

The Big Three of Wood

Wood will become the characteristic raw material of our civilization because it has three attributes which make it unique among all materials.

1. Wood is universal. Wood has become a raw material that can satisfy almost every requirement of existence—and not merely ersatz goods. It can and does produce food for men and animals. It is already the world's second most important source of textile fibers—wood clothes a good part of the nation. Someday wood will supply a large portion of the world's motor fuels and lubricants. As a building material, it now yields a variety of plywoods, plastics, and wood alloys that can meet any engineering specification.

2. Wood is abundant. As against the negligible areas where coal, iron ore, oil, and other mineral resources are found, forests cover 8000 million acres—one fourth of the earth's land area. And only a fraction of the world's forest resources is now utilized.

A virtual *terra incognita* equal in acreage to the whole of North America lies in the tropical and arctic forests. As for ability to produce—an acre of good forest can grow annually several times as much fiber as an acre of cotton, and as much sugar as the same soil planted to sugar beets.

3. Wood is inexhaustible. The forest is not a mine that eventually will be depleted, but a crop land. *Provided* trees are harvested as a crop and the forest is sustained by proper management, wood will forever yield all the material the human race can conceivably require." From "THE COMING AGE OF WOOD"—Egon Glesinger. Simon and Schuster, Inc., New York, 1949.

U. S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MANILA REGIONAL OFFICE

Manila (Special)—Some ₱79,156.62 is paid out monthly by the U.S. Veterans Administration to 1,233 beneficiaries in the Province of Laguna, Brig. Gen. Ralph B. Lovett, USVA Manager in the Philippines, announced this week.

Meanwhile, considering all 49 provinces and the City of Manila, which boasts the largest single concentration of beneficiaries, the USVA is paying out ₱5,849,064.34 monthly to 76,540 regular beneficiaries, or an average of ₱76,540 regular beneficiaries, or an average of ₱76.43 per beneficiary per month. These figures do not include initial payments or accrued benefits. When these initial payments, sometimes amounting to more than ₱3,000.00 each, are considered, the most recent tabulation reveals that the USVA actually paid a total of ₱8,190,909.62 during the month of February in the form of 81,357 checks.

When compared to other provinces, excluding Manila, Laguna ranks 18th in number of beneficiaries and 19th in amount paid by the USVA, said Gen. Lovett.

(Press Release)

Callanta & Fernandez Lumber

HARDWARE AND LUMBER DEALER

(Member, Pangasinan, Chamber of
Commerce)

A. T. Bugallon, Dagupan City

Main Office:
L.D. Tel. No. 23-R

Branch Office:
L. D. Tel. No. 50-J