insulations, which control 80% of the U.S. insulation business, have been the least progressive in developing an asbestos-free material.

We presently have available only two asbestos-free calcium silicate brands. One is Super Caltemp Type NA from the Fibreboard Corp. and the other is Careytemp 1500 from Philip Carey.

Keene Corp., manufacturers of Thermasil, and Johns-Manville, manufacturers of Thermabestos, state they expect to have asbestos-free calcium silicate products on the market by the end of 1972. Owens-Corning, manufacturers of Kaylo, don't expect their asbestos-free material to be on the market before mid-1973.

We are presently investigating a new product of the U.S. Gypsum Co. known as K-fac. It is a high-grade mineral wool formed in rigid boards by the fourdrinier paper making process. It avoids many of the disadvantages of mineral wool in that it is a fairly clean material and is relatively water resistant.

We are presently getting elbow covers (such as this one) cut from this material with the promise of getting pipe section and block in the near future. Pricing is expected to be in the range of inhibited calcium silicate or slightly higher. The present fabricator of this material is Starr Davis Co. of Charlotte and Greensboro, North Carolina; but it is certainly not limited to one fabricator.