

Local Furniture Firm Battles Air Pollution

Van Stee Corporation, 200 Crescent St., manufacturer of Early American and Colonial period furniture, has taken steps to help eliminate air pollution.

The project, Dean C. VanStee, vice president, said, will cost upward of \$50,000.

The first phase of it has been completed with the erection of a 60 by 14 foot white concrete stave silo at the corner of the property, Crescent and Scott Streets.

With the dust collector atop of it, the structure measures 80-feet.

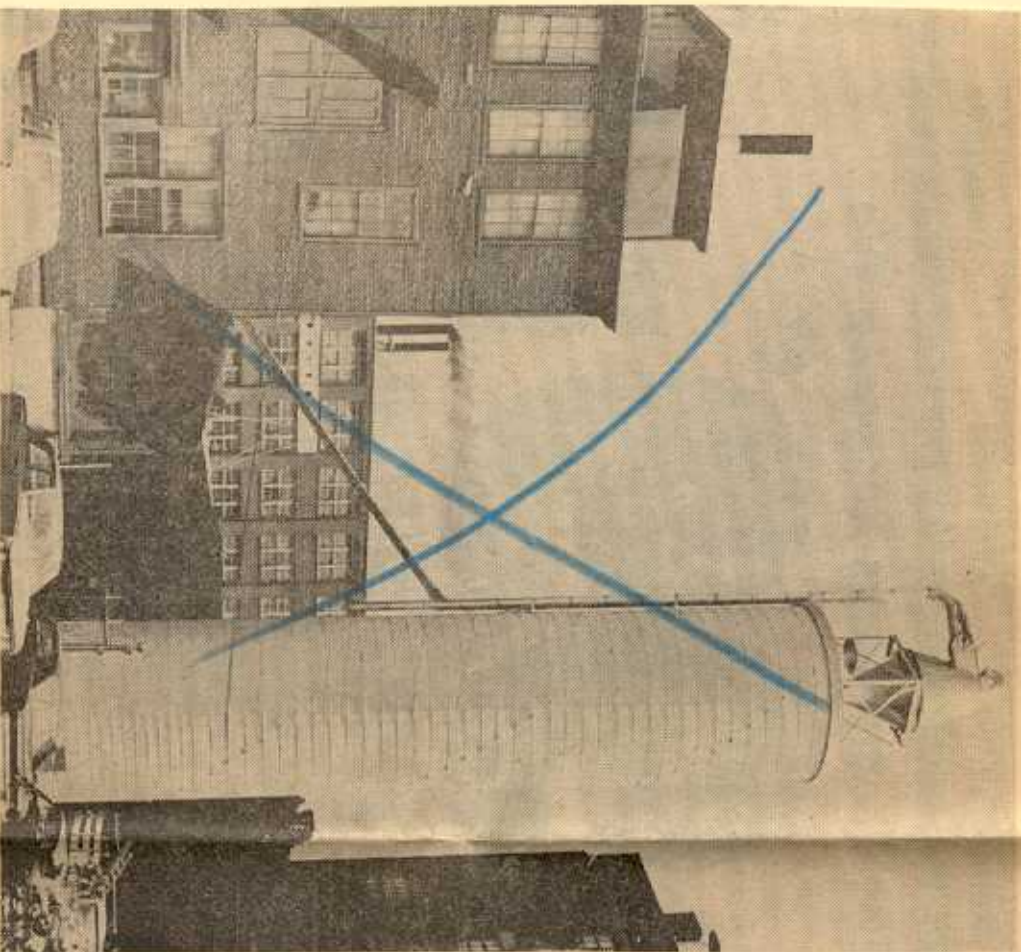
The silo is actually a storage bin for sawdust from every nook and corner of the vast plant operation. The sawdust is carried into the bin by powerful electric blowers.

When the bin is full, it holds 32-tons of sawdust, which is carried away by a cartage company. The cartage firm loads onto trucks by using suction equipment.

The dust collector assures the company that very little, if any, particles of sawdust or other residue, remains in the area, since it draws it into the bin.

That phase of pollution elimination, Mr. VanStee pointed out, eliminates burning sawdust in the furnace.

Another part of the project, is



a 60-foot silo where sawdust from the plant is stored rather than burned. The firm manufactures Early American and Colonial furniture.

POLLUTION CONTROL—Van Stee Corp., 20 Crescent St., has taken steps to help eliminate air pollution. In the first phase of a \$50,000 project, the firm has erected

As to the furnace, used to burn coal, wood scraps and sawdust, it will no longer exist after October.

It will be replaced by a 200-horsepower high pressure convertible gas-oil boiler. It will assure the company heat, in event of low gas pressure during the extreme cold winter months. The new boiler will eliminate smoke from the company heating system.

Another part of the air pollution elimination project is already in operation. The finishing room residues, which include paints, are collected daily in plastic bags, which are carried away and buried deeply in the ground at the cartage firm's dumping grounds.

Heretofore, the finishing room residues were burned in a burning area on the company's property.

"That," Mr. VanStee said, "also eliminates smoke from the area, which is not only industrial, but residential and business."

His brother, Gary K. VanStee, also a vice president, is directing the company's air pollution elimination program.

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