

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING
of the Asbestos Textile Institute
held at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel,
New York City, February 7, 1964.

IN ATTENDANCE:

S.J. Peele, Jr., President
UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.

J.W. Weber
D.F. Quealy
W. Maaskant
J.W. Christenbury
J.L. Rainey
H.H. Walter

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LTD.

A.C. Steele
E.L. Alexander

BELL ASBESTOS MINES LTD.

Wm. J.W. Smith

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORP. LTD.

J.D. Christian
T.T. Tigert
R. Marson

H.K. PORTER COMPANY, INC.

J.T. Griffis
J.D. McCluer
A.P. Gouveia

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT

G.D. Reycraft
Jay Flocken

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

W.S. Hough
E.A. Schuman
W.C. Atkinson
I. Barnett

JOHNSON'S COMPANY LTD.

A.W.G. Gibb

LAKE ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC LTD

E.A. Farrell

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

J.A. Bettes, Jr
J. Wronski
L.C. Williams
M.W. Oliver
R.B. Smith
J.W. Hawkins

TALLMAN-McCLUSKEY FABRICS CO.

T.C. McCluskey

TURNER BROTHERS ASBESTOS CO. LTD.

W.M. Deckman

UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY

D.T. Austin, Jr.

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE G.J. Sligh

H.E. Sunbury

GUESTS:

Mr. Hal E. Brockmann ----- Prodesco, Inc.
Mr. V.C. McQuiddy, Jr. ----- United States Rubber Co.
Mr. V.A. Singleterry ----- " " "
Mr. B.D. Hubbard ----- " " "
Dr. Kenneth W. Smith ----- Johns-Manville Corp.
Dr. Lewis J. Cralley ----- U.S. Public Health Service

1. The meeting was called to order by President Peele with a brief address of welcome to all in attendance. He mentioned that this was our first meeting in the twentieth year of the Institute since its founding in 1944. Following these remarks each person was asked to stand and identify himself, and his company affiliation.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were introduced for reading, however, since all members had received copies of same prior to the meeting, it was moved by Mr. Bettes, seconded by Mr. Barnett, and unanimously agreed that the reading be omitted, and that the minutes be accepted as circulated.
3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by H. E. Sunbury, Asst. Treasurer, in the absence of Treasurer J. A. Brown, Jr., (due to his wife's illness). Following a review of the contents of this report it was moved by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Bettes and unanimously agreed, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read. President Peele stated that the Board of Governors, at their meeting on February 6th, had instructed the Treasurer to transfer \$5000.00 from the General Fund to the Savings Account Fund, effective at once.

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5. The next segment of this meeting was devoted to committee reports, and at this time the chairmen of the several working committees reviewed the matters considered and actions taken by their committees since our last meeting, and in session on February 6th. Their formal reports are attached.
 - a) The Air Hygiene and Manufacturing Committee report was presented by Chairman L. C. Williams
 - b) The Sales Promotion Committee report was presented by Chairman J. W. Christenbury
 - c) The Fiber Committee report was presented by Mr. J. D. Christian, of Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Ltd. His remarks were most interesting, however, as is the established practice of this committee, no formal report is made.

- d) The Technical Committee report was presented by Chairman W. Maaskant.
 - e) The Fiber Testing Committee report was presented by Chairman I. Barnett
6. President Peele then introduced Dr. Lewis J. Cralley, Scientist Director, Assistant Chief, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Public Health Service, 1014 Broadway, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Dr. Cralley spoke in behalf of his plan entitled "Implementing Plan of Occupational Health Study of Asbestos Products Industry".

Dr. Cralley expressed appreciation for the cooperation he has received to date from plant managements, and stated that employees examined have reacted well to the procedure. He hopes to accumulate a lifetime history of each employee as a longrange result of the plan. An extensive question and answer period followed his talk.

7. President Peele then introduced Dr. Kenneth W. Smith, Medical Director of Johns-Manville Corporation, and asked Dr. Smith to comment on the proposed "Conference on Asbestosis" recently announced by Dr. Lynn Schall, Chief, Occupational Health Program, State of New Jersey Department of Health, Trenton, N.J. to be held on October 19-22, 1964, at the New York Academy of Sciences. Conference participants are expected to attend from Great Britain, Italy, Germany, Australia, South Africa, and the United States. The main theme will be "The effect of asbestos dust on the health of individuals exposed".

Dr. Smith stated that he believed the originator and main driving force behind the idea of this "Conference on Asbestosis" was a Dr. Zelikoff of Paterson, N.J., and that he would like more information on the program than has been available to date. On behalf of Johns-Manville Corporation he is tentatively planning to submit three scientific papers to the October conference. Dr. Smith suggested that the Asbestos Textile Institute could have a representative at the conference if they cared to, or members could have their plant doctors attend.

Mr. Peele suggested that members should send to Dr. Smith the name of their plant doctor, if they wanted him to attend.

8. President Peele introduced our Guest Speaker, Mr. Hal E. Brockmann, Vice President, Prodesco, Inc., Perkasio, F

The subject of Mr. Brockmann's talk was " Development-Today's Business ". He informed the members that his company was founded in 1943 for the purpose of affording the textile industry a means of readily available help in developing new textile constructions, as so many individual firms have difficulty in finding time, or lack suitable equipment, for development of new items. While the work that Prodesco does for its clients is highly confidential, he did mention they were doing, or had done, work for NASA on development of Survival Equipment; with the Navy on Improved Clothing for Flight Crews, and with air-craft parts manufacturers. At the conclusion of his talk Mr. Brockmann distributed an attractive brochure which explains in considerable detail the facilities offered by his company for Textile Research.

9. President Peele announced that the date of the next meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute would be June 4-5, 1964, at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel, New York City.
10. The meeting then recessed for luncheon, after which, there being no further business, it was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Sunbury
Exec. Secretary

Note:

Subsequent to the meeting we have confirmation of arrangements to hold our third meeting in 1964, at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel, New York City, on October 8-9, 1964. In view of the World's Fair, it was advisable to make this reservation early in the year.

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