



PLYWOOD AUTHOR HONORED — Nelson S. Perkins, former technical director of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, was honored at a recent board meeting of the association on publication of his new book about properties, design and construction with fir plywood. The book was written for architects, engineers and college level students in both fields. With Perkins, center, are John Martinson, left, president of the Tacoma-based DFPA, and James R. Turnbull, executive vice president.

Book Promotes Plywood Use

Publication of his new college-level textbook on plywood—the product, its properties and construction applications—has climaxed more than 40 years of work in the building products industry for Nelson S. Perkins, executive assistant to the executive vice president of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association. Perkins, now on an overseas cruise, retired last December.

"Perk," as he is known to

most, is a nationally recognized expert on building codes. He has contributed to the rapid expansion of the fir plywood industry by winning recognition for structural fir plywood applications in codes all over the country. He has also helped code officials establish minimum standards for use of plywood in their localities.

When he joined DFPA in 1936 to head up the newly-formed engineering and research department, 20 mills were producing 700 million square feet of fir plywood per year. During the years Perkins has been with the plywood association, production has increased to where last year area mills produced 9.4 billion square feet. This year, production is expected to reach 19 billion feet.

As his responsibilities multiplied, Perkins was named head of an expanded technical department at DFPA. As technical director, he set up and administered the plywood industry's voluntary program of quality control. Perkins' tenacity to get a job done right has resulted in a quality of plywood from DFPA member mills consistently higher than required by the U.S. Commercial Standard.

Another of his important contributions to the plywood industry and to the building trades has been the collection and analysis of data showing the relationship between glue-line performance in plywood under laboratory test and in the field. Because of this, it is possible to predict with amazing accuracy, the performance of exterior-type plywood panels in actual use.

He also was responsible for the establishment of accurate criteria for showing the advantages of fir plywood in various construction techniques and industrial applications.

Perkins developed the first engineering data on plywood and prepared the first DFPA Technical Data handbook. He also set up the first testing labs and has watched the testing program grow from a small room in the basement of an office building to three big labs in Tacoma.

From 1939 until retirement Perkins was engaged in specialized areas of plywood association activity including the preparation of his textbook.

Perkins received his civil engineering degree from Cornell University in 1915. A couple of years after graduation, he was commissioned in the U.S. Army and subsequently saw combat action overseas during World War I. After the Armistice, he worked in the heavy construction field in the Eastern United States, then served as a construction engineer with the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. His next six years were with the National Committee on Wood Utilization of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Perkins edited much of the material published by the committee and was one of the principal authors of the committee's comprehensive reference work, Wood Construction. He also wrote "How to Judge a House" for the committee, a semi-technical book for prospective home-owners which eventually sold over half-a-million copies.

Later, Perkins served with the Department of the Interior as an engineer in the Subsistence Homesteads section and as a civilian lumber engineer for the Army's Quartermaster Corps.

A frequent contributor to technical and trade magazines, Perkins has edited a number of technical and semi-technical publications on plywood.



Business Review

By Floyd L. Wynne

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Weisfield Jewelers Plan Move

Leo Weisfield, president of Weisfield's Jewelers, announced today a change to bigger, completely remodeled quarters, sometime in April for the Klamath Falls store, 701 Main Street. The new quarters, 635 Main Street (across from the present store) will be twice as big, and will carry greatly expanded merchandise to meet the demands of Weisfield's tremendous business due to the growth of the Klamath Basin and Northern California.

Russo Azaria is designing the \$50,000 remodeled quarters and supervising construction in conjunction with Arnold Koppel, Weisfield's building superintendent. The new quarters will have all new fixtures, new lighting, new windows and display, refrigerated air conditioning, and a new revolving neon sign.

The lease is being negotiated by Phil Boguch, vice president of Weisfield's, and James F. Stilwell, of James F. Stilwell & Co., Realtors. Warren Parr is general contractor for the whole store.

Norman Burns, two-year manager of the present Weisfield store in Klamath Falls, will manage the new quarters in addition to his responsibility as district manager for Weisfield's Southern Oregon and California stores.

"Our volume of business is so satisfactory because of the growth of the Klamath Basin and Northern California," said Leo Weisfield, "that our new quarters will be twice as large as the present store, and the merchandise greatly expanded to meet the demand."

"But we will continue Weisfield's famous bargain policy, tremendous savings, low prices and easy credit terms to suit each budget. And we will carry the same high quality brand name merchandise carried in the present store including diamonds, watches, costume jewelry, small appliances, household items, and giftwares."

In addition to the Klamath Falls store, Weisfield's has 34 retail stores in Oregon, California, Washington, Montana and Idaho. In Oregon, Weisfield's has eight stores: Portland, Lloyd Center; Eugene, Roseburg; Coos Bay, Klamath Falls, and Medford.

"We like doing business here," said Leo Weisfield. "We have confidence in the future of Klamath Falls, the Klamath Basin and Northern California. That's why we have confidence in the future of Weisfield's new quarters."

Teen-ager Jobs On Increase

SALEM — Industrial jobs held by Oregon teen-agers in the past year increased 10 per cent according to the State Bureau of Labor. Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen reports the employment of youth is mounting in all occupations except office, telephone and mercantile.

Labor bureau records show minors on manufacturers payrolls increased 43 per cent in 1962 over 1961. Restaurant and other public housekeeping occupations provided 426 more jobs to minors and food-processing plants 268 more. Nilsen asserts the majority of teen-ager jobs generally are in the food-processing, mercantile, agriculture and restaurant industries.

The labor bureau issued 17,421 work permits for the employment of minors under 18 years of age in the past 12-month period. Agricultural employment is not reflected in the figures since Oregon regulations do not require permits for farm work of minors except in the operation of hazardous machinery.

The annual job summary shows nine out of 10 employed minors to be 16 and 17-year-olds and six out of 10 who work are boys. Almost two-thirds of the jobs are taken in the vacation months. Nilsen points out "95 per cent of all occupations are legally open to teen-agers although many provide limited employment opportunities for youths because of their immaturity. Work prohibited minors because of its hazardous aspects is largely determined by the rate of work injuries in the industry and is under federal as well as state regulations."



VINCENT COLOSIMA

Colosima Opens Shop

Vincent Colosima has opened his own automatic transmission service at 101 East Main Street where he will specialize in transmission and tune-up work.

Known as the Colosima Automatic Transmission Service, the new business will operate in conjunction with the Sunrise Safety Center at that address.

Colosima has been a resident here for the past six years and has been employed in the service departments of several local automotive concerns. He has worked in transmission servicing and repair for the past 15 years and has attended special schools dealing with General Motors and Fordomatic transmissions.

Colosima lives at 4611 Bisbee with his wife, Pearl, and 14-year-old daughter, Christine. He originally came here from San Francisco.

Dale Carnegie Class Graduates

Nineteen persons recently completed the Dale Carnegie Class of instruction and were graduated at a special banquet held at Molitor's Restaurant.

Receiving diplomas were Bob Starbuck, Jay Dye, Wilene Welch, Don Saehor, Orville Reichenberg, Robert Snelin, Rollin Tuter, Andy Siani, John Howard, Pat Palone, Harry Brown, Lee Knae, John McColgin, Richard M. Chausson, Floyd Ewing, Joe Whistler, Vernon Durant, Tom Coddington and Stan Ezell.

The course in human relations and effective communication lasted 24 weeks. This was the fourth class graduated in Klamath Falls during the past two years. A fifth class begins on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Willard Hotel. Local resident instructor is Gus Thompson.

Soil drainage is an important factor for farmers to consider in choosing a forage seeding mixture.



NEW PICKUPS IN — Juckland Motors Inc., Eleventh and Klamath, has just received the new light-duty International pickups and have them on display. Shown here is the International model 1000 with Bonus-Load pickup body which features many mechanical improvements as well as styling advancements outside and inside. Others of the International line include pickups to 8,800 pounds, panel stakes, flatbeds, dumps, service-utility, Travelall and Travelette models at Juckland Motors.

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Monte Moon Takes Post In Redmond

Monte Moon, 173 Dahlia, associated here with the Farmer's Insurance Group, 11th and Klamath, for the past 21 months, will become head of the agency office in Redmond.

Moon will leave Monday, Feb. 11, for his new assignment.

A resident here for more than four and one-half years, Moon came here from Colville, Wash. He was associated with the Air Force there in a civil service status, and was assigned as maintenance foreman at the Keno Radar Site.

In May of 1961, he concluded a special training course and became an agent here for the Farmer's Insurance Group.

His wife, Rosemary, daughter, Cathy, and son, Roger, will join him in Redmond when the family home here is sold. Cathy is in the sixth grade at Roosevelt and Roger in the fourth.

PPL Boiler Contract Let

NEW YORK—The Babcock and Wilcox Company reported that it has received a contract for about \$7 million to build and install a boiler and high-capacity fuel firing equipment for Pacific Power and Light Company, Portland.

The boiler and firing system will be installed at the utility's Dave Johnston Steam Electric Station, Glenrock, Wyo. Pacific Power and Light spokesmen said the unit, designed to deliver 200,000 kilowatts, is expected to go on line in 1964.

According to Babcock and Wilcox officials, the contract reflects the utility industry's rapid trend during recent years to larger steam generating units with high capacity equipment.

Providing the station's third boiler, the contract includes high-capacity cell burners and contraction pulverizers with hollow cast Elverite pulverizer balls. The new Radiant boiler will have twice the capacity of either of the two operating units and will burn huge quantities of low-Btu, sub-bituminous local coal.

Design features of the pulverizers and burners are attributed by B&W spokesmen to a "development program initiated in 1953 to anticipate the need for larger boiler units required today."

Diamond Power Specialty Corporation, Lancaster, Ohio, will supply soot-blowers, and Bailey Meter Company, Cleveland, Ohio, will furnish controls.

Ebasco Services, Inc. of New York City are consulting engineers for the project.



NEW OFFICE QUARTERS — This view shows the new office quarters of J. W. Van Doren and Associates, adjusters, at 139 South Seventh Street. Shown here, left to right, standing, Bruce Niles, partner; Eric Majors, adjuster; John Van Doren, partner. Seated is Mrs. Shirley Smith, office manager. The firm made the move Feb. 1 and occupy the office which was formerly the Management Specialist's office. George Overmire, Realty, also shares office space with Van Doren and Associates at this address. Overmire specializes in property consultant and appraiser work.

35 Firms Get Safety Awards

Contractors from Oregon and southwest Washington wound up a two-day convention in Portland Tuesday with presentation of safety awards to 35 firms for records ranging from one to seven years without lost-time accidents.

The annual business sessions of the Associated General Contractors, held at the Multnomah Hotel, also were highlighted by a Tuesday noon luncheon addressed by Clifford S. Nelson, Chicago, vice president, Continental Illinois Bank. Nelson spoke on financial pitfalls of the construction industry.

In addition to the safety awards, special recognition awards were presented to Norman Glenn, chairman of the AGC's legislative committee, as "Committeeman of the Year," to A. H. "Bill" Harding, who retired in November as AGC manager, and to G. E. Kibbe, retiring AGC secretary-treasurer.

Merle Bassett, Bonneville Power Administration, demonstrated strains and stresses on crane booms, lines and rigging at the Tuesday afternoon session.

The convention concluded with the annual dinner Tuesday night in the ballroom of the Multnomah Hotel.

Safety award winners, over five years without lost-time accident, included Fred H. Slate Co., Ore. Ltd., Portland (7 years); Asphalt Paving Co., Klamath Falls; Vernie Jarl, Portland; O & K Co., Portland.

Over 50,000 hours without lost-time accident — Cascade Construction Co., Fred J. Stubbart Co., Portland; Green & Tecor Corp., Oakridge; Russell Olson

Construction Co., Pendleton; S.D. Spencer & Sons Co., Vancouver. Over 10,000 hours without lost-time accident — Bahler & Halvorson, Inc., Carl M. Halvorson, Inc., R. A. Heintz Construction Co., Logan, Taylor & Co., P. S. Lord, Frank Lyons Co., O & K, Slate & Hall Construction Co., Fred H. Slate Co., Steelman Duff, Inc., West Coast Steel Works, Porter W. Yett Co., H. Halvorson, Inc., Highway Steel Construction Co., Walder & Kenworth, Trio Construction Co., Watt Construction Co., all of Portland; Asphalt Paving Co., Klamath Falls; Central Heating Co., K. L. Goulter Co., Eugene; Hanley Salvage Co., Longview; John Havik Jr., Scappoose; Hughes & Dodd Co., Medford; E. H. Tschmer, Molalla; H. M. Miller Construction Co., Roseburg; A. R. Nieman Construction Co., Vancouver; Roy Norquist, Sweet Home; Harold W. Salter, Rogue River; Frank Ba-lune, Inc., Spokane.



RAIL CLERK RETIRES — Mrs. A. W. Ruff, clerk at the Southern Pacific Railway in Klamath Falls retired Jan. 31 after 20 years of service. Mr. Ruff, a conductor on the line, retired in 1960. Local SP employees honored Mrs. Ruff with a retirement party at the yard office Tuesday. From left are Mr. and Mrs. Ruff, Frank Bechtel, chief clerk, and Earl A. Votaw, trainmaster.

Utilities Talk Turns To Atomic Made Power

NEW YORK (UPI)—When officials of investor-owned utilities companies in this area meet to talk of developments in the nation's expanding electrical needs today, a part of their conversation almost inevitably turns to the use of atomic energy hereabouts.

Much of it still is in the experimental area; but there are enough hard-and-fast projects in the making or on the boards to show that the domed tops of the atomic-fueled plant will be a more and more familiar sight to New Yorkers before too many years have passed.

The Empire State Atomic Development Associates, Inc., composed of seven investor-owned electric utilities serving New York State, recently issued a report on atomic power for the state. In it were some statements about costs which will be read presumably with some considerable interest by coal interests.

The ESADA devoted a considerable section of its pamphlet to costs. "Reactor manufacturers," it said, "are now quoting fuel costs well below the cost of conventional fuel in New York State and other areas remote from coal mines and oil or gas fields, and are projecting even lower costs for the future."

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Store Employs Telephone To Jog Lagging Accounts

NEW YORK—Delinquent charge customers at department stores may soon find their dinners interrupted by phone calls from the store's collection department. The Insider's Newsletter reported.

Vocal badgering, says R. J. Devine, collection supervisor for J. C. Penney, works far more effectively than the usual form letter, no matter how sharply worded.

Penney, using the revolutionary beep with the Bell Telephone System, has cut down on its clerical staff and stocked up on non-stop telephone operators who can call as many as 50 customers a day. Since instituting the system, the store reports a \$250,000 annual saving in paperwork.

The program is made possible through the purchase of "wide-area service" (called a hand line)

from the phone company. The store can pay a flat rate for interstate calls and another fixed sum for calls within the state.

The service is available on a 24-hour-a-day basis, but Devine says Penney will use it only 12 of these hours and that only those customers who are at least four months behind in their bills or unavailable during the day will be dialed at the dinner hour (5:30 to 8:30 p.m.).

Retailers, according to The Newsletter are predicting that other large chains will soon hop into the bandwagon, but specialty shops are not expected to try the gimmick. One specialty shop credit manager conceded that "our customers would probably pay their bills more quickly if we called them during dinner, but they'd also close their accounts."

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