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# J.V. Hammond Co. In Midst of \$130,000 Expansion Program

HERE ARE THE HEATING UNITS

## Huge Dry Kiln, Dimensional **Mill Being Built At Spangler**

57-Year-Old Firm Adds Other Lines to Former **Business of Manufacturing All Kinds Mine Supplies** 

Hammond Company, Spangler, is currently undergoing a \$130,000 expansion program. The first phase of the work is expected to be completed by the end of this month.

According to J. V. Hammond, owner and operator of the Spang-ler lumber firm, the huge undertaking will include three separate firm still produces mine roller, building and modernization pro-

The expansion now taking place includes the completion of a new \$5,000 saw mill, a new modern \$75,000 dry kiln, and a \$50,000 dimensional mill. All three new buildings are be-ing built on the six-acre Hammond Company grounds in Spangler Borough.

The current expansion is another step in the long success of the Spangler firm, which ships its various types of products all over the United States, South Amerita, Canada, Europe and even Africa. J. V. Hammond, owner, succeeded his father in the busi ness in 1934 after the latter had operated the firm since 1898. The mmond lumber business, however, dates back more than a tury, having been established

by Mr. Hammond's grandfather in Clearfield County. It has been continuous operation in the angler area since before the turn of the century.

Heading the list of the new perations to be added by the unber firm, is the \$75,000 completely modern dry kiln. The new fireproof kiln, when completed, will be one of the largest in the state of Pennsyl-vania. "It is the most modern kiln money will buy." Mr. Ham-mond said. He expects it to be in operation by the first of September.

The new kiln, constructed of solid brick with a concrete roof, will be completely fireproof. The brick in the structure, totaling \$0,000 of the large 4 by 5 inch. size, were all purchased from the Patton Clay Manufacturing Company. The kiln structure measures 1031/2 feet long, by 30 will jump to approximately \$1 million after the new kiln and teet deep and 28 feet high. The material for the kiln, including the fully automatic 100 horsepow-The Spangler businessman said

er steam generator of the latest that when the new kiln and ditype, and the heating units, is mensional mill are moving in full being supplied by the Moore Dry Kiln Company of Jacksonville, Florids, largest manufacturer of dry kilns in the world. The new year. "Add 15,000 board feet pur

dry kilns in the world. The new kin is divided into three sections. Heat generated in the kiln will nee 50 a 220 decrees temperature for the complete curing process. Launcer will be stacked in the kiln 16 feet high and will be loaded and unloaded by means of a high-lift. The kiln is a trackless kiln and will not feature the re-withe kiln complete curing process.

The new saw mill, which is expected to be in operation within a very short time, will be the second saw mill on the company's six-acre plot of ground in Spangler.

#### J. V. Hammond Company has manufactured mine supplies for the past thirty-five years. The utber stamp handles. Mr. Hammond, the energetic owner, is well known too for his inventions. In 1942 he had patented a dyna-mile box which he now manufactures and ships all over the country as well as to foreign countries. He also has patented a wedge roof bolt for mines, but the manufacture of this product

has not yet been started. When the work in the coal mines began to taper off the Hammond firm overcame the alowing down of its work by adding other products in the line of wood. This bit of fore-sight paid off. In the past four years the Hammond firm has worked full time. Going into the dry kills and dimensional work will help to strengthen this working ability.

The lumber business consists nainly in timber and logs to be processed for the manufacture of furniture Mr. Hammond buys his lumber from over 200 persons within a fifty mile radius of

Spingler. Although a large por tion of the logs are processed at the Spangler operation, the Ham-mond firm also purchases a large Abrams. All of the Hammond employees are members of the United Con-struction Workers Union, District portion of the manufactured lum-ber from other area mills. Mr. 50. UMWA Hammond said that this year it is estimated that the firm will process about 2 million board

feet and handle another 3 million board feet. At the present time the company works approxi-mately 15,000 feet per day. "Last year the company purchased about a half million dollars worth of timber and logs," Mr. Hammond said. "This year we estimated that this amount

The Spangler businessman said Charges of failure to stop at he scene of an accident were fillant Wednesday against a Pittsburgh trucker who fied in his tractor-trailer after it had crashed into a stillty pole in Ebensburg last Tuesday night. He is Ray Hancock, 26, who pleaded guilty at a preliminary hearing before Ebenaburg Just-ice of the Peace Theodore Hanna Charges were brought by borough Police Chief Theodore Jervis.

casing of lumber for television cabinets, lumiture of all kinds. S2,000 bond.

when completed, will be in charge of Glenn Layton and James Susquehanna Rafting, Logging to **Be Commemorated At Cherry Tree** Saturday, Aug. 20, Selected As Date for Official

## Dedication of Monument Given By R. D. Tonkin

The days of rafting and logging the Susquehanna River will be called and memorialized with n the Susquehanna River will be ecalled and memorialized with appropriate ceremonies in coninto the building of the East-

About 1850 the floating of loose Saturday, Aug. 20, of a monu-ment at Cherry Tree, Pa., in hon-or of "The Raftmen The Log-Their Mothers and Wives across the river became the lum-across the river became the lum-In honor of the men and the

(DST) in Canoe Place Park Cherry Tree. Canoe Place Park, recently Tree, himself an old-time raftsman and lumberman, and owner

Pictured is just one section of the heating units measures 103%x30x28 feet, and is being installed now being installed on the roof of the new modern dry kiln at J. V. Hammond Co., Spangler. The kiln, which is constructed completely of brick. pletely enclosed on the roof of the structure.

> created by the Borough of Cherry Tree, includes the famous monument erected in 1894 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to mark a corner of the land purchased by William Penn's sons from the Indians at Fort Stanwix, N. Y., back Located in ( in 1768.

of the last two square timber rafts to be floated on the Susque hanna, is erecting at his own ex pense a granite monument to perpetuate the memory of these Located in Canoe Place Park. In 1768. The 1894 monument marks the ordinance has agreed to maintain

site of a large wild cherry tree and care for the monument and which was noted as the point of beginning for cance travel on the Tonkin is also writing a history

**Heart Attacks Hit Editor, School Head** 

4-H CLUB HOLDS SESSION girls would meet Wednesday Heart Attacks thit Editor, School Head Two prominent Johnstown men re in satisfactory conditions in

Johnstown hospitals, after being

stricken with heart attacks. They are Dr. Arthur M Stull

Mencher Highway, Johnstown. R. D. 5, superintendent of Cam-bria County Schools, and C. W. Dressler, 57, of Menoher Houle, ard, associate editor of the Tri nune-Democrat.

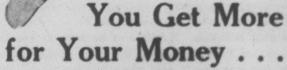
Dr. Stull, who was stricken on Friday, July 22, is a patient in Mercy Hospital.

Mr. Dressler, who is in Memor ial Hospital, became ill shortly after noon on Wednesday of last week at his office. He had just driven from Harrisburg.

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**Trucker Held After Shearing Off Poles In Ebensburg Boro Drives Away After Rig** 

Fel's High Tension Line

The event is slated for 2:30 p. at Cherry Tree.

gular kiln cars commonly used.

When in operation the new kin will have a capacity for treating 100,000 board feet of lumber at one time, or the equivalent of seven railroad box car loads. Mr. Hammond said he also expects to be able to build up a transit lumber dry-ing trade for other lumber firms when the new kiln is in operation. The new kiln will be the only

ing lumber taken from the kiln.

Although a clearing is now ready for the dimensional mill. the building will not be started until the kiln is finished. Machin-ery used in this latter operation will also be of the latest type. The site for the dimensional mill is adjacent a railroad siding on the Hammond grounds. superintendent.

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for vocitional schools, correction plywood, knotted cherry panel, ficoring and other various items Mr. Hammond said that at all time there is approximately stored on the company's grounds. Mr. Hammond said that with Mr. Hammond said that with Mr. Hammond said that with in operation. The new kiln will be the only large scale commercial kiln in the added 15,000 feet of lumber taken from the kiln. the added 15,000 feet of lumber fick of the other can deat the the taken from th wires crashed into the street, knocking off power to at least a dozen nearby homes. Pennsylvania Electric Company crews worked

serves as sales manager and Urban Wenver is production

John Baker is serving as the construction superintendent in charge of the current building program and A. J. Clarke of the Moore Klin Co., is in charge of installing kila equipment. Operation of the new kiln, a legislative route toward Sum-

#### PLENTY OF LUMBER HERE

of logging and lum the Susquehanna. cabinets, furniture of all kinds, table legs, glued-up dimensionals for vocational schools, corestock plywood, knotted cherry panel ficoring and other various items at the intersection of Routes 22 ficoring and other various items at the intersection of Routes 22 ficoring and other various items at the intersection of Routes 22 ficoring and other various items at the intersection of Routes 22 ficoring and other various items at the intersection of Routes 22 ficoring and other various items at the intersection of Routes 22 ficoring and other various items at the intersection of Routes 22 ficoring and other various items at the intersection of Routes 22 ficoring and other various items at the intersection of Routes 22 ficoring and other various items at the intersection of Routes 22 ficoring and the routes 22 for the cherry ficoring to tra-traveled overland to kittanning on the Allegheny River; hence The Indians, according to tra-Master of ceremonies at the

unveiling will be Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace, noted historian and

ored platform guests. Others am-The new monument is especiong the guests will be state offi cials, conservationists, historians and other interested persons. The public is invited to attend.

SUNNY RAINCOATS

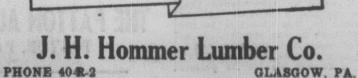
New for the high school and He gave no explanation for college set are attractively trimvehicles, each containing occu-pants being attended at a nearby Chief Jervis and Cpl. Frank Lease lent in gabardine, populin or corof Ebensburg State Police Sub- duroy-to mention just a few of the available fabrics.



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nortion of the some million feet umber that is always on hand tond Co. in Spangler. The con-midst of a \$130,000 expansion acres of land in Spangler Bursix acres of land in Sp

ough adjacent to its plant to hold the large stock-plie. According to estimates there are always 700,000 feet of cut lumber and 300,000 feet of logs at the site. All of the lumber comes from within a 50-mile radius of Spangler.