Fruit Company was later merged with the DiGiorgio Fruit Corporation. The Klamath Lumber and Box company was incorporated and, the plant has operated under this management and ownership since that time. For almost a quarter-of-a-century it has been contributing, substantially, to the development of the Klamath Basin, manufacturing Ponderosa pine lumber and sawed wooden boxes.

Many major improvements in the equipment have been made, year after year, in keeping with the growth and expansion of the

Klamath Lumber and Box Company. A new planer was installed in the box factory. The original steam-powered bandsaw mill has been converted into an electrically operated sawmill with modern and up-to-date sawmill machinery. A dry kiln was built and is operated on the Moore system of removing moisture from the rough cut pine lumber.

ROUGH CUT

The rough cut pine lumber, turned out in the sawmill, will average 20-million board feet annually. The necessary volume of lumber is allocated for the manufacture of the sawed box shooks. The upper grades are kiln dried.

The Klamath Lumber and Box Company's relative source of supply is from the Klamath Indian Reservation.

G. A. Krause, president of the Klamath Lumber and Box Company has been identified with the operation of this plant since 1913 and, has been a factor in its growth, advancement and expansion.

G. A. Krause came into the Pacific Northwest from Wisconsin and has been closely associated with the forest industries for 43 years and all that time has been located in the Klamath Falls region.

Since the establishment of the first box factory by the California Fruit Canners Association in 1906 and its development, today, into

one of the major forest industry operations, Klamath County has also seen its timber industry rapidly expanded. The construction of the Natron cut-off of the Southern Pacific railroad has stimulated large sawmill operations since the 1920's and out of that expansion has grown the Klamath Lumber and Box Company.

PRODUCTION

Lumber production has increased annually, since that time, reaching a peak in 1942 with a production of 856 million board feet. At the end of the war production had dropped, in the face of active demand and favorable prices, and in 1945 annual production in the county was only 490-million board feet. This reduction of lumber production, however, will not effect the table operation of the Klamath Lumber and Box Company because of its purpose viz., supplying box shooks for fruit packing as its major industrial structure. It is anticipated, however, that the future production of lumber in the Klamath Basin will average approximately 350-million board feet, annually, under the sustained yield and proper forest management plan which is, quite generally, being set-up in the coast states. Of this amount it is, also anticipated that the Klamath Lumber and Box Company will contribute its normal 20-million board feet to this over-all amount, on a permanent annual operation basis.

Plastic Laminates Now In Use In American Homes

Because today's modern homemaker appreciates the valuable combination of attractively styled furniture requiring minimum maintenance, plastic laminates are finding their way into every room of the home.

Where once it was fashionable to maintain a sterile white kitchen, today, cabinets and work surfaces have been replaced with gay, colorful and carefree laminates. No longer need the homemaker be concerned about soil and stains from food preparation, or the inconvenience of regular periods of painting, waxing or redecorating. Maintenance is minimized! Just a wipe with a damp cloth keeps the kitchen sparkling clean, and the highly polished laminate surfaces retain a glistening finish without the aid of polish or wax. Available in a wide selection of cheerful designs, gay colors and deep rich wood grain patterns, laminates are designed to contrast or harmonize with the overall decor of the allied living and dining room areas.

Today's dining room furniture has the glorious beauty of natural wood combined with the lastingness of matching wood grain laminate surfaces. Since the patterns are true reproductions of many of the popular wood grain finishes, present any dining room decor.

Coffee and end tables are susceptible to excess wear and tear with today's entertaining centered around the living room. Plastic laminates on the surfaces assure the hostess of a carefree evening without the fear of accidents from spilled food or hot beverages. Laminates are heat and stain resistant. Even a carelessly dropped cigarette will not harm the beautiful lustrous finish. Since laminates are non-porous, there are no ugly white ring marks left by glasses and cups.

Not only are popular laminates widely used on table tops, kitchen surfaces and sink tops, they have also received wide acclaim as the modern-day practical surfacing material for bedroom furniture. Chests, bureaus, dressers and bookcase headboards are now attractively surfaced with lasting wood grain laminates. What a break for the busy Mrs. She can breeze through her daily dusting and cleaning chores in a matter of minutes.

Wool Payments Advice Offered

Oregon wool growers have an added reason this year for getting wool to market in the best possible shape, says John Landers, Oregon State College animal husbandry specialist.

Wool incentive payments started last year by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to boost the nation's wool production give the highest percentage "bonus" to growers who market wool for the best price.

To help Oregon growers take full advantage of the program Oregon State College extension service has just published an illustrated leaflet outlining proper steps in preparing the wool clip. Some 20 illustrations on shearing, rolling, and tying a fleece are included in the 11-page leaflet, "Preparing Wool for Market." Copies are available from county extension agents or the OSC bulletin clerk.

PAINTING RADIATOR

To figure the amount of surface to be covered when painting cast iron radiators, measure the front area and multiply by 7. Using the same color of paint as used for the wall behind the radiator will tend to make the radiator the least conspicuous.

Even in the bathroom, colorful laminates are being utilized on sink tops, vanities and as wall paneling.

They offer lasting beauty so common all over the house, plastic laminates are endowing the home with breathtaking beauty and lasting loveliness—they are finding a ready and acceptable place with today's modern homemaker, because they combine maximum durability with minimum maintenance.



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