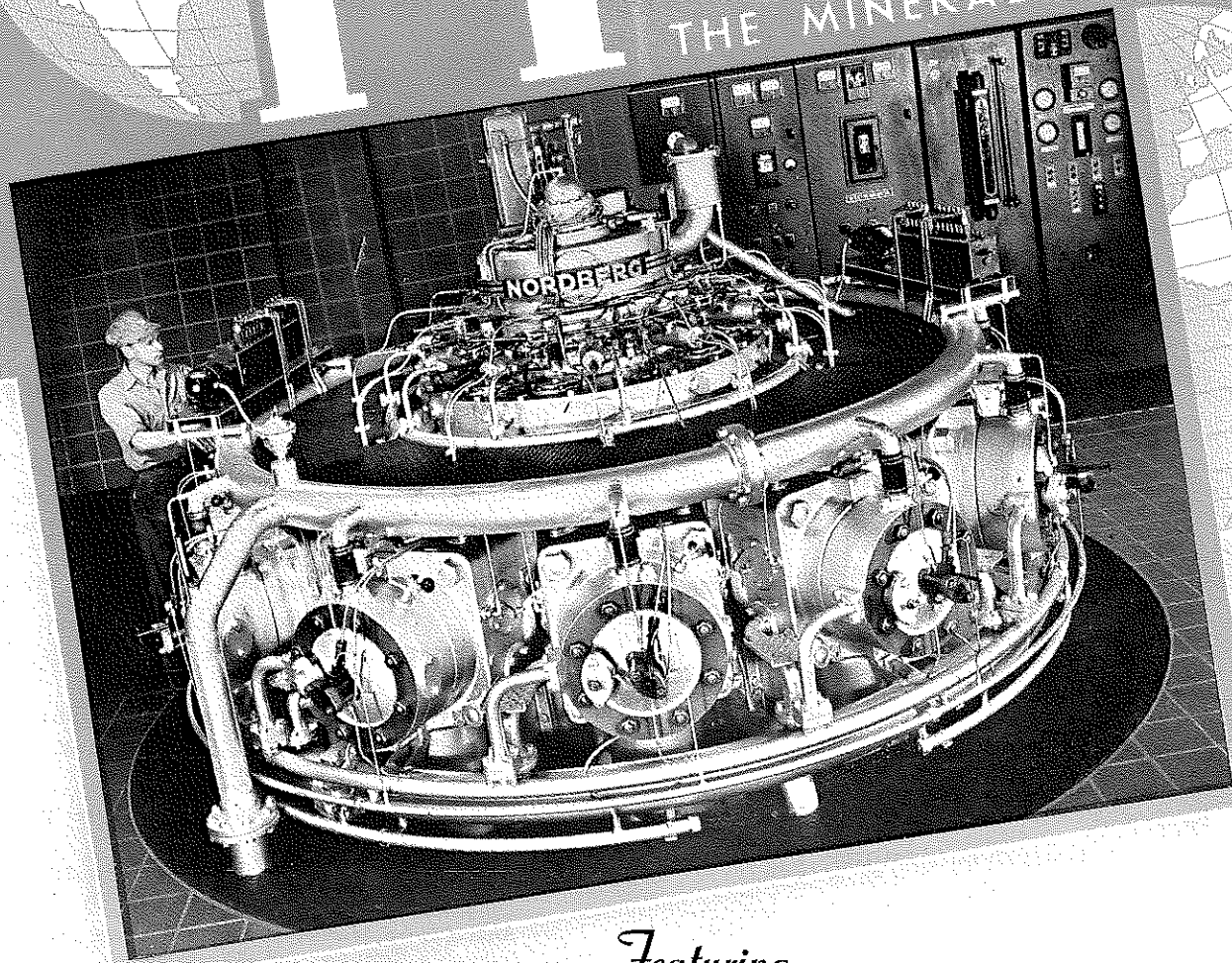


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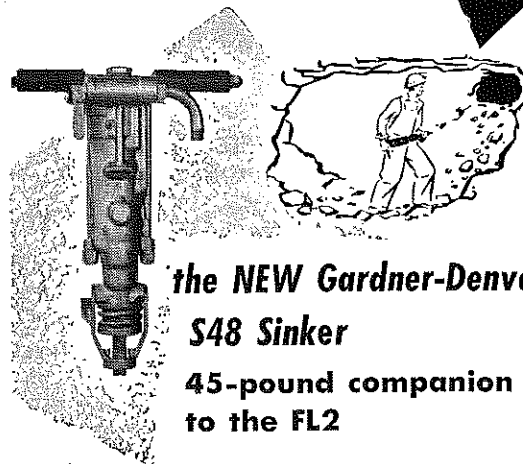
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Frank A. Goodale, '10, who retired last January from his duties with the Los Angeles County Road department, was a Denver visitor last month. His home address is 1007 El Paso Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

Gene W. Hinds, '49, Metallurgist for Geneva Steel Mill, is addressed Box 103, Orem, Utah.

Richard B. Hohlt, '47, Geologist for The California Company, has moved his residence in New Orleans to 8424 Dixon Street.

William J. Holtman, '43, has a change of residence address to 475 Garfield Street, Denver. He is Metallurgist for the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad.

Thomas A. Horr, '36, Outside Plant Engineer for the Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Company is addressed at his home, 200 Brentwood Street, Lakewood, Colorado.

Warren O. Johnson, '49, Field Engineer, Republic Natural Gas Company, receives mail in care of the company, M. & W. Tower Building, Dallas 1, Texas.

Robert Wm. Knapp, '40, Assistant Works Manager, Vancouver Fabricating Division, Aluminum Company of America, resides at 413 West 41st Street, Vancouver, Washington.

Harry E. Lawrence, '48, was on vacation in Denver the early part of June and called at the Alumni office. He is Assistant Superintendent, Lead Smelting division, Goldsmith Brothers Smelting & Refining Company, in whose care he is addressed, 1300 West 59th Street, Chicago, Ills.

Robert F. Lesage, '48, was also on vacation last month, part of which he spent in Denver. He is Mechanical Engineer for Empire Star Mines Co., Ltd., with mailing address Box 60, Grass Valley, California.

Elbert E. Lewis, '42, Mining Engineer, St. Joseph Lead Company, has moved from Leadwood to Flat River, Missouri, where his address is 501 Wash Street.

Norman V. Lovett, '42, has a change of residence address to 407 South Race Street, Denver. He is Production Manager for Benjamin Moore & Company.

J. A. McCarty, '35, General Production Superintendent for Ashland Oil Refinery Company, has been transferred from Henderson, Kentucky, to Salem, Illinois. His address there is 206-A West Main Street.

E. H. Murchison, '12, has been transferred by the Baroid Sales Division, National Lead Company, from El Portal, California, to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he is in charge of the Magnet Cove Plant. His post office address at Hot Springs is Box 768.

Major Allan P. Nesbitt, '38, has been returned to the States from Alaska, his new address being 6511 ASU Instruction Group, P. O. Box 53, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Henry H. Nogami, '42, Computer, Atlantic Refining Company, is, at present, being addressed Box 1106, Bay City, Texas.

Donald W. Roe, '44, received the Jaffa Memorial Prize from the university of Denver college of law on June 8.

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I am anxious not to miss any of *Mines Magazines* and will, therefore, appreciate having them mailed to my new address.

RECEIVES DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF TULSA

From NORMAN S. MORRISSEY, '42, 1530 East 14th St., Tulsa, Okla.

I completed my work at the University of Tulsa for master's degree in geology and received my degree the last of May. My thesis was a study of the Madison limestone of the Wind River Basin, Wyoming, correlating surface sections of the Madison with a sub-surface section by means of insoluble residues.

While pursuing my graduate studies, I worked at the research laboratory of the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company. Since last June I have been engaged in full time research with this company, completing my thesis in spare time.

I am currently employed by Stanolind, doing geological research work.

GAINING EXPERIENCE AS TRAINEE-ENGINEER

From ANDREW T. VALESCU, Ex-'39, c/o Continental Oil Co., Drawer 1267, Ponca City, Okla.

Due to moving around the country, I am having quite a time catching up with *Mines Magazines*. My last address was Basile, La. and, although it was properly changed at the post office, my mail is still being retained from time to time. A notice from them just received indicates that one magazine was held for postage due, so now I hope I have made them understand in my last letter to them, where and how to send my future mail.

Being a trainee-engineer with the Continental is a wonderful experience with a good company.

The family and I are enjoying a pleasant summer in Ponca City. In August will go to Louisiana, at Ville Plate, and three months after that, I will be a full-fledged petroleum engineer in the organization. That will seem like Heaven when stationed permanently somewhere!

TRANSFERRED TO TEXAS

From GEORGE A. KIERSCH, '42, Box 1022, Alpine, Texas.

Please change my address to that given above.

I was transferred to the State Department, International Boundary and Water Commission, Alpine, Texas, in late June to be supervising geologist under the project engineer, L. H. Henderson, '28, of a large geologic investigation program underway along the Rio Grande river throughout the Big Bend country.

I had been project geologist for the Folsom Dam Project, Corps of Engineers, California, during the geologic investigations and early construction phases.

My best regards to all.

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From PAUL SVENDSEN, '43, 906 Security Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

What with buying a house in Pueblo, starting on a new job, traveling for C. F. & I., building a garage onto the new house, I'm so far behind in my personal correspondence that I hardly know where to start.

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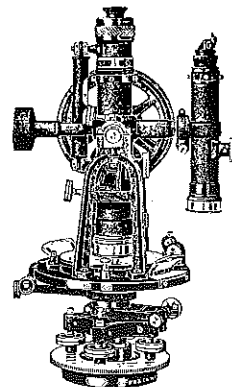
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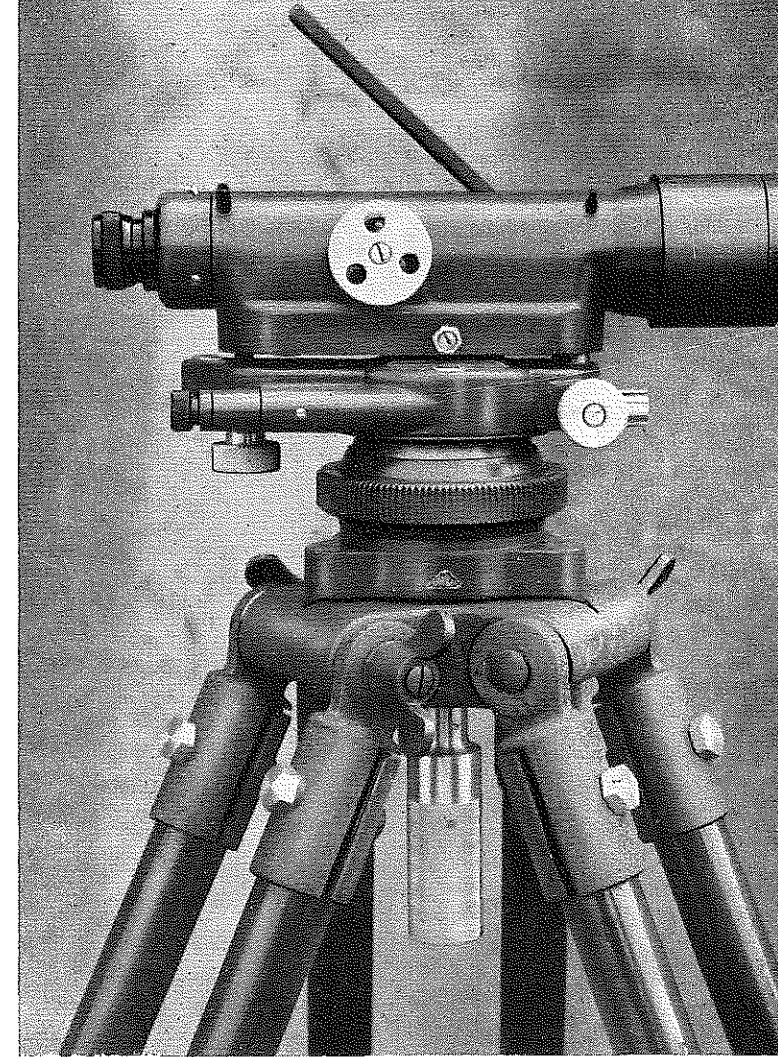
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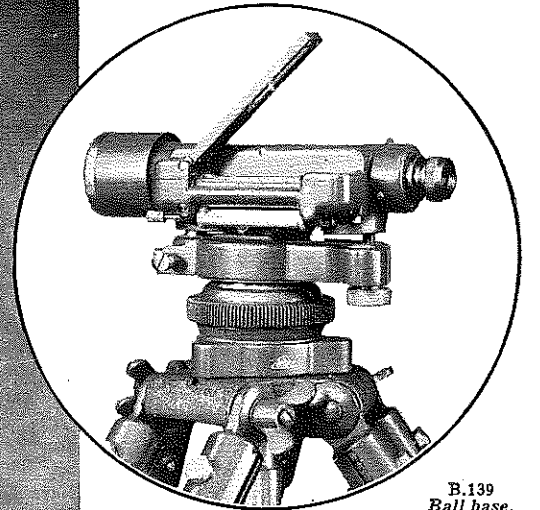
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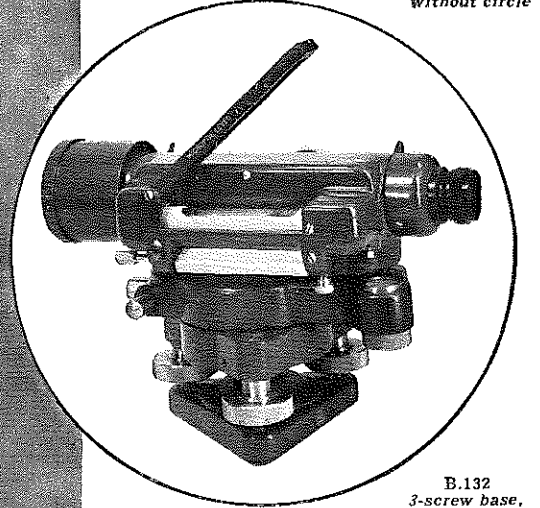
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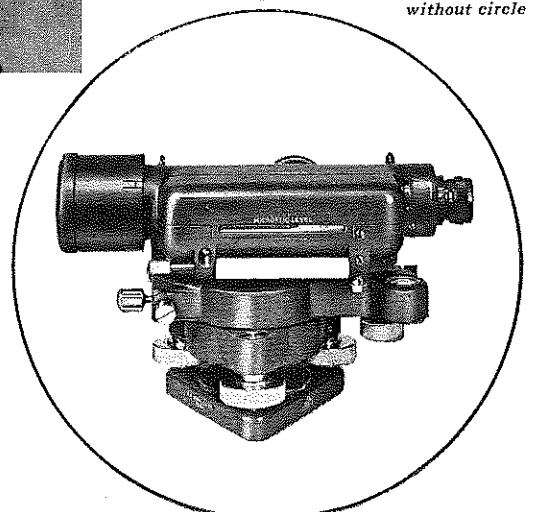
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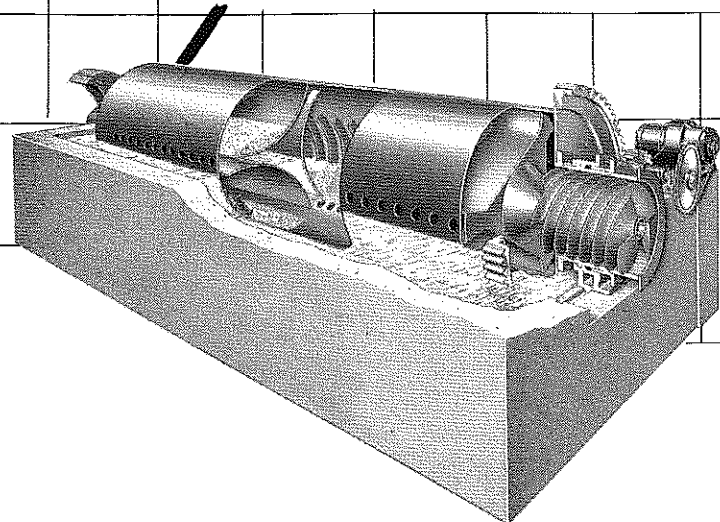
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Marion S. Bell, '49, has been promoted to Assistant Plant Metallurgist by the Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation and, at present, is being addressed Ysleta, Texas.

Joseph Q. Berta, '41, has been advanced by the Union Pacific Coal Company from Assistant Superintendent to Mine Superintendent and transferred from Superior to Reliance, Wyoming.

Earl L. Bilheimer, '22, Manager, Employee Relations Department, St. Joseph Lead Company, is addressed Box 626, Bonne Terre, Missouri.

William L. Burch, '44, resigned his position with the Linde Air Products Co. to become associated with the Bell Aircraft Corporation of Niagara Falls, N. Y. His home and mailing address is 250 Heim Road, Williamsville 21, N. Y.

John T. Burnett, '49, is Shift Boss for The Galigher Company at Monticello, Utah.

Harry W. Carlson, '42, Geologist for The California Company, has moved from New Orleans to Shreveport, Louisiana, where he is addressed 2205 1/2 Centenary Boulevard.

John M. Coke, '28, Associate Professor of Descriptive Geometry at Mines, resides at 24 Mines Park, Golden, Colorado where he receives mail.

John T. Crawford, '27, Vice President in Charge of Operations for North Western-Hanna Fuel Company, has moved his residence to 16 St. Albans Road, Superior, Wisconsin.

William G. Cutler, '48, has again moved his residence in New Orleans, La., this time to 4529 Duplessis St., Apt. B. He is Petroleum Engineer for the California Company.

D. C. Deringer, '24, General Manager, Patino Mines & Enterprises Consolidated, at Catavi, Bolivia, has been vacationing in the States this summer. He and Mrs. Deringer came the latter part of May to attend the graduation exercises of their daughter from Smith college.

Ernest W. Dissler, '40, Division Geophysicist for Cities Service Oil Company, is on duty in Canada at present, mail being addressed to him at 117-B 8th West, Calgary, Alberta.

S. Reeve Duhme, '40, has moved his residence to 1301 Florida Avenue, Apt. 2C, Richmond, California. He is serving as Geologist for U. S. Engineer Corps.

Charles A. Einarsen, '47, has been transferred by Stanolind Oil and Gas Company from Midland to Fort Worth, Texas, in whose care he is being addressed. His position is District Mud Engineer.

Marvin H. Estes, '49, has a new residence address in Golden, 1006 Sixteenth Street. He is District Engineer for Frigidaire Sales Corporation with offices in Denver.

Glen E. Fassler, '29, of 1510 West 8th Street, Freeport, Texas, was a Denver visitor in July.

John E. Feather, '49, is now being addressed Box 1033, Lubbock, Texas, while serving as Junior Observer for Cities Service Oil Company.

Robert M. Frost, '48, Metallurgical Engineer for Westinghouse Electric Corporation, resides at 607 Delaware Avenue, Norwood, Pa. where he receives mail.

John M. Gardner, '33, who is associated with International Derrick & Equipment Company, is addressed in their care, Box 2369, Dallas, Texas.

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(1225) ENGINEER AND PHYSICIST. A shipyard has position open for an Engineer and Physicist with experience in the control of sound and vibration. Must be able to develop new techniques for reducing and controlling these elements. Probable starting salary, \$5400 per annum.

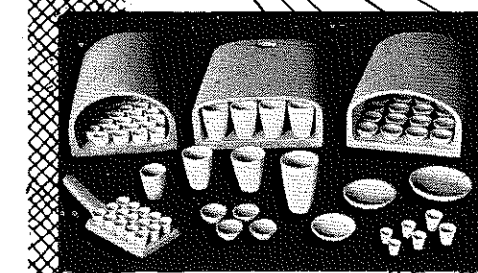
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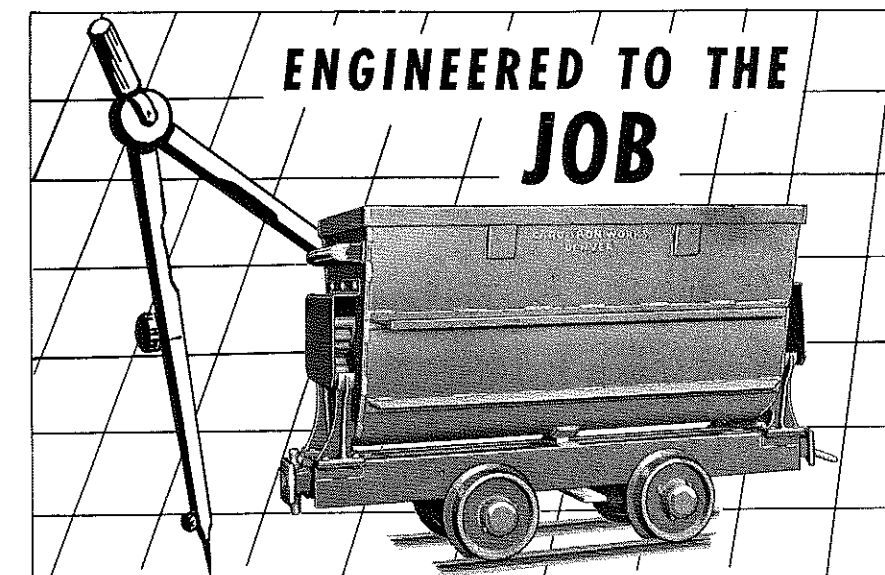
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(1233) MINING GEOLOGIST. A mining company has position open for Chief Geologist with good academic background and experience in mine examination work and mine reports. Salary will depend upon experience and ability of applicant.

(1236) REFINERY ENGINEER. A refinery construction company has position open for a Refinery Engineer with several years experience in actual operation, who is capable of developing specifications and requisitions for instrument equipment from working sheets and process data for petroleum refinery units. Salary depending upon experience and ability of applicant.

(1238) REFINERY ENGINEER. A company constructing refineries and refinery equipment has position open for a Refinery Engineer with at least four years experience in actual operation. Must be capable of supervising and inspecting instrument installations during construction, and able to check calibration and adjust control functions. Must be able to assist operators during starting up period. Headquarters in New York but work will be both foreign and domestic. Salary open.

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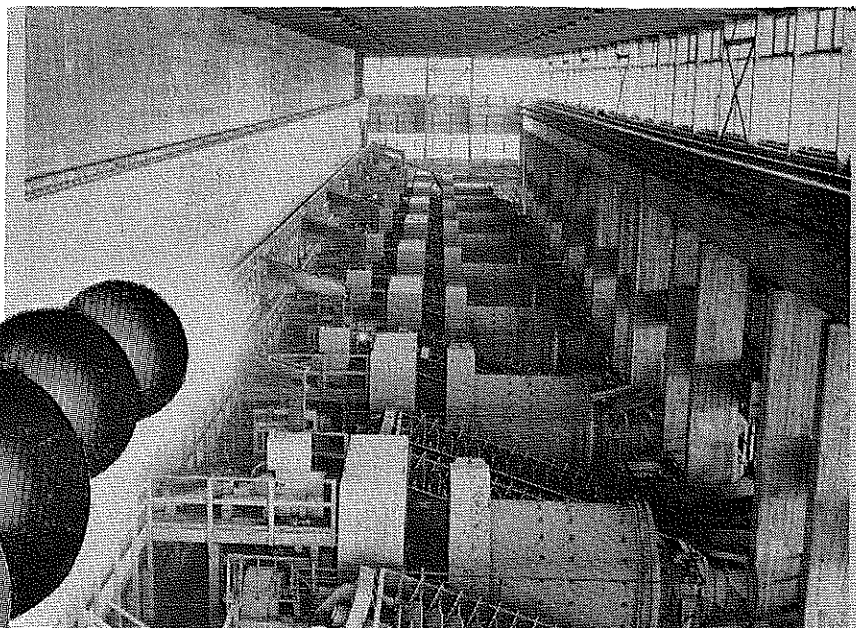
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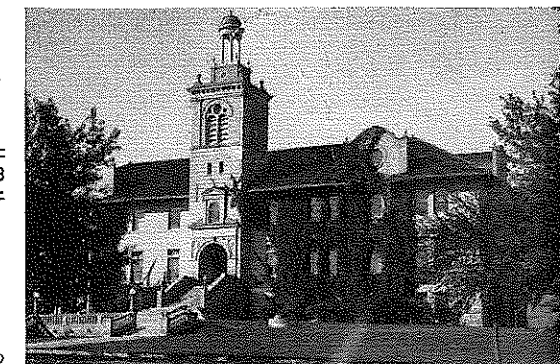
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ACCURATE SQUARE ROOTS USING A SLIDE RULE AND AUTOMATIC CALCULATOR

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There has not been enough study and publicity given the best and most rapid method of extracting square roots using a slide rule and an automatic calculator. This article is a step in the right direction.

Assume that the square root of 54656.67848 is desired. With a slide rule and an automatic calculator available, the fastest method of obtaining the desired quantity is to average the most accurate square root value available from the use of the slide rule (in this case 234) with a quotient (in this case 233.576) obtained by dividing 54656.67848 by 234 on the automatic calculator. The average of 234 and 233.576 is 233.788 which shows in one simple calculation more decimal places than the number of significant figures in the original square warrants and which compares very favorably with 233.7876782 which is the desired square root carried out to seven decimal places. If, in the above example, four new decimal places rather than three were picked up in the quotient from the calculator, the average would be 233.7877, a result of amazing accuracy. However, experimentation has shown that it is usually best to pick up only as many new decimal places on each quotient as there were significant figures in the divisor used to obtain that quotient.

The accompanying Table I shows an interesting truth about this method of extracting square roots. In this demonstration of the original example, use of the slide rule has been dispensed with, an estimate or guess being used as the first "estimate" and the basic method being repeated in steps using each new average as the "estimate" for the next step until seven decimal places (nine significant figures and the ordinary limit of the machine on which the examples were run) has been reached.

Table I
To Obtain the Square Root of 54656.67848

Example 1 (Normal Estimates)	Example 2	Example 3 (Obviously Wrong Guess)
Est. 230	210	190
Quot. 237.6	260.3	287.6
Av. 233.8	235.2	238.8
Quot. 233.775	232.384	228.880
Av. 233.7875	233.792	233.840
Quot. 233.7878564	233.7833564	233.7353681
Av. 233.7876782	233.7876782	233.7876840
Quot.		233.7876724
Av.		233.7876782

Note that the final averages are identical.

The accompanying Figures show graphically the first two steps of the third example in Table I and indicate how the method uses a trial and error procedure to rapidly bring about an exceedingly accurate solution of the problem by substantially solving a pair of simultaneous first order equations. The two equations are always (1) $xy = K$ in which x and y are equal roots of K and (2) $x = y$ by definition.

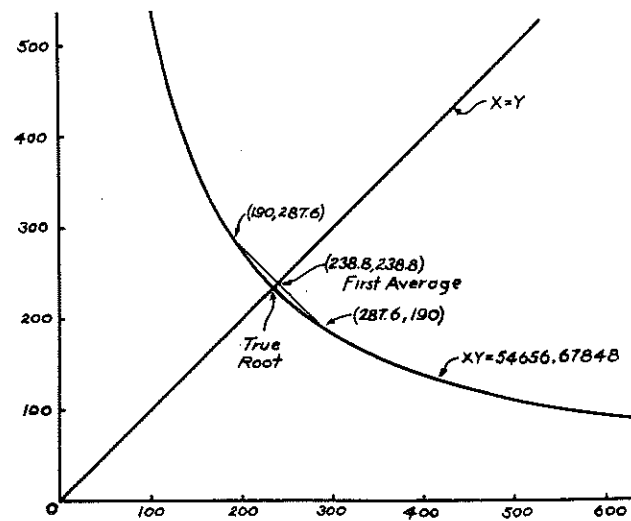


Figure 1.

The judicious use of the slide rule in solving square roots by this method obviates the use of an unsupported guess and at least one division on the calculator to ordinarily give a sufficiently accurate result at the first average, the solution having been begun, through the use of the aided estimate, at a point comparable to the result shown graphically in Figure 2. The final possible accuracy of the root obtained by this method is limited only by the order of accuracy of the original square.

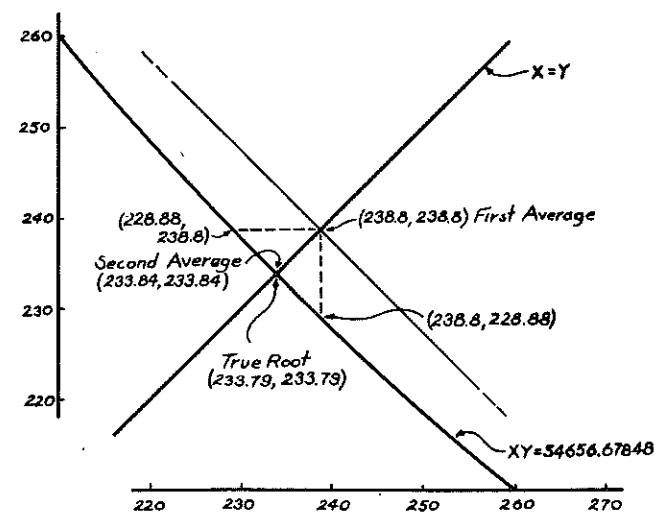
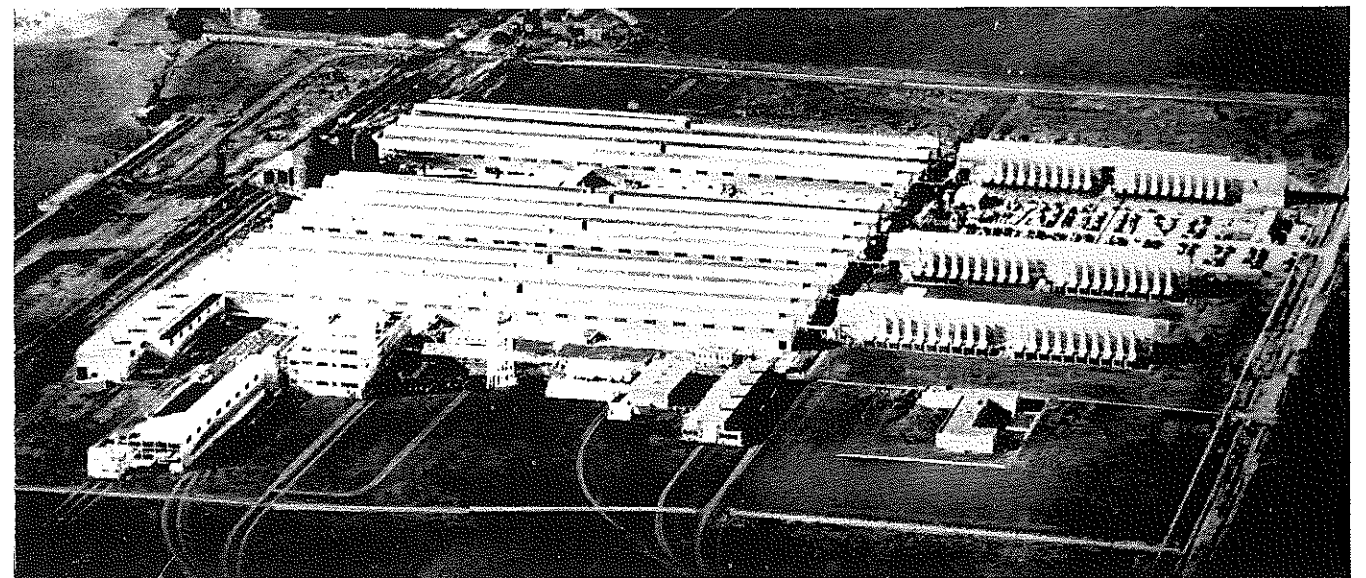


Figure 2.

In addition to its speed and accuracy, the big advantage of this method is that it requires no special tables or techniques. It may also be used to determine roots of higher order by increasing the number of divisional operations per step and pro-rating the last quotient rather than just splitting it with the original "estimate."



Aerial view of plant, showing powerhouses on right and pot rooms on left.

ALUMINUM COMPANY OF AMERICA POINT COMFORT WORKS Matagorda Bay near Port Lavaca, Texas

Plant and Location

Grading and excavation for the Point Comfort Works began in August, 1948. The first aluminum ever made in Texas was poured at the works on February 11, 1950. Between these two dates, a modern aluminum reduction works was constructed on what had been a stretch of Texas ranch land.

Point Comfort Works, located on a tract of 3000 acres on Matagorda Bay near Port Lavaca, Texas, consists of 25 buildings with approximately 18½ acres of floor space. Included among these buildings are the pot rooms where aluminum is made; the engine rooms for the production of electric power necessary for making aluminum; a carbon plant; and various plant service facilities.

The covering of the production buildings represents the largest single application of aluminum industrial corrugated roofing and siding to date. The greater portion of the aluminum roofing and siding was fastened to the buildings by the stud welding process.

The modern, air-conditioned office building contains about 15,000 sq. ft. of floor space. The brick structure includes such applications of aluminum as doors, windows, lighting fixtures, and trim and decorative effects.

Among the many other applications of aluminum found at the works are the fence, lamp poles, and electrical conductors.

The works has several miles of reinforced concrete pipe in its storm sewer system. Sanitary sewers lead to the works' own sewage disposal plant, where a considerable amount of aluminum is employed.

A concrete and steel dock was constructed at the works. A channel, complete with turning basin, connects the dock with the Pass Cavallo-Port Lavaca channel.

The Point Comfort and Northern Railroad, a subsidiary of Alcoa, owns fourteen miles of track between the plant site and Lolita, Texas, where a junction is made with the Missouri-Pacific Line. The railroad uses Diesel engines.

ALUMINUM—ITS ORE AND SMELTING

Aluminum is made by the electrolytic reduction of aluminum oxide. This reduction or "smelting" process is the heart of operations at the Point Comfort Works, which has a capacity to produce about 114,000,000 pounds of aluminum per year. The story behind this production actually begins with the ore.

Aluminum Ore

One-twelfth of the earth's crust is aluminum. Although aluminum compounds can be found in any clay bank, it is not practical to use such sources of the metal for economical production.

At present, the ore used commercially is called bauxite, which contains aluminum in the form of aluminum hydroxide. Because of the impurities it contains, bauxite occurs in various colors and textures. Bauxite deposits are known to exist in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America. Much of the ore used in Alcoa's plants originates in Suriname, Dutch Guiana. In the United States, the principal source of ore is Arkansas.

Some ore beds lie close enough to the surface to be mined by the "open-pit" method. Other beds are so deep that shafts and tunnels have to be dug in order to remove the ore. The mining method for either type of deposit is much the same as that used for other materials.

Dirt and other loose impurities are removed from newly mined bauxite by washing and screening. The ore is then crushed into pieces no larger than a walnut. After it has been thoroughly dried in great kilns to remove excess moisture and save transportation costs, the ore is shipped to other plants to be refined. Bauxite itself cannot be used for making aluminum. Pure aluminum oxide is obtained from the ore, and it is the oxide which is actually reduced.

While there are a number of ways to refine bauxite, the Bayer process is generally used. In this process, the bauxite

is first crushed to a powder and then mixed, in large pressure tanks, with a hot solution of caustic soda. The caustic soda dissolves the aluminum hydroxide but not the impurities. The solution is filtered and the impurities, collected in the form of red mud, are discarded. High-grade bauxite is desirable because the presence of silica as an impurity in the bauxite causes loss of some alumina and soda in the red mud.

The filtered solution is then pumped into great tanks. As it slowly cools, pure aluminum hydroxide settles out in the form of fine crystals. These crystals are washed with water to remove soda and are then ready for the next step in the process.

The aluminum hydroxide crystals are fed into large revolving kilns and heated until white hot. The heat drives off all the chemically combined water in the form of steam. What is left is white, powdery aluminum oxide, more commonly called alumina.

Alumina is not made at Point Comfort, but it is the basic material used in the production of aluminum.

Cryolite

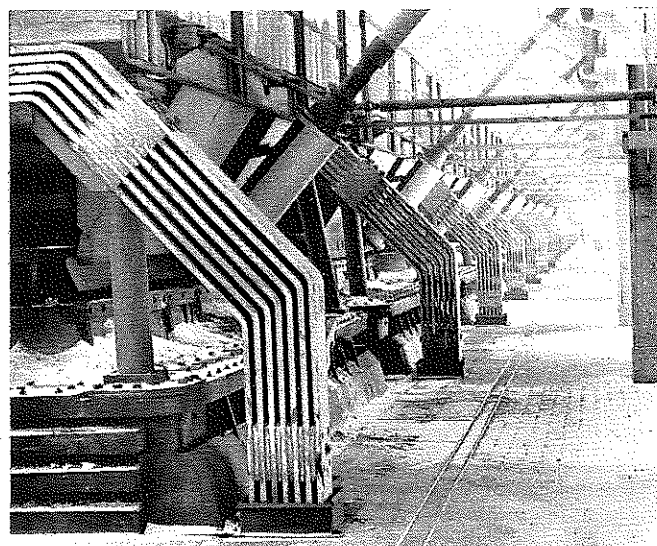
Another important material in the production of aluminum is cryolite, a double fluoride salt. Alumina is dissolved in the molten cryolite in the reduction cells so that the oxide may be reduced by the electric current. Cryolite is found in the natural state only in Greenland, but its synthetic equivalent is made.

Reduction Process

Aluminum is made in buildings known as "pot rooms." Several pot rooms normally comprise one "pot line," a reduction unit in which the electrolytic cells are arranged in series.

The electrolytic cell in which reduction takes place is a large, carbon-lined steel shell, commonly called a reduction pot. The pot is partially filled with cryolite, which is kept molten by means of the heat generated by the electric current. Current is introduced through a carbon anode which dips into the molten cryolite. The carbon lining of the pot acts as the second electrode or cathode of the cell.

There are various procedures in use today that employ a continuous, self-baking type anode, such as those used at Point Comfort. This anode consists of a large, single, rectangular casing supported by a superstructure mounted on the pot shell. A carbon paste is added to the casing from the top. The lower portion of the anode is baked by the high temperature of the molten cryolite in which it is immersed and serves to carry electric current into the cell. The baked carbon is consumed at the lower surface of the anode during



▼ Line of electrolytic cells where alumina is reduced in making aluminum.

electrolysis, and more paste is added at the top as required.

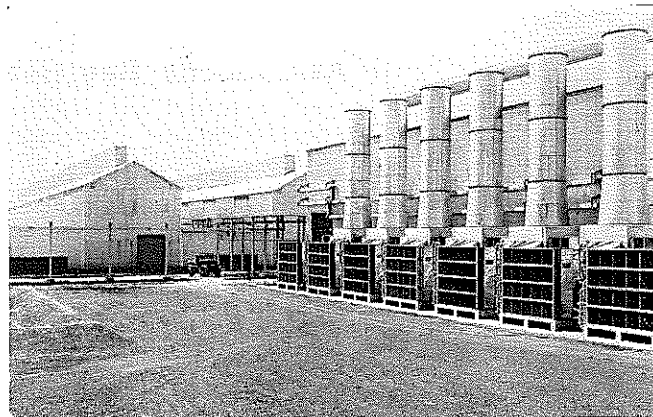
The preparation of carbon paste for use in the pots is an important function of a reduction works, since approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of carbon is consumed for every pound of aluminum produced. High-purity carbon is necessary for the anode because impurities in the carbon contaminate both the electrolyte and the reduced metal. The carbon plant facilities at Point Comfort keep the pot lines supplied with this essential material.

The process of making paste starts with petroleum coke, which is ground to the required fineness in a mill. The coke dust is then blended and thoroughly mixed with hot pitch. The resulting paste-like material is delivered to the pots as needed.

At appropriate intervals during reduction, alumina is added to the molten cryolite. Electric current flowing through the molten solution decomposes the alumina into its component parts, aluminum and oxygen. The oxygen combines with the carbon anode and the aluminum, being heavier than the cryolite, remains at the bottom of the pot where it is liberated. At scheduled intervals molten aluminum is drawn off and poured into pig form.

POWER GENERATION

Power for the production of aluminum at Point Comfort has its source in the natural gas fields of Texas. By means of generators driven by internal combustion engines, this gas is converted into the electric power required to make aluminum. It takes about ten kilowatt-hours of electricity to produce one pound of the metal.



▼ Exterior of powerhouse with two pot rooms in background.

Natural gas is delivered to the works at a pressure of from 400 to 500 lbs./sq. in. This pressure is reduced in two stages to 60 lbs. Two 8 in. gas lines connect each of the three power houses with the pressure reducing station. A regulator at each engine further reduces the intake pressure, and in actual operation, gas enters the engine at a pressure of about 6 lbs.

Each engine consumes gas at a rate of 13,000 cu. ft./hr. under load. Normally, the plant will use more than 30,000,000 cu. ft. of gas per day.

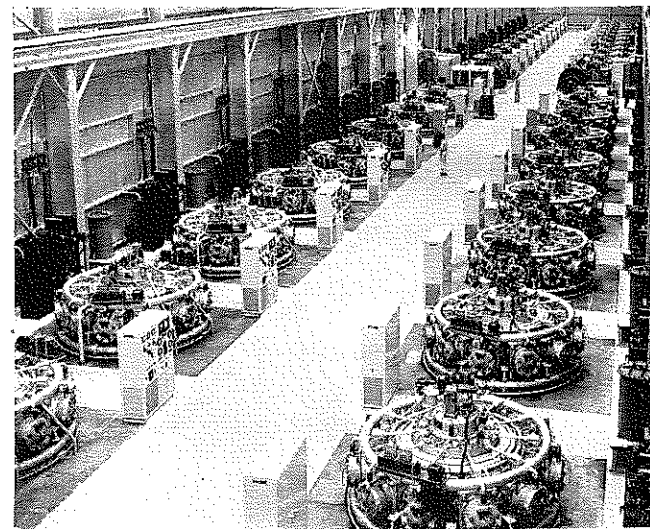
Nominal generating capacity of the power plant is 120,000 kw. Under normal operating conditions, the total output of the plant will be approximately 2,750,000 kw.-hrs./day.

Gas Engines

One hundred twenty engine-generator units convert the gas into electrical energy. Forty units are housed in each of three engine rooms, one for each pot line.

The engines are a two cycle, radial type, built by Nordberg Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. With slight modifications, the engine can be adapted to gas, diesel fuel or dualfuel operation.

The eleven cylinder engine has a 14 inch bore and a 16 inch stroke. At Point Comfort, the engines are normally



▼ One of three engine rooms, each containing 40 engines. Generators and auxiliary equipment are located on lower floor.

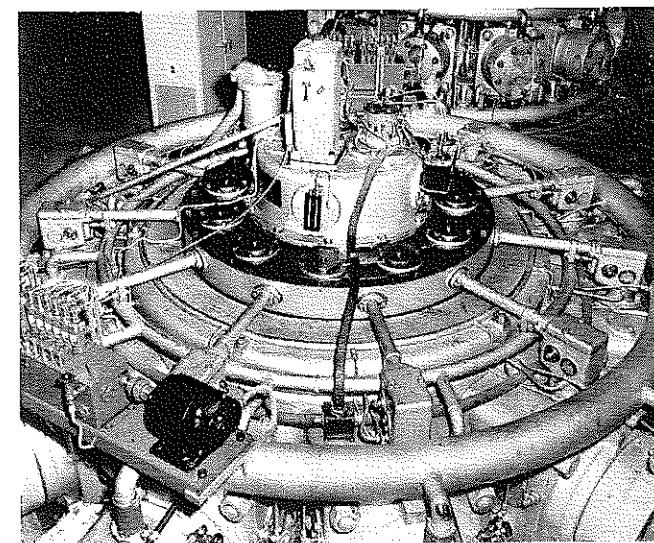
operated at 360 rpm, producing 1600 horsepower. They operate at a thermal efficiency of about 29 to 30 percent.

The crankshaft is set vertically with the crank at the top. The cylinders are bolted radially to a cast frame, having a central hub that carries both the lower crankshaft main bearing bushing and also the thrust bearing which supports the load of the crankshaft. The heavy, bolted cover contains the upper crankshaft main bearing bushing. The governor, fuel pumps, mechanisms for gas operation and controls are located on this cover. Circular manifolds for scavenging and exhaust are located in the lower level of the engine room. Intake and exhaust are timed by the pistons uncovering ports in the cylinder walls, and no valves are required.

Balanced operation is accomplished by use of a master gear, a stationary gear bolted to the cover, two pinions and rotating counterweights. The eleven connecting rods are attached to the master gear by means of knuckle pins mounted in bronze bushed bearings. The master gear gyrates instead of rotating. There is no master connecting rod, commonly associated with radial type engines.

(For more details on engine, see Page 27.)

When set up for gas burning, the engine operates on reduced compression, with spark ignition. Natural gas is admitted by cage mounted gas valves. The valves are oper-



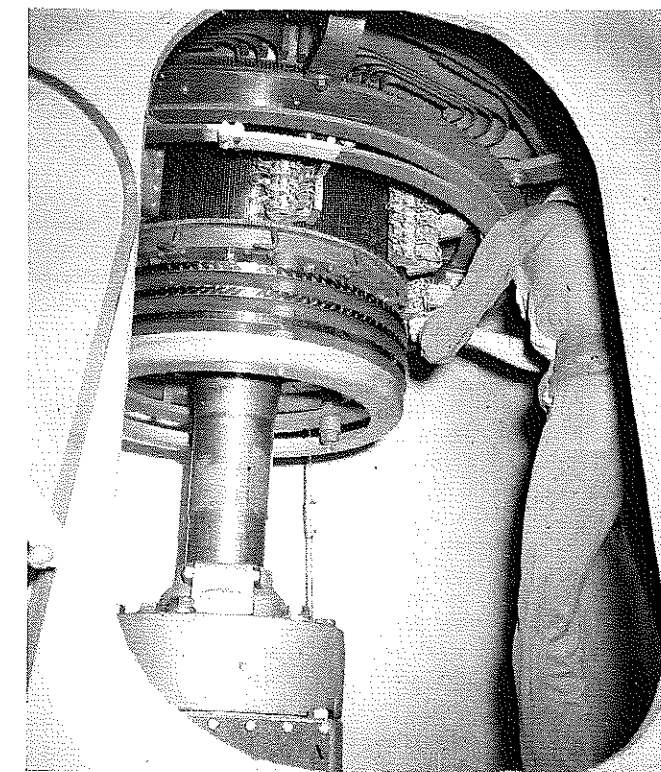
▼ Close-up of engine showing governor, distributor, lubricator, and gas valves.

ated by a cam on the crankshaft and are so located that gas is admitted into the path of incoming scavenging air. This assures thorough mixing and efficient use of the fuel. A valve inserted in the gas line and controlled by a governor varies the amount of gas delivered to the cylinders according to the load on the engine.

Generators

The electric generators are located in the lower level of the power houses and are joined to the engines by direct coupling. Each engine-generator unit, with its auxiliaries, operates independently. Forty generators were supplied by each of three manufacturers: Elliott Company, General Electric Company, and Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Each generator produces 1000 kw (DC) at 667 volts and 125 kva (AC) at 425 volts and 24 cycles. The AC power is used for driving the engine auxiliaries. This eliminates the need for a common auxiliary power system and



▼ Inside engine base showing 1000 KW, 667 volt, DC generator. Slip rings provide 24 cycle power for engine auxiliaries.

possibility of a total station interruption.

The generator is used as a motor in starting the engine.

Auxiliary Equipment

Each engine-generator unit has its own control panel, which includes engine protective equipment. Protective equipment causes the engine to shut off automatically for such reasons as low oil pressure, high water temperature, high exhaust temperature, overspeed, high generator temperature, or loss of auxiliary power.

In addition to unit control panels, each powerhouse has a master control room with recording and indicating equipment registering the operation of each of the forty engines and generators. No unit can be shut off from this master control room, but it provides a central point from which the operation of forty units can be observed.

Centrifugal type scavenger air blowers, which provide air under pressure to the engine cylinders, are driven by a 100 hp. motor. These blowers supply air at the rate of 7,000 cu. ft./min.

The axial flow type, generator cooling air fan is driven by a 7½ hp. motor. The fan supplies air at the rate of

12,000 cu.ft./min. Along the wall behind each generator are the high speed, generator switch gear, generator control and starting equipment.

Combination oil and water, engine coolers were built by The Trane Company of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Heat exchangers for the system are approximately 15 x 11½ x 3 ft. in size. The exchangers are all-aluminum in construction except for cast iron headers. Alclad aluminum alloy 3S is used for both tubing and fin stock. The tubes are arranged in banks of three with the water tubes in front of the oil tubes.

An 84 in. diameter heat exchanger fan, having six adjustable blades, is driven by a 2 speed, 25 hp. motor. Oil and water circulating pumps are driven by a common 15 hp. motor.

Each engine room has forty building air washing units. These all-aluminum units have housings 14 x 5 x 5 ft. in size. Each unit, containing thirty all-aluminum washer cells, has an air capacity of 35,000 cu.ft./min. Water is sprayed through the unit at a rate of 125 gal./min.

Sixty cycle, 4000 volt, alternating current is produced by four 667 volt DC motor driven generator sets. This power is for general works use. There is also a 250 volt, 250 kw generator on each set which provides power for cranes throughout the works.

Each engine-generator unit has its own stack, which handles engine exhaust, generator cooling air, and the air from the heat exchanger. 7½ ft. diameter stacks, having an overall height of 50 ft., were made from ⅜ in. aluminum sheet. The all-riveted stacks were fabricated on the job.

Electrical Conductors

Practically all electrical conductor in the works is aluminum. Approximately 5½ million pounds of aluminum bus conductor alone was used. The bus is arranged in three 5,000 ft. circuits, each including one powerhouse and one pot line. The bus joints were made largely by the inert gas shielded arc method of welding, and a complete welding shop was set up on the site for this purpose. The main bus consists of 22 aluminum bars, each having a cross section of ¾ x 10 in.

Aluminum wire, cable and conduit were also used extensively. Because of their resistance to atmospheric corrosion, aluminum towers and substations were used for the 4,000 volt, auxiliary power distribution system.

NATURAL GAS SYSTEM

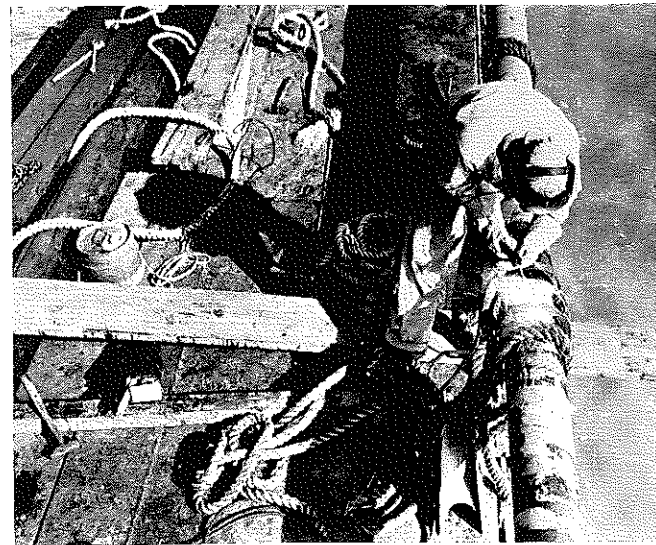
Except for short periods during World War II and the early days of the industry, hydro-electric power has always been used for the production of aluminum in Alcoa's plants. Since low cost electric power is an important consideration in making aluminum economically, the industry is constantly looking for new power sources. It was for this reason that the Point Comfort area, with its natural gas, was chosen for the construction of Alcoa's new reduction works.

The Lavaca Pipe Line Company, a subsidiary of Alcoa, was organized for the purpose of operating the pipe line necessary for gathering and distributing the gas to be used in the works.

Gas is received from both on-shore and off-shore wells. One pipe line, built in the fall of 1949, runs between the Point Comfort Works and the Francitas Gas Company's recycling plant near Francitas, Texas. There are approximately 11 miles of 10 in. pipe and 5½ miles of 8 in. pipe in this line.

Another line, consisting of 7½ miles of 8 in. pipe, ties into the off-shore line in Matagorda Bay.

The main underwater line, in Lavaca and Matagorda Bays, consists of approximately 14 miles of 8 in. pipe, about 12½ miles of it under water. In addition, approximately 9 miles of 4 in. and 6 in. pipe are used for the off-shore



▼ Welding gas line on L.S.T. preparatory to casting off pipe.

gathering lines. The average depth of water in the gas field is about 14 ft.

Work on the off-shore line was started in April, 1948 and was completed the following October. The pipe was coated, wrapped and then welded in 1000 ft. sections. Next, five of these sections were welded in 5000 ft. lengths on dollies placed on greased launching tracks. River weights and buoys were attached to the pipe, and the sections were pulled into the water by tugs.

Off-shore welding was done with the pipe held out of the water by an outrigger at the stern of a converted L.S.T. and by the boom of a dragline extending beyond the bow of the boat. After the welding was finished, the buoys were cut free and the pipe was allowed to sink.

A control and metering station, built well above the water level, is located on a platform constructed of creosoted piling. The gathering system, which includes lines from eleven wells, leads to a 12 in. header on the platform; the header, in turn, discharges into the 8 in. transmission line. Meter runs on the platform are in parallel, and the entire station layout is compact.



▼ Gas Control and metering platform in Matagorda Bay.

Magnesium anodes for cathodic protection were installed at the shore end of the line, at the metering platform and at several intermediate points on the line.

One experimental gathering line consists of about 4,000 ft. of 4 in. aluminum pipe instead of the steel pipe used for the rest of the system. One half of this aluminum line was left bare and the other half was wrapped in the usual way.

On-shore and off-shore lines terminate at the pressure reducing station located on the reduction works site.

The system supplies the 30,000,000 cu.ft. daily requirement for gas at the works.

AIR COMPRESSOR SELECTION AND APPLICATION^{*}

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Basically there are two main types of air compressors, the CENTRIFUGAL, sometimes called the ROTARY, and the RECIPROCATING. Both of these have their place in industry. However, due to the limited application, for the purpose of this report, the centrifugal type will be mentioned only slightly.

The Centrifugal Compressor is primarily used in the lower pressure field, under 50 PSIG. However, it is also used for high pressure applications with a varying amount of success. Here its economical use is limited due to a stalling characteristic under partial loads. This type of compressor is normally controlled by throttling the intake. Being similar in design to a fan, throttling of the intake causes the unit to stall. This stalling characteristic results in high H.P. at partial load and the type is no longer competitive with a reciprocating compressor. There is also indication that the maintenance of this type of compressor is increased when it runs under partial load. This limits its economical use to large installations where reciprocating compressors can be used to trim the load and the centrifugal compressor is allowed to operate under full load all the time.

The Reciprocating Compressor can be broken down into two main types, the AIR COOLED and WATER COOLED. Both of these can be further classified into two categories, the single and two stage. These will be discussed further as follows:

AIR COOLED COMPRESSORS

These are normally two stage and as their economical and useful application is limited, no further subdivision will be made in this report.

This type of compressor is designed similar to the automotive engine. It is single acting, compressing only on the upward stroke. Thus the bottom of the piston is exposed directly to the crank case. The connecting rod converts power direct from the crankshaft to the piston. The bearings and cylinder walls are lubricated either from a force feed or splash system. The cylinder walls and on some

models parts of the frame are arranged with fins for better cooling. A fan is mounted on the unit and arranged to blow air across the cylinders and crank case. If it is two-stage the air passes through a radiator mounted between the cylinders and arranged so the cooling fan can suck air through the radiator then blow it onto the cylinders.

The main disadvantage of this type of compressor is its higher operating speed and light construction. These units have a much higher maintenance cost and a shorter life. Actually the life of this compressor is approximately one-fourth that of the heavy duty type. As in an automobile when the piston rings start to wear, the unit uses oil. In the case of the compressor, this oil is pumped out into the air lines in the plant.

The use of this compressor is limited to intermittent work. It can be used very effectively for standby protection and for intermittent jobs where it will run only a small percentage of the time. It is used on construction jobs and in industry where there is no water or where there is danger of freezing. Because of its lower first cost, it is sometimes purchased for jobs which will only last a short time. However, frequently it is bought for continuous use strictly because of its low first cost and without giving consideration to future maintenance and life.

WATER COOLED COMPRESSORS Single Stage

The heavy duty single stage compressor is most commonly seen in the small factory. This type is built in sizes ranging from 15 to 100 HP. By single stage is meant that air is taken into the cylinder at atmospheric pressure and compressed to the final discharge pressure in one step. This type of compressor is normally double acting, compressing on both sides of the piston. It is heavy duty and constructed of heavy cast iron. The cylinder walls are thick and surrounded with an efficient water cooling jacket. The cylinder is separated from the crank case by a distance piece which prevents oil in the crankcase from entering the cylinder.

The connecting rod transmits power from the crankshaft to a cross head, which in turn carries it to the piston

by means of a piston rod. This cross-head absorbs all the side thrust resulting from the conversion to reciprocating motion.

The only disadvantage of this type of compressor is its low over-all efficiency and its high discharge temperature. In compressing air adiabatically the theoretical discharge temperature of a single stage compressor with 70 degrees intake air and 100 PSIG discharge pressure is 485 degrees. Actually a compressor does not follow true adiabatic compression condition. The water jacket removes some of the heat and the discharge temperature is about 385 degrees.

The average volumetric efficiency of a single stage compressor is about 71% and it takes an average of 22.4 BHP to compress 100 cubic feet of air.

There are many advantages of the heavy duty water cooled compressor over the air cooled type but these are principally longer life and lower maintenance cost.

Multiple Stage

These units are found in the larger plants and run in sizes from 50 HP to over 1000 HP. Although in arriving at high pressures, multiple stages are used, for the purpose of this report, only the two-stage unit will be discussed. This type of compressor is just what the name implies. The air is compressed to its final pressure in two stages. It is taken into the low pressure (the larger) cylinder at atmospheric pressure and temperature. It is there compressed to about 27 PSIG and discharged into an inter-cooler. Here the air passes around a number of copper tubes through which cooling water is flowing. This reduces the air temperature to approximately room temperature and it is then drawn into the high pressure (smallest) cylinder, where it is compressed to its final pressure, usually 100 PSIG and discharged into the receiver.

The two-stage air compressor accomplishes the following: Reduces final temperature, reduces power consumption, partially eliminates entrained moisture and increases volumetric efficiency by reducing the clearance and expansion loss. Generally piston loads are below those which would be found in similar sizes of single stage units.

^{*} Presented at Great Lakes Power Club, Fort Wayne, Indiana, May 26, 1950.

The two-stage air compressor has definite advantages in its overall efficiency. The volumetric efficiency averages about 85% while it only takes an average of 18.8 BHP to compress 100 cubic feet of air. Comparing these figures with the single stage compressor, the final discharge temperature is about 265 degrees F.

The only disadvantage of the two-stage air compressor is the higher first cost compared to that of the single stage unit.

Cost of Compressed Air

Before final selection as to the type of air compressor is made, consideration should be given to the cost of compressing air.

Although air cooled compressors are normally two-stage and their volumetric efficiency is around 85%, the HP per 100 CFM is equal to or higher than that of the water cooled single stage compressor. Accordingly, for the purpose of this report the cost of compressing air by *air cooled* units can be considered equal to or slightly higher than that of the *water cooled stage compressor*.

Listed below are operating costs, based on dollars per 1000 cubic feet of air for the HEAVY DUTY TYPE OF COMPRESSOR.

	Single Stage	Two Stage
Energy cost	\$.0331	\$.0265
Operating and maintenance0200	.0200
Depreciation0110	.0118
	\$.0641	\$.0583

These figures were arrived at by taking an average energy cost throughout the Midwest and placing it at \$.01 per KWH. In some localities such as central and Northern Wisconsin, this figure will be low, while in Central Indiana this figure is high.

Small compressor installations never have an operator tending them full time. To arrive at some average figure it was estimated that an installation of 400 HP size, or 2200 CFM would require a man's full time. Smaller and larger sizes have been pro-rated on this basis. Wages were pegged at \$1.75 an hour. Lubricating oil and cooling water are figured in the operation cost. Maintenance was figured at a flat \$.005 per 1000 cubic feet. This still allows for a small amount of overtime if it is needed.

Depreciation was calculated on the basis of 100% writeoff in 15 years time.

Final Selection

The type of compressor to be purchased should take all the above subjects into consideration, whether it is *air cooled* or *water cooled* and if the latter, whether it should be *single* or *two stage*.

It should never be hard to decide between the AIR and WATER COOLED compressor. If the unit will run eight or more hours a day for more than four years, a person should never buy an air cooled compressor if water is available. The short life and high maintenance cost will be the deciding factor.

In choosing between the single and two stage air compressor, more thought will have to be given to this decision. In sizes running from 15 to 50 HP, there are no two stage units so only the single stage compressor can be purchased. However, from 50 to and including 100 HP sizes, both the single stage and two stage compressors are built. Above 100 HP only the two stage air compressor is manufactured.

The hardest decision to make is on compressors between 50 and 100 HP size. Two factors should be taken into consideration—local energy cost and number of hours the unit will be operated per day.

A look at the power bill will show the energy cost. This is usually pro-rated and decreases as the volume of energy used goes up. If an additional air compressor is being added to the plant, then one can say that the energy consumed by this compressor can be charged off on the lowest scale. However, the only fair way to record the energy cost is to take an overall average cost of the plant and charge that to the compressor.

When this is obtained then the operating cost for either a single stage or two stage air compressor can be accurately figured. This will amount to so much an hour and then knowing the number of hours a day the compressor will operate, the amount saved over a period of a year can be arrived at. At the same time initial costs of both the single and two stage compressor should be obtained. If the savings in operating cost in the two stage compressor is enough to pay off the difference in first cost in less than five years, then the two stage compressor should be purchased.

This, of course, is looking at the picture from a long range stand point. It is known that some management will not buy any piece of machinery that is more expensive unless it will pay for itself in two years. Others won't buy it regardless of the savings. They are only interested in first cost. Thus some air cooled compressors are bought when they could not otherwise be justified. Many large single stage air compressors are bought instead of the two-stage unit just for this reason.

APPLICATION

Today compressed air is almost as essential to the operation of a plant as electricity, water and fuel. Practically every plant has an air compressor of one size or other. The air line is piped throughout the plant along with water and steam. In spite of the heavy demand for compressed air and for its ever increasing use, this is the most inefficient power found in the industrial plant.

It is not meant that compressed air is inefficient in its work. It is based only on the ratio of energy used to manufacture the compressed air to that energy arrived from the compressed air itself. One very good example of this is the air motor. Here it takes a 60 HP electric driven air compressor to operate a 10 HP air motor. Another example is the air cylinder. Here the ratio is a little better—about 4 to 1.

Why then is compressed air so much in demand? The primary advantages of compressed air over electricity and steam are these: It is flexible; unlike electricity an air motor cannot be damaged when it is overloaded and stalled. Unlike steam, air does not lose its power in transportation. It is safe, needing no special installation such as the power line. It is cool and will not burn as the steam pipe does. Then there are many things which can be done with air that cannot be done either by electricity, steam or hydraulic power.

Use of compressed air falls into three major categories which will be discussed below. There are many other special uses which properly cannot be classified in any of these three categories but for the most part, one either uses compressed air in a *pneumatic tool*, an *air cylinder* or he uses it in *free blowing*.

The Pneumatic Tool

This is one of the oldest and most popular uses of compressed air. In the quarry the old steam driven rock drills were soon converted over to air. Most of these tools listed below are piston operated—some are the vane type.

A few of these are: the screw drivers, wrenches, chipping hammers, grinders, nail drivers, riveters, rock drills, concrete breakers and many other mining and contracting tools. Most of these could be replaced by electric driven tools. However, experience has proven that the pneumatic tool is much more dependable and the maintenance cost is much less. Small electric tools operating off 110 volt have a tendency to stray away from the plant and end up in an em-

ploye's basement. Air tools do not create this temptation as few people have air compressors in their homes to operate them. In some plants such as radio manufacturers, high cycle electric tools interfere with the testing of radios and pneumatic tools must be used.

The Air Cylinder

The machine tool industry has found many uses of the air cylinder on their equipment—some of these being the automatic chuck, air clutch, small punch presser, spot welders, and many others.

The air cylinder is used equally as well for driving as it is for lifting. In the form of a pile driver or drop forge, it has replaced steam to drive. The air hoist of the air cylinder type is used to lift objects and to open and close large heavy doors.

Free Blowing of Air

Some of the uses are sand blasting, paint spraying, pneumatic conveying, cleaning off equipment, air ejection on rapid punch presses and many others.

Of these three the air cylinder is the most economical with regard to the consumption of air. Normally this is a positive displacement action and the amount of air required can be calculated if the volume of the cylinder and number of operations per minute are known. It should be remembered, however, that compressed air at 100 PSIG has a compression ratio of $\frac{7}{8}$ that of free air.

The most uneconomical of the three is the free blowing of air. Here a large amount of air is usually wasted. In spite of this many jobs can now be accomplished that could never have been done. Many other jobs can be done faster.

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS

Special applications of compressed air are found in the use of the non-lubricated air compressor which delivers oil-free air. By non-lubricated it is meant that no oil is allowed to enter the cylinder. This called for a special design which resulted in the use of carbon piston rings.

In the early '30's certain industries were well aware of the limitations of their compressed air plant. Breweries and food industries found that oil in the air was spoiling some of their products. A great deal of time and money was spent trying to manufacture a filter or separator which would eliminate oil from the air. Although some of these traps worked to a certain extent, none of them were perfect.

In order to produce absolute oil-

free air, the non-lubricated or carbon ring compressor came into being. At first, work along this line progressed very slowly due to the high maintenance problem connected with the rings. The primary difficulty encountered was the wearing of the rings. Horizontal compressors, which allowed the piston to drag on the cylinder wall were in their nature alone objectionable.

To overcome this some manufacturers added an extra stuffing box on the far end of the cylinder and an extended piston rod. This acted like an outboard bearing which apparently was effective to a point. However, it was still necessary for the operator to tear down the compressor every few hundred hours and turn the piston a quarter of turn. This distributed the wear on the rings. In order to speed up this operation, special heads had to be designed.

The vertical or semi-vertical compressor lends itself to the carbon ring application much better. This is only natural as the drag on the cylinder wall is much less and in the full vertical compressor it is practically eliminated.

At first the demand for this type of compressor was limited to the food industries but in the last few years, many other industries are trying it out. The Central Power Station was quick to take advantage of this type. In using compressed air for instrument control, a great deal of trouble had been encountered when oil got into the air. Now most Central Stations are installing small units, approximately 30 HP in size.

During the last few years other industries such as chemical companies, television tube manufacturers and food container manufacturers have installed non-lubricated compressors in their plant.

Most of these companies have both the standard air compressor and the non-lubricated units. However, at least one company in one of their new plants has gone over to non-lubricated air 100%.

Because the demand for this type of compressor has been accelerated during the last year, a good deal of development work is going on right now. In a cylinder where no oil is used for lubrication, steps should be taken to prevent corrosion. One manufacturer is now using chrome plated liners in their cylinders and stainless steel valves and piston rods. One other change in design which has become necessary is the length of the piston rod and distance piece. In the stand-

ard air compressor, part of the piston rod which passes through the crank case also enters the cylinder. This rod has a microscopic film of oil and some of it is bound to be wiped off in the cylinder. To prevent this a longer piston rod and distance piece is used which prevents any part of the rod that has been in the crank case to enter the cylinder.

The use of non-lubricated air being new to the industry, creates a lot of unknowns. One of these, which cannot be answered definitely right now, is the life of the air pipeline. In the standard air compressor installation, a mixture of oil and water enters the pipeline with the air. This oil forms a film around the inside of the pipe and prevents oxidation. In the non-lubricated system, the lack of oil may decrease the life of the air line greatly. Water and air cause oxidation and both of these are present in the line. This being the case, the installation of non-lubricated compressors should also include galvanized air pipe lines.

CONSERVATION OF AIR

It has been shown that compressed air is expensive, accordingly every means should be taken to conserve this air and see to it that leaks and waste are eliminated. Frequently, when the compressor is overloaded, it is not necessary to buy a new one. Sometimes as much as 25% of the entire compressor output is being lost in leaks. A lot more is probably being wasted.

LEAKS in an air compressor installation can occur anywhere. These are more frequently found in old pipeline installations. Usually they are found in the pipe fittings such as couplings, tees, unions, elbows and valves. The air hose is a common place for leaks to occur. The hose itself might leak but more often the nozzle or the pneumatic tool on the end of the hose is leaking. Packings on air cylinders are always a source of trouble.

In order to stop these leaks a frequent check of the air compressor installation should be made. As the noise of operating machinery hides the sound of escaping air, a thorough check can best be done while the plant is shut down. A good procedure for making this check is as follows:

Start up the compressor and make a tour through the plant turning off all valves and fittings that are using air. These can easily be found because escaping air makes a very distinctive hissing noise. Return to the compressor room and watch the pressure gauge on the receiver. If this falls off rapidly and the compressor is forced to pump more air into the sys-

tem, then it is known that leaks do occur. To find these leaks, follow the air line through the plant. Listen for the sound of escaping air. Hold your hand over the end of the nozzles and pneumatic tools and particularly check valves with open connections.

Leaks found this way should be corrected as soon as possible. Some of them can be taken care of while the plant is in operation but a lot of the work will probably have to be done over the week-end or at night. A good time to make this type of check is during the normal two-week vacation. This will give plenty of time to go over the entire pipe line stopping the leaks.

Even after this type of check is made and the leaks corrected, there will probably be a lot of small ones which cannot be heard or felt. To find these, go over the connections with soapy water.

WASTE OF compressed air usually results from careless operators and can only be corrected by strict policing of the system. Wasting of air means that more is used than is required. Sometimes this is very hard to determine and can only be done by actual tests.

Some of the more common places where air is wasted are as follows: Air ejectors in rapid punch presses; ejection of chips from lathes; failure to use foot or cam operated air valves; allowing nozzles in sand blasting operations to become worn.

One of the most frequent means of wasting air is to use it for cooling purposes. In the summer time a constant check must be made to prevent this. Men find that by cracking open an air valve and allowing the expanding air to blow over them, they have a very effective cooling system. It is much cheaper to buy fans.

To prevent this waste it is a full time job. Tests should be run to find out just how much air must be used to do an efficient job. Care should be taken that the volume of air is not reduced to a point where efficiency is hurt. In the case of air ejectors, cam operated valves should be used so air is only allowed to blow when the stroke of the press is completed and the object is ready to be ejected. The amount of air consumed should be regulated so that just enough is used to eject the object. In the use of air for blowing chips away from a lathe, checks should also be made to determine the minimum size copper tube that can be used. Many plant engineers then crimp the end of the tube so as to decrease the size of outlet.

In places where air is used for testing tanks, etc., foot valves should always be used so the operator can readily shut off the air while he is reaching for another tank.

A word of caution should be injected at this point. Some manufacturers actually have become too cautious in the use of air. Today, the price paid for labor is more than double that of a few years ago. At the same time, power cost, electricity, has actually gone down. As shown earlier in this report energy cost represents over half the cost of compressing air. In certain types of jobs the conserving of air will actually increase the length of time to do the job. When this happens then management is paying more for their production cost. For this reason careful tests should be run to find out just how much air is required to do the job without any loss of time.

OVERTIME VS. PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Today, due to the high cost of labor, many plants are eliminating all overtime which is not absolutely necessary. Unfortunately, some plant managers feel that preventative maintenance on air compressors is unnecessary. Normally in these same plants the compressor operates continuously and with the exception of the noon hour, there is no time that maintenance work can be done.

An example of how inconsistent this can be was found in a Chicago plant. There were two 75 HP single stage compressors—one being a couple of years older than the other. Last winter the plant manager became alarmed because the air pressure was falling off and as far as he could see, his production was actually lower than it had been a few months before. Accordingly, he rightfully reasoned that less air should be used, so a check of his installation was made by the compressor manufacturer's representative.

In the morning while the plant was operating the compressors could only be inspected from the outside and from all outward appearances, they were in good condition. It was, however, noticed that the intake filters were inside of the room and on one installation, this filter had become so dirty that it was super-saturated and dirt was falling onto the floor. The operator mentioned that one of the compressors had been gone over about four weeks previously and all the valves and the filter had been cleaned. The other compressor had not been touched for at least four months.

He went on to state that management would not allow any overtime and there wasn't time during the normal days operation to do this work as both compressors were operating continuously.

In the morning a trip around the plant was made to look over the pipe line to find out how the air was being used. This being a steel fabricating plant, most of the air was used in pneumatic tools. For every five tools in the plant, two were in operation. The other three were laying on the floor and in a lot of cases air was leaking through the valves. Before any further check was made the plant engineer was told that probably 20% of his compressed air was being lost in leaks. It was also pointed out that barring any broken valves or piston rings in the compressor, the only thing that could cause a drop in efficiency was dirty valves and the air filter. Either one of these could decrease the overall efficiency of an air compressor ten to fifteen per cent.

During the noon hour when the entire plant was down and no air was being used for production, a check was made of the above statements. First the compressor which had recently been cleaned was operated. It was found that exactly 20% of the entire plant's compressed air was being lost in leaks. This amounted to 128 CFM. After this check was made, the second compressor, which was the newest of the two, was operated in order to check it against the clean one. It was found that this compressor put out 34 CFM less than the clean one. This represented about 11% of its output.

Knowing that single stage compressed air costs about \$.064 per 1000 cubic feet, it was shown that leaks in this plant were costing them \$3.98 an hour and the dirty compressor was costing them \$1.01 an hour. The plant operated about 16 hours a day.

In order to go over one of these compressors completely cleaning the valves and the air filter, it would take about a total of eight man hours. Figuring this on the basis of \$1.75 an hour at time and a half, it would cost them about \$21.00. In less than two days time this plant was losing enough money to pay for a good cleaning of their compressor. Yet management would not allow this even after four months.

The surprising thing about the leaks in this plant was that they were so located that most of them could have been corrected during normal operating time.

PROGRESS BY BELT CONVEYORS*

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To illustrate materials handling magic, I should like to point to a few examples of belt conveyors in action. Then I would like to explore what I believe are the three most promising newer fields in which belt conveyors can, and will, benefit industry.

The building of our great dams in the West to produce hydro-electric power, with which Buffalo is so richly and naturally endowed, gave the belt conveyor one of its finest opportunities to prove its worth in a most spectacular way. In fact, the whole idea for super-long conveyor lines may have been born with the construction of these dams.

Shasta Conveyors

The longest conveyor system ever operated was constructed at Shasta, on the Sacramento River in California, where a ten mile belt conveyor system was able to handle the 12,000,000 tons of aggregates at a cost approximately one-third below the railroad. Before deciding on a conveyor, engineers had estimated that aggregates would fill six freight trains a day and the operation would require the building of many spur lines and sidings, making the project too costly for a railroad to attempt.

Grand Coulee Conveyors

At Grand Coulee in Washington, the only practical means of transporting construction aggregates was on a straight-line belt conveyor, with sections averaging 1000 feet in length, that carried 1000 tons an hour and finally spanned the river on a low-cost, 3500-foot suspension bridge. A second conveyor system removed the principal excavation at a rate of 4000 tons an hour. Had this operation been attempted by truck, it would have required a super-highway some three miles long, filled with trucks operating continuously about a hundred feet apart.

Bull Shoals Dam

After these successful and cost saving experiences, it was natural that the same system be used in the construction of the Bull Shoals dam in Arkansas. Today a seven-mile conveyor—the longest now in operation—is rolling steadily at the job of moving about 4,000,000 tons of aggregate

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needed to build this giant hydro-electric power project.

Sand and Crushed Rock

Another phase of conveyorization in the aggregates field is well depicted in this area by the conveyor systems at the Federal and Buffalo crushed stone companies, the Genesee Sand and Gravel Company and the Leroy Lime and Crushed Stone plant not far from here, as well as at the companies, like Buffalo Sintering and Buffalo Slag, who turn slag into roofing and road-building materials.

Grain Industry

Another industry that is important to Buffalo and to conveyors is the grain industry, both in its elevator and flour and feed stages.

Large grain elevators like Standard, Canadian Pool, and Concrete Central are completely conveyorized and can handle tremendous quantities of barley, wheat, corn and oats on belts at an average of 18 to 20 thousand bushels an hour. Often the conveyors serve another purpose, for when stored corn or wheat generates too much heat, it is put on belts and run around the system until it cools down.

Often the operation is continuous. Grain is pulled up from the ships on a marine leg conveyor, elevated and run through an empty bin to be weighed, and immediately discharged into waiting railroad cars in a single rapid conveyor movement. In one instance, Marine Elevator began work on a shipload of 458,000 bushels of barley at seven o'clock in the morning. By 11:45 that night the grain was loaded in 250 railroad cars and everybody was ready to go home. That day they had loaded about 15 car-loads an hour!

From grain and flour to coal and iron ore is a long gap, but it is bridged by the ever-present belt conveyor system. Conveyorization in the mines has become as essential to greater productivity as it has in the flour and feed mills of Washburn Crosby and General Mills. As labor production costs in the mines rise and as the demand for coal increases, the necessity for more mechanization increases too. And the mechanical mining devices for digging more coal cannot operate unless there is continuous removal of the coal.

Coal Mining

As long as twenty-five years ago, a large coal company in Pennsylvania

replaced its six-mile underground railroad with a belt conveyor system. Today, this system regularly delivers upwards of 1800 tons of coal an hour from the work facings, through a mountain, to waiting barges on the Monongahela River. This was more than a major achievement in heavy materials handling—this was the proving ground of an entirely new mode of transportation. A similar installation notable for its single conveyor with 10,900 foot centers, is going into operation shortly near Morgantown, West Virginia.

On the coast of Southern Chile a remarkable conveyor installation is at work today in a coal mine some three hundred feet under the bed of the ocean. Through a mine tunnel running out under the ocean a 4700-foot belt conveyor hauls coal back to the shore line where it is passed on a series of slope conveyors through a four thousand foot tunnel up to the preparation plant 600 feet back of the water's edge. Here it is cleaned and sized for transportation to the docks for export all over the world.

To date some 1000 miles of belt conveyors have been installed in our mines, leaving 4000 miles to go for complete conveyorization. This first step, however, has already helped increase production to six tons of coal per man-day, while England turns out a little over a ton a man-day and Germany and France less than that.

Throughout the industries that depend upon coal, belt conveyors are today making themselves indispensable. One of the largest coal and coke handling installations in the country operates at the Donner Hana Coke Corporation, where one hundred percent conveyorization insures the production of vital fuel for industry in the Niagara Frontier. At the Semet-Solvay plant a belt conveyor picks up coal directly from barges on the river, tunnels under a road, and carries it to the works half-a-mile away. In both these installations the same conveyors reverse themselves and transport the finished coke.

Industrial Plant Material Handling

The Bethlehem, Republic and Wickwire-Spencer steel plants in this area are all conveyorized for handling bulk materials as well as for handling steel. For Bethlehem, designs are progressing for a system of conveyors and vibrating machinery for transporting and sizing ores, coal and coke that will make up the largest and most modern sintering plant in the country.

On a somewhat smaller scale, although every bit as successful, coal yards such as Hedstrom, Yates-Lehigh and Bettinger, use one or two main conveyors operating in conjunction with elevators for easier and quicker handling.

Two other local industries that duplicate the national picture in relying on conveyors for economic handling of materials are industrial chemical plants and power stations. Buffalo Electro-Chemical and Hooker Electro-Chemical among the former group, and the Niagara-Mohawk Power Company's Huntly Station—largest in State—and the new Dunkirk station all are conveyORIZED.

Belt conveyors are not limited to carrying huge quantities of rugged materials for long distances. Soft goods like bulk and bagged sugar, sulphur, nitrates and fertilizer are all transported on conveyors, as are baggage and dishes in hotels and spinach in food processing plants. Often a very ingenious use of a belt opens up a new field to conveyors and exemplifies the varied problems that are solved every day by the conveying industry.

The Norton Laboratories, a plastic manufacturing firm, had some difficulties caused by too much reflection from a certain section of moulded plastic camera part they were making. Sandblasting by hand to rough up the surface of one area of the part, while leaving the remainder smooth, proved to be too expensive. By taking their problem to the J. M. Cranz Company, Hewitt-Robins distributors in this area, they came away with a 30-foot conveyor belt cut with windows exactly fitting the area of the part to be sandblasted. The camera parts rode along the belt; the exposed portions took a sandblasting from below; and the finished products were neatly discharged into boxes at the far end of the line.

Three Promising Fields

These, then, are some of the problems the conveying industry and the materials handling engineer have already been called upon to solve and some of the solutions they have developed. A significant fact is that many of these installations were first designed to overcome difficulties in one particular company and later went on to become standard practice for an entire industry. New developments will continue to come forth in those industries where conveyors are already employed. Three new fields, however, seem to offer the most challenge and the most promising reward for the materials handling engineer. They

are: long lines belt conveyors; the processing of raw materials; and maritime conveyors.

In long lines belt conveyor systems we have one of the most imagination-provoking—as well as one of the most practical—projects in present-day transportation. These belt conveyor systems that would carry bulk materials for hundreds of miles overland may, in time, completely revolutionize certain segments of our present transportation system.

Riverlake Belt Conveyor Line

The most ambitious of these projects is the proposed Riverlake Belt Conveyor Line—a \$210,000,000 two-way belt conveyor that would connect Lake Erie and the Ohio River, carrying iron ore south and coal north at a saving of between twenty and forty-five million dollars a year.

This system would extend for 103 miles from the port of Lorain on Lake Erie to a point on the Ohio River near East Liverpool. With spur lines serving Youngstown and Cleveland, the total system would measure 130 miles. Composed of some 172 sections of separate belts, as presently designed, Riverlake will include the most modern dockage facilities on the Lake and a preparation plant for washing and grading coal enroute. Stockpiles will be constructed to enable mines to work a year-round schedule.

Running straight toward its objective, over hills and through valleys, the two-belt system will be encased in a metal cylinder and elevated over twenty feet from the ground. Ingenious design at the junction points of the separate flights permits the northbound belt carrying coal to flip over, after it has passed on its load, and become the southbound ore-carrying belt.

The savings on transportation costs anticipated by this system are amazing. At a maximum yearly tonnage of 32,000,000 long tons of ore going south and 20,000,000 tons of coal going north, savings of about \$1.50 a ton on coal and about 68 cents a ton on iron ore are estimated. Minimum cargo requirements will be a total of 30,000,000 tons for the entire system.

A year has now passed since the first proposals for Riverlake were made. In the intervening time engineers from several companies in the conveying industry have been working with the Riverlake people on the tremendous number of details comprising a project of this nature, and frequent planning meetings are held.

Riverlake has the support and endorsement of both management and labor in most of the industries in the area to be served by the system. Although legislation affecting a right-of-way was tabled in the Ohio Legislature last year, a major effort to have the bill passed will be made at the next session in 1951.

The advantages and economics offered in support of Riverlake are those inherent in all belt conveyor systems. I should like to touch on them briefly in passing.

Advantages of Conveyor Systems

Conveyor systems offer the lowest cost-per-ton transportation for bulk tonnages. As tonnages rise, the cost-per-ton drops.

Whether a conveyor is carrying maximum or minimum loads, it requires the same minimum equipment and personnel.

Its installation, operation, and maintenance costs are lower than any other type of overland common carrier.

It can travel in a straight line, following the contours of the land to grades as high as 34 per cent.

A framework of structural steel or timber is sufficient, for the heavy tonnages carried travel in a continuous flow; therefore no costly bridges are needed to span rivers, ravines, highways or railroads.

A belt conveyor can—and usually does—operate continuously without time lost for loading and unloading, for starting and stopping.

Critics of Riverlake popped up as soon as it was announced, but none of them could challenge it seriously along practical and feasible engineering lines. In this country where we already have extensive transportation facilities and in other countries where current transport is inadequate, I believe, long-line conveyor systems are the bulk cargo carriers of tomorrow.

I mentioned before that the conveyor idea was not new, but that some of its applications were not only new, but revolutionary. The second of the newer fields for materials handling—the processing of raw materials—comes under this heading.

Conveyors in Processing Materials

If, while we are moving a material from A to B, we do something to it—wash it, grade it, or blend it—we have added the operation called processing to conveyORIZATION. This step adds to the economy of the system, for when a material is reposing in a storage pile awaiting the next step in its preparation for use, it is costing someone money.

Processing, in a general sense, can mean a material entering a plant as a solid, passing through several stages of transformation, and emerging as a liquid—all in a continuous motion. In a specific sense, it can mean the flow of coal leaving a mine and entering a preparation plant to be sized, crushed, washed, blended and delivered in the form and at the rate required to be burned to generate electricity.

One of the main cost-saving factors of processing is the engineering of the installation so that the material moves continuously through the plant at a controllable rate. Thus the belt conveyor becomes important and necessary to the operation.

Blending Materials

Possibly the most valuable form of processing at work today is the system by which raw materials of varying grades are blended to produce a more uniform product for further use. These systems are designed to make a true blend of uniform quality, rather than an ordinary mix. There seems to be some confusion about the difference between the terms mixing and blending. Perhaps the advertising boys who tell us how they blend our tobacco and our whiskey are to blame for the mixing of the two terms.

A mix is merely the combination of two or more materials. A blend is combining them to produce a final product in which each sample contains an exact proportional amount of each of the component materials as they appeared in the original mass.

For a number of years some of our leading steel companies have been using a blending system by which iron ores of high and low grades are combined to produce an amazingly uniform product for the blast furnaces. When the ore is properly blended the rarity of burden changes, such as limestone and coke, is remarkable.

The job of altering the basicity of the materials going into the furnace is greatly reduced.

Since the introduction of this blending system, many blast furnaces have shown increases in output of better than five per cent. Metallurgical coke consumption has decreased about 300 pounds of coke per ton of iron ore produced, and the iron quality and regularity has improved, a vital and important factor in the manufacture of steel.

Successful as blending has been in increasing the yield from iron ores, it has never before been used in coke-making to blend the coal going into the steel industry's metallurgical coke ovens. This year in England, for the first time a blending system has been

designed to blend coal for the steel-makers.

Blending of coal is most important to the steel industry, where full production means an average of 203 tons of coal per minute for 24 hours a day. The high rate of mechanization necessary in the coal mines today produces a coal that is widely variable in content. However, to compete successfully with one another and to produce steel at a profit, steel mills must work at an operational efficiency peak. They must function within the narrowest possible range of variation in raw materials content. Thus a blending system incorporated in their coke plant's conveyor system becomes almost a requisite.

Steelmen will be watching this year the installation and initial operation of this first system for blending coking coal at the John Summers Works, one of England's largest steel plants. As the carloads of coal of varying grades of high and low volatility enter the plant, the system immediately takes charge. The different grades of coal are first distributed by conveyor in thin layers running the length of long piles or beds. When the beds reach the required height, a reclaimer goes into operation. This machine has a large harrow-like face, the size of the cross section of the bed. Working into the bed lengthwise at about four feet a minute, the harrow rakes down coal simultaneously from each layer of the bed. As the coal piles up at the base of the reclaimer, a conveyor collects the fully blended material and carries it to a belt conveyor for transportation to the coke ovens. Thus the blends that go into the ovens are always physically and chemically substantially the same.

Further possibilities for coal blending systems strike the imagination when one thinks of chemical plants using coal, by-product coke plants and the blending of coke itself for various large-scale uses. With proper blending, public utility steam generating stations would find they could produce more steam per pound of coal consumer. In fact, any industry concerned with large quantities of varying grades of materials would do well to consider blending for increased production.

Conveyors in Maritime Industry

The third field offering the most promise for the materials handling engineer touches not only the greater productivity of industry in general but it concerns one of the most basic factors in our national defense—the maritime industry. A healthy shipping industry, operating out of efficient and well designed ports, is vital to our economic and political security.

Many forward steps are being undertaken today by both private companies, and municipal port authorities toward the modernization of our port facilities and in the development of new designs in cargo carrying ships. This is just surface scratching, however, for we have a long way to go before we can feel satisfied that our waterborne cargo carrying facilities have reached their peak of efficiency and development.

For example, it is estimated that some two million tons of general cargo are now by-passing one East Coast port because of a lack of adequate port facilities. This situation is being repeated all over the country in many ports where our domestic fleet operates. The cost of loading and unloading general cargo has crept higher and higher, until today it consumes at least fifty per cent of total operating costs. These operating difficulties are partly responsible for the fact that in the past ten years our domestic salt water merchant fleet has declined from 470 to 175 ships, according to the United States Maritime Commission.

Bulk Cargo Handling

Gentlemen, I feel the answer to these high cargo handling costs, and therefore the solution to one of our maritime industry's most pressing problems, is a conveyORIZED dock installation for handling general cargo.

Already we have made great strides toward lowering both bulk and packaged cargo handling costs by the use of conveyor systems. The task will not be a simple one, but I believe the materials handling industry is well equipped to design conveyor systems that will handle any sort of cargo with the same ease and economy that we now handle tons of iron ore and boxes of canned pineapple.

The problems presented in handling general cargo are formidable for it appears at the dock in every conceivable shape and size—from pickle barrels to steel structural shapes. New types of conveyor systems must be designed that will handle these varied shapes, or perhaps a form of palletization must be worked out to reduce them to standard shaped units. When we accomplish these tasks, I can see general cargo conveyors running down a pier and discharging their loads to inclined conveyors that will take the cargo aboard the ship in a time and effort saving operation that might cut cargo handling costs as much as 50 per cent.

The heavy physical labor of stevedores would be decreased, loading and unloading time would be cut, and would demurrage and damage. In

short, overall handling costs would come down.

One of the problems that always must be faced by the modern port designer is the space required for both storage and for trucks delivering goods. If conveyor systems were used, this space could be given over entirely for storage, while trucks could pass their loads on to conveyors at points some distance from the highly congested dock area.

Older and smaller piers could be modernized and made more useful by conveyor systems. For example, a new conveyor system at a grain dock in an East Coast port increases the rotation of ships carrying both grain and general cargo by cutting the unloading time of the grain ships by six days.

Bulk cargo handling is one phase of the maritime field where conveyors have been notably successful.

Ore Cargo Problems

With experts anticipating the gradual exhaustion of our chief source of high grade iron ore, the Mesabi Range, steel company geologists have been scouring the world for years for new, and untapped, deposits of iron ore. You have, undoubtedly, read of some of their notable discoveries.

One of the most recent has been made in Liberia, West Africa, by the Republic Steel Corporation, where a new mine has been located in the Bomi Hills offering a high grade ore that is equivalent to the ore now being obtained in Brazil and Venezuela.

Chief among the problems of getting this ore aboard ships and delivered to its destinations at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Mobile, is the construction of adequate docking and loading facilities in Liberia to insure a steady flow of shipments.

To handle the huge quantities of this vital material, a dockside conveyor installation has been designed that will stockpile 150,000 tons of ore at all times and will deliver ore to ships at a rate of 2500 tons an hour. Provisions have been made to handle double that capacity in the future.

The ore is brought from the mines, about a hundred miles inland, on railroad cars to the installation at Monrovia, capital and main port of Liberia. Here it is taken by belt conveyors to the storage area where it goes into stockpiles.

Upon the arrival of a ship the system reclaims ore from storage and delivers it directly to the dock where a traveling ship-loading tower with a boom conveyor takes over. The tower moves along the dock the length of the vessel with the boom shuttling across the ship at the same time. Thus the ore is neatly and properly stowed

in the hold. This double action of the tower and the boom makes it unnecessary to move the ship during loading operations.

The entire dockside installation, estimated to cost half a million dollars, will take a year to build, and when completed will have seven conveyors totalling 2400 feet in length and using 5000 feet of belting.

Rich iron ore deposits in two other widely separated countries, Labrador and Venezuela, were spotlighted recently and had materials handling engineers reaching for their maps and slide rules.

First in order of discovery is the Hollinger-Hanna concession in Labrador, where rough terrain would make it almost mandatory to have a belt conveyor feeding ore to the projected railroad. Because they can run through country where no railroad can operate, conveying systems can make possible profitable railroad operations. This ore would be loaded on railroad cars at the mines by conveyor and delivered to the St. Lawrence River where a conveyorized port installation would speed it aboard ships bound for Buffalo and the West or down the East Coast.

Perhaps even more important than the iron in Labrador are the three exceedingly rich deposits in Venezuela. One, at El Pao, is already being developed by the Bethlehem Steel Company and a loading and stockpiling port installation consisting of four 1000 foot Hewitt-Robins conveyors and the necessary loading machinery is being readied for operation this Spring. It is entirely possible that shipments of ore from the heights of South American mountains will find their way next year into the Bethlehem plant in this city.

Recently the United States Steel Company announced its discovery of an amazing 2000 foot mountain of iron, at Cerro Bolivar, which has been called the richest single iron deposit in the world. A nearby area, said to be equally as rich, has been uncovered by the Venezuelan government.

Plans have been announced for the development of both these deposits and for one, a long line belt conveyor has been suggested that would cut through the jungle carrying ore from the mine to water transportation. Because Venezuela has little coking coal, the emergence of a home-grown steel industry seems remote, so it is believed that most of the ore will be shipped to this country.

Modern port facilities are already planned at several places on the East Coast for the receipt of shipments of

this ore. Conveyors will play a large part in unloading and transferring ore to railroad cars, and future years may see long lines conveyors carrying the ore directly to the steel plants.

Self-Unloading Ships

Another facet of the bulk cargo handling field appears here in Buffalo and on the Lakes where fleets of self-unloading ships are delivering bulk materials for such ship operators as Boland and Cornelius, Bradley Transportation, the Hutchinson and other important lines. Throughout the Lakes more and more ship owners are turning to self-unloaders when the time comes to replace out-moded ships in their fleets.

These self-unloading ships, chiefly developed by Hewitt-Robins, can discharge 10,000 tons of bulk cargo and neatly pile it ashore in about five hours with as few as three men handling the conveyors, and, if dock space permits, without the assistance of any shore-based facilities. At the local Buffalo docks of the Michigan Limestone and Chemical Company, for example, you can see the ease with which these self-unloaders handle their cargoes of limestone.

These ships were not all built specifically for self-unloading. Many very successful conversions have been made of cargo ships that had been operating for as long as thirty years by grab-bucket unloading methods. In general, a self-unloader consists of a pair of belt conveyors served by a hoppers hold. These conveyors deliver to an inclined pan conveyor which carries the load to the deck and feeds it to a boom conveyor. The boom pivots out to the delivery area where it discharges the cargo.

Until recently, only shippers of bulk materials could keep down their costs by utilizing conveyors. Today, however, a system of portable conveyors and elevators has been designed to load and stow packaged cargo. It is estimated that 25 percent of the total man-hours involved in loading go toward stowing this boxed cargo. With the introduction of these conveyors, shippers can now reduce this time considerably. These systems appearing for the first time as an integral part of a ship's structure, are nearing completion aboard three of the newest and fastest round-the-world passenger-cargo ships, now being built for the American President Lines. By means of the system, 1500 pieces of boxed cargo, of a maximum weight of 250 pounds, can be loaded in an hour. The cargo is brought aboard through side loading ports where portable conveyors, carry

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PROGRESS NEWS

U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

STUDIES OF JAPANESE ATOMIC BOMB SURVIVORS

Japanese survivors of the atomic bombings at Hiroshima and Nagasaki have apparently recovered from the acute or immediate effects of the bombings, but within recent months the first evidence of delayed effects—the formation of eye cataracts—has come to light, according to records of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission of the National Research Council.

Since 1947, with the support of the Atomic Energy Commission, the ABCC has conducted continuous studies of the medical and genetics effects on the populations of the two bombed cities.

The findings will be reported in the scientific literature and will be made available to the Department of Defense, National Security Resources Board, U. S. Public Health Service and other agencies, who will be responsible for defense and relief measures in the event of an atomic disaster in this country. To date ABCC has accumulated some data on more than 150,000 persons in the bombed areas.

Dr. George Hardie, AEC Medical Branch, and John V. Lannan, AEC Finance Division, are now in Japan to study operations of the ABCC program. A similar survey was made in 1949 by Dr. John Z. Bowers, of the Division of Biology and Medicine, Dr. Hardie was formerly associated with the Division of Preventive Medicine, Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Lannan went to Japan from Formosa, where he has been on a special assignment for the Economic Cooperation Administration, on loan from the AEC.

Following the discovery that radiation similar to that released in an atomic bomb burst had caused cataracts to form in the eyes of research workers in this country, a preliminary ophthalmic survey was started at Hiroshima last year. This survey, led by Dr. David G. Cogan and Dr. S. Forrest Martin of the Harvard Medical School, revealed ten cases of cataracts believed to have been caused by the atomic bomb. Subsequent examination of 1000 persons, most of whom were within 3,000 feet of the point above which the bomb exploded, has led to the discovery of about 40 certain cases of radiation cataract and an additional 40 suspected cases.

Much of the effort of the ABCC has necessarily been expended in learning more about the normal state of health of the Japanese people. This has been made more difficult by the great social changes resulting from the war and the artificial type of population control resulting from the strong regulation of civilian activities during almost 10 years of war.

The initial arrangements for the genetics program were organized in January 1947 by Dr. James V. Neel, University of Michigan, the first Director of ABCC. The current program is under the direction of Dr. H. Grant Taylor and Dr. William J. Schull.

One of the primary operating problems in the past has been the lack of housing at Hiroshima for the 135 American personnel working on the program. At present these persons must commute from

Kure, 30 miles away, where they have been living, often in sub-standard housing, and have been spending about three and a half hours per man per day in travel. A housing construction program designed to accommodate all American personnel working in Hiroshima is contemplated.

ATOMIC ENERGY SCIENTISTS MEASURE LONGEST KNOWN TIME INTERVAL AND BRIEF HALF-LIFE OF NEUTRAL MESON

The longest time interval ever measured has been reported within recent weeks by atomic scientists at the Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago. At the other end of the time scale, another group of scientists has clocked the life-span of the most ephemeral known sub-atomic particle at the Radiation Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley.

The two newly measured time intervals make a striking contrast. The longer interval is 5×10^{-10} (5 followed by 41 zeros) times greater than the smaller.

The half-life of a radioactive species or isotope of the sulfur-like element tellurium, known as tellurium 130, was measured at 1.5 sextillion (15 followed by 20 zeros) years by Dr. Mark G. Ingraham and John Reynolds of the spectroscopy laboratory at Argonne National Laboratory. Up until now tellurium 130 was thought to be a stable or non-radioactive isotope of tellurium.

The half-life of a radioactive isotope is the period of time in which half of the atoms in a sample will undergo radioactive decay. The half-life for any given radioactive isotope is unique and is characteristic of that isotope. Stable isotopes do not undergo radioactive decay and hence appear to have an infinite half-life.

The measured half-life of tellurium 130 is about 500 billion times greater than the age of the earth which is estimated at about 3 billion years. Thus, only an infinitesimal amount of the earth's original tellurium content has so far decayed.

According to relativity theory, the speed of light (about 186,000 miles per second) is the top velocity for any material particle. The measured half-life of the meson is so short that during this time light itself can move only about one-thousandth of an inch.

NEW PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ATOMIC ENERGY TECHNICAL REPORTS

American business firms will have easier access to non-secret atomic energy technical reports under a new distribution plan announced jointly by the Atomic Energy Commission and the U. S. Department of Commerce.

Under the plan the Office of Technical Services of the Department of Commerce will become the sales agency and reference source for non-secret AEC technical reports.

Both the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Commerce expect the new plan to extend the use by American business firms of the valuable technological results of atomic energy research. These findings frequently relate to fields other than nuclear physics, and have proved to be of interest to all types of manufacturers, small as well as large.

NON-SECRET ATOMIC ENERGY REPORTS AVAILABLE IN 31 LIBRARIES

Thirty-one American libraries in all parts of the country have been named as official depositories for complete sets of atomic energy declassified and unclassified research reports by Atomic Energy Commission.

The complete list of depository libraries are:

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ATOMIC ENERGY SOURCEBOOK

The *Sourcebook on Atomic Energy* by Dr. Samuel Glasstone, has been awarded to the D. Van Nostrand Company of New York by the Atomic Energy Commission.

The *Sourcebook on Atomic Energy* is a 450-page treatise on the non-secret scientific and technical aspects of atomic energy, particularly suitable for use by college students, teachers, textbook authors, and publishers. The publication date will be about December 1, 1950. Price \$2.90.

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TECHNICAL SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS MEETINGS

**AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS
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Salt Lake City, Utah
August 28-31, 1950

The essential role of the mining industry in the nation's defense will be clearly emphasized at a forthcoming meeting of some 2,000 metal and nonmetallic mining men who will convene at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 28-31 for sessions of the American Mining Congress.

Members of Congress, high Government officials, and leading men of the mining industry will participate in important discussions ranging from stockpiling for national security, atomic energy developments, and the foreign aid program, to labor relations, taxation, public land policies, mineral tariffs and the outlook for the metals. In addition to these economic and legislative matters, one of the most comprehensive programs on operating and production problems ever prepared will be presented at a series of special sessions on new developments in mining and milling.

GOVERNMENT SPEAKERS

Feature speakers from Government at the meeting will include Senator Harry P. Cain of Washington, who will discuss "The Future of Gold"; Representative Clair Engle of California, who will outline "Problems of the Small Mine Operators"; Representative Carl T. Durham of North Carolina, Chairman of a House Armed Services subcommittee on stockpiling, who will present a review of the nation's stockpiling program for strategic and critical materials; Representative Graham A. Barden, also of North Carolina, Chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, who will address the meeting on "The Future of Our Labor Law"; and C. Girard Davidson, Assistant Secretary of Interior who will explain current proposals that the Interior Department has made for changing the mining laws.

Other Government spokesmen and the subjects of their addresses include: Carl Rolle, stockpile advisor, Munitions Board, Washington, "Progress in Stockpiling for National Security"; R. L. Wilcox, Economic Cooperation Administration, Washington, "The Foreign Aid Program and its Relation to the Mining Industry"; Sumner T. Pike, Member, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, "Atomic Energy for Industrial Power"; Jesse C. Johnson, manager, Raw Materials Operations, AEC, Washington, "Uranium Procurement Policies and Plans"; Frank H. MacPherson, manager, Colorado Raw Materials Operations, AEC, Grand Junction, Colo., "Economics of Domestic Uranium Production"; and Doris H. Blackman, geologist, U. S. Geological Survey Grand Junction, Colo., "Prospecting for Carnotite Deposits."

SPEAKERS FROM INDUSTRY

Outstanding leaders from industry will share the spotlight with these Government officials. Among those scheduled to address the Convention are: Simon D. Strauss, vice president, American Smelting & Refining Co., New York, on "Outlook for the Nonferrous Metals and for Silver"; Paul H. Hunt, vice president, Park Utah Consolidated Mines Co., Salt Lake City, "Trend of Metal Production, Wages and Prices"; J. W. Tapp, vice president, Bank of America, San Francisco, "Sound Currency for a Sound Economy"; Joseph Stagg Lawrence, vice

president, Empire Trust Co., New York, "Gold"; Paul B. Jessup, vice president, Day Mines, Inc., Wallace, Idaho, "Tariff Needs of the Mining Industry"; David D. Baker, consulting mining & metallurgical engineer, Bishop, Calif., "Domestic Supplies of Strategic Minerals"; Dan H. Harrington, for many years head of the Health & Safety Branch of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Washington, "Safety Progress in Metal Mining"; A. C. Thornton, industrial relations manager, International Minerals & Chemical Corp., Chicago, "Labor Relations Today"; Donald A. Callahan, president, Callahan Consolidated Mines, Inc., Wallace, Idaho, C. Jay Parkinson, Attorney, Salt Lake City, and Charles F. Willis, State Secretary, Arizona Small Mine Operators Assn., Phoenix, Ariz., on "Proposed Changes in the Mining Laws"; P. J. Shenon, head, Department of Mining, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, "The Phosphate Industry—What it Means to the West"; M. G. McGrath, manager, Vitro Manufacturing Co., Grand Junction, Colo., "Processing of Uranium Ores—Engineering and Metallurgical Aspects"; Charles M. Hackett, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del., "Public Relations and Public Opinion"; and James E. Hogle, president, Rico-Argentine Mining Co., Salt Lake City, "Public Relations—The Importance of the Stockholder"; and speakers on Federal taxation and the mining industry.

A special "Welcoming" Luncheon will be held Monday noon, August 28, with D. D. Moffat, Salt Lake City, chairman of the Western Division of the American Mining Congress presiding. A welcome to Utah will be extended to Convention visitors by Governor J. Bracken Lee, while Mayor Earl J. Glade will greet them on behalf of the city. Howard I. Young, St. Louis president of the AMC, Roy A. Hardy, Reno, chairman of the Convention Program Committee, and M. L. McCormack, chairman, Manufacturers Division, AMC, will respond for the mining industry.

PRODUCTION PROBLEMS CONSIDERED

The special sessions devoted to production problems will be participated in by leading operating personnel from mine operations, both in the United States and in Canada. The sustained effort of the industry to raise its productive efficiency and reduce costs through improvement in operating practices, in both mining and milling, will be given serious consideration by those in attendance. Among the major subjects to be discussed at these sessions are "packaged" timber handling; the application and performance of new milling equipment; the construction of a new mill by the Golden Cycle Corp., at Cripple Creek, Colo., which will renew the life of an old and important gold mining district; the development of the White Pine mine at Painesdale, Mich., which has added several million tons of copper ore to the nation's reserves; progress toward production at the Blackbird cobalt mine on the fringe of the Idaho wilderness area, an important addition to our strategic reserves; geochemical prospecting, which may lead to the finding of untold hidden mineral wealth; the use of trackless mechanized mining methods in the great mines of the Lead Belt of southeastern Missouri; a means of increasing grinding efficiency; hydraulic ore hoisting; and developments in rock drilling and blasting.

Special round-table conferences will be held on August 31 for discussion of mine taxation, gold, strategic minerals, and public lands.

A Resolutions Committee will draft a Declaration of Policy for the industry, undertaking this task on August 26 and 27. The resolutions on various subjects will be submitted at appropriate points in the general sessions of the convention, thus allowing full consideration of the important issues on which the position of the mining industry is to be set forth.

In addition to the convention sessions, over 110 manufacturers of mining equipment and supplies will be represented with displays in the largest metal mining exposition ever held. Delegates to the meeting will have an opportunity to inspect the latest equipment developments and to talk over their equipment problems with the experts in the manufacturing field. Both the convention and exposition will be held at the Utah State Fair Grounds.

CONVENTION TRIPS PLANNED

A Convention Trips Committee has scheduled an airplane inspection trip from Salt Lake City airport on Friday morning, September 1, consisting of an hour and a half flight over mining operations at Bingham, Tooele, Tintic-Eureka, Cottonwood, Alta, Park City and returning to Salt Lake City. Visitors will be furnished maps of the various mining districts showing the general geologic and structural features and a geologist will accompany each flight to describe points of interest.

On the afternoon of September 1 convention visitors will have an opportunity to inspect the Geneva Steel Plant near Provo, Utah. Company guides will conduct the mining men through this great western steel plant.

On Saturday, September 2 a trip will be made to the Garfield smelter, the Magna and Arthur mills, and the open-pit operations of Kennecott Copper Corporation's Utah Copper mine at Bingham Canyon, Utah.

The U. S. Bureau of Mines has also invited mining men attending the American Mining Congress meeting to visit its oil shale demonstration project at Rifle, Colo. Special pullman cars are being made available by the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad to transport convention visitors from Salt Lake City. The trip will start from Salt Lake City late afternoon on September 1, with September 2 being spent at Rifle.

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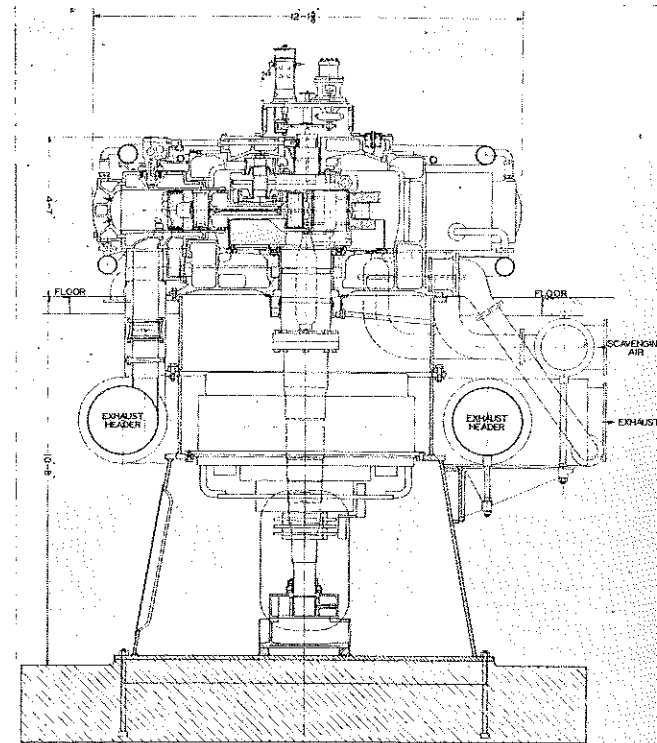
Equipment News

In these columns the latest in equipment of interest to our readers is reviewed. Many readers request additional information and prices. For their convenience each article is numbered. Fill in the number on the coupon at the bottom of the page and mail your request to Mines Magazine, checking information requested.

Nordberg Radial Engine (743)

Recent addition to the extensive line of internal combustion engines built by Nordberg Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin, is a two-cycle, 11-cylinder, 14" x 16" radial engine. It is built as an oil burning Diesel engine, as a spark fired gas engine or as a Duafuel engine. The engine develops from 1650 HP net at 400 RPM.

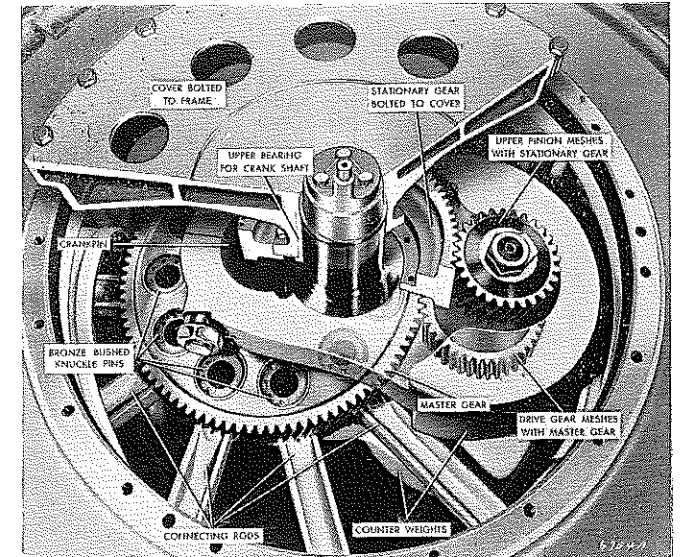
The Nordberg Radial Engine is the result of a long period of development to produce an engine with advantages not found in conventional types of internal combustion engines. Among the unusual design features of the Nordberg Radial engine is the patented method whereby the forces exerted by the pistons are conveyed to the crankpin resulting in completely balanced operation that eliminates vibration. This is accomplished by the use of a master gear, a stationary gear bolted to the cover, two pinions and rotating counterweights.



▼ Cross section through a Nordberg Engine

The eleven connecting rods are attached to the master gear by means of knuckle pins mounted in bronze bushed bearings. This master gear does not rotate around the crank but gyrates instead, the distance of gyration amounting to 16 inches or the piston stroke. This gyrating action is obtained by restraining the master gear from rotating by means of the two pinions, the lower one meshing with the master gear and the upper one meshing with the stationary gear which is bolted to the frame cover and thus held in a fixed position. With this unique design balanced operation is obtained without the use of the master connecting rod commonly associated with radial engines of other design.

The completely balanced operation makes possible a simple, inexpensive foundation. The compact design of the unit reduces engine room space to one-half the usual requirements and a minimum of necessary headroom lessens building height. These space economies greatly reduce required building costs or provide more power in an available building.

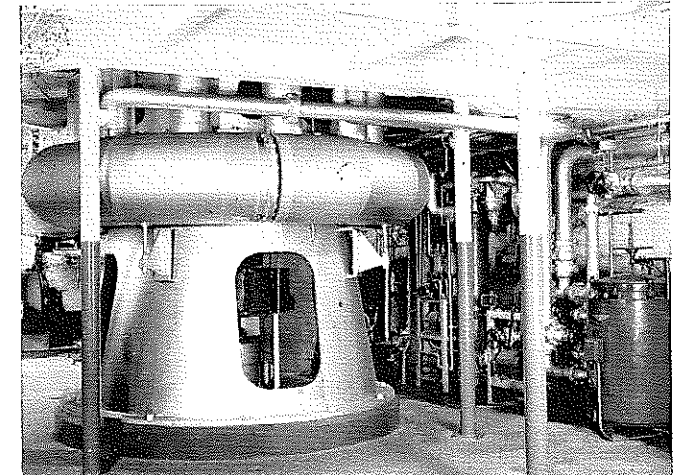


▼ Section of cover cut away showing special features.

Maintenance cost on the Nordberg Radial engine is kept to a minimum as the result of several of the design features. The short, sturdy counterweighted crankshaft has but two bearings to be maintained and both of these are of the bushing type. All bearings are of the renewable bushing type easily replaced at minimum expense. There are no split bearings on the engine. Friction is materially reduced and higher mechanical efficiency is obtained. All heads, piston cylinders and bearings are interchangeable and this reduces the number of spares required. Pistons can be serviced from the floor and this eliminates the need for heavy crane and supports.

There are two systems of lubrication—mechanical force feed and pressure. Two motor-driven multiple pump, force feed lubricators deliver oil to two points of each cylinder for piston lubrication. The pressure system serves a dual purpose. It provides oil to all parts requiring lubrication and also provides oil for piston cooling.

This Nordberg Radial engine is applicable wherever compact, economical, dependable power is required. For additional information write Nordberg Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin.



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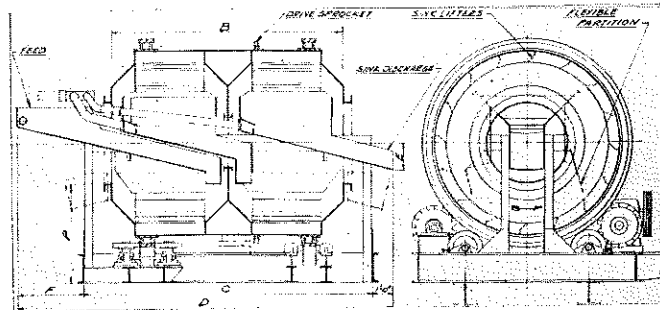
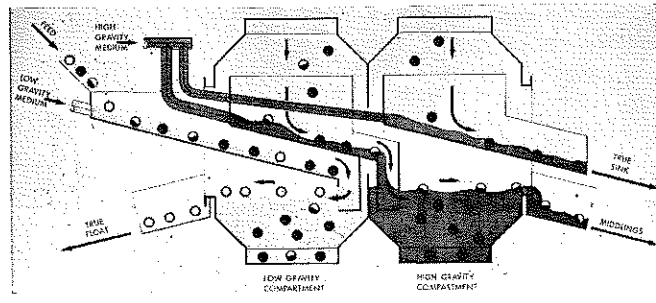
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Wemco Introduces Two-Compartment Drum Separator (744)

An important, completely new drum separator, designed to reduce the cost of multiple stage heavy-media separation, has been announced by the Western Machinery Company. Because it greatly reduces the equipment needed to produce a middling product, this multiple drum separator is expected to have wide application in the cleaning of low grade coal and in the beneficiating of iron ores. Other ores and minerals can also be handled.

In order to efficiently obtain a middling product in the heavy-media separation process, two stages are required using heavy-media liquids of different gravities. The new WEMCO process reduces the complexity of two-stage separation by using a partitioned drum with a lighter media in one section and a heavier media in the other as illustrated in Figure 1. Material is passed

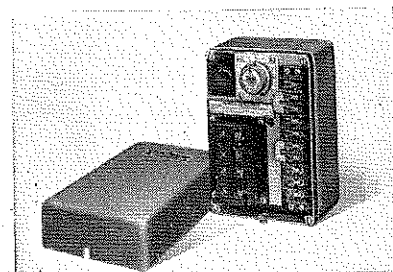


from one section of the drum to the other, eliminating screens, conveyors and ductwork necessary when separate vessels are used. Only three conveyor systems leave the drum; they carry a true mineral product, a true waste product and a middling product. Recrushed portions of the middling product join the feed material and are returned to the drum. This very compact and efficient arrangement (see Figure 2) makes substantial savings in three important ways: fewer items of equipment, lower construction and installation costs and greatly reduced floor space.

It is expected that the new WEMCO Two-Compartment Drum Separator process (patent pending) will obtain a clean product from coal and ore deposits for which profitable exploitation has not been heretofore feasible. All inquiries should be addressed to Western Machinery Company, 760 Folsom Street, San Francisco.

New Electronic Timer Announced by G-E (745)

A new, compact electronic timer which provides automatic control of operation, limit, and sequence timing for literally thousands of industrial processes has been announced by General Electric's Control Divisions, Schenectady, New York.



According to G-E engineers, the new timer was designed to fulfill industrial requirements for flexibility of application, accuracy and reliability in operation, low maintenance, and simplicity in servicing. It is available in three time ranges: .06-1.2 seconds, .6-12 seconds, and 6-120 seconds.

Some applications of the new device are: (1) operation timing to control duration of such processes as paint spraying, car washing, photoprinting, electroplating, and heat treating; (2) limit timing to stop conveyor belts if material piles up; and (3) sequence timing with two or more timers in combination to control duration of operations on bearing-grinding machines, rod-coiling machines, commercial potato-peeling machines, centrifuges, illuminated signs, etc.

Mechanical wear is cut to a minimum with the electronic device, engineers said, because the relay armature is the only moving part. The G-E 6J5 electronic tube in the timer is a standard model readily obtainable at most radio stores.

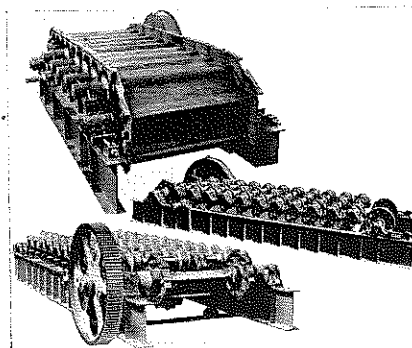
Life tests conducted by G. E. indicate that the new timer can perform a million or more operations at these controlled load requirements: inrush—15 amps, carry—10 amps, and break—5 amps. As the controlled load demand is reduced, more operations can be expected, it was

said. Publication, GEA-5255 contains additional information on G-E electronic timer.

New Primary Feeder for Extra Heavy Duty (746)

Now available in a 72" width and in lengths up to 60 feet is the Pioneer-Oro Jumbo feeder built by Pioneer Engineering Works, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Feeder pans, and all other wearing parts such as drive sprocket and supporting rollers are cast manganese steel.

Patented features include interlocking support points on the pans proper, and clean out wedges in the pans links to remove dirt on the return side. An outstanding patented feature is the design of the pan which casts the drive links integral with the pan to eliminate bolts and rivets. Pans are cast with upturned lugs at the ends to form an interlocking continuous lip for reducing spillage. These pans, which are corrugated and overlapping, are spaced at 15" pitch, are one inch thick at the smallest section, and weigh close to 1000 pounds each.



Supporting the pans and load are three cast manganese steel rollers keyed to heavy shafts, each shaft turning in three special alloy bearings. These bearings rest on transverse I-beams, supported on deep longitudinal beams on which the head and tail shafts are also mounted. Return idlers and a screw take-up are provided. For complete specifications address Pioneer Engineering Works, Minneapolis 13, Minnesota.

Hydraulic Fluid for Mining Equipment (747)

A flame-resistant industrial hydraulic fluid, also said to have high lubricity, has been developed by Monsanto Chemical Company, St. Louis, Mo.

In announcing the fluid, designated as OS-16, Charles H. Sommer, assistant general manager of the company's Organic Chemicals Division, revealed that the product had been thoroughly field-tested in hydraulically operated mining equipment.

"It was the opinion of experienced observers," he said, "that OS-16 had proven eminently satisfactory under every operating condition imposed on it. The test results were accepted as a complete demonstration of its suitability."

In the tests, a coal-cutting machine was operated on a 24-hour, three-day week in underground mining service. Hydraulic pressure was 1500 pounds per square inch. A complete examination at the conclusion of the test, Mr. Sommer said, showed no signs of wear in the hydraulic system, pumps or other moving parts in contact with OS-16.

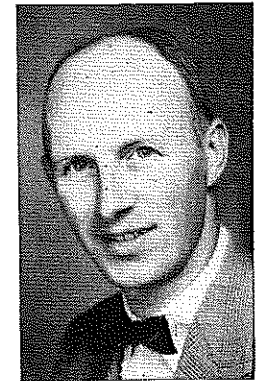
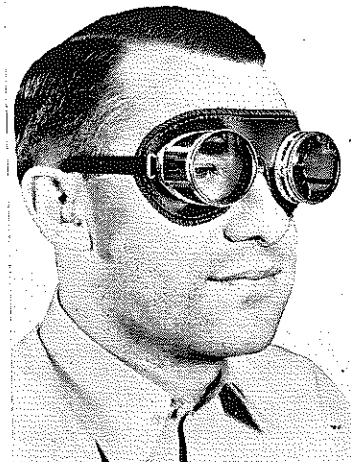
Because the fluid is an ester base compound, containing no halogenated hydrocarbons, salts or waters, Mr. Sommer explained, it will not corrode bearings or other metal parts, and is a non-conductor of electricity. Tests also show, he said, that OS-16 does not irritate the skin, and requires no special precautions in handling or use.

Improved Foundry Goggles (748)

American Optical Company, Southbridge, Mass., announced that its two foundry goggles, the No. 305 and the No. 306, will now be supplied with a rugged plastic face mask, proved through long extensive testing to be superior to the leather mask formerly used.

Leather face masks, according to the company, possessed a major disadvantage in that they could not be sterilized. This was a handicap not only when the mask became dirty, but when it was to be worn by another worker.

The new vinyl plastic mask, now standard on the two foundry goggles, can be sterilized by spraying, wiping or dipping (not boiling), and will retain its shape



LESTER B. COLEMAN

PLANT NEWS

Wemco Opens Mineral Testing Laboratory

The Western Machinery Company announces the opening of a Mineral Testing Laboratory serving the metallic and non-metallic mining industries, coal preparation industry, the sand and gravel aggregate industries and other industries whose products or by-products require that type of material processing common with the mineral engineering industries.

A newly created Mineral Testing Department, made up of experienced metallurgical engineers, has been organized to operate the well equipped laboratory located at the Company's Home Office 760 Folsom Street, San Francisco. The service is to be provided to industry on a cost basis.

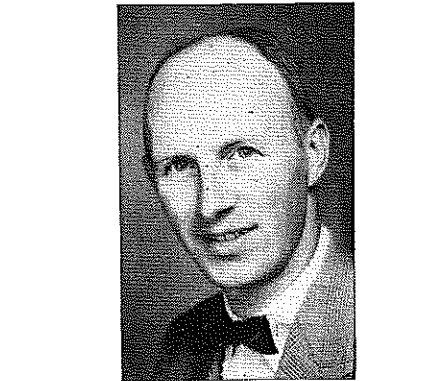
Wemco's new laboratory is equipped to investigate mineral engineering problems involving: heavy liquid testing, heavy media separations, flotation concentration, gravity concentration, amalgamation, scrubbing, agitation and washing operations, wet classification problems, dewatering and thickening problems, crushing and grinding characteristics, cyanidation, preliminary microscopic mineralogical examinations, and others. Each investigation includes the presentation of a completely detailed metallurgical report with recommended flow sheet to be used as a basis for commercial plant design.

Crane Co. Makes Personnel Change

Joseph E. Bradbury has been promoted to Manager of the Alloy Sales Section of the Valve & Fitting Department, Crane Co., Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Bradbury is well qualified for this position having been a member of the department since it was first organized in 1940. He has been with the Company since 1928.

Mr. Bradbury is an active member of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers.

Flexible Steel Lacing Co. Appoints New England Representative



Flexible Steel Lacing Company, 4607 Lexington Street, Chicago, Belt Fastener manufacturers, announces the appointment of Lester B. Coleman as New England and New York State representative. "Les" was formerly associated with a New England mill supply distributor. He makes his home in Roxbury, Connecticut.

Model Stripping Operation to be Displayed by Link-Belt Speeder at Metal Mining Show, Salt Lake City, August 28-31, 1950

A fully operating 1" scale model of a Link-Belt Speeder K-375 Shovel-Crane will be working at the Link-Belt Speeder Exhibit, Booth No. 228. The exhibit will be supplemented with a backwall display to include transparencies and color enlargements of Link-Belt Speeder Shovel-Cranes on the job.

Attending the show and representing Link-Belt Speeder Corporation of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will be D. W. Lehti, Pres., G. H. Olson, Vice Pres., R. B. Barnes, Sales Manager, D. F. Van de Roovaart and N. V. Chehak.

Statement of Condition THE CENTRAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY Denver, Colorado AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30, 1950

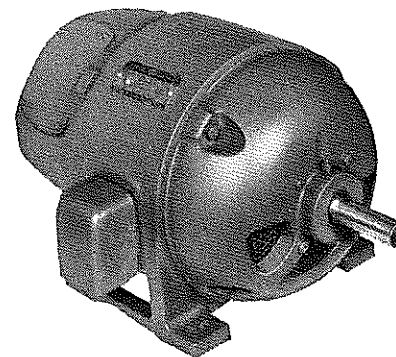
Resources	
Loans and Discounts	\$15,640,512.22
FHA Loans, United States Guaranteed	7,546,859.78
Real Estate Owned (Future Bank Site)	75,000.00
Safe Deposit Vaults—Furniture and Fixtures	197,707.53
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	48,000.00
Income Earned, Uncollected	170,411.60
Other Resources	43,113.50
U. S. Government Bonds	\$11,962,274.55
Other Bonds and Securities	2,173,189.75
Cash and Due from Banks	14,408,399.55
Total	\$52,265,468.48
Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$ 1,000,000.00
Surplus	600,000.00
Undivided Profits and Unallocated Reserves	345,288.78
Total	1,945,288.78
Reserved for Interest, Taxes, etc.	136,620.86
Reserved for Dividend Payable July 3, 1950	30,000.00
Income Collected, Unearned	372,637.53
Other Liabilities	8,776.70
Deposits	49,772,144.61
Total	\$52,265,468.48
Total Resources June 30, 1934	\$ 3,032,039.64
Total Resources June 30, 1939	5,967,192.25
Total Resources June 30, 1944	17,202,788.41
Total Resources June 30, 1949	44,621,667.21
Total Resources June 30, 1950	52,265,468.48

G-E Announces New Tri Clad* Single-Phase Motor (749)

For use where a constant-speed high-torque single-phase motor is required in large ratings, a new repulsion-induction motor has been announced by General Electric's Small and Medium Motor Divisions.

Designated as Type SCR, the motor is available in 5-, 7½-, and 10-hp ratings, all 1800 rpm. The 5-hp unit operates on 115/230 volts, while the other two use 230 volts.

Typical applications include air and



refrigeration compressors, pumps, stokers, floor surfacers, and farm uses such as barn hay curing, wood sawing, silo filling, cold storage, feed grinding, etc.

The new motor features high starting torque and low starting current with positive operation on low voltages, making it well adapted for severe starting duty. It is of the open (dripproof) type, and has many features that contribute to long life and aid in installation and maintenance. The sturdy cast-iron frame has a damping effect on noise and vibration, and covers are easily removed to facilitate inspection and maintenance of brushes. To assure good alignment between stator and rotor, the ball bearings are mounted directly in the end shields of the new motor. Improved brush holders give good brush stability, and brushes and rigging are easily serviced. Efficient cooling is provided by a single large-diameter cast-aluminum fan.

* Reg. Trade-Mark.

Link-Belt Expands Public Relations

Link-Belt Company announces that its Public Relations activities are being expanded, and that a separate Public Relations Department has been established at executive headquarters, 307 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, headed by Harlan B. Collins, Secretary of the company and Russell B. Kern who will continue in the capacity of Editor of Link-Belt News, the company's well known house magazine. The Advertising Department, under the direction of Julius S. Holl, Advertising Manager, has been strengthened by the appointment of Bertram V. Jones as Executive Asst. Advertising Manager. Mr. Jones will be directly assisted by John F. Kelly, Asst. Advertising Manager.

Link-Belt Company's Exhibit at The Metal Mining Show.

The theme of the exhibit is "Link-Belt Conveying and Processing Equipment." The backwall display follows this theme through the use of large photographs of recent outstanding installations in the metal mining industry. A few of the newer component parts of recent installations will be exhibited on the floor. A display of ball and roller bearing pillow blocks and other Link-Belt power transmission units including popular chains used by the industry will also be exhibited.

The Link-Belt exhibit will be attended by experienced specialists, who will be glad to consult with visitors. Among them will be Vice-President D. E. Davidson, L. O. Millard, H. V. Eastling, J. F. Strott, B. K. Hartman, H. A. Garland, W. W. Muehl and E. H. Bugbee.

Allis-Chalmers Five-Year Labor Contract

The signing of a five-year labor contract between the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. and Local 248, UAW-CIO, covering approximately 10,000 production employees at the West Allis plant, has been announced jointly by the firm and the UAW-CIO. The contract is subject to ratification by the membership.

It covers wages, pensions, health and accident and group life insurance, union

security and other contract provisions. The contract will expire June 30, 1955.

Walter Geist, Allis-Chalmers president, said, "An agreement on a contract has been reached that marks a new era for our employes, the union, stockholders, and customers."

John W. Livingston, vice president of the UAW-CIO and director of the Agricultural Implement division, said that the agreement "affords an opportunity for the building of mutual respect between the parties. I believe that it may be the foundation of a strong and lasting peace."

Charles Schultz, president of Local 248, termed the contract, "The most outstanding agreement, insofar as personal security and union security are concerned, ever to be negotiated between the company and our local union."

Koehring Names Bansemmer Assistant Sales Manager

The appointment of R. E. Bansemmer to the position of Assistant General Sales Manager has been announced by the



R. E. BANSEMMER

Koehring Company of Milwaukee, heavy-duty construction equipment manufacturer. At the same time, Koehring named three new district sales representatives:

R. K. Patterson will be stationed in the New England sector, C. Byron Walker in the Pacific Northwest and Al. W. Schlosser in the Southeast.

In his new post, Bansemmer succeeds John E. Chadwick who will join the Dalrymple Equipment Company organization, Koehring product distributor in the state of Mississippi.

G-E Opens New Service Shop-Warehouse in Salt Lake City

Construction of new and expanded repair, maintenance, and warehousing facilities for improving service to users of General Electric apparatus in the Rocky Mountain area has been completed in Salt Lake City, according to L. M. Stauffer, Manager of the Company's Salt Lake City Office.

These facilities, located at 301 South Seventh West Street, provide approximately 50 per cent more warehouse space, Stauffer said, and more than double the former capacity for service and repair of motors, control devices, generators, transformers, switchgear, and other types of electrical apparatus, serving concerns in Utah, Idaho, Montana, and Nevada.

Du Pont Stockholders Increase

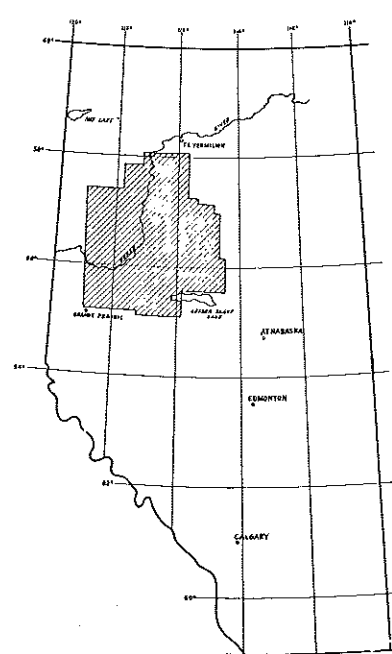
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc., was owned by 118,732 stockholders as of June 30, 1950, an increase of 2,861 over the number of holders recorded at the close of the first quarter of 1950, and an increase of 19,069 over the number as of June 30, 1949.

There were 101,701 holders of common stock, and 23,611 holders of preferred stock as the second quarter period of 1950 ended. These figures include 6,580 holders of more than one kind of stock.

Of the individual stockholders women comprise about 57 per cent, and every state in the union continued to be represented among the owners of the company.

Robins Conveyors Division Moves Cleveland Office

The Cleveland office of the Robins Conveyors Division, Hewitt-Robins Inc., has moved from 215 Rockefeller Bldg. to 8905 Lake Ave. effective June 12.



Airborne Magnetometer Survey Of Peace River Area

By Canadian Aero Service, Limited
The tempo of the oil search in north-west Alberta received new impetus today when the first large scale airborne magnetometer survey of the Peace River area was begun for four major oil companies by Canadian Aero Service Ltd. Because of the large expense of the operation, and because of the general nature of the data which will be obtained, the survey is being undertaken on a co-operative basis by Socony Vacuum Exploration Co., Standard Oil and Gas Co., Imperial Oil Ltd., and Canadian Gulf Oil Co. Other oil companies have been invited to participate in the survey to extend the area of the operation, and it is believed there may be a fifth and possibly sixth company sharing in the exploration in the near future.

This pattern of jointly financed reconnaissance of a large area was first seen in a five-company oil search in the Bahamas, followed by other cooperative airborne magnetometer surveys in Venezuela, Colombia, and Saskatchewan. The sharing of costs and data make it possible for all participants to obtain the regional picture important to geologists and geo-

physicists in their interpretation of magnetic data.

The aerial method is especially useful in the Alberta survey because the greater part of the area is heavily forested or muskeg country. Ground exploration is therefore slower, more costly, and more difficult than usual. Aerial magnetics will deliver a quick picture of one phase of the geophysical evidence for this very large area to the participating companies. From the survey the oil companies hope to learn something of the basement depths, basement structures, and other aspects of the rocks underlying the sediments. The precise magnetic map of the area which will be the end product of this extensive survey will enable the companies to make a valid evaluation of the magnetic method's worth in this exploration area. The Canadian oil industry is watching the survey for answers to the difficult problems of exploring the remote country of the north.

According to Thomas M. O'Malley, President of Canadian Aero Service, Ltd., one or two Anson twin-engine planes will be used in the survey. The planes have been outfitted as complex flying labora-

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CATALOGS AND TRADE PUBLICATIONS

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Send your publications to Mines Magazine, 734 Cooper Building, Denver, for review in these columns. Readers will please mention Mines Magazine when requesting publications from the manufacturer. Readers may order publications from this office by giving index number. These publications are FREE.

Av., Pittsburgh, Pa., contains 16 pages devoted largely to laboratory equipment making use of centrifugal force. Much information is contained in this publication that will be of value to the chemical or research laboratory.

(5625) BALL ROD MILL. Bulletin No. B2B4, by the Denver Equipment Co., Denver, Colo., contains 32 pages illustrating and describing the construction and operation of the Denver Steel Head Ball-Rod Mill. Sectional drawings are included and also tables of engineering data. Included is a sliderule, showing, at a glance, much information covering the capacity of Denver Mills together with examples showing its application.

(5629) TARIFF INFORMATION, "Topics," June 1950, by American Tariff League, 19 W. 44th St., New York, N. Y., contains 4 pages of short news items that will be found valuable to those interested in tariffs on exports and imports.

(5640) ROTARY KILNS. Bulletin No. 07B6368 by Allis-Chalmers Co., Milwaukee, Wis., contains 32 pages illustrating and describing the construction and use of Allis-Chalmers Rotary Kilns for cement, lime and chemical plants. Illustrations and drawings of auxiliary equipment are also included. Methods of solution of engineering problems are included.

(5641) SEPARATOR. Bulletin No. 906, by Southwestern Engineering Co., 4800 Santa Fe Ave., Los Angeles 11, Calif., contains 4 pages illustrating and describing the operation of the new Sweco separator for the separation of products in the laboratory. This machine will handle, wet or dry, fine or coarse, or heavy or light products.

(5642) CLASSIFICATION UNIT. A leaflet by the Dorr Co., Barry Place, Stamford, Conn., illustrates and describes the Dorr Clone, a compact classification unit utilizing centrifugal force in place of gravity. It provides a new method of separating finely divided solids in liquid suspensions.

(5643) "LINK-BELT NEWS," July 1950, by the Link-Belt Co., 307 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., contains 8 pages illustrating and describing conveying equipment and its uses. One article of special interest covers conveyor equipment at the Baltimore plant of the National Gypsum Co. An article is also included on automatic speed controls for Link-Belt variable speed drives and another illustrates the handling of logs by conveyors.

(5644) "RARIN'-TO-GO," June 1950 issue of this publication by The Frontier Refining Co., Denver, Colo., and Cheyenne, Wyo., contains descriptions of the operation of the company and also photographs of men responsible for its growth and management.

(5645) X RAY MEASURING INSTRUMENTS. Bulletin No. 1002 by the Baldwin Instrument Co., Dartford, Kent, England, contains 4 pages illustrating and describing scientific measuring instruments for X rays and other ionizing radiations.

(5646) "TOMORROW'S TOOLS - TODAY!" 2nd Quarter, 1950, by Lane-Wells Co., 5610 So. Sota St., Los Angeles 58, California, contains 40 pages of interesting and valuable articles related to technical oilfield services. Among these will be found the final installment on "Koneshot Perforating," the 6th installment of Lane-Wells Packer Handbook entitled "Locating and Shutting Off Casing Leaks," "A Practical Valuation of the Neutron Log for Canadian Oilfields" and "Radioactivity Well Logging Provides Needed Data for Operations in North Central Texas." These articles all contain charts and diagrams as well as other illustrations.

(5647) GEOPHYSICS. "The Grape Vine" by United Geophysical Co., Inc., Pasadena, Calif.,

June 1950, contains 8 pages with interesting letters from men in widely distributed areas. The sheet included gives the addresses of field parties. (5648) ALUMINUM. "Alcoa News—Letter," June 1950, by Aluminum Company of America, Pittsburgh, Pa., contains 8 pages illustrating and describing many new uses for aluminum in connection with sports and also manufacturing. (5649) "A NEW OIL REFINERY." Bulletin No. 150 by C. F. Raum & Co., Alhambra, California, containing 24 illustrations picturing the new oil refinery of the Standard Oil Company of California, built at Bakersfield, California shows views approximately 8" x 10", giving one a very good idea of the extent and the large expense entailed in the construction of this plant. This publication is a real piece of art.

(5650) SYNCHRONOUS MOTORS. Bulletin No. 200-SYN-31 by Electric Machinery Mfg. Co., Minn. 13, Minn., contains 24 pages including articles on wound rotor motors, excitation for synchronous motors, air coolers for generators and motors, articles pertaining to the gas industry, the modern Parke Davis antibiotic plant at Detroit and other articles of interest to those associated with the power industry or uses of electric power. Included in this issue is a map, showing some of the natural gas pipe lines in the United States.

(5651) POWER-SHOVEL. Specification No. 4841 by the Osgood Co., Marion, Ohio, contains information covering their Model No. 720 with 1 1/2 cubic yard dipper. Included in this Bulletin are tables of data covering the operation of this machine, including full specifications for shovel, dragline, clamshell, crane and hoe.

(5652) "MINERAL INFORMATION SERVICE," July, 1950, by California Department of Natural Resources, Ferry Bldg., San Francisco, Calif., contains 20 pages discussing new publications on industrial minerals and largely devoted to the price list on available publications of the California State Division of Mines.

(5653) ELECTRONIC TIMER. Bulletin GEA 5255 by General Electric Co., Schuectady, N. Y., describes an electric timer which provides automatic control for operation, limit, and sequence timing in thousands of industrial processes. Three time ranges are available. Operation and applications for the use of this equipment are described.

(5654) "FLUOR-O-SCOPE," July 1950, by The Fluor Corp., Ltd., 2500 S. Atlantic Blvd., Los Angeles 22, California, contains 16 pages largely devoted to employee activities, although articles descriptive of the Shell Wesson plant constructed by Fluor in Texas and an article on prefabricated piping are included. List of articles available published by Fluor Research and Engineering Personnel are summarized.

(5655) METAL CLEANING. "Oakite News Service," June 1950, by Oakite Products Inc., 22 Thames St., New York, N. Y., contains 24 pages of short illustrated articles descriptive of methods used in cleaning equipment of different kinds.

(5656) CONCRETE. News Letter by the American Concrete Institute, 18268 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, Michigan, June 1950, contains 38 pages of information pertaining to concrete construction largely of interest to members of the institute.

(5657) ROLL CRUSHERS. Form No. 617 by Pioneer Engineering Wks., Minn. 13, Minn., contains 14 pages descriptive of roll crushers and their use in connection with crushing rock and gravel. Dimensional drawings and tables of capacities are included.

(5658) VENTILATION. Bulletin J-607 by Joy Mfg. Co., Henry W. Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa., contains 8 pages describing "Axivane" portable mine blowers for mines and tunnels. Performance of the blowers through tubing of various lengths and diameters given in both graph and tabular form for easy comparison. Blowers are provided for either electric or air motors.

(5659) "BAROID NEWS BULLETIN," for June 1950, by Baroid Sales Co., P. O. Box 2568, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles 64, Calif., contains 28 pages including articles on the use of heavy drilling mud and equipment for testing clay samples. Found in this issue is an 8 page insert on oil humor from the era around 1865.

(5660) TELEVISION. "Sylvania News" by Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., P. O. Box 431, Emporium, Pa., contains illustrated articles covering television and related subjects.

(5661) FLOTATION AGENTS. A 16 page publication by Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Delaware, gives up-to-date information on Hercules flotation agents. Included is a general discussion on the flotation process and also a description of flotation agents, frothers, collectors, and modifiers. Mathematical formulas used in the operation and control of modern ore-dressing

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fuels is an important part of the book. Many types and varieties of engine failures and operating conditions are discussed together with causes and remedies. A large portion of the book is devoted to the application of motor oils and their relation to engine design, operation maintenance and failures. Valuable information is given to aid in the correction of such failures and in the improvement of engine design.

Throughout the book many illustrations are used together with charts showing performance and much tabular information. Many references are included which will be especially valuable to research workers on this subject. The book is one that will not only be valuable to lubrication engineers and service engineers but also to the average layman interested in this particular subject. Engine designers as well as technical service and sales engineers will find this publication a valuable reference book.

The information contained has been well selected and arranged to furnish the maximum information on a broad subject. Its value and importance will soon be discovered by those who are fortunate enough to obtain copies for study and reference.

Quality Control and Statistical Methods

By Edward M. Schrock, Refrigeration Quality Control Division, General Electric Co., Erie, Pa. 1950. 250 pages. Tables and charts. \$5.00.

This book presents modern techniques of quality control and statistical methods that may be applied to industrial problems in order to insure a product with quality. Quality control charts are thoroughly covered and in this connection, their application and interpretation is explained so as to make use of important data in the solution of problems at hand.

Those who are new in this field will find a fund of information that will assist them in improving their effectiveness in appraising and controlling the quality of products to be produced. Standard methods of sampling deviations and their significance is covered in a separate chapter; also a chapter is devoted to the methods of least squares and correlation. It is pointed out that this is one of the simplest and most effective ways of approach to the solution of many problems.

The author, by reason of his many years of experience in metallurgical statistical quality control work, is well qualified to select and combine into one publication such factors as will be of greatest value to others. This book is a marvelous example of the author's ability to clarify the difficult subject.

Index to Well Samples

By Dan E. Feray and Jasper L. Starnes, University of Texas, Austin, Texas. 1950. 148 pages, 8½ x 11¼. Paper bound. \$1.65.

This publication listed as No. 5015 is published by the Bureau of Economic Geology, Dr. John T. Lonsdale, Director, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, and is an index to a collection of well samples which the Bureau has been accumulating since its establishment in 1909. The collection includes samples from nearly 30,000 wells from all parts of Texas.

The information in the index is arranged alphabetically, by counties, then by companies and then by fee owner and number. The well sample library reference number is given as well as the depth range of samples in each well. The index includes samples processed up to June 1, 1948.

Geology of the Quien Sabe Quadrangle California, and Quicksilver and Antimony Deposits of the Stayton District, California

Bulletin 147, 1949. By Carlton James Leith, California State Division of Mines, Ferry Bldg., San Francisco 11, Calif. 60 pages. 7 geological maps in color. \$1.75.

The Quien Sabe quadrangle, located 90 miles southeast of San Francisco and 13 miles east of Hollister, covers portions of the counties of San Benito, Merced, and Santa Clara. It includes a portion of the crest of the Diablo Range of the central Coast Ranges of California, and lower rolling country toward the San Joaquin Valley to the east.

This bulletin has sections on geomorphology, stratigraphy, structure, geologic history and economic geology (including discussions on the manganese, antimony, and quicksilver prospects located in the area). It contains 2 figures and 7 plates, including colored geologic and economic mineral maps, scale 1:62,500, an index map, stratigraphic column, and a structure section. The book also contains 4 pages of pictures.

Included in this same bulletin is a detailed economic report prepared by the Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Quicksilver and Antimony Deposits of the Stayton District, California, by Edgar H. Bailey and W. Bradley Myers. The Stayton district is located within the Quien Sabe quadrangle and is the principal commercial mineral-bearing area in it. It contains 4 plates and 4 figures, including economic maps and sections, an index map, and 3 geologic maps. It includes a description of the history and production, geology, ore deposits, reserves, suggestions for prospecting, and a description of the mines.

Drilling and Sampling Bituminous Sands of Northern Alberta

By Dept. of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, Canada. In three volumes. Vol. I—\$25, Vol. II—\$5.00, Vol. III—\$10.00.

Volume I contains results of investigations from 1942 to 1947 with sketch maps showing the area covered.

Volume II contains detailed drilling and sampling records.

Volume III contains cross-sections and plans of the ores drilled.

These publications may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, Ottawa, Canada.

America Under Socialism

By The National Research Bureau, Inc., 415 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill.

This new booklet designed especially for distribution to employees of members of civic groups contains 16 pages of 4-color illustrations telling the story by pictures of what happens when Jack Hanson, a "regular fellow," becomes blinded by the bright promises of so-called security. As the story unfolds, the Socialist State gradually controls more and more of his life and freedom. This booklet gives a good idea of the "road ahead." May be obtained free by writing to the above address.

New Geological Publications

The new geological publications listed below, are now available at 214 New Customhouse, Denver, Colorado, at the prices shown.

Colorado Scientific Society Proceedings, Volume 15, No. 4
Stratigraphy of the Pando Area, Eagle

County, Colorado,

By Ogden Tweto, 1949, \$2.00.
Colorado Scientific Society Proceedings, Volume 15, No. 5

The Gunnison Forks Sulfur Deposit, Delta County, Colorado
By McClelland G. Dings, 1949, 75c.
Colorado Scientific Society Proceedings, Volume 15, No. 6

Geology and Fluorspar Deposits of the St. Peters Dome District, Colorado
By Thomas A. Steven, 1949, 75c.

Saving Your Oil

By Interstate Oil Compact Commission, Box 3127, State Capitol, Oklahoma City 5, Okla.

This book contains 20 pages of examples of conservation achievements of the states as told by their Governors. Factors necessary for a good conservation program are briefly listed. The outline is given of the problems of conservation and its importance to the petroleum industry. Copies may be obtained free by writing to the address above.

California Oil Fields, 35th Annual Report

By Division of Oil and Gas, San Francisco, California.

This summary of operations covering the period from January to June 1949, contains a report on Paloma oilfield including structural maps and logs of wells.

Recent developments in Tar Sands of the Huntington Beach Oil Field are reported on. The Kirby Hill Gas Field is covered for the first half of the year. Statistical data on production of California fields gives the production of both oil and gas.

An index is covered including all state oil and gas publications.

No Ghost Towns—No Empty Fuel Tanks

By R. B. Anderson, President, Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Assn., and H. B. Fell, Exe. Vice Pres., Independent Petroleum Assn. of America., Interstate Compact Commission, Oklahoma City, Okla. 1950, 27 pages. Free.

This booklet explains the benefits derived by the general public from the states' conservation program and how this conservation is an insurance against ghost towns and empty fuel tanks. It also explains the relation between market demand and physical waste. The material in this publication was presented at the meeting of the Interstate Compact Commission, Biloxi, Miss., May 6, 1950. Copies may be obtained free.

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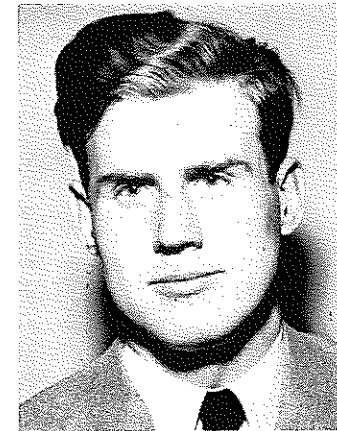
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IN MEMORIAM

Ralph T. Duffner

passed away in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on March 22, 1950, following an operation.



RALPH T. DUFFNER

At the time of his death he was serving as geologist in the Fuels branch of the U. S. Geological Survey. He entered the employ of the Geological Survey in the fall of 1947 as an airborne geophysicist in the Geologic division, from which he was transferred to the Fuels branch in July 1948.

Mr. Duffner was a native of New Baden, Illinois, but received most of his elementary education in Denver. Upon his graduation from South Denver high school he entered *Mines* and received his degree in geophysics with the class of 1942.

His first employment was with the National Geophysical Company from which he resigned in February 1943 to enter the Navy. He served for three years as personnel and electrical maintenance officer, being discharged with the rank of Lieutenant. The following year he took graduate work at *Mines* and then accepted a position with Schlumberger Well Surveying Corporation which he held until going with the Geological Survey.

In August 1949 Mr. Duffner was married to Miss Barbara Ann Whirry of Denver who survives him. Other survivors are his mother, Mrs. Cecil Duffner, and a sister, Mrs. Virginia Arthur, of New Baden, Illinois, and a brother Comdr. G. J. Duffner, Md., of San Diego, California.

He was a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and the Mathematical Association of America.

Alfred H. Bebee

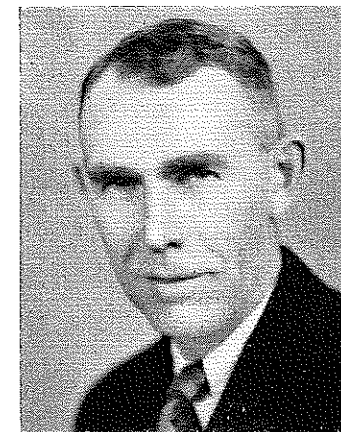
one of the outstanding mining men of the west, passed away at the Cripple Creek, Colorado, hospital on May 4 after some months of failing health.

Born in Denver in 1891, Mr. Bebee was taken to Cripple Creek when he was a young boy and there he spent his entire life, with exception of the years of World War I in which he served throughout with the army engineers.

Having been reared, as he was, in an active mining camp, it was only natural that he should desire education as a mining engineer and, upon completing his high school work, he entered *Mines* and was graduated with the class of 1915.

After his return from the army he became associated with the Vindicator and Cresson mines and was promoted rapidly. In March 1938 when he was superintendent of these properties he was appointed general manager of all the Carlton interests in the district and later was named vice president of the Golden Cycle Corporation. This took him to Colorado Springs for part of his time.

He was devoted to the mining profession and to the Cripple Creek district and was always planning improvements for the district and carrying them through. One of the outstanding monuments to his memory is the Carlton drainage tunnel which has prolonged the life of the mining area. It was also his decision which led to the building of the new Carlton gold reduction mill which is being constructed to process the ore near to the mines.



ALFRED H. BEBEE

At the 75th Anniversary celebration at *Mines* last fall Mr. Bebee was awarded a distinguished service medal for his outstanding achievement in the field of mining.

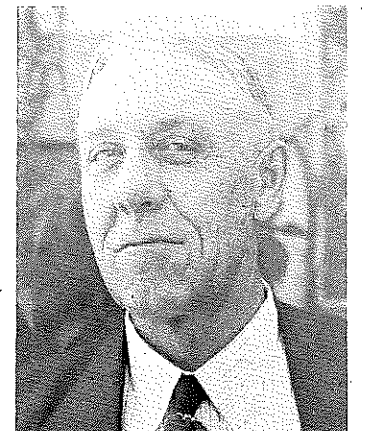
He is survived by his wife, the former Nettie Nicholson of Cripple Creek, to whom he was married in 1919, a son Alfred, Jr., *Mines* '42, of Cripple Creek, a daughter, Mrs. Robert Thomas of Fort Collins,

Colo., his mother, Mrs. E. H. Bebee of Beaumont, Calif., three brothers, five sisters, and three granddaughters. Two sons were killed in World War II, John in Luxenbourg in January 1945, and Eben in Okinawa in May of the same year.

While at *Mines* Mr. Bebee was a member of Beta Theta Pi, social fraternity, and Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. He was an active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, a member and Past Master of the Cripple Creek Lodge No. 96, A.F. and A.M., the Cripple Creek Elks lodge, the American Mining Congress, the Colorado Mining Association, and the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

Herbert E. Badger

of the class of '02, died at his home in Greeley, Colorado, after a six-weeks illness of cardi thrombosis.



HERBERT E. BADGER

Mr. Badger was a native of Greeley and returned there to reside in 1930 after 22 years as a contractor, doing wet and dry excavation, coal stripping, and drainage work in Iowa, Illinois, North and South Dakota. Upon his return to Greeley he established himself as a real estate broker.

Through his business and his activities in the Knights of Pythias lodge, Mr. Badger became well known throughout the state and made many friends. In 1946 he was made Grand Chancellor of Colorado of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Badger was twice married, first to Mamie Graham of Greeley and several years after her death to Mrs. Ethel C. Colyer of Omaha, Nebraska, who survives him. He is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mary B. Mitchell of Grover, Colorado, and Mrs. Alice B. Booth of La Jolla, California, and a son, Robert E. Badger of Denver, and a step-son, Richard C. Colyer of Austin, Minn.

PROGRESS BY BELT CONVEYORS

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to the elevators that automatically discharge it to any of the lower cargo decks. In unloading the ship, the same flexible system saves a similar amount of time and money by reversing the operation.

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Speaking to you this evening has been a pleasure, Gentlemen. I hope that you will not confuse my enthusiasm for the conveyor idea with boasting about its prowess. We in the conveying industry think its potential is almost unlimited.

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PERSONAL NOTES

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Sydney A. Mewhirter, '17, Consulting Engineer, has a change of address to Carrera 7-No. 48-12 Bogota, Colombia, S. A.

John C. Mitchell, '39, who is associated with the American Smelting & Refining Company at Leadville, Colorado, receives mail there thru Box 258.

Frank M. Monninger, '49, Testing Engineer for Inspiration Consolidated Copper Company, is addressed Box 86, Inspiration, Arizona.

G. L. Neumann, '21, Mining Engineer, U. S. Bureau of Mines, has a change of address to P. O. Box 29, 145 Clinton Street, Gouverneur, N. Y.

V. A. Peterson, '30, has been transferred to the Denver office of Sinclair Oil Company, 410 Continental Oil Building. He is residing at 3428 Fillmore Street, Denver.

Earl C. Phillips, '31, Chief Electrician for Golden Cycle Corporation, is at present in Victor, Colorado, with address Box 469.

Changes of address have been received from the following members of the class of 1950: Donald I. Andrews, c/o Continental Oil Company, Box 1506, Shreveport, La.; Samuel D. Ayres, Geological Department, Arkansas Natural Gas Co., Shreveport, La.; Douglas F. Benton, 2334 E. Oklahoma St., Tulsa Okla.; Peter B. Bike, The Pure Oil Co., Southwestern Producing Div., The Pure Building, Tulsa, Okla.; Wayne F. Bohanan, McComb, Miss.; C. W. Bowlby, Box 345, Winlock, Wash.; Hugh E. Bradley, Stanolind Oil & Gas Co., Rangely, Colorado; Tyler Brinker, 734 Third Ave., Durango, Colo.; Daniel W. Butner, Jr., Box 124, Uravan, Colo.; Melvin Carlson, Ophir, Colorado; Walter M. Chapman, c/o National Lead Co., Tahawus, N. Y.; Stewart M. Collesler, General Delivery, Whittier, Calif. (with Union Oil Co. of Calif.); Daniel M. Copper, General Delivery, Dragerton, Utah (with Geneva Steel Co.); Emory V. Dedman, Phillips Petroleum Co., Box 694, Houma, La.; Arthur S. Dickinson, 4125 East 3rd Ave., Denver (with Shell Oil Company); George Dolezal, Jr., 1405 E. 1st St., Casper, Wyo.; William F. Dukes, General Delivery, Woodson, Texas (with Fred M. Manning, Inc.); Foster E. Endacott, Jr., c/o General Geophysical Co., Box 145, Sidney, Nebraska; Leroy L. Fournier, 501-14th St., Golden, Colo. (with Standard Oil Co. of Calif.); Richard H. Fulton, 1427 East St., Golden, Colo. (with Mid-States Oil Co.); Forrest W. Grubb, 2312 So. Harvey, Oklahoma City, Okla. (with Midstates Oil Corp.); Harry E. Haynes, c/o The Pure Oil Co., Box 1398, Billings, Mont.; J. H. Heinicke, Great Lakes Carbon Corp., Bldg. Products, Box X, Socorro, New Mexico; William H. Hommel, Exploration Service Co., Box 305, Haskell, Texas; Edward E. Howard, 2930 Eaton St., Denver 14, Colo. (with Phelps Dodge Refining Corp.); Robert E. Hudson, c/o W. W. Whitaker, Douglas, Wyo. (with The Texas Company); Charles W. Irish, 648 Cook St., Denver, Colo. (with General Electric Co.); Gordon L. James, 312 Sherman St., Denver, (with Standard Oil Co.); Donald L. Johnson, 4015 Eaton, Denver 14, (with Allis-Chalmers Co.); Einar L. Johnson, 2327 C, Chester Lane, Bakersfield, Calif. (with Capital Company); Robert E. Keith, 2500 Fourth Ave., Pueblo, Colo. (with Triplex Corp.); Andrew G. Keleher, 1476 Pennsylvania St. Apt. 231, Denver 3 (with Royal Oil Co.); Clyde W. Kerns, Box 422, Lander, Wyo. (with Phillips Petroleum Co.); Robert J. Lamm, c/o The Atlantic Refining Co., Box 58, Comanche, Okla.; Allan J. Loleit, c/o

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Project engineer for the survey will be Jack C. Webster, Canadian Aero Service, Ltd. will draw on its affiliate companies, Aero Service Corporation of Philadelphia for some technical assistance, and on Spartan Air Services, Ltd. of Ottawa, who will provide the plane and flight personnel for the survey. The pilots are former RCAF men, with extensive aerial mapping experience over the bush country.

CATALOGS AND TRADE PUBLICATIONS

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mills are also included. This book will be found useful to all persons interested in modern ore dressing and others.

(5662) "THE NEXT FIVE YEARS" is a story giving the pertinent facts in connection with a contract recently signed by Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Company, Milwaukee, Wis., and United Auto Workers CIO. This publication will be found of great interest to all Public Relations Departments of industrial companies and many others.

(5663) INTERNATIONAL NICKEL REPORT. In his address to stockholders, Robert C. Stanley, Chairman of the Board, International Nickel Co., at their annual meeting April 26, Toronto, Canada, gave a complete financial and operating statement covering the year 1949. Among other activities discussed is that of the development and research organization.

(5664) "ON TOUR," June 1950, by the Union Oil Co. of Calif., Union Oil Bldg., Los Angeles 17, Calif., contains 24 pages including "76 Views of Refining" continued from the May issue. Other illustrated articles will be found of great interest as well as news items pertaining to the company operations.

(5665) "LINDE TIPS," July 1950, by Linde Air Products Co., 30 E. 42nd St., New York, N. Y., contains 24 pages of short illustrated articles discussing methods of welding, useful hints and new ideas. Those with welding problems will find much valuable information in this publication.

(5666) PIPE LINE CONSTRUCTION. "Tie-In" by H. C. Price & Co., Bartlesville, Okla., for the 2nd Quarter, 1950, contains 20 pages illustrating and describing some of the difficult pipe line construction that this company has under way at the present time. Hevirote process of pipe coating developed by the Price Company is illustrated and described in this issue.

(5667) NICKEL ALLOYS. Technical Bulletin T-7 by International Nickel Co., Inc., 67 Wall St., New York, N. Y., contains 24 pages of charts, tables on composition and properties, working instructions and other information of a technical nature pertaining to "Inconel X," one of the newer age-hardenable Inco Nickel alloys.

(5668) "PROGRESS NEWS," July 1950 Gates Rubber Co., 999 S. Broadway, Denver, Colo., contains 28 pages, largely pertaining to personnel activities of the company. News items covering company operations are also included.

(5669) "THE BEACON," June 1950, by The Ohio Oil Co., Findlay, Ohio, contains 36 pages largely devoted to the personnel activities of this company. In this issue is an account of the 63rd Annual Meeting of the company and also a story covering the Billings Gas Co., Billings, Montana.

(5670) CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, 1950 catalog by H. W. Moore Equipment Co., 120 W. 8th Ave., Denver, Colo., contains 140 pages illustrating and describing construction equipment to meet the needs of every job. Much information and data included in this well arranged catalog besides specifications covering most of the equipment listed. Engineers and contractors will find this catalog a very useful addition to their everyday reference library.

(5671) FLOTATION INDEX. The 20th Annual edition of the Flotation Index published by the Dow Chemical Co., San Francisco, Calif., contains an alphabetical listing of all important material published during 1949.

(5672) "MIN & CHEM," June 1950, by the International Minerals and Chemical Corp., 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill., contains a summary of the consolidated earnings of the company for the year ending June 30, 1949, also news items covering the activities of the company and the inspection trip made to the Carlsbad Mines, April 28, by the directors of the company and a large group of guests of internationally known men.

(5673) CATERPILLAR TRACTOR, Form 12992 by the Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill., contains a large sectional view of Diesel DW10 tractor showing all of the important mechanical parts of this equipment.

(5674) "STORAGE BATTERY POWER," June 1950, by Edison Storage Battery Division, West Orange, N. J., contains 18 pages illustrating and describing many new uses for storage battery equipment. Attention is especially directed toward storage battery trucks for movement of material in industrial plants.

(5675) "THE LOUIS ALLIS MESSENGER," June 1950, by the Louis Allis Co., Milwaukee, Wis., is largely devoted to illustrations associated with summer vacations.

(5676) "PAY DIRT," June 23, 1950, by Charles F. Willis, Phoenix, Ariz., contains 16 pages of short articles and news items of interest to the mining industry. Two articles of great importance at this time are one on filing procedure in connection with annual labor required on mining claims and one showing the need of excise tax protection for the copper industry.

(5677) "NICKEL TOPICS," by International Nickel Corp., 67 Wall St., New York, N. Y., contains 12 pages of short illustrated articles covering the industrial use of nickel and nickel alloys. Special attention is given to current applications of ductile iron castings.

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(1264) MINING GEOLOGIST. An eastern mining company has position open for Mining Geologist with sufficient experience in mining geology to be capable of supervision in the directing of work as well as scouting and field mapping. Salary open.

(1266) JUNIOR MINING ENGINEER. A company located in the Rocky Mountain Region has position open for Mining Engineer who can handle surveying, mapping, stope measurement and mine sampling. Starting salary, \$300 per month.

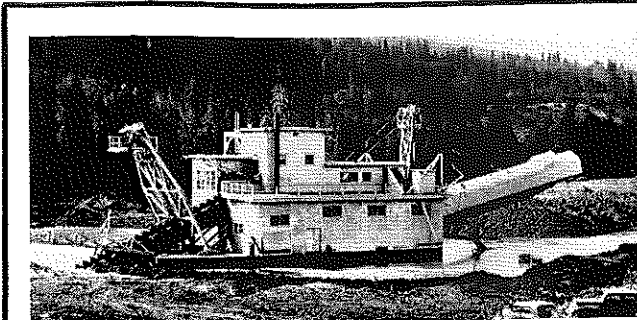
(1267) JUNIOR PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST. A well established petroleum company has position open for Junior Petroleum Geologist who is interested in a training program. Work will probably be in mid-continent field. Salary open.

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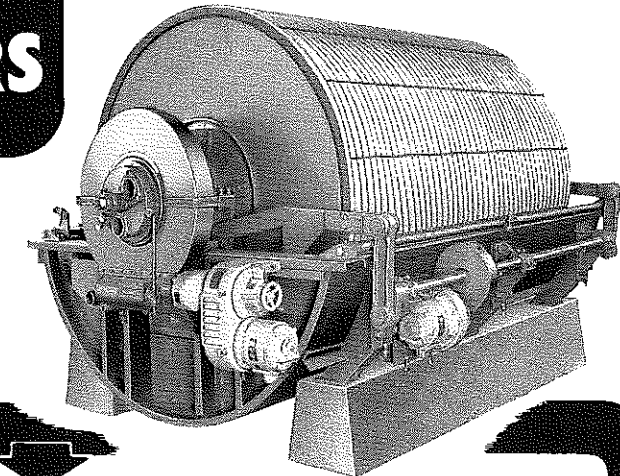
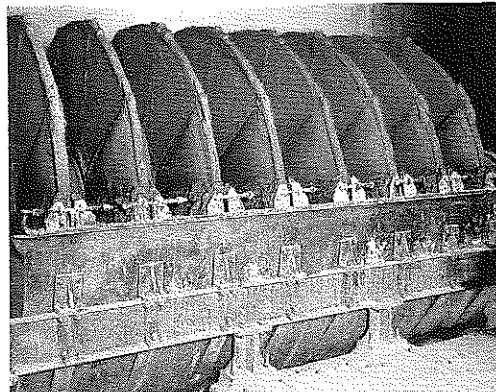


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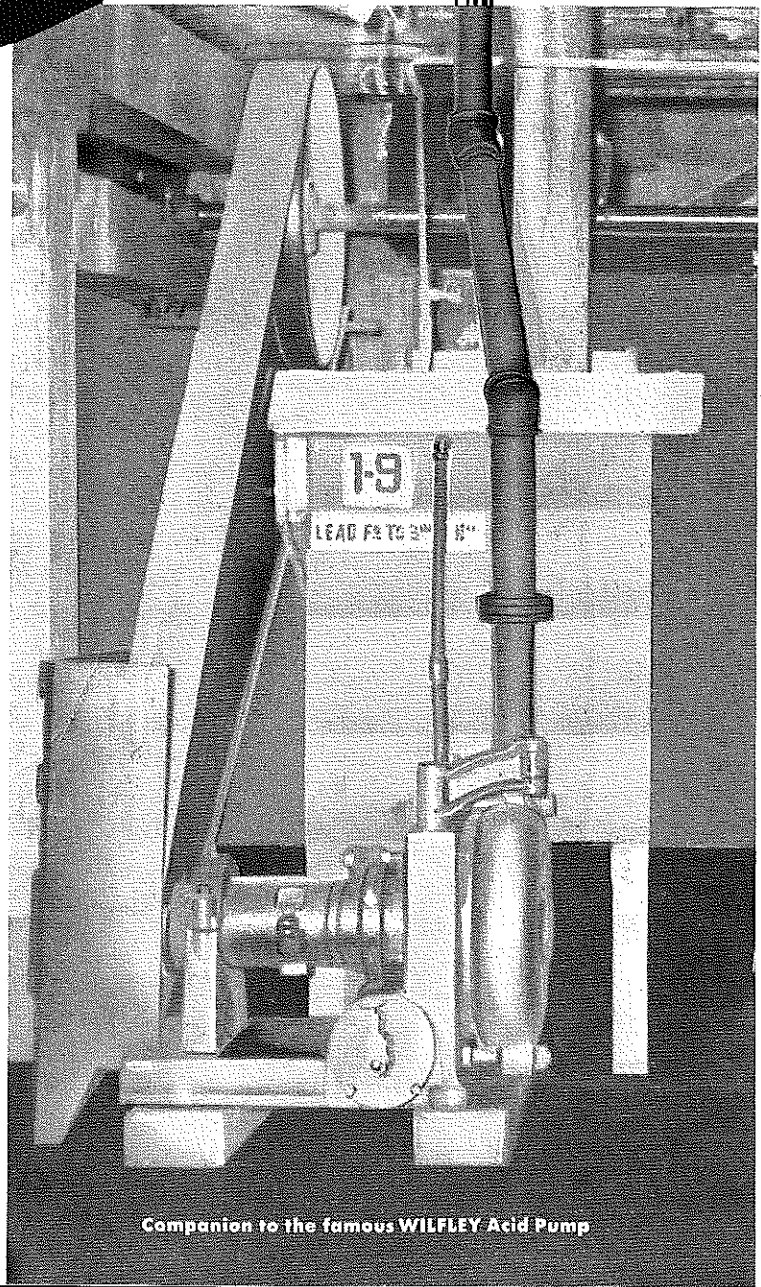
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