

MORE ABOUT Unagusta

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contract, because we want to use as much local materials, services and labor as possible," Prevost said.

"The first jobs will be given to Unagusta employees. All but about 50 are now back at work at Plant No. 1, where we are on a double-shift schedule," he continued.

The new plant will be of masonry, steel and concrete, and will not have any windows. Light and ventilation for the modernistic plant will flow in through skylights in the roof.

The building will be constructed so as to enjoy the lowest possible insurance rates. A modern sprinkler system is part of the project.

The entire manufacturing area, including the dry kiln and lumber storage, will take up about 10 of the 25 acres purchased from Mrs. Jule Welch.

The dry kiln and lumber storage, which was not destroyed by the fire at the Plant 2 site, will be moved to the new plant as production begins.

Unagusta officials said the lot on which Plant No. 2 stood would be cleared. No decision has been made as to what use will be made of the property.

Large parking lots will be built around the new plant. The corporation's offices will remain on



HUGE BULLDOZERS are shown here moving the first of 13,000 yards of dirt for the Unagusta plant. These machines started in a few minutes after the benediction of the formal ground-breaking ceremonies were completed. (Mountaineer Photo).

Main Street in Hazelwood. Officials of Unagusta said they have not completed plans for the interior of the new plant since that will require about 60 more days.

"Instead of waiting until the end of that time, we felt it best to get construction under way, since we have a December 1 production

deadline to meet," Bill Prevost said.

The Unagusta officials and engineers are being assisted in the layout of the plant and selection of machines by the Department of Furniture Manufacturing and Management of N. C. State College.

Spending a lot of time on the project is Prof. Rudolph Willard, manufacturing consultant.

It is explained that the type building being constructed will lend itself to any floor plan and any type of equipment decided upon for the new plant.

The building is also of such design that it can be expanded easily in the future.

"The only contract let to date has been for the grading," Mr. Prevost said. "Local preference will be followed in all phases of our construction. The community has been so cooperative in the days since the fire and helpful in so many ways, that we want to show in some measure our appreciation for their deep, and sincere interest," he continued.

The history of Unagusta dates back 52 years.

The firm was started in 1904 by C. H. Hobbs and E. E. Quinlan as the Unagusta Manufacturing Company, dealing mostly in lumber, and, in a small way, the manufacture of furniture.

R. L. Prevost, Sr., joined the firm in 1909 in charge of production.

Through recession and fire, the firm has operated continuously since it began, but always steadily growing.

In 1936 the corporation acquired from the county the bankrupt Robbins Furniture Company. The county had previously obtained the property through a tax lien. The plant was converted into Plant No. 2.

The peak of employment reached 450 in 1943. There were about 350 on the payroll the day of the destructive fire.

Shortly before the war, the firm added some diningroom furniture to its line. In January, 1955 the firm went back exclusively to bedroom furniture.

The day following the fire, executives of the firm began plans for rebuilding. Some went to see

about machines, others about materials with which to keep Plant No. 1 operating, since all veneer for the firm was made in Plant No. 2.

The officials said it was impossible to give a figure as to the cost of the new plant and equipment, since "some of the plans are still on the drawing boards, and we will have several possible programs to decide on before the final plan is selected."

R. L. Prevost, Sr., is president; Bill Prevost is executive vice president; Ralph Prevost is vice president; Whitener Prevost vice president, and Aaron Prevost is treasurer.

The slogan adopted by the firm several months before the fire was "New Horizons."

From the scope of activities at Unagusta today, it would appear that there are many bright days ahead for this progressive corporation and their understanding and cooperative employees.

Unagusta furniture is sold in all 48 states of the union, and the firm has 38 salesmen. Last week a large shipment went to the Virgin Islands. Unagusta products are nationally known and are recognized as among the top lines in the furniture field.

At this morning's ceremony, Bill Prevost was in charge. The Rev. John Kizer, pastor of the Hazelwood Baptist Church, gave the invocation, followed by a few brief remarks by the president of the firm, who said: "This is a red letter day for Unagusta and the community. After all the encouragement we had to rebuild, we could not afford to do anything else."

Mr. Prevost paid tribute to Local 335 for their cooperation, and was followed by Frank Troutman, president of the local, who said the 5-year contract just signed was assurance of continued "close cooperation."

The Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church, pronounced the benediction.

North of the Tropic of Cancer, the sunny side of the house is the south, but south of the Tropic of Capricorn the north side is sunny.



A CROWD of several hundred braved the rain to attend the ground-breaking ceremony at the new site of Unagusta's plant at noon today. The rain stopped just a few minutes prior to the start of the program, and then began in a few minutes after the benediction. (Mountaineer Photo).

Haywood Republicans Will Meet Saturday, March 3rd

Haywood Republicans will hold their county convention in the commissioner's room, at the court house, Saturday, March 3, at 2 p.m., it was announced today by Elmer "Red" Miller, chairman of the county executive committee.

Chairman Miller said that county party officers will be named at the convention, as well as delegates to the congressional district convention to be held in Hendersonville, March 9.

All precinct chairmen were reminded by Chairman Miller of the necessity of naming precinct officers and also delegates to the county convention prior to the meeting here on the 3rd.

At the Hendersonville convention, delegates will be named to attend the state and national conventions.

The county officers to be named at the March 3rd meeting here will

Mistaken Identity

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Mrs. C. W. Hedges was puzzled when she returned to her parked car to find it locked, but she went to the police when she found a shotgun, cartridge belt and a pair of men's shoes inside.

Next day Jim D. Tallman arrived at the police station to report the articles missing. He said he was returning the articles to his brother-in-law, saw a parked car on the street, and mistakenly thinking it the brother-in-law's put the articles inside.

To be sure they wouldn't be stolen, he locked the car which was a model which didn't require a key.

include a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary - treasurer, Miller said.

North Carolina's 1956 allotment for wheat is 263,395 acres, compared to over 10 1/2 million acres for Kansas, the largest wheat-producing state.

North Carolina honey production for 1955 amounted to 3 1/2 million pounds, 30 per cent below the record high of 6 4/10 million pounds produced in 1951.

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