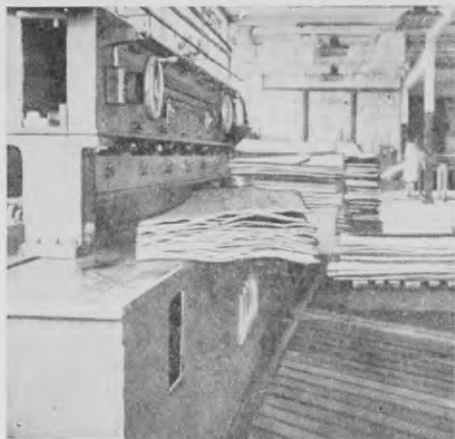


ium that at present are becoming recognized as of great importance ; their wide application in the future is certain. In the plywood plane costly and difficult riveting, which reduces strength, is eliminated. Metal tends to weaken with vibration and to corrode with exposure to weather—this does not take place with plywood. Manufacture is faster, simpler, and less costly. It is claimed that because of the absence of complicated wing braces, and with wings and fuselages hollow and curved, the plywood plane needs 25 per cent. less power. Change of design can be made without trouble. Less labour is necessary and wood-working machinery only is sufficient ; planes can be made in piano and furniture factories which have idle capacity.

Plywood planes are in the air at present. But after the war, with time for further experiment and more rigorous testing,



The trimming-machine.

these planes may be the answer to the demand by thousands of pilots for low-priced machines.

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN

DISABLED SERVICEMEN LEARN TO DO USEFUL WORK

A KORERO Report

IN A quiet backwater of one of Wellington's busiest thoroughfares was a vacant section, and here, a little over a year ago, was an Army vehicle park. The surface was churned into a sea of mud by the spinning, sliding wheels of heavy trucks, and the whole area had a dejected and desolate look. To-day there stands on this spot a modern two-storied building, clean lined, well lit, air conditioned. A considerable piece of ground remains, and workmen are engaged in transforming this into a bowling-green.

This is a training centre of the Disabled Servicemen's Re-establishment League, a body of citizens, mostly returned servicemen, who built up an organization to help those servicemen who were so disabled as to be unable to maintain themselves. Pensions are available, certainly, but no man wants to live out his life "pensioned off" if he feels that he can still do some

useful work in the community. The League contacts men who are on economic pensions and offers them the chance of passing through its vocational training school and of taking their place again as producers and wage-earners.

Some of the funds are supplied by the R.S.A., and the Government gives a subsidy. Most of the staff are returned servicemen, many from this war, and trainees soon drop into the easy, familiar atmosphere of the Services. A strong effort is made to make every man feel that, in spite of his disability, he is still a valuable member of the community.

As you walk through the double glass doors you enter a neatly appointed modern office. There is some furniture awaiting disposal: this has been produced by the training centre. The workmanship is excellent, and shows careful and skilled craftsmanship.