

Asbestos Division. Web Luttenberger served several terms as Chairman of the Air Hygiene & Manufacturing Committee of the Asbestos Textile Institute.

In March 1920 Osborn Hewes Cilley was engaged as Plant Superintendent. He came from C. G. Sargent & Sons Company, a manufacturer of textile machinery. In 1928 "O. H." Cilley was made Assistant General Manager and in 1941 he became a Director of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. In 1947 he was elected a Vice President of the corporation. His manufacturing and executive ability was in large measure responsible for the continuous growth and very successful operation of the U.S. Asbestos Division over a period of more than 30 years.

In November 1921 the company was again recapitalized and reorganized. Chester Hill left the firm and Samuel R. Slaymaker came in as General Manager. Mr. Slaymaker was also President of the family-owned Slaymaker Lock Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. At the same time, George R. Weber joined the organization as Treasurer. On December 1, 1921, he was also elected General Manager and retained that position until his death in 1953. George Weber represented R/M at the organizational meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute, November 16, 1944. He also represented his company during the preliminary discussions which resulted in the formation of the asbestos textile industry's trade association and, therefore, was one of the founders of ATI.

In 1923 Rudolph Wilde joined U.S. Asbestos as Textile Superintendent. He had had considerable experience in processing Crocidolite and Amosite asbestos fibers. Under Rudy Wilde's direction a small and separate manufacturing operation was set up to produce turbine blankets, principally for the U.S. Navy. The unit was commonly referred to around town as "the blue."

When Rudy Wilde joined U.S. Asbestos he brought with him his Card Room Foreman, Herbert E. Palm. Herb Palm progressed in the organization to Textile Superintendent, then to Factory Manager and at the time of his death was Works Manager. Herb Palm served two terms as Chairman of ATI's Air Hygiene & Manufacturing Committee.

One of U.S. Asbestos Company's earliest major accounts was the Manhattan Rubber Company of Passaic, New Jersey. U.S. Asbestos sold Manhattan large tonnages of open-weave