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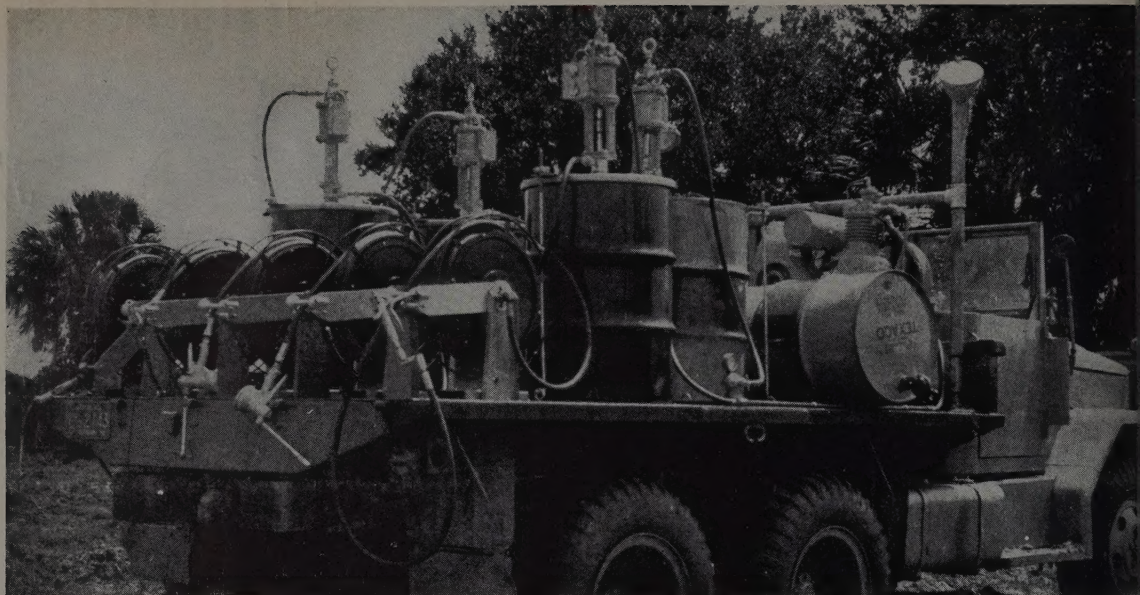
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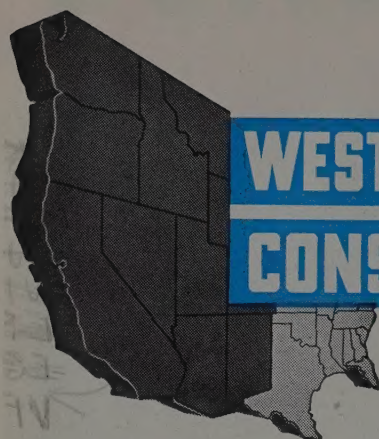
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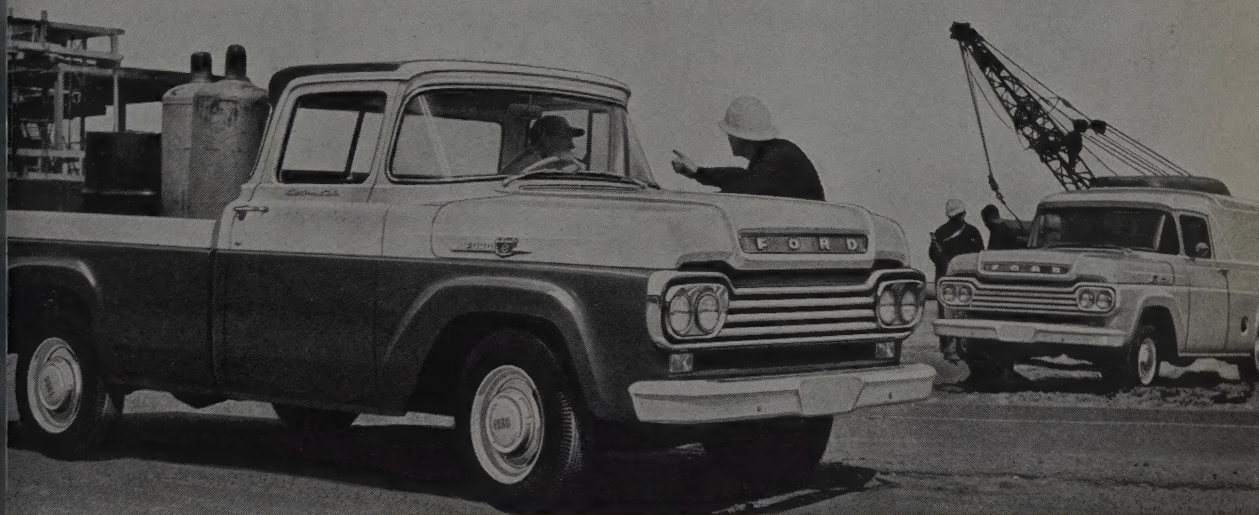
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# NEW EQUIPMENT

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## L-W introduces the C Speedpull

A fast, high-production six-wheel self-propelled scraper has been introduced by LeTourneau-Westinghouse Co. Named the Model C Speedpull, the machine teams a 20-yd. heaped-capacity Fullpak scraper with a 276-hp. 4-wheel prime mover. The Speedpull was designed specifically for top production on long haul earthmoving jobs. The machine is expected to gain acceptance as a companion unit to the L-W 4-wheel Tournapulls.

Unveiling of the Speedpull follows, by only a few weeks, the introduction of the firm's Haulpak trucks.

Operating advantages result from the Speedpull's horsepower-to-weight ratio of only 336 lb. of total loaded weight per horsepower. L-W engineers also report that the Speedpull's low-friction drive train, specially-designed transmission, and ducted fan will permit an exceptionally high percentage of engine horsepower to be delivered to the drive-wheels.

Probably the most unusual design feature is Hydrair suspension of its front wheels. In this system, originally perfected by L-W for its new Haulpak trucks, each front wheel is mounted to a piston which operates inside a frame-mounted cylinder. Surrounding the piston is a circular chamber of oil, connected by tube to an oil reservoir inside the piston. As the wheel rolls along surface irregularities, the up-and-down motion of the piston forces oil in and out of the piston's reservoir. This, in turn, compresses and decompresses nitrogen gas contained above the oil reservoir, snubbing the overall movement of the piston and wheel, thus absorbing shocks and leveling the ride.

In addition, Hydrair makes possible several design advantages on the Speedpull. It eliminates the need for a front axle, thereby, providing a higher ground clearance at the front of the machine. The "no axle"

feature also permits a wider angle of turn for the wheels, and a correspondingly sharper turning ability. With full-power steering, the 41-ft., 2-in. long unit can turn a full 180 deg. in a space only 34 ft. wide. Steering is controlled by a "feather touch" steering wheel, which actuates a hydraulic ram system for turning the wheels under any ground condition, yet still retains the ability to steer in case of steering power failure. Uniform steering reaction is assured because the hydraulic pump is given only the steering assignment.

The Speedpull also offers "Spot-Turn" brakes as standard equipment. This system permits braking either drive wheel for fast skid steer action to supplement the normal front-wheel steering in difficult terrain. The brakes are regulated by a hand-lever located on the steering shaft immediately beneath the steering wheel. Total braking surface of 3,764 sq. in. is the largest in the industry for this size of machine. In addition, the Speedpull offers a parking brake as standard equipment, and, as an optional item, the L-W Electrotarder. This latter device creates a resistance "drag" on the big engine-mounted electric generator, thus slowing the engine, and saving wear on the machine's service brakes.

Other features include electric control of scraper functions, the Fullpak scraper design, and a power transfer differential that automatically transfers up to 80% of engine power from a slipping drive wheel to the one on better footing.

Electric motors control the unit's apron lift, tailgate motion, and bowl lift. Fingertip switches to activate these point-of-action motors are located to the right of the operator on control panel. For natural, right-hand reach to these controls, the operator seat is angled



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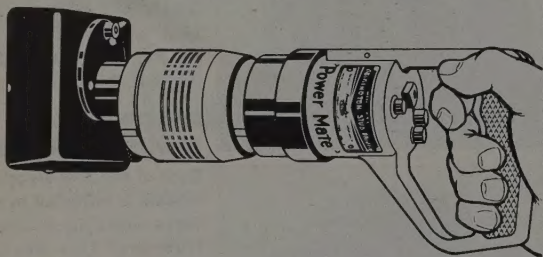


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slightly in the cockpit. Thus during loading or spreading, the operator controls the steering wheel with his left hand, the controls with his right, and need look only slightly to the right and back to see the blade and load in the scraper bowl behind him.

Connecting the Fullpak scraper to the Speedpull prime-mover is a newly-designed hitch that permits exceptional oscillation in all directions. The scraper can tilt 30 deg. from the prime mover plane either right or left with no difficulty. Positive heavy-duty stops prevent jack-knifing damage.

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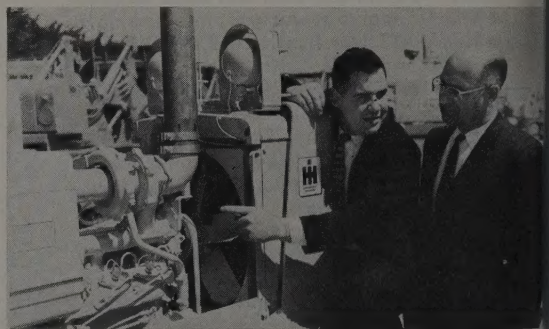
Grease fittings have been kept to a minimum. On one, on the generator, needs daily service.

Greatest use of the Speedpull is expected to be on jobs where one-way haul routes are over 2,000 ft. long and where haul conditions are good.

Price of the complete Speedpull with 20-yd. Fullpak scraper is \$43,505 f.o.b., Peoria. . . . Circle No. 1

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The turbocharger was developed by AiResearch Industrial Division of The Garrett Corp. and International Harvester Co. The picture shows Wolfgang G. Schlegel of the former company explaining details to Homer F. Griffith, manager of the IH Chicago Tractor Works. . . . Circle No. 14

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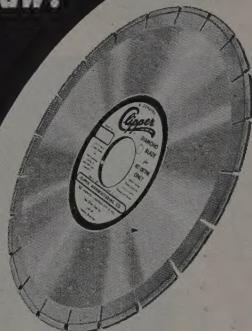
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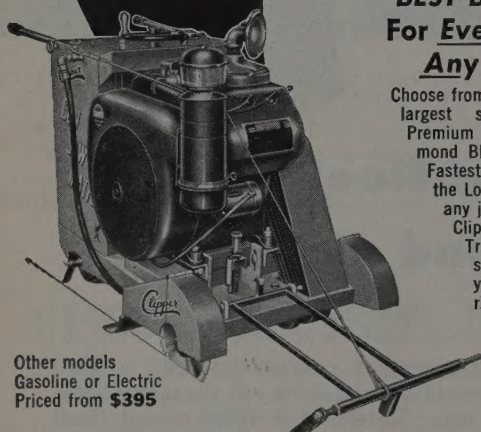
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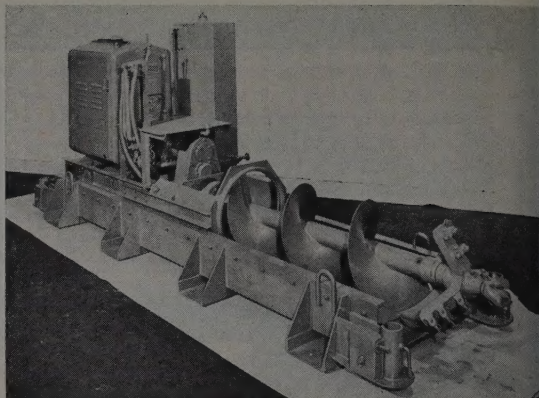
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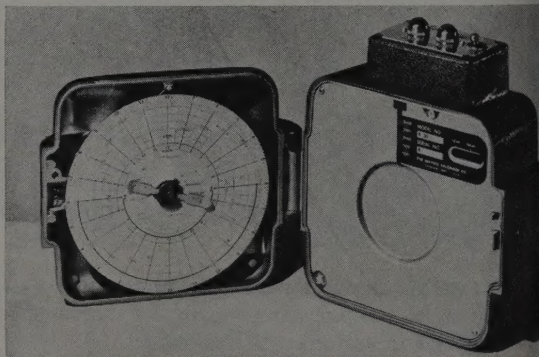


gasoline engine and with a 4-speed transmission, the drill has electric starting and is equipped with variable hydraulic feed in a rigid frame for accuracy. Forward thrust is rated at 30,000 lb. and maximum torque of the auger is 6,500 ft. lb. A pipe pusher and one guide are standard equipment.

... Circle No. 1

**Engine speed recorder and control**

To aid operators of off-the-road equipment in effort to reduce maintenance expense a new time recorder has been developed to help these cost-conscious owners and their drivers. The unit is announced by **The Servis Recorder Co.** It makes an accurate record of engine speed in revolutions per minute, pinpointing these operations on one or three-day charts. The instrument is designed specially for heavy construction and diesel powered equipment.



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# The WEST from WASHINGTON

By E. E. HALMOS, JR., Washington, D. C.

When you're looking for construction money in the appropriations bills that Congress grinds through as a session ends, don't stop with the obvious ones like Army Civil Works, Bureau of Reclamation and such. There's a lot more construction money even, than the sizeable amounts in those two measures, tucked away in many strange places. In fact, the total construction money appropriated by Congress so far (without counting a housing bill and the highway expenditures), now adds up to something like \$3.5 billion.

A rundown by departments and agencies reads this way:

Health, Education and Welfare—\$300 million, including \$61.1 million for assistance for school construction, \$143.7 million for hospital construction;

Military construction (other than civil works)—1.2 billion.

Atomic Energy Commission—\$165.4 million, including \$2 million for a physics building at Lawrence Radiation Laboratory and \$3.8 million for a research reactor at Ames Laboratory, both in California.

Army Civil Works—\$863.4 million.

Bureau of Reclamation—\$253.4 million.

National Aeronautics & Space Agency—\$53 million for construction.

Department of Interior—\$100.2 million, including \$46 million for parks and facilities; \$26 million for forest roads and trails; \$28 million for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

State Department—\$4.5 million for completion of the Rama Road in Nicaragua.

Justice Department—\$4.4 million for construction and rehabilitation of prisons.

Federal Aviation Agency—\$173.5 million for grants in aid for airports.

General Services Administration—\$85 million for maintenance, repair and acquisition of sites for public building projects.

Veterans Administration—\$30.2 million for hospitals.

Department of Agriculture—\$133.1 million for soil conservation programs and construction.

U. S. Information Service—\$9

million for completion of East Coast Broadcasting Facility (to beam information to South America).

U. S. Bureau of Fisheries—\$6 million revolving fund for construction and rehabilitation of processing plants.

And that's only a sampling.

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The West, incidentally, gets a fair share of the \$1.2 billion military construction money. Army will spend about \$20 million on various facilities in the Western states; Navy, about \$63.9 million; Air Force, about \$40 million.

Biggest items include: Army—\$7.3 million for facilities at Ft. Bliss, Texas; \$5.7 million for work at Ft. Sill, Okla. Navy—\$30 million for operational facilities, troop housing and the like at the Pacific Missile Range at Pt. Mugu, Calif.; \$24.6 million for facilities at Naval Air Station, Lemoore, Calif. Air Force—\$10 million for NORAD headquarters at Colorado Springs.

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Expenditure of more than \$2.2 billion on national forest work—a large share of it for new roads—over the next 12 years, has drawn support of 22 senators for a new bill (S 2240) now before the Senate Public Works Committee.

Although the measure has the backing of the Eisenhower administration as well as almost the entire senatorial delegation of the Western states, prospects of passage are still about fifty-fifty. Similar bills have been introduced—and gotten nowhere—in every Congress since 1956.

A total of \$720 million would be appropriated out of federal funds, starting at \$40 million for the year 1962, and moving upward to \$60 million a year by about 1964. In addition, the bill contemplates that timber purchasers will spend about \$564 million over the 12-year period to build roads and trails—this money to be made available to them by reducing national forest timber valuations.

Net result, said Montana's Senator Murray, will be addition of some 90,000 mi. of forest roads and

trails in the roughly 180-million-acre national forest system.

Under existing authorization about \$25 million a year is being spent by the government on forest roads and trails.

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The Senate's Public Works Subcommittee has given very short shrift to a proposal by Wyoming two senators that would have the effect of giving a state governor virtual veto power over the Bureau of Public Roads in the selection of Interstate Highway routes.

The bill (S. 2205) contains only two sentences—the second of which is the most dangerous, in the eyes of BPR: "... The federal-aid primary system shall consist of an adequate system of connected main highways, selected or designated by each state through its state highway department, with approval of the governor, subject to approval of the Secretary (of Interior) ..."

That sentence, said BPR representatives (and most of the subcommittee appeared to agree) would give a governor the power to overrule engineering decisions. Further they commented, the governor now can control such decisions, through his state highway department or commission. BPR wants to follow state department recommendations.

In testimony by Wyoming's Governor J. J. Hickey, it developed that the root of the attempted change concerned a 17-mi. stretch of Interstate between Laramie and Walcott Junction, where a group of three small communities don't want to be bypassed by the new road. Further, it concerned the fact that Hickey is warring with his highway commission—appointed by his Republican predecessor.

Chances of action on the bill virtually none.

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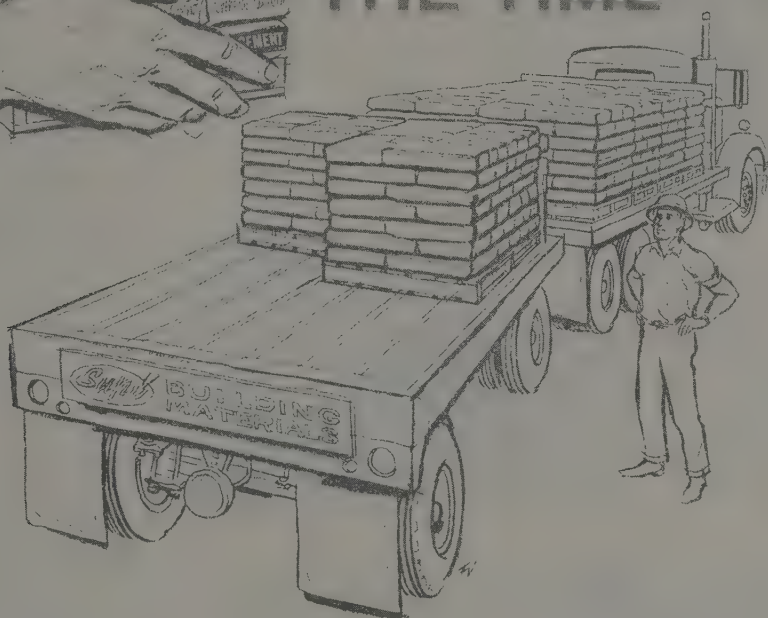
It is getting harder to say much more about the federal-aid highway program and its money problems. The fact is that as of the start of the government's new fiscal year on July 1, absolutely nothing has been done by Congress to replenish the highway trust fund.

Best bet for action—and there still no doubt that funds will be found, somehow, to keep the highway program going without a break—is still borrowing. Action to watch, on financing, is the Joint Resolution (S.J. 109) introduced





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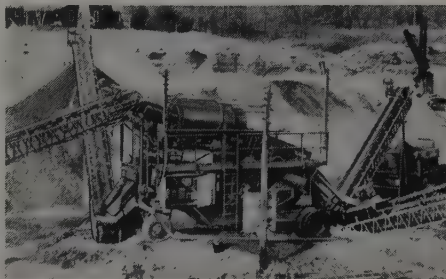


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South Dakota's Senator Case, which would give the Treasury the power to issue a limited amount of interim bonds, payable out of revenues due to the Trust Fund—in effect, lending the trust fund money against its future income. This would, in form at least, preserve the pay-as-you-go principle on which the highway program was set up.

Meanwhile, Administration forces have been bringing powerful pressure to bear on the Congress to get some action.

Latest in the broadsides to Congress, however, was the presentation of a BPR survey of state highway departments, as to what would happen if funds were severely limited, as is now the legal necessity. The overall picture is black. For the Western states, here's a sampling of reports:

**Arizona**—Would have to stop awarding Interstate construction contracts by December, 1960.

**California**—Further advertising discontinued as of May 15, not holding projects in excess of \$5 million pending decision on 1961 apportionment.

**Colorado**—Normal schedule of contract awards would utilize all funds on or before Sept. 1, 1960.

**New Mexico**—Will exhaust all Interstate funds and can let no further Interstate construction after December, 1959.

**Nevada**—Will stop awarding contracts by July 1, 1960.

**Oregon**—Forced to suspend advertising for bids by Sept. 1, 1959.

**Utah**—Necessary to stop awarding Interstate contracts by October 1959.

**Washington**—Will have to stop awarding contracts by December 1959.

**Wyoming**—No contract awards after October, 1959.

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On highways, by the way, look for intensification of the long-standing drive to modify navigation requirements imposed on highway builders for bridges.

Highway-user groups—armed with figures that show that navigation requirements for clearance and channel widths add as much as 27% to the cost of road bridges—are calling these expenses a "hidden subsidy" to water transportation, out of highway funds.

Construction equipment, particularly water-borne rigs like floating dredges, are among the big offenders that require high bridge clearances.

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## Public Works Bidding Needs Reappraisal

PROCEDURES tend to develop ruts. Any established procedure deserves periodic review. Somebody once said that any practice which had been continued for five years should be treated with suspicion; after ten years it should be subjected to severe analysis and revision; after twenty years it should be discarded and a better one instituted.

The general system now used to carry out public works construction has been in effect for many years. Basically it consists of preparing engineering plans and specifications, calling for competitive bids, accepting the low offer, and inspecting and approving the work of the contractor. Relatively inflexible and based on legal requirements, this procedure is intended to secure public construction at the least expenditure of public money. Like so many other well-intended systems the difference lies between theory and practice.

Public works engineers and administrators are painfully aware that the "low bid" does not automatically produce the best result. It can result in delays, requests for extension of time, many "extras", added costs for closer inspection, and a generally unsatisfactory job. These can, and frequently do, balance the advantage of the low bid figure. It is the old principle that the initial price tag may not represent the final or lowest cost.

Public works officials and engineers are conscientious administrators of public funds with a sincere interest in getting the most for this money. On many occasions they would like to have an opportunity to take more direct action in selecting a contractor, but this usually creates legal problems or a public uproar. Engineers' experience and authority should entitle them to this exercise of judgment.

Construction projects have become much too complex to be purchased as a commodity. Commodities are normally bought on price through the function of a purchasing agent. A modern engineering construction contract should not be bought in this manner. Skill and experience sufficient to produce the

best results do not necessarily result from open bidding. Integrity also remains an important job ingredient, and is worth money. A studied look should be taken at present procedure and some of its obvious weaknesses.

Such an analysis is presented in this issue by one well qualified to make a critical appraisal. C. P. Dunn is well known to the engineering profession and the construction industry of this Western region. His long career and recognition represents a worldwide background. With experience on both sides of construction contracts as they are normally secured, he is equally familiar with contracts which are arranged or negotiated. His discussion of present contractual procedures deserves attention by engineers and contractors alike.

Criticism is easy and the obvious faults of our present system have been pointed out in the past. Too frequently such comments end on the negative side, with no suggestion of solution.

Having reviewed these basic problems from his wide experience, Dunn proceeds to offer a definite and detailed proposal for their correction. Obviously any change in a procedure built up over decades will appear to be somewhat radical. Further, any proposal must start out with an idea, and as an ideal.

The proposal of this veteran construction engineer will develop controversy and may well be considered infeasible by many. Progress will involve thought and effort. The constructive proposal of C. P. Dunn is at least thought-provoking. It may not be a complete answer but could be a starting point for gradual improvement over a procedure that deserves attention.

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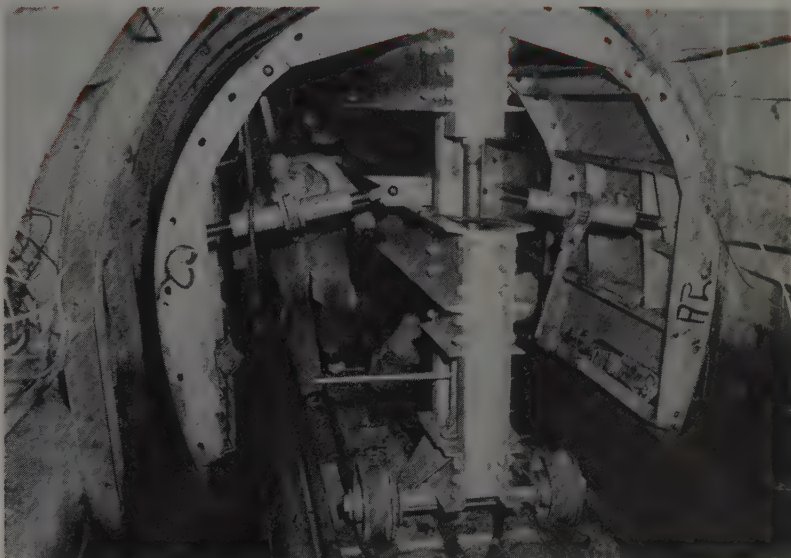
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## OPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Side form placing guides invert and arch forms.
- Collapsible arch forms on rail carrier with hydraulic arms telescope through each other.
- Concrete placed by train feeding into 8-in. diameter slick line with air booster.
- Holes drilled through liner for back-fill grouting.



ARCH FORM on hydraulic carrier positioned in the tunnel. Double hinges enable form to be expanded and contracted for movement. When form is bolted in place, carrier will be withdrawn.

# Concrete lining of Montana tunnel

CONCRETE LINING of the Helena Valley Tunnel was done by the continuous-placing method. Several ingenious procedures were used in maintaining a fast rate of placement.

The tunnel is a 13,961-ft. long, 12-ft. diameter horseshoe-shaped irrigation tunnel to convey water through the Spokane Hills from a pumping plant on the Missouri River to the canal and lateral system being constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation in the Helena area.

The bore is a key feature of the \$20,000,000 irrigation project being constructed near Helena, Mont. to furnish water to 17,630 ac. of new and previously irrigated land, and municipal water for the City of Helena. Construction on the project was started late in December, 1956 when the \$2,095,041 tunnel contract was awarded to Guy James Construction Co. All work on the tunnel was subcontracted to A. J. Cheff Construction Co. of Seattle.

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Driving of the tunnel was from two headings by the conventional method of drilling, shooting, and mucking. Four-foot rounds with from 9 to 26 holes and up to six delays were used. Drilling was done with jack-leg drills using tungsten carbide inset bits. Loading at each heading was done with a mucker loading overhead directly into job-designed and built slusher-filled cars. A train consisted of four cars and was pulled by a 6-ton battery locomotive. The cars were unloaded at the dump by tilting and discharging from the side.

The tunnel was supported through its length by timber-lagged

4-in. WF 13-lb. rib sections. The ribs varied in spacing from 2 to 4 ft. depending on the material encountered. Steel floor spreaders were used in the heavy-ground areas.

Starting from the outlet end of the tunnel about 500 ft. of tuff or consolidated volcanic ash was encountered, followed by 9,600 ft. of argillite with occasional faults and wet areas, and the remaining 3,861 ft. was hard, brittle, heavily-fractured hornfels. The argillite and hornfels are metamorphosed shales that occur in the Belt Series and are Cambrian in age.

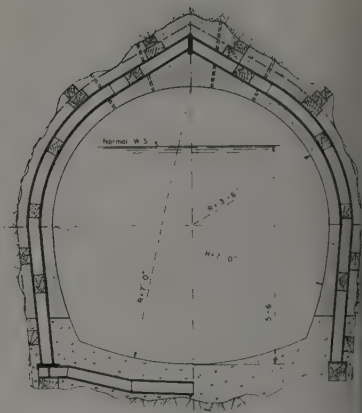
## Clean-up operations

After holing through, tunnel cleanup operations were started on a three-shift, six-day-week basis to prepare the invert for concrete lining. During the cleanup operations steel supports were reblocked and re-positioned where necessary to obtain proper lining thickness. Alignment was determined from





**CLEANING invert.** Loose material was hand shoveled into skip feeding slusher-loaded cars. Only a few tunnel ribs had to be re-aligned from original placement.



**CROSS-SECTION of tunnel showing invert and arch placement of concrete around steel ribs.**



**PLACING INVERT.** Slip form in center moves along tunnel guided by steel side forms. Side forms made of welded steel channel are attached to tunnel ribs by adjustable supports.



**MOVEMENT of one arch form through another is clearly shown. One form is in position against tunnel ribs, while other with hinged sides fully retracted rides through on hydraulic dolly.**

plumb lines hung from spads of centerline set in the top of the tunnel. Grade was set from the spring line marked by punching and painting on the steel supports. Correct stationing was marked every 50 ft. on the supports. Only a few supports were moved either laterally or vertically because of the care used in driving the tunnel.

Invert cleaning and removal of loose material from the sides and arch with some relagging in the arch was started near the center of the tunnel and progressed toward each portal. Excess material in the invert that had been loosened with air spades was hand shoveled into a skip that dumped the muck into the converted slusher loaded cars. These cars were the same ones used in the driving operations, with some modifications made at the end to allow the skip to enter.

### Concrete placing

Placing of concrete in the invert was started near the center of the tunnel in order to allow cleanup operations to proceed uninterrupted toward the inlet portal and avoid due to placing starting in the low freezing weather in February. Cleanup from the outlet end proceeded ahead of concrete placement and was done on the swing and night shifts. Usually 300 ft. of invert was placed per day which was the amount of invert for which the amount of invert for which was available. This amount of invert lining was placed in 6 to 8 days depending on haul distance.

### Invert forming and pouring

The invert was formed so a horizontal construction joint existed





COMPLETED LINER, with forms stripped away, shown in foreground. Both vertical and sloping forms were used and proved equally satisfactory. Placement averaged 265 cu. yd. per day.

up on the sides (see drawing). The top part of the side with the invert allowed room for the barrel forms to be anchored along their bottom edge. The 7-in. high side forms were formed by a 7-in. channel welded face to face with a 5-in. channel. The space between the lower lip of the two channels acted as the guide and rail for the invert slip form to travel in and controlled both the lateral and vertical movement of the form.

The channel forms were made in 50-ft. sections and connected to each other by four dowels welded inside at the corners of the box joint by the channels. Support for the channels was furnished by adjustable arms fastened to the steel barrel supporting ribs. Extreme accuracy was used in setting the channel members to line and grade. This was easily done with a template using plumb lines from the centerline and from the grade mark. The template was worked and painted on the barrel ribs at spring line.

The stiff side forms made by joining the channels and the care used in setting to line and grade gave an extremely straight and true barrel face to set the barrel forms to. Precisely drilled holes through the side forms were used for holding 1-in. bolts with screw anchors. All the equipment used in making and setting the side forms was justified when the same time to set the barrel forms. The precise setting of the bolts gave a point from which to set the top lip of the barrel forms. This distance was 1½ in. and was easily maintained by a spacer. No other measurements were needed to obtain line and grade for the barrel forms, although occasional checks were made with plumb lines on center and the

distance from the invert to the top of the form.

### Concrete conveyor and chute

Concrete was placed in the invert by a conveyor and swinging-chute arrangement. It was placed back of the side forms by the swinging chute and then vibrated, excess concrete worked out into the center of the invert and just ahead of the slip form. The slip form, 8 ft. long, was moved by an air tugger and cable attached to the rails ahead. The top edge of the side forms was used as a grade strip and the concrete was wood floated between the forms and steel ribs to obtain a straight smooth construction joint.

Light wood floating of the invert followed about 50 ft. behind the

slip form. Small streaks or lines which were actually shallow elongated air pockets left by the slip form were removed by the wood floating. After the wood floating a clear curing compound was sprayed on the fresh concrete.

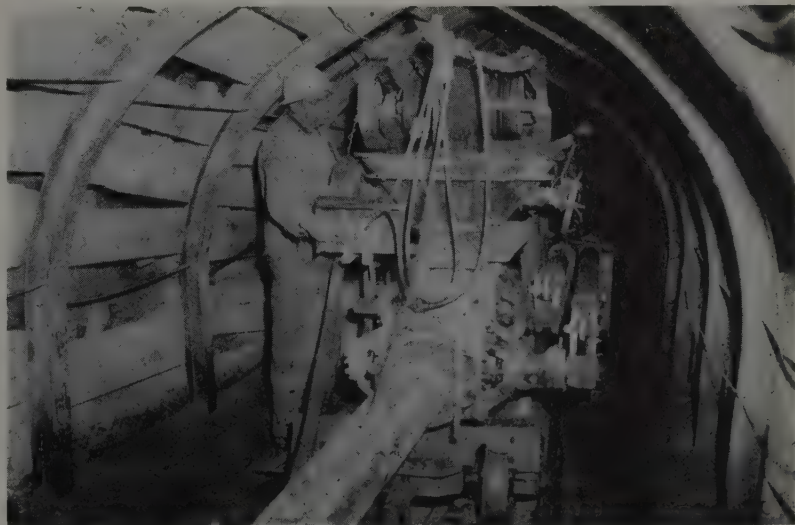
### Concrete and handling

The invert construction joint was sandblasted prior to placing concrete in the barrel forms. All of the invert lining was placed before any of the arch section was placed. The side forms were stripped on night shift, cleaned, oiled and moved ahead for the concrete placing on day shift. The two side forms were supported and carried ahead by an overhead monorail crane that ran on a movable track attached to the steel ribs.

Concrete for the lining was produced by a batching and mixing plant set on the open cut slope beyond the outlet portal. An accumulated weigh batcher traveling on rails supported from the bottom of the aggregate bins was used to charge the 1-yd. mixer. The mixer was set high enough to discharge directly into job-built concrete cars. A 5-yd. capacity concrete car had a 12-in. diameter air-motor-driven screw full length in the bottom of the car. The screw was used for forcing concrete out of the end of the car onto a conveyor belt.

The discharge end of the car was closed by both a split gate that

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SURGE HOPPER feeding slick line in foreground. About 10 ft. of pipe was buried in fresh concrete for maximum penetration around timbers. Line was supported on hangers with pipe rollers.





Eight past-presidents of WASHO in attendance at the conference were (l. to r.) W. E. Willey, Arizona; J. R. Bromley, Wyoming; Earle

V. Miller, Idaho; President Williams; Roy A. Klein, Oregon; Lacey Murrow, Washington; Al Winkler, Montana; R. H. Baldock, Oregon

## Washo holds 38th annual meet

BILLINGS, MONTANA, was the scene of the 38th Annual Conference of the Western Association of State Highway Officials held the last week of June. Over 600 were in attendance at the 6-day event. The highly successful conference was highlighted by the presentation of the Dr. L. I. Hewes Award, the newest member, and the great concern about financing problems for the Interstate Highway program.

### AGC-WASHO conference

On Sunday, June 21, a very fruitful meeting was held between the Associated General Contractors and key state highway officials. A number of possible areas of conflict between contractors and highway departments were brought up for discussion so each could better understand the other's problems in order to reduce misunderstandings.

The moving of overweight equipment was one of the perennial problems discussed. The system of special permits in Colorado was of great interest to those in attendance. An official from Arizona related that the Air Force after constructing a missile in California which it intended to shoot to the moon from Florida, couldn't get it across Arizona.

How big should contracts be? The idea was expressed that the maximum size of contracts should be related to the general volume

of work in the given area. If a large portion of the work in an area is brought together in one contract then many contractors will be idle.

Maintenance of existing roads used for hauling purposes was another subject which was explored. The problem arises when a county road, for example, is damaged by a contractor who uses it as a haul road while building an Interstate Highway project. The Federal Government won't pay the damages. Who determines the damage? How much damage would have occurred in the same period of time without the nearby construction project? In what condition was the road to begin with?

The Buy-American Act also came up for discussion. Many states have no restrictions at all on the use of foreign materials. It was the general feeling that no handicap greater than 6% could be placed on foreign made materials without running legal risks.

Difficulties in getting access to borrow materials were pointed out by the contractors. Land owners controlling property between borrow pits and construction projects often raise prices when a number of contractors make inquiries. It was felt that the taxpayer would be saved money if the state would acquire access before the project was advertised.

Traffic control on construction projects was brought up and the

opinion expressed that the problems are greatly lessened when the cost of flagmen and traffic control is shared by the contractor and the highway department.

Other subjects briefly discussed were highway financing, subcontracting, effects of concrete mixing time, and clarification of the effect of strikes on working time.

### Hewes Award

The presentation of the Dr. L. Hewes Award was made at the Family Dinner by Robert Byrum, managing editor of *Western Construction*. The Award is made annually at the WASHO meeting to honor the memory of Dr. L. Hewes, one of the founders of WASHO who for many years was Western Regional Director of the Bureau of Public Roads. Each state submits a nominee and the executive committee of WASHO selects the winner. The \$500 first prize and suitable certificates for the winners and runners-up are provided by *Western Construction*.

The first prize was shared this year by W. O. Widdows, assistant maintenance engineer of Oregon, and Joseph D. Meyers, engineer geologist of Arizona.

W. O. Widdows won his award as a result of outstanding work in the experimentation and development of more efficient striping equipment. The new equipment increases by 30% the mileage which can be obtained from a gallon





**CO-WINNERS** of the "Dr. L. I. Hewes Award" for 1959 are Joseph D. Meyers, engineering geologist of Arizona, and W. O. Widdows, assistant maintenance engineer of Oregon. Bob Byrne, managing editor of Western Construction, which sponsors this annual award, is shown making the presentation to L. F. Quinn, chairman of the Arizona State Highway Commission, who accepted the award for Meyers.

aint. The drying time is reduced about 50% and better penetration and longer wear is obtained. The minimum road temperatures for painting operations are greatly reduced. W. O. Widdows is 57 years old. He began employment with the Oregon Highway Department in January of 1918. For the past 21 years he has been assistant maintenance engineer in charge of signs, signals, traffic striping and illumination.

The co-winner from Arizona, Joseph D. Meyers, is 36 years old and is a registered professional geologist in Arizona. His award is based on his important contribution in initiating and developing methods used in making a statewide inventory of aggregate materials in Arizona. One of the outstanding original features of his project is the fact that the data on each aggregate source is compiled on a tabulating punch card and can be reviewed easily and brought up to date.

Honorable mention was given to John L. Beaton, supervising highway engineer, and Robert N. Field, materials and research engineering associate, both of the California Division of Highways, for their remarkable work in conducting large scale laboratory tests of median barrier designs.

Linne Erickson of Idaho was given honorable mention for originating and improving designs of special laboratory equipment.

Stearns Eason of Washington is the other honorable mention winner for 1959, recognized for the very valuable work in developing reversible lanes for use on the Seattle Freeway.

### Technical sessions

The conference schedule provided for 3 days of technical group sessions built around the following topics: administration, commissioners, construction, electronics, legislation, maintenance, materials, public relations-personnel, right-of-way, standards and design, and use of radio.

Included in the papers delivered in the Construction sessions, were: "Reinforced concrete paving by the slip-form paver method" by George N. Miles, district engineer, Colorado; "Labor compliance on Interstate projects" by H. E. Cunningham, Western Counsel Bureau of Public Roads, San Francisco; "Control of embankment compaction" by E. C. Simpson, construction engineer, Washington; and "Carrying heavy traffic through construction

projects" by J. C. Womack, assistant state highway engineer, California.

In the Materials section two papers on control of materials during construction were delivered, by L. F. Erickson, materials engineer, Idaho, and R. E. Livingston, planning and research engineer, Colorado.

In the Maintenance section a paper entitled "Snow removal equipment and practices for 2 and 4-lane facilities" was given by Charles E. Shumate, assistant chief engineer, Colorado. Shumate showed his audience a short but hair-raising film on an artificially induced snow slide.

### New officers

Officers elected to serve until the next conference scheduled to be held in Portland, Ore., in June 1960 are:

President—Fred C. Quinnett, state highway engineer, Montana;  
Vice President—L. D. Wilson, chief highway engineer, New Mexico;  
Secretary-Treasurer—T. D. Sherard, deputy state highway engineer, Wyoming.

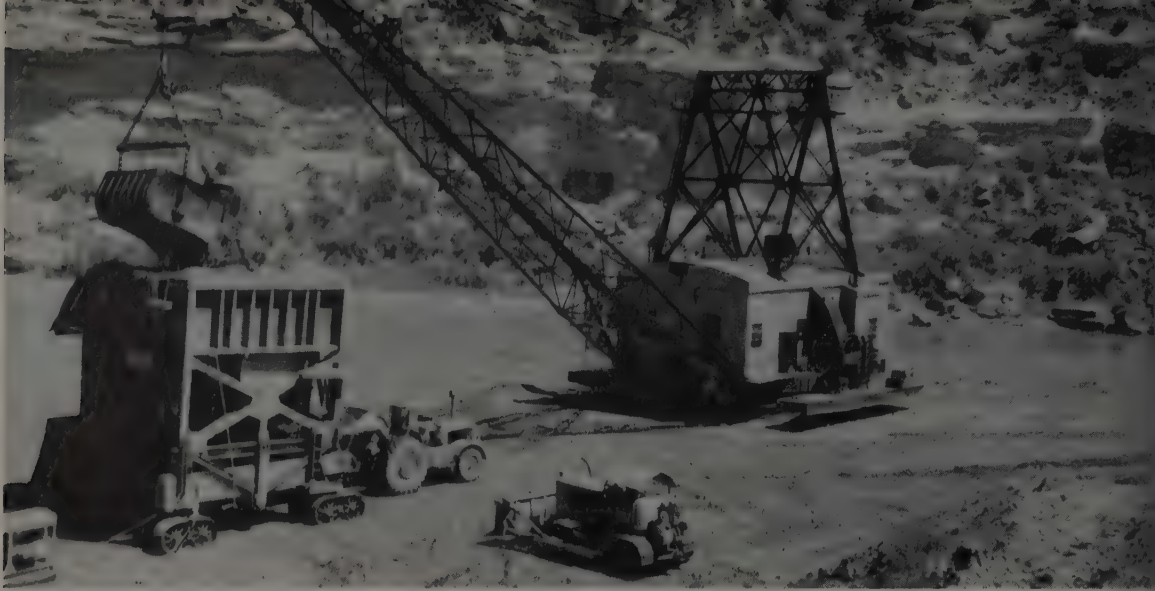
Executive committee members are:

Milton Reay, state highway commissioner, Arizona;  
M. K. McIver, chairman of the Oregon Highway Commission;  
John C. Myatt, deputy territorial engineer, Hawaii Highway Department;  
G. Bryce Bennett, state highway engineer, Idaho Department of Highways;  
W. C. Williams, state highway engineer, Oregon.



**OUTGOING** president "Dutch" Williams of Oregon applauds incoming president, Fred Quinnett, Jr., State Highway Engineer of Montana. The 1960 meeting will be held in Portland, Ore.





SPEARHEADING the earthmoving operation is a Monighan dragline wielding a 15-cu. yd. Esco bucket loading into a specially designed

portable hopper to eliminate truck delays. Hopper has both side and drop gates and air jets to move sticky material.

# Fast earth-moving at Navajo Dam

**Huge Bureau of Reclamation earthfill structure in northwestern New Mexico will be one of the world's largest. Contractor makes full use of modern machines and mild winter to put earth-moving ahead of schedule. Target date for river diversion is October this year.**

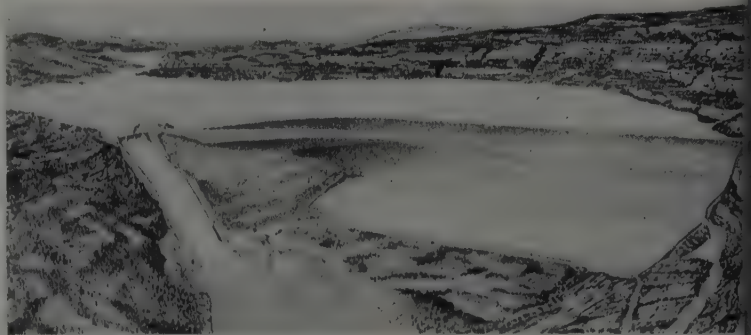
A FLEET of the latest and largest construction equipment is putting on a daily demonstration of modern construction methods at a remote site in northwestern New Mexico. The project is Navajo Dam, a 26,000,000-cu. yd. earth and rock-fill structure being built for the Bureau of Reclamation by a joint venture of Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc. (sponsor), Henry J. Kaiser Co. and F&S Contracting Co. When completed three years from now only Trinity (30,000,000 cu. yd.) now under construction in Northern California will be larger. Bureau of Reclamation dam. Navajo Dam will rise 388 ft. above the San Juan River bed and extend 3,800 ft. along the crest. The reservoir created will be 34 mi. long and will store more than 1,700,000 ac. ft. of water.

Every major unit in the equipment fleet is perfectly matched to the job it has to do. Spearheading the entire earth-moving operation is the mightiest machine of all, a 450W Monighan with a cavernous 17-cu. yd. dragline bucket. Shut-tling between the Monighan and the pervious zones of the embank-

ment on a 2-mi. long haul road are a dozen 30-yd. Euclid bottom dumps. Excavating and placing material for the impervious core are 11 twin-engine Euclid TSS-24 scrapers, push-loaded by a team of 4 twin-engine Euclid TC12 crawlers. Ten Euclid 17-yd. end-dump trucks and a dozen Allis-Chalmers HD21 crawler tractors round out the earth-moving fleet, perhaps the most powerful ever assembled, in terms of horsepower per unit.

The latest and largest machines,

carefully matched to the job, at describe the compaction operation. On the pervious zones, steel-drum vibratory rollers, drawn by crawler tractors, keep compaction costs at a minimum. On the central impervious zone a spectacular rig referred to as "The Blob" moves quickly back and forth. It's a Ferguson tamping roller consisting of 4 sheepsfoot drums mounted on a frame, each powered by a separate engine. Slated for arrival on the job soon is a gang of 4 sheepsfoot rollers.



ARTIST'S SKETCH shows large overflow spillway and road across downstream face. Volume of dam is about 26,000,000 cu. yd., height is 388 ft., crest length is 3,800 ft., lake is 34 mi. long.



from Peterson Tractor Co. in Leandro, Calif.

Navajo Dam is located on a sharp curve of the San Juan River, 11 mi. by road east of Farmington, N. Mex., in Rio Arriba and San Juan counties. Navajo Dam is one of the 4 presently authorized storage units in the Bureau of Reclamation's Upper Colorado River project. Glen Canyon Dam on the Colorado River near the Arizona-Nevada state line (*Western Construction*, December 1958) and Flamingo Dam on the Green River in southeastern Utah (*Western Construction*, May 1959) are already under way. The fourth project is now under way on the Gunnison River in western Colorado which is in the final stages of study.

Navajo Dam will make possible direct diversion of water for the proposed 110,000-ac. Navajo project to serve lands in the Navajo Indian Reservation. Also, through control of San Juan River flows, stream diversion can be made for the proposed San Juan-Chama project which will provide supplemental water to the Rio Grande basin in the central New Mexico.

## Embankment

The 26,000,000-cu. yd. embankment will be placed in 3 zones as shown in the drawing. Zone 1 is selected clay, silt, sand and gravel compacted in 6-in. layers. Zone 2 is selected sand, gravel, cobbles and boulders compacted in 18-in. layers. Zone 3 is miscellaneous material compacted in 12-in. layers. This is ideal for a structure of this type, as all the necessary materials are located in borrow areas immediately adjacent to the site. The maximum haul will be no more than 1 mi. and the average haul will be less. The only material which is readily available is 150,500 cu. yd. of protective riprap which will



LINING diversion tunnel with concrete is under way now with Blaw-Knox steel form 48 ft. long. Rail-mounted dolly carries form and hydraulic rams collapse it when it moves ahead.

be placed on the upper portion of the upstream face of the dam embankment. The nearest source of suitable rock which has been located so far is in southern Colorado about 50 mi. from the site.

There is about 75,000 cu. yd. of concrete required for the project, about half of which will go into the large overflow spillway on the right abutment. The spillway will consist of an approach channel, concrete crest section, spillway bridge, chute, stilling basin, outlet channel and access house for the drainage gallery.

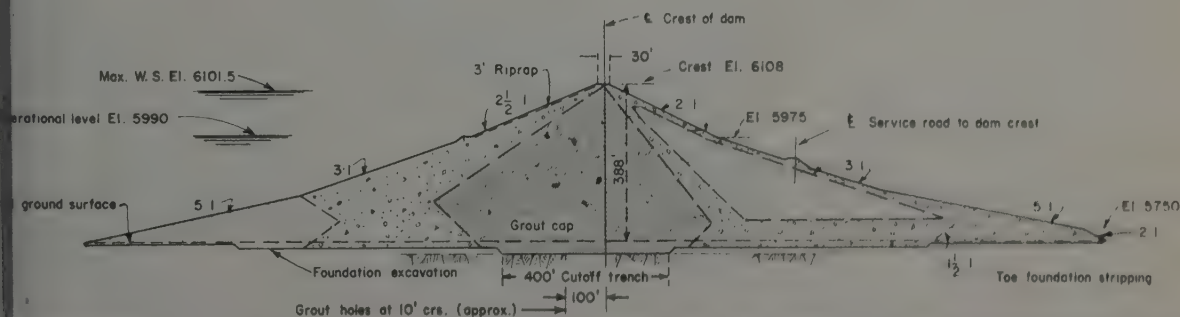
About 39,000 cu. yd. of concrete will go into the outlet works structures. The main features of the outlet works are a concrete tower intake structure, 280 ft. high, an 18-ft. 9-in. diameter concrete-lined tunnel containing a 110-in. diameter steel pipe downstream from

the gate structure; a gate structure and 14-ft. diameter concrete-lined shaft for a 6 ft. x 13 ft. fixed-wheel gate, access tunnels and shaft; a concrete stilling basin and outlet channel.

The auxiliary outlets works will consist of a concrete intake structure, a 7-ft. diameter concrete-lined circular tunnel, a gate chamber for two 4 x 4 ft. gates, and a 6 x 8 ft. concrete-lined arched tunnel.

The Bureau of Reclamation awarded the \$22,822,624 contract on June 25, 1958 to Morrison-Knudsen Co. Inc., Henry J. Kaiser Co., and F&S Contracting Co. Completion date was set for March 1963.

The construction camp for Bureau of Reclamation employees is located five miles downstream from the dam site and provides temporary community facilities for about 45 persons. It is not contemplated



CROSS SECTION shows arrangement of zones. Zone 1 is selected clay, silt, sand, and gravel compacted in 6-in. layers. Zone 2 is

selected sand, gravel, cobbles and boulders compacted in 18-in. layers. Zone 3 is miscellaneous material in 12-in. layers.





**DRY CLIMATE** means moisture content of core material is far below specified amount. Water is added in borrow areas weeks before excavation starts by extensive program of irrigation.

that the Navajo camp will be a permanent installation.

The nearest railhead is Aztec, New Mex., 32 miles from the dam site by existing highways. By the time bids were opened a 9.3-mi. paved road was built from State Highway 17 to a point near the dam site. This access highway was built under the direction of the State Highway Department of New Mexico under an agreement which provided that the Bureau of Reclamation contribute a portion of the funds. Included in the prime contract was the building of 4.7 mi. of access and service roads.

#### First construction

The beginning of work in August 1958 coincided with the completion of the Kings River project in California. The contractor's first step was to transfer supervisory personnel and equipment from Kings River to the Navajo site. Work on the access and service roads and camp facilities was under way within a month after the contract was awarded. The camp consists of separate Butler buildings for warehouse-shop, paint, tire, lube, automotive-electrical, mess hall, 50-man barracks, a tunnel change house, and an office. The one barracks building is supplemented by six 4-man tents. The mess hall serves 6 meals a day, as two 9-hour shifts, 5 days a week, are being worked. There are about 550 men on the job at present.

The initial trailer court area had space for 92 units. Several months later space for 60 additional units was provided.

To provide power, Morrison-Knudsen brought in a 1,250-kva. diesel generator owned by The

Basin Light & Power Co. (since purchased by the City of Farmington). The power company has recently completed a line into the project which removes the contractor from dependence on the generator.

To develop a water supply the contractor first tried to bring in wells in the camp area and in the trailer court area but this was found to be impossible because of the large amounts of decaying vegetable matter in the soil. It was necessary to go to the river and pump water from here. A separate water supply has been developed for the two areas. Water passes through a crushed rock filter, a diatomaceous earth filter and a chlorinator. Sewage treatment is by septic tank and leaching field.

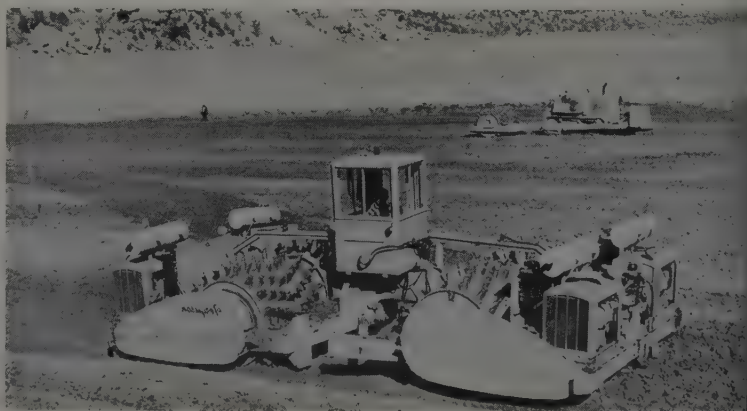
The centrally-located compressor house contains 6 Ingersoll-Rand dual 800 compressors with a total capacity of 4,000 cfm. Air is carried in 6-in. steel pipe.

When the project began some study was given to the idea of mov-

ing the conveyor belt in from Morrison-Knudsen's Great Salt Lake railroad fill. This was found to be impractical because most of the borrow material was located below the center of gravity of the embankment. Conveyors are usually practical only on downhill runs. Also, the borrow areas are broad and shallow which would require an excessive number of conveyor moves.

The main sources of material for the embankment occur in the stream bed from a point 2 mi. upstream from the dam to a point 1 mi. downstream from the dam. Another large borrow area is located on the mesa overlooking the dam site. All of the borrow areas are similar in that 10 to 15 ft. of material suitable for the impervious core overlays 10 to 20 ft. of gravelly material for the pervious zone. The stream-bed borrow areas will be worked until the embankment has risen to within 50 or 75 ft. of the crest. Then the high elevation borrow area will be opened up for the final material. In this way the grades on the haul roads will be kept to a minimum.

Excavating the impervious material is a scraper-pusher operation. The material is hard to load, especially when wet and for this reason plenty of power is needed. Twin-engine Euclid scrapers are used, along with twin-engine TC Euclid pushers. Tandem pushing of the big scrapers is common and occasionally three pushers fall in place behind the scraper. Scrap loading is done almost entirely with pusher power since the risk of damaging a \$2,500 scraper tire by spinning a wheel is too great to permit the scraper to exert much effort. It is on the haul road and



**THE BLOB** is term job personnel apply to this 4-drum self-propelled tamping roller. Each tamping roll has separate engine. Operator is located in center. Machine has bright f





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not in the borrow pit where the extra scraper engine pays off. Because most of the material is being lifted from the borrow areas to the embankment the extra engine on the scraper is a big help. A 10% haul road grade can be handled easily and high speeds can be maintained at all times.

The twin-engine crawlers are used almost entirely for push-loading. The fact that one truck can be put in reverse with the other in forward allows the units to spin on a dime and get into pushing position with no lost time. This high degree of maneuverability is a real asset in a high speed push-loading operation.

### Moving pervious material

After the overlying impervious layer has been stripped the big Monighan comes into play. Since much of the gravel layers are beneath the water-table it was a natural dragline operation. Several smaller draglines could have been used but the big Monighan had just finished its work on the St. Lawrence Seaway when the Navajo job started, so it was moved in piece by piece.

The big rig handles perforated Esco buckets ranging in size from 13 to 17 cu. yd. So that the 30-yd. Euclid bottom-dumps won't have any unnecessary delay at point of loading, a 65-cu. yd. hopper was constructed by the Conveyor Company to the contractor's design and specifications. The hopper is 19 ft. long, 20 ft. 9 in. wide and 28 ft. high, with a truck clearance 16 ft. high and 11 ft. 6 in. wide. The entire hopper is mounted on 30-ton Athey tracks so that it can be readily moved. The hopper is merely a rectangular bin with gate openings in the middle of its floor. This design means that there is a certain amount of dead storage in the hopper at all times. Thus the material itself serves to funnel new material into the gate openings, doing away with necessity for steel wear plates—which wouldn't last long under the beating of abrasive gravel.

Unfortunately the dead storage often builds up and constricts the gate opening and in time even blocks it completely. To handle this situation air jets have been inserted at each corner of the hopper which can dislodge the material when necessary.

When the hopper was first put into operation it was thought that hydraulic rams operating drop



**COMPACTION** of Zone 2 material is speeded by this trio of Essick steel drum vibratory rollers drawn by a single crawler tractor. Results are excellent and there is less equipment on the

gates would be all that would be needed. However, it was found that when working in wet gravel the material would surge around the drop gates resulting in excessive spillage. For this reason hydraulically operated slide gates have been installed below the drop gates. In dry material the drop gates are used and in wet the slide gates.

In addition to a portable air compressor to activate the corner air jets, a crawler tractor is assigned to the hopper at all times, to move it from place to place and to keep access to it open for the bottom-dumps.

The labor force at the loading operation consists of the Monighan operator, an oiler, an operator for the hopper, the crawler operator, and a loading superintendent who oversees the operation and plans the movements of the dragline and hopper.

Because the Monighan is such an unusual piece of equipment the men who operate it also handle its maintenance. The loading operation is under way during two 9-hr. shifts, 5 days a week. On Saturday the Monighan crews put in another two 9-hr. shifts on maintenance. This means putting in one shift of maintenance for every five of operation. This is well worth it considering the importance of the Monighan to the entire operation.

In case the Monighan does break down during an operating shift a Euclid elevating grader is available to keep the trucks rolling.

In order to give clayey material the required moisture content an

extensive program irrigating the borrow areas is under way. Adding water in the pit rather than on the fill has several advantages: It reduces equipment congestion on the fill, it reduces dust, and it provides a more workable material. Conventional agricultural equipment is being used. The pressure in the aluminum pipe is varied with the type of soil being sprinkled so that the size of the water drops will not be so large as to cause compaction of the top soil layer.

Of course some water must be added at the fill. To facilitate this the contractor is setting up a large water tank overlooking the fill to speed up the filling of water trucks.

For compaction in Zone 1 the specifications state that there must be 12 passes made with the sheepsfoot roller with the following provision, "If, with the required moisture content, it is found desirable to roll each 6-in. layer more or less than 12 times to obtain the required compaction, the number of rollings shall be changed accordingly as directed by the contracting officer, and adjustment will be made in the unit price for earth in embankment Zone 1, in an amount of 35/100¢ a cu. yd. for each additional or lesser number of rollings required."

To cut down the rolling time in Zone 1, the contractor has put in use a compactor that promises to become common on dirt-fill jobs in the future. It is a 4-drum sheepsfoot self propelled, with the operator mounted in the middle. As is known there are only 3 in



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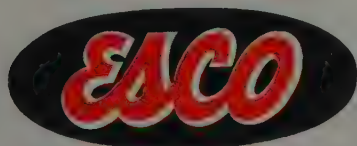


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chines of this type at work in the United States, each made by a different manufacturer. There are down-time bugs to be worked out, as there is with any new piece of equipment, but the advantages of this particular design are so obvious that it seems certain that manufacturers will persevere with the idea. A look at the photograph of the machine shows that the Ferguson type uses a separate diesel engine for each roller. The unit consists of four 5-ft. diameter, 6-ft. long sheepfoot rollers with removable hard-surface tips. Each drum is individually driven by a 100-hp. GM diesel engine with Allison torque converter and Clark multiple gear transmission, all controlled from the central cage by the operator who sits in a swivel seat. There is no front or rear to the machine and no turning around is necessary.

Each drum is free to oscillate in every direction, allowing the unit to follow undulations of the fill without undergoing undue structural strain. Shifting gears on all units is simultaneous and practically automatic with operating speeds from 2 to 6 mph. On average work the unit moves at about 4 mph.

Steering is done with 2 large double-acting, hydraulic cylinders between the front and rear units. The rig empty weighs 96,000 lb., and 120,000 lb. ballasted with water.

At the Navajo Dam project the machine is referred to either as "the monster" or "the blob." Whatever you call it, it looks like it is here to stay.

On the Zone 2 material compaction time is being reduced with the help of 3 Essick steel drum vibratory rollers pulled by crawler tractors.

The main diversion tunnel and a small auxiliary by-pass tunnel have

been drilled and are now being lined with concrete. It is planned to divert the river through the tunnels by means of a low earth cofferdam in October or November of this year. This is the low water season of the year with flows as low as 200 cfs.

The stream has been manhandled quite a bit already. The river flows at present through a gap left in the main embankment. The cut-off trench and grouting operation was completed in this gap by first confining the river to one side and then to the other.

It is interesting to note how the diversion plan affects the earth-moving operation. The upstream

borrow area is being worked first because it might be flooded during the next high water season. After the river is diverted through the tunnel the contractor will have only 4 or 5 months to fill the gap in the main embankment before the spring high water season, when stream flows could be as high as 20,000 cfs.

This means that in as little as 1 month the contractor may have to place 4,000,000 cu. yd. of material to bring the entire embankment up to a safe and specified elevation. That's why the upstream end of the borrow area is being worked first—equipment will be at the dam site during the rush placement period so that hauls will be short. When the equipment moves to the downstream borrow area the near side will be worked first for the same reason.

## Concrete

All concrete work for the project has been subcontracted to the Whittle Contracting Co. of Dallas, Tex. Whittle is using a 240-ton Noble batch plant and a series of transit trucks to move concrete from the batch plant to the point of pour. In the tunnel a Blaw-Knox steel form 48 ft. long is being used. It is carried by a dolly mounted on rails with vertical and horizontal rams for collapsing the form when a move is made.

The aggregate for the concrete is supplied to Whittle by the primary contractor. The Conveyco aggregate plant has a capacity of 160 tons per hour and is the same one used at the Kings River project. The primary crusher is a 22 x 36 Cedarapids jaw and the secondary crusher is a 1/4 Symons cone.

## Drilling and blasting

There is about 600,000 cu. yd. of rock which must be blasted on the project, most of it in the huge spillway on the right abutment. Ammonium nitrate is used in a blasting where close control is not needed. On small or wet shots where close control is needed regular 40% 1 1/8 x 8 stick dynamite (Apache Powder) is used.

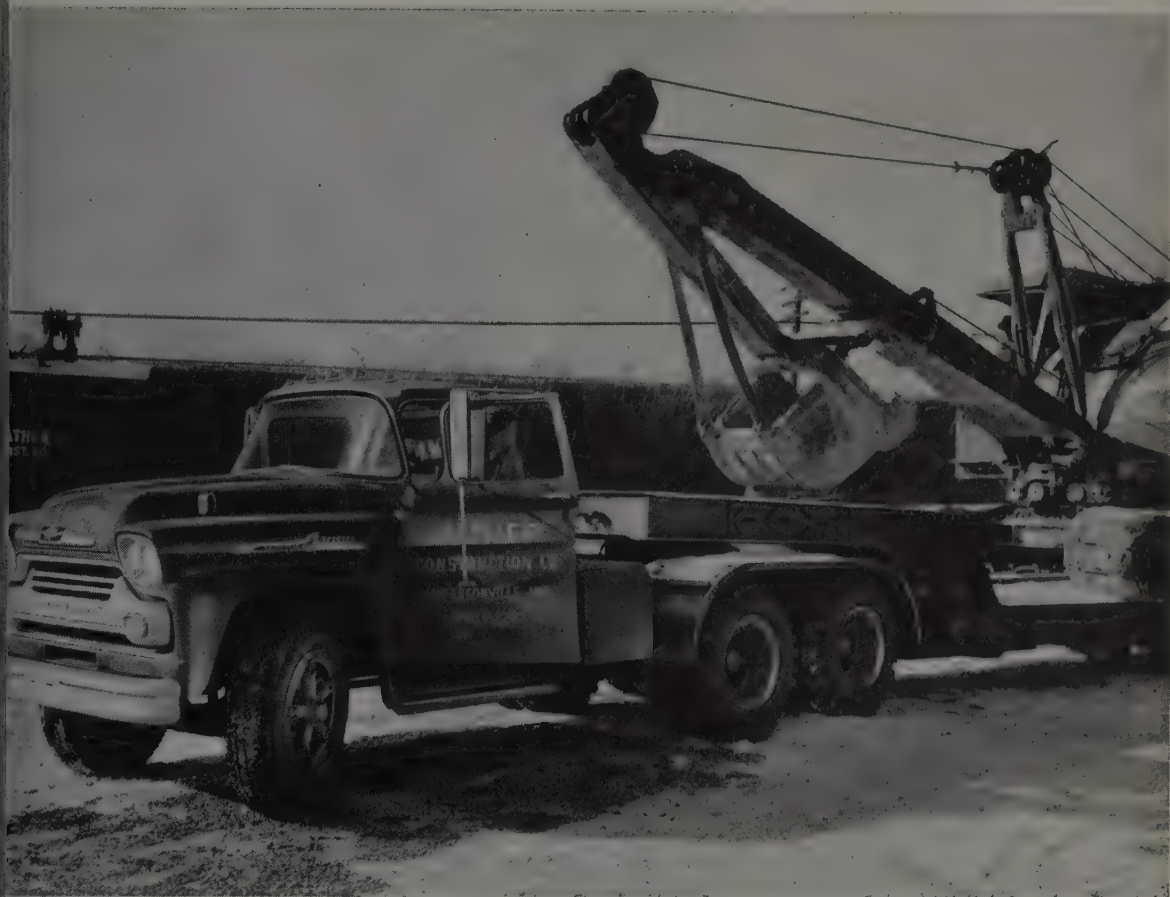
Here's how a typical 3-in. diameter, 30-ft. deep hole is loaded and shot. Two cartridges of semi gelatin 2 x 12 dynamite are lowered to the bottom of the hole on Primacord. Then 5 ft. of ammonium nitrate is poured into the hole, then 1/2 stick of powder, then

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About 3/4 gal. of diesel oil is added to a bag of ammonium nitrate about 24 hr. ahead of loading. In case the diesel oil doesn't seep through the ammonium nitrate prills evenly, the ammonium nitrate is sometimes mixed in an empty powder box before loading into the hole.

## Personnel

Floyd Dominy is Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, Grant Bloodgood is Assistant Commissioner and Chief Engineer, and E. O. Larson is Director of Region IV. On the Navajo Dam project W. W. Brenner is project construction engineer, Ed Henry is field engineer, and J. D. Seery is office engineer, assisted by E. A. Lundberg.



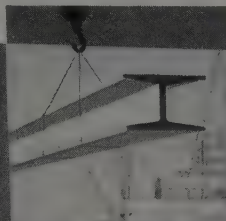
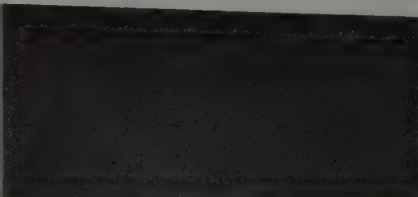
**KEY PERSONNEL** at Navajo Dam: (l. to r.) H. D. Gard, project manager for M-K, Kaiser, F&S; W. W. Brenner, project construction engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation; B. L. Perkins, district superintendent for Morrison-Knudsen; Max Daley, project engineer for the contract and Ed Henry, Bureau field engineer.

George A. Harvey is administrative officer, M. D. Newsom is chief inspector (embankment), John E. Rogert is chief inspector (concrete), E. B. Anderson is chief inspector (excavation and foundation treatment), and J. T. Wynoff is in charge of the materials lab.

For Morrison-Knudsen-Kaiser-F&S, H. D. Gard is project manager,

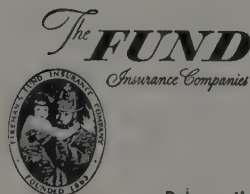
Max Daley is project engineer, Chet Dapron is equipment supervisor, John Cooney is office engineer, and Tony Campbell is off manager. Day shift superintendent is Marvin Moore and night shift superintendent is Joe Phillips.

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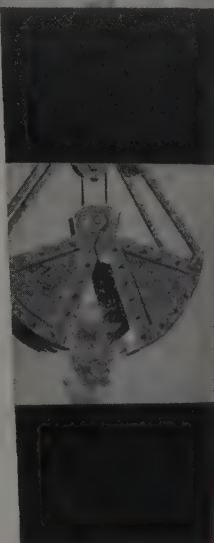
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## A method for selecting contractors on public works projects

ALONG WITH the growth of our economy, there has been a change in the conditions surrounding construction contracts, and there has been no corresponding change in the methods used for administering the business affairs of those contracts. The methods we now use, particularly on contracts administered by governmental bodies, are inefficient in the use of time and money, resulting in increased cost to those who provide the money.

This comes about partly because the size of individual contracts has increased tremendously, with corresponding increase in complication because of size, but mostly because the things we build now are much more complicated technically, and many of them are under pressure for speed, and they are difficult to describe clearly in advance in a contract document.

A construction contract is actually an arrangement for highly specialized technical and professional services. It is commonly treated as if it were the purchase of a commodity, which it definitely is not.

There has been a widening of the gap between the "contractor" and the "engineer", and each regards the other with suspicion, and the age-old attitude that a construction job is a contract between contractor and engineer to see who can outwit the other seems to be growing in intensity.

### Integrity on both sides

Actually, the success of our "American way of life" is founded on integrity. There really exists a very high degree of integrity in both contractors and engineers. We ought to make use of it. To whatever extent we fail to make use of the good things which exist, we deteriorate. It is shameful to use construction documents and administrative practices which assume, as a basic principle, that contractors

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and engineers are all potential crooks.

The custom of working at arm's length in an atmosphere of suspicion is very costly, because it destroys the effect of mutuality of interest and, after all, the thing to be accomplished is to build a safe and useful job at low cost, and everybody on the job ought to be working to that end.

The foregoing statements may seem like an excursion a bit too far into idealism — they are strongly stated for the purpose of attracting attention, but we cannot escape the necessity of realizing that in the final analysis *somebody* has to be trusted. If we say that we have to carry on our affairs on the basis of fear and suspicion of each other, we have sunk a long way. If we can't trust anybody, we might as well give up.

### How to improve the situation

We need to do some serious thinking about practical ways to improve the situation.

Most governmental bodies who

have the responsibility for arranging large construction contracts are controlled by laws which require that the award of a construction contract shall be by "competitive bidding" or "open competition". The requirement is expressed in various ways and in varying degrees of vagueness, written by people who are not completely familiar with construction problems. Almost universally there is lack of definiteness as to just what is or is not truly competitive. The usual result is that contractors selected on the basis of the "bid"—the "price", and price alone when actually "price" is only one of the elements entering into a truly competitive appraisal. It is within reason to say that there are many occasions when price may be up less than half of the factors determining the true worth of a particular contractor on a particular job.

The basic idea of competition is admirable and is necessary, the machinery as now set up for accomplishing competition is good, and the reason is that there is no set-up for measuring what is or is not truly competitive. The way of evaluating a "price" for a job which is not clearly described as "Truly competitive" is not by the means indicated by the "low bid"

### About the author...



Charles P. Dunn, ASCE, was the recipient of a "Beaver" at the annual dinner of The Beavers last January. The citation at the time the award was made related some of the highlights of his career as follows:

"In 1931, he was superintendent on Madden Dam, Panama Canal Zone, then for two years construction engineer on piers for the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

"Since 1934, Dunn has held various positions with Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc. and its subsidiaries. While chief engineer he designed the U. S. Navy's underground fuel tanks at Pearl Harbor.

"Since 1946 he has been president and general manager of International Engineering Co. Inc., San Francisco."

(Mr. Dunn has recently retired from M-K.—Editor)



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That is just where you start. If the figure is too low because the bidder is too hungry for work or because he is incompetent, then everybody is in trouble. Poor performance and bickering begin. In the final analysis the owner pays, with costs exceeding the original bid prices by very substantial amounts. After all, you have to get the job done within a reasonable time, at the lowest possible cost, and as nearly as possible free of "claims" and "adjustments". And, it is the duty of public officers to make an effort to obtain the most advantageous arrangement possible. Their reputation is involved.

The reason this subject is so interesting is that really there is so little change required in existing laws and rules to accomplish what is wanted and intended—*true competition*.

## DEFINING COMPETITION

All that is needed is a definition of what is "competitive", and a proper way of determining the status of contractors competitively.

Obviously, the desire of the people who write the law is to obtain for their constituents the "best buy" possible, free of the taint of collusion and corruption. Their desire is sometimes clearly set forth in the form of a requirement for "firm unit price" bids (sometimes called "lump sum") or a true "lump sum" (guaranteed total price regardless of variation of quantities). Where the requirement for competition is not expressed with clarity, it is usually interpreted to mean "firm unit price".

### "Service" is not a commodity

The trouble which too often develops in the operation of a construction contract stems from the fact that law-making bodies are "laymen" in the sense that they do not understand that a *construction contract is an arrangement for skilled service with integrity behind that service*, and is not a purchase of a commodity. Most of the laws which control contracts are written with a "purchasing agent's approach", and the buying is done on price. Malfunctioning occurs when the services to be delivered for the agreed price cannot be described with clarity; that is, it is

usually not possible to accurately forecast the conditions and circumstances which will surround the performance of a construction contract.

Many times the deviations from the original description of the work are such that there should properly be an adjustment of price and, where there exists a spirit of reasonableness and fair play between the contractor and the owner, these adjustments are made without too much difficulty. However, where the contractor who was the "low bidder" does not operate on the highest plane of integrity and ability, the job deteriorates into a sorry mess of "claims"—claims for money, claims for extension of time. The sorry performance, while costly because it is slow and inefficient, is not quite bad enough to legally be declared a "breach of contract" and the owner is stuck with slow performance and high costs.

## Laws define procedures

It is not reasonable to be too critical of public officers who award contracts the way the law tells them to. They really have no choice. However, some of them who have a conscientious feeling of responsibility are deeply concerned. The procedures prescribed by law are obviously wrong and should be corrected, and they have reason to worry for fear that, in "taking the easy way out"—obeying the law literally but not obeying its intent—they may be seriously at fault in not displaying more courage and real integrity, and are not doing the best possible for the people they represent.

## APPRAISING CONTRACT FORMS

In an attempt to find a way to correct the situation, let us think in these terms:

1. An ordinary firm unit price contract is the most common way of performing public works construction and a preponderant proportion of work is done by this method. It is commonly accepted as being the way to do work—so it can't be completely bad, but the majority of people who have a knowledge of the way contracts function will admit that it is a clumsy, faulty, thing.

2. A firm unit price contract, as ordinarily written, puts a disproportionate share of the risks on the shoulders of the contractor. Some

of this risk would better be carried by the owner. This comes about by reason of a mistaken idea on the part of those writing the contract that it is to the benefit of the owner to dump the risk on the contractor. The owner pays anyway, either in the form of high prices to cover the risk, or in the form of claims and delays.

Under such a contract, there is little mutuality of interest. It is considered sometimes as a battle of wits, between people of conflicting interest, and the contractor considers that he has a right to collect all he can collect through claims—limited only by law, not by ethics. The discrepancies which cause trouble lie in the inability of the specification and contract writer to foresee and describe accurately the services which are wanted.

3. A construction contract is smoothly operating, happy, thin or a confused and costly and unhappy thing, depending on the degree of good faith and integrity existing between the owner and the contractor. This is more important than the words written in the document. Without mutual good faith there is endless trouble and high cost.

4. The goal to be achieved is to find a way of selecting an experienced contractor who desires to operate on a high level of integrity, and also to find a way to write a contract which establishes a mutuality of interest as between the owner and the contractor. That is to establish a situation where the day-to-day procedure of interpretation of specifications and changes in specification requirements, all leading to a good job on time and at low cost, will benefit *both* parties to the contract. When both benefit, they work together; when only one benefits there is a battle. We need an earnest attempt to get away from contracts based on fear and mistrust and suspicion. We need arrangements based on good faith.

5. The best form of contract where mutual respect and integrity exist, is the "target estimate" form of contract, described in its simple terms as (a) an estimate, mutually agreed upon between the parties as being the most probable cost under the conditions of normal efficient performance; (b) provision for the contractor to be reimbursed for the costs, and (c) provision for the contractor to be paid a fee for his skilled services—said fee to vary



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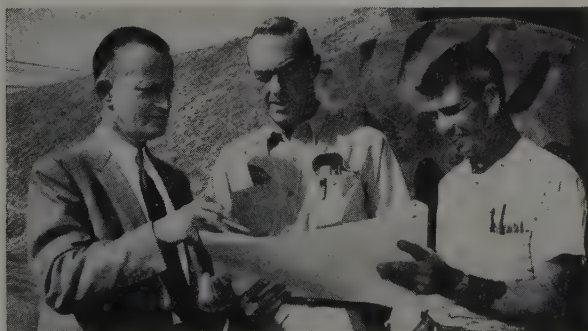
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up or down, depending on whether actual costs are above or below the agreed estimate.

There are many possible variations of the detail of such a contract; the basic principle, however, is to establish a mutuality of interest, the contractor being rewarded for good performance and the owner also gaining thereby. The owner is then in position to save money for himself by reasonable and judicious interpretation of specifications with the contractor also benefiting thereby.

This type of contract is not a new idea. It is well tried, and it works. It is most often used, of course, on "private enterprise" jobs where the contracting officer has freedom of action and is not required by law to follow an inefficient procedure.

### Conditions for the "target estimate"

It is to be noted here, however, that the "target estimate" type of contract is an instrument which must be used under proper conditions of selection of the contractor. It is definitely *not* suitable for so-called "competitive bidding". There have been some disastrous results where this type of contract has been put out for "competition", because the least scrupulous contractor will put out the lowest estimate (for which he is not financially responsible), and the contractor who has the least respect for himself will offer to work for the lowest fee.

We come now to consideration of the problem of how a public officer can select a contractor with whom to work out the details of a target estimate contract, and be sure that he has selected the right one and be sure that he, himself, is in-the-clear from unjust public criticism.

The criticisms are of many kinds, occasionally just, but mostly unjust. They are sparked by the selfish interest of some party. For example, it is common for United States senators and representatives to "put in a plug" (strong pressure) toward the award of a Federal contract to a contractor who lives in their district. The argument is that it is this contractor's "turn" to have a job. This argument is put up time after time, with no regard whatever for the ability or lack of ability of the contractor who is being recommended. There is not even any attempt to justify his ability. Public money is wasted in this sort of procedure; the threat behind the

### RATING OF CONTRACTOR FOR PROJECT By Board Member

ITEM	3 2 1 GOOD FAIR POOR		
a. Experience in this particular kind of work, including consideration of experience of individuals and, on a joint-venture proposal, experience of available individuals in organizations other than that of the sponsor, giving preponderance of weight to the sponsor's experience.			x
Do not rule out a small contractor because he is small; give him a job his size, if he deserves it. If he is newly organized, look to see whether he has hired any experienced personnel.			
b. Experience in general.			
Weigh similarly to (a) above.			
c. Reasonableness of estimate (not necessarily the lowest).	x		
Maybe the average should be considered correct; maybe 3% or 5% below the average; maybe the second from low.			
d. Reasonableness of fee (not necessarily the lowest).			x
Rate similar to (c) above.			
e. Reputation for performance—meeting time schedule and forecasted costs, to be substantiated by such affidavits as the contractor wants to submit.	x		
f. Reputation, in general, for integrity and reliability—to be substantiated by such affidavits as the contractor wants to submit.	x		
g. Availability of personnel and equipment.			x
	9	6	1
Total - 16 — this contractor's rating by one Board member; average of the several ratings determined by all Board members is the final competitive rating of the contractor for this particular job.			

EXAMPLE of score sheet for rating bidders under the procedure proposed by Mr. Dunn. board member would compile his own rating of individual contractors bidding on project.

pressure is sometimes of considerable magnitude — hints of appropriations being withheld, and the like.

Sometimes there is pressure in favor of a "little" contractor because the little fellow asks, "How do I ever gain experience or how do I ever grow to be big if you don't give me a job?" Sounds like a reasonable question but, in an attempt to answer it, you come to another question: "How far should I go in expenditure of public money toward the education of the small, inefficient, and incompetent?"

### A SUGGESTED PROCEDURE

The following procedure is suggested for consideration. Its workability is open to question and discussion. However, it is likely that it could be the basis for a correct, workable, scheme:

First, how do we "screen" the contractors who want to submit proposals, eliminating those who are obviously not qualified? It is attempted quite often, arbitrarily, to eliminate the undesirables from the "list of bidders" on many types

of bids. It is seldom successful, because the man you have eliminated is very unhappy, and can be pressured to bear on you through political channels, or newspaper, or he can threaten to sue you, damaging his reputation, and finally break down and put your name on the list.

### No arbitrary screening

My recommendation is — don't try to accomplish an arbitrary screening. Tell them all they are welcome to submit proposals at the same time, tell them clearly the way the proposals will be measured. Tell them publicly, in print, the way it is going to be done. When they realize that they are not going to get anywhere except on the basis of real merit, that the selection will be made justly, they will screen themselves and proposals will be received only from those who honestly believe they are able to handle the job; incompetents will fade out of the picture of their own accord.

Before this scheme could work it would be necessary to change

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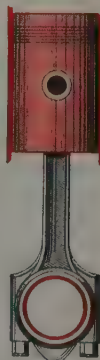
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CRAWLER drills on basalt outcrop outside Coeur d'Alene. Half-pound of powder per cu. yd. dices the rock without damage to nearby houses.

# Freeway features delicate blasting

*The Coeur d'Alene Belt Route is Idaho's largest single highway contract and involves nearly 1,000,000 yd. of close blasting. Pre-stressed beams in crossing structures are first in the state.*

SEVERAL notable "firsts" and some unusual blasting problems are embodied in construction of the Coeur d'Alene Belt Route, a 5-mi. freeway around the landward side of Idaho's second city, on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

The \$3,094,467 primary grading and surfacing contract, being executed by Cherf Bros. Inc. and Sandkay Contractors, Inc., is the largest single contract awarded by the Idaho Highway Department. The twelve crossing structures, all being built by the Henry Hagman contracting company of Spokane, incorporates Idaho's first prestressed bridge girders, 124 of them in all; as well as 8 super-beams post-tensioned in place. The beams are the first output of a new prestressing bed installed at Spokane by Central Pre-mix Co.

Coeur d'Alene's Belt Route is made up of two 38-ft. roadways separated by a 22-ft. median strip, providing two lanes each way. Each roadway will have two 12-ft. lanes with a 10-ft. outside and a 4-ft. inside shoulder. Road surface will be

made up of 7 in. of base topped by 4 in. of plant-mix. Provision is made for addition of 1 in. of plant-mix in the future.

## Drilling and blasting

An outstanding feature of the project is its delicate blasting, the objective of which is to crack basalt and shale into neat cubes while leaving nearby plaster and window glass undamaged.

Blasting is conducted in two areas, one of some 90,000 cu. yd., the other a mountain shoulder totaling more than 900,000 cu. yd. Both areas are uncomfortably close to civilization. The smaller outcrop is at the edge of a residential area; the larger flanks the present highway, with its attendant commercial construction.

D. J. "Koke" Thompson, project manager for Cherf-Sandkay, and his drilling and blasting foremen, John Sunwall and Orville Louth, have devised a grid shot hole pattern involving 17 lines of 8 or more holes each. Half a pound of powder

per cubic yard is used, and lines are fired in ranks of milliseconds to dampen total blast and confine its effect to the blast area.

Drilling is done with three rigs: a Chicago Pneumatic 600-cfm. compressor driving two crawler C-600 drills which drill 3-in. holes; a 600-cfm. Gardner-Denver with similar set-up; and a self-contained Schramm Rotadrill mounted on a Federal 5-ton truck. Equipped with a down-the-hole percussion drill unit, the Schramm drills a 4½-in. diameter hole. The big automatic rig drills about 450 ft. per shift.

The pneumatic rigs drill about 500 ft. each per shift, and are operated two shifts a day. The Schramm unit works a single shift.

Rock strata are covered to varying depths by dirt and subsoil which are left in place during drilling and blasting operations. Drilling area is benched off by bulldozers often in terraces on the steep slopes, and drilling rigs move over these benches. Holes are drilled to varying depths to compensate for



**DUTY drill** equipped for percussion drilling produces  $4\frac{3}{8}$ -in. hole.



**PRESTRESSED girders**, 99 ft. long, are used in this overcrossing. Job included 124 prestressed beams, the first such application in Idaho. Beams were poured in Spokane, 32 miles away.

ences in surface elevation. The smaller 3-in. holes are drilled 9-ft. spacing each way. The  $5\frac{5}{8}$ -in. holes are on 20-ft. spacing. Holes range from 20 to 40 ft. depth.

Blasting agent is fertilizer-grade ammonium nitrate of 37½% analyzed, mixed with 5% diesel oil. The gel is loaded by placing a stick of blasting gel and primer in the hole and packing the oil-nitrate material on top of it to the desired depth. Blasting gel is used to trigger the nitrate which, even after mixing with oil, requires a good shock to induce detonation.

Ammonium nitrate is shipped to the job in 80-lb. polyethylene bags and are stacked for storage in the contractor's equipment yard and moved to the blast site on a flatbed truck. About the only danger is bag breakage, in which case hydroscopic material spills out and quickly reverts to its original color: fertilizer. Breakage is fairly high, which prompted a wary comment from Koke Thompson. Eying the pile of broken sacks, he said, "There will be a lot of green lawns and here this summer."

Shooting takes place about once a week, and each shot uses three to five tons of nitrate. A grid of shots prepared for each

blast necessarily varies in size and shape to conform to the terrain. The standard pattern consists of 17 parallel lines of 8 holes each. The rows are wired to fire with millisecond delays in this sequence: 0-1-2-3-4-3-2-1-0-1-2-3-4-3-2-1-0. Delays are used to partly break up the plaster-shattering effect of one big blast, as well as to provide relief along designated "furrows" in the blasting pattern for more effective rock breakage. Thompson also noted that more than 1-millisecond delay between adjacent lines might cause detonation failure in the delayed line.

#### Final precaution

As a final precaution against any damage to nearby property, Thompson has retained Lou Oriard, consulting geophysicist of Spokane, to monitor the blasting. Oriard makes a seismographic record of each shot. This not only tells the safe limits of the blast, but provides excellent evidence in the event of damage claims.

Rock moving is handled by a heavy equipment spread based on a Manitowac 3600 shovel with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -yd. dipper, which fills three 18-yd. Euclid rear-dump trucks. Two fill areas are worked from the big outcrop. A small creek bed directly

in front receives the dirt overburden pushed off the cut by two dozers, supplemented by a scraper when needed. Rock is hauled downhill to a second fill area running parallel to the cut at its base where a complex system of access ramps and frontage roads is being constructed. Euc's cross the existing highway, where flagmen direct traffic, to get to the fill area.

#### Hard on tires

Abrasive character of the rock makes it hard on tires and drill steel. The Euc's are all shod with Firestone supertread rock tires. The CP drill rig uses Atlas Copco steel with rope threads, good for 12,000 ft., and bits which run 8,000 to 10,000 ft. The Schramm unit employs tri-cone bits which run from 400 to 1,000 ft., and carbide insert bits which have yet to be replaced, after more than 22,000 ft. of drilling.

Cost of the blasting, even at the half-pound per yard level, is about 20¢ a yard over the cost of normal excavation. Five cents is chargeable to drilling and 15¢ for shooting. Thompson believes that for optimum blast breakage he should use about double the amount of powder, i.e. 1 lb. per yd. However, at that level, damage to nearby houses would probably more than





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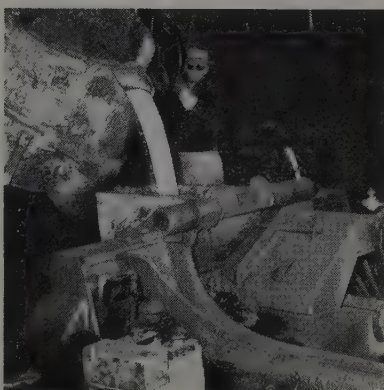
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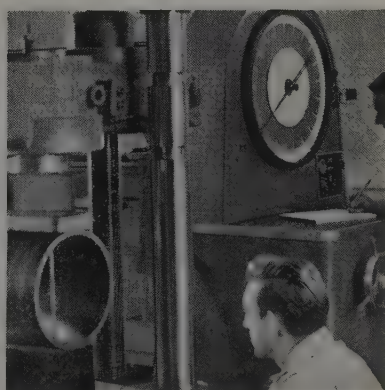
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**CARPENTERS** set up forms for reinforced bridge members on timber casting bed near job site. Forms can be nailed directly to the imbedded timbers. Steel cages for beams in background.



**MONORAIL** scaffold speeds stripping forms from beneath bridge sidewalk.

offset any gains in blasting efficiency, and would certainly create a monumental public relations problem.

#### Public relations

Public relations are already a factor. Despite the fact that construction forces are working to create a magnificent new freeway which will solve much of the city's traffic congestion, their operations are not viewed with unanimous approval by nearby residents. Problems involving public relations can generally be divided into three categories: (1) Complaints on loss of business, inconveniences and miscellaneous individual situations. (2) Kids on the right-of-way who create a continuing hazard. Fortunately, parents are eager to cooperate in keeping their children out from under the earthmovers pounding along a haul road, but kids don't always obey, and it is a constant problem to keep them out of danger. (3) Noise and dust. There is very little a contractor can do about noise, but the dust problem can be settled with a water truck which Thompson keeps on regular right-of-way patrol.

Most of the complaints fall on the shoulders of state, county and city highway officials, many of whom have no connection with the job. (An angry citizen who wants his front yard un-dusted makes very little distinction between public officials at whatever government level.)

Complaints are kept to a minimum, however, by explaining the project and its operations in talks before various civic groups, newspaper articles and other public in-

formation means undertaken by both the highway department and the contractor.

In general operations, the primary contractor, Cherf Bros. Inc., and Sandkay Contractors, Inc., has concentrated on the grading and earthmoving phases, letting much of the specialty work out on sub-contracts.

Project manager Thompson has divided the grading project into six sections. The first two of these are excavation areas, the next a fill, followed by a self-contained rock cut-and-fill, another fill area, and finally the big rock excavation and its local fill areas on the end of the project.

Thompson schedules his cut-and-fill work in a leap-frog sequence, so that material from the first cut area will be transported over the second to the first fill area, and material from the second cut area will cross the first fill and the intervening rock area to be placed in the second fill area.

In this way, haul distance is kept close to the 5,700-ft. average for the entire project, and his equipment spread of 6 scrapers and 1 push tractor will remain constant.

Thompson noted that adjacent cut-and-fill areas could be handled with only 4 scrapers and a tractor, but this would leave the remaining cut-and-fill sections separated by almost the length of the project, and would require 8 scrapers to keep one pusher busy.

Coordination of the 32 different operations which make up the project including work of nine sub-contractors is arranged in a master calendar prepared by the contractor.

Allowing for a maximum month winter shut-down, the calendar calls for substantial completion by November 1960. Value of work done in any month averages about \$220,000, and ranges from \$162,000 to \$330,000, giving the work a relatively constant rate of progress.

Using the calendar as a guide, Thompson can predict (as accurately as these things can be predicted) his equipment and personnel needs and can put emphasis on those jobs which might bottleneck items which are scheduled to flow.

Current equipment line-up includes:

- 6 scrapers
- 3 TS24 Euclids
- 3 DW21 Caterpillars
- 1 Euclid C6
- 1 Euclid TC-12 push tractor
- 3 T24 International tractors
- 1 TD24 with Bucyrus-Erie scraper
- 2 D8 Caterpillars
- 1 D7 Caterpillar
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- 3 18-yd. Euclid trucks
- 1 3½-yd. Manitowac shovel

#### Crossing structures

The 4.955-mi. freeway will include 12 crossing structures, 8 simple street bridges and 4 complicated interchange structures.

Eight of these structures, including three of the interchanges, will

ilt last year by Henry Hagman, contractor, on a prime contract. His company is now building the remaining four on a subcontract for Perf-Sandkay.

The structures employ concrete members exclusively. These include: prestressed beams for spans ranging from 60 to 99 ft.; 118 precast beams in lengths of 47 to 60 ft. and 8 post-tensioned girders of 100 ft. These last will make up the longest spans on the job, and will carry an off-ramp over the highway at an acute angle.

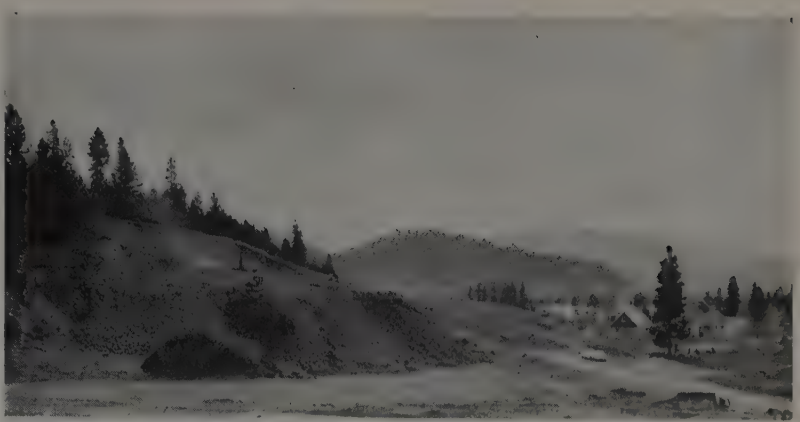
## casting bed

Superintendent for Hagman company on both bridge contracts is Oliver Braaten. Braaten set up his own precasting bed for reinforced stringers midway on the job. The bed is made up of heavy wood timbers set like cross-ties in a previously levelled piece of ground. Braaten prefers the timbers to a conventional concrete slab because forms can be nailed directly to them. Steel for the beams was supplied by Soule Steel Co. and assembled into cages by Soule men at the job site. Beams were poured on an assembly line basis and stored as needed.

Prestressed members were designed by the Idaho Highway Department in conventional shape with two heavy flanges separated by a deep web. They were cast on a bed set up for this job by Central Pre-Mix Co. in Spokane 32 miles away. The bed, located at the big gravel plant on the outskirts of town, is 462 ft. long, with pairs of heavy steel anchor posts at either end. The bed itself is a slab 18 in. thick ending in concrete abutments 9 ft. deep. Anchor posts are 7 ft. from the abutments and are made up of 36-in. steel I-beams with flanges filled in with forced concrete.

T. Y. Lin, noted University of California engineer, served as consultant on the design of the bed which has stressing capacity of 1,000 pounds.

Following usual practice, forms were set up end-to-end along the length of the bed, and cables from the mounted at the dead end are strung in a continuous line through the bed. Some of the stressing cables were harped, i.e. draped to approximate a parabolic curve downward at each beam end. To preserve the curve under tension, harped cables are run over heavy steel A-



**CLOSENESS** of houses to blast area requires special precautions. Seismographic records are made of all shots, and four delays used in pattern to dampen blast effect and reduce its area.



**CYLINDER** jack for tensioning cables examined by Walden Westerman and Dennis Frie.



**PRESTRESSING** bed at Spokane Premix Co. set up for roof beams. Length is 462 ft.

frames at each joint, and through hold-downs on threaded studs in the beams.

When cables are in place they are tensioned at the live end with a 300-ton hydraulic jack. About 18,500-lb. tension is applied to each 7/16-in. cable.

After casting, beams are cured with steam at 110 deg. for about 72 hr. This curing time and the following cable-cutting are the two critical points. With as many as 7 beams on the line, cables must be cut in a definite sequence working from both ends of the bed, with each pair of cuts made simultaneously.

Once the beams are released from the bed there remains the problem of transportation and handling, both difficult operations with prestressed members. The units must be kept upright, and lifted and supported only at the ends.

All of the bridge members going to the Coeur d'Alene Belt Route were shipped without mishap on

rigs patterned after a logging truck, with the front end of the beam set on a cradle over the fifth wheel of the tractor, and the rear end on a self-steering trailer attached to the truck by safety chain. Beams were set in place from their delivery rigs by a 701 Lima and a TLD 20 Lorain crane. Braaten observed that the prestressed units are noticeably arched even after receiving their dead load of bridge decking and concrete diaphragms. This, he says, is all to the good from a public appearance standpoint, since laymen are not likely to notice a slight arch. But let a bridge beam show a correspondingly small sag, and comments are frequent.

In some cases, Braaten pointed out, prestressed beams are used on relatively short spans where simpler and somewhat cheaper precast unit could handle the span. The critical factor at these points, he noted, is not strength but clearance. A prestressed beam may be as much as 2 ft. shallower than a conventional



concrete member of equal load capacity.

Two over-crossings are single-span structures with beams set directly on vertical concrete abutments. The other structures involve one or two main spans with shorter cast-in-place or precast approach spans at either end.

Girders rest on concrete bents made up of 4 cylindrical columns and a concrete cap. These columns were cast with one-piece steel forms. Closure of the single vertical joint on the forms is made by high-strength bolts spaced about 12 in. apart along flanges welded to the form. Braaten used two sets of these forms, of 24- and 27-in. diameters.

Later the forms were modified for smaller sizes by simply cutting out a vertical strip and re-welding the flange. Braaten noted that it is important to use plenty of bolts to hold the form together, and to keep them tight. Otherwise pressure exerted at the bottom of a column may cause one bolt to give

way. This transfers excessive loads to the other bolts and the joint opens up like a zipper, causing financial consternation clear back to the home office.

Decking is poured in place in the conventional manner, using plywood forms and timber falsework. Concrete is delivered in transit-mix trucks from Ace Concrete Co. in Spokane.

Braaten uses a couple of job-made labor-saving devices to speed removal of the deck forms. One of these is a heavy timber scaffold built on an old dump-truck; it provides a stable platform for removing form panels from beneath the deck. Another is a scaffold slung between a pair of rubber-tired wheels which roll along the bridge sidewalks in monorail fashion to enable workmen to remove forms and braces from beneath projecting sidewalks.

High point in the Belt Route's bridgework will be construction of the eight 117-ft. post-tensioned girders. These are in two spans of 4 each, and will be poured and ten-

sioned in place. Forms for the first four will be used for the second group.

Tensioning of the cables will be done by Central Pre-mix Co. After pouring, and as soon as the concrete attains the required strength, the cables will be drawn and tensioned.

## Personnel

Under direction of C. Br. Bennett, Idaho Highway Department engineers associated with the Belt Route include Jack Pearin, district engineer; Al Sachse, assistant state construction engineer; Willard Sheetz, project chief, and Kurt Luerzer, resident in charge. Bridge design was by the Highway Department under the direction of Walter Albrethsen, bridge engineer. Resident bridge engineer Ken Durtschi.

Top men of the staff of the primary contractor, Cherf Bros. Inc. and Sandkay Contractors, Inc., are Koke Thompson, project manager; Grant Peacock, general foreman; Bill Anderson, master mechanic; Ted Moore, mechanic foreman; Lour Howard, shifter foreman; Floyd Wine, scraper foreman; Hancock and Jim Scott, shovel men; John Sundwall and Orville Louth, drilling and blasting foremen; and Dick Downs, office manager.

Key men in the Hagman company crew include Oliver Braaten, superintendent, and carpenter foremen Bob Kirk, William Heath, and Ray Hayworth, and Al Ostersen and Al Shaw, labor foremen.

Placement of the reinforcing steel was supervised by Wally Phillips of Soule Steel Co. The 200,000 cu. yd. excavation on the 117-ft. bridge contract was done by Ned Degerstrom Co., with Tex Brewster as superintendent.

In addition to Henry Hagman, the principal subcontractors and suppliers are: S. & S. Sand & Gravel, Ephrata, Wash., crushing; George V. Nolte, Moses Lake, Wash., pile driving; Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., fence posts; Electric Smith, Spokane, electrical work; Basin Paving Co., Moses Lake, Wash., curb, gutter and sidewalk; L. W. Vail, Pasco, Wash., oiling; Nelson Landscaping Co., Spokane, seeding slopes; Far West Fence Co., Seattle, guard-rails and markers; Standard Traffic Control Co., Spokane, precast separators; Soule Steel Co., previously noted, Soute Steel is supplying the steel; Central Concrete Co., transit-mix concrete



**BLAST ROCK** and dirt shoveled into 18-yd. Euclid by Manitowoc 3600 with 3½-yd. dipper. Lake Coeur d'Alene and lumber mill in background. This cut involves 900,000 cu. yd. of blasting.



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# Motor pool cuts equipment costs

**Efficient maintenance, careful accounting, and pay-as-you-go replacement are keys to successful municipal motor pool rental system.**

CAREFUL cost accounting and a thorough preventive maintenance program are the foundations of the Santa Rosa, Calif., municipal motor pool system, which has yielded big dividends in the form of extended equipment life, reduced costs and pay-as-you-go financing of replacement vehicles.

Now commencing its 12th year of operation the pool, officially known as Equipment and Replacement Pool (E&R), includes 104 pieces of equipment with an insured valuation of \$203,000, covering all city-owned vehicles and equipment except those of the fire and police departments (which are serviced by E&R). Santa Rosa was one of the first cities of its size in California to set up the motor pool system, which was then confined to much larger cities. Since 1948 smaller city pools have become widespread. Several are modeled on Santa Rosa's set-up.

When it was organized in 1948, the pool took over 25 pieces of service equipment and 27 city trucks, many of which had attained voting age. Patriarch of the fleet was an ex-army ambulance built in 1917 and subsequently converted to a flat-bed truck. Insurance value of the whole lot was \$7,000, and the availability factor was very low.

In fact, the maintenance force usually began its work day by selecting the truck most likely to start, and using it to tow the others around the block until all were running.

This procedure has been replaced by a rigid inspection schedule which requires that each truck or equipment item be given a maintenance check at least once a month, and in some cases (sweepers for example) once a week.

If there is a truck that won't start, and this is a rare occasion,

or if a truck is pulled out of the working force for repair, the pool has two standby vehicles which fill in the gaps.

The vehicle maintenance program is directed by Fred S. Farquar, Jr., superintendent of the Corporation Yard, which encompasses a city parts and supply store, storage of records and supplies, and the E&R pool. Farquar has headed the pool since its organization. He set up the basic record system and designed many of the forms used.

Generally, here is how the pool works: All the city vehicles, construction equipment such as rollers, oilers and graders, and miscellaneous machinery such as pumps, generators, and paint sprayers are property of the pool which supplies them with fuel, oil, grease, service, maintenance and repair, and insurance. As units reach the end of their working life, the pool

purchases replacements.

Equipment is operated by the various city departments, at a flat hourly rental fee. Rental rate computed to cover all the costs including a proportionate share of the labor and administrative costs plus a depreciation charge which will provide enough cash to replace the unit when it is worn out. Time is figured "portal to portal" from the time a truck leaves the yard until it returns, and kept to the nearest full hour.

Most of the units are assigned permanently to one department but some are available to any city department on a first come first served basis.

In establishing the hourly charge for each class of vehicle or equipment, Farquar draws on the data developed by his extensive cost accounting system. Basis of this is a ledger sheet for each piece of equipment, listing its gross cost, expected salvage value and net amount of depreciation during operating life (arbitrarily 5 years for vehicles, 10 years for most other equipment). Ledger income lists total hours of operation each month, and total charges for these hours. Against this revenue is debited all direct charges: batteries, tires, fuel, oil, grease, labor, parts and supplies, and proportionate charges for indirect expenses; insurance premiums, administrative salaries, and miscellaneous overhead (office phone, postage, etc.). Remaining balance is added to cumulative replacement fund for

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MOTOR POOL EQUIPMENT COSTS

Equipment	No.	Avg. Cost Each	Annual Hours Each	Replacement Charge	Maintenance	Insurance	Administration	Hourly Rental Rate
1/2 Ton Pickup	9	\$1838	1940	\$.14	\$.37	\$.03	\$.03	\$.57
3/4 Ton Pickup	4	2008	1768	.175	.455	.04	.03	.70
3/4 Ton Utility	5	2306	1965	.19	.44	.04	.03	.70
1 Ton Truck	9	2632	1760	.235	.385	.04	.04	.70
2 Ton Truck	9	4111	1699	.41	.47	.04	.07	.99
2 Ton Truck w/Loader	3	9135	1298	.93	.77	.06	.20	1.96
Hoist Truck	2	5735	170	3.02	2.41	.46	.95	6.80
Autos	10	2604	1939	.21	.35	.04	.04	.64
Compressors	6	3517	1042	.58	.48	.04	.10	1.20
Loader	1	5238	780	1.16	1.35	.03	.19	2.73
Rollers	2	4782	960	.82	.53	.04	.14	1.53
Small Oiler	2	1207	1440	.08	.35	.01	.02	.46
Large Oiler	1	2100	216	.79	.54	.06	.27	1.66
Welders	2	366	330	.20	.67	.01	.03	.91
Graders	2	14360	528	2.55	2.36	.36	.77	6.04
Tractors	2	3395	426	1.34	1.16	.10	.23	2.83
Chain Saw	1	510	96	.91	1.44	.11	.17	2.63
Spray Rig	1	962	372	.46	.66	.04	.07	1.23
Fork Truck	1	3500	180	1.83	1.22	.12	.21	3.88
Backhoe	1	6134	400	1.70	1.43	.33	.43	3.89



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## MOTOR POOL

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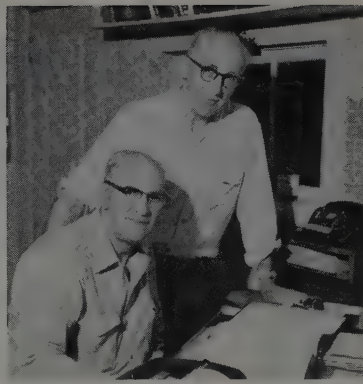
Data for the ledger, as well as other operations recaps, come from a succession of daily and monthly report forms beginning with a simple time chit filled out by the operator, showing equipment number, hours worked, and department or project to which it is charged. Daily time reports are entered on a monthly distribution card showing the departments or projects to which the unit's time is to be charged. (A long, complicated "invoice" is rendered twice a month showing charges against each department for all equipment time.)

Maintenance records start with the same daily time chit filled out by mechanics, showing the equipment number and hours worked on it. All repair work is recorded on an individual job sheet for each vehicle, showing materials and costs. Fuel and oil consumption are kept on separate records. All maintenance and service reports are gathered on a monthly maintenance card, and its totals transferred to the ledger.

During the current fiscal year, equipment charges were increased an average of 2¢ per hour to cover additional cost of gasoline which is purchased on bid. Low bidder this year was \$4,000 over comparable cost the previous year. This, incidentally, is the first increase in equipment rates in the past three years, despite steadily rising costs of labor, parts, supplies and replacement equipment. These were offset by lowered maintenance costs reflecting increased efficiency of the operation.

As the table shows, administrative charges made to each piece of equipment go up as the hours of operation go down. Total annual administrative costs, which include one-half of Farquar's salary, one-quarter of assistant superintendent Roy Langdon's salary, plus office and overhead charges, are proportioned among equipment units according to their valuation. This proportionate share is then divided by annual hours of operation to get the hourly charge figure.

Farquar pointed out that according to his cost records it is as economical to operate a 1-ton truck as a ¾-ton truck or ¾-ton pickup. Despite a \$300 difference in cost, both sizes have the same hourly



SUPERINTENDENT Fred S. Farquar, Jr., seated, and Roy Langdon, assistant superintendent, study vehicle cost records kept by the Santa Rosa motor pool.

charge, 70¢. The bigger truck, he says, not only can do more work, but has a greater over-load factor, and costs less to maintain.

This bears out the superintendent's contention that heavy-duty equipment more than pays for itself over the life of the unit. When writing specifications for new equipment, he includes heavy-duty batteries, generators, radiators, springs, and other items. Thus the equipment is beefed up at all possible points.

Top quality batteries (140 vs. 100 amp.), nylon cord tires and standard factory parts are purchased exclusively. Farquar notes that the added life more than offsets added original cost.

He also learned to list exactly what he wants in writing out bid specifications because, he says, on a bid purchase you don't get any extras. Virtually all purchases are made on a bid basis, although Santa Rosa ordinance permits direct purchase. Farquar prefers the bid practice because it prevents ill will among competing distributors. He also tries to purchase from firms located within the city itself.

Motor pool operations provide good evidence on the value of specialized equipment. As an example the superintendent cited a new Case backhoe-loader combination purchased this year. The unit cost \$6,134 which, since it was an addition to the equipment, required an additional appropriation by the city council. Its hourly rental rate is \$3.82. However, with the backhoe in operation the city has been able to reduce its charges for sewer connections by \$40, since it replaces 4 men and can dig the necessary trench in half the time formerly required.

Another example is provided by

the front-end loaders mounted three pool trucks. The loader crease the truck investment 80%, but they enable the hauling crew to double its production.

The physical plant for equipment maintenance and storage consists of a 2-stall repair garage, lube room with two hoists, a number of parking stalls in a shaped building surrounding a paved courtyard. Shop foreman Donald Deffenbaugh, and his staff is made up of 6 mechanics and garage attendants, working in shifts. Deffenbaugh runs the preventive maintenance program, determines when units need repairs, maintains repair records and the separate tire and balance account records. All tires are individually numbered, and recapped as many times as possible. Since most of the trucks get relatively low mileage (about 6,000 mi. a year) more tires are retired for age than for wear.

Pool vehicles usually are limited to one major engine overhaul the time a truck goes through engines, Farquar says, so no other things are ready to be taken down that it doesn't pay to rebuild again. This is one reason vehicles are carried on a 5-year expectancy.

Headquarters for the pool is the corporation yard is an old wooden stable built in the 1800s and now converted to parts storage and offices.

It also is headquarters for the city's radio dispatching system which covers 19 cars and trucks plus 4 remote stations located at the offices of various departments. Main transmitter is in the "round house," and is presided over by David Britt, Jr., radio dispatcher.

The \$17,000 Motorola system was installed about a year ago, has already paid for itself several times, in Farquar's opinion. Cost savings is in working crews' time since they can be sent from the job to the next without returning to the office or stopping to call.

Farquar estimates the total value of his maintenance shops at \$100,000. He has requested an additional \$75,000 to enlarge and modernize them; to provide eight repair stalls instead of the present two, and enable him to add a badly-needed paint room and additional storage stalls. He notes that the proposed expansion will handle half as much equipment, and this capacity will soon be needed.

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## Fill begins to move into Salt Lake



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The project, including engineering problem and construction program, was described in detail in the last issue (Western Construction, July 1959, pg. 31). The Bureau of Reclamation project is under the immediate direction of Clinton D. Woods, project manager.

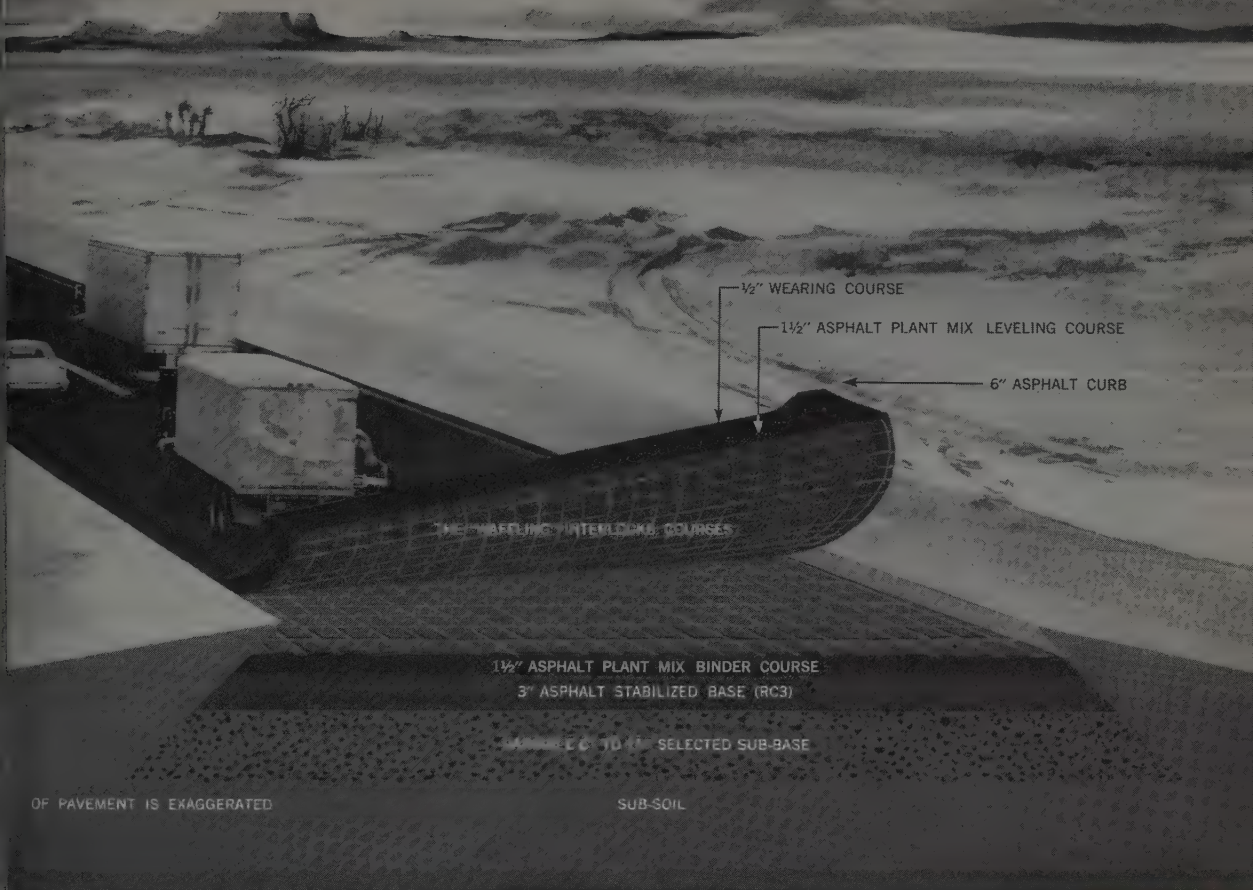
### CENTER—

ZONE 1 material moves into the fill. Weight of the fill and heavy equipment in some areas, brought water up to the surface ahead of the fill. The soft foundation requires a base width of 455 ft. Full height, Stage 3 is completed, will be 34 ft. plus allowance for settlement.

### BOTTOM—

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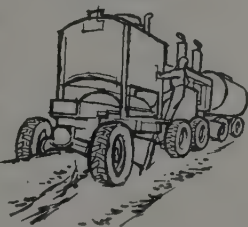
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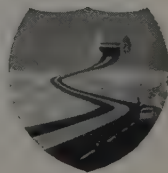
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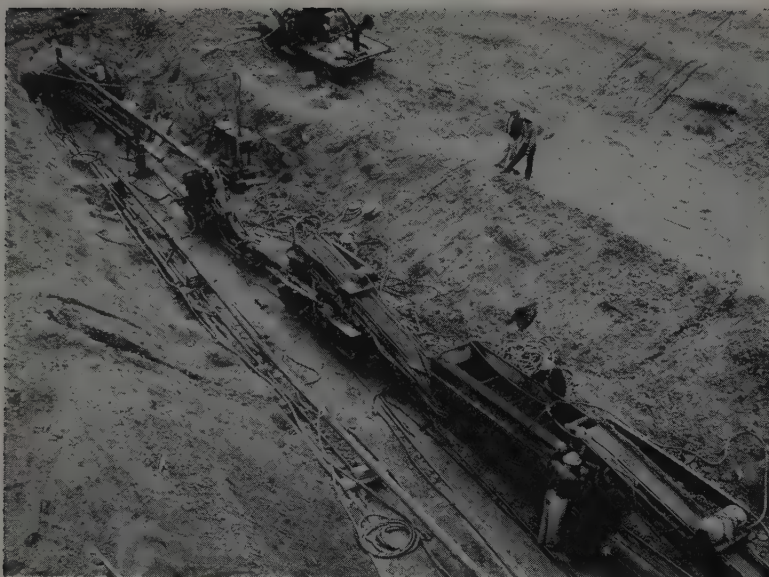
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**CONCRETE TRAIN** shown in operation at tunnel portal. Batch is fed into 5-yd. agitator car in foreground, which in turn feeds surge hopper for 8-in. slick line, with air booster.

## TUNNEL

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opened at the end of the screw and a horizontal gate that moved back to uncover an opening at the bottom end of the screw. The discharge rate was controlled by regulating the speed of the air motor that drove the screw. Two concrete cars were made on the job and were used to deliver concrete to the invert conveyor and to the concrete pump system for lining the arch of the tunnel. Battery-powered locomotives were used for moving the concrete cars.

Concrete mix for the invert consisted of 1½-in. maximum size aggregate containing 5.2 sacks of cement per cubic yard, 33% sand by weight and 4½% entrained air. The 2½-in. slump concrete averaged 3,580 psi. at 28 days, using Type II, low alkali cement.

### Arch forms

Forms totaling 200 ft. in length were used to complete the sides and arch of the horseshoe-shaped tunnel section. These forms were designed to collapse so they could be telescoped through the forms ahead and then expanded and bolted into position. Continuous concrete lining was placed for as much as twelve days at a time.

The 200 ft. of form was long enough to allow sufficient time for the concrete to set before being

moved ahead. The forms were usually left in place 12 hr. but stripping times as short as 8 hr. were tried with no difficulties from spalling, sloughing, or cracking of the concrete. After 20-ft. sections of the forms were stripped and telescoped through the forms ahead they were cleaned and oiled, and then expanded into position. Following stripping operations the concrete was cured by spraying on a clear curing compound.

### Placing behind forms

Concrete was placed back of the forms by pumping through a 50-ft. 8-in. slick-line. The whole placing assembly consisting of line support, concrete pumping equipment with feed conveyor, and surge car with feed conveyor moved as a unit on rails on the invert. The slick-line was usually buried 10 ft. into the fresh concrete to obtain maximum filling of concrete around and above the lagging. The line was supported above the forms by easily moved hangers with pipe rollers attached to the steel tunnel ribs. Movement of the unit was by an air "tugger" mounted on the line-support car and through a cable and block arrangement anchored to the rails ahead of the unit.

Concrete was delivered to the placing unit in 5-cu. yd. agitator cars. These cars had an air-motor-driven screw in the bottom of the

car that discharged the concrete onto a conveyor belt. This conveyor discharged into a surge agitator car of the same design as the concrete cars. Discharge of concrete from the agitator car onto the conveyor belt feeding the concrete pumping equipment was controlled so there was a steady flow of concrete into the small hopper above the pump. Only a small hopper could be used because of the limited head room. The discharge rate of the agitator was controlled by the concrete pumping equipment operator varying the speed of the air motor driving the screw.

The rate of concrete placing was controlled by the rate of delivery. A by-pass was constructed by widening the tunnel about midway through its length. This in effect cut the traveling distance of the concrete trains down to a maximum of 1,000 ft. Two trains were used and were able to maintain an adequate delivery rate.

Consolidation of the concrete behind the forms was by both internal and form vibrators. Internal electric vibrators were used through the form windows until the windows had to be closed. Form vibrators were clamped to the diaphragms of the forms for the final consolidation. To assist in driving the concrete into as much of the arch of the tunnel as possible an air booster was attached to the end of the slick-line where it left the line support car. Feeding air into the slick-line helped move the concrete through the line and had the effect of vibrating and forcing the concrete into all small openings upon discharge from the pipe.

The concrete mix for the barrel section of the tunnel consisted of 1½-in. maximum size aggregate containing 5.6 sacks of cement per cu. yd., 36% sand by weight and 4½% entrained air. A strength average of 3,675 psi. at 28 days was obtained using Type II low alkali cement. Concrete with a slump low as 3 to 3½-in. at the point of placement was pumped with little difficulty although the average was 4 in. Consolidation of the concrete was on a slope of about 4 to 1, a run-out of about 30 ft. On a flat slope the concrete vibrated in place easily and was found to stay "alive" up to two hours.

At the end of the first few 6-cu. placement periods, bulkheads were used to obtain vertical construction joints and to afford a point

starting the next cycle. Later, sloping construction joints were used and found to be satisfactory. By working through the windows the sloping concrete surface was lightly flood-floated to consolidate the concrete and to remove the feather ledge up over the arch. Before starting the next concreting cycle the green concrete was cleaned by water cutting. A sand-cement grout was applied to the slope just prior to the start of concrete placement. The average rate of placing concrete in the sides and arch of the tunnel was 297 ft. in a 24-hr. day and averaged 265 cu. yd. placed. The maximum rate was 451 ft. in the day and this occurred near the end of the tunnel when all the concrete the pump could handle was delivered. The maximum length of arch placed between construction joints was 2,455 ft.

After the completion of all concreting operations a program of back-fill grouting was started. Only those areas in the tunnel that were through faults, large over-break areas, or showed water leakage were grouted. A sand-cement grout mixture using two parts fine blow sand, one part cement, and two parts of water by volume was pumped through a circulating line to the grout connections.

Holes were drilled through the lining at previously marked points and connections were made with an expanding rubber packer. Slightly over 29,000 cu. ft. of grout was placed with pressures varying from 20 to 50 psi. Along with the grouting operations several weep holes were drilled in the sides of the tunnel just above the invert. These holes were drilled where water previously had been encountered.

## Personnel

The Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation is Floyd E. Dominy, Grant Bloodgood is Assistant Commissioner and Chief Engineer, and Frank Clinton is Regional Director.

At the Helena Construction Office Theodore Mann is construction engineer, Maurice C. Wren, field engineer, Nathan Young, office engineer, Gilmore Hanson, survey chief, Robert Oliver, chief inspector on pumping plant and tunnel, and Sam Rey, administrative officer.

For the A. J. Cheff Construction Co., Oscar Cheff was job superintendent, Homer Cheff and Robert Cheff, assistant superintendents, Ed Bonderenko, master mechanic, Sam Van Hise, chief electrician and William Butler, engineer.

## SELECTING CONTRACTORS

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governing laws or rules so as to slow it—and this is not such a drastic change as it might seem; it is more like an improvement on the definition of the word "competition" to establish what "competition" really is.

### Inviting the proposals

With proper legal authority established, the next step is to invite proposals, supplying plans and a list of the proposed form of contract and specifications, and at the same time, tell the interested contractors and the public and the press how the selection will be made, and let the criticism come in, if it is going to come. However, there may not be much criticism of an honest effort to do a job. And, at that time, beforehand, there is little likelihood of a contractor objecting, because he would be putting himself in the position of objecting to fair competition. If a contractor does not object at the beginning where he is invited to talk, he cannot very gracefully object later when he misses the job.

### Proposals reviewed by board

My suggestion is that the proposals should be reviewed and the

contractors rated by a Board of 5 to 7 members, in the way described in following paragraphs. The members would not necessarily be connected with any specific governmental body. *They would be people whose integrity would be beyond any possibility of being questioned, and who would be willing to serve in the interest of the public on big jobs.* One might be the Governor, one a judge, one the mayor, one an editor, one a councilman, and one a bank president, and two might be directly connected with the Public Works Department involved.

Critics of this idea will say "It's no good"—"It won't work because the Board will be subjected to all kinds of pressure, and the best people will not want to serve." My answer is—we can create a Board of this type with the integrity of a high court, with authority to enforce their decision, and it will work if it is initiated with sincerity.

When the invitation is extended to contractors, they should be told the way they will be rated, so that they can submit anything they may desire as to their experience and record of performance—anything they want to submit to substantiate their claim that they deserve to have the job.

The proposals, when received, should be submitted to the Board for review and preliminary rating, and the top three (or more) under

the preliminary rating should be requested to attend a hearing where the Board may interview the contractor's people and ask direct questions prior to each Board member defining his final rating of each contractor. This hearing should be open to the public and to the press.

The scheme for rating, which appears on page 62, is obviously susceptible to infinite variation as to detail. The example shown there is for illustrative purposes only. It is a sample of the way one Board member might rate one contractor.



**STUMP BURNER** devised by "Chick" Dwyer (with hat), construction superintendent of M. W. Brown Co., Redding, Calif., examined by Dwyer and R. J. Felton, California Highway Division construction engineer. Burner consists of a salvaged blower fan driven by a small gasoline engine. Air stream directed at base of stump pile speeds burning and keeps hot fire going.



## First contract on \$68,000,000

## Aqueduct goes to Young & Anderson

THE 33-mi. first stage of the East Bay Municipal Utility District's third aqueduct line will be started this fall. Contract for the initial pipeline link in the 92-mi. aqueduct has been awarded to Young & Anderson Co., Brea, Calif. The firm was low bidder of ten with a figure of \$14,975,491.

Total estimated cost for the new aqueduct is approximately \$68,000,000. It will provide an additional 125 mgd. of Mokelumne River water.

The entire aqueduct line totals 92 mi., running from Pardee Reservoir in the Sierra foothills, to Orinda. Other sections of the line will be built in seven additional contracts. Total elapsed time will be three and one-half years from start to finish of the project in October 1962.

The following is the timetable for the eight aqueduct contracts: Starting this year will be:

1. Pipeline: Bixler to Walnut Creek—33 mi.
2. Tunnel: Lafayette Tunnel through Charles Hill to Orinda Filter Plant—3½ mi.

Starting in 1960 will be:

3. Pipeline: Pardee Dam to San Joaquin River—34 mi.
4. Concrete pile supports: San Joaquin River to Bixler—14½ mi.
5. Pipeline: San Joaquin River to Bixler, elevated portions.
6. Underwater sections: San Joaquin River to Bixler—three crossings.
7. Tunnels: Near Walnut Creek and Lafayette.

The three river crossings will require submerging the line to elevation minus 50 ft. because of the San Joaquin River's deep water channel to the Port of Stockton.

Inside diameter of all 82 mi. of pipeline will be 87 in. Other portions of the aqueduct, totaling 10 mi., will be larger diameters. To-

tal footage of the 82 mi. of steel pipe is 428,000 ft. and total weight is 120,000 tons, equivalent to all the steel, including the cables, used in building the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. The 82-mi. stretch of pipeline will be the longest of its size in the United States.

Three types of pipe will be considered for the third EBMUD aqueduct. The first is welded steel pipe cement mortar lined and mortar coated. The second is prestressed concrete pipe, and the third is a modified prestressed concrete cylinder pipe. The purpose of the steel cylinder is to withstand the maximum hydrostatic head.

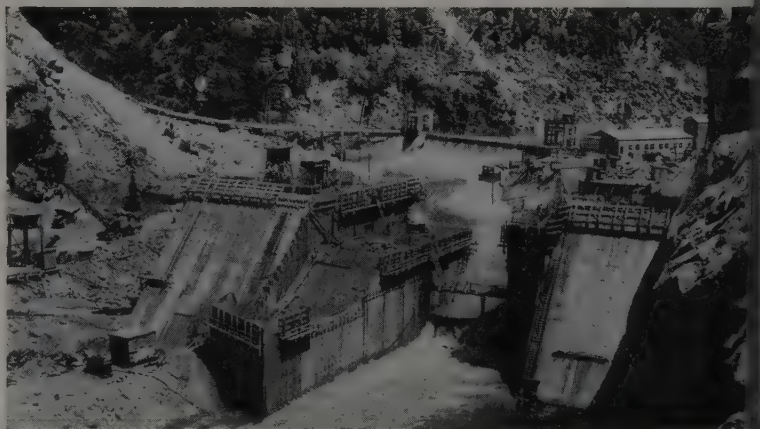
The original Mokelumne Aqueduct, begun in 1926 and completed in 1929, was 65 in. in diameter. Aqueduct No. 2, begun in 1946 and completed in 1949, was 68 in.

No. 1 was all-steel construction. No. 2 was steel and concrete, with the concrete pipe used in the foothill sections, where the head is lower. Steel was necessary for the second aqueduct along the Central Valley floor where water pressure within the pipe is greater.

The job of building the third aqueduct in eight contracts will speed the completion of the entire 92 mi. Another important advantage of breaking the job into segments is that the total contract would otherwise be so large that smaller contractors would be eliminated from the bidding competition.

Contracts will call for the contractor to supply the fabricated pipe, as well as to install the pipe. The general contractor will obtain the necessary material from pipe fabricators. Each section of the total length will be about a two-year construction job.

Joseph D. DeCosta is chief engineer of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, and Walter R. McLean is supervising civil engineer.



**HIGH GORGE DAM GOING UP**

The Skagit river has been diverted from its original course to a new man-made channel to permit excavation for second stage construction of Seattle City Light's High Gorge Dam. Water now going over the Gorge diversion dam is turning nearly at right angles into the new channel and in an S-curve as shown flows through a low section purposely left in the first stage of the high dam.

While the diversion was taking place, contractor's men were already excavating the second stage construction. City Light personnel had been operating the Skagit plant for many months in a manner to maintain a dry channel at the dam site, enabling contractors to proceed with the excavation, preparation of the diversion channel and construction of the cofferdam. The dam, being constructed by Merritt-Chapman & Scott, is scheduled for completion in 1961.



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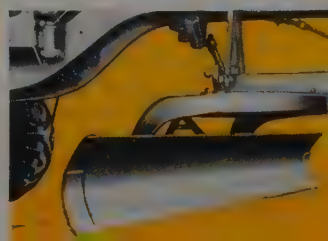
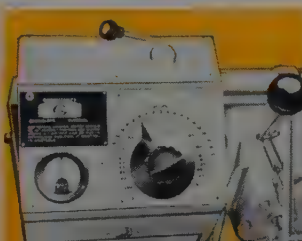
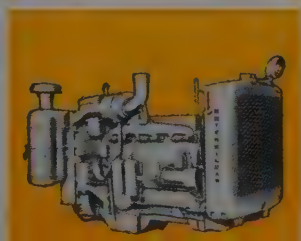
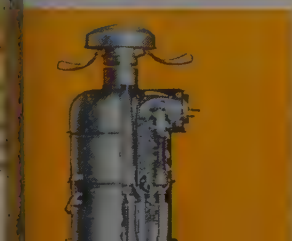
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## Colorado halts Interstate awards

SHORTAGE of Federal Aid funds which has caused Colorado to halt the awarding of construction contracts on the state's 964 mi. of Interstate System will take \$13,000,000 from the pockets of Colorado workers in the next 12 months, according to Chief Engineer Mark U. Watrous, Colorado Department of Highways. "We were forced to halt the awarding of new contracts because we were told that there is not enough money in the Highway Trust Fund to pay for construction commitments that already have been made by the states," Watrous said.

Affected by the shortage are 32 projects for construction and right-of-way totaling approximately \$28,000,000. Of these, 26 projects, amounting to \$22,124,000, are in the current budget which became effective July 1, and six projects, costing \$5,800,000, are carried over from the 1958-1959 budget.

## Atkinson wins Ice Harbor bid

GUY F. ATKINSON CO. of San Francisco, with a bid of \$20,744,405, was low at the bid opening in the Walla Walla District Office, Corps of Engineers, calling for a contract to complete the north shore construction work at Ice Harbor lock and dam on the Snake River. The runner-up bidder was Montag-Halvorson-Austin and Associates of Portland, with a bid of \$21,798,730. The Government estimate for the north shore construction work was \$22,027,422.

Four contractors submitted bids, which in part called for completing the second step cofferdam, including unwatering and maintaining the work area within the north shore closure. Completion of the cofferdam will require the placing of 1,100 tons of steel sheet piling, and 31,000 cu. yd. of gravel cell fill. The two connecting embankment legs that will close off the cofferdam from the north shore and connect with the cells in midstream will require 71,500 cu. yd. of rock fill and 251,500 cu. yd. of impervious fill.

Excavation necessary for various structures in the north shore closure, including the embankment for abutment, will require 320,000 cu. yd. of common excavation, 134,000 cu. yd. of rock excavation and 227,



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Thirty-two ton "portable" bank vault awaits installation in temporary quarters of new Bank of America branch in Sacramento, Calif., following truck trip from prefabrication site 100 mi. away. An innovation in bank construction, the  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times 12$  prestressed concrete and steel vault can be moved to larger permanent bank building when growth of branch warrants. Meanwhile it will provide regular safety deposit service and cash vault protection. During morning of moving day, workmen using gantry crane loaded vault on heavy-duty low bed truck, and hauled the load to its destination the same day. The following day construction crew skidded it off truck and hauled it to its destination the same day.

The vault was skidded off truck and installed by use of block and tackle and wooden rollers. Built-in steel padeyes on top and shallow holes for removable handling bolts on sides enabled maneuvering through service entrance having less than 1-in. margin clearance, and anchoring at exact level to accommodate  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -ton precision door. Vault was manufactured in Petaluma by Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., of San Francisco.

000 cu. yd. of impervious fill, along with 156,000 cu. yd. of rock fill and 350,000 cu. yd. of random fill.

The structures to be built within the north shore work area include  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bays of the spillway, along with the installation of four spillway tainter gates, construction of the non-overflow dam section, the north shore fish ladder and fishway pump house, and pump installation. The 86 x 675-ft. Ice Harbor navigation lock and guide walls will utilize some 655,000 cu. yd. of mass concrete.

## Water supply drops at Hoover Dam

FORECASTING below average snow-melt inflow to Lake Mead during the April-July period, the Bureau of Reclamation has met with representatives of Hoover Dam power allottees to program integration of operations of the power plant for the next operating year which began June 1.


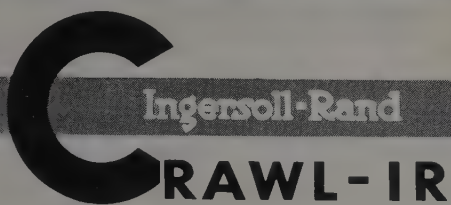
W. H. Taylor, Director of the Bureau of Reclamation's Region 3,

explained that the meeting is held annually as provided for in the Hoover Dam contracts.

Melting snows of the Rockies now flowing down the Colorado River into Lake Mead, are expected to raise the reservoir only a small amount this year. The high runoff in 1957 and 1958 raised the lake from a critical level caused by four consecutive years of subnormal precipitation on the watershed. Operations during the past year have resulted in the lake remaining at a high level for the time of year.

The poor water supply will require considering the possibility of reducing the output of Hoover power plant during the next two months below 100% of contract firm power output.

The mean forecast as of June 1 for April-July inflow to Lake Mead this year is 4,500,000 ac.-ft. or about 4,000,000 ac.-ft. less than the 1957 year average. Actual run-off measured near Grand Canyon during the April-July period last year was 9,926,000 ac.-ft., 12,887,000 ac.-ft. in 1957, and 6,185,000 ac.-ft. in 1958.

An aerial photograph showing a large-scale construction project. Several Ingersoll-Rand Crawl-IR drills are visible, positioned on a rocky, uneven terrain. Cables and hoses are scattered across the ground. The background shows a steep, rocky hillside.

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# ALASKA Newsletter

By CLIFFORD S. CERNICK, Fairbanks

**BEAR TIME AGAIN** — Now that the salmon are beginning to move upstream, construction men in remote Alaskan areas must be on their guard for Alaska's huge—and sometimes deadly—bears. The annals of Alaska construction record many an instance wherein bear and man met unexpectedly. Generally, both parties take off at a dead run. In some instances, one runs and one chases. I know of no instance where a non-hunter was ambitious enough to chase a bear. A few instances from the past of bear activities in Alaska may serve both as instruction and as warning. In one case, miners at a diamond drilling site high on a mountain were disturbed because they could not keep water flowing through new plastic pipe which had been air dropped to them. Upon inspection of the line, drillers found a bear chewing on the pipe. Near Juneau, Walter Johnson, a mechanic encountered a bear suddenly. Bruin made a couple of swipes, inflicting scratches. Then he attempted to bite Johnson. In retaliation, Johnson grabbed the young bear by the ears and twisted his head. It was touch and go for a few minutes until Johnson got the upper hand and booted the bear into the brush.

**NEW ALASKA LIFELINES** — No where under the American flag is there so vast an area still untapped by any road. It's pretty generally recognized in the Northland that one of the main keys to the development of this untamed area is an expanded program of road construction. Alaska's need for roads and other forms of transportation was recognized by the recent extension of the life of the Alaska International Rail and Highway Commission. The Commission must report to Congress on the feasibility of a railroad to Alaska and additional road connections between Alaska and the other states, plus feeder roads.

**DREAM ROAD TO NOME** — a route which is opening up some of the most beautiful country on the North American continent is being extended at a snail's pace—or what

seems to be such a pace to those impatient to see the link completed. It's the Fairbanks-Nome road, which will be some 550 miles long. The route is through rugged Alaskan terrain and hasn't been completely surveyed on foot, although aerial reconnaissance has been carried out. The Bureau of Public Roads says work is progressing as fast as funds become available, from both ends. Some "sidewalk experts" in both Nome and Fairbanks enjoy guessing when the road will be complete. The BPR answer: from 4 to 20 years depending on availability of funds.

**OTHER ROADS** — Other significant highway work now going on in Alaska's interior includes a 7-mi. paving job on the Steese Highway, and a number of bridge projects in the Nome area. A 40-mi. strip of the Alaska highway from the Yukon, Canada border into Alaska has been completed, with a 70-mi. stretch scheduled to be completed by fall.

**UNREST IN ALASKA** — As this is written, the labor situation in Alaska still is unsettled and has grown so ominous that the governor of the state has offered to help settle the dispute. At this writing, some 2,500 carpenters are off the job. Large military construction projects have been shut down. The carpenters walked off at the Clear missile detection project. A total of 17 jobs in the Anchorage area and 11 in Fairbanks are affected. The unions want free room and board on bush jobs, preferential hiring at the rate of five for the union to one for the contractor and a 50-cent hourly wage increase. A newspaper in Fairbanks declared editorially that the economy of Alaska was being so seriously affected by the walkout that the governor should step in. Shortly afterward, Governor William Egan telephoned representatives of both the carpenters and contractors urging early resumption of negotiations. Meanwhile, precious Alaska construction days are going down the drain.

**TOMORROW'S ENGINEERS** — Engineering students from various colleges and universities are enjoying a refreshing switch from the theoretical to the practical in Alaska this summer—and earning money to boot. The U. S. Army Engineer District, Alaska, as it has in years past, is giving a select group of fledgling engineers a chance to gain know-how in the profession while earning funds to continue their studies. This year 84 young men are in Alaska in connection with the program. They have been hired as engineering aides and work with experienced engineers and construction experts on civil and defense projects. The students come from many parts of the United States and some foreign countries to learn and earn during their summer vacations. Many of those who come to Alaska during their undergraduate years gain a special liking for the country and return to make their homes here.

**NUGGETS** — A federal loan of \$800,000 to the City of Sitka for improvements and expansion of water facilities and construction of a power dam has been approved by the Community Facilities Administration in Washington . . . Forefires in Alaska are taking up much of the slack in employment these days because of the large amount of manpower needed. At one point more than 800 men were fighting the fires . . . Work is progressing on a \$700,000 bowling alley-shopping center project in Fairbanks which will provide a total of additional lanes for that community . . . Alcan Pacific Co. of Anchorage has been awarded a \$628,415 contract for construction of 138 new family quarters for the U. S. Air Force at Eielson Air Force Base . . . The Urban Renewal Division of the Alaska Housing Authority is now calling for bids on land in the 13-ac. downtown Fairbanks redevelopment project. Construction of buildings in the area is expected to start in 1960 . . . Construction of commercial and residential structures in Anchorage is expected to hit an all-time high of about \$20,000,000 for 1959 according to City Manager George Shannon as compared with a previous high of \$7,500,000 last year . . . Congress has been asked by the Air Force to approve \$19,682,000 for a number of construction and equipment projects in Alaska.

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## Mullen low bidder on John Day dirt job

OVER a million dollars separated the high and low estimates of ten bidders at a bid opening in the U. S. Army Engineer District, Walla Walla, Corps of Engineers, competing for the contract of moving over a million cubic yards of excavated material and forming a million cubic yard embankment at the John Day lock and dam project on the Columbia River.

Apparent low bidder for the work was S. S. Mullen, Seattle, with a bid of \$941,246. Runner-up was the Montag-Halvorson Co., Portland, with a bid of \$1,211,905. High bidder submitted a bid of \$2,136,660. The Government estimate on the work was \$1,133,274.

Excavation work at John Day consists of 950,000 cu. yd. of common excavation and 240,000 cu. yd. of rock excavation which will accommodate the foundation base of the 20 spillway bays. The contract also requires the continuous unwatering of the 20-ac. area behind the north shore cofferdam.

A million cubic yards of excavated material removed in forming the foundation base for the 20 spillway bays will be utilized along the north shore of the Columbia as a protecting embankment to the permanent relocation of right-of-way of the SP&S Railway past the dam.

The contract specifies that the work must be completed by November 15.

## Handbook issued on bidding practice

HOW proper bidding procedure can pay big dividends is told in a new bidding guide prepared jointly by the American Society of Civil Engineers and Associated General Contractors. Low costs, sound design and better construction are high on the list of benefits to owner, engineer and contractor, according to the 12-page brochure, which is the product of qualified engineers and contractors. It is called "A Recommended Guide to Bidding Procedure on Engineering Construction."

The document is not intended for use in drawing up building contracts. However, it has broad application in the heavy construction field. Vital areas specifically covered are (1) preliminary investigation; (2) plans; (3) specifications; (4) bidding; (5) separate contracts;

and (6) sub-contracts. Clearly noted for ready reference are such items as: local ordinances; royalties and patents; bases of payments; details of plans; contract documents; deposits; etc. These are but a few of the subjects that make the new brochure a useful guide to economies in engineered construction.

Single copies are free. Quantity orders, two or more, are available at cost—25¢ a copy. Address requests to ASCE, 33 West 39th St., New York 18, N. Y. In ordering, be sure to mention "Recommended Bidding Guide."

## Irrigation reservoir project approved

A PROPOSED \$1,327,000 loan under the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956 for construction of an irrigation water supply for the Jackson Valley Irrigation District, near Ione, Calif., has been approved by the Department of the Interior. Before work can begin on the project a repayment contract with the water users must be executed and validated and funds appropriated by the Congress.

The main feature of the project to be constructed under this loan would be a dam and reservoir on Jackson Creek, a tributary of the Mokelumne River. The work would also include a minor diversion structure and a diversion canal. The development would provide irrigation water for 3,600 acres.

## California gas tax spending tops \$31,000,000

A RECORD of \$31,560,053 in state gasoline tax revenues has been apportioned to the 354 cities in California for street work and engineering during the current fiscal year. This is \$1,132,401 more than last year's record.

The gas tax distributed to cities is the revenue from five-eighths of a cent per gallon out of the state gasoline taxes paid by highway users. It is apportioned by the Division of Highways from the state highway fund according to law on a population basis. The additional allocation to cities for engineering, also apportioned on a population basis, is taken from other state highway funds and varies from a minimum of \$1,000 for cities under 5,000 population to a maximum of \$20,000 for cities with more than half a million people.



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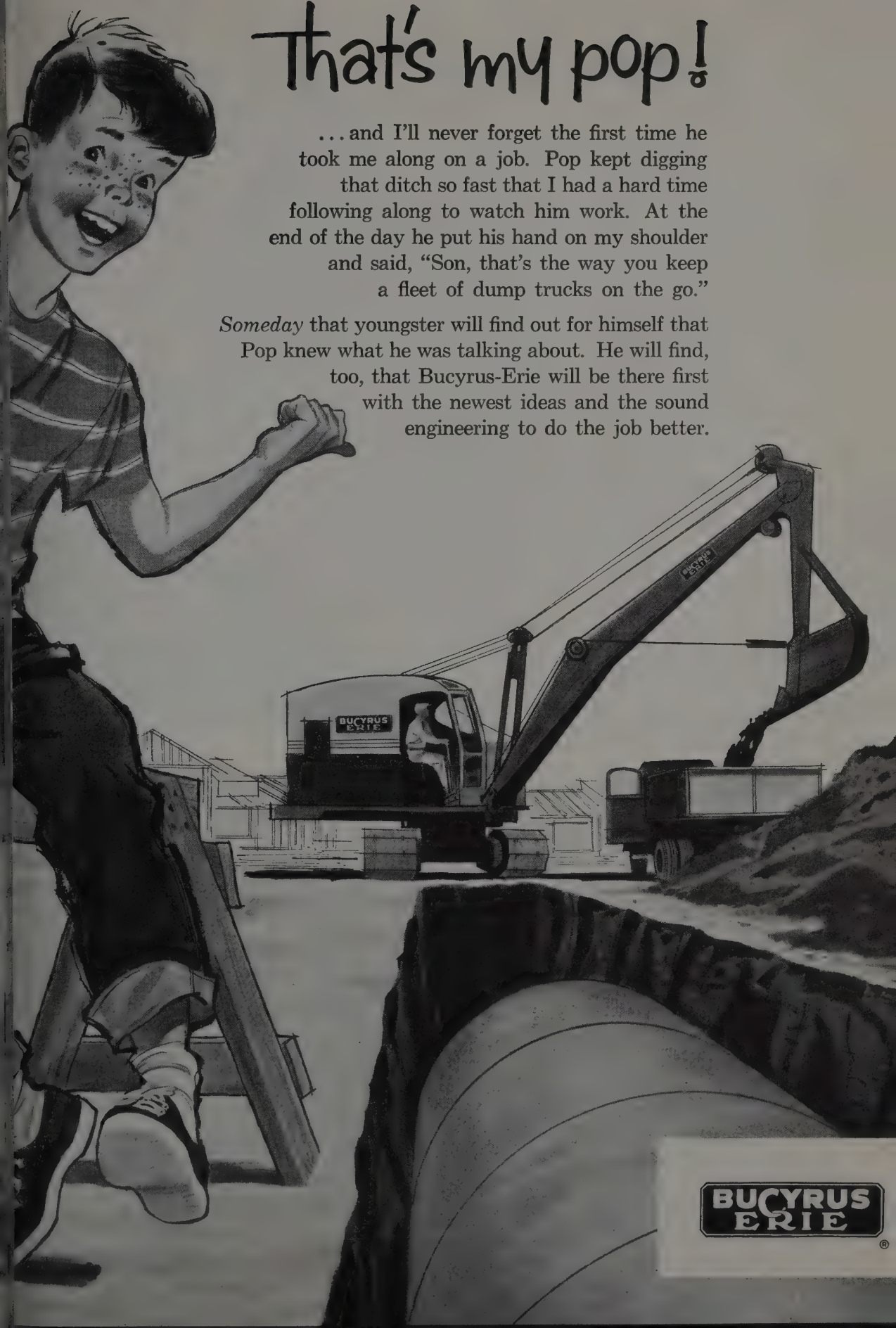
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# HAWAII Report

By ALAN GOODFADER, Honolulu

**MORE ON THE EARTH-SHAKERS**—Henry J. Kaiser has vowed "the battle has just begun" in his cement-struggle with the Dillingham family. The fight between Hawaii's construction industry titans has been front page news here for months—with both sides having its cheering sections among the citizens. Kaiser made his vow the day before this writing after the Honolulu City Planning Commission turned down his request to zone 200 acres of land for quarrying in an area the Dillinghams want to develop as a resort area. Kaiser wants to dig coral there for a proposed cement plant. He originally wanted to build his cement plant there, but moved it to another area which received City Planning Commission approval. City lawyers have said Kaiser can quarry stone at his preferred site without zoning under local laws. Kaiser and the Hawaiian Cement Corp.—in which the Dillinghams have an interest—are racing to see who will be the first to set up a \$12 million cement plant here to supply Hawaii's booming construction industry. Kaiser now supplies most of the cement used in the Islands in bulk from his West Coast plants. The Dillinghams' Hawaiian Construction and Dredging Co. started leveling ground a month ago for the Hawaii Cement Corp. plant. Completion is scheduled the end of 1960. Kaiser says his plant will be in production six months before that.

**MOVING MOUNTAINS**—Meanwhile, Kaiser has branched out in yet another area here. He bought himself \$1,000,000 worth of equipment to push construction on the first two subdivisions of a \$350,000,000 resort residential city he's developing on Oahu's Koko Head area. Then he picked up a dredge and some barges. This, of course, led to purchase of a tug to haul them.

**THE DUST IS FLYING**—Reports on Hawaii's building boom are becoming monotonous in their frequency. The latest, contained in the Bank of Hawaii's review of local business conditions for June, call the construction industry a

"star performer" in advancing Oahu (Honolulu) business growth to the greatest peacetime advance in production, income and employment in a three-month period. The advance was during the first three months of the year. Construction completed during the period was a "remarkable" 45 per cent higher than previous year levels, the bank said. And plans announced for residential, commercial and governmental construction in the last two months mean construction totals will be even higher than the record-breaking levels predicted earlier. It lists these projects among those newly announced: Development of a 137-acre light industry area near Honolulu International Airport; a Territorial Board of Harbor Commissioners \$1,800,000 land development and marina near Koko Head; a \$3,000,000 development for retired people in the Kaneohe area of Windward Oahu; a joint Territorial-Federal \$3,200,000 low cost house project and a \$14,200,000 Territorial low income project; more than \$3,000,000 worth of apartment construction and \$4,100,000 worth of office and miscellaneous buildings.

**EVERYONE GETS IN**—The bank and its biggest competitor, the Bishop National Bank, also will be contributing to construction work here. Bank of Hawaii has approved plans for a \$1,700,000 program including construction of a nine-story annex to its main building in downtown Honolulu. Hawaiian Construction and Dredging is contractor. Completion is scheduled early next year. Just across the street, Bishop Bank plans to put up a 10-story multi-million dollar building. Work is tentatively scheduled to start in February with construction to take nine months or a year.

**DEFENSE SPENDING**—Air defenses for Hawaii's vast complex of defense and training areas here will add to the construction crush, according to stories out of Washington. Early warning radar stations are to be built soon on the islands of Kauai and Maui by the Air Force. Total cost wasn't given, but the Kauai station will cost about

\$300,000. And the Senate Armed Services Committee has approved the construction of bases for eight Nike-Hercules missile batteries in the Islands.

**MORE OFFICES**—Office buildings also are becoming a large construction item here. Two of the biggest will be constructed by Hawaiian Dredging at its monster Ala Moana Shopping Center in Honolulu. Financing has just been assured for the previously announced first 25-story building. Plans have been announced for a second 25-story structure costing more than \$5,500,000.

**MORE INDUSTRY**—And the construction boom has become a somewhat self-perpetuating thing. A \$250,000 pipe plant to feed construction projects is to be built in the new industrial area in Oahu's Ewa district by U. S. Industries, Inc.

**TOURIST EXPANSION**—The Island of Kauai will have some big building work soon as Inter-Island Resorts, a tourist hotel firm here, moves to expand along with Hawaii's tourist industry. The plans call for a 1,500-room resort to be built at Kauai's Kalapaki beach. The firm plans immediate development of the resort.

**LOW BIDDERS**—Pacific Construction Co. is apparent low bidder on two major projects here. It bid \$567,590 on a contract to build a chapel and two-story administration building for the Hawaiian Evangelical Assn. and \$478,760 to build an apartment house . . . S. Kitajima's \$286,448 bid was low on a 28-unit apartment building job . . . Moses Akiona, Ltd., was low with a \$114,308 bid on the Kalihi Valley trunk sewer project of the City of Honolulu . . . United Construction Co. was low bidder with an offer of \$1,094,362 on the contract to build a new home for the Territorial Department of Health . . . Pacific Utility Contractors submitted a \$1,000,630 low bid on a site preparation contract for the Ft. Shafter Capehart Housing project . . . and Moses Akiona, Ltd., offered a \$35,304 low bid on a contract for utility work at the Smithsonian Institution's satellite tracking station atop Mt. Haleakala on the Island of Maui.

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# Low bids and contract awards

## ALASKA

A \$8,974,230 contract was received by the **Empire Construction Co.** of Atlanta, Ga. for construction of a heat and power plant for the U. S. Air Force at Clear.

## ARIZONA

**Givens Construction Co.** of Phoenix submitted 2 low bids for roadwork in Coconino and Gila counties: a low bid of \$513,320 for grading, surfacing, and draining on Flagstaff-Valle Airport highway northwest of Flagstaff in Coconino County, and \$168,372 for grading, surfacing and draining on 2 mi. of the Apache Trail highway near Globe in Gila County. **Tom L. Mulcaire** of Cottonwood submitted a low bid of \$233,278 for 5.3 mi. of grading, surfacing and bridges in Tonto National Forest in Gila County. A low bid of \$209,731 was submitted by **Palmer Contracting Co.**, Phoenix, for 9 mi. of grading and surfacing on the Perkinsville-Williams highway south of Williams in Coconino County. A low bid of \$183,603 was submitted by **Mohamed Earthmoving Contractor** of Phoenix for 4 mi. of grading and surfacing northwest of Glendale in Maricopa County. **C. H. Leavell & Co.** of El Paso, Tex., received a \$2,081,000 contract for construction of a base hospital at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson. A \$4,119,000 contract was received by **M. M. Sundt Construction Co.** and **M. J. Bevanda Co., Inc.** of Tucson for construction of runway and taxiways at the U. S. Marine Corps Auxiliary at Yuma.

## CALIFORNIA

**Isbell Construction Co.**, Reno, Nev., received a \$3,532,415 contract for grading and surfacing to relocate 7.6 mi. of Rte. 198 around the future reservoir and spillway area of Terminus Dam, north of Lemon Cove and south of Three Rivers in Tulare County. **Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc.**, of Seattle, Wash., submitted a low bid of \$4,912,329 for construction of 4 bridges, drainage facilities, grading and surfacing on 7.5 mi. be-

tween Myers Flat and south of Dyerville in Humboldt County. A \$2,093,222 contract was received by **A. Teichert & Son, Inc.**, Sacramento, for constructing interchanges, crossing structures and widening to 6-lane freeway west and east of Davis in Solano and Yolo counties. **Sully-Miller Contracting Co.**, Orange, received a \$1,186,166 contract for grading, paving and widening 6.5 mi. of State Route 2, at the Los Angeles County line in La Habra and Fullerton, Orange County. A low bid of \$824,082 was submitted by **Hood Construction Co.** and **F. W. Case Corp.** of Newhall for construction of Corning Canal pumping plant and discharge lines, Sacramento Canals Unit, Central Valley Project. **A. J. Diani Construction Co., Inc.** and **A. J. Diani, Santa Maria**, submitted a low bid of \$355,438 for 11.5 mi. of grading, surfacing and widening south of Santa Maria in Santa Barbara County. **M. W. Brown, Redding**, submitted a low bid of \$325,588 for grading and surfacing on 16.3 mi. on Feather Lake highway, northwest of Susanville in Lassen County. **E. L. Yeager Co.** of Riverside received a \$296,222 contract for grading and paving to construct additional 2 lanes on U. S. 395 near Perris in Riverside County. **F. W. Case Corp.**, Newhall, submitted a low bid of \$227,636 for repairing an existing pier in Manhattan Beach State Park, in city of Manhattan, Los Angeles County. **L. C. Smith Co.**, San Mateo, received a \$208,243 contract for resurfacing 27.3 mi. of highway at various locations, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. A low bid of \$182,610 was submitted by **Chandler-Newman Construction Co.**, Eureka, for 6.2 mi. of grading and surfacing on Route 1089 in Trinity County. **W. F. Maxwell Co.**, Fontana, received a \$176,773 contract for construction of 2 bridges to carry U. S. Highway 60 over an entrance road to the University of California at Riverside, Riverside County. **Valley Paving & Construction Co.**, Pismo Beach, received a \$170,219 contract for reconstructing 3.1 mi. of county road between Arroyo Grande and U. S. Highway 101 in San Luis Obispo County. **Flores & Perry, Hanford**, received a \$150,265 contract to widen and reconstruct 4.9 mi. on county road 1134 southeast of Strathmore in Tulare County.

## COLORADO

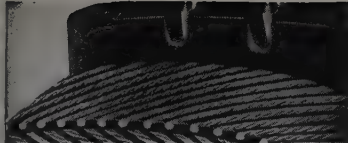
A \$1,669,359 contract was received by **Davis & Butler Construction Co.**, Salt Lake City, Utah, for construction of a concrete pipeline system for the Collbran Project in west-central Colorado. **Domenic Leone Construction Co.** of Trinidad received a \$583,000 contract for 6.3 mi. of grading and surfacing the Greenhorn highway in San Isabel National Forest, Custer County. **H. E. Lowdermilk Co.**, Englewood, received a \$519,000 contract for 6.8 mi. of grading and surfacing the Nederland-Raymond route in Roosevelt National Forest, Boulder County. A low bid of \$377,419 was submitted by **Brannan Sand & Gravel Co.**, Denver, for 1.8 mi. of grading and surfacing in Jefferson County. **Gardner Construction Co.** of Littleton submitted a low bid of \$241,488 for construction of bridge and approaches between State Highway 96 and 50 in Pueblo County. **C. H. Leavell & Co.** of El Paso, Tex., received a \$6,859,000 contract for U. S. Post Office Terminal Annex at Denver.

## IDAHO

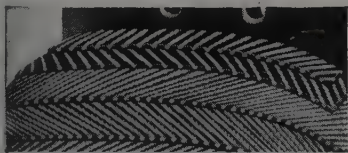
**Fischbach & Moore, Inc.** of Seattle, Wash., received a \$495,000 contract for the installation of instrumentation systems for the Flight Engine Test Facility at the National Reactor Testing Station. **Arrington Construction Co., Inc.**, Idaho Falls, received a \$166,330 contract covering miscellaneous construction projects at the Test Station.

## MONTANA

**Holland Construction Co.**, Bozeman, received a \$835,350 contract for 8.9 mi. of grading and surfacing on the Chester-Gilford road in Hill County. **Sletten Construction Co.** of Great Falls received a \$569,388 contract for construction of steel and concrete overpasses over Great Northern Ry. and Northern Pacific Ry. on Boulder Ave., in city of Helena. A \$543,201 contract was received by **Baltrusch Construction Co.** of Havre for 7.1 mi. of grading, surfacing and related work on the Gilford-Havre East road in Hill County. **Naranche & Konda, Butte**

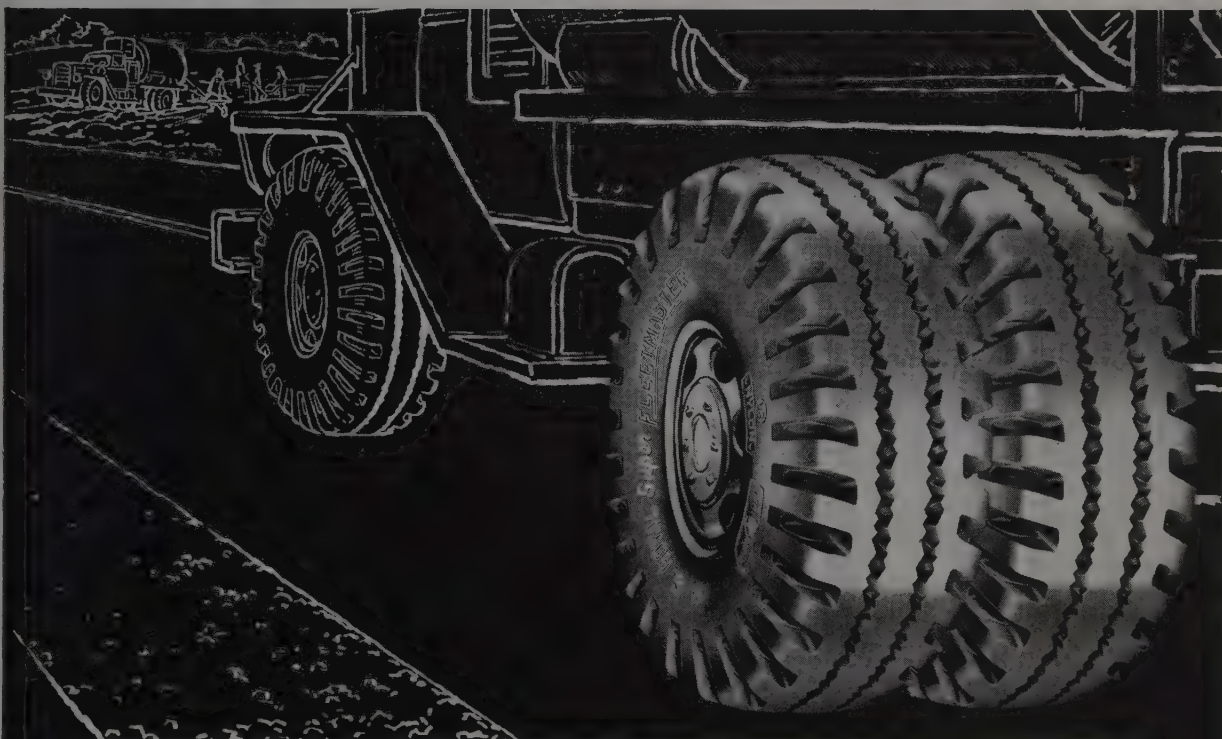


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received a \$342,351 contract for 7.3 mi. of grading, surfacing and draining on the Valier - North and West road in Pondera County. A \$316,685 contract was received by G. E. Marshall of Roundup for 6.4 mi. of grading, widening and surfacing on the Fishtail Southwest road in Stillwater County. S. Birch Inc. & S. Birch & Sons Construction Co. of Great Falls received a \$275,216 contract for 16.5 mi. of grading and surfacing on the Ovando-Rogers Pass road in Lewis and Clark County.

## NEW MEXICO

Brown Construction Co., Albuquerque, submitted a low bid of \$835,599 for grading and surfacing on 2.4 mi. from Bernalillo County line to San Mateo interchange in Bernalillo County. A low bid of \$462,317 was submitted by James P. Johnson, Santa Fe, for 7.6 mi. of grading and surfacing No. 10, Golden-Madrid, in Santa Fe County. Armstrong & Armstrong of Roswell submitted a low bid of \$285,786 for 8.6 mi. of grading, surfacing and related work on U. S. 66 toward Norton in Quay County. A low bid of \$178,786 was submitted by Floyd Haake of Santa Fe for 13 mi. of sealing in Sandoval County. James P. Johnson, Santa Fe, submitted a low bid of \$147,705 for 2.1 mi. of grading and surfacing on State Highway 519, La Madera-Petaca in Rio Arriba County.

## OREGON

A. L. Harding, Inc., Stayton, submitted a low bid of \$422,501 for 2.4 mi. of grading and paving on the Smith Bridge-Kellogg Bridge section of the Elkton-Sutherlin highway south of Elkton in Douglas County. Workman Construction Co. and Geo. W. Irwin Construction Co. of Canby submitted a low bid of \$291,510 for construction of 4 structures on the Lancaster Drive-Sublimity Gun Club section of the North Santiam highway in Marion County. Babler Bros., Inc. of Portland submitted a low bid of \$139,119 for 4.9 mi. of grading and surfacing on Sand Creek-Silver Lake road highway in Klamath County. P. S. Lord Mechanical Contractors of Portland received a \$418,304 contract for levee improvement along the left bank of the Columbia River in Multnomah County Drainage District No. 1. Tom Lillebo Construc-

tion Co., Reedsport, submitted a low bid of \$134,437 for 2 structures on the Oregon Coast Highway in Coos County. Kuckenberg Construction Co., Inc., Portland, submitted a low bid of \$128,372 for construction of 1 bridge on the Pacific highway in Multnomah County. Steelman-Duff, Inc. of Portland received a \$270,359 contract for relocation of a section of the Southern Pacific railroad and Oregon St. Highway No. 58 at Lookout Point Dam on the Middle Fork Willamette River in Lane County. H. Barnhart and Leonard Ward, Medford, submitted a low bid of \$499,437 for earthwork and structures, South Fork collection canal, Talent Division, Rogue River Basin Project.

## UTAH

Floyd S. Whiting of Murray submitted a low bid of \$772,337 for grading, surfacing, overpass structure and concrete box culvert on the Helper-Castle Gate section of Highway 6 and 50 in Carbon County. A low bid of \$749,032 was submitted by V. C. Mendenhall Construction Co., Inc. of Las Vegas, Nev. for 8 mi. of grading and surfacing from Washington-Iron County line southerly to Pintura in Washington and Iron counties. Pritchett Construction Co. of Farmington submitted a low bid of \$265,480 for construction of bridge, grading and surfacing approaches, north of Brigham City over the Bear River in Box Elder County. Whiting & Haymond Construction Co., Springville, submitted a low bid of \$219,111 for 9.4 mi. of grading and surfacing in Delta, Millard County. A low bid of \$174,707 was submitted by LeGrand Johnson Construction Co., Logan, for 2.2 mi. of grading and surfacing in city of Ogden.

## WASHINGTON

Ostruske-Murphy, Inc. of Tacoma received a \$186,986 contract for construction of military road overcrossing, vicinity Lake Dolloff in King County. A \$173,294 contract was received by Olympia Oil & Wood Products Co., Inc., of Olympia for 11.8 mi. of grading and surfacing, Pacific county line to Joe Creek, Grays Harbor County. Frank G. Baulne, Inc., Yardley, received a \$142,231 contract for 2.1 mi. of grading and surfacing, Ensley Change in Almoda road and Pullman-Wawawa road in Whitman County.



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Initial phases of the work must be carried out entirely over water, and the project will include creation of a man-made island 2,000 ft. long and 700 ft. wide. Its surface will be raised an average of 32 ft. above the harbor floor. Dredging phase of the project will require lifting more than 2,500,000 cu. yd. of material from the harbor bottom, and its removal to the new island. Approximately 1,000,000 cu. yd. of rock will be quarried and placed. The project also will include installation of utilities and paving, erection of eight heavy portal cranes and building of an electrical generating station.

## Utah Interstate project to hit \$30,000,000

UTAH's Interstate Highway program is gaining momentum over previous years, according to state road officials. Work now under contract for Utah's 965-mi. share of the system totals \$22,000,000. The total for all of last year was \$13,500,000. These projects are distributed over 10 counties of the state. The Road Commission expects over \$30,000,000 will be involved on construction on the Interstate by the end of the year. The first project to be completed was the \$1,400,000 overpass in North Salt Lake. In addition, the state had completed ten other major structures located in Box Elder County, and in the Washington-Iron County area. Nearing completion is the Low overpass in Tooele County, which also involves some three miles of divided highway.

The program of the Commission calls for the state to build to freeway standards any construction project that is situated on the Interstate route. Director of Highways, Elmo R. Morgan, has stated, "We hope that the traveling public

will understand this program when they see these freeway projects in some of our more remote areas. In some sections in rural sections, we are only building at present two lanes of what will eventually be a four-lane divided highway."

Road authorities have further indicated that much of their effort has been devoted to the planning, engineering and holding public meetings preparatory to deciding on definite route locations. The state has completed a total of 44 meetings that have been held in the past one and one-half years. They have included 21 informational meetings and 23 public hearings. This has involved the location of 658 mi. of Interstate System out of a total of 965 mi. in Utah. According to official estimates, some 9,000 citizens have attended these meetings to participate in the decisions of these routes.

## Oregon changes rules for highway trailers

THE Oregon Highway Department has announced changes in transportation permit policy and procedures as a result of action of the highway commission in keeping with 1959 legislation. The changes will result in greater administrative uniformity and will accommodate the nation-wide trend toward larger equipment in the trucking industry.

Effective this month, 60-ft. over-all semitrailer combinations, which for the past two years have been allowed to operate by statute over several U. S. Routes and Oregon Route 58 (Willamette Highway) will be required to operate under permit from the highway department. The same legislative act which made this change also removed the restriction of 32 ft. between kingpin and the last trailer axle of the 40-ft. semitrailers which are used in such combinations.

However, the department points out that test runs originally conducted over the highway routes mentioned and other highways which are still under permit were based on equipment limited to the 32-ft. distance. The department has been advised that operators of the long semitrailer equipment will wish to increase this distance from 32 to as much as 35 or 36 ft. which will necessitate additional test runs over all highways where the 40-ft. semitrailers are now allowed to operate either by law or under permit.

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## Hoover generator contract awarded

A \$1,601,200 Bureau of Reclamation contract has been awarded for manufacture and installation of a 95,000-kw. generator, the final generating unit in the Nevada wing of the Hoover Dam power plant.

The contract goes to the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., low among four, all domestic firms. The unit must be installed by the summer of 1961.

The generator is the 17th and last major generating unit to be installed at Hoover Dam on the Colorado River. It will bring the hydroelectric plant to its full installed capacity of 1,344,800 kw. This final unit will be the largest unit at Hoover, the existing units having a rating of only 82,500 kw.

Contracts for manufacture of a 115,000-horsepower turbine and a 168-inch butterfly control valve were let in mid-March. These awards totaled \$1,840,806. The House Public Works Appropriations bill contained \$2,900,000 to advance construction of the turbine, generator and allied facilities in fiscal year 1960.

## Barrier strips slated for California freeways

THE California Division of Highways will install barriers in the center strip of some of the state's more heavily-traveled freeways as the result of newly completed research into the problem of infrequent but often deadly head-on freeway collision. New types of barriers, developed in a series of laboratory-controlled crash tests, will be installed shortly on sections of freeway in the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay areas.

Along with the crash tests, a detailed study of recent freeway accidents was made to help determine where the new type barriers would be likely to do the most good. If experience with the initial installations proves successful, barriers will be installed on other highways which carry heavy traffic.

The first major installation will be on a 13.2-mi. section of the Hollywood and Santa Ana freeways (U. S. 101). The division expects to call for bids on this project within the next few weeks. A total of \$500,000 is budgeted for the job. Another 3.6 mi. of median barrier are included in landscaping projects which have been advertised for

bids on sections of the Ventura and San Diego freeways in the San Fernando Valley.

Fifteen basic barrier designs have been tested with speeds up to 60 m.p.h. ramming into a variety of barriers at a 30-deg. angle. In some instances the barrier failed to prevent the car from smashing through to the opposing lanes. Some of the barriers caused the car to ricochet at high speed into the path of following vehicles. In nearly all cases, the impact was so abrupt and severe as to cause serious and possibly fatal injury to human occupants.

But one design was discovered which appears to be nearly satisfactory in all respects. This design utilizes ordinary chain-link fence, light steel posts and three ¾-in. steel cables. The cables are strung horizontally along the fence, if possible from natural anchor points such as structure abutments. Two of the cables are suspended about 30 in. above the ground, and the third is located along the bottom of the fence.

This type was the only design which permitted deceleration within the test car which would be tolerable to human occupants. Because the cables give or deflect slightly when engaged in high speed impact, this design is only suitable for freeways where the dividing strip is at least 12 ft. wide.

For medians with a width of from 5 to 12 feet, the more effective barrier would be another design new to California highways.

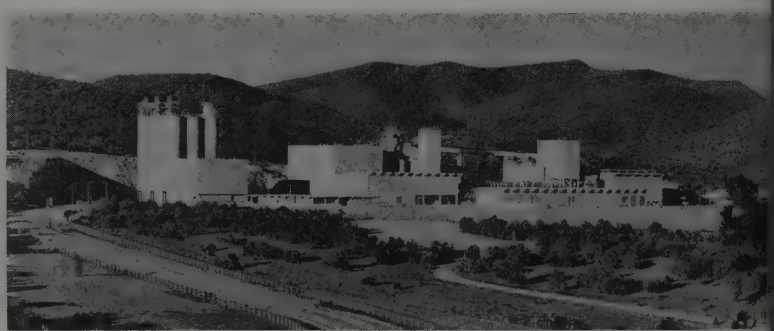
This barrier is made up of back-to-back steel guard rails attached to wooden blocks and posts. There is also a supplemental lower rail to prevent rigid parts of the car from hooking into the posts. The wooden blocking and posts and the lower rail tend to reduce the severity of collisions with the barrier.

## Buy American deadline extended to 1960

STATE HIGHWAY departments have until January 1, 1960, to begin complying with policies and procedures pertaining to restrictions upon the use of foreign materials in Federal-aid highway work. Federal Highway Administrator B. D. Tallamy has announced a 6-month extension of the deadline for application to Federal-aid highway work from the original effective date of July 1, 1959.

The extension was provided to give both the state highway departments and industry more time to adjust their operations to the new regulations governing restrictions on the use of foreign materials.

The Buy American Act, enacted in 1933, gives preference to domestic materials, subject to considerations of reasonableness of price and the public interest. The Executive Order, issued in December 1954 among other things, provides a yardstick for determining the reasonableness of the price of domestic materials in relation to that of foreign materials.

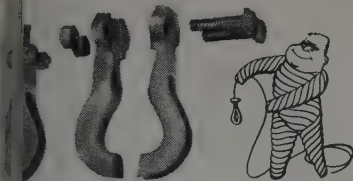


**IDEAL CEMENT CO.**, one of the nation's leading portland cement manufacturers, dedicated its new plant at Tijeras, New Mexico, on June 16. The plant, an ultra-modern \$14,000,000 facility 16 mi. east of Albuquerque, is the first cement plant located in New Mexico. The plant is a part of a ten-year, \$176,000,000 expansion and modernization program announced in 1955. Completion of the new Tijeras plant brings the firm's annual capacity to 34 million barrels.

The plant is described as one of the most highly instrumented cement plants in the world. The entire production process, from quarry to final storage, is directed from a single centralized control room. With electronic recording and control instruments, the control room operator is in full command of all production equipment. The rotary kiln is 375 ft. long and 11 ft. in diameter, except for the first 50 ft. at the feed end, which is 12 ft.

Another unique feature of the plant is that it has no stack. All gases from the kiln are filtered through a system of 1,280 glass cloth bags. These glass bags are 11½ in. in diameter by 25 ft. in length. More than two acres of glass cloth are used in this system.

## Use the Right Fittings



Right fittings add life expectancy to the rope. Fittings which derive holding power from crimping action are harmful.

Shown here is a clamp that has no "strong side"—can be put on either way. It snugly saddles the rope, provides larger surface area in such a way that loads are carried almost entirely by friction instead of crimping action. Combined in its two parts is a thimble. The parts are interlocked to prevent collapse of the thimble and eliminate all shear on bolts.

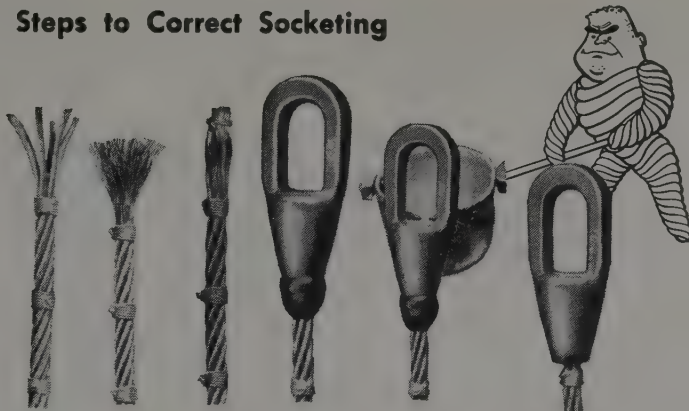
## Recommended sizes:

Diameter of Rope	Min. Dia.	Max. Dia.
$\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$	+ $\frac{1}{16}$ "	+ $\frac{3}{32}$ "
$\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{3}{32}$ "	+ $\frac{1}{16}$ "
$\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{8}$	+ $\frac{3}{16}$ "	+ $\frac{3}{32}$ "
$1\frac{1}{8}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{16}$ "	+ $\frac{1}{8}$ "
$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{4}$	+ $\frac{3}{32}$ "	+ $\frac{1}{16}$ "
2" and larger	+ $\frac{1}{8}$ "	+ $\frac{1}{4}$ "



New ropes are usually over-size. It is advisable to have groove diameters of sheaves or drums as large as the actual caliper diameter of the new rope, or slightly larger. We recommend sizes as above charted.

## 9 Steps to Correct Socketing



1. Securely seize and serve with soft wire ties before cutting, and have at least two additional seizings placed at a distance from the end equal to the length of the basket of the socket.
2. When the rope is properly seized, take off the end seizing. Cut the fiber center back to the seizing, as shown in 1 above. Untwist and broom out the wires. See illustration 2.
3. Clean the wires for the distance they are to be inserted in the socket. Use benzine, naphtha, gasoline or other solvent. Then wash off in boiling water or boiling ammonium chloride used in Step 5.
4. Then dip cleaned wires in commercial muriatic acid to a depth not greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the cleaned length of wire. Keep the wires immersed for 3 minutes, or until the acid has thoroughly etched each wire. Be sure acid does not contact any other portion of rope.
5. Immerse wires into boiling ammonium chloride. A white coating will be left on the wires.
6. Place a temporary tie wire over the ends of the cleaned wire (see illustration 3). Be careful not to get the cleaned wires greasy or oily.
7. Insert the rope end into bottom of socket. Remove temporary tie wire.
8. Holding the rope vertically in a vise, set the socket so that the wires are flush with top of the socket basket and seal the bottom with putty or clay (See illustration 4). Pour in among the wires about  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of sal ammoniac crystals.
9. Pour molten zinc into the basket until it is full (see illustration 5). When zinc is solidified, the seal is removed and socketing complete as shown in illustration 6. The zinc must not be too hot or it will anneal the wires, particularly of small ropes. Temperature must not be above 925° F. Use pine stick test: if stick chars but does not ignite, the zinc is ready to pour. Overheated zinc will have a red color and stick will catch fire. When zinc has solidified sufficiently, the socket may be plunged into cold water.



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# ENGINEERS and CONTRACTORS

Richard Ward, 71, engineer in charge of the enlargement of Lake Mathews for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, died in Arlington following a heart attack. At the time of his death he was directing work to increase the storage capacity on the terminal reservoir of the Colorado River Aqueduct.

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Jack Y. Barnes, district engineer, Portland Cement Association, Helena, Mont., was recently elected chairman of the 10-state Pacific Northwest Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Richard M. Arenz, engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads, was elected secretary-treasurer.

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Appointment of two new assistant commissioners of the Bureau of Reclamation is announced: N. B. Bennett, Jr., who will be assistant commissioner for engineering and power, and W. I. Palmer, who is named assistant commissioner for project development and irrigation. Both are from the ranks of career personnel of the Bureau.

Bennett is presently chief of the division of project development, a position he has held since 1953. He first worked for the Bureau in 1933 on the Kendrick Project in Wyo-

ming. After some private employment and three years as assistant State Engineer, and engineer-secretary for the Wyoming Water Conservation Board, he returned to the USBR at Salem, Ore., in 1942. Palmer, who is presently chief of the Irrigation Division, served in various capacities in the Department of Agriculture before transferring to the Bureau in 1944. He has worked in regional offices in Salt Lake City and in Sacramento, Calif., as well as in Washington, D. C.

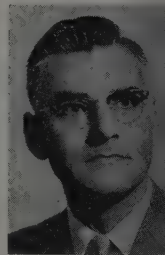
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Appointment of Kenneth M. Allen as chief engineer for Pacific Bridge Co. is announced by William G. Swigert, president of the Alameda, Calif., firm. Allen has been associated for the past six years with the engineering company of Moffatt & Nichol at Long Beach, Calif. As project engineer he supervised development of plans for subsidence remedial measures at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, and the design of USN berthing facilities at North Island, San Diego. He also was a designer on the Alamitos Bay marina project at Long Beach. Allen is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a registered California civil engineer.

Appointment of James A. Burton, Boise, Idaho, to the new position of district engineer for the states of Idaho and Montana, is announced by The Asphalt Institute. Burton, former chief engineer of E. B. Steele Co., Boise, consulting engineering organization, will establish new headquarters at Helena, Mont. For seven years following receipt of his engineering degree, Burton had worked with McAtee & Heathe, Inc., asphalt paving contracting firm of Spokane, Wash.



Burton



Mathews

Laurence C. Mathews has joined the staff of the Portland Cement Association. He will represent the association in central Washington from headquarters in Yakima. A registered civil engineer, Mathews was for a time assistant city engineer of Walla Walla. He has spent over four years with consulting engineering firms, and just prior to joining PCA was public works commissioner for the City of Yakima for three years.

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Otto Ehrenburg, formerly concrete technologist with Pacific Gas & Electric Co., is now research laboratory engineer with United Concrete Pipe Corp., Baldwin Park



OFFICERS Dinner at the opening of the WASHO Conference. Left to right are: T. D. Sherard of Wyoming, secretary-treasurer; R. C. Rich, Idaho, member of Executive Committee; Charles E. Waite, California, member of Executive Committee; C. Taylor Burton, Utah, member of

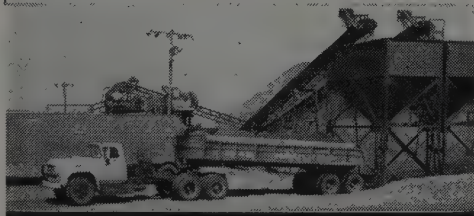
Executive Committee; W. E. Willey, Arizona, past president and member of Executive Committee; President W. C. Williams, Oregon; Fred Quinell, Jr., Montana, member of Executive Committee. Review of Conference appears on page 42.

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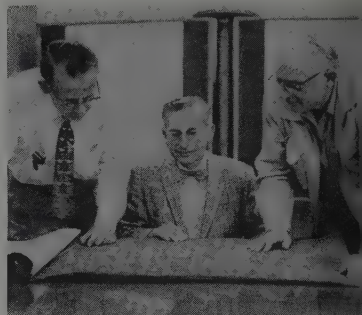
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tiement age and left the Bureau service on May 30. Jennings was formerly regional director for Region 5 in Texas.

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**Carl H. Wittenberg**, partner and co-founder of **Twaits - Wittenberg Co.**, Los Angeles constructors and engineers, announces the acquisition of full ownership of the company through purchase of the interests of the late **Ford J. Twaits**.

In making the announcement, Wittenberg revealed that the firm has more than \$40,000,000 of construction work in progress, including the Los Angeles County Hall of Records and the Ramo Woodbridge Laboratories project at Canoga Park.



**STUDYING** plans for modern 4-lane highway development along U. S. 99 in Northern California are engineers of California Division of Highways District I at Redding. From left, *George Barry*, construction engineer; *H. S. Miles*, district engineer; and *R. J. Felton*, construction engineer.

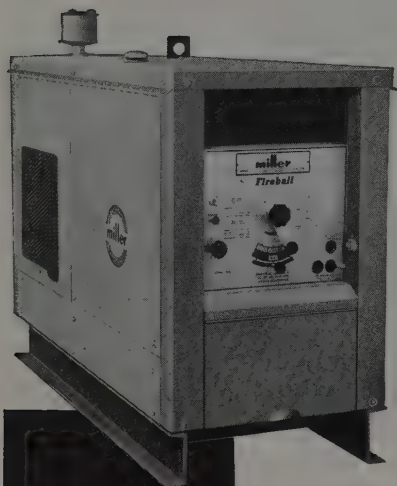
**Ben L. Peterson**, chief of the engineering division of the Portland District, Corps of Engineers, is planning to retire on medical leave. He is recuperating from a heart ailment. During his service with the Portland District, Peterson played a major role in the planning and construction of The Dalles, Lookout Point, Dexter, Hills Creek and Cougar dams, and in the planning of Bonneville, Mullan Mountain, Green Peter, Fall Creek, Blue River, and Holley dams.

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**B. A. Claussen**, consulting engineer from Alameda, Calif., left recently for Pakistan, India, as a general adviser on dam construction under the United Nations Technical assistance program. The project when completed in 1960-61 will irrigate some 2,500,000 ac. of land for food crops.

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Appointment of **John F. Schrunk** as assistant manager of Cornell Manufacturing Co., Portland, Ore., and also as manager of the newly organized Water Engineering Consultants, is announced by **C. C. Warren**, president of both firms. The new firm will take over the duties of Cornell's engineering department. Schrunk was for seven years a government engineer with the Soil Conservation Service and the Bureau of Reclamation.



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# SUPERVISING the jobs

Earl Leavitt, superintendent for General Contractors Co., is in charge of job recently awarded to this contractor covering grading, realigning, and surfacing 13 mi. of U. S. 93 in Lincoln County, Nev. Equipment supervisor on the \$341,173 job is **Cliff Pratt**. General expects the job to be complete by Oct. 1.

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Mel Kilfoyle is superintendent, and Joe Thomas, foreman, on a recent award to Waterfall Construction Co. for 4.2 mi. of grading, surfacing and related work on Route 580, through West Warren in Weber County, Utah. Work will be finished in September.

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H. M. Byars is superintending contract covering 3 mi. of grading, paving, and bridge east of Smith in Lyon County, Nev. This contract went to Isbell Construction Co. on a low bid of \$267,957 and work started in June. Assisting as foremen are Charles Lohr, grading, and Pete Thompson, labor. Timekeeper is Sam Barton. Construction is now in the final stage.

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D. E. Jordan, project engineer, and James Thompson, superintendent, are key men for the contracting firm of Paul W. Speer, Inc. on construction of jet engine test cell at Elmendorf AFB in Alaska. Speer expects to have the \$364,800 project completed some time in October.

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Ray Michlig is superintending, under the direction of Ernest Kisee, vice president in charge of all Alaska work for Lease Company, Inc., a contract award from the Army covering construction of additional aviation facilities at Fort Richardson. Other important contractor men on this \$597,862 contract are William Neve, of-

fice manager, Paul Duclos, office engineer, and Gordon Sprouffske, field engineer. Scheduled for completion the end of October, work has been under way since May.

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Milton Gracia, Oval Beeman, and Bob Pate, project superintendent, superintendent, and master mechanic respectively, are key men employed on contract to widen to 4 lanes an 8-mi. section of U. S. 101, north of Ventura, Calif. Donna Construction Co. successfully bid the job at \$416,966.

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Les Chrisman is supervising a \$490,740 job, under K. W. Fox, district manager for A. Teichert & Son, Inc., covering grading, surfacing, related work in and north of Chico, Calif. Foreman on grade is Roy Chrisman; general foreman is H. Bell, and structure superintendent is Vic Colburn. June 1 was the starting date, and according to Fox work should be finished by mid-December.



**SUPERVISING** subcontract operations of Miles & Sons Trucking Service at the Navy's giant air base project near Lemoore, Calif. are Harlan Thompson, left, hauling superintendent; and George Obenoskey, paving superintendent. General contractor on the job is Griffith Co., with subcontracts held by Miles & Sons for hauling aggregate and material, and for placing part of the cement-treated base.



**DREDGING** superintendent John Pitta of Healy-Tibbitts Construction Co., shown at San Francisco's Yacht Harbor where a \$225,000 addition and alteration project is under way. In the background is a No. 8 diesel-electric derrick barge which swings a 6-yd. bucket. The project involves ripping out a dividing strip between two smaller harbors and joining their breakwaters to make one big one. Job includes placement of 21,000 tons of core rock and 4,000 tons of armor riprap, as well as 75,000 yd. of dredging. Other key men on the project are Andy Collins, general superintendent; Roy Smith, superintendent of floats and appurtenances, and John Homan, superintendent of float installation. The project will add another 50 berths to the city's Marina.

Leon C. Sorensen, general superintendent, is in charge of a \$176,026 award to Sorensen Construction Co. for 5.9 mi. of grading and surfacing near Woodruff, Utah. Other key men on this work are William L. Dodge, grade foreman and Harry Sorensen, maintenance superintendent. Started in June the job will close in October.

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Art Cramer is supervising a \$360,361 job entailing the grading and surfacing of 10.7 mi. in and near Mountain Home, Utah, for Nelson Bros. Co.

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Douglas Hoxsey is superintending for Murphy Brothers, Inc., on a \$263,566 job in Franklin County, Wash. Contract is for 4.5 mi. of grading and surfacing from Cornell to Adams County line. Work has been under way since May and is now in the closing stage.

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Jack S. Budd, general superintendent, and Herman Schumann, job superintendent, are top men working on R. A. Heintz Construction Co.'s recent award of \$1,852



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**Wendall Galbraith** is supervising a recent award to C. L. Hubner Co. for grading, structures, and surfacing on 2.1 mi. of highway, Fort Collins-south, in Larimer County, Colo. Scheduled to be finished in September, the \$340,293 construction started in June.

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**Edward C. Roberts**, superintendent, with the assistance of **Art Cramer**, grade superintendent, has charge of 6.7 mi. of grading, surfacing and related work in Wasatch and Summit counties, Utah. Roberts & Anderson Co. received the job on a low bid of \$203,341; started work in June, and expects to finish in September.

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**Robert W. Martin**, general foreman, and **Laurence A. Pederson**, driller, are key men on channel dredging of Neva Strait in Alaska. J. A. Troxell successfully bid the job at \$122,910, started work in June, and will be finished sometime in September.

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**Bill Atkinson**, project manager, and **Dick Bywater**, superintendent, key men employed by L. C. Smith Co., are drawing to a close resurfacing of 27.3 mi. of highway at various locations in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties in California. Smith received this contract on a low bid of \$208,243 and has been working on the job since June.

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**W. H. Holcomb**, project manager, and **Vern Wilson**, superintendent, for Wells-Cargo, Inc., are key men on contract which covers construction on a portion of state highway on U. S. 93 in Elko County, Nev. Wells-Cargo won the award on a low bid of \$599,803.

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**Ray Travis** is superintendent, and **Bob Kriese**, assistant superintendent, for \$255,084 grade, drain

and plant-mix surface job on 5 mi. of the Gila Bend-Ajo highway in Maricopa County, Ariz. Shift foreman is **John Brown**, while **Stan Beloit** is mechanics foreman. T. M. K. Construction Co., who successfully bid the job, started work in June and expects to be finished about October.

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**Jim Baun** is supervising Baun Construction Co.'s recent award to widen a 2-lane highway on Route 29 near Kelseyville, Lake County, Calif. General foreman is **Wayne Stoll**, while **Everett Wentworth** is grading foreman. This State Highway contract covers 4 mi. of 2-lane to be graded and surfaced with double seal coat applied to untreated base, and drainage facilities costing \$336,021. Scheduled for completion in November, work started in June.

## Turtle Club



AMONG those Western workers who recently joined The Turtle Club, international organization of construction men who owe their lives to the use of a hard hat, are the following:

**Arthur W. Payne**, an employee of Northwood, Inc. of Kanab, Utah. While moving an air track drill, the boom fell, striking him across the head and left shoulder. The force of the 1,000-lb. blow was cushioned by his safety helmet, protecting him from serious injury.

**Lavor Pugmire**, employed by S. S. Mullen, Inc. of Culdesac, Idaho. Pugmire was driving a D-9 dozer when a column of rock fell on the canopy, smashing it and driving part of the supporting framework onto his hard hat. He was pushed forward to the dashboard by the force, but his safety hat completely protected him from serious injury.

**James Tuningley**, an employee of Jarvis Construction Co., Ltd.,

**Carl Jacobson**, project manager for Tanner Bros. Co., Inc., has charge of a highway widening job in the city of Flagstaff, Ariz., with **Arthur W. Rogers** in the superintending spot. **John H. Tanner** is project engineer. The \$378,470 contract is for grading various sections on U. S. 66 and 89A, including curb, gutter and asphalt paving. Additional key personnel for Tanner on this job are **E. O. Willis**, assistant superintendent, **Andy Telles**, foreman, and **Raymond Herschner**, office manager. Scheduled for November closing, the job started in July.

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**Keith L. Stone**, projects manager, and **E. H. Hamdorf**, job superintendent, head the list of personnel working for Wells Cargo Inc., on freeway construction north

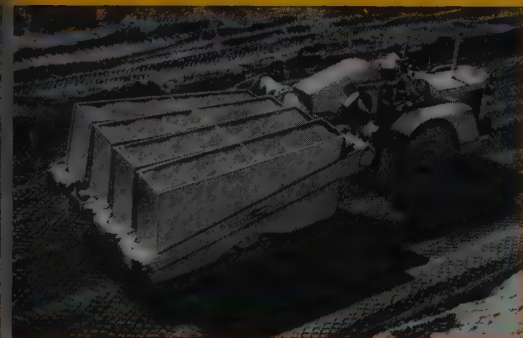
Vancouver, B. C. While shoring a trench in an endeavor to rescue two men trapped in a cave-in, one of the planks struck his hard hat, wedging it between the planks and the bank. He was able to remove his head from the helmet, which continued to hold the planks and prevented him from being crushed.

**Vejno E. G. Andersen**, also an employee of Jarvis Construction Co. While laying a pipe in a 15-ft sewer trench, his partner caught his foot between the pipe, and a small cave-in occurred. Andersen attempted to free his partner when a second cave-in occurred, burying them both under tons of clay. A plank lodged against the rim of his hard hat creating an air pocket which saved him from suffocation while rescuers dug down 5 ft to reach him.

**Anton Sorensen**, employed by Commonwealth Construction Co. Ltd., Victoria, B. C. His crew was stripping plywood planks from walls and lowering them on ropes. In the process of untying the ropes, a second piece of 25-lb. plywood struck Sorensen on top of the head. He was saved from serious injury by his safety hat.

If you have had a similar experience to those noted above you can become eligible for membership in The Turtle Club by submitting a verified completed application form. Address your inquiry either to *Western Construction*, 609 Mission St., San Francisco 5, Calif., or to **E. W. Bullard**, International Sponsor, The Turtle Club, 26 Bridgeaway, Sausalito, Calif.

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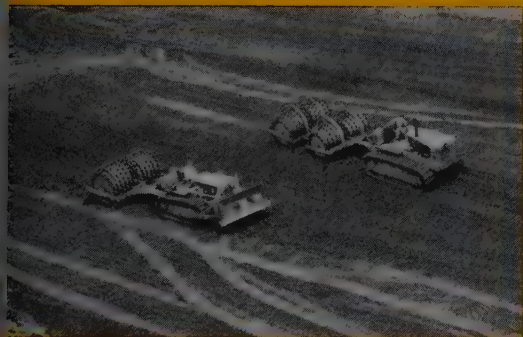
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of Beaver in Utah. This job of grading, surfacing and an underpass structure was awarded Wells Cargo on a low bid of \$1,724,939. Other key men working here are Jack Chattele, excavation superintendent; Richard Peterson, master mechanic, and C. L. Kaufied, concrete superintendent.

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John Van Valkenburgh is acting as project manager, and C. S. Stirewalt is superintending a \$995,261 award to N. P. Valkenburgh Co. for grading, surfacing and storm drain work in Phoenix, Ariz. Pipe superintendent on this storm drain, of 78, 72, 66, and 60 in., is A. H. Reed. Van Valkenburgh estimates the job will be finished sometime in December.

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Robert Phillips, general superintendent for Jack B. Parson Construction Co., is head man on an Interstate highway project in Box Elder County, Utah. He has the assistance of the following super-

visers: D. Hodges, grade superintendent; W. J. Parson, gravel and soil stabilization superintendent; LaMar Jones, fence foreman, and Joe Richardson, pipe foreman. Parson was low bidder on this job at \$853,984. Two structures are included in the 7.2 mi. of highway. Work started in May and will probably close in November.



PROJECT Manager Sam Martinelli, Wunderlich Contracting Co., checks the 3.7-mi. Dunsmuir Freeway in Northern California from his radio-equipped jeep. The project includes extensive drainage work, 1,500,000 cu. yd. of earthmoving, and eight concrete structures along a steep mountainside.

Al Woods and H. W. Bridges, project manager and superintendent respectively, are in charge of Stan Owens Construction Co.'s recent award at \$411,560 for grading and surfacing in Apache National Forest in Arizona. This 9.9-mi. highway improvement started early in June, and according to Stan Owens will be finished about Nov. 7.

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Arnold Blair, superintendent, with Ed Dempsey as assistant, has charge of a grade, gravel and pave job in Washoe County, Nev. Other key men on this 6-mi. highway stretch on State Route 33 are Clyde Rasor, timekeeper, and Don Collins, labor foreman. Isbell Construction Co., successful bidder at \$411,856, started on the job in June and has about another month to go.

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Leon Pierce, general foreman, and Jerry McCoy, pile-driver foreman, are key men for Lord & Bishop, Inc., who recently won an award for a pile bridge with concrete deck, spanning the San Joaquin River at Patterson, Calif.

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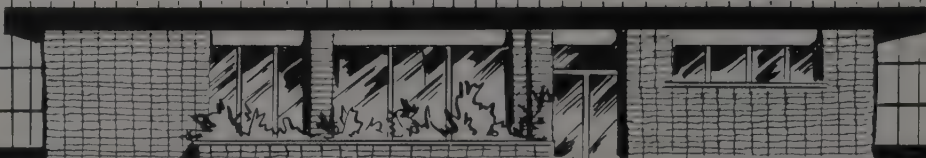
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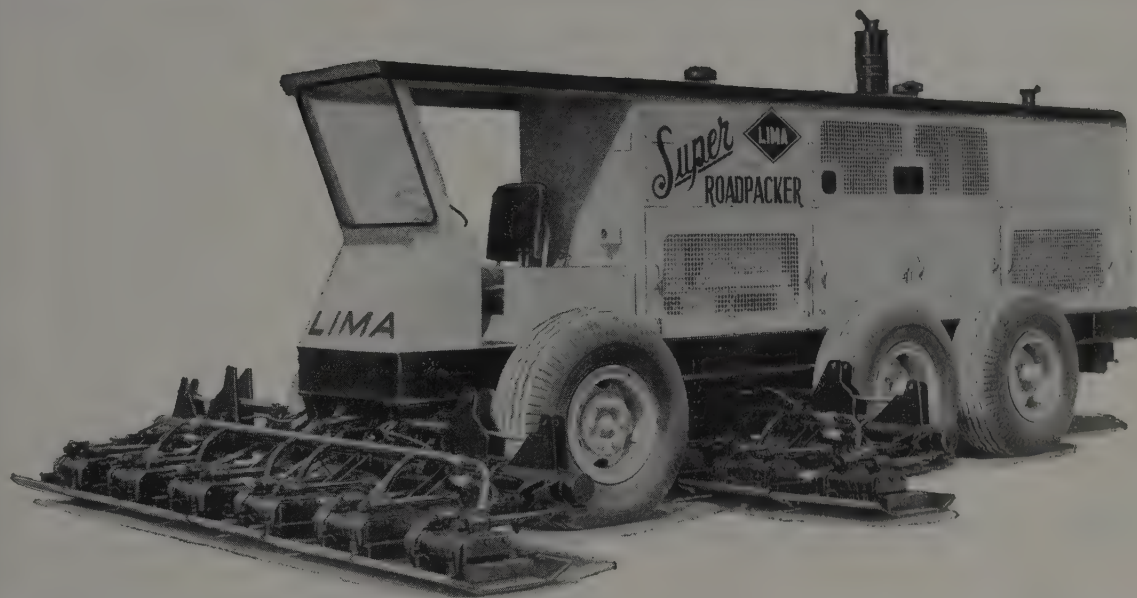


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# MASTER MECHANIC

## Facts about diesel fuel for improved performance

(From General Petroleum Corp.)

THE MAINTENANCE and life of a diesel engine depends largely on the quality of the diesel fuel it has to digest. Therefore, a fuel fit for engine use should possess certain qualities such as:

1. Cetane—Cetane is a measure of the ignition characteristics of the fuel and influences ease of starting, combustion cackle and smoke. Mobilfuel Diesel is always over 45 cetane.

2. Boiling Range—(Keep within 10% -425 deg. F.—end point 675 deg. F.). Too low an initial boiling point indicates light ends which burn rapidly, building up shock cylinder pressures. A high end point would indicate the presence of heavy slow burning constituents that would not completely burn in the short time available and would go out the exhaust in the form of black smoke and unburned fuel. Such heavy ends tend to foul up piston rings and contaminate the crankcase oil and higher fuel consumption and loss of power may be expected.

3. Pour Point—Pour point is only important in that the fuel must flow rapidly through the lines at the lowest temperatures encountered.

4. Color—Some diesel manufacturers specify a maximum of 3

NPA. Color is usually an indication of the quality of refining—the lighter the color (the lower the NPA number) the lesser the contaminants.

5. Neutralization Number—The lower the neutralization number the less the acid content. Fuels having over .20 NN should not be stored in galvanized tanks otherwise the zinc will be dissolved and cause injector tip fouling.

6. Contamination—Sand, water, gasoline. Extreme caution is used in handling Mobilfuel Diesel to prevent contamination. Of course, condensation will occur in any vented tank and such accumulation should be drained out from time to time. Never add gasoline to diesel fuel as gasoline burns explosively, causing loss of power and may break piston rings or cause other parts failure.

7. Lubricity — Diesel fuel must have adequate lubricating properties to protect the finest injection systems even though clearances may be in the order of 1/125 diameter of a hair.

8. BTU Content—BTU is the standard abbreviation of British Thermal Unit — a unit of heat, which is approximately the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water

one degree Fahrenheit. Mobilfuel Diesel is a high heat content No. 2 fuel of accurately controlled boiling range for maximum power and greatest utilization of BTU content.

9. Sulfur—Although some heat is produced when sulfur is burned, the sulfur compounds uniting with water vapor, also a product of combustion, forms sulfurous or sulfuric acids which are most injurious to an engine. Due to these injurious effects of sulfur most diesel manufacturers recommend a fuel be selected that contains not over 1/2 of 1% sulfur.

10. Gravity—The API Gravity is a scale developed by the American Petroleum Institute to more easily compare the density of petroleum distillates. API Gravity equals 141.5 divided by specific gravity at 60 deg. F., minus 131.5. Specific gravity equals 141.5 divided by the quantity API Gravity plus 131.5. The specific gravity of water is one which you will note corresponds to 10 API Gravity. It is evident then that the higher the API Gravity, the lighter the fuel, while the higher the specific gravity, the heavier the fuel. Diesel engine manufacturers usually specify a fuel between 30 and 42 API Gravity. Mobilfuel Diesel usually runs 33-36 API Gravity. API Gravity is usually determined by a hydrometer.

11. Conradson Carbon Residue on 10% bottoms is an indication of the carbon forming characteristics of the fuel and normally should not exceed .20% by weight. Most manufacturers of automotive

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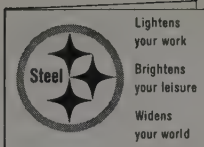
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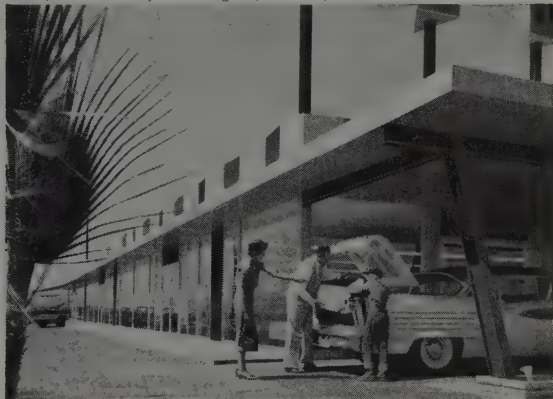
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**New Design for Furniture Sales.** Lindsay's Interiors, Lancaster, California—a new approach in store design, by Calcor Corp., Huntington Park. Structurals, wall panels and roof decking are formed from USS Steel. Post-free, clear spans provide maximum use of interior display space. Features like these make steel a fast-growing favorite of architects and builders throughout the West.

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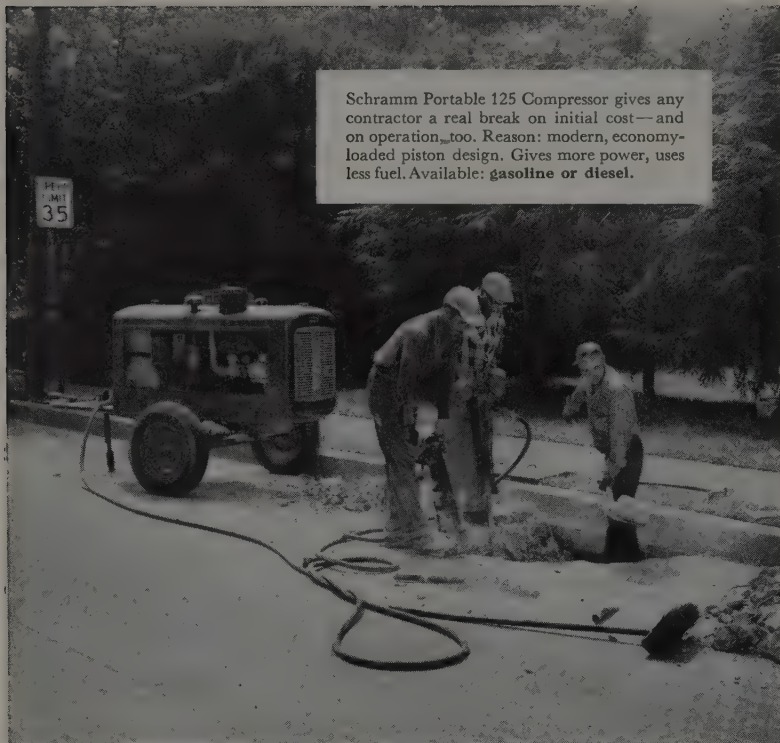


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diesels recommend a maximum of .15% to .25% and some as high as .50%.

12. Ash—A high ash fuel would tend to promote high cylinder wear. Therefore the ash content should not exceed .01% by weight.

13. The flash point of fuel is not particularly important only in that it indicates safety of storage. Some municipalities have laws stating that fuels of less than 150 deg. F. flash point may not be stored above ground. Mobilfuel Diesel has a flash point of over 150 deg. F. It therefore complies with all legal regulations.

14. Viscosity of fuel is the measure of the oil's resistance to flow. Any viscosity reading is meaningless without the temperature at which the viscosity was observed, as a variation in the temperature of a fuel changes its viscosity appreciably. In general, high viscosity fuels are difficult to atomize and burn slowly.

Cleaning Cummins injectors by back-flushing is about 90% effective. Simply back-off injector plunger adjustment one complete turn on 3 cylinders and alternately accelerate and decelerate engines some 15 times. Adjust injectors and repeat on other 3 cylinders. Excess fuel accumulated under the injector plunger will be forced at extreme pressure back through the metering orifice as the injector plunger is smacked down by the cam. This high velocity fuel usually quite effectively scours out any deposit accumulation in the metering orifice.

## Arc welding training manual

Publication of an "Arc Welding Training Manual" designed for welders and instructors of manual metal-arc welding has been published by the American Welding Society. Contents include welding processes and recommended safety practices, the metal-arc process, accessories, exercises in arc welding, arc welding equipment, and metals and their structure. It is illustrated with 337 drawings, photos and tables. Fifty pages are devoted to arc welding exercises and the various techniques can be mastered by following step-by-step instructions.

Price of the manual is \$3.00. It is available from the American Welding Society, 33 West 39th St., New York 18, N. Y.

# Misuse of ladders

THE LADDER, one of the most frequently used pieces of equipment in the construction industry, is also one of the most mis-used and abused, according to a technical report published by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

From its analysis of accidents as the nation's number one workmen's compensation insurer, Liberty Mutual establishes the following eight basic rules as crucial to the safe use of ladders:

1. The horizontal distance from the wall to the foot of the ladder should never be more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  the length of the ladder.
2. Place ladders on secure footing.

3. Tie in ladders at top to prevent movement when at all possible, especially if used as a fixed ladder.

4. Ladders with broken side rails or cleats, or of faulty or defective construction should be repaired or destroyed immediately.

5. **Replace**, do not repair, broken side rails or cleats.

6. Do not splice short ladders together to provide long sections.

7. Ladder should extend at least three feet above top landing so workers can grasp it firmly when descending.

8. When base of ladder is placed on steel or concrete, use unclefted end for base.

The following construction rules are also essential to safe ladder building:

1. Cleats and side rails should be clear lumber.

2. Cross grain in cleats should not be allowed.

3. Side rails and cleats should be dressed to remove sharp edges and splinters.

4. Use 2 x 4-in. side rails when length is 19 ft. or less.

5. Use 2 x 6-in. side rails when length is 19 to 30 ft.

6. Wood cleats should be housed into the edges of the side rails  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. or filler blocks used.

7. Cleats should be nailed to each rail with three 10d wire nails.

8. Uniform step spacing should be used, and should not exceed 12 in.

9. Portable ladders more than 30 ft. in length should not be used.

10. Non-slip cleats should be installed on end of ladder.

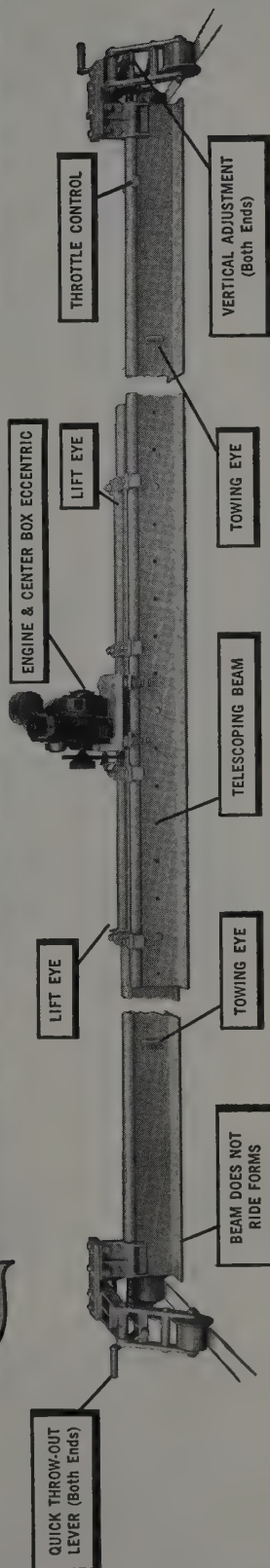
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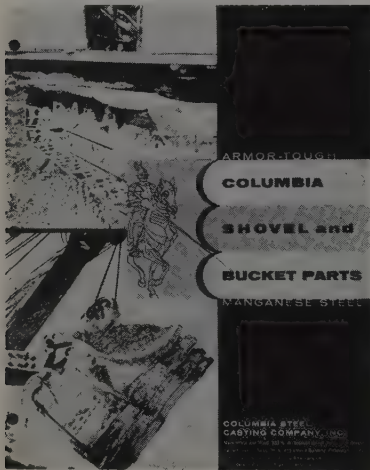


# NEW LITERATURE

To obtain free copies of literature described in this section, circle the corresponding numbers on reply postcard.

## Shovel and bucket parts

Columbia Steel Casting Co. offers a new 4-page bulletin covering its replacement parts for most makes of buckets and shovels. Products covered include solid 1-piece



tooth bases and points, tooth re-pointers, bushing and pins, bucket fronts, door assemblies, hinges, latch accessories and heel bands as well as crawler shovel pads, bevel gears and shaft pinions. Booklet features components made of Columbia Austenitic manganese steel.

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## Tractor shovel specs

Specification bulletins on three Trojan tractor shovel models have been issued by Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. The single sheet, 2-page bulletins cover Model 104, 9,000-lb. capacity; Model 124, 10,000-lb. capacity and Model 154, 12,000-lb. capacity. The rubber tired tractor unit features safety curve lift arms. They are equipped with torque converters and are available with gasoline or three types of diesel engine power plants. Each bulletin provides complete dimensions and specifications and lists its operating features as well as standard and optional equipment.

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## Moline tractor line

A group of bulletins covering the Minneapolis-Moline line of industrial crawler and wheel tractors and their digging and loading at-

tachments has been issued by the company. Equipment covered includes: Series 335 industrial wheel tractor with 47 horsepower. Series 445 industrial wheel tractor with 57 horsepower. Series L3, front end loaders and backhoes for use in combination with 335 tractor. Series L4 loaders and backhoes for use with Series 445 tractor. Series G6 industrial tractors with LP gas or diesel engine of 72 and 67 hp. Moline 2-star crawler with 57 hp. gasoline engine.

Each sheet provides specifications, dimensions and operating features of the series covered. Among the features stressed are single hydraulic systems for both loader and backhoe and a single warranty which covers both tractor and attachments all manufactured by the same company. Illustrations include action photographs and cutaway drawings of tractor and components.

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## Crawler units for tough terrain

Track laying under carriage units for all types of construction hauling in mud or rough terrain is described in a 12-page booklet issued by Athey Products Corp. The non-powered crawler assemblies which replace wheels where high flotation is needed or rugged hauling conditions prevail are called Athey Forged-Traks. They are available with standard chassis frames, stake bodies, dump bodies or A-frame trailers. The booklet also shows custom application of the track units for moving oil well derricks, loading bins and other unwieldy structures. They can be used without haul roads and in areas where rubber tired equipment cannot travel. Included are diagrams and specifications of the track assemblies.

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## IH loaders and back hoers

Loaders and backhoes for its line of utility wheel tractors are described in a 16-page catalog released by International Harvester Co. The booklet covers International Wagner equipment for models 240, 340, 460 and 560 utility tractors. The catalog gives specifications and operational features for

the various models and lists a wide variety of buckets, blades, crane booms, forks and other attachments for the basic equipment.

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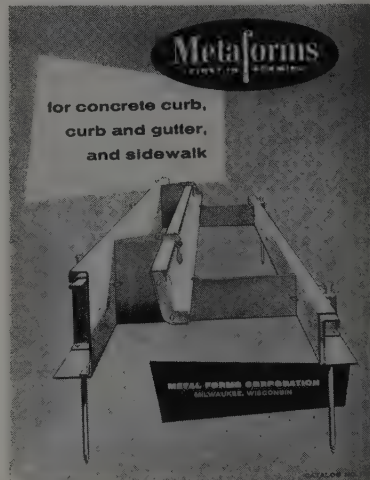
## Concrete test equipment

Illustrated step-by-step methods of making three concrete tests are covered in a folder issued by Soil-test, Inc. The leaflet covers the slump test determination of air entrainment and compression testing. Also listed are various items of testing equipment produced by the company.

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## Curb-gutter form catalog

A well illustrated 20-page catalog describing its complete line of steel curb gutter and sidewalk forms has been issued by Metal Forms Corp. Perspective drawings show a wide

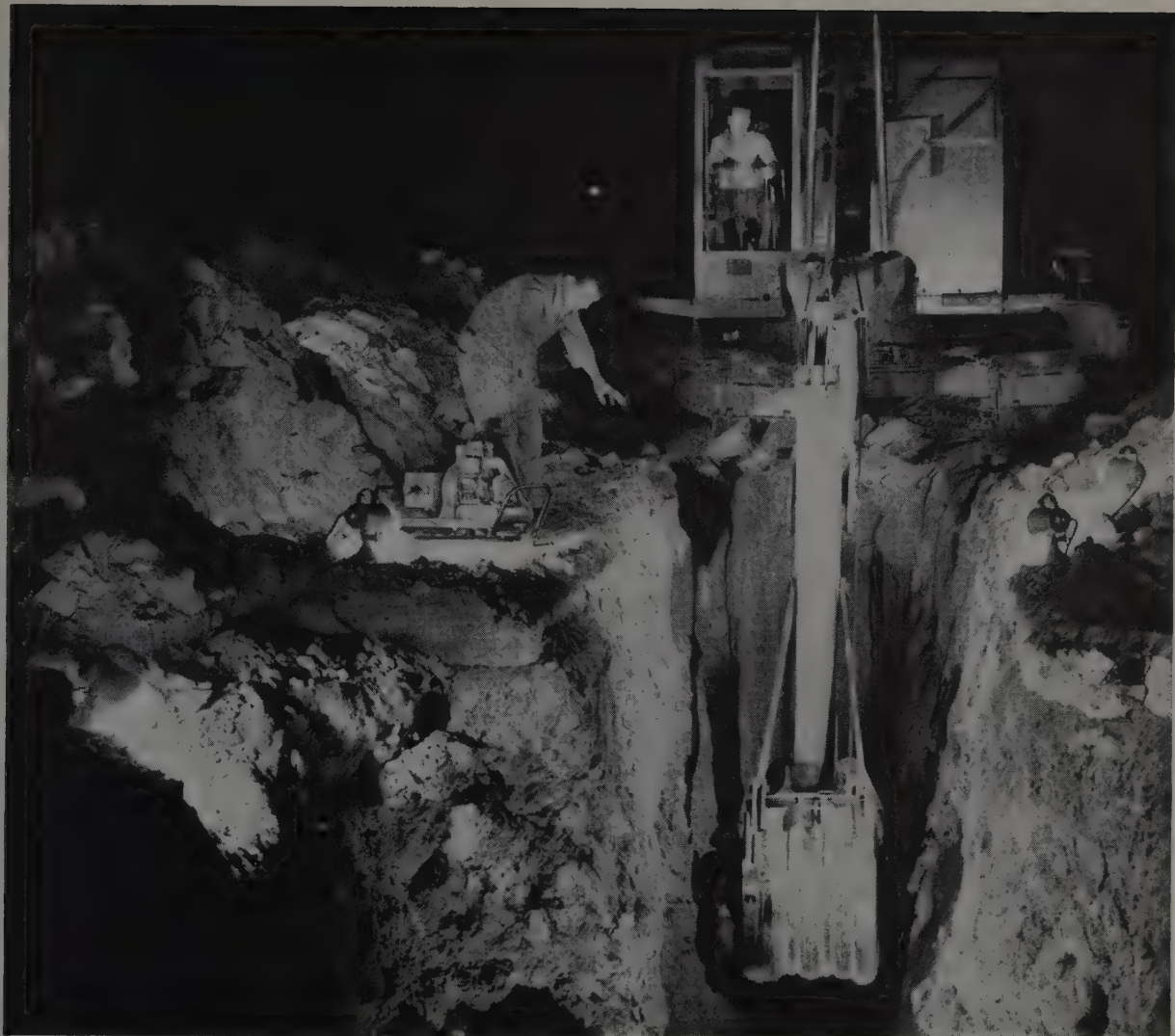


variety of forms and interchangeable attachments for both straight and curved work. Catalog also covers such accessories as steel stakes, spacers and plate clamps. Booklet includes cross section specifications and suggested specs for steel forms.

... Circle No. 166

## Concrete check list

A comprehensive check list of factors to be considered when specifying concrete and mortar is included in the Master Builders Co. publication, "Considerations for



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Concrete and Mortar." The booklet covers job requirements and conditions, concrete floors, concrete in plastic and hardened state, curing, and surface after-treatments. Also discussed are masonry mortar, grouting mortar and mortar for miscellaneous uses.

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### Transit mixer data

Complete information on the full line of **Hercules-Galion** transit mixers is presented in a "fact portfolio" issued by the company. Included is a 16-page illustrated booklet which utilizes large drawings and cutaway diagrams to point up the features and performance of the transit mixers and the company's portable batching plant, and individual specification sheets for each mixer model. The literature covers three lines of transit mixers: Separate Engine Series, Mixomatic series with front-of-engine PTO drive, and T-series with straight PTO drive. A separate catalog sheet describes the portable batching plant. Mixers are offered in 4, 5, 6 and 7-yd. capacities.

... Circle No. 168

### Automatic blade control

An all transistor automatic blade control for use on any current model Caterpillar motor grader is described in a new booklet issued by **Preco, Inc.** The unit automatically raises or lowers one end of the blade to maintain the desired transverse slope. It can be set to operate on either the right or left hand side. This enables the operator to concentrate his entire attention to his reference line and depth of truck. The unit operates in a range of 0 to 20-deg. slope. The booklet lists a number of job applications as well as illustrating features of the control unit.

... Circle No. 169

### High speed batch plant

A new electrically controlled high speed portable batching plant for highway and airport paving is described in a 4-page bulletin issued by the **Blaw-Knox Co.** The plant includes autographic strip chart recorders and fully interlocked batchers to meet specifications of the Corps of Engineers. The bulletin describes and illustrates operating features of the

plant's dual automatic cement batcher, 600-bbl. cement bin and 4-compartment aggregate bin and automatic aggregate batcher. Illustrated erection steps of the batch plant and aggregate batcher are included as well as photos of the various weighing and recording devices.

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### Shoring catalogs

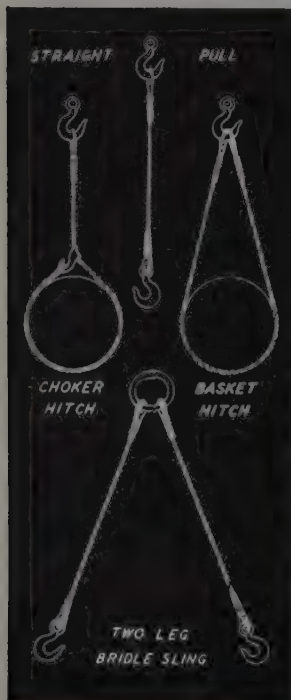
Three catalogs covering its line of horizontal shoring, vertical shores and scaffold units have been issued by **Acrow California, Inc.** These include:

**Horizontal shoring**—4-page folder describing and illustrating the two-member adjustable units. Data includes maximum and minimum spans for various sized shores and loading table giving spacing for various slab thicknesses and spans.

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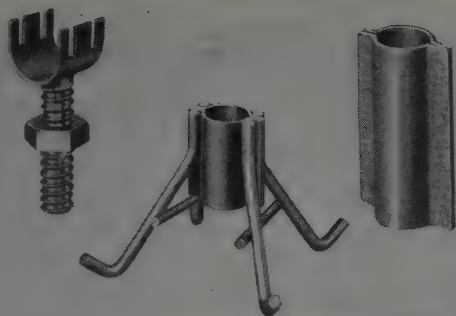
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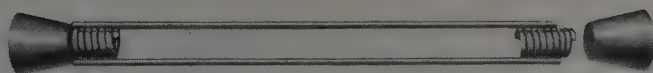
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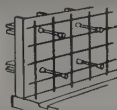


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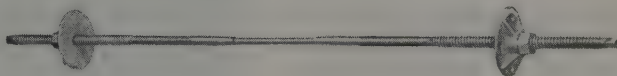
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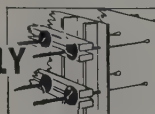
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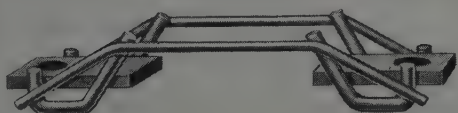
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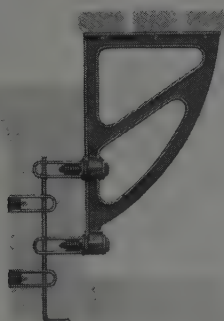
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and drawings of Acrow shores is included. . . . Circle No. 172

**Scaffold units**—12-page booklet illustrating assembly of steel scaffolding and listing dimensions and weights of the units. Many illustrations show scaffolding in use on both European and U. S. jobs. . . . Circle No. 173

### Plastic covered plywood

Construction uses of Kimpreg high density overlaid plywood are discussed in a new booklet published by Kimberly-Clark Corp. The plastic coated plywood is recommended for concrete forms. . . . Circle No. 174

### Cat tractor-scraper

The new Caterpillar No. 619 wheel-tractor and No. 442 lowbowl scraper are described in a 6-page illustrated brochure recently issued by Caterpillar Tractor Co. The 225-hp., 2-wheel tractor is designed for high accessibility. The folder illustrates such features as swing-away dash, planetary final drive and unitized power train. Also covered are the high strength roadability and safety features of the scraper design. Brochure includes specifications and dimensions of the units. . . . Circle No. 175

### Concrete finishing machinery

Two bulletins describing concrete finishing machinery have been issued by Chain Belt Co. One, titled "Rex Finishers," discusses such features of these machines as power frame widening, quick crown changes, hydraulic screed positioning and a working speed range totaling 48 different combinations. The other, "Rex Longitudinal Float Finishers," outlines the advantages of tubular construction to eliminate sagging deflection and weaving on forms. It also discusses transportability of these units for greater speed and handling ease. . . . Circle No. 176

### Dump trailer equipment

"Profitable payloads," a 12-page brochure issued by Hercules Steel Products Co., describes light, medium and heavy-duty dump trailers made for specific hauling applications. Among the single and tandem action models shown are steel and aluminum units of both frameless and frame type design. Sizes range from 16 to 30 ft. in length and 10 to 25 cu. yd. in capacity, plus self powered units and spe-



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cial models custom designed for special hauling and dumping requirements. Among the equipment options covered are special designs for under-body or front telescopic hoists, suspensions, various rolling components, wet lines and landing gears. Trailers are available in a variety of gauges in either corrugated or smooth surface.

... Circle No. 177

### Concrete finishing equipment

The Flex-Plane line of concrete finishing equipment is covered in a series of 7 new catalog sheets issued by Heltzel Steel Form & Iron Co. and its affiliate Flexible Road Joint Machine Co. Equipment covered ranges from a simple rail mounted finishing bridge to the new Flex-plane gas electric combination finisher-float machine and includes sub-grade testers in standard and self widening models, sub-grade planers, a DC gas electric concrete finisher which mounts its own running gear for highway transport, automatic spray curing equipment and a DC gas electric bridge deck finisher. Colorful catalog sheets show dimensions, specifications and operating details of each piece of equipment in the line.

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### Sand settling tank

A 4-page brochure describing the Wemco Sand-Sort, a free settling classifying tank for removing excess slimes and water from a sand slurry has been issued by Wemco, Division of Western Machinery Co. The tank can be used to eliminate unwanted sizes and to produce two or more sands of different size gradations.

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### Fractions to decimals

A linear conversion table for converting inches and fractions of inches into decimal parts of a foot has been issued by The Tubular Products Division of the Babcock & Wilcox Co. The table is printed on heavy paper and punched for standard 3-ring binder. Known as TDS 110, it is available without charge.

... Circle No. 180

### Defeating dirt

Special tips on how to maintain engines to reduce down-time and repair costs are contained in a new series of bulletins titled "Defeating Dirt," published by Cummins Engine Co. Bulletins are concise and

cleverly illustrated, giving details on how to care for diesel engines to obtain maximum performance, economy and engine life. The 4 bulletins deal with (1) air cleaners, (2) tubing, hose and clamps, (3) breathers, filler caps and dipstick, and (4) lube oil filters and fuel filters.

... Circle No. 181

### Descriptive pipe catalog

Details of pipe manufacture are shown in drawings and illustrations contained in a handsome new 40-page catalog issued by Kaiser Steel Corp. to describe its line of welded steel pipe. Much of the illustrative material is devoted to showing how each type of pipe is produced and plant photos are accompanied by the perspective drawings giving a clear view of the process. Catalog covers continuous weld pipe ranging from 1/2 in. to 4 in. in diameter, electric resistance weld pipe in diameters from 4 1/2 in. through 18 in., and electric weld pipe from 20 in. through 36 in. Brochure also includes line pipe data tables which show weight per foot, wall thickness, test pressures and tons per mile.

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### High strength bolt booklet

A 16-page, 2-color catalog on high strength structural bolt assemblies has been issued by Republic Steel's Bolt and Nut Division. The catalog contains interesting photographs and drawings to clarify and dramatize the several advantages of high strength bolting described in the text. Information for proper ordering of high strength bolts also is included. Data on bolt sizes and dimensions is presented in a number of tables.

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### Wire rope block catalog

The full line of Sauerman wire rope blocks covering single and multiple sheaves with bronze or roller bearings is described in a new 10-page illustrated catalog issued by Sauerman Bros. Inc. Capacities of the blocks range from 1-ton singles to 600-ton multiple sheaves assemblies. Blocks are designed originally as components of Sauerman drag scrapers and cableway machines and are backed by a 50-year manufacturing history. Included in the catalog are many photos and drawings covering standard units as well as those built for such specialized applications as cableway towers.

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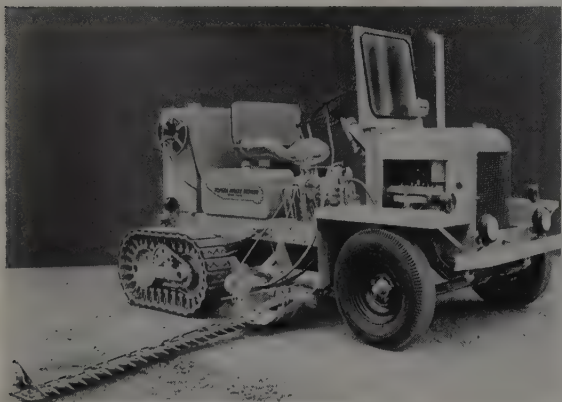


# NEW EQUIPMENT

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## Crawler assembly for highway mower

Crawler assemblies to replace the rubber tired rear wheels of the **Topeka Hiway Mower** have been announced by the company. Rubber shoed crawler assemblies which convert the vehicle to a half track can be installed in less than an hour. The rear crawlers give more than 400 sq. in. of ground traction and flotation area compared to 72 sq. in. with regular tires. They lower the center of gravity and permit mowing of steep slopes impossible to mow by conventional



means. Greater flotation area also permits mowing in wet ditch bottoms and marsh areas which cannot be traversed by other means. Non-powered crawlers also can be substituted for the front wheels for mowing and spraying work in extremely difficult marsh areas. The mowing machine is still capable of maintaining its 40-mph. standard road speed with the crawler attachments, and 1-10 mph. for mowing. The 49-hp. unit is available with two transmissions. Optional attachments, usable with either wheels or crawlers, include: chemical power sprayer, angledozzer, power broom, paint striper, front-end loader and all-weather cab.

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## Drott Four-in-One skid shovels

New **International Drott TD-9** and **TD-6 Four-in-One Skid-Shovels** now are in production. The units feature new six-cylinder diesel engines, increased track length for greater stability and flotation and newly-designed track roller shells increasing lubrication capacity 300% to provide 500-hr. lubrication intervals.

Instantly available under one operator's control, are four machine functions — full-sized bulldozer, carry-type scraper, clamshell unit and Skid-Shovel. The recently-announced **International UD-282** direct-starting engine powers both models. The turbo-charged engine of the TD-9 delivers a net 71 hp. and the naturally-aspirated TD-6 power plant produces 55 hp.

Brief specifications of the TD-9 Four-in-One are: gauge, 60 in.; four forward speeds (1.5 to 6.3 mph.);



two reverse speeds (1.7 to 3.5 mph.); operating weight, 20,455 lb.; bucket capacity,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cu. yd. The TD-6 has a 54-in. gauge. Its four forward speeds range from 1.6 to 5.6 mph. and its two reverse speeds from 1.8 to 3.6 mph. Operating weight is 15,075 lb. and bucket capacity is  $1\frac{1}{8}$  cu. yd.

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## Precision grader has 44-ft. wheelbase

For both rough and fine grading on highway jobs, **Gurries Manufacturing Co.**, has announced the **Gurries Automatic Road Builder—GARB**, for short. The unit is designed to handle all types of blading work from the scraper to the paver on ordinary highway construction. These operations, the GARB provides with



automatic precision. Grade is maintained from a patented automatic 44-ft. length of wheelbase and the cross slope is held by a patented hydraulic automatic pendulum control.

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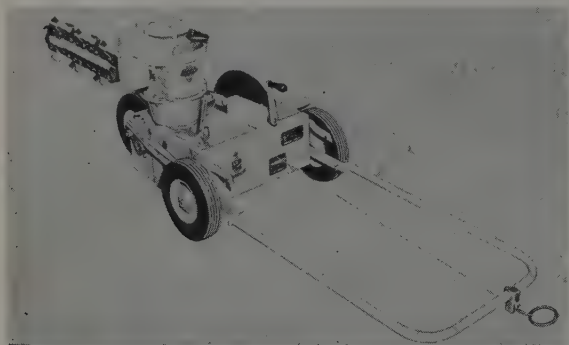
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## Small trencher works by itself

Designed to dig small trenches for gas and water pipes or power line installations, David Mfg. Inc. announces the "Davis Pup," a portable self-propelled trencher priced at \$495 f.o.b. factory. The unit trenches in 2 and 3-in. widths down to a depth of 3 ft., and once started no operator is needed except for

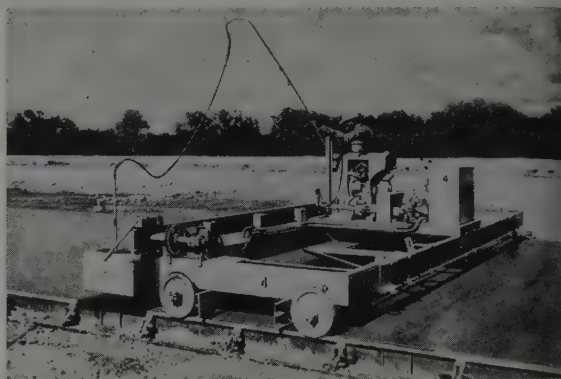


casual observation and to stop the unit. With its variable speed drive and unique winching mechanism it is drawn down the guard line as it digs. Six different speed settings are controlled by a single lever. A convenient self locking depth control lets the operator adjust to the desired trench depth. A combination guide-bridle and handlebar lifts into waist-high position for portability. The unit is available with both gasoline and electric power.

... Circle No. 188

## Spray curing machine with many features

An improved automatic Rex Spray Curing machine has been announced by the Construction Machinery section of Chain Belt Co. It is adapted to automatic belting and brooming operations, and it fitted for an optional burlap drag attachment. The positive displacement pump on the unit delivers a uniform flow of curing compound with a by-pass system returning overflow to a storage drum. The spray pump is operated by V-belt drive independent of travel speed.



Powered by a 2-cylinder 12-hp. air-cooled gasoline engine, the unit has a 4-speed transmission. A simple clamping device eliminates bolting and affords fast width adjustments. The unit is available in standard sizes with the following frame adjustment ranges, 10-15, 12-25 and 20-32 ft.

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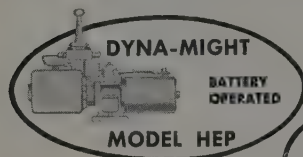


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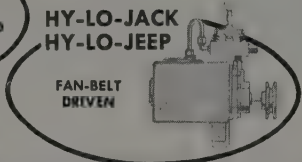
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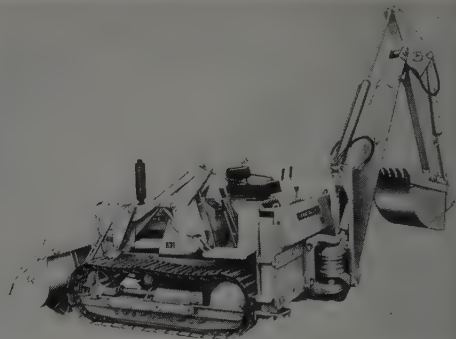
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## John Deere has two new diesel tractors

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John Deere Co. announces the new "440" crawler and the "440" wheel models. Extensive field testing indicates that the two new tractors will deliver 10% more power than previous models in the "440" line. Rated horsepower of the diesel engine plant is 33.25 at 1,850 rpm. The new units were designed to meet the increasing demand for diesel power on John Deere tractors with their accessories which provide loaders, backhoes and bulldozers. However, the tractors will continue to be offered with gasoline engines.

... Circle No. 190

## Trojan adds 2-yd. tractor shovel

To meet the requirements of contractors the Trojan Division of Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. is introducing a 2-yd. tractor shovel capable of delivering fast work cycles. Now in distribution the Trojan 204 is a 4-wheel drive shovel specializing in stability and maneuverability. It has lifting capacity of 12,000 lb. and a full complement of attachments. Functional design affords maximum operating efficiency with full circle visibility and maximum safety for the operator. The instrument panel contains all gauges necessary for the



operator to carry out proper functioning of the tractor shovel, making it unnecessary to stop production to check a gauge. Reduction in daily service time has been accomplished by making the engine and battery compartment easily accessible. The front bumper is an integral part of the frame. Front lights are recessed to reduce damage. The unit is available in either gasoline or diesel power with travel speeds up to 21 mph. Hydraulic power steering is standard equipment.

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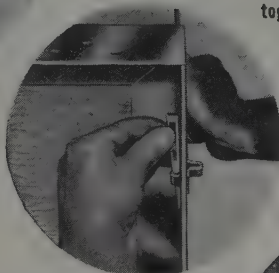
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## Heco announces new line of truck cranes

Featuring high stability, extra capacity and ease of operation, a new line of Heco cranes has been announced by that division of the **Hardwicke-Etter Co.** Two models, the RM-437 and RM-500 are rated con-

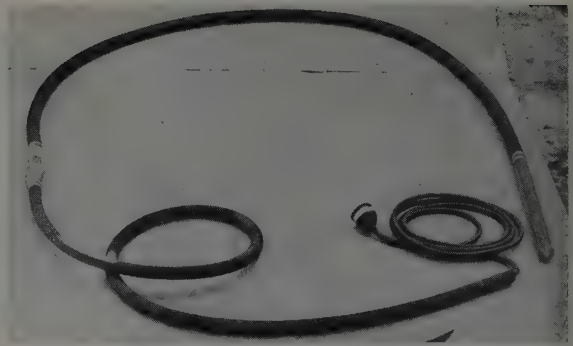


servatively at 9 and 11 tons respectively, with excavator sizes of  $\frac{3}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  yd. The units are mounted on a carrier which has a solid H-Beam frame and features Budd interchangeable disc wheels. Torque converter drive is standard equipment. All wheels are interchangeable so only one spare is required and the pin-connected boom permits rapid erection.

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## Small vibrator can move stiff concrete

A motor-in-head type of electric vibrator has been introduced by **Stow Mfg. Co.** which is powerful enough and has sufficient amplitude to handle the stiffest concrete. By eliminating brushes and commutators from the model which operates on 230 volts, the amplitude is increased and the 10,000 vibrations per



minute produce the high efficiency. It is available in two sizes with vibrator heads  $1\frac{3}{4}$  or  $2\frac{3}{8}$  in. in diameter. A waterproof switch is located 7 ft. from the head, and is not harmed if immersed completely in concrete. Handling cases are available in 7, 14 and 21-ft. lengths. If a Stow HC generator is used the speed of the vibrator can be adjusted by shifting the throttle lever. These vibrators can be furnished to run on 110-volt power.

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## Joy blasthole drill with new features

Designated the 450-DR, **Joy Manufacturing Co.** announces a new blast hole drill developed by adding dual rotation to a veteran Joy machine proved by years of performance. The drill features the rotation system of Joy which eliminates the need for conventional rifle-bar actuated reverse rotation and adds additional power to permit faster drilling in the roughest formations. This rotation is provided by a vane type air motor connected to the drill chuck and controlled independently. Because of this independent operation there is no hammering of the drill steel during coupling or uncoupling. Stuck steels are practi-



cally eliminated and maintenance costs are reduced. However, the new device does not sacrifice any of the advantages of standard rifle-bar rotation. The 450-DR can be mounted on the self-propelled TDL Trac-Drill or the deluxe self-propelled TDM Trac-Drill.

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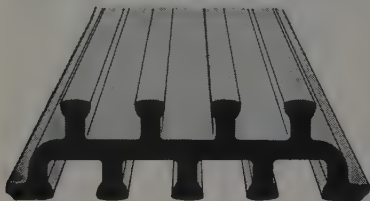
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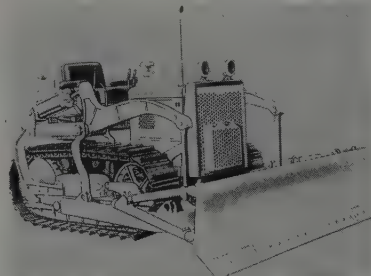
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## IH, TD-9, TD-6 crawlers

International TD-9 and TD-6 crawler tractors, featuring 6-cylinder direct-starting diesel engines and new track rollers providing 500-hr. lubrication intervals are now in production. Both machines are designed to be fitted with a



wide variety of dozers, loaders and other equipment for handling all types of earthmoving jobs. Powering the units is the new IH D-282 engine. The turbocharged engine of the TD-9 delivers 66 hp., while the naturally-aspirated engine of the TD-6 develops 52 hp. A rotary type fuel injection pump used with the D-282 engine is characterized by simplicity, efficiency and compactness. The track rollers have bushings supplied from 300% increased lubrication reservoirs.

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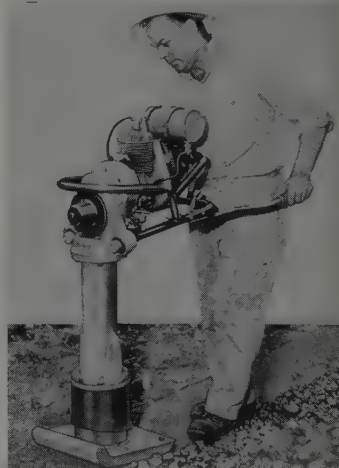


FOR HANDLING bulk cement *Trailmobile, Inc.*, has a new trailer of simple mechanical design but exceptional efficiency. The unit is actually a light weight pressure tank on wheels. Discharge requires loading a single stage compressor mounted on the tractor, the trailer or at the point of discharge. Pressure required is only 15 psi., but cement discharge is at a rate of 1,300 lb. per minute. Discharge is controlled by a single lever which regulates flow of the cement and controls air pressure. A 4-in. pipe moves the cement to the top of storage silos or batch plants.

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## Light weight rammer-compact

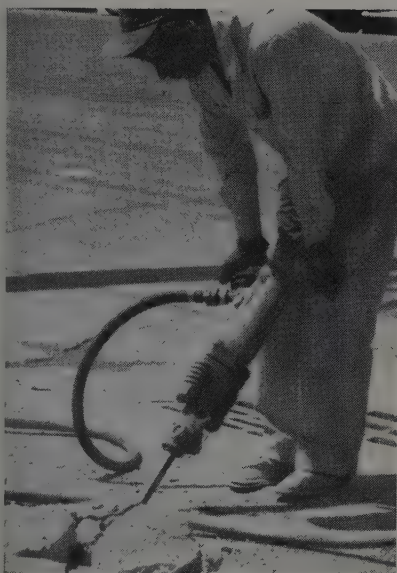
Weighing only 115 lb. and operated by a 3-hp. engine, the Vibro-Rammer has been announced by Wacker Corp. The engine drives the ramming shoe with a 3-in. stroke at 450 to 600 blows per minute. It is self propelled and the



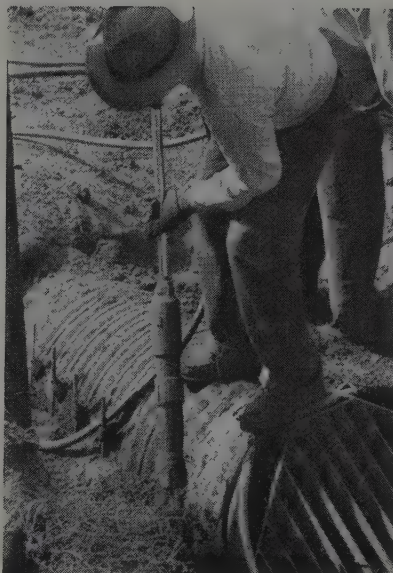
operator merely guides it. The rammer is 13 in. wide and 44 in. high. It was designed for narrow places, trenches and operating next to structures.

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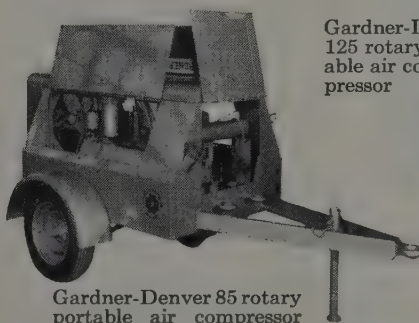
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Crawler-mounted Lima Type 44 1-cu. yd. shovel loads sand and gravel into automatic feeder of Lima Austin-Western 101-SE Crushing and Screening Plant.

## High output LIMA 44 shovel daily feeds over 1000 yards to portable crusher

"It takes a lot of digging to keep pace with a crusher plant that chews up over 1000 cu. yd. of gravel and rock daily," says John G. Yerington, Benton Harbor, Mich., contractor.

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The Type 44 can be used interchangeably as a 1-yd. shovel, 25-ton

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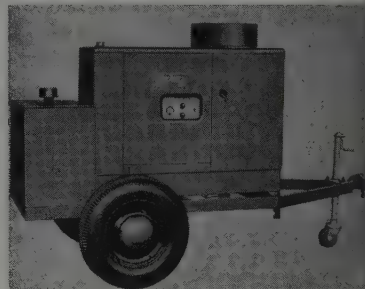
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## Heat generator line

An 850,000-btu. heat generator available in 3 different mounting is announced by Homestead Valve Manufacturing Co. The "HT" generators are offered in stationary shop-portable or trailer-mounted models. Each generator is entirely self contained and offers a choice of burners for oil, manufactured



natural LP gas as well as a choice of electric motors or gasoline engines for driving the pumps. Generators have automatic ignition, independent fuel and chemical additive systems with metering valves for each, and positive displacement pump. Because they have no pressure vessels or steam domes HT heat generators are not classified as boilers and do not require licensed operators. They are easily convertible to steam generators by means of an adapter, vapor hose and cleaning gun. Literature available.

... Circle No. 19

## Fixed drawbar for TD-24

A new heavy-duty fixed drawbar replacing the swinging type previously used is now available as regular equipment for the International TD124 crawler. The drawbar offers a solid design with a 1-in. pin connection giving greater stability and additional ground clearance. Heavy 1-in. steel plate is used in the drawbar bracket which is reinforced by 2 7/8-in. steel gussets on each side. The clevis is made of 2-in. steel. Four 1-in. studs and nut hold the complete drawbar assembly to the main tractor frame.

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## Portable dust collectors

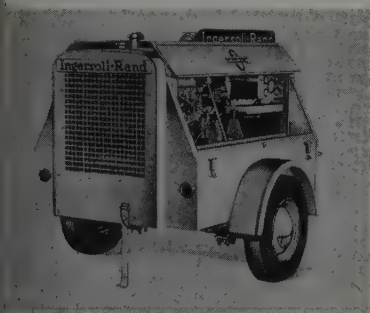
Three new cyclone-type dust collectors available as portable or stationary units have been announced by Barber-Greene Co. The unit range in capacity from 12,000 to 40,000 cfm. All employ a multiple cone collection principle. Model CA-50 collector uses a single bank of three sealed cyclones. Model

CA-60 uses two banks for a total of six cyclones. Model CA-70 employs three banks totalling nine cyclone collectors. Each cone is fitted with a replaceable liner plate which greatly improves wear and abrasion resistance and permits renewal of the liner when worn. Steel ducting up to 3/16 in. in thickness is used at points of greatest potential wear. Portable models are equipped with fifth wheel towing hitch, single axle pneumatic tire running gear and jack-leg supports. Portable units include power unit for either high or low pressure fan and all piping except a single straight section which connects the collector to the drier exhaust. Collectors are designed for operation with Barber-Greene asphalt plants as well as plants of other firms.

... Circle No. 200

### Compact rotary compressor

A new Gyro-Flo 125 rotary compressor smaller and more compact than its predecessor is announced by Ingersoll-Rand. Features of the new unit include a more efficient compressor system, slower speed, automatic oil drainage from cylin-



ders when unit is shut down, safety compressor shutoff and provision for inspection of rotor vanes. Compressors are powered by Continental gasoline or diesel engine. Portable model of the Gyro-Flo 125 is mounted on wheels with 60-in. track. It is 10-ft. 1-in. long including drawbar and weighs 2,442 lb. ready to run. Unit has full length fuel boxes and housing covering fuel and air tanks. Unit also is available without running gear for truck or skid mounting.

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### Concrete bonding compound

A new bonding compound, Epoweld 812, which permits casting of thin layers of new concrete directly over uncured material has been introduced by Coast Pro-Seal & Mfg. Co. Epoweld 812 is an equal part



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### High pressure hose coupling

First coupling of high pressure steam or air hoses is offered by the new Le-Hi series 400, serrated hose stem. Called the "Two Inch" features a continuous and integral collar to engage positively the front lug of an interlocking type hose clamp. Made by Le-Hi Hose Accessories Co., the continuous collar is cast in solid with hose stem shape is a standard feature on all 2-inch stems. The new fitting is designed to prevent danger of hose blow-off caused by coupling slippage in high pressure hose applications.

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### 80-ton rubber tired crane

Simplified controls and rugged construction are features of the new 80-ton rubber tired crane, model MC875, announced by the



Thew Shovel Co. The new unit is part of the company's extensive line of Lorain Moto-Cranes. Its "Joy-Stick" air control system uses only two hand levers to apply metered air to all turntable friction clutches. Levers are moved forward, backward or side to side for fast responding single operation or to quarter positions for multiple combined operations. Boom built lighter and stronger by use of continuous round tubular lacing which is welded to the chords at common points giving a banding effect that has far greater strength. Boom sections are pin connected for faster assembly. The machine handles up to 200 ft. of boom plus 40-ft. tip extension which also is of tubular chord construction. Turntable is mounted on the carrier base.

the Shear-Ball method in which 70 king sized ball bearings take all loads and thrusts. The Shear-Ball method eliminates center pin, a center gudgeon and turntable rollers. Carrier is built around a single piece box section frame of alloy steel casting. Carrier has 10 travel speeds up to 20 mph.

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## Trenching attachment

Trenches up to 6 ft. in depth are dug at 800 ft. per hour by a new model trencher attachment



manufactured by Auburn Machine Works, Inc. for IH 40 and 460 utility tractors. The Auburn Gear-Draulic trenching unit incorporates a unique forward compulsion drive which reduces tractor speeds to the slow pace required by the trencher. Speed reducer can be disengaged to permit tractor to operate at regular speeds. Unit features a non-clogging digging ladder with alternate right and left cutting teeth that cuts the trench and lifts the dirt to ground level where augers convey it to both sides of the trench. Interchangeable digging chains and booms are available to accommodate various widths and depths of trenches desired. Special bits also are available for use in rock, shale and frozen ground.

... Circle No. 206

## Concrete curing paper

American Sisalkraft Corp. is marketing a new white plastic coated reinforcing paper for curing concrete highways and airports. The combination of tough paper and plastic coating gives the material maximum reuse performance and provides better moisture retention. It is available in widths ranging from 9½ ft. to 25 ft. Samples available.

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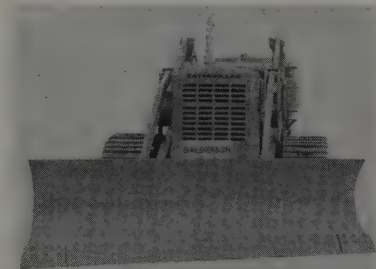
## T-1 steel for Athey hauler

T-1 steel and more payload, durability, and efficiency highlight the new 25-ton member of the Athey line of trailers. Use of this material in an earthmoving rig gives the unit high resistance to the combination of impact abuse and abrasion. The yield strength of T-1 is nearly three times that of structural steel. The machine hauls up to 20 cu. yd. heaped. Among the features of the model PR619 Athey rear-dump loader are flared body top for bigger loading target, spill deflectors to retain load and protect tires during loading, reinforced cellular floor with spacer bars to add strength, self-aligning hoists, and 12-sec. dumping with fast-acting hoists and straight 57-deg. dump angle off the lip. With a Caterpillar No. 619 tractor the speed is 30.2 mph.

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## Angle dozer blades

Angling dozer blades for all models of Caterpillar-built Traxcavators are announced by Balderson, Inc. Blades are quickly interchangeable with Traxcavator buckets, either front or side delivery. Change is made by removing



the bucket and attaching the Balderson blade frame using the Traxcavator pins. Blade advantages include greater maneuverability, better operation in restricted areas and increased visibility for the operator. Breakout action of the Traxcavator assembly which provides positive tilt and pitch makes the new blade ideal for pioneer dozing. Any excess side draft is eliminated by spacer plates fitted between the engine frame and lift arms.

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## Loader-digger combination

A heavy-duty front-end loader and power digger employing a common sub-frame and powered from a single hydraulic system have been introduced by Sherman Products, Inc. The loader has a break-



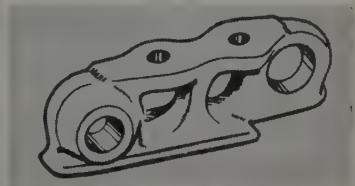
Even "the toughest track ever made" (Allis-Chalmers, of course) needs adjustment to give you the extra life that's built into it. Make this on-the-job track check.

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It's more than just talk. Take sidebars, for instance. Some track makers get by with mere *surface* hardening, which sacrifices wearing quality for easier machining. But Allis-Chalmers *deep-hardens* the forged steel, leaving a tough inner core for high impact strength. Then, *pin and bushing bores only* are annealed, and the superhard sidebar is machined to precise finish dimensions.



The moral of the story: *Stay on the right track*—"the toughest track ever made." Get original-quality parts from your Allis-Chalmers dealer.

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# ESSICK

## VIBRATING COMPACTORS



Essick VR-28-W Self-Propelled Vibrating Compactor on Golden State Freeway

### **COSTS CUT IN HALF . . . PRODUCTION TRIPLED . . . SPECIFIED DENSITIES EXCEEDED . . .**

#### **ESSICK 28" VIBRATING COMPACTOR OUTPERFORMS OTHER EQUIPMENT ON SOIL OR ASPHALT**

*Charlie Brown of the Chas. T. Brown Construction Company states:*  
"We were working on the Golden State Freeway in Los Angeles, compacting backfill around bridge abutments and drainage pipes. At the start of the job, compaction costs were running about \$1,300 per month per compaction unit which consisted of a compressor and three pneumatic tampers.

"Having successfully used Essick Vibrating Compactors on other projects, we felt that we could get better densities at less cost in the confined areas of this job with the Essick 28" self-propelled vibrating model.

"We put the Essick VR-28-W to work and cut monthly costs to about \$650 per compaction unit (about one-half), tripled our production, and exceeded our best past compaction performance. Being self-propelled, the Essick 28" Vibrating Compactor is just the ticket for backfill operations on soil and in hard-to-get-at locations. It gives the most compaction at the least expense, and exceeds specifications in record time."

Many Contractors are finding that the 865 lb. VR-28-W, with its High Frequency Vibration, exceeds the compaction of a sixteen-ton static roller on soil. This multiple purpose tool has also revolutionized highway maintenance by putting down better asphalt patches at greatly reduced costs. Carrying hooks make it completely mobile, and being self-propelled, it will go just about anywhere compaction is required.

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9 Models of Vibrating Compactors from 13" to 72" widths

Also 14 Models of Tandem Rollers from 1/2 to 14 Tons

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away capacity at bucket lip of 5,000 lb. and a full lift capacity of 2,500 lb. on Ford and Fordson tractors. The digger has an uninterrupted pivot arc of 188 deg. with a reach of 18 ft. at grade and 12 ft. below grade. Available digging force is 19,250 lb. from a hydraulic system rated at 15 gpm. at 1,750 rpm., with an operating pressure of 2,000 psi. The digger can be detached in two minutes without the use of special tools, freeing the tractor for other uses.

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### **Super wide film**

Seamless polyethylene film in widths up to 40 ft., widest in the industry, is being produced by **Kordite Corp.** The film is available in 24, 28, 32 and 40-ft. widths for construction uses.

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### **New hammermill**

A new hydraulically adjusted hammermill has been announced by **Pioneer Engineering Division of Poor & Co. Inc.** Breaker plates on the Pioneer Model 4034 are reversible and adjustment is simplified by means of hydraulic jack and shims. Grate bars with size openings of 1/4 in. to 3 in. can be arranged in various combinations to produce the desired product. A hinged cover section permits quick and easy access to the crushing chamber. All wearing parts are cast from Hadfield manganese steel. The new model marks the entry by Pioneer into the hammermill field and will be added to its line of jaw and roll crushers and impact breakers. Specifications and literature available.

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### **Absorbs shock in push loading**

Designed to speed up the cycle time for the push loading of scrapers, the **Pushin'-Cushin'** has been announced by a manufacturer with the same name. The unit is designed to absorb the shocks of impact which add life and reduce repair costs on both scraper and pusher. It also eases the work of the operators. Tests indicate that a pusher coming in contact with a stationary scraper at 6 mph. results in little shock. The unit is a self contained hydraulic system which functions automatically with no pumps or hoses and no controls requiring manual operation.

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## Versatile 45-ton crane

Model 2800 Mobile Crane of 45-ton capacity is announced by **Manitowoc Engineering Corp.** Mounted on a 12-wheel carrier, the unit is easily and quickly convertible into clamshell or dragline. Crane can remove its own outriggers, both front and back to reduce total weight by more than 5 tons if de-



ired. Pin connected booms speed breakdown and crane can be moved quickly from one job to another. Optional hinge enables boom to be folded under for short trips. Upper works of the unit has only 13 gears for reduced operating and maintenance costs. Other mechanical features include disc type swing clutches, independent boom hoists, 1-piece steel rotating bed, choice of gasoline or diesel engines, and big hydraulic torque converter for highest engine efficiency. Crane Carrier incorporates dual tandem rear and single tandem front axles, big removable outrigger side frames, power steering, 1-piece frame and massive ring gear and roller pad. Optional equipment includes a 5,000-lb. capacity third drum for fast handling of "sucker line" work. Literature available.

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## Heavy-duty gear lube

A lubricant designed to function under adverse conditions of high temperatures and gear overloads has been marketed by **Alpha-Molykote Corp.** Known as Molykote type 223X the heavy duty gear lubricant is available in SAE 90 and 140 grades. It is made from solvent refined paraffin base stock with special formulation additives including Molykote type M-55.

The lubricant is designed to provide satisfactory service in gear cases operating at excessive frictional temperatures or where gears are loaded beyond recommendations of the manufacturers. Type 223X has a viscosity index of 100, its flash point is 390 deg., it has a fire point of 420 deg. It contains a foam depressant and is corrosion and oxidation inhibited.

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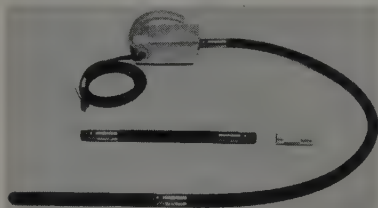
## Perforated fibre drain pipe

A light-weight perforated fibre pipe for drainage installations is announced by **Line Material Industries.** The L-M Permaline pipe has high impact and crushing strength, weather and erosion resistance and chemical stability. It is available in diameters of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in. in lengths of 5, 8 and 10 ft. An additional 8-in. diameter is available in 5-ft. lengths only. The perforated pipe has been approved by Corps of Engineers for subdrains and meets all requirements of Interim Federal Specifications SS-P-00358. It is recommended for use in construction of highways, airports, parking lots and other similar applications. The pipe can be connected to other pipes and sizes. One coupling is furnished to each standard length providing positive joints and tube alignment.

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## Vibrator for narrow forms

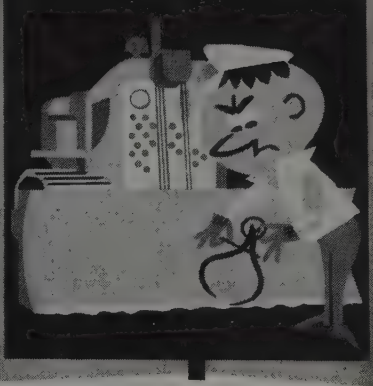
An electric-powered flexible shaft vibrator with 1¼-in. diameter head has been introduced by **Master Vibrator Co.** The vibrator, called the "Pencil," is especially handy for vibrating concrete in narrow forms,



between closely spaced reinforcing steel on all types of precast work and on small pours. The light-weight unit is powered by a 1-hp. Universal AC-DC motor that runs off 115-volt current. The "Pencil" weighs only 23½ lb. with a 6-ft. shaft and has a handle for easy carrying. It can be used with a 22-in. or a 12-ft. flexible shaft. The unit operates at 10,000 vpm. and has plenty of kick to move low slump concrete.

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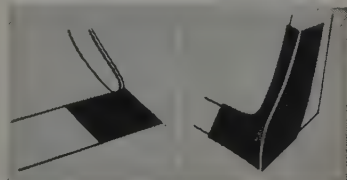


Don't kid yourself! An extra half inch of wear on the cutting edge of your dirt-mover can cost you plenty! Wear that chews into the moldboard weakens it—especially around bolt holes. Then you may have to rebuild or even replace the whole works!

Renew or replace cutting edges and bits before moldboard wear starts. You'll be money ahead on repairs and 'way out front in dirt-moving efficiency.

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Speaking of moving dirt, Allis-Chalmers really has the edge! Take dozers, for instance. Cutting edges and end bits are made of finest alloy steel, forged and electronically heat-treated in a process that deep-hardens working faces for extra-long wear, toughens the core to resist impact. For rock-dozing or worse, Allis-Chalmers makes heavy-duty edges, end bits and wrap-around end bits.



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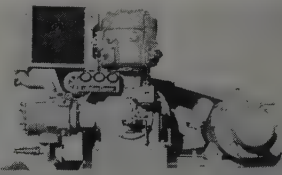
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## **Compressors for tough conditions**

Two semi-portable air-cooled compressors delivering from 311 to 635 cfm. at 100 psi. have been introduced to the Western construction market by Atlas Copco Pacific.

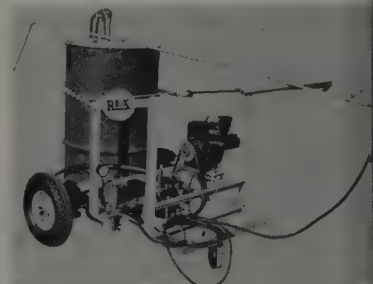


Designed the AT series, the machines are designed for use under extreme temperature ranges in areas where water is dirty, corrosive or expensive because of short supply. Good balance and smooth characteristics enable the 2-stage machine to be operated on skid frames. Built for 3-shift operation, each machine incorporates a high capacity fan in the air-cooling system driven either by a separate electric motor or by a V-belt take-off from the flywheel. Where installations have insufficient natural ventilation, air inlet and outlet vents can be connected to air ducts. Integral safety mechanisms automatically shut down the compressors in the event oil pressures fall below normal limit or air discharge temperatures rise too high.

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## **Portable curing machine**

Two portable Rex Spray curing machines, one rubber tired, the other a hand-carried model, are announced by the Construction Machinery section of Chain Belt Co.



Machines are designed for use in limited or off-slab areas. Rubber tired model has a mounting platform for a 55-gal. drum. Hand-carried model is equipped with steel base plate and convenient lifting handles. Both models include a one-cylinder gasoline engine, positive displacement pump, stainless steel spray nozzle on a 10-ft. wand and a 25-ft. connecting hose.

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# News of DISTRIBUTORS



**NEW QUARTERS** at 2644 S. Railroad Ave., Fresno, Calif., enable Edward R. Bacon Co. to care for contractors' needs in the area, including availability of a full line of heavy construction equipment and specialized tools. Besides a large storage space, this new site provides shop facilities for heavy equipment service and repair. Plant operations are headed by **Phil Hamm**. District sales manager for the area is **Robert Decker**.

## Personnel appointments by McCoy

McCoy Company, Caterpillar dealer in Colorado, announces the appointment of **Gene Rickard** as sales representative for the south-central district of the state. Rickard, formerly with **Faris-Moritz Machinery Co.**, replaces **Jack Yokoy**. **R. Earle Honnen**, who headed up McCoy's parts promotion department, has been appointed general promotion manager for the Denver firm. The general promotion department covers all facets of McCoy's operations.

## Sales appointments and accounts

**Melvin Seitz**, president and general manager of **Seitz Machinery Co.**, Billings, Mont., announces the following sales representative appointments under Sales Manager **George A. Glass**: Billings—**Vince Ickek**, **Wayne Ford** and **Ray Tinnall**; Great Falls—**Rolly Bowen**; Bozeman—**Mayo Mereness**.

Seitz also announces that **Austin-Western** crushers are now being sold by **Seitz Machinery Co., Inc.**, retail division, and that the wholesale division has taken on five new accounts: **Anthony** dump bodies and truck hoists; **Danuser** diggers; **Giant** truck beds; **Seaman-Andwall** rollers, and **Wagner** backhoes and paders.

## Masterson's Equipment named Yale representative

**Masterson's Equipment, Inc.**, with sales and service center in Seattle and sales office in Tacoma, has been named franchise representative for Yale industrial lift trucks and tractor shovels in western and central Washington. General manager **E. E. Masterson** has had six years in sales and servicing of industrial truck equipment in this area. **Jerry Petrich** is in charge of sales at Tacoma. Headquarters for the company was recently moved to 1452 Elliott Ave., W., Seattle.

## Insley appoints central California distributor

**Insley Manufacturing Corp.**, manufacturer of excavators, cranes and concrete handling equipment, announces appointment of **San Joaquin Tractor Co.**, 1201 Union Ave., Bakersfield, Calif., a distributor for its complete line. The territory covered by the new distributorship includes Mono, Inyo, Kern and San Luis Obispo counties.

## Kwik-Mix distributor appointed

Appointment of **Andrews & Andrews Equipment** as a distributor for all products manufactured un-

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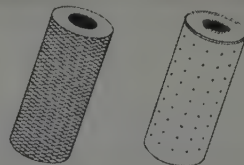


A thick mud overcoat on your tractor engine could cost you more than mink! Mud acts like insulation, impairs cooling of exposed surfaces—and you may be heading for an expensive overhaul. In any case, overheating steals power, spoils lube oil and cooks the life out of engines.

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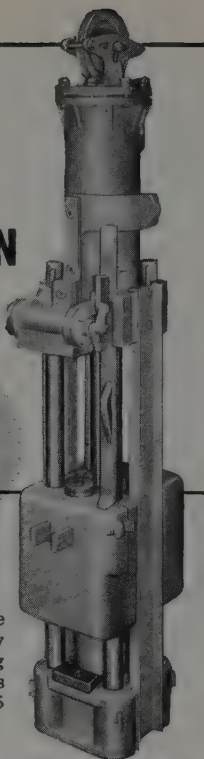


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der the trademark "Kwik-Mix" is announced by the Kwik-Mix Co., Division of Koehring Co. A & A will cover the entire state of Oregon plus the Washington counties of Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania and Klickitat, selling the "Moto-Bug," the new 6,000-lb. capacity "Hi-Lifter" fork truck, and the several sizes of mixers produced by Kwik-Mix.

**Bob Carder elected Hensley v.p.**

Announcement is made by Clyde Hensley, president of the Hensley Equipment Co., Inc., of the appointment of Robert Carder to the post of vice president. Carder's association with the firm began two years ago when he accepted a position as office manager of the San Leandro, Calif., branch.

**A. M. Byers appoints**

**J. R. Detering of Sacramento**

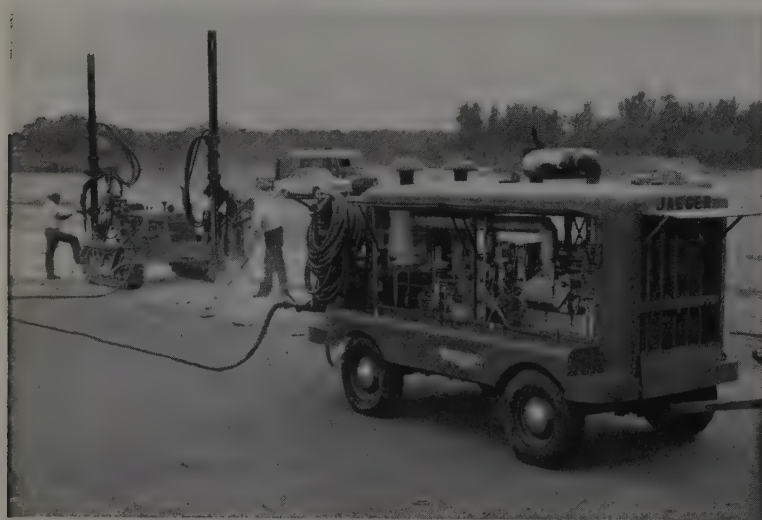
A. M. Byers Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., has appointed J. R. Detering Co., Sacramento, Calif., to handle the firm's 4-D wrought iron pipe in this area. Byers also markets PVC plastic pipe, sheet and rods, and makes electric furnace alloy and stainless steel.

**Universal Form Clamp announces new outlets**

Two exclusive distributors in the West are announced by Universal Form Clamp Co., Chicago: Hatten Machinery Co., Seattle, Wash., and Hall-Perry Machinery Co., Billings, Mont. Complete stocks of concrete forms (Uni-Form panels), form ties and concrete accessories are maintained by each distributor to assure contractors rapid delivery and service.

**Wood Tractor Co. to service Northwest**

Appointment of Wood Tractor Co., Portland, Ore., as an Oregon-Washington distributor, is announced by K. R. Chandler, assistant vice-president, Koehring Division of Koehring Company. Koehring trademark equipment to be handled includes the full line of excavators; truck and "cruiser" rubber-mounted cranes; 16-E and 34-E pavers, finishers; Mud-Jacks and the Dumptor, an off-the-road hauling unit. Oregon territory assigned to Wood includes all counties north of the southern boundary of Lane, Deschutes and Harney, and west of the eastern boundary of Umatilla, Union, Grant and including Harney County. In



## Jaeger pays off with 600 cfm at 1700 rpm

This Jaeger rotary compressor, powered with the same GM 6-71 diesel used in other makes, produces 600 cfm of air with 100 fewer revolutions (1700 rpm instead of 1800), consuming less than 1 1/4 lbs. of fuel. Think of the long-term saving in fuel, and engine and compressor life. Other Jaeger sizes are comparably efficient. See your Jaeger distributor, or send for Catalog.

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Washington, the counties of Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania and Klickitat will be serviced by Wood.

## Construction equipment industry meeting

H. M. Doolen, Western Construction Equipment Co., Billings, Mont., and J. W. Hardesty of Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corp. presided as co-chairmen at a recent one-day meeting of 25 leading distributors and manufacturers. The participants are members of the "Industry Round Table," a major committee of the Associated Equipment Distributors, national trade association for the industry. Besides discussions of marketing and sales procedures, ten questions on distributor-manufacturer cooperation for improvement in service to construction ma-

chinery users were considered. The questions dealt with subjects suggested by distributors throughout the U. S. A. F. J. Fitzpatrick is president of AED.

## Halton's new plant nearing completion

Construction of a new plant for Halton Tractor Co., Caterpillar dealer in Portland, Ore., is announced by E. H. Halton, president. The new building is being erected by Kuckenberg Construction Co., Portland contractor, on an 18-ac. site on Columbia Blvd. at 43rd Ave. The main structure will enclose 50,000 sq. ft., of which 10,000 will be used for offices, and the remainder will house the service and parts facilities. The new plant is expected to be finished by Sept. 1.

# MANUFACTURERS

## Forms new corporation

Sidney I. Blatt, president, announces the formation of Surface Research Corp., 2829 East Fourth Ave., Columbus, Ohio, which is now producing white pigmented and clear concrete curing compound, under the trade-name "BearCat." Richard G. Stutz, formerly with B. F. Goodrich Co. and Battelle Memorial Institute, is director of research for the new corporation.

## Three new PM distributorships

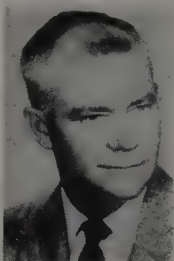
Three important outlets for its equipment in the Northwest are announced by Pacific Mercury Manufacturing Corp. In Seattle, Andrews Machinery Co. has been appointed a stocking distributor for the new PM Solo concrete vibrator. The company has set up a complete parts and service department for PM customers, according to D. W. Andrews, president. The vibrator is a one-man operated unit, operating on high frequency vibration 25,000 v.p.m. The unit is sold in the Spokane area by Andrews Equipment Service, which markets also PM electric plants. According to R. B. Andrews, owner, his company maintains a complete parts and service department for the trade in this area.

Named a stocking distributor for Pacific Mercury electric plants in Portland, Ore., is W. J. Burke &

Co. Burke will stock representative models of plants designed specifically for the construction industry.

## New Michigan line-up

The Construction Machinery Division of Clark Equipment Co. announces a new territorial line-up of its district representatives in the West. The addition of two more



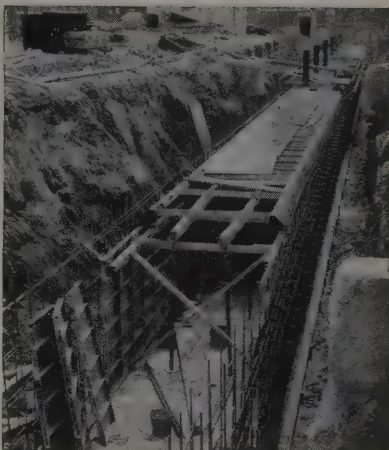
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men to its team of Western district representatives permits the area of each existing man's territory to be decreased resulting in better service to distributors and customers. John A. Halleran, formerly a special field representative in the Northwest, becomes district representative for the territory of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. John A. Allsup, also formerly a Michigan field representative, is now district representative for Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and west Texas. The territory of Clarence E. Zerner now comprises Northern California and Nevada. D. W. Pedley services Southern California, Arizona, and Hawaii.

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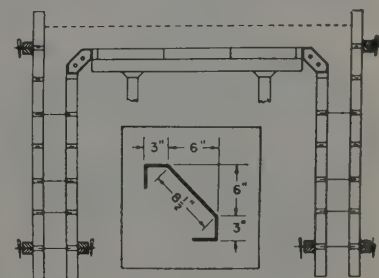


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COMPLETION of this building adds the third link in a chain of Intermountain branches maintained by Lang Construction Equipment Co., which has offices in Salt Lake City and Idaho Falls. Located at 4200 Federal Way, Boise, Idaho, the structure has 50,000 sq. ft. of floor space, is modern in design, and is highly functional in arrangement of office quarters, parts warehouse, shop area, and display space. John Ballou is Boise manager; Eugene Murphy is service manager, Bob Fouts, parts manager, and Bob Jensen, office manager.

### Caterpillar forms new department

A new department called Defense Products has been formed by Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill., to participate more vigorously in the nation's defense program. The company's efforts will not be restricted to standard products or modifications, according to President H. S. Eberhard, but will seek to participate in development of new concepts, in engineering, and in production as a contractor.

### Gar Wood names West Coast sales representative

Appointment of John Sommerville as Gar Wood-Buckeye district sales representative for the West Coast is announced by B. J. Davis, director of sales. Sommerville brings to his new position a background of ten years' experience in the construction industry. He will have his headquarters at the company's Richmond, Calif., plant, and will represent the complete Gar

Wood-Buckeye line of ditchers, spreaders, finegraders, crawler excavators and truck cranes.

### Thor appoints Shulters engineering director

Robert B. Shulters has been appointed director of engineering at the Aurora, Ill., works of Thor Power Tool Co., announces Neil C. Hurley, Jr., president. Shulters joins Thor with more than fifteen years of experience in supervision of power tool and electric generator design and engineering.

### IH receives Army engineer school award

Harald T. Reishus, Construction Equipment Division vice president of International Harvester Co., has received the plaque of the U. S. Army Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir, Va., for his outstanding contribution to the training programs of the school.



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# UNIT PRICES

## Selected abstracts for Western projects

### IGHWAY — 12.3-mi. repaving of concrete free-ay

California—Kern County—State. Guy F. Atkinson Co. low of 8 bidders \$1,895,777.90 for 12.3 mi. of repaving two southbound lanes of US99 Kern County, construction of traffic separation bridges, two additional es for 1 mi. at south end of project, and truck weighing and inspection ilities.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. ....	\$1,895,777
Frederickson & Kasler .....	1,917,158
Griffith Co. ....	2,009,933
Gordon H. Ball & Gordon H. Ball Inc. ....	2,016,137
J. E. Haddock Ltd. ....	2,062,364

	(1)	(2)
20 each	Furnishing timber barricades ....\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00
	Clearing and grubbing .....	26,500.00 45,000.00
	Dev. wat. sup. & furn. wat. equip. 57,500.00	40,000.00
5,000 M. gal.	Applying water .....	.01 .01
8,000 sq. yd.	Compacting original ground ....	.03 .03
9,000 cu. yd.	Roadway excavation .....	.60 .60
2,450 cu. yd.	Structure excavation .....	2.00 2.50
340 cu. yd.	Structure backfill .....	5.00 3.60
6,200 cu. yd.	Ditch and channel excavation ...	1.00 1.00
9,000 sta. yd.	Overhaul .....	.01 .003
1,000 ton	Imported borrow .....	.45 .45
2,000 ton	Imported subbase material .....	1.00 .85
20 ton	Straw .....	56.00 65.00
900 lb.	Seed .....	.33 .35
200 cu. yd.	Steer manure .....	6.50 6.50
8,000 ton	Untreated base .....	1.90 1.45
6,400 sq. yd.	Mix, spread & compact cem. tr. subgr. ....	.45 .35
2,000 bbl.	Portland cement .....	4.50 4.00
55 ton	Asphaltic emulsion (pnt. bdr. & fog. sl. ct.) .....	55.00 55.00
37 ton	Liquid asphalt, MC-2 (cur. seal) ..	55.00 45.00
240 ton	Liquid asphalt, SC-2 (prime coat) ..	34.00 40.00
8,000 ton	Paving asphalt (P.M.S.) .....	5.20 25.00
2,200 ton	Mineral aggregate (P.M.S.) .....	5.20 3.80

3,900 sq. yd.	Placing P.M.S. ditch & spillway dwnrns. ....	2.25 2.00
5,400 lin. ft.	Placing P.M.S. dikes .....	.20 .25
17 sack	Portland cement (cem. surface tr.) ..	22.00 10.00
46,000 cu. yd.	Class A concrete (pavement) ....	12.00 13.00
27,720 each	Pavement tie assemblies .....	.40 .30
94 cu. yd.	Class A concrete (structures) .....	40.00 45.00
83 cu. yd.	Class A concrete (minor struct.) ..	150.00 120.00
1,510 cu. yd.	Class A concrete (bridges) .....	96,779.00 100,000.00
5,700 lb.	Bar reinforcing steel .....	.17 .20
258,000 lb.	Bar reinf. steel (bridges) .....	33,000.00 35,000.00
3,570 lin. ft.	Furnishing concrete piling .....	4.00 4.50
107 each	Driving piles .....	100.00 220.00
406,000 lb.	Structural steel .....	67,000.00 70,000.00
	Steel sign structures .....	26,000.00 30,000.00
5,900 lb.	Miscellaneous iron & steel .....	.50 .25
450 sq. yd.	Bridge shoulder treatment .....	.50 .25
	Clean & paint structural steel....	7,500.00 6,000.00
640 cu. yd.	Cl. B. concrete (curbs & gutters) ..	32.00 35.00
76 each	Survey monuments .....	12.00 20.00
520 lin. ft.	Metal plate guard railing .....	4.50 4.00
1,212 lin. ft.	Metal safety railing .....	3.20 5.00
335 lin. ft.	Pipe bridge railing .....	6.00 8.00
899 each	Gd. psts., mrks., horiz. refl. units	7.00 6.50
4,750 lin. ft.	Freeway fence (Type BW) .....	.52 .60
16,500 lin. ft.	Freeway fence (Type WM) .....	.57 .65
2,850 lin. ft.	72" chain link fence .....	1.60 1.80
780 lin. ft.	72" chain link security type fence	2.30 2.00

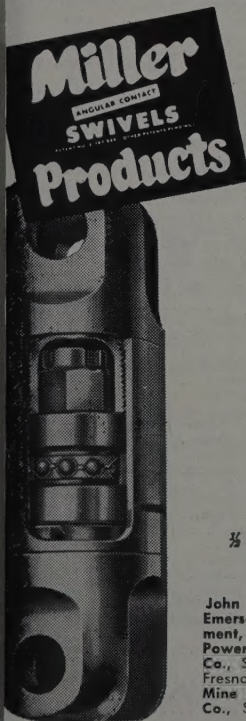
### IGHWAY—4.95-mi. Wyoming project

Wyoming—Big Horn County—State. A \$218,568 contract was awarded to W. E. Barling, Inc. of Meeteetse, Wyo., for grading, draining, special embankment selected material surfacing, base course surfacing, surface treatment (inverted penetration type) and miscellaneous work of the Manderson-South road.

(1) W. E. Barling, Inc. ....	\$218,568
(2) Husman Bros., Inc. ....	219,693
Forgey Bros. ....	229,597
Knisely-Moore .....	233,349

	(1)	(2)
158,000 cu. yd.	Excavation .....	\$ .25 \$ .19
6,500 M gal.	Watering .....	1.50 1.75
160,000 cu. yd.	Embankment compaction .....	.04 .04
2,800 cu. yd.	Backfill compaction .....	2.00 2.00
13,500 cu. yd.	Special embank. (embank., c. y.) ..	.50 .45
2,000 cu. yd.	Stripping .....	.20 .25
1,000 cu. yd.	Excavation for pipe culverts .....	1.00 1.10
79,000 cu. mi.	Cubic yard mile haul .....	.16 .15

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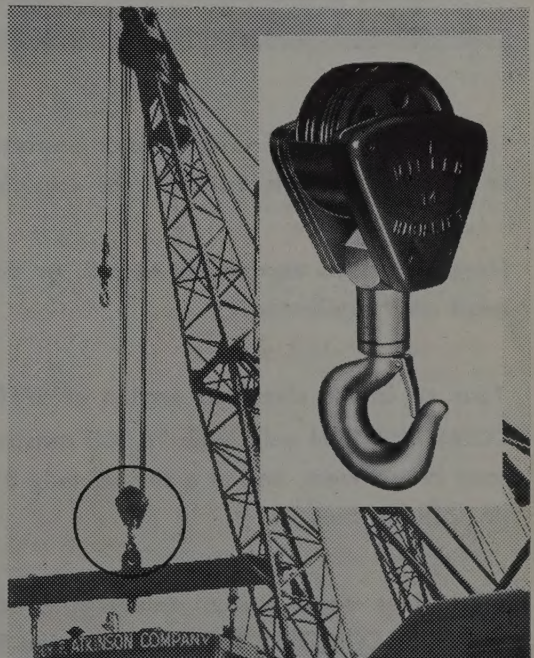
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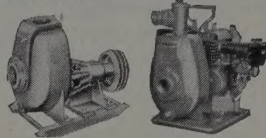
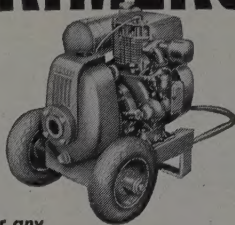


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35 acre	Seeding (crested wheat grass)....	40.00	90.00
40 hr.	Road leveler operation .....	10.00	30.00
20,300 ton	Selected material surfacing Type I	.52	
13,700 ton	Crush, gr. base course (3/4 in. max.)	.67	
151 ton	Asphaltic material MC-prime .....	32.50	35.00
136 ton	Asphaltic material MC-inv. pen. ....	32.50	35.00
1,800 ton	Crushed gravel surfacing (Inv. pen.)	4.00	3.00
76,000 T ml.	Haul of surfacing material .....	.10	
406 lin. ft.	18 in. std. R.C.P. ....	5.55	6.00
1,320 lin. ft.	24 in. std. R.C.P. ....	8.60	8.00
192 lin. ft.	30 in. std. R.C.P. ....	11.20	11.00
334 lin. ft.	36 in. std. R.C.P. ....	14.65	15.00
104 lin. ft.	60 in. std. R.C.P. ....	35.67	40.00
42 ea.	24 in. R.C.P. flared end section....	75.00	70.00
44 lin. ft.	36 in. x 23 in. std. R.C.P.		
	arch culvert .....	13.75	14.00
108 lin. ft.	4 ft. - 0 in. x 6 ft. - 0 in. R.C.		
	cattle pass .....	40.00	47.00
4 ea.	4 ft. - 0 in. x 6 ft. - 0 in. R.C.		
	cattle pass F. E. section .....	430.00	400.00
616 lin. ft.	29 in. x 18 in. bit. coated corr. met.		
	pipe arch culverts .....	7.80	9.00
10 ea.	29 in. x 18 in. bit. coated corr. met.		
	pipe arch F. E. sections .....	50.00	100.00
417 lin. ft.	24 in. bit. coated siphon C.M.P. ....	16.00	10.00
90 lin. ft.	4 in. metal drain pipe .....	2.12	7.00
80 lin. ft.	108 in. struct. plate pipe (512-110) ..	48.10	75.00
200 lin. ft.	15 in. V.C.C.P. ....	3.50	4.00
100 cu. yd.	Class 1 riprap .....	20.00	17.00

## HIGHWAY—9.47 mi. in New Mexico

New Mexico—Valencia and Bernalillo Counties—State. Skousen-Hi Contracting Co. of Albuquerque received a \$1,327,700 contract for 9.4 mi. of highway east of Laguna on highway 1-40 to be asphalt surface on cement-treated base. Contract includes a prestressed bridge.

(1) Skousen-Hi .....	\$1,327,700
(2) O. D. Cowart .....	1,381,467
J. W. Jones .....	1,490,537
Imperial Paving .....	1,602,129

Lump sum	Rem. of old structures .....	\$4,600.00	\$2,100.00
Lump sum	Removal of obstructions .....	100.00	100.00
141,000 cu. yd.	Excavation-unclassified .....	.30	
2,484 cu. yd.	Excavation for structures .....	1.50	2.00
533,840 cu. yd.	Ordinary borrow .....	.17	
37,250 M gal.	Watering .....	.10	
1,895 hr.	Rolling (tamping roller) .....	5.00	5.00
3,046 hr.	Rolling (pneumatic tired) .....	4.00	5.00
2,150 hr.	Rolling (steel tired) .....	6.50	5.00
2,320 hr.	Fifty (50) ton roller operation ..	5.00	5.00
2,279 hr.	Mechanical tamping .....	5.00	5.00
1,137,228 sta. yd.	Station yard overhaul .....	.01	
603,100 1/4 mi. yd.	Quarter mile yard haul .....	.035	
338,745 ton mi.	Ton mile haul .....	.07	
2,05 mi.	Grading .....	1,000.00	1,000.00
583 cu. yd.	Wire enclosed riprap .....	10.00	10.00
11,224 lb.	Wire fabric for riprap .....	.25	
201 cu. yd.	Excavation for riprap .....	1.50	4.00
265 lin. ft.	Steel stakes for riprap .....	2.00	3.00
2 ea.	Cattle guard—42 ft. roadway .....	3,000.00	3,750.00
2,475 lin. ft.	Steel plate guard fence .....	3.50	3.00
47,520 lin. ft.	Galvanized barbed wire fence .....	.28	
78 ea.	Bracing .....	10.00	12.00
12,300 lin. ft.	Galvanized woven wire farm fence	.35	
58 ea.	Right-of-way markers .....	7.00	10.00
112 ea.	Treated timber warning posts, refl. (6 in. diam.) .....	6.00	6.00
115,410 ton	Controlled gradation sub-base .....	.33	
10,190 ton	Base course .....	.53	
68,620 ton	Base course (cement treated) .....	.73	
10,950 bbl.	Portland cement .....	6.00	6.00
254,100 sq. yd.	Cement treated base—Class "C" ..	.13	
250 bbl.	Bituminous material, Type MC-1 ..	8.50	8.00
1,515 bbl.	Bituminous material, Type RC-2 ..	8.50	9.00
1,191 bbl.	Emulsified asphalt, AE-2 .....	9.00	8.00
1,395 bbl.	Bit. material, Type 120-150 .....	9.25	9.00
2,435 ton	Cover material .....	4.00	
60,520 ton	Plant mix surface course .....	3.40	
21,200 bbl.	Bit. material, Type 85-100 .....	7.25	
1,380 cu. yd.	Class "A" concrete .....	50.00	47.00
248,423 lb.	Reinf. for concrete structures .....	.16	
400 lb.	Wire fabric reinforcement .....	.30	
5,193 lin. ft.	Concrete curb and gutter .....	1.75	1.00
262 lin. ft.	Corr. metal culv. pipe—12 in. diam.	4.00	4.00
40 lin. ft.	Corr. metal culv. pipe—18 in. diam.	5.00	5.00
776 lin. ft.	Culvert pipe—24 in. diam. ....	6.00	5.00
2,206 lin. ft.	Culvert pipe—30 in. diam. ....	6.50	6.00
474 lin. ft.	Culvert pipe—36 in. diam. ....	10.00	10.00
182 lin. ft.	Culvert pipe—42 in. diam. ....	12.00	12.00
1,476 lin. ft.	Culvert pipe—48 in. diam. ....	13.00	13.00
960 lin. ft.	Culvert pipe—54 in. diam. ....	15.50	15.00
45,108 lb.	Structural steel .....	.30	
1,830 sq. ft.	Extruded sign frames .....	2.50	
4,450 lb.	Aluminum "I" beam posts .....	.85	
1,790 lin. ft.	Tubular posts .....	1.75	1.00
134 ea.	Footings for tubular posts .....	15.00	
	Bridge .....		
344 cu. yd.	Excav. for structures (bridges)....	3.00	
346.04 cu. yd.	Class "A" concrete— bridge superstructure .....	70.00	60.00
526.39 cu. yd.	Class "A" concrete— bridge substructure .....	70.00	60.00
167.20 cu. yd.	Class "C" concrete (piling) .....	40.00	30.00
1,586.8 lin. ft.	Metal bridge railing steel .....	5.50	2.00
945 lin. ft.	Structural steel piles in place .....	3.50	2.00
5,520 lin. ft.	Placing closed end steel pipe piles	2.50	
42 ea.	Prestensioned concrete beams, Type 36-53 .....	900.00	1,063.00
38 ea.	Prestensioned concrete deck members, Type 27-49 .....	910.00	963.00
38 ea.	Prestensioned concrete deck members, Type 33-65 .....	1,175.00	1,295.00



## IMA marks tenth anniversary

The Construction Industry Manufacturers Association on July 1 completed ten years of service to the construction industry. During this time it has provided a medium through which its 240 member companies have been able to combine their efforts in desirable product or industry activities. CIMA as a group develops, finances, and directs long-range programs to promote the best interests of the construction industry. First president of the association was the president of Austin-Western Co., Ralph K. Stiles, now retired. G. A. Alberson, president of The Frank Hough Co., is its current president.

### E. Fowler named CMP Association engineer

Kenneth E. Fowler has been appointed Division Engineer of the National Corrugated Metal Pipe Association. He will make his headquarters in Denver and will represent the national association in the area covered by the member association, Corrugated Metal Pipe Association of the Rocky Mountain states. The purpose of the organization is to perform technical service in connection with the promotion of metal pipe drainage structures for the CMP industry.

### Corporate change at Bethlehem

Changes in the corporate structure of Bethlehem Steel Co., West Coast operations, results in the steel division of Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corp. now becoming Bethlehem Steel Co., Pacific Coast Division. Principal officers of the Pacific Coast Division are H. H. Fullin, vice president; W. J. McClung, general manager of operations; S. S. Hart, general manager of sales, and L. Crarey, treasurer.

### Paul Christopher appointed Los Angeles manager

Appointment of Paul A. Christopher as district manager of Stearns-Adamson Mfg. Co.'s Los Angeles engineering sales offices, is announced. Christopher has been associated with S-A since 1949 and until this appointment has been manager of the Chicago office.

### Reher of CF&I heads trade group

Warren D. Dreher, wire products sales manager, Western Division, Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp., was elected president of the Wire Re-

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inforcement Institute at the recent annual meeting of the welded wire fabric manufacturers' association.

### New building for A. C. Horn

Harry Kennedy, Los Angeles branch manager of the A. C. Horn Companies Division of Sun Chemical Corp., announces completion of the latest addition to the company's facilities located on a 5 1/2-ac. site at Bell Gardens, Los Angeles. This is the fourth addition to be made to Horn's West Coast operations within the past two years. Others include San Francisco, Portland, and a manufacturing and sales office recently opened in Denver Colo.

### Two Westerners on Onan distributors council

Broader participation in management planning is being offered to its distributors for the first time by D. W. Onan & Sons, Inc., Minneapolis, leading manufacturer of electric generating plants. A newly-formed Distributors Advisory Council of ten members held a meeting recently with the objective of stepping up sales intensity and taking a long look at company plans for product expansion and diversification. Membership comprises five distributors on a permanent basis, and five rotating annually. From the West, Phillip

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### C.I.T. names southern Oregon field representative

Announcement is made by C.I.T. Corporation of the appointment of John E. Laing as field representative for southern Oregon. C.I.T. handles installment financing of construction equipment and other industrial machinery.



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